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EDITOR'S NOTE | ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Putting Your Heart Out There

Finding the passion, following the muse

There are people who put their hearts and souls into what they do. Those who follow their passions and let others think what they will. In these pages you can find some of these people.

Patrice Mutchnick puts her whole heart into The Heart of the Gila, a non-profit dedicated to preserving the wild lands and waters of the Gila River and its byways. When the state put up money for outdoor equity grants a couple of years ago, she stepped right into it to encourage children and families to experience the outdoors, the river biomes and to play with science to learn the world.

The hands of sculpture creators at Made in Silver City where inspiration can be found in

clay, or feathers, jewels and bronze.

These partners worked together with Western New Mexico University in the creation of a life-sized bronze statue, now seated on a bench on campus. The sculpture is, of course, of another passionate and dedicated woman, Pam Kuthe, who worked as a nurse, teacher and caregiver all her life and was responsible for bringing the modern nursing program to the college which graduated its first class in 1993. When you look at Pam's small frame on that bench, you wonder how she fit a heart so big in that life.

I would really encourage you this month to check into the Art Scene section in this edition where plenty more heart can be found.

At the Doña Ana Arts Council gallery in Las Cruces international artist and Las Cruces resident, Sonya Fe, has literally put her whole self into her paintings in a daring exhibit of art she has never shown before because of its graphic content. This exhibit, RAW, is not for the faint of heart and parents should be aware before taking their children. Fe addresses issues relating to abuse, aging, child trafficking, depression and more in graphic and beautiful images in paint on bigger than life canvasses.

In Silver City you can find a mushroom invasion; in Deming some solid metal work sculpture; in Alamogordo, inspired photography; and in Cloudcroft a gallery full of vari-

ety and some fresh mountain air.

So, off you go because in exploring other's passions, it is easier to find your own.

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Dumbfounder
by Dave Thomas

"Desert Dumbfounder" by Dave Thomas is a simple substitution cipher; one letter stands for another. Solution is by trial and error. Solution will appear in next month's *Desert Exposure*. Send full solution, or *just the Secret Words*, to nmsrdave@swep.com, and be recognized!
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All stories and notices for the editorial
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Peripheral Neuropathy Breakthrough!

"My feet feel like they're on fire." "Each step feels like I'm walking through wet paint." "I live in constant fear that I'll fall." "I can't sleep, my hands and feet tingle all night."

What do all of these people have in common? They suffer from **peripheral neuropathy**. It is estimated that more than 20 million people in the United States have peripheral neuropathy. Unfortunately this figure may be significantly higher as the disease is often mis-diagnosed because of its wide array of symptoms.

Dr. Janet Quintanilla of Sonoma Acupuncture Integrative Health in Las Cruces shares this belief. "I've been treating neuro-pathy, in all its various forms, for over a decade and so often my patients come to me because of the symptoms, not because of a diagnosis. They saw one of my television specials, or read the testimonial of another patient and say to themselves 'hey, I feel the same thing'."

Frankie M. of Mesilla testified to this. "I remember my husband driving me to my consultation and I saw a woman running just outside our neighborhood. I was so envious - I just kept thinking 'I would give anything just to walk again'. My primary care doctor told me my troubles with pain and balance were just symptoms of old age and gave me a prescription. I was so depressed."

Fortunately Frankie would eventually see Dr. Quintanilla on the local news talking about similar symptoms and how she offers a real solution at Sonoma Acupuncture. "I just knew I had to see her. She was my last hope."

"Almost all of our patients come to us with a story similar to Frankie's. They've been told there's no hope. They've been told 'it's just part of getting older'." shares Heather, a Patient Care Technician at Sonoma. "It just breaks my heart but I know how much we can help people like Frankie so I'm always so happy when they walk through our door."

Those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy often face a very grim reality; Western medicine declares that there is no solution while most alternative therapies carry large price tags and offer little to no resolve. Which is why Dr. Quintanilla and the staff at Sonoma Acupuncture pride themselves on being 'the last resort with the best results'.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves and this damage is commonly caused by lack of blood flow in the hands and feet. Lacking nutrients; the nerves then begin to degenerate and die which causes pain ranging from discomfort to debilitating. Because neuropathy is a degenerative condition, once those nerves begin to deteriorate they will continue to do so until they are completely expired, leaving those suffering with crippling balance issues. "In this case, the absence of pain is not necessarily a good thing," shares Dr. Quintanilla. "This usually indicated that your nerves are hanging on by a fragile thread."

So how exactly is Dr. Quintanilla able to reverse the effects of this degenerative disease? "Acupuncture has been used to increase blood flow for thousands of years which helps to get the necessary nutrients to the affected nerves. But the real magic happens when I integrate ATP Resonance BioTherapy. This is tech that was originally developed by NASA to expedite recovering and healing."

"I just can't say enough about Sonoma Acupuncture," Frankie just shared through tears of joy. "My husband and I moved here 3 years ago and he's gone out for a walk almost every day. I always stayed home because of the pain and discomfort. Yesterday I walked with him! And next week we're starting dancing lessons! I am truly living life these days."

According to Frankie's test results, she has seen a 74% improvement in pain and functionality, which is on par with a majority of our patients," shares Heather.

"But more important than those test results is the joy she's expressed being there and hearing about all the amazing things she's able to do so because she feels great!"

By seamlessly blending the ancient science of acupuncture with modern medical solutions Dr. Quintanilla has achieved a 90% success rate in reversing the effects of neuropathy. She starts each patient with an initial consultation during which a sensory exam is performed.

"This not only aids in making a proper diagnosis but it helps to define just how much nerve damage has occurred" tells the doctor. "This is important because if a patient has suffered more than 95% damage, there is little that I can do to help them. I'm familiar with the medical miracle but I know my limits as a practitioner and the limits of my medicine."

When it comes to treating peripheral neuropathy, regardless of its origin, early detection greatly improves your chances of a full recovery.

If you or someone you love is suffering with chronic pain that presents as burning, tingling, or 'pins and needles' or you've recently been diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy, it's important to know that there are options. There is hope.

Call (575)618-6900 to schedule an initial consultation or visit sonoma-acupuncture.com to read more incredible success stories.





Colette Beers works on smoothing out the solder on the statue of Kuthe she and three other area artists have created. (Photo by Elva K. Österreich)



The sculpture of beloved nurse and educator Pam Kuthe installed at Western New Mexico University in front of the nursing department. (Courtesy Photo)

ART + PASSION

Living on in Bronze

Beloved educator immortalized by Silver City artists

Story by Elva K. Österreich

Colette Beers loves process. Starting with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western New Mexico University (WNMU) in 2015, followed by an MBA in 2018 she promptly decided it wasn't for her and decided she would rather follow her passion to create and became a sculptor.

And so it was that she and three other artists who have educational roots at WNMU not only founded a silver City gallery, Made in Silver City, but have found themselves commissioned to create bronze memorials on campus.

The first one is "The Ice Cream Girls," of a full-sized girl and an ice cream cone

which can be found at the bottom of the steps in front of Bowden Hall on campus.

The newest piece though, commemorates nurse and former WNMU faculty member Pam Kuthe. Kuthe retired from WNMU in 2007 and passed away in 2020. She was recognized as a "Nursing Legend" by the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence, and she was pivotal in establishing the modern nursing program at WNMU.

The other members of the Made in Silver City team are Chelsea Boone, who earned a BFA in 2016; Maurice Camacho earned the same degree in 2019; and Michael Metcalf who is a Professor of Sculpture in the Department of Expressive Arts.

The sculptors use the lost-wax process to create their public art projects in bronze.

Beers said from start to finish it's a ton of work but worth it (and a good price) in the end.

"There is something really special about knowing something you made will last that long," Beers said. "Some of these last 2,000-something years. The lost-wax process is the same as from pre-Roman times only we have way better material."

First you make your sculpture out of clay over an armature of wire, wood and metal, she said. Then you choose where she's going to be cut apart in playing cards to mark the spaces; put a rubber mold all over her; then a hard plastic or plaster mold around that; pour wax into the rubber mold, which creates a wax replica. After cleaning up the wax pieces, you build a structure made

from wax onto the wax pieces of screws and an embedded cup ends up beginning the plumbing for the bronze.

"We do the bronze casting at WNMU," Beers said. "I think for a small university, it's really cool that we get to use it. One of the reasons I came to this university was the capability to pour bronze there."

Then there is another molding process where you dip the wax pieces in slurry and about 15 coats of silica sand in different coarseness from fine to coarse; that gets fired in a furnace which melts the wax out and fires the shell so it can withstand the

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bronze. Finally, you pour molten bronze into those pieces and bust her out and weld her back together, sanding and grinding out the seams.

“Every step is an adventure in problem solving and figuring out what to do

next,” Beers said. “Nothing ever goes exactly as planned. I think that’s part of the fun of it.”

Now a life-sized bronze Kuthe sits on one of the purple benches at WNMU, dedicated in May for Nurses Month. She sits on the front porch of the School of Nursing building. In her hands she holds her beloved

Gray’s Anatomy.

Beers said the book is part of Kuthe’s story.

“When she was in nursing school in the she was struggling with anatomy and physiology, so her aunts got her a copy of Gray’s Anatomy and she carried it with her everywhere,” she said. “So, we used this book as a model and we made our own spine that says “Gray’s Anatomy, 1972 edition, and with our names on it like we are the authors. So that’s how we signed our work this time.”



Preparing Pam Kuthe for her final seat on campus. (Courtesy Photo)

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8pm Mariachi Estrella de Mexico
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Friday, June 16

2-8pm Artisan Mercado
6pm Transcending Borders Film: *Gods of Mexico*
7:30pm Villalobos Brothers
9:30 pm Fiesta After Party – Little Toad Creek Brewery

Saturday, June 17

10am-8pm Artisan Mercado
11am Artisan Demonstration / Lecture:
Porfirio Gutiérrez, Textile Artist
11:30am Ballet Folklórico Paso del Norte and
Mariachi Plata de WNMU
Noon-4pm Children's Activities – Silver City Museum
La Llorona Puppet Show and crafting
12:45-1:30pm Transcending Borders Film & Discussion:
Esteban Silva Galván, papermaking
1:30-3pm Dance Workshop:
Yvonne Montoya's Stories from Home
2pm Demonstration / Make and Take: Papelmalecho
artwork made from recycled materials
2:30-4pm Guitarist El Javi
3pm Demonstration / Make and Take: Popotillo
Roberto Mejía y Martha Patricia Garcia
4-6:30pm Tequila Tasting*
4:30-6:30pm LADAMA
7:30-10:30pm Jerry Dean and Gonzalo*

Gonzalo

Sunday, June 18

10am-4pm Artisan Mercado
11:30am Transcending Borders Film & Discussion:
Camelia Ramos, weaver
11:30am Artisan Demonstration: Papermaking
Esteban Silva Galván
Noon Keana Huerta
Noon-3pm Children's Activities – Silver City Museum
La Llorona Puppet Show and crafting
12:30pm Baile Encanto
2-3pm Danza Azteca Naucualli Drumming and Dance
3pm Transcending Borders Film: *Gods of Mexico*

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MUSIC + CELEBRATION

¡Fiesta Latina!

Artisans, music, workshops

By Linda Brown

The Western New Mexico University signature cultural event, ¡Fiesta Latina!, returns to campus June 15-18. At the center of the four-day festival is an artisan mercado that features the handmade work of highly skilled traditional artisans from across Mexico. Artisans will also be demonstrating their techniques at a dedicated tent where patrons can get hands-on experience with projects that vary from papermaking to a straw mosaic technique called popotillo.

The fiesta includes music and dance by both traditional and contemporary performers. The opening night concert at Fountain Stage at Regents Square features Mariachi Estrella de Mexico.

Additional musical and dance performances will continue Friday night and throughout the weekend.

On Saturday, June 16, there will be a tequila tasting 4-6:30 p.m., with an opportunity to sample traditionally handcrafted tequilas from across Jalisco, Mexico. Tickets for this event are \$45 for ten tastes and include a handcrafted copper tequilerero. In addition,

food vendors will be on campus throughout the festival.

The weekend includes film screenings and discussion and a dedicated children's tent with activities for children.

"As a designated Hispanic Serving Institution," said Alexandra Tager, WNMU Director of Cultural Affairs and one of the coordinators of the festival. "The aim is to bring about greater mutual understanding of our shared history and present-day connections."

A schedule of events, tickets, and additional information are available at fiestalatina.org.



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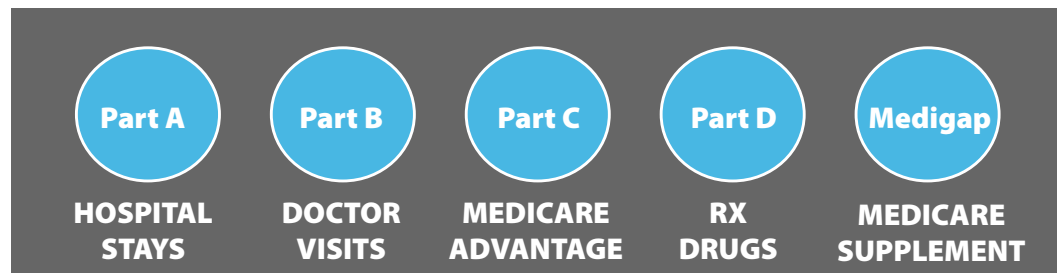
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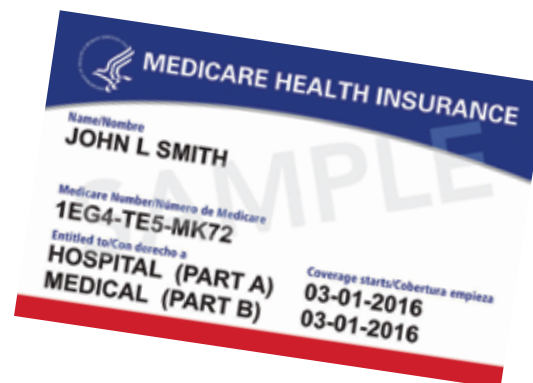
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Infinite Possibilities

Oasis Summer Youth Camps Now Enrolling

Registration is open for two summer expressive arts camps for children and teens at Oasis Coffee and Tea House during the week of June 19-23. Inspired by the recent success of Silver City Community Theatre's

Spring Break Drama Camp, the Oasis Board of Directors unanimously signed off on the innovative proposal for an "Adventures in Wisdom" Camp for ages 7-12, and "Infinite Possibilities" Camp for Teens 12-17. Led by Oasis' Creative



Director, Wendy Spurgeon, a certified life coach, the camps offer a unique combination of life coaching skills, outdoor time, expressive arts activities, and audio podcast recordings for campers to share with their families.

The last day to register is June 12. Registration and information is available at <https://wendy.link/wisdomkids> for the kid's camp, and at <https://wendy.link/infiniteens> for the teen's camp.

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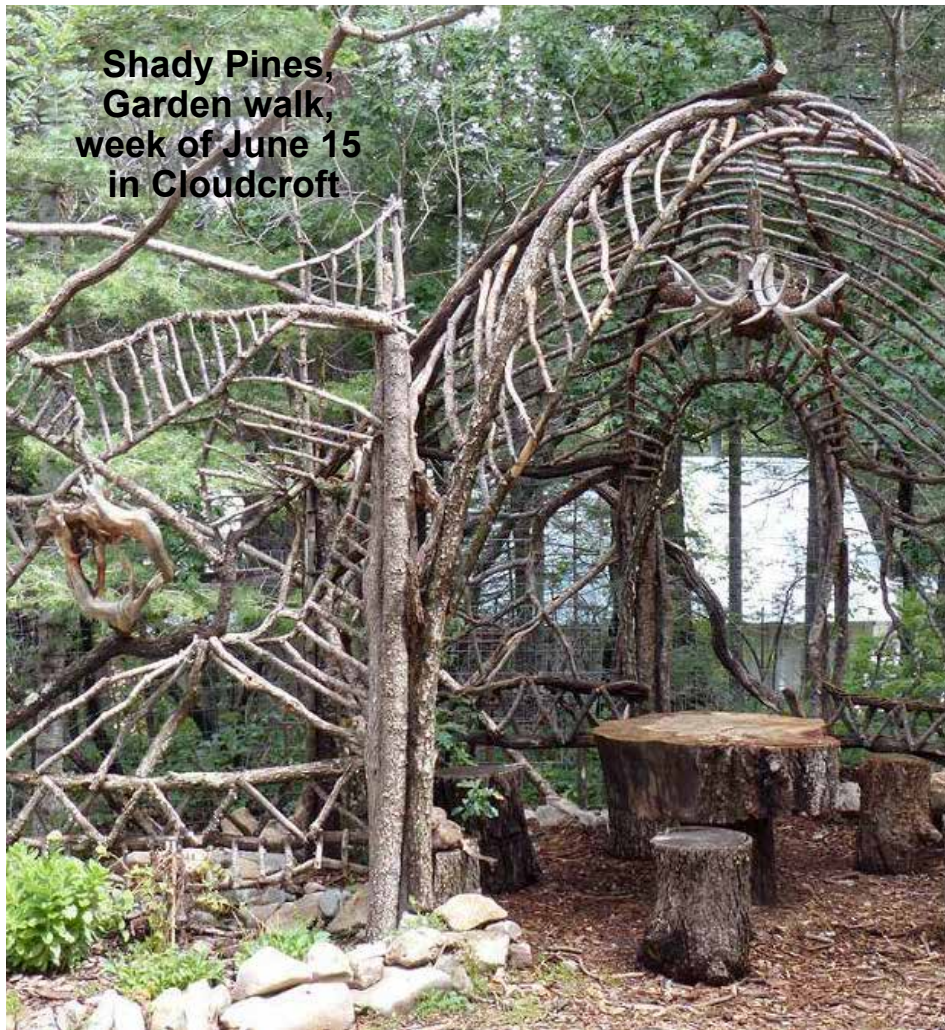
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**Cherry Festival,
June 17-18,
Nichols Ranch**

EVENTS

What's Happening

Upcoming events you won't want to miss in June

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Grant County

Movie series: In Search of Justice "Philadelphia"

6:30 p.m. at the Armory, 11990 U.S. Highway 180 E.
575-388-4862

Karaoke

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Catron County

Coffee with Camille

Meet and engage with Gila National Forest Supervisor Camille Howes

10 a.m.-noon at Quemado Schools cafeteria, U.S. Highway 60, Quemado
575-388-8211

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Grant County

First Friday Gallery Walk

5-7 p.m. downtown in Silver City.

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7:30 p.m. at Whisky Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E, Aranas Valley.

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8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City

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Otero County

Launch Pad Lecture

Featuring First Women in Space

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

www.nmspacemuseum.org

"Shoot Out at Hole-in-the-Wall"

Melodrama with the Cloudcroft

Light Opera

7:30 p.m., Cloudcroft Pavillion

www.cloudcrofttheatre.com

Doña Ana County

Cafecito y Arte con Cheli: Art talk

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

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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 — 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Racetrack Road, Arenas Valley. Zoom ID: 781 471 031; password: 954941 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., Silver City. Info: 575-567-9410.

Women Embracing Recovery Al-Anon Family Group — 5:30-6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 314 College Ave. Silver City. Zoom ID: 411 858 127; password: 954941; info: nmal-anon.com

Las Cruces/Mesilla

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

FRIDAY

Silver City/Grant County

Women Embracing Recovery Al-Anon Family Group — 5:30-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 314 W. College Ave. Silver City. Zoom ID: 411 858 127; password: 954941 Info: nmal-anon.com

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 Ave. 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) 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. 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.

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Grant County**Silver City Farmers Market**

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

www.silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Foam Party with Ann Lincoln

1-2:30 at Penny Park, N. Grant St., Silver City
575-538-3672

Mineral Hill

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Lincoln County**Youth Fishing Day**

For youth 12 and under
8 a.m. at Grindstone Lake
575-257-4095

High Mountain Bed Race and Green Chile Cookoff

9 a.m.-1 p.m. along Sudderth Drive to Wingfield Park
highmountainyouth.org

Otero County**Alamogordo Otero County Farmers Market**

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

Coffee Chat with the rangers

9-10:30 a.m. at Oliver Lee Memorial State Park visitor center, 409 Dog Canyon Road
katherine.german@state.nm.us

Cloudcroft Beerfest 2023

noon-6 p.m. at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft
www.cloudcroft.com

Noise Pollution**The AC/DC Experience**

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

“Shoot Out at Hole-in-the-wall”

Melodrama with the Cloudcroft Light Opera
7:30 p.m. at the Cloudcroft Pavillion
www.cloudcrofttheatre.com

Lincoln County**John Mueller’s Winter Dance Party**

Tribute to Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper
7 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing

Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Airport Highway 220, Alto
www.spencertheater.com

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 4**Grant County****Live Music: Wally Lawder**

Noon-2 p.m. at Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 300 N. Arizona St. Silver City
575-956-6476

Heather Rae with Daisy Blue

1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Sierra County**Live Music: Rooster Blackspur & The Wilderness**

6 p.m. at the Hillsboro Community Center, Hillsboro.
hillsborocommunity-center@gmail.com

***Black Cat Poetry Reading**

1 p.m. at Ingo’s Art Café, 422

Broadway St., T or C.
360-628-4499

Otero County**Cloudcroft Beerfest 2023**

noon-6 p.m. at Zenith Park in Cloudcroft
www.cloudcroft.com

White Sands Full Moon Night**Extended hours and program**

8:30 p.m. at White Sands National Park, 19955 U.S. Hwy. 70, Alamogordo
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TUESDAY, JUNE 6**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 readings of folk tales from the Six Celtic Nations.
575-520-1916

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**Grant County****Wednesday Farmers Market**

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

the town of Gila
silvercityfarmersmarket.info

Trivia

7-9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

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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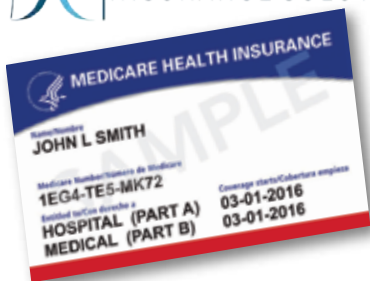
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**Sierra County
Square Dancing**

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, JUNE 8

**Grant County
Wild Wild West Rodeo**

Gates open at 5 p.m. at the Southwest Horseman's Arena in Silver City

www.wildwildwestrodeo.com

Karaoke

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Otero County

New York Avenue District Art and Murals Walk

1 p.m. starting at Roadrunner Emporium, 928 New York Ave.
cedwards121788@icloud.com

Astronomy League

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

**Sierra County
Square Dancing**

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

575-313-9971 or 505-804-3842

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Grant County
Magic with Jamie O'Hara

2-3 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. Silver City
575-538-3672

"Same Time Next Year"

7 p.m. at the Starlight Theater, 1915 Gold St. Silver City
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Wild Wild West Rodeo

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8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

Sierra County

Turtleback Mountain Music Festival

4:30-11 p.m. at the T or C Municipal Golf Course, 685 Marie St.
602-738-0212

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Grant County

Silver City Farmers Market

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

Anything but a Car Show

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Grant County Veterans Memorial Business & Conference Center parking lot, 3031 U.S. Hwy. 180 E.
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10:30 a.m. at the Fort Bayard Theater, Fort Bayard
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Wild Wild West Rodeo

Gates open at 5 p.m. at the Southwest Horseman's Arena in Silver City
www.wildwildwestrodeo.com

"Same Time Next Year"

7 p.m. at the Starlight Theater, 1915 Gold St., Silver City
480-291-3686

Luna County

Main Street Market

8-11 a.m. at the Luna County Courthouse Park, 700 S. Silver Ave. Deming

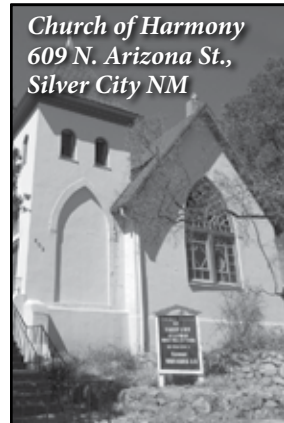
Otero County

Alamogordo Otero County Farmers Market

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

Miss New Mexico Competition

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



Gila Friends Meeting

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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

575-805-6055

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7-9 p.m., 130 S. Main St. Las Cruces

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Movies in the Park

"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile"

at dusk, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Grant County

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1-3 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786

U.S. Highway 180 E, Aranas Valley.

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"Same Time Next Year"

2 p.m. at the Starlight Theater, 1915 Gold St.

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Sierra County

Turtleback Mountain Music Festival

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the T or C Municipal Golf Course, 685 Marie St.

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MONDAY, JUNE 12

Grant County

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Speaker Karen Beckenbach with the

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Doña Ana County

***Author Talk: Dr. Elaine
Hampton**
Author of "The Allure
of the Border: Fifter
Years of Investigations,
Friendships and Wonder"
1:30-3 p.m. at the Branigan
Library, 22 E. Picacho Ave.,
Las Cruces
575-649-8786

TUESDAY, JUNE 13**Grant County**

**Translation Bookmarks/
Words that Connect**
3-4 p.m. at the Silver City
Public Library, 515 W.

College Ave. Silver City
silvercitypubliclibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**Grant County****Wednesday Farmers
Market**

9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley
Market, 412 Highway 211 at
the corner of Clark Road,
Gila
silvercityfarmersmarket.
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**Live Music; Faun Fables
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7:30 p.m. at Whisky Creek
Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway
180 E, Arenas Valley.
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Trivia

7-9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek
Brewery and Distillery, 200
N. Bullard St., Silver City
828-542-0216

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

Otero County**Musical Garden Stroll
Shady Pines Chamber
Players**

2-5 p.m. at Shady Pines,
200 Fox Ave., facing Wren
in vhhvvv
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Doña Ana County**Farmers and Crafts
Market**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza
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¡Fiesta Latina!**Mariachi Estrella de Mexico**

8 p.m. at the WNMU Fountain Stage at Regents Square, Silver City

fiestalatina.com

Karaoke

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City

828-542-0216

Otero County**Musical Garden Stroll**

2-5 p.m. at Shady Pines, 200 Fox Ave., facing Wren in Cloudcroft

361-557-1960

Ice Cream Social

Live Music: Rosewater Blues and The

Rock Bottom String Band

5-9 p.m. with the Tularosa Taco Company, Tularosa High School baseball fields, Tularosa

Tularosa taco company on Facebook

FRIDAY, JUNE 16**Grant County****Binational Indigenous Expo/Encuentro**

All day at various locations on the WNMU campus, Silver City

externalaffairs.wnmu.edu/indigenous-expoencuentro

Teen Party

2-4 p.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City

silvercitypubliclibrary.org

¡Fiesta Latina!**Mercado, "Gods of Mexico" film and discussion and Villalobos Brothers performing**

2 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at various WNMU locations, Silver City

fiestalatina.com

"Same Time Next Year"

7 p.m. at the Starlight Theater, 1915 Gold St., Silver City

480-291-3686

Otero County**Musical Garden Stroll****Shady Pines Chamber Players**

2-5 p.m. at Shady Pines, 200 Fox Ave., facing Wren in Cloudcroft

361-557-1960

Lincoln County**Ruidoso Tattoo Expo**

noon-11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center

ruidosotattooexpo.com

Doña Ana County**Las Cruces Ukefest Concert**

7 p.m. at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus auditorium

lascrucesukefest.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 17**Grant County****Silver City Farmers Market**

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

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Otero County

Alamogordo Otero County Farmers Market

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

Nichols Annual Cherry Festival

9 a.m.-7 p.m. at Nichols Ranch and Orchards, 236 Cottonwood Canyon Road, La Luz
nicholsranchandorchards.com

Musical Garden Stroll

Shady Pines Chamber Players

2-5 p.m. at Shady Pines, 200 Fox Ave., facing Wren in Cloudcroft
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8 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo
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Lincoln County

Ruidoso Tattoo Expo

10 a.m.-11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Conveiteon Center
ruidosotattooexpo.com

Brewdoso Craft Beer and Wine

Festival

11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Wingfield Park, Center Street, 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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10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center

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Doña Ana County

Artist Talk: Julia Masaoka

1-2 p.m. at Gallery 925, in the Mesquite Historical District near the corner of Spruce Street, 925 N. Mesquite St.
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MONDAY, JUNE 10

Grant County

Germ Detective

10-11 a.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. Silver City
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TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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 readings of folk tales from the Six Celtic Nations, Las Cruces
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Grant County

Wednesday Farmers Market

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

2-4 p.m. at Grant County Art Guild Gallery, 316 N. Bullard and 11 a.m. at Gough Park, 1201 N. Pope St.
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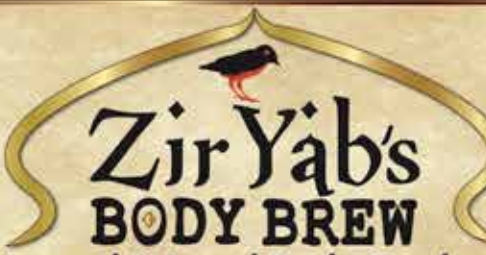
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Doña Ana County Farmers and Crafts Market

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces and along Downtown Main Street.
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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Grant County

Origami

3-4 p.m. at the Silver City

Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. Silver City
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Karaoke

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

Otero County

New York Avenue District Art and Murals Walk

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23

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10-11 a.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. Silver City
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8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

Otero County

Fouth Friday Family-friendly night of live music

6 p.m. at the Griggs Sports Complex, 3000 N. Florida Ave., Alamogordo
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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
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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Grant County

Silver City Farmers Market

9 a.m.-12 p.m., 901 N. Pope St. in Silver City.
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The Gila River Band

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

Otero County

Farmers Market

8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park, 1987 White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo
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1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

Doña Ana County

Artist Talk: Gretchen Blais

1-2 p.m. at Gallery 925, in the Mesquite Historical District near the corner of Spruce Street, 925 N. Mesquite St.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

Grant County Trivia

7-9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

Wednesday Farmers Market

9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412 Highway 211 at the corner of Clark Road, in Gila
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THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Grant County Karaoke

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Grant County Association of Snake Preservation talk

10-11 a.m. at the Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave. Silver City
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Baracutanga

8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City

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DIVERSE WORLD

Native View

Indigenous expo at WNMU

The 2023 Bi-National Indigenous Expo/Encuentro is a binational event focused on Indigenous art, music, culture, storytelling and the important role of youth hosted by Western New Mexico University in Silver City. This Bi-National Indigenous Encounter features artists, storytellers and academics from both Mexico's and hopes to bring the intersection of Indigenous perspectives and culture from both sides of New Mexico's Border.

The Department of External Affairs at WNMU has partnered with the local Chiricahua Apache Nation – whose ancestral land we inhabit – to create an event with various, valued members of the Nation who are experts on tribal law, history, policy, and anthropology

to create an “encounter” for members of our community and WNMU students to learn, experience and embrace our shared history and identity.

Additionally, the event features indigenous guest speakers and workshops including Andi Murphy (Diné), of Toasted Sister Podcast; Gary Farmer, actor, musician of the Haudenosaunee peoples of Canada; and Porfirio Gutierrez, Zapotec textile artist.

This is an all-in person, face to face, format event that will take place June 15-17 on WNMU's campus. Events will be for community and students alike – however some workshops are limited to students only.

More info can be found at externalaffairs.wnmu.edu/indigenous-expoencuentro.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Carol Steele took this image at Cherry Creek during a hike outside of Pinos Altos.

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WATCH OUT!

Treating Snake Bites

Pitviper symposium to address poison, more

By Jason K. Watkins

When treating venomous bites from our local rattlesnakes, both in people and pets, the list of what not to do is longer than the list of what to do.

Experts agree that three pre-hospital actions can save lives:

- 1) immediately seeking medical care or calling 911,
- 2) removing watches and jewelry, collars or reins, or anything else that restricts blood flow, and
- 3) keeping the affected area at the same level or above the heart.

When treating bites from rattlesnakes and other pitvipers, experts agree you should not apply suction, heat, pressure or tourniquets, and you definitely should not administer Benadryl, aspirin, steroids, or antibiotics. Electrical stimulation

treatments (car batteries) don't work and cutting into the bite can lead to infection and permanent tissue damage.

More than a dozen leading medical doctors, veterinarians, venomologists and other scientists will discuss pre-hospital treatment of rattlesnake bites in Hidalgo County on Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24 as part of the first-ever symposium, titled "Treatment of Pitviper Envenomation in the Rural Southwestern U.S."

The symposium, organized by Dr. Gordon W. Schuett, Dr. William K. Hayes, Bob Ashley and Dr. Charles F. Smith, will be hosted by the Chiricahua Desert Museum in Rodeo. The museum is a state-of-the-art private education and research facility.

The talks are aimed at helping anyone learn pre-hospital treatment for rattlesnake bites in humans, dogs, cats, horses and other animals.



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“This meeting will be especially helpful to medical personnel of the rural areas in this region, but we welcome anyone to attend, from ranchers and schoolteachers to students and day-care providers,” said Schuett, the event’s lead planner. “Good information saves lives.”

The four major venomous reptiles in our region that pose a risk to humans and pets are the western diamondback rattlesnake, Mojave rattlesnake, prairie rattlesnake and Gila monsters.

“Antivenom can be costly, so budgeting for a venomous snakebite or getting pet insurance are good ideas for anyone who lives in areas where snakes are common,” said Kimberly Wyatt, a doctoral student in herpetology and biology who will be presenting at the symposium. She is a member of the National Snakebite Support organization, which provides snake identification and treatment advice.

“Venomous snakebites are medical emergencies,” Wyatt said, “and pets are more likely to suffer fatal outcomes than humans, especially if they don’t receive medical treatment. Antivenom is the only thing that can neutralize venom.”

“It’s the sound you DO NOT want to hear: you’re on an evening walk in the wash and you let your dog off leash,” said Dr. Sarah Carotenuto, DVM, DABVP (CF). “He sticks his nose in a bush, yelps, and as he runs back, you hear that characteristic, gut-wrenching rattle and note two punctures on his muzzle, which start bleeding.”

Dr. Carotenuto teaches at the University of Arizona and will be a symposium presenter.

What actions you take next could mean the difference be-

tween life and death.

“There are some cases where treatment is necessary, but also a lot you can do in the meantime,” Dr. Carotenuto said. “In general, the best outcome is seen with antivenom (94 percent of animals treated with antivenom survive to discharge, 90 percent survive overall, and around 10 percent will have a complication of some sort).”

The doctors and scientists who will be presenting at the include Daniel E. Keyler, Spencer C. Greene, Sarah Carotenuto, Nicklaus P. Brandehoff, Stephen P. Mackessy, Michael Cardwell, William K. Hayes, Jude T. McNally, Sean P. Bush, Craig W. Woods, Elda E. Sanchez and Wyatt.

The two-day event will take place at the Geronimo Event Center in Rodeo, affiliated with the Chiricahua Desert Museum. The museum features live rattlesnake exhibits, a large botanical garden, a campground and a gift shop and art gallery.

The symposium will have a banquet dinner and speaker on June 23. Overnight accommodations are available in Rodeo, Lordsburg and Portal, Arizona. Cost to attend this symposium is \$199, and \$99 for spouses and students. Payment is due the day of the event at the museum. To register and reserve a spot or to get more information, visit www.geronimoevent.com.

Jason K. Watkins is a freelance writer from the Bootheel of New Mexico. He is a former assistant editor of The Las Cruces Bulletin, and currently teaches news writing at Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

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ADVENTURE

Outdoor Equity

State steps up taking youth into world

By Elva K. Österreich

Walking in the footsteps of the Mogollon, playing in the Gila River, making boats, collecting pond samples, picnicking in the pine needle covered hollows – Grant County families get the opportunity to share the natural world with their offspring thanks to the state's Outdoor Equity program.

This particular adventure is run by Patrice Mutchnick with the Heart of the Gila non-profit but children across New Mexico benefit through the grants this program provides.

The Outdoor Equity Fund was created to enable all New Mexican youth equitable access to the outdoors. According to their mission, "The grant supports programming that provides outdoor experiences that foster

stewardship and respect for New Mexico's land, water and cultural heritage."

Since Outdoor Equity Fund was signed into law by the state governor in April 2019, the program has granted \$2 million to 130 organizations throughout the state.

Local leaders, working in cultural, recreational, and environmental fields, are actively introducing over 37,000 young New Mexicans to the outdoors through day hikes, bike rides, camping trips, whitewater adventures, acequia irrigation, and more. For many of these youth, all 18 and younger, these transformational outdoor experiences are the first time they've participated in these kinds of outdoor recreation.

This year, 47 organizations were awarded grants ranging from \$2,130 to \$20,000. The total grant funding for the 2023 projects amounted to \$795,133.28. The awardee list



includes programs from 16 New Mexico counties with 50 percent supporting Tribal, rural and/or land grant communities.

The program Mutchnick's team runs is centered on sensory things, she said. They take family groups, often one-parent households including children aged 3 to 12 to experience the Gila River environment.

Many of the children haven't spent a lot of time outdoors, she said, so they have found

three hours is the comfort level.

"With a couple of hours, you don't have time to develop much but it doesn't matter," she said. "They have the experiences. In environmental education, one of the most useful tricks is that you can build concepts while you are out here. By the time you are done you can move from the experiences to learning about the relationships – like the ecological relationship."

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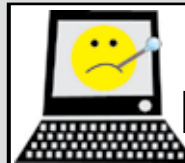


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Mutchnick said in her program, which is planned for Fridays (because the Cobre School District in the community she recruits from is off on Fridays), they provide lunch and activities which range from making boats to pond exploration, taking samples and looking at the bugs.

The youth experience a little history and lots of nature, she said.

"I started planning right away when we got it [the grant]," she said. "If the idea is to create lasting accessibility and lasting relationships, if you don't use the families, it's just a bang. You take and put them on a bus, you bring them out and they don't stay connected to the forest. I think a lot of families we worked with did come back out here."

Mutchnick's goal is not only to get youth out into

the wild but to see that a new generation of educators are ready to get out there and work with the kids. She has three people she is working with to pass her knowledge on to keep the passion for the outdoors and conservation going.

Other southern New Mexico fund project recipients include:

- Aldo Leopold Charter School which provides engaging outdoor experiences for 6-12th graders.

- The City of Sunland Park is offering a series of youth classes and seminars for all youth with a focus on grades 3 through 6. These events include a hands-on walk throughout the park highlighting the designated topic of the session.

- Desert Community Wellness, Doña Ana County, has Project Cougars Outside providing the students at Lynn

Community Middle School with hands-on, enriched experiences to foster a love of learning, connections to New Mexico histories and wellness experiences in the outdoors.

- The Silver City Watershed Keepers Summer Camp provides an underserved population of youth with an outdoor experience in their

local watershed, public lands and community to empower stewardship of their environment and cultural heritage.

- In preparation of the 2024 celebration of the 100th year anniversary of the first designated national wilderness area, the Forest Service has partnered with the Youth Mural Program to commemorate this milestone through

public art murals created and designed by area youth. Two permanent murals will connect the Gila, Aldo, and Blue Range Wilderness areas to Silver City and surrounding communities.

- In Otero County, the Whiptail Trails Club empowers seventh and eighth-grade students to learn about southern New Mexico's pub-

lic lands providing in-class visits and field trips for more than 200 students in rural areas.

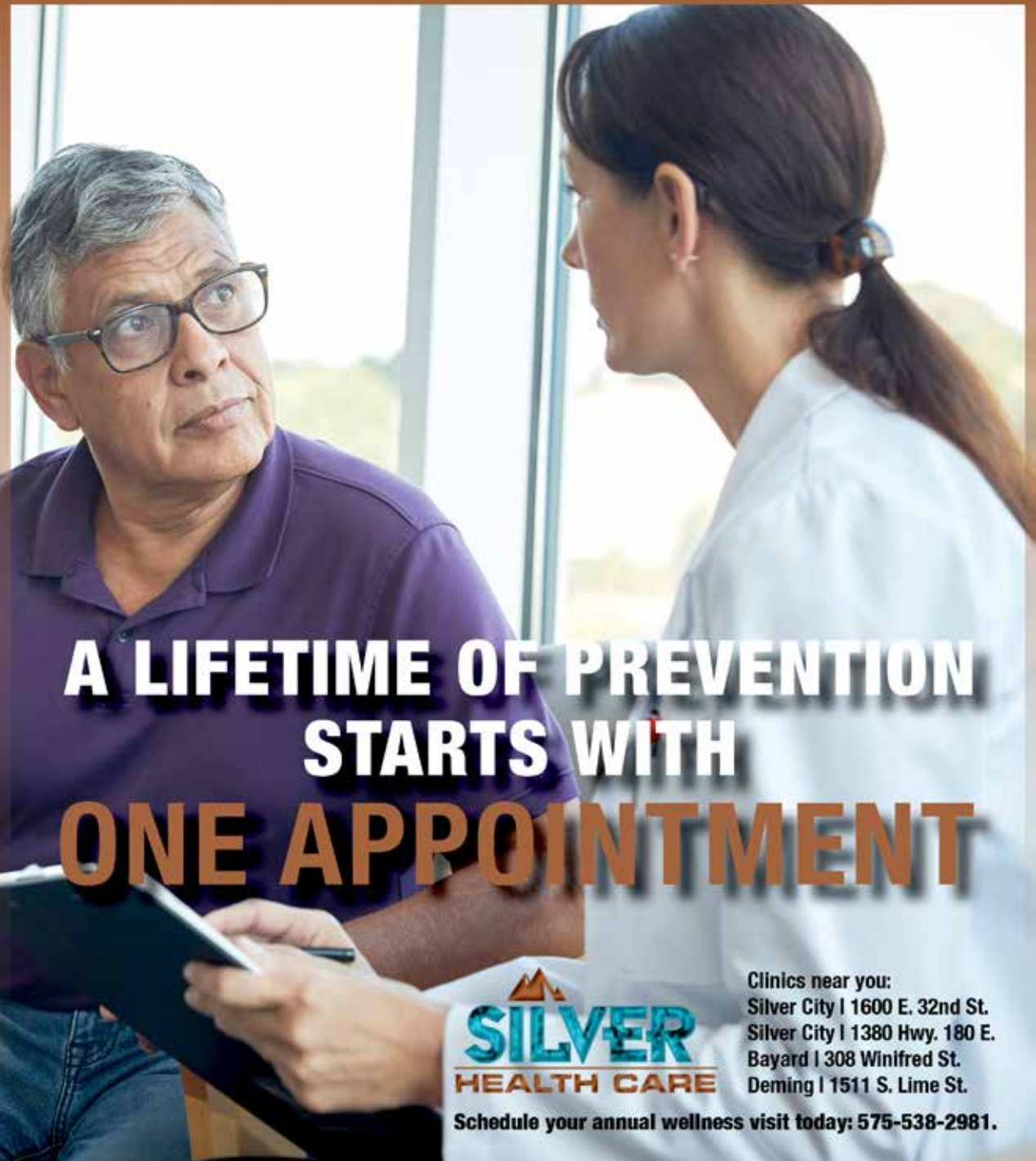
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By Elva K. Österreich

OPPORTUNITIES Artists/Photographers

Otero Arts in Alamogordo is seeking artists for month long **First Friday Art Exhibitions** in 2024. All exhibitions are held at Otero Artspace located at 1118 Indiana Avenue in Alamogordo. The Artspace is large with ProPanels and professional lighting to create an excellent presentation. To apply visit oteroarts.org. With your application include five images of your work in jpeg format and an artist's statement or bio.

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 do not qualify. The juror is Diana Bloomfield. Exhibition dates: August 4-September. Deadline to submit is June 30. Submit at: artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=11625.

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) is seeking nominations for its 2023

Community Arts Awards, which honor individuals and organizations who are actively involved in promoting and enhancing the visual, performing and literary arts in the community through leadership, support and advocacy. The deadline to submit a nomination packet is 5 p.m. on Friday, July 15. Awards will be presented at DAAC's 36th annual **Community Arts Awards** reception. Nomination forms are available on-line at www.daarts.org, by calling 575-523-6403 or by emailing galler@daarts.org.

Stage/Film

Is there a play you always wanted to direct or produce? **Silver City Community Theater** is soliciting proposals for the 2023-2024 season. The kick-off takes place in August-September at El Sol. Info: aryann@silvercitycommunitytheater.com.

SILVER CITY

■ **The Silver City Art Association First Friday Gallery Walk** is from 5-7 p.m., June 2. 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.

■ **At a)s p... "A"© e Stu-**

dio•Art•Gallery is a new exhibition titled "Mushroom Invasion" by **Christopher "Moppy" Thomopoulos**. Spreading love with his colorful fungi/mushroom art and nature inspired creations Moppy uses art as a way of healing and hopes to inspire others to create. An opening reception with refreshments will be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with a DJ dance party to follow. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday to Sunday, 110 West 7th St., in Silver City. Info: studiogallery@gmail.com, 575-538-3333.

■ Three local artists are showing their work at the **Grant County Art Guild Studio** June 2-4, and they are all "Connected By Color." Celebrate the joy of color with the oil paintings of **Gay Scheibl**, the watercolors of **Deborah Hutchings**, and the fiber art of **Vicki Gadberry**. Show dates are June 2-4, with an opening reception 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 2 during the SCAA June First Friday Art Walk. For more information about these artists, or the calendar of upcoming guild shows, events and classes, see gcag.org. Open Studios are at the GCAG Studio, 200 Market W. Market St., 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.

DEMING

■ June 2023 at the Dem-



"Hanging Out" by Gretchen Blais

ing Art Center features metal artists **Ray Turner** and **Frank Holguin**. Turner has been doing metal art on and off for quite some time, but Holguin got started welding for art's sake about 6 years ago. It was a way of spending time with his son along with teaching him how to weld. The exhibit will be up from June 2-29. There will be a time to meet the artists 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4. 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.

ALAMOGORDO/ TULAROSA

■ Join **Otero Arts, Inc.** during the month of June for an exhibition highlighting two very different photographers. An opening reception for the photography of **Chip Greenberg** and **Dennis Pakula** will be on display at Artspace, located at 1118 Indiana Ave. from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 2. For nearly

15 years, Greenberg owned a commercial studio outside of New York City that served corporate clients, but today he photographs what interests him rather than what clients need. Arts guests will have the opportunity to enter to win a 12x12 inch fine art print of his award-winning "Cerrillos Sky" image. Greenberg will also donate 5 percent of gross proceeds to White Sands Habitat for Humanity. Pakula is an enthusiastic photographer of all-things Mother Nature and the great outdoors. The gallery will also open throughout the month 1-4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Otero Artspace is located at 1118 Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo. Info: oteroarts.org.

CLOUDCROFT

■ **The Cloudcroft Art Society's Gallery** is open beginning Saturday June 3 and every Saturday during the summer months. Many artworks ranging from paintings in all media, fine art and digital art photography, both framed and matted prints,

cards, pottery, fiber art, gourd art, jewelry and glass art are on display and are for sale. The gallery can be visited from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The gallery is located in the old red brick schoolhouse which houses the Nivison Library at the east end of Burro Street where it intersects Swallow Place. Info: sznana@totacc.com.

LAS CRUCES

■ **Sonya Fe**, whose work more often than not focuses on women and children, has a solo exhibit at the **Doña Ana Arts Council**, June 2-28. The exhibit, entitled "RAW," will include more than two dozen pieces, many of which have not been exhibited previously, primarily, according to Fe, because of their graphic subject matter, such as child abuse. In commenting on her work, Fe states that she wants "the viewer to feel, see and understand what I am saying – to not be left behind." Two receptions will be held for the exhibit. The first from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, June 2, and

the second noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. The Doña Ana Arts Council Gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Info: 575-523-6403.

■ **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 through July 1. Nguyen’s work as a mixed media artists revolves around storytelling and reexamining our own actions. The museum is open 10 a.m.- 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** presents **Julia Masaoka** and **Gretchen Blais** with new works. Masaoka creates assemblages with objects found in the

desert, scrapyards and thrift stores. Blais has been creating her surrealist style art in various mediums since her art button got pushed when she was in her mid 30s. For years her graphite pencil was a daily companion, keeping

her company wherever she went. An opening reception is First Friday, June 2, 1-8 with artists and refreshments. The exhibit will be up

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through June 25. Masaoka will give a talk at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 18 and Blais will give her talk at 1 p.m. on June 25. First Friday features free trolley rides from 5-8 p.m. between all open Mesquite district galleries. 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 Mesquite and Spruce streets. Info: gallery925nm.com.

■ 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.

■ **Wendy Robin Weir**, one of the founding members of **Agave Artist Gallery**, is June's Artist of the Month. Currently creating fabric collages Weir began in oils, but abstract impressionists won her heart. She was drawn to the possibilities of textures and layers that collages offered. From noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 she will be doing a fabric collage demonstration at the gallery, 2250 Calle de San Albino, open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Monday. Info: 575-339-9870.

■ **The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery**, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla features two local artists for the month of June: **Jean Wilkey** and **Bob Zolto**. Wilkey's art starts with color, with a momentary glance at something previously unseen, with



By Vicki Gadberry

a feeling. She paints worlds populated with plants, animals, people, and objects, that blur the line between indoor and outdoor, between still life and landscape.

Zolto, a photographer, moved to Las Cruces in 2009 after a 40-year career as an editor for the New York Times, and his interest in photography was reawakened by the New Mexican landscape. First American Bank in Mesilla, is well represented by gallery members who rotate the galleries artists' work monthly. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

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INTO THE GILA

A Vision

Look what Aldo Leopold started!

By Donna Stevens

In southwest New Mexico, people understandably feel a sense of pride that right in our backyard is the Gila Wilderness Area, the nation's – and world's – first designated wilderness. It's important to acknowledge that the Gila Wilderness has existed from time immemorial, even though it wasn't so named. Long before Europeans arrived, Indigenous inhabitants respected and revered the land and water and felt a sense of reciprocity toward this life force that sustained them. When the Forest Service was established in 1905, the national forests were carved from lands that were forcibly taken from the original inhabitants by European settlers.

Aldo Leopold, fresh out of Yale Forest School in 1909, was employed by the fledgling Forest Service, and continued working as a forester in the Apache, Gila, and Carson National Forests for the next several years. Applying his curiosity and acute observational skills, he grew to understand and love



the Southwest's land, water, plants, and wildlife.

"In 1910 there were six roadless regions in Arizona and New Mexico, ranging in size from half a million to a million acres, where the finest type of mountain wilderness pack trips could be enjoyed," Leopold wrote. "Today roads have eliminated all but one area of about half a million acres."

In the early 1920s, though about 15 percent of people in the US owned vehicles, Leopold recognized the rapidly escalating demand for car ownership and roads, and became alarmed by a plan to build a motorway into the last big roadless area.

There's little doubt that Apaches were distressed by the incursion of roads into their homeland, but it was Leopold who had the ear of those with the authority to prevent further damage. In 1922, he sub-

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Diana LeMarbe is an exciting, uplifting, creative face of Deming and the art community of the Southwestern New Mexico. LeMarbe is pictured here with her latest creation "Goat On A Rope" which is now on display at the Deming Art Center.

LeMarbe became interested in goats last winter after "hiring" 10 goats to clean up the weeds in her yard – she fell in love with them and used the goats for her drawings and later postcards. After sending out more than 200 postcards, introducing her goats to family, friends and her February Peace Postcard list, LeMarbe began sculpting the drawings.

Diana's many creations can be seen at Studio LeMarbe, by calling 575-544-7708 for an appointment. (Photo by Stanley Sabre)



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mitted a formal proposal for a Gila Wilderness, which he defined as “a continuous stretch of country preserved in its natural state, open to lawful hunting and fishing, big enough to absorb a two weeks’ pack trip, and kept devoid of roads, artificial trails, cottages, or other works of man.”

Fortunately for wilderness lovers, wildlife, land, and water, Aldo Leopold’s Forest Service supervisors accepted his proposal. On June 3, 1924, they preserved more than half a million acres of mountains, forests, and rivers as the Gila Wilderness Area.

Not content with setting aside 500,000 acres of wilderness for future generations, Leopold later developed his “land eth-

ic,” which, in his own eminently quotable words, “changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it,” a distinctly Indigenous philosophy.

The land ethic essay, one of many in Leopold’s masterpiece, *A Sand County Almanac* (available at the Silver City Public Library), was published in 1949, the year after his death. Arguably his most famous essay in the book, “Thinking Like a Mountain,” packs much poignancy into a mere three pages. For readers unfamiliar with Leopold, I highly recommend his eloquent tale of the lessons he learned from his encounter with a mother wolf.

Leopold admits in the essay that he “was young then and full of trigger-itch.” Despite his youthful missteps, or perhaps because of them, he grew into a man of great wisdom and intelligence. Even in 1920, when the US population was just

106 million people, he foresaw the necessity and urgency of preserving wild places, and persuaded the Forest Service to agree. There’s good reason why a wilderness area and a Silver City school bear the name of this far-sighted conservationist. We should all feel enormous gratitude for Aldo Leopold’s vision as we commemorate the Gila Wilderness centennial in 2024.

Donna Stevens is the Executive Director of the Upper Gila Watershed Alliance, a watershed protection nonprofit that “promotes the long-term health of the Upper Gila Watershed and its communities of life.” This is the first in a series of articles about the Gila Wilderness Centennial.



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Red Face Turning Redder
Say hi to mom for me

By Jim and Henry Duchene

For a few minutes, I thought I was going to receive my inheritance, but before I tell you THAT story let me tell you this one:

When my beloved mother was still alive she and my father were watching their favorite soap opera, *As The Stomach Turns* or some such nonsense. She had made my father a nice chicken sandwich, and he was sitting there simultaneously eating his food and complaining about how stupid the characters were on the show.

"Don't talk while you're eat-

ing," my mother told him, mainly because she had served him poultry, not seafood. (SEE food. Get it?)

My father was offended.

"I'm not talking while I'm..."

All of a sudden, he started choking on a piece of chicken.

"I warned you not to talk while you're eating," my mother scolded him, thinking it wasn't as serious as it was.

My father made no reply. His eyes were starting to bulge. He couldn't breathe. Air was going neither in nor out. A chunk of chicken wedged in your windpipe will do that.

He grabbed his throat with both hands in the international sign of choking, although I'm sure he did it more by accident

than by rational thought. Who can be rational when they're in the middle of choking to death?

My mother started to panic, and in her panic she grabbed the TV remote. She was going to turn the TV off, the noise was too distracting. That's when my father angrily made the international sign of You'd Better Not Turn Off The TV!

He finally coughed out whatever had gotten stuck, took a few breaths of oxygen... and then started eating his chicken sandwich again.

When my mother told me this story, I turned to my father and asked him why he got so angry with her for trying to turn off the TV set.

"If I was gonna die," he ex-

plained, "I wanted to die watching TV."

Well, he had his reasons, I guess.

Anyway...

My father and I were having dinner. He was sitting in his favorite chair at the head of the table (MY chair. At least, it used to be.). I was eating at the kitchen island. The older my father gets, the more noises he seems to make when he's eating, and it kind of grosses me out. Smack! Slurp! Ack! I try to ignore it. Smack! Sometimes I can. Sluuurp! Sometimes I can't. Ack!

I looked over at my father who was eating with great enthusiasm. He usually does. He was really packing that food away. I can't blame him. My wife's a

good cook. In fact, she's a great cook. I wanted to tell her that myself, but she wasn't there. She left to meet a few of her friends for a Zumba exercise class, whatever that is. She doesn't invite me, because she knows I would girl-watch more than I would Zumba. I don't know why she thinks she needs to take that class, however.

"You look fine," I tell her.

"I'm fat," she tells me back.

"You're not fat."

"I need to lose weight."

"You don't need to lose weight."

"Yes, I do."

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