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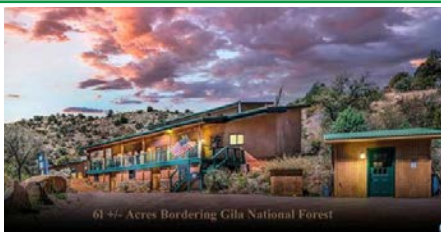
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This 5 bedroom, 3 bath home is an impeccably designed mid-century style gem, overlooking the town of Silver City, while offering an amazing amount of privacy. Light-filled rooms with Mountain Views, Built-in Bookcases, Custom Stone Fireplaces, Formal Dining Room and a sleek, Modernized Kitchen with Granite Countertops and Stainless Appliances. The primary suite boasts an oversized bathroom with jetted tub, double vanity and a walk-in shower. Amenities include: Seamless Metal Roof, Tankless Water Heater, A/C and evaporative cooling, enclosed garages for 4 vehicles, workshop with restroom, gas fireplace inserts, hot tub, remote front gate, video surveillance system, 220v in shop and more. The lower level features a full kitchen, family room, a large home office/bedroom, two more guest bedrooms and full bathroom. **MLS #40493 \$648,500**



This long running Mexican food restaurant could be yours. The Kountry Kitchen has operated in Silver City for decades. The building, property, kitchen equipment, business and menu all come with this sale. The views from the large dining room windows provide a great mountain top picture of our town. Perfect view for diners of an evening dinner. The location near five hotels brings customers and out of town guests in for breakfast and lunch. The large parking lot allows for plenty of space to accommodate customers and fill the two dining rooms of the business. A new metal roof and added dining room are just a couple of the great features of this business. **MLS#40538 \$580,000**



Gorgeous custom home in a park-like setting features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, office, two living areas, dining room and big open kitchen with an island and breakfast bar. Laundry room services both primary bedroom and kitchen. Syzygy tile featured plus laminate flooring in all bedrooms. Great split floorplan with french doors leading to patio from guest bedroom and primary bedroom. Also features a two car garage, paved driveway and parking area on 3.6 acres as well as 2 heating / air conditioning units. Don't miss the amazing views and private location. This is a relocation listing. **MLS#40489 \$560,000**



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Located in the heart of the Mimbres Valley! 2 bedrooms with 1 1/2 bath 1512 sf. Large living room and dining room with built in oak cabinets & shelves. Bonus area near kitchen for an office. Insulated roman shades throughout. Bedroom with loft area and private entrance. Master bedroom features 1/2 bath and private entrance. Radiant heat, on demand water heater plus passive solar. Floors are tile, laminate & poured concrete. Level 1 acre with highway frontage and lots of parking. Plenty of room to add a garage or shop. 200-amp service. Commercial grade construction, it could also be used for live/work, gallery, deli, store etc. 4-bedroom size septic passed inspection on June 2023. **MLS#40517 \$235,000**



This distinctive cottage-style home, less than 10 minutes from Silver City, offers eco-conscious living with modern conveniences on 3.2 acres. The thoughtfully constructed residence includes a sunroom that serves as both a growing space and passive solar heating source, along with a new mini split unit, two window A/Cs, and a wood-burning stove for year-round comfort. Outdoors, enjoy a working vintage wood-burning cookstove perfect for BBQs. Recent upgrades feature a 100-amp electrical service, separate RV hookups, and a new septic system. The property boasts fenced fields, a root cellar, mature fruit and nut trees, a private well with 3-acre-foot water rights, a gravity-fed irrigation pond, and a small pond near the house that attracts local wildlife. Room for horses or mules, and a fenced area for small pets add to the charm. **MLS#40501 \$228,000**



Updated home with private courtyard. Huge hangar/shop/garage. New windows, stucco and updated bathrooms. Large site-built addition for an additional bedroom, cantina, office, hobby, music or theater room. Features include french doors that open to courtyard and beamed ceiling. Standing seam metal roof. Covered deck plus concrete patio for entertaining. 1 stall attached carport. Hangar is 40 x 50 / 2000 sf. with accordion doors plus high clearance roll up garage door. Paved driveway. Inactive tile with permanent foundation. **MLS#40507 \$180,000**



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EDITOR'S NOTE | DAVID SALCIDO

A Bountiful Harvest

Fall is right around the corner and our beloved farmers have already started harvesting the crops that sustain us. The same can be said for Desert Exposure. Has anybody else noticed there's a lot going on in southern New Mexico? That may be a rhetorical question, but then again, maybe not, considering I still occasionally hear some malcontent grumbling, "There's nothing to do here."

In which case, I beg to differ.

You need only peruse our What's Happening calendar to see how misguided that grievance really is. While you're at it, check out the Festivities, Hotlist and Art Scene sections, where you'll find a bounteous

array of notable events, exhibitions, and celebrations happening all across the borderlands.

Of course, that's not all there is to this month's issue of Desert Exposure. September is National Literacy Month, which, as you might expect, is very important to the word wranglers among us.

On page 10 you'll find a story about your favorite bookstores in the region, as chosen by our readers. We expect these choices to create lively debate amongst serious bibliophiles.

Delving further, on page 16 is a profile of a group of enterprising young filmmakers in Las Cruces who are collaborating with local musicians to create memorable mini showcases of their

work. Page 18 reveals a story by Sylvia Quintanilla about the annual Oktoberfest in Ruidoso, which is giving back to the community in a very special way. On page 22, Silver City artist Marcia Tinker introduces us to a group of her fellow imaginers who are creating small-form art pieces to swap and share with each other. And that's not all!

The bounty multiplies as we continue to pack as much information and entertainment into this 32-page digest, month after month. My hope is that one day soon, the regional gripe so easily uttered will be replaced by, "There's too much going on to do everything!" It's a good problem to have, don't you think?



David Salcido is editor of Desert Exposure and would love to meet Desert Exposure readers of southern New Mexico. Please contact editor@desertexposure.com.

DID YOU KNOW?



On **September 21, 1595**, Don Juan de Oñate's petition and contract for the conquest of New Mexico and the "golden cities" rumored to exist there, was presented to Luis de Velasco, the viceroy of Nueva Vizcaya. Though

he was eventually tried and sentenced in 1614 for his cruel actions and ineptitude, Oñate is credited with establishing a colony in New Mexico and exploring the geography of the region.

The New Mexico Territory was created on **September 9, 1850**, which included most of Arizona and parts of Colorado. The addition was a result of the Treaty of Gua-

dalupe Hidalgo in 1848, which led to the establishment of the Organic Act, by President Millard Fillmore, admitting the New Mexico Territory into the Union.

Buddy Holly's classic hit "Peggy Sue" was released on **September 20, 1957**. It had been recorded at the Norman Petty Recording Studio in Clovis, New Mexico during the summer of that year.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

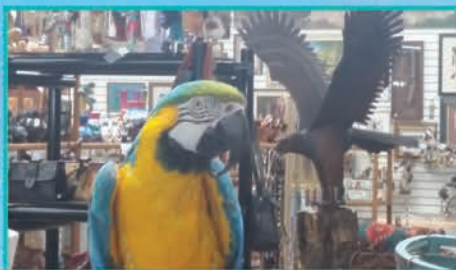
“It’s Hummingbird season, and it’s nice to put up a little line where the birds can perch in between drinks,” says Kit Warner, who took this picture in Mule Creek. “This is a female Rufous taking a rest before it goes back to drink.”

If you have a favorite recent photo capturing the nature of life and living in southern New Mexico, please share it with us, along with some words about the image and where it was taken. It will be considered for publication in a future issue of Desert Exposure. Submit photos to editor@desertexposure.com.

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The Southern New Mexico State Fair celebrates ag culture, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., September 25-29, at Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds., 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-644-5696



FESTIVITIES

Celebratory events
happening somewhere
near you during the month
of September 2024.

BY THE DEXTER

Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta

One of the more unique summer adventures offers not just hot air balloons hovering over the lake, but a family-friendly opportunity to get out and enjoy the natural beauty of the Elephant Butte Lake State Park. Don't forget your camera!



Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta gives lift to the lake from 6:30-10 a.m., Friday through Sunday, September 6-8, at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, 101 HWY 195, Elephant Butte. Info: 505-908-0909



Las Cruces Space Festival

An annual celebration of space-related activities, paying tribute to southern New Mexico's undisputed place in the rise of the Atomic Age and including exhibits, astronaut talks, hands-on activities for kids of all ages, and much more.

The Las Cruces Space Festival gazes skyward throughout from 5 p.m. Friday, September 6 through 10 p.m., Saturday, September 14, at venues across Las Cruces. Info: LCSpaceFestival.com

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Salsa Festival

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Deming's Salsa Festival celebrates southwestern flavor, from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday, September 14, at Luna County Courthouse Park, 700 Silver Ave., Deming. Info: 575-546-2674

Heritage Days

Friends of Cave Creek Canyon present this annual community gathering designed to celebrate the Chiricahua-Peloncillo region's natural and cultural heritage through presentations, nature walks, a crafts fair, live music and more.

Heritage Days celebrates heritage Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15, at the Geronimo Event Center, Nighthawk Rd., Rodeo. Info: FriendsOfCaveCreekCanyon.com/events/heritage-days



Diez y Seis de Septiembre

Celebrate Mexican Independence Day in historic Mesilla with a full weekend of Latin culture, including folkloric dancers, mariachi music, and authentic Mexican cuisine, along with arts and crafts vendors, art demonstrations, and more.

Diez y Seis de Septiembre celebrates revolution from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15, at Old Mesilla Plaza, Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-524-3262

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White Sands Balloon Invitational

People come from across the state and beyond to watch as colorful hot air balloons majestically rise up over the pristine gypsum dunes of the White Sands National Park, while also partaking in a wide range of family friendly entertainment.

The White Sands Balloon Invitational looks skyward, at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, at White Sands National Park/Ed Brabson Balloon Park, Alamogordo. Info: 575-439-4100

Oktoberfest 2024

An annual cultural tradition of a different sort, in which the White Sands Missile Range opens its gates to welcome guests eager to enjoy German food, beer, and all the Bavarian dancing and singing they could possibly hope for.

Oktoberfest 2024 raises a glass or two, from 6 p.m.-12 a.m., September 21 through October 6, at White Sands Missile Range. Info: 575-678-2844



Gila River Festival

Since 2005, this annual event has been celebrating New Mexico's last free-flowing river and its impact on the history and culture of the area, via expert-led field trips, workshops, and lectures along with fascinating forays into the visual and performing arts.

The Gila River Festival celebrates ecology beginning at 9 a.m., September 26-29. Info: 575-538-8078



High Rolls Apple Festival

Every year on the third full weekend of September, locals love to head up to the cool mountains for this apple-themed fiesta, featuring vendor booths, arts and crafts and the rustic simplicity of pre-technology apple culture.

The High Rolls Apple Festival delivers a bounty, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29, at High Rolls Mountain Park Lions Club, 56 Cottage Row, High Rolls. Info: HRMPLions.com



Light the Night Sky Lantern Festival

Head out to the dunes for a fairytale spectacle like no other, as thousands of sky lanterns are launched into the air to fill the vast desert night with light, along with live music, art performances, food, drink and swag from local vendors.

The Light the Night Sky Lantern Festival lights up the night, from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, September 28, at White Sands National Park. Info: LightTheNightEvents.com/WhiteSandssl/



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DEX Report

City of Rocks State Park and Rockhound State Park, in conjunction with the Astronomy Friends of The Parks, have announced their 2024 fall/winter and 2025 spring astronomy program schedule.

Astronomy Friends of the Park are advanced amateur astronomers, many members of the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces, who like observing and sharing their findings. Members are always on hand to assist the park staff with their presentations.

CITY OF ROCKS STATE PARK

Program is presented at The City of Rocks State Park, 327 NM-61, Faywood, in the Orion Group campsite and the Gene & Elizabeth Simon Observatory. Check for status/weather and alerts before attending. Pass fees apply. Info: 575-536-2800. About 45 minutes after sunset, a laser guided tour is given on the highlights of the evening sky, weather permitting. Visual observations with telescopes follow, with assistance from members of the park friends, lasting approximately 2 hours. Arrive around sunset to 15 minutes after sunset to become familiar with the program layout. Chairs are limited, so it is recommended you bring your own, along with a small, red colored light to preserve night vision. Loaners are provided to those who don't have one.



Saturday, October 5, at 6:50 p.m.
 Saturday, November 2, at 6:20 p.m.
 Saturday, November 30, at 5:05 p.m.
 Saturday, December 21, at 5:10 p.m.
 Saturday, January 18, at 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 22, at 6 p.m.
 Saturday, March 22, at 7:25 p.m.
 Saturday, April 19, at 7:40 p.m.
 Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m.
 Saturday, June 21, at 8:20 p.m.

ROCKHOUND STATE PARK

Program is presented at The Rockhound State Park, 9880 Stirrup Rd. SE, Deming, on the viewing patio, just west of the Visitors Center. Check for status/weather and alerts before attending. Pass fees apply. Info: 575-546-6182

Friday, October 4, at 6:50 p.m.
 Friday, November 1, at 6:20 p.m.
 Friday, November 29, at 5:05 p.m.
 Friday, December 20, at 5:10 p.m.
 Friday, January 17, at 5:30 p.m.
 Friday, February 21, at 6 p.m.
 Friday, March 21, at 7:25 p.m.
 Friday, April 18, at 7:40 p.m.
 Friday, May 16, at 8 p.m.
 Friday, June 20, at 8:20 p.m.

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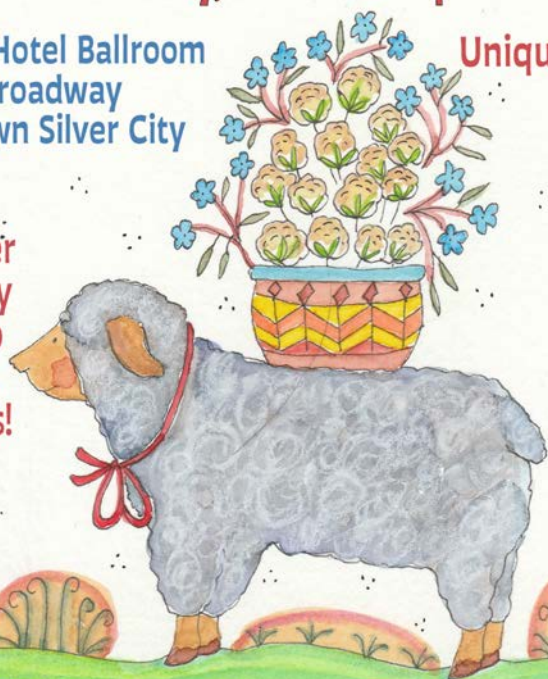
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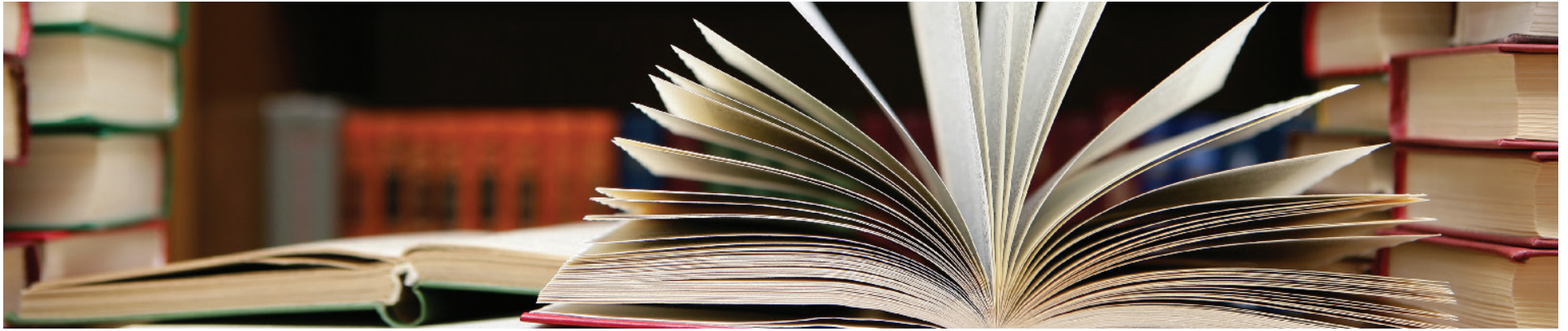
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Where the Books Are

By David Salcido

September is National Literacy Month, and if you're like most readers, you've got your favorite place to find the perfect read. The big guys, like Barnes & Noble or Hastings, are fine in a pinch, but we all know that when it comes to perusing the aisles in the hopes of finding just the right book, only a locally owned bookstore will do.

We asked you what your favorites are, and you responded! Courtney Makens of Las Cruces had this to say about COAS Bookstore, "It's a great way to spend a couple hours with friends and family." Erin Wendorf agrees, stating that they carry "any type of book you are interested in reading."

Erica Vasquez threw her hat in the ring for Bowlin's Mesilla Book Store, saying "They carry book titles you would not find at big box bookstores." Pam Davis gave a shout out to Books Revisited in Alamogordo, for their "well-organized, and well-stocked variety." The Reader's Cove in Deming was the favorite of Deana Flowers, who said, "If you can't find it there, it doesn't exist!"

The favorite of Dale Belmont is Books Etcetera in Ruidoso, where "books by all my favorite authors"

can be found. Sara Bean leans more toward Dog-Eared Paperbacks in Ruidoso, for "the best selection in town!" Black Cat Books & Coffee in Truth or Consequences sparked love from Edna Peebles for its, "endless selection of hard-to-find gems."

The Silver City Book Shop was a favorite of many, including Bernadette Sanchez, who was enthusiastic about its "friendly atmosphere and great selection," while Sandra Kinnard extolled the virtues of its "courteous staff and local selection." Another Silver City favorite was O'Keefe's Bookshop, loved by Ceil Murray for its "out-of-print treasures, and charming and knowledgeable owner."

Obviously, we can't run every comment made, but many thanks to everybody who responded to our survey. It's clear that you love your bookstores! What follows is a list of all the locally owned shops that were chosen by you, the readers, as the best places to find a good read.

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Lumberjack Day/Heritage Day Vintage Car Show

Rustically adventurous men and women compete in such activities as axe throwing, buck crosscutting, chain sawing and more on Saturday, followed by a vintage car show on Sunday, for a full weekend of family fun.

Lumberjack Day raises logging to an artform, 9 a.m. Saturday, September 14, and the Heritage Day Vintage Car Show does the same with cars, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, September 15, at Zenith Park, 1001 James Canyon Hwy, Cloudcroft. Info: 575-921-4737



Doña Ana Doll Show & Sale

The Doña Ana Doll Club celebrates its 30th anniversary with a wide selection of baby dolls, Barbies, Teddy bears, fashion dolls, and Beanies, along with vintage toys, accessories, and doll clothes from sellers across the southwest.

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Arts Scene

Upcoming area art happenings

By The Dexter

SILVER CITY

• **The Grant County Art Guild Gallery**, 316 N Bullard in Silver City, will host a “Meet the Artist” event featuring local weaver **Anita McDaniel**, from 5-7 p.m. on September 6, during the First Friday Art Walk. McDaniel learned the traditional art of wool hooking in Nova Scotia, and following tradition in materials and methods, brings a freshness to the art with her original designs, many of which have embraced our local culture.

The GCAG Gallery, 316 N Bullard, is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week, with additional hours for special events. Info: gcag.org.

• **The Grant County Art Guild Studio**, 211 N. Texas, Ste C, Silver City, celebrates its annual “Creatures of the Gila” show from Labor Day weekend through September 8. In this engaging art and wildlife show, each entry depicts, or is inspired by, an actual “creature” (mammal, bird, reptile, fish or insect) that lives in the Gila River watershed.

The studio hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week, with additional hours for special events. Info: gcag.org

• **Light Art Space**, 209 W. Broadway, Silver City, presents “Solace in Nature,” an international exhibition using alternative processes juried by Christina Z Anderson, including work by 27 artists from across the globe. The Flash Gallery showcases the work of Chiricahua artists, including contemporary paintings, sculpture, and dolls, along with the baskets of the Women Weave the World campaign. Both exhibitions run from September 5 - October 5.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment. Info: lightartspace.com.

• **Made in Silver City Gallery**, 206 W. Broadway St., Silver City presents the exhibition “Shrooming in the Gila,” featuring new photography by New Mexico Press Association award-winner **Kendra Milligan**, for the month of September. This fascinating body of work provides the viewer with a glimpse into an often overlooked yet vital part of our beloved Gila Wilderness’ ecosystem. An opening reception for the artist will be held in the gallery from 5-7 p.m., Friday, September



Cyd Peroni’s “Lily Pond” is part of the “Solace in Nature” exhibition at Light Art Space, running through October 5. (Courtesy photo)

6. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Info: MadeInSilverCity.com.

ALAMOGORDO

• **Otero Artspace**, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo, presents their September exhibition “An Abstract Connection,” featuring works by **Liliane Pilot** and **Roy Van der Aa**. Pilot is a self-taught artist whose interest in texture, color and words has been a driving force in her artistic creations. Van der Aa works with fragments of photographs to create painted collages as a way of re-imagining landscape painting. The exhibition opens with a reception 5-7 p.m. on

Friday, September 6, and runs throughout the month of September.

The gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday every week. Info: oteroarts.org.

CLOUDCROFT

• **The Cloudcroft Art Society** presents its annual Labor Day show and sale featuring original art works by local artists, including paintings in several media, photography and photographic art, pottery, basketry, greeting cards and more. The show will be on display from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, August 31, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, September 1, in the back room of the Nivison Library in

the historic “Red Brick Schoolhouse,” 90 Swallow Pl., Cloudcroft. Info: CCArtSociety@gmail.com.

DEMING

• An exhibit devoted entirely to “Our Feathered Friends” is the subject of the September 2024 art display at the **Deming Arts Center**, 100 S. Gold St., Deming. The exhibit showcasing the fantastical world of birds will be up from September 4-28, 2024, with a meet and greet for the artists, 1-3 p.m., Sunday, September 8.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 575-546-3663 and DemingArts.org.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

• **RioBravoFineArt**, 110 N. Broadway, Truth or Consequences, presents “The Poloroids,” an exhibition of Polaroid SX 70 photographs by H. Joe Waldrum, who was prolific in the use of the SX 70 format, and whose works currently reside in the photo archives collection at the Museum of New Mexico in Santa Fe. The exhibition runs through October 21, 2024.

Gallery hours are 12-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sun-

day, and by appointment. Info: www.riobravofineartgallery.com.

LAS CRUCES

• **The Agave Artists Cooperative Gallery**, 2250 Calle de San Albino, Mesilla, features an exhibition by Zac Bannister for the month of September. A teacher at Organ Mountain High School, Bannister likes to explore sacred geometry, as well as alternative photo processes like cyanotype and VanDyke printing. A 5th Anniversary celebration will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 28.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Monday. Info: 913-302-1111

• **The Branigan Cultural Center**, 491 N. Main St., Las Cruces, presents “It Came from Beyond the Border” an exhibit featuring work by El Paso artist Angel Cabrales that embraces the artistry of 1950s science fiction B-movie posters and futuristic art to create powerful pieces that confront and comment on current U.S. immigration policies in the United States. The exhibit is on view through September 21, 2024.

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Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Info: www.lascruces.gov/museums or 575-541-2137.

• **Gallery 925**, 925 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, presents “**Ravens & Churches**,” by local

painters **Linda Gendall**, whose inspiration comes from the soot-colored birds of lore and legend, and **John Scherber**, whose work depicts rural chapels that the Spanish built for the native people in Mexico. Ravens & Churches will be on display September 6-28, 2024. An opening reception will be held 4-8 p.m., Friday, September 6.

Gallery hours are 1-5

p.m., Fridays; 11-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Info: Gallery925NM.com

• **The Mad Hatter Gallery**, 221 N. Main St., Las Cruces, presents “**Une Vie**,” featuring the acid paintings of **Salome Ali Jaffe**, who uses a unique technique involving altering materials at the molecular level. Une Vie will be on display September 6 – October 19, 2024. The opening

reception will be held 4-8 p.m., Friday, September 6.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday. Info: 575-528-9297

• **The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery**, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre, features two local artists

for the month of September: **Linda Hagen** and **Jean Wilkey**. Hagen paints in oils, both in her home studio and plein air, a French expression which refers to the act of painting outdoors. Wilkey paints worlds populated with plants, animals, people and other objects that blur the line between still life and landscape.

Gallery hours are 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, mesilla-valleyfinearts.com

• **The Mesquite Art Gallery**, 340 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, presents “**Women**,” an exhibition by the **Ten O’Clock Artists**. “Woman” considers the accomplishments, strengths and spirit of women who overcome societal inequities that reinforce lingering stereotypes,

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• **The University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces,** presents "**Border**

Destroyer," a monumental mural project by New York-based artist and educator, **Carlos Rosales-Silva,** installed in the Mullennix Bridge Gallery. **Border Destroyer** will be on display September 27, 2024 – March 8, 2025. An opening reception will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, September 27 at the University Art Museum. An artist talk with

Rosales-Silva will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

• **The University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces,** presents "**Night Vision,"** a solo exhibition showcasing the spellbinding sculptures of Carolyn Salas whose

finished pieces are steel-cut aluminum, marble, wood, glass and a variety of new printing technologies. **Night Vision** will be on display September 27, 2024 – March 8, 2025. An opening reception will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, September 27 at the University Art Museum. An artist talk will be held on Thursday, September 26, at 5:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10

a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

• **The University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces,** presents a group exhibition showcasing artwork by **Andy Warhol** and his contemporaries, including **Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Sol LeWitt,** and **Fritz Scholder.** The exhibition will include loaned artwork

from the Tucson Museum of Art and works from the NMSU Permanent Art Collection. "**Warhol & Friends**" will be on display September 27, 2024 – July 19, 2025. An opening reception will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, September 27 at the University Art Museum.

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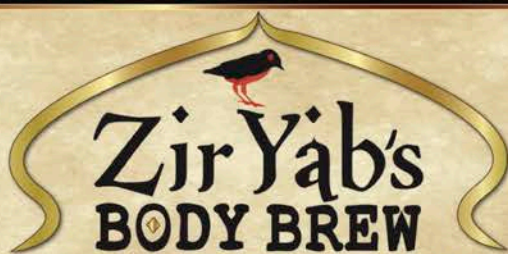
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BY DAVID SALCIDO

Music is an important part of any community, and Las Cruces is no exception. Though the city now supports more music venues than it did even a decade ago, it can still be difficult to know who the individual players are - musicians young and old who rely on live venues to get their work out. A group of enterprising young filmmakers and sound engineers have set out to change that.

Calling their project Valley Sessions, they have created a safe place for serious musical artists to show off their talent, for little or no cost, through a series of beautifully curated diegetic - or live performance - videos dropping every month on the project's YouTube page. Since January of 2023, twenty videos have been made and there is no indication that the group is slowing down anytime soon.

Season one consists of twelve sparkling performances, each set in a different location across the city. Some rely on multiple camera shots, like the six used for the *Stoney Blue Fish* video. Compare that to the incredible single take one shot used for the *Papayas con Chile* video, and the innovation becomes clear. Bathe them with expert lighting and you've got a series of masterful productions that showcase the incredible talent to be found here.

Among the other performers appearing

in season one are local musicians Era Snow, Nick Brower, Taylor Paul, Desirae Price, Jenna Ivey, C.W. Ayon, Miquel, Anibal and Tucson-based band Female Gaze. Through word-of-mouth, Valley Sessions finds its reach expanding to include acts either passing through town, or who come here specifically to shoot with them. To date, season two consists of performers from Arizona, Wyoming, Nashville, Albuquerque and El Paso.

The brainchild of Ryan M. Robson, Kent Harkey, Zane Chaffee and Aaron Walterscheid - all products of Las Cruces' burgeoning film scene who were looking for projects to fill their downtime between film projects - Valley Sessions has grown to encompass other willing volunteers from film, music, photography and other artistic pursuits. The result is a richness of visual splendor that reveals far more than musical prowess.

"I wanted to have something that local filmmakers and creatives can devote their time and energy to that would reflect back on the community," Robson says. "I like the idea of giving information and experience to people who are just trying to make a living here. Not just to students, but to anybody who wants to know how the industry works." Chaffee, lead singer for *Stoney Blue Fish* and a music producer in his own right, agrees. "Being able to record on set is some-

thing I had never... "It's a new challenge... is difficult, it's also... I have people coming... and sound mixing...

Robson has also... classrooms at local... to share the wealth... very interested in... learn more about... are so many aspects... about, including... set dressing, lighting... learn them on their... this for a living."

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done before," he admits. Each time and though it is so really rewarding. And now contacting me to do recording for them."

so taken his project into the local high schools, in order to help. "A lot of those kids are in volunteering with us to see how this stuff works. There are aspects of this project to learn about film, music, photography, editing, sound, and they can get the job from people who do it well."

Robson says, have been very rewarding around. The first performed by the group, Era Snow, to get into a songwriting workshop with local bluesman C.W.

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Eventually, Robson and his crew would love to be able to put the music they have recorded up on Spotify and Apple Music, to further spread the word about Las Cruces' hidden talents. But that takes money, which is in short supply. Until they can find grants or even sponsors to help them, they'll keep on creating fresh content, and counting on the community to help get the word out.

The videos can be viewed online at ValleySessions.com, and if you have an interest in working with Valley Sessions, or recording your own video, hit them up. They're always looking for new talent.



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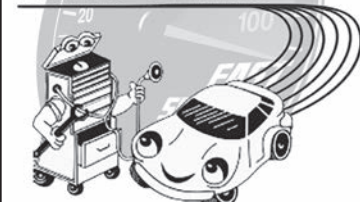


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Oktoberfest raises funds to help Lincoln County

By Sylvia Quintanilla

For the past two years, Downshift Brewing Company has hosted an Oktoberfest at the end of September. Guests who attend have been treated to traditional German food, live music and a celebration of the craft beer community in Ruidoso. This year, Downshift Brewing Company will be hosting the event from 2-10 p.m., Sept. 28, at their picturesque Riverside location, 2704 Sudderth Dr.

"It's such a fun, inclusive event. You cannot go to an Oktoberfest and not smile," said Shelby Rist, co-founder of Downshift

Brewing Company.

Contrary to belief, Oktoberfest is more than just enjoying beer. Downshift Brewing does a wondrous job of keeping the event family friendly with events for everyone to enjoy.

There will be several activities to participate in like a costume contest for King and Queen of Oktoberfest, best dressed, chicken dance, stein holding contest and more. Local vendors will be on site with items ranging from jewelry to cannabis. Noisy Water Winery will also be in attendance. As for food, Downshift Brewery will have traditional German



food including schnitzel, bratwurst and more.

The entertainment lineup this year includes

Fungi Mungle and Feline Fox from El Paso, Red Light Cameras and Die Polka Schlingels from Al-

buquerque, Chris Baker from Las Cruces, Doso Dirtbags from Ruidoso, and more.

Downshift Brewing will have their full section of beer available as well as their Oktoberfest and Kolsch.

Breweries from the Collective Good Initiative will also be at the festival, Rist said. Collective Good Initiative features breweries from New Mexico and Texas that brew the same style of beer and raise funds to donate to rotating charities. With the recent fires and floods in Ruidoso, a portion of the proceeds will go to Lincoln County and those impacted by

the disasters. Later this Fall, there will be a beer released from Collective Good also to benefit Lincoln County.

A call went out to regional breweries to see if they would be interested in collaborating in this project. Rist said they wanted to find a way to raise funds and make the largest impact they can. Other breweries included in the festival are Ex Novo Brewing Company, Canteen Brewhouse, Steel Bender Brewery and Marble Brewery from Albuquerque, Nuckolls Brewing Co. from Sante Fe, DeadBeach Brewery and Three Missions Brewery

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from El Paso, and Icebox Brewing Company and Spotted Dog Brewery from Las Cruces.

It has been heartening to see the response statewide, according to Rist. "We're appreciative of that for sure. Part of the Collective Good and Oktoberfest is to just get the word out that we are still here. I think there was a lot of misinformation that the entire town burned down and the entire town was

flooded and gone. And that's not the case," Rist said. "Part of Collective Good is to bring in funds for the people who have been impacted, and also bring in people to spread the word that Ruidoso is here. Come and visit. Visit safely, visit responsibly and enjoy yourselves. We are still here and we need people to come in order for us to remain here."

Tickets are available online at eventbrite.com

and at both Downshift locations in Ruidoso. Early bird general admission is \$15, early bird First Responder/Military with ID is \$10 and early bird general admission (13-20 years old and designated drivers) is \$10. Children

12 years old and younger are free. Early bird VIP (21+) is \$80 and comes with a VIP area, 1 Downshift Beer token, 1 Downshift Food token, a Downshift Oktoberfest event shirt and swag bag. Info: 575-257-2273.

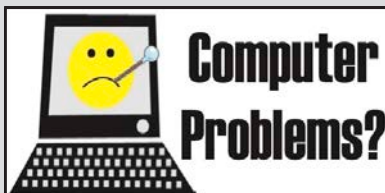


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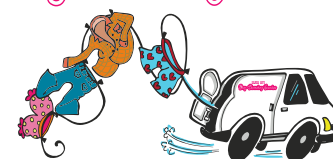


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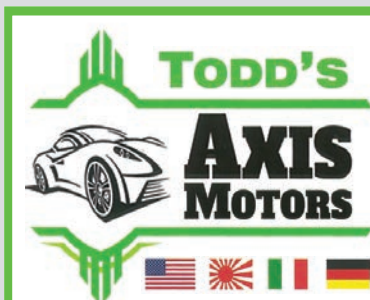
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Creative Writing Workshop to Combat Banned Books and Writings

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Writer and Poet Laureate of Silver City and Grant County, Heather Frankland will be doing a special creative writing workshop for Banned Book Week as part of The Write Stuff Writing Workshop Program, sponsored by Southwest Word Fiesta. Banned

Book Week is September 22-28. Frankland will lead participants through a set of prompts that examine and advocate for banned books and the freedom to read.

Originally from Muncie, Indiana, Heather Frankland currently lives in Silver City, where she teaches English Composition at

Western New Mexico University. She holds both a Masters of Public Health and a Masters of Fine Arts in Poetry from New Mexico State University, and a BA in English Writing with a Concentration in Environmental Stud-



ies from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. Her chapbook, "Midwest Musings," was published by Finishing Line Press in 2023.

The Write Stuff, a program presented by Southwest Word Fiesta and hosted by award-winning author

and writing instructor Kris Neri, will share the techniques required for writers to elevate the professionalism of their works. This program will present a series of in-depth writing workshops throughout the year, offered by some of the most accomplished local authors and instructors on a variety of writing

topics.

The workshop will be offered 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., September 28, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City, 3845 N Swan St, Silver City. All workshops are free and open to the public. No reservations. Seating and parking are plentiful. Info: Kris Neri krisneri2@gmail.com.

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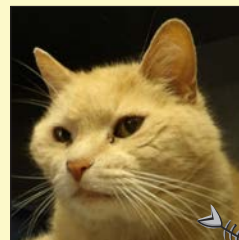
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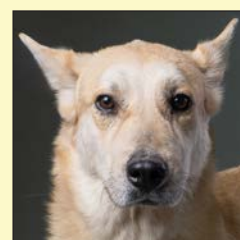
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Fibromyalgia affects the entire body, and to make things complicated it affects everyone's body a little differently. To make things even more complicated, those effects can change on a daily basis.

Sometimes you're plagued with widespread muscle pain and fatigue, other days it's a headache and heightened sensitivity to touch.

“I could barely stand to have the light weight of bedsheets touching me, much less a hug from my husband,” explains Elyse.

Primary care doctors will suggest dietary changes, pain liniments, and pharmaceuticals to try to get to the point where your life is no longer ruled by Fibromyalgia, until it is instead ruled by a routine and pill regimen all in the hope of avoiding flare ups. Elyse put it this way, “My life was no longer my own.”

Through her own research Elyse discovered that acupuncture can help ease pain and improve the quality of life of patients with Fibromyalgia. She was then determined to find the best in the business, which is how she discovered Sonoma Acupuncture Integrative Health and Dr. Janet Quintanilla.

Dr. Quintanilla has spent over a decade successfully treating difficult to manage chronic pain conditions using the time tested science of acupuncture integrated with modern medical advancements in healing and recovery.

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Only a limited number of consultation appointments are available as Dr. Quintanilla will only be accepting 10 new patients between now and November 24th!

Artist Trading Cards Come to Silver City

By Marcia Tinker

Who would think that forty busy artists would want to create twenty small works of art every two months just to give them away? Well, Silver City artist Joel Armstrong does! Armstrong, who is the event organizer at Light Art Space, has organized two groups of twenty artists each who are creating and trading Artist Trading Cards (ATC), by alternating every other month. Though he has participated in many ATC swaps, this is the first time he has organized local artists to take part. "This initiative is all

about celebrating the rich diversity of talent in our local arts scene," said Armstrong. "Artist trading cards provide a fun and accessible way for artists to connect, exchange ideas, and inspire one another."

The ATC groups meet on a monthly basis to swap their small works of art, with the first trade initiated in mid-August of this year. Each ATC is 2.5 x 3.5 inches, all original art, created in whatever theme, design and medium the artist desires. All levels of local artists are encouraged to participate, and as such come from diverse backgrounds and ages. Each

swap session includes a social discussion for each artist to present their ATC creations before the frenzied swap occurs. The miniature works of art then become treasured possessions of their fellow traders.

The artist trading card concept originated in Switzerland in the 1990's and soon became popular worldwide. Armstrong himself has been an art card trader since 2006. At the first meetings, Armstrong displayed several bulging binders of his personal ATC swaps, all unique and ranging from fiber art, paintings, collage, photographs and even

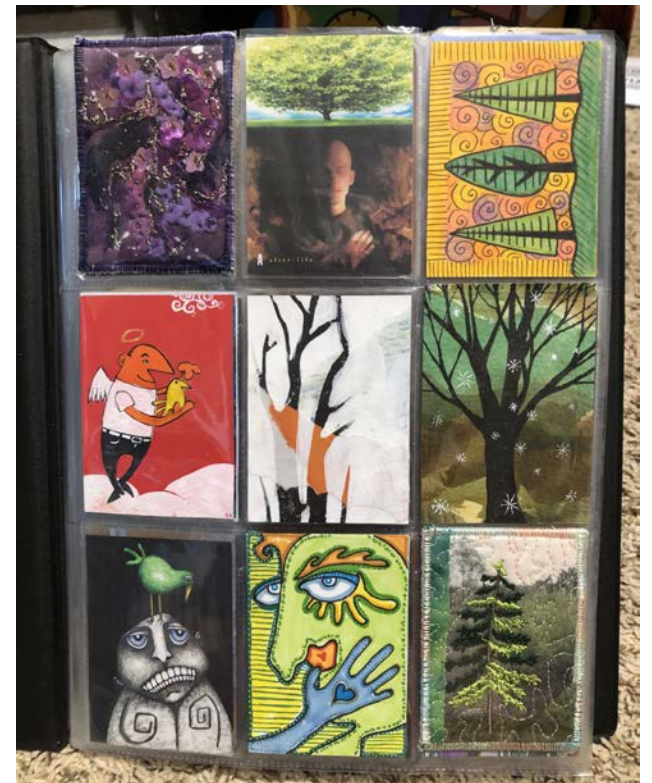
Mimi Peterson describes her design and mediums used in creating her ATC.
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a piece of carved wood. These examples show the diversity of creative ideas in making the tiny art pieces.

The two Silver City trade groups filled quickly with enthusiastic artists. Most had never heard of Artist Trading Cards and were excited to get involved. Many of the comments ranged from how fun it is, to how the project inspires creativity and expands the ways of thinking.

"By bringing artists together in this way, we hope to strengthen the sense of community among Silver City's creatives," said Armstrong. "It's a chance to learn from each other, support one another, and celebrate our incredible artistic talent here. Let's create, share, and inspire – one card at a time."

The trades take place at Light Art Space, 209 West Broadway, Silver City, on a monthly basis. For more information on how to participate in future artist trading card swaps, please contact Mr. Armstrong at jart56@gmail.com.



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A Big Sandwich
"my own personal
peccadillo"

By Jim and Henry Duchene

My father just got over a cold that almost left us with an empty bedroom that would have converted nicely into an office for me. Still, the rest of us are not without our own issues. Just the other night I thoughtfully brought my beautiful wife two aspirins as she sat in bed reading.

"What are these for?" she asked. "I don't have a headache."

"Then it's a good thing you're already in bed," I said, giving her a lascivious wink.

Okay, so that's an old joke... but it's not far from the truth.

My own personal peccadillo has given me a new eating schedule. I only eat twice a day, which isn't bad, BUT--and, as you can see, it's a big "but"--I can't have any bread or bread-like substances, and THAT'S what's killing me. I'm a BIG bread eater. Well, make that used to be. I'm not any longer. On the plus side, I

can have all the fruit I want, which is another way of saying I go to the bathroom a lot.

The reason for this is my weight has ballooned to none-of-your-business proportions, enough that I had to take drastic action. I remembered reading in a book by Fran Drescher* that she was on a non-white diet. That is, she wouldn't eat anything white. That left out white rice, potatoes, dairy... and bread. It made sense to me. A lot of empty calories in white sugar and starch. If I was in half as good shape as Fran Drescher I could box in the Olympics, if you get my drift.

But bread?

Man, that's all I live for. As a kid, I was famous for making anything into a sandwich. Even soup.** What has all this got to do with the story I want to tell you? Well, hang on. I'm getting to that.

Today my wife drove my father to the PX. He wanted to do some shopping and she wanted to empty our bank account there, too. I tell her she doesn't have to spend money everywhere she goes, but, to tell the truth, when it comes to

the PX I only pretend to mind because she always brings me back one of their sandwiches.

It's a big sandwich. A BIG sandwich. So big it would be worshipped as a god in some impoverished third world nation. However, because of my new diet I told her I would just share with my father. He always gets one and he never finishes it.

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**Everyday Observations**

I remember reading about it in the newspaper

By Abe Villarreal

I remember when growing up in my small hometown, there was a daily newspaper that had everything I wanted to know about what was happening both at home and far away. There is no daily newspaper anymore.

It was a time when all the

news was in one place. All I had to do was read it from front to end. Now, I have to go find the news.

I remember when the local stories were about weddings. They had pictures of young 20-somethings wearing black and white, veils and flowers. The newspaper quoted their jubilant parents and told us of their next plans as they started a family and readied for a bright future.

I remember when reporters would add a little more color to the local coverage than they do today. They would speculate and make assumptions about why someone was moving away or closing a business. They said what we were thinking and it made us feel like what we were reading was a conversation among friends.

I remember when the obituaries said everything you thought they would say about that person you knew all your life. Growing up in a small town, you know everyone, even if you don't know everything about them.

I remember that holding a newspaper and cup of coffee was what you did because

that's what your parents did, and that's what your grandparents did, and it felt like the thing you were supposed to do.

There are things that the next generation won't do. Things that I did and things that those who came before me did. Simple things. Like reading wedding announcements in a newspaper because they were important enough to make the local news.

We all have our "I remember when..." moments. Time passes and so do our traditions. I remember when you could put two coins in the newspaper box and trusted yourself to only get one copy of the day's issue. That's how society worked then. We had to trust each other to only get one copy.

I remember when people said things like "he was in the paper today," and "did you see what was in the paper?" Not in the news. In the paper.

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Wednesday, September 4

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

The Josh Glenn Experiment, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo,

11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Friday, September 6

Pickamania featuring Pint & a Half, and John & Jean Ronstadt, 6-9 p.m. at the Black Range Lodge, 50 Kingston Main Street, Kingston. Info: 575-895-5652

Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta, 7:30-9 a.m. at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, 101HWY 195, Elephant Butte. Info: 505-908-0909

Josephine LoRe Poetry Reading, 4-6 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Ravens & Churches Opening Reception, 4-8 p.m. at Gallery 925, 925 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces. Info: Gallery925NM.com

Une Vie Opening Reception, 4-8 p.m. at The Mad Hatter Gallery, 221 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-528-9297

Our Lady of Light Fiesta, 5-11 p.m., at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 4 La Luz Rd., La Luz. Info: 575-434-9460

Pizza Bones, 7-9:30 p.m. at Grounded, 300 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-571-4047

Saturday, September 7

Sierra County Farmers Market, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 300 Riverside Dr., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

JustServe presents the 2nd Annual Community Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave, Las Cruces. Info: 575-496-5277

Community Appreciation Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces. Info: NMFarmAndRanchMuseum.org

Our Lady of Light Fiesta, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., at Our Lady of



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Light Catholic Church, 4 La Luz Rd., La Luz. Info: 575-434-9460

Pickamania featuring Burt Ferguson, Will Maring

& Robert Bowlin, Peter McLaughlin & Chris Brashear, and the Super Jam Bluegrass All-Stars, 3-9 p.m. at the Black Range Lodge, 50 Kingston Main

Street, Kingston. Info: 575-895-5652

Poetry Medley, 5-6:30 p.m. at Downtown Blues Coffee, 130 S. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-8828

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico Spirit of Giving Annual Gala, 6 p.m. at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 574 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-521-4794

Elephant Butte Balloon Regatta, 7:30-10 a.m. at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, 101 HWY 195, Elephant Butte. Info: 505-908-0909

Movies in the Park series presents "Elemental," dusk at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave, Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2550



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DJ Mischievous, 9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

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Spaceport America Open House, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Spaceport America, County Road A021, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-267-8529

Pickamania featuring John & Jean Ronstadt, and the High Desert Rangers, 12:30-4 p.m. at the Black Range Lodge, 50 Kingston Main Street, Kingston. Info: 575-895-5652

Black Cat Poetry Reading, 1-2:25 p.m. at Ingo's Art Café, 422 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-551-8186

Our Feathered Friends Opening Reception, 1 p.m. at the Deming Art Center, 100 S. Gold St., Deming. Info: DemingArts.org

Calista, 1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Tuesday, September 10

Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

Wednesday, September 11

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Tab Benoit Live, 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-437-2202

Friday, September 13 Paws, Claws, and Hooves Fundraising Event, 6:30 p.m.

at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd, Las Cruces. Info: 575-521-4794

Illusion Band, 8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Saturday, September 14

Sierra County Farmers Market, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 300 Riverside Dr., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Lumberjack Day, 9 a.m. at Zenith Park, 1001 James Canyon Hwy, Cloudcroft. Info: 575-921-4737

3rd Annual Gratitude Walk/Run, 9 a.m. starting at Horseshoe Park on the NMSU Campus. Info: NMSU. link/gratitude-2024

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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.

Bereavement Group — The second Monday of the month, 1-2 p.m. at the Silver City Women's Club, 411 Silver Heights Blvd., Silver City. Info: 575-313-1082.

TUESDAY Silver City/Grant County

Co-Dependents Anonymous — 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 615

Support Groups

N. Texas St. Silver City. Info: CoDasilvercity@gmail.com

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting — 6-7 p.m. at Brewer Hill Church, 600 N. Corbin St. Silver City. Info: 575-654-8435.

Deming/Luna County

Bereavement Group — The first Tuesday of the month, 1-2 p.m. at the Deming Luna County Senior Center Day Room, 800 Granite St. Deming. Info: 575-546-8823.

WEDNESDAY Silver City/Grant County

Arenas Valley Al-Anon Family Group — 6-7 p.m. at the Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Racetrack Road, Arenas. Zoom ID: 781 471 031; password: 954941; info: nmal-anon.com

Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anony-

mous, hybrid on Zoom at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., Info: 610-762-3779.

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.

FRIDAY Silver City/Grant County

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

SATURDAY Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anonymous, hybrid on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. each

Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., Info: 575-405-9128.

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.

Desert SW Cancer Support Group, 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of the month, at Memorial Medical Center Annex meeting room (entrance on the west side of the hospital). Info: Maricela at 505-453-1789.

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

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**The Chris Chandler Show
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Re-Emergence, 1 p.m. at Silva Creek Botanical Gardens, Virginia and State Streets, Silver City. Info: gilnaps.org/scbg-home

Fundraiser for Historic Phillips Chapel and Clarence Fielder Scholarship Fund, 1-3 p.m. at Phillips Chapel, 638 N. Tornillo St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-521-4794

Second Saturday Art Hop, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

CW Ayon in Concert, 6 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

The Chris Chandler Show, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Rhythm Mystic, 8 p.m. at



**Roselit Bone
Sept. 24**

Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

September 14 & 15

Diez y Seis de Septiembre, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Old Mesilla Plaza, Calle Principal, Mesilla.

Info: 575-524-3262

Chiricahua-Peloncillo Heritage Days, 9:30 a.m. at Geronimo Event Center, Night Hawk Rd., Rodeo. Info: HeritageDays@VTC.net

Sunday, September 15 Heritage Day Vintage Car Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Zenith Park, 1001 James Canyon

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Hwy, Cloudcroft. Info: 575-921-4737

Jenny Don't and The Spurs Daytime Honky-Tonk Dance Party, 4 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Tuesday, September 17
Full Moon Nights presents Rio Grande Revelers, 7 p.m. at White Sands National Park. Info: 575-479-6124

Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

September 17 & 18
40th Annual Career Expo Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Corbett

Center Student Union, 3rd Floor Ballrooms, NMSU Campus. Info: 575-646-1631

Wednesday, September 18
Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Can Your Food Choices Save the Planet? by Clifford Kinnear Jr., 12 p.m. at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-522-1711

Western Institute for Lifelong Learning presents Spoken Word Readings by Lynne Zotalis, Pamela Warren Williams, and Shelly Barnett, 12-1 p.m., at the WNMU Besse-Forward Global Resource Center ABC Room, Info: 575-538-6835 or will.community/lunchlearn

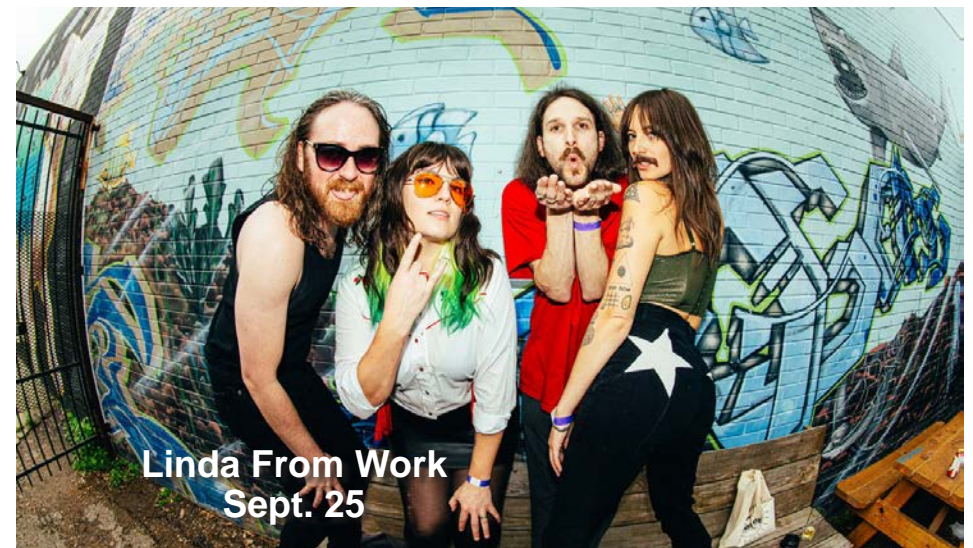
Film Las Cruces presents The Wrap, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

Thursday, September 19
Alejandro Brittes Trio with Gertie Lopez and T.O. Boys, 7 p.m. at Light Hall Theater, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

Bri Bagwell in Concert, 7 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

International Pirate Day Karaoke Outdoor Patio Party, 7 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Friday, September 20
Poetic Outlaws Open Mic, 5:30 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East,



Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Deming High School Class of 1989 Reunion, 6 p.m. at Adobe Deli, 3970 Lewis Flats Rd. SE, Deming. Info: 520-334-0587

Las Cruces International Film Festival present Los Lonely Boys, 7 p.m. at the Grapevine Plaza and Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. Info: LasCrucesFilmFest.com

Mesilla Valley Contra Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Info: 575-932-8222

Lottie and the Ohm Wreckers, 8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Saturday, September 21

White Sands Balloon Invitational, 7 a.m. at White Sands National Park/Ed Brabson Balloon Park, Alamogordo. Info: 575-439-4159

Sierra County Farmers Market, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 300 Riverside Dr., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N.

Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

Doña Ana Doll Club Show & Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Temple, 195 E. Boutz, Las Cruces. Info: 915-479-3537

Las Cruces Writers Group presents Literary Fiesta, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 3000 Elks Drive. Info: 575-571-7731

Deming High School Class of 1989 Reunion Picnic, 11 a.m. at Water Tower Park, 1260 S. Santa Cruz St., Deming. Info: 520-334-0587

Movies in the Park series presents "The Little Mermaid," dusk at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Info: 575-541-2550

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Sept. 24

p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Sunday, September 22

White Sands Balloon Invitational, 7 a.m. at White Sands National Park/Ed Brabson Balloon Park, Alamogordo. Info: 575-439-4159

Deming High School Class

of 1989 Reunion Farewell, 9 a.m. at Luna Rossa, 3710 W. Pine St., Deming. Info: 520-334-0587

Red McAdam Honky-Tonk, 1 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

The Over Souls, 1–4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N

Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Tuesday, September 24

Distinguished Speaker Series: Judith Fein, 7 p.m. at Light Hall Theater, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

Roselit Bone, 7 p.m. at Truth or Consequences Brewing Company, 410 N. Broadway St., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-297-0289

Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

Darci Carlson in Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

September 21 – October 6

Oktoberfest 2024, 6 p.m.-12 a.m. at White Sands Missile Range. Info: 575-678-2844

Wednesday, September 25

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Southern New Mexico Rodeo, 11 a.m. at Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-524-8602

Western Institute for Lifelong Learning presents Tracks and Signs with Naturalist Sharman Russell, 12-1 p.m., at the WNMU Besse-Forward Global Resource Center ABC Room, Info: 575-538-6835 or will.community/lunchlearn

Author Talk: Lynn Underwood, 1:30 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Las Cruces. Info: 575-649-8786 or ansara@me.com



John & Jeanne Ronstadt
Sept. 6

Darci Carlson, 7 p.m. at Truth or Consequences Brewing Company, 410 N. Broadway St., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-297-0289

Roselit Bone/J Graves/Linda From Work Rock n Roll Zocalo Party, 7 p.m.

at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

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September 25-29

Southern New Mexico State Fair, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds., 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-644-5696

Thursday, September 26

Creede Repertory Theatre presents Coyote and the Counting Game, 10:30 a.m. at the WNMU Fine Arts Center Theatre, 1102 N.

Kentucky St. #1100, Silver City. Info: 575-538-6372

Southern New Mexico

Rodeo, 7 p.m. at Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds., 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-524-8602

Sidy Samb with

Afroflamenco, 7 p.m. in The Gardens of Light Hall, 900 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

CeeKay Jones, 8 p.m. at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

September 26-29

Gila River Festival, varying times throughout Grant County. Info: 575-538-8078

Songwriter's Showcase, 6 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Friday, September 27

Border Destroyer Opening Reception, 5:30 p.m. at The New Mexico State University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

Night Vision Opening

Reception, 5:30 p.m. at The New Mexico State University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

Warhol & Friends Opening

Reception, 5:30 p.m. at The New Mexico State University Art Museum, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

The Little Tulips Indie

Garage Rock, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Southern New Mexico

Rodeo, 7 p.m. at Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds., 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-524-8602

Down in Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mesalero. Info: 800-545-9011

September 27 - October 6

American Southwest

Theatre Company presents Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors, at ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., NMSU Campus, Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-4515

Saturday, September 28

Sierra County Farmers Market, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at



Sidy Samb
Sept. 26

300 Riverside Dr., Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

Farmers & Crafts Market

of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero

County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market

9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info



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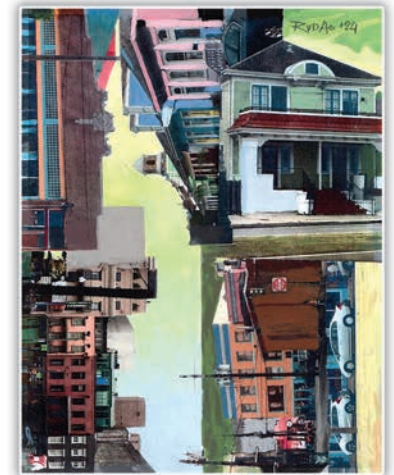


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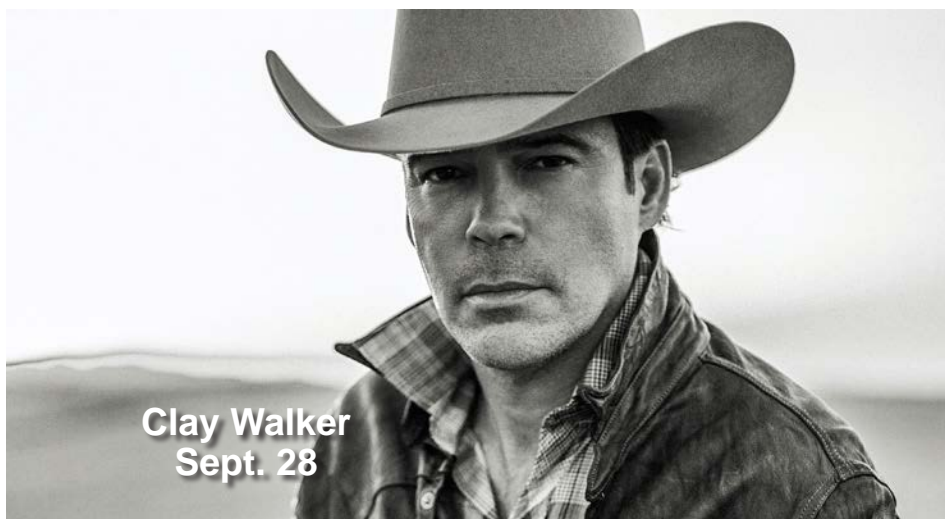
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Mountain Park Lions Club, 56
Cottage Row, High Rolls. Info:
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**Creative Writing Workshop
to Combat Banned Books
and Writings,** 9:30-11:30 a.m.
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Fairgrounds., 12125 Robert
Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info:
575-524-8602

**Fifth Anniversary
Celebration,** 1 p.m. at Agave
Artists Cooperative Gallery,
2250 Calle de San Albino,
Mesilla. Info: 913-302-1111

**Light the Night Sky Lantern
Festival,** 4-8 p.m. at White
Sands National Park. Info:
LightTheNightEvents.com/
WhiteSandssl/

Clay Walker in Concert, 8
p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain
Gods, 287 Carrizo Canyon
Rd., Mesalero. Info: 800-
545-9011

September 28 – October 27
Mesilla Valley Maze, 11 a.m.-7
p.m. Saturdays and Sundays,

at Lyles Farms, 3855 W.
Picacho Ave., Las Cruces.
Info: 575-526-1919

Sunday, September 29
High Rolls Apple Festival,
9 a.m.-4 p.m. at High Rolls
Mountain Park Lions Club, 56
Cottage Row, High Rolls. Info:
HRMPLions.com

Joe Baker, 1–4 p.m. at Little
Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St,

Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Monday, September 30
**Jimmie Vaughan & the
Tilt-A-Whirl Band,** 7 p.m.
at the Flickinger Center for
Performing Arts, 1110 New
York Ave., Alamogordo. Info:
575-437-2202

Tuesday, October 1
Swing on the Plaza, 7-11
p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces,
Downtown Las Cruces. Info:
575-541-2290

Wednesday, October 2
**Farmers & Crafts Market
of Las Cruces,** 8:30 a.m.-1
p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces,
Downtown Las Cruces. Info:
575-201-3853

Thursday, October 3
**Grant County Community
Concert Association
presents Kate Voss & Hot
Sauce,** 7 p.m. at the WNMU
Fine Arts Theater, Light Hall,
1102 N. Kentucky St. #1100,
Silver City. Info: 575-538-



Tab Benoit
Sept. 11

5862 or GCCConcerts.org

October 3 – 6
Sierra County Fair, 9
a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sierra
County Fairgrounds, 2953
S. Broadway, Truth or
Consequences. Info: 575-
894-2375

Friday, October 4
Mesilla Valley

**Transportation Charity Golf
Tournament,** 7 a.m.-5 p.m. at
Sonoma Ranch Golf Course,
1274 Golf Club Rd., Las
Cruces. Info: adri.garcia@m-
v-t.com

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