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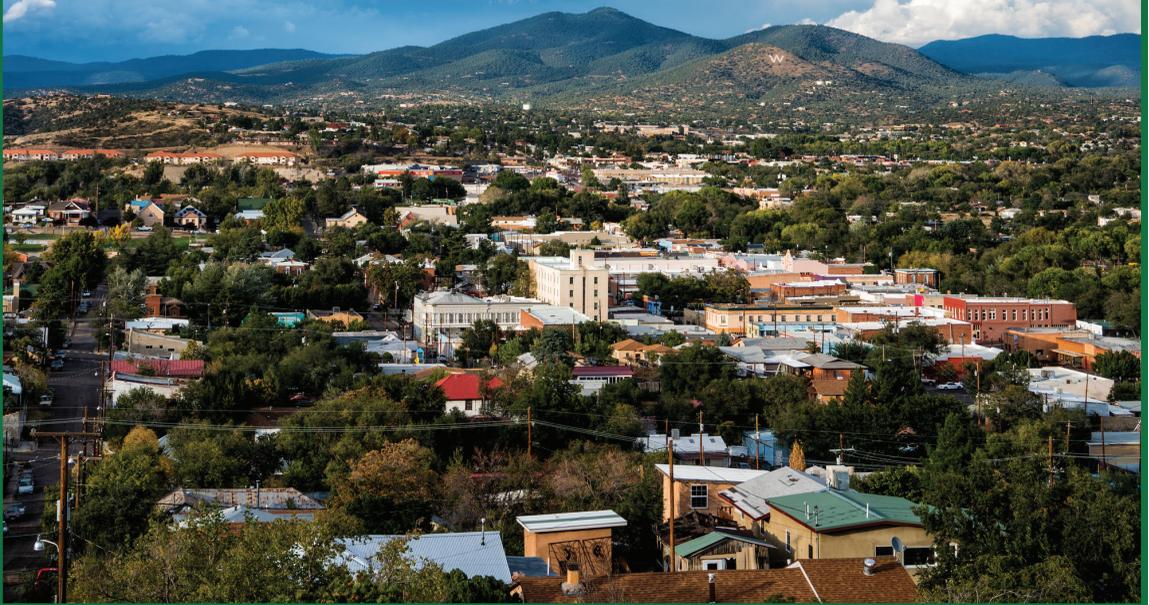
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**PUBLISHER'S WELCOME LETTER**

# The magic of Silver City: Often hiding in plain sight

Once upon a time, a man and a woman got into a car. Tired of looking at the same old scenery, tired of sitting at the

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They found a world with beautiful forest and unique rock formations. They discovered amazing entertainment and beautiful art. They found fascinating history co-mingling with a vibrant present.

They found beautiful skies and enchanting winding roads.

They found a colorful community, a thriving downtown and wonderfully unique cuisine.

They found quaint charm and a hip vibe.

They found Silver City, New Mexico, and they decided to make it home.

You don't have to move from somewhere else to appreciate the magic of Silver City and Grant County. All you really have to do is open your senses.

Life really is good here.

This handy guide will tell you just some of the reasons why.

the Gila River, cars, the written word and even chocolate.

- The arts are alive in Silver City with dozens of galleries to peruse, activities and special events happening monthly.
- The area has a vast mining heritage, a focus in this magazine. Starting in 1801, Grant County has continuously been the biggest producer of gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead in the state. Learn about the Society for the People Born in Space, the machine that is Freeport-McMoRan, and the tale of the Kneeling Nun.
- Visit the Gila Wilderness and Mineral Creek, a rugged, geologically complex, canyon with waterfalls and secrets from the past. The 15-mile trail travels between jagged walls and imposing peaks and past clear, cold pools of water.
- Learn about the natural sciences at Western New Mexico University or step into a volunteering role with plenty to choose from.

So, discover – or re-discover – Silver City and Grant County. And remind yourself of the many reasons life is so good here.

**Richard Coltharp**  
Publisher

**For example:**

- Festivals galore celebrate everything from gems and minerals to clay, hummingbirds, children,

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During the Children's Water Festival in Grant County the Gila Conservation Education Center takes fifth-graders at Silver Schools to explore the Gila River and the environment around it. Here they are creating bracelets. Photo by Mike Fugagli.

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# FREEPORT-McMORAN

at work in Grant County and New Mexico ◇◇◇

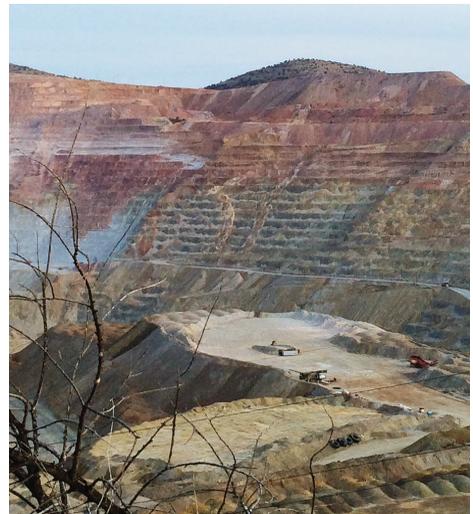
**W**ith large-scale mining operations dating to the early 1900s, Freeport-McMoRan New Mexico operations have produced significant quantities of copper over time and built strong partnerships with the community.

The company stakeholders own and run two Grant County locations. The Chino mine is an open-pit copper mining complex located approximately 15 miles east of the town of Silver City. And the Tyrone mine is also an open-pit copper mining complex and located approximately 10 miles south of Silver City.

Freeport-McMoRan had nearly 1,400 employees in New Mexico at the end of 2017. The total impact of the Grant County mines affect approximately 4,100 jobs on New Mexico's economy.

For more than a decade, Freeport-McMoRan has been facilitating formal stakeholder engagement meetings called Community Partnership Panels. This forum provides an opportunity for the company to share information about our operational activities while striving to serve as a catalyst for ongoing, two-way dialogue between Freeport and the community.





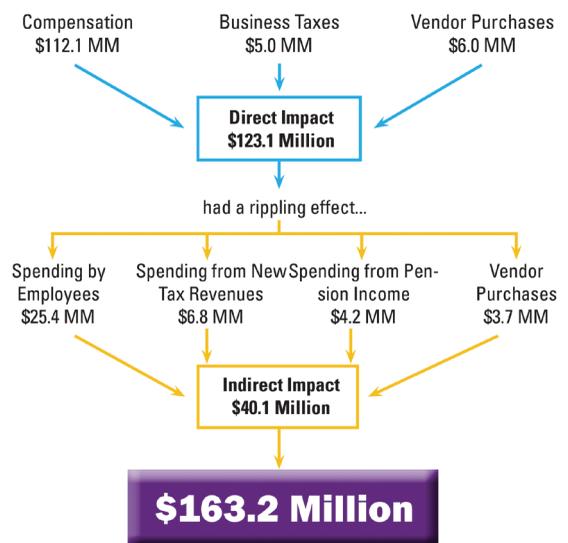
The forum is composed of panel members which represent a range of local leaders representing various sectors of the community. The Grant County Community Investment Fund (CIF) was established in 2011 as part of Freeport-McMoRan's objective to support sustainable benefits for the communities in the areas where we operate and to assist them in appropriate ways to ensure their self-sufficiency beyond the presence of our operations. The CIF is governed by a committee of community leaders from diverse organizations in Grant County.

Since 2012, the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation has invested more than \$5.5 million into programs and projects that are designed to help build the capacity and sustainability of Grant County.

Grant opportunities in Grant County include the Community Investment Fund, mini-grants for education, site investment grants, STEM innovation grants and women's development initiatives.

For more information regarding the company visit [freeportinmycommunity.com](http://freeportinmycommunity.com).

### Freeport-McMoRan's Impact on Grant County



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### TYRONE

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# SILVER CITY STATS

## SILVER CITY

### PEOPLE

**Population:**  
9,947 (2017)

**Households:**  
4,026 (2013-2017)

**Veterans:**  
587 (2013-2017)

**Median household income:**  
\$39,392 (2016)

**Median home value:**  
\$145,215 (2016)

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau Quick Facts

### WEATHER

**Average high temp:**  
50.8° F in the coldest month (January) to 87.5° F in the warmest month (July)

**Average low temp:**  
23.9° F in the coldest month (January) to 59.5° F in the warmest month (July)

**Average precipitation:**  
16.02 inches

**Average snowfall:**  
14.5 inches

## GRANT COUNTY

### PEOPLE

**Population:**  
27,346 (2019 estimate)

**Households:**  
11,879 (2013-2017)

**Veterans:**  
2,761 (2013-2017)

**Median household income:**  
\$40,470 (2013-2017)

**Persons below poverty level:**  
20.3 percent

### BUSINESS

**Nonemployer establishments:**  
1,531 (2016)

**Employer establishments:**  
602 (2016)

**All firms:**  
1,930 (2012)

### GEOGRAPHY

**Land area (square miles):**  
3,962

**Persons per square mile:**  
7.4 (2010)



# Corner Kitchen:

## New eats in Silver City

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**H**oward Richardson came to Silver City three and a half years ago. He cooked at Little Toad Creek for about a year.

“Then this place became available, and it was an opportunity I felt could not pass up,” he said.

And the Corner Kitchen in Silver City became a reality, a dream come true.

“It was an opportunity to start a business, work for myself and try to really develop my creative side,” Richardson said.

The place, located at 300 S. Bullard St., came equipped with a baker’s oven and a six-burner Wolf stove and Richardson was ready to go. He said he would not have been able to open the place if it had not been for all the goodwill of the community.

“Everybody stepped up and said, ‘How can I help?’” Richardson said. “That doesn’t happen in California.”

He said he was lucky to mentor with a “little Sicilian grandma” in San Diego who taught him how to make bread and some of her desserts.

“She was the best chef I ever worked with, and she was all about traditional Sicilian food and sea food,” he said. “One day I bought too much eggplant and I was afraid I was going to lose it, and she made an eggplant soup right off her shoulder and we ran it as a special and we sold out. So, I was able to learn. I really became a chef working for her.”

That was Richardson’s first business. He was partnered with the woman for eight years.

“I got an education,” he said.

Now he just wants to bake (and cook) for the people of Silver City.

“I just want to live in Silver,” he said. “That’s my goal. I just want to give back to the community, provide a good product at a reasonable affordable price and make bread.”

He said it took about three months to get used to

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# Bear Creek Motel & Cabins

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- Access to Continental Divide Trailhead
- Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark
- Lake Roberts
- The Catwalk
- Silver City Museum

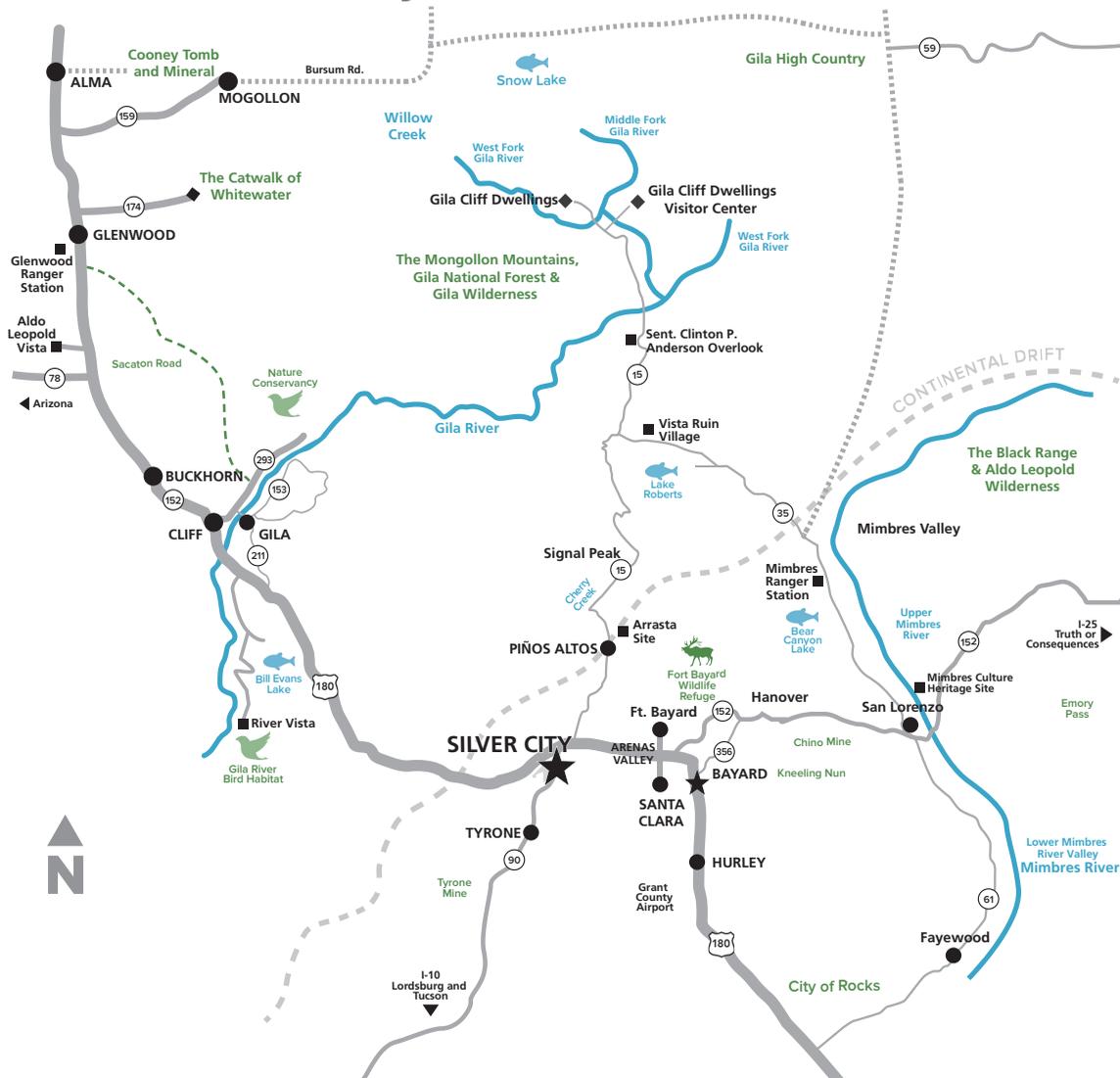
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# ◇ LANDMARKS

## Grant County Area



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# For adventure, try Airbnb

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**S**ilver City is a cozy town full of quirky and fun things to do, from exploring the wilderness to wandering the downtown businesses and finding a place to relax absent from the busy world for a while.

The blooming Airbnb business fits perfectly into the Silver City vibe with some 94-plus locations in the area available to rent for a night or a month, whichever you prefer.

Airbnb is a website that puts travelers together with homeowners who have anything from a room, to a casita, to a whole house, that they are willing to rent out for a night or more.

The company began in 2008 when two designers who had space to share hosted three travelers looking for a place to stay. Now, millions of hosts and travelers choose to create a free Airbnb account so they can list their space and book unique accommodations anywhere in the world. The Airbnb experience hosts share their passions and interests with both travelers and locals.

In Grant County that means there are accommodations to be had from \$28 for a cozy little bedroom suite (Hudson House in Silver City) to \$645 for an entire bed-and-breakfast facility with four guestrooms (Bear Mountain Lodge's Myra's Retreat).

At the Heart & Wings Retreat one can look over a green landscape from a pleasant deck and soak in a private secluded hot tub under the sky and trees. Casitas de Gila Guesthouses offer a stress-free zone on 265 acres overlooking the Gila Wilderness.

The downtown Silver City Casa Vieja provides Santa Fe-style rooms with an easy walk to everything in town.

There are houses in orchards and eco-friendly houses and bunkhouses in the woods. Historic homes welcome guests as do tiny houses and spacious homes. Hosts are gracious, friendly and knowledgeable about the area. Many will sit and chat but all will respect the need for privacy as needed.

Visit [Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) and type in the area and the dates you would like to visit and see what pops up.

the altitude. Because the recipes at sea level didn't translate at all, and he never went to school for it, he had to figure it out.

"But now I do, now I have it."

Richardson has been in the cooking and hospitality business since 1987 when he started with Marriott Hotels and later worked at the Red Line Hotel.

"I really fell in love with the service industry," he said. "I had a hell of a lot of mentors. They taught me that even when you have a high maintenance customer, you have to like them. Take care of them, don't stand above them. Get below them so they can talk to you. Listen and be truthful, and if you say you are going to do something, you have to do it."

Richardson needed a change in his life. When he came to Silver City to visit a friend during the Clay Festival, he said it changed everything. The town was welcoming and there is an abundance of active seniors. He said he loves to hike and doesn't get to do it as much as he would like.

"The environment helps your body chemically," he said. "It helps your vibration."

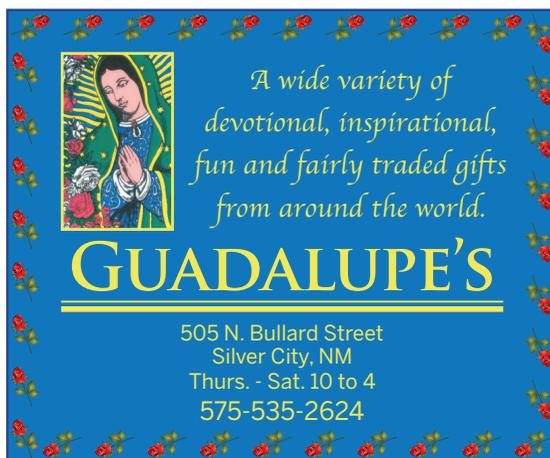
Richardson said everything at the Corner Kitchen is for sale to take home as well. He is going to start making sourdough loaves several days a week for people to buy. He runs different specials daily and those will be available in family sizes. With a smoker out back, when the weather is good, he said he smokes half chickens and whole chickens.

"I'm kind of all over the board," Richardson said. "I just like to cook."

Helping out at the Corner Kitchen is Janice Worley, a Silver City resident since 1983, making desserts. She said she loves walking into the restaurant.

"Everything is so fresh," she said. "You walk in and you can just smell it."

"We are collaborating, and our chemistry is so natural that I think we are going to do really great things," Richardson said. "We both seem to have a passion for food and the service industry, so I'm over the moon."



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# A Trifecta

## of used bookstores

BY VIVIAN SAVITT

The pleasures of book browsing are available at downtown shops within ambling distance of one another. Their proprietors are ardent bibliophiles who have been collecting for years – and their stock includes children’s titles.

Among book lovers, introverts often predominate. They thrive on the one-to-one relationship that is book to reader. Yet all bibliophiles need the proximity of books to enhance their lives – be they piled askew on a night table, arranged fastidiously on a desk or discovered serendipitously in a bookseller’s shop.

### SILVER CITY BOOK SHOP

113 W. Broadway St.  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day.  
575-956-6268

Like access to a library, the availability of book stores bodes well for both literary fulfillment and bibliotherapy. Such prospects appear straight-away at Silver City Book Shop where its windows may display holiday-related titles or celebrate the tomes of a recently deceased author.

The love child of two long-time collectors – Michael J. Lacey and Carol Gardner – their dream was realized once they had “found just the right space for a shop.”

Lacey, a Silver City resident for 17 years, was born in Scotland. A natural raconteur and formidable name dropper (titles and authors), Lacey maintains that his life as a bibliophile began at age 6, having been captivated by an Enid Blyton book. This may explain the snugness and appeal of the children’s nook.

From lighting to seating the Silver City Book Shop is tastefully put together. Nothing is frumpy. Books are in fine condition and shelved in organized sections. The fiction collection is extensive as are other categories.

### O’KEEFE’S BOOKSHOP

102 W. Broadway St.  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday  
575-388-3313.

Across the street from the Lacey-Gardner establishment sits the venerable O’Keefe’s Bookshop – soon to celebrate 36 years in business.

Dennis O’Keefe has “an aversion to junk books.

They're just not worth wrecking the trees for."

Fortunately, his steady customers appreciate the shop's offerings – from Southwestern titles including local history – to literary classics.

"My customers reflect a broad cross-section, and I think that a high level of introverts is drawn to Silver City. Because I've been here so long people know I'm familiar with the area and can suggest both activities and appropriate books."

A long-time lover of the natural landscape, O'Keefe sells his photography and notecards at the shop.

He credits his mother, "a voracious reader who loved to talk history," for spearheading a family effort to relinquish their personal collections and open a bookshop. Since none of them could part with their most cherished books, the space at the Palace Hotel started small.

Years ago, a young woman from out of town walked in and purchased a book.

O'Keefe conversed with her for a while, then asked her out. Their first date was spent hiking near Glenwood. This episode led to a lengthy courtship and the woman's moving to Silver City. Eventually O'Keefe and Allyson Siwik were married — she being the environmentalist who directs the Gila Resources Information Project.

After their daughter Gabriela arrived, a playpen appeared at the shop's entrance whenever Siwik was working in El Paso. Over time, a child's desk supplanted the playpen.

These days, Gabriela is studying at the University of New Mexico on a full scholarship — a strong indication that the prevalence of books is rewarded.

## AVALON BOOKS & MUSIC

810 N. Bullard St.

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday

At first glance Avalon Books & Music appears a bit of a hodgepodge – and it is. But the book table near the door offers some impressive choices and two nearby wing-back chairs indicate it's okay to sit for a spell.

Proprietors Dan Jameson and Steve Koplowitz estimate that the store contains thousands of used books and records as well as "niche items" like mugs, magnets, toys and comics.

"The niche items are responsible for our still being here," Jameson said.

"Customers peer in and circuit around," Jameson continued. "They find copies of the Hardy Boys mysteries, as well as 'The History of Burglar Alarms' or novelty books like 'How to Talk to Your Cat.' Tourists are looking for something to read in their hotels at night, and we can always find them something."

Aside from bibliotherapy, there are other reasons to buy "used" and also explore the book sales sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Recycled books stay out of the landfill, and purchasing them locally enables you to circumvent that behemoth online enterprise.



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575-388-1531

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575-537-2111

# Boston Hill, history and wilderness in Silver City



**W**ith names like "Adonis Pits," "Luck Separation Mill" and the "King Bolt Pit," sites on Silver City's rugged Boston Hill immediately recall the town's historic era of hard-rock mining for copper, silver and other precious metals. Today, however, these destinations have been transformed into a hiking destination, the Boston Hill Open Space Trail System.

Part of the Town's Trails and Open Spaces initiative, the Boston Hill, San Vicente Creek and other trail areas keep important parts of Silver City's natural environment and historic areas available to hikers and other visitors. So, while Grant County offers visitors more than 3.5 million acres of wild land in which to roam, there's a considerable chunk of it to explore within sight of a great meal, warm bed and hot shower.

The Boston Hill area of Silver City is south of historic downtown and includes the La Capilla Heritage Park and more than half a dozen former mining sites. Boston Hill, which gives the area its name, offers a fantastic view of the county from an elevation of 6,380 feet above sea level. But within a few hundred yards of its summit, plunging ravines and winding trails give the Boston Hill area a worlds-away feel.

Trailheads are available on Cooper Street, Cheyenne Street, Spring Street and Market Street. The trails range from level ground to moderately rugged inclines. Many of the trails intersect, offering a range of paths through the area, and the hill's ravines and secluded valleys are terrific spots for a "remote" picnic just a few hundred yards from Silver City's heart. A historic narrow-gauge railroad bed crosses the trail area along much of its southern third, entering the trails area near the Market Street trailhead and exiting it near the Cooper Street trailhead after a winding course of about two miles.

For more information on the Boston Hill area and on the Town's trails and open spaces, contact the Silver City Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785. Trail maps are posted at each trailhead.

*Information courtesy of [www.townofsilvercity.org](http://www.townofsilvercity.org).*



## REV•uhl

origin middle english

1.verb-to take great pleasure or delight

2.noun-a seasonal, local, organic place to play with your food in Silver City, NM

[EatDrinkRevel.com](http://EatDrinkRevel.com)



## OLD WORLD ANTIQUES & ODDITIES

Proprietor Greg Thomas, a disabled veteran, opened Old World Antiques & Oddities in November 2018.

This antique store is smaller than the others in the area, making it a little less overwhelming if you're looking to get in and get out fast. The store carries a lot of Navajo items that date back to before the 1940s, but Thomas said he has had items as old as 1880.

You can also find a variety of antique furniture, décor, jewelry and handcrafted items in different styles and from different time periods.

Customers to Old World can also visit with Mio, the store dog.

**Where:** 505A N. Bullard St.

## ENCORE

Encore offers a mixture of both the new and the old, including one-of-a-kind handcrafted items, imported items and antique furniture items.

“Our biggest clientele are people who are looking for move-in-ready antique pieces, or vintage pieces or

rustic pieces,” said manager Ramona Maltby.

All antique furniture at Encore is move-in ready, Maltby said, meaning that it's refinished and ready to go “the way you see it.”

Maltby, who opened Encore with owner Holly Sytch in 2013, said her advice when decorating a home is to either go with all antiques or buy one good antique piece to accentuate a room and then build the rest of the room's décor around that piece.

Antique items available at the store in April included a vintage bathtub from Hungary, an antique kitchen cupboard, and a refinished oak chest.

**Where:** 704 N. Bullard St.

**Phone:** 575-644-8859

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; closed Wednesday

The consensus among most antique shop proprietors is that if you see something you like in an antique shop, buy it, because the next time you visit, it may be gone.



# LANDMARKS

## Downtown Silver City

- 4. ART MARKET AND FARMER'S MARKET**  
Mainstreet Plaza, off Bullard St between Seventh and Eighth streets  
575-654-4104
- 5. BIG DITCH PARK**  
575-388-4640
- 6. POST OFFICE**  
500 N. Hudson St.  
575-538-2831
- 7. SILVER CITY MUSEUM**  
312 W. Broadway St.  
575-538-5921
- 8. MURRAY HOTEL**  
200 W. Broadway St.  
575-956-9400
- 9. PALACE HOTEL**  
106 E. Broadway St.  
575-388-1811
- 10. MURRAY RYAN VISITOR CENTER / BILLY THE KID CABIN**  
201 N. Hudson St.  
575-538-5555
- 11. SILCO THEATER**  
311 N. Bullard St.  
575-956-6185
- 12. BOSTON HILL OPEN SPACE**  
575-388-4640
- 13. LA CAPILLA CHAPEL / HERITAGE PARK**  
575-388-4640

- 1. PENNY PARK**  
1305 N Grant St.  
575-388-4640
- 2. GOUGH PARK**  
1201 N. Pope St.  
575-388-4640
- 3. SILVER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
515 W. College Ave.  
575-538-3672



# AREA RESTAURANTS

## SILVER CITY

### ADOBE SPRINGS CAFÉ

614 Bullard St.  
575-538-3665

### CACTUS JACKS

1307 N. Pope St.  
575-538-5042

### CAFÉ OSO AZUL AT BEAR MOUNTAIN LODGE

60 Bear Mountain Ranch Road  
575-538-2538

### CHINESE PALACE

1010 Highway 180 E.  
575-538-9300

### CORNER KITCHEN

300 S. Bullard St.  
575-590-2603

### COURTYARD CAFÉ, GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

575-538-4094

### DIANE'S BAKERY & DELI

The Hub, Suite A, 601 N. Bullard St.,  
575-534-9229

### DIANE'S RESTAURANT

510 N. Bullard St.  
575-538-8722

### DON JUAN'S BURRITOS

418 Silver Heights Blvd.  
575-538-5440

### DRIFTER PANCAKE HOUSE

711 Silver Heights Blvd.  
575-534-9155

### FORREST'S PIZZA

601 N. Bullard St.  
575-388-1225

### FRY HOUSE

601 N. Bullard St.  
575-388-1964

### GIL-A-BEANS

1304 N. Bennett St.  
Coffeeshop in RV Park  
575-538-2239

### GOLDEN STAR

1602 Silver Heights Blvd.  
575-388-2323

### GRINDER MILL

403 W. College Ave.  
575-538-3366

### HONEEBEEGOODS

116 N. Bullard St.  
714-515-0832

### JALISCO CAFÉ

103 S. Bullard St.  
575-388-2060

### JAVALINA COFFEE HOUSE

117 Market St.  
575-388-1350

### JUMPING CACTUS

503 N. Bullard St.  
(Number online is not in service)

### KOUNTRY KITCHEN

1700 Mountain View Road  
575-388-4512

### LA COCINA RESTAURANT

201 W. College Ave.  
575-388-8687

### LA FAMILIA

503 N. Hudson St.  
575-388-4600

### LITTLE TOAD CREEK BREWERY & DISTILLERY

200 N. Bullard St.  
575-956-6144

### MI CASITA

2340 Bosworth Drive  
575-538-5533

### MI MEXICO VIEJO

402 E. Broadway St.  
575-534-9182, 575-956-3361

### MILLIE'S BAKEHOUSE

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575-597-2253

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575-388-3480

### PRETTY SWEET EMPORIUM

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575-388-8600 (phone  
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### Q'S SOUTHERN BISTRO AND BREWERY

101 E. College Ave.  
575-534-4401

### REVEL

304 N. Bullard St.  
575-388-4920

### SILVER BOWLING CENTER CAFÉ

2020 Memory Lane  
575-538-3612

### SUNRISE ESPRESSO

1530 N. Hudson St.  
575-388-2027

1212 E. 32nd St.  
575-534-9565

### TAPAS TREE

619 N. Bullard St. in The Hub  
575-597-8272

### TASTE OF VEGAS

303 E. 13th St.  
575-534-9404

### THE CHILE BOWL

412 Silver Heights Blvd.  
575-534-1155

### TRANQUILBUZZ COFFEE HOUSE

112 W. Yankee St.  
575-654-2057

### VICKI'S EATERY

315 N. Texas  
575-388-5430

### WRANGLER'S BAR & GRILL

2005 Highway 180 E  
575-538-4387

## BAYARD

### EL BURRITO CALIENTE

106 Hurley Ave.  
575-537-3967

### FIDENCIO'S TACO SHOP

1108 Tom Foy Blvd.

### M & A BAYARD CAFÉ

1101 N. Central Ave.  
575-537-2251

### SPANISH CAFÉ

106 Central Ave.  
575-537-2640

## CLIFF

### TAMMY'S CAFÉ

8414 Highway 180  
575-535-4800

## MIMBRES

### RESTAURANT DEL SOL

2674 Highway 35, San Lorenzo  
575-536-3140

## PINOS ALTOS

### BUCKHORN SALOON AND OPERA HOUSE

32 Main St.  
575-538-9911

# Santa Rita

## a town now in space



HISTORIC PHOTO COURTESY TERRY HUMBLE.

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**P**eople born in the Grant County mining town of Santa Rita in the early part of the 1900s were born at home or in the hospital, according to Terry Humble, mining historian.

If you were born in the hospital, the physical place you were born is now be about 800 feet in the middle of the air, he said.

At a banquet in Las Vegas, Nevada, following the Apollo 17 mission to the moon in 1972, astronaut and New Mexican Harrison Schmitt had a conversation with one of the contractors on the mission. They discovered they were both born in the same little town in southern New Mexico that no longer existed, Santa Rita. They also noticed there was a third person in the same room born in Santa Rita and they decided to start a society, the “Society for People Born in Space.”

Humble too was born in space, he is a member and past president of the society.

The town of Santa Rita had a population of 3,889 according to 1930 census information, but even long before that, dating back to the 1700s, the area was first occupied by Apaches known as the Mimbrinos. The Mimbrinos were invaded and pushed out by the Spanish who conquered the area in the late 1700s and 1800s, taking over the copper mines originally utilized by the Native Americans.

It was 1909 when the Chino Copper Company started to dig the second largest open-pit mine in the U.S. in the area of Santa Rita.

The sense of community of Santa Rita continued even after the town disappeared. The mine at Santa Rita expanded to such a degree in the 1950s and early 1960s that the residents who lived in the town were forced to move. At the point when all the houses were moved away from the town to nearby communities, the physical town of Santa Rita appeared to have vanished. But the people continue to come back, connect and

recognize their heritage.

One individual described the town and situation as a “community frozen in time.”

Many of the buildings moved out of Santa Rita can still be found in the area, including the Manhattan Bar, which has been moved twice since leaving the townsite. The building started out as a church in Santa Rita and now sits on U.S. Highway 152, having served many a miner in its time.

The geologic formation known as the “Kneeling Nun” remains as a focal point for the community to remember the town. Although the houses, stores and hospital are gone, the special rock formation remains.

## THE KNEELING NUN

Above the Chino open pit mine in the distance, the sharp-eyed observer can spot a figure that looks suspiciously like a nun, kneeling in front of a cliff. This formation, known as the Kneeling Nun, has been part of the Grant County landscape for a long time and is a special landmark for some.

According to Terry Humble, co-author of “Santa Rita Del Cobre, A copper mining community in New Mexico,” there is a legend that in the early days of mining in Grant County, in the early 1800s, there was a convent in the town of Santa Rita. One of the many soldiers stationed in the area was taken to the convent in badly wounded condition and the nuns took care of him.

One of the nuns fell in love with the soldier and broke her vows. She was banished from the convent. She went up to the bluff to pray and while she was standing in front of the altar, a bolt of lightning turned her to stone. So, there she still kneels in contrition forever.

# Grant County Courthouse

**K**icking off the 1930s in Silver City, the new Grant County Courthouse rose in majesty above Broadway Street. Designed by Albuquerque architect George Williamson (who also was associated with the design of Albuquerque's KiMo Theater).

Terra cotta panels face three sides of the building and four female figures are placed near the roofline at either side of the arched entrance. False balconies with relief ornaments adorn windows on the sides of the building. And that's only the outside.

Inside you will find terrazzo floors, marble wainscoting and Art Deco light fixtures. But the highlight of a visit to this courthouse are the Works Progress Administration-funded historic murals painted by Theodore Van Soelen and completed in 1934.

The murals, "Chino Mines" and "The Roundup," capture the legacy and history of Grant County. The



open pit of the mine is a past echo, hardly different from today's layered legacy. And cowboys, horses and cattle are featured in "The Roundup." The work is in a rich, detailed and active style that pulls the viewer into the work.

Van Soelen is known as a painter and lithographer. He came to New Mexico in 1916 for tuberculosis treatment. During the Great Depression he was commissioned to paint murals at several post offices across the states as well as the murals in Silver City.

The current the Grant County Courthouse, located at 201 N. Cooper St. in Silver City, is home to the 6th Judicial District Court of New Mexico.

*Sources: "Built to Last, an Architectural History of Silver City, New Mexico" by Susan Berry and Sharman Apt Russell and the New Mexico Museum of Art Library and Archives.*

## GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITIES

### BAYARD

**CITY POPULATION: 2,185**

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

### CLIFF

**CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE**

**POPULATION: 293**

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

### HURLEY

**TOWN POPULATION: 1,210**

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

### PINOS ALTOS

**CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE**

**POPULATION: 198**

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

### SANTA CLARA

**VILLAGE POPULATION: 1,800**

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

### SAN LORENZO

**CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE**

**POPULATION: 97**

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

### SILVER CITY

**TOWN, COUNTY SEAT**

**POPULATION: 9,647**

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

### GLENWOOD\*

**POPULATION: 143**

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

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



# Santa Clara and Fort Bayard



BY LUCY WHITMARSH

The story of Santa Clara cannot be told unless Fort Bayard is included and vice-versa. Fort Bayard was established in 1866 and construction of a permanent fort began. The fort was named for General George D. Bayard who was killed in the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg. Many of the soldiers who were stationed at Fort Bayard had fought in the Civil War.

The village of Santa Clara was settled adjacent to Fort Bayard. Gold had been discovered nearby and prospectors poured into the area. One of the missions of the soldiers at Fort Bayard was to protect the miners, ranchers and settlers in the area from the Apache who had camped and hunted this area for hundreds of years and resented the intrusion.

An important year for Santa Clara was 1868, when Grant County was created from a portion of Doña Ana County. Due to the central location and proximity to Fort Bayard, Santa Clara was designated as the first county seat in Grant County. The courthouse was built on Maple Street and is currently a private residence.

The name of the village was changed to Central. Possibly because when the post office was established, an officer at Fort Bayard was asked for a name for the location and he called the village Central. In the 1990s the official name of the village was changed back to Santa Clara though the elementary school remains the Central Elementary School.

The village was incorporated in 1947. The population of the village at the time was 1,609. Though there have been ups and downs over the years the current population of 1,686 is very close to what it was in 1947. The community is made up of a healthy mix of retirees and working families with children. There are churches, a cemetery, a senior center, a police department and fire department in the village. Outside of the village center there is a funeral home, assisted living facility and Fort Bayard Medical Center, a long-term care facility operated by the State of New Mexico.



At Fort Bayard there are two buildings open to the public on a limited basis. One building is the Officers' Quarters operated by the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society as a museum. The three-story building is furnished with period pieces and displays explaining significant events in the history of the fort. The second building is the partially renovated New Deal Theater that is open for special events, usually sponsored by the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society. In 1997 Fort Bayard was declared a National Historic Landmark, the grounds of which still feature the stately, white living room, office and recreational quarters of those who once lived there.

Although Santa Clara's once-vibrant business district – including hotels, a mercantile, grocery stores, numerous saloons and a blacksmith shop – has fallen into disrepair, progress is being made in revitalization of the downtown area. Three storefront facades have been refurbished. The village is also developing a splash park and improving the existing Viola Stone Public Park. The village municipal buildings and the Post Office are well maintained.

The opening of the Visitor Center in the former Santa Clara National Guard Armory located at 11990 U.S. Highway 180 E. is a joint effort by the village of Santa Clara and the Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society to promote tourism in the area. The Visitor Center volunteers provide introductory information about the long and colorful past of both Fort Bayard and the Village of Santa Clara.

Exhibits that include photographs, artifacts and interpretive text provide the visitor with a glimpse of history that makes the area an interesting tourist destination. The Santa Clara and Fort Bayard area retains the natural beauty of the extensive outdoor recreation venues that attracts visitors to Grant County. Currently the Visitor Center is open from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. More information is available by calling 575-574-8779, 970-222-5084 or 970-222-2433.

# Salt OF THE Earth

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**W**hen hundreds of women in Grant County hit the picket lines in 1950 on behalf of the men who were striking at the Empire Zinc underground mine, the whole world heard about it.

“I bet People in Russia were saying where in the heck is Hanover, New Mexico?” said Terry Humble, former Grant County mine worker and mining tour guide.

When their contract came due in October 1950, the miners approached the company owning the Empire Zinc and asked for three things. They wanted a 9-cent-an-hour pay raise, collar-to-collar-pay and a day’s pay for sick leave or vacation, Humble said.

All the other mines in the area paid collar-to-collar pay, and the Empire did not. The collar of a mine is the huge cement slab where they built the head frame.

“When you got on the cage, you were on the clock,” Humble said. “These guys were eating lunch on their own time, down in the mine. These guys lived through World War II, came back and were treated like second-class citizens.”

But the company wouldn’t talk to them, so they (Local 890 chapter of the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers) went on strike, setting picket lines on both sides of the property.

They shut down the mine, the strikers picketing for eight months, until the company got an injunction from a judge in Silver City stating that a “man could not walk the road.”

“If you can’t walk the road, you don’t have your picket line, you can’t have your strike, you have lost your cause,” Humble said. “These men would grab their placards and step out in the road and they would arrest them.”

But the injunction said “the men” could not be in the road and so women came from everywhere in the county, not just from Empire Zinc but also from Santa Rita, Silver City and elsewhere.

The wives, children, friends, girlfriends and grandmothers went out and stood every



day in the picket line for another seven months. After a total of 15 months, known as “the year and a hundred days,” the company agreed to sit down and talk to them.

Humble said by that time 9 cents an hour wasn’t worth talking about and they gave the miners an additional 53 cents an hour but still wouldn’t give them collar-to-collar. Other concessions were made, and the miners went back to work in January 1952.

A year later, Humble said, outfit from Hollywood appeared in Grant County to make a movie about the Empire Zinc strike events. Unfortunately, the moviemakers were on the Hollywood blacklist. In the era of McCarthyism, individuals were cited for contempt of Congress and blacklisted after refusing to answer questions about their alleged involvement with the Communist Party.

Because the year and a hundred days was such a terrible time for the people of Grant County, it became very difficult for the moviemakers to do their job. Nonunion people would come along and throw rocks at the production crew, which also faced other forms of harassment. Finally, a local rancher in nearby Gold Gulch offered his property for the movie and charged a dollar for rent. The movie, “Salt of the Earth” was finished in relative peace, although the powers-that-be did manage to get the leading lady deported to Mexico three months into filming.

“Salt of the Earth,” featuring a fictionalized version of the strike, was released in 1954 and became the only film ever blacklisted in the United States, not only because the director, writer and producer were all on the Hollywood blacklist, but also because of the controversial nature of the film.

*Terry Humble shared this version of the “Salt of the Earth” story during one of the tours he leads monthly through part of the Grant County mining district. Humble is historian, author of several books about the area and a former miner in the district.*



## Grant County SBDC The business of business

For anyone looking to start or grow their Grant County business, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is there to help.

Center Director Jane Janson said the SBDC is part of a national program that partners with local universities to provide services to help small business thrive.

“We familiarize people with what it means to have a small business,” Janson said. “Our goal is to serve everyone who comes in. We do confidential business advising. It’s free and completely confidential.”

One of the things the SBDC can provide is a practical look at the small business world. She said sometimes that just means helping people arrive at the decision this is not the right time to start a business. Other times, they can help businesses find helpful resources, like funding sources for their business.

“We are not lawyers,” she said. “We can’t give legal or tax advice, but we can help come up with a list of questions (for attorneys and tax professionals) so the business is being more proficient in using their professional service time.”

SBDC does not have money to give to businesses; but they can help the business go through the process of preparing to look for money. They can help put together a loan package and determine what kind of lender would be best for them, Janson said. For example, there are alternative lenders that are not banks and tend to lend to riskier businesses.

“We help determine kinds of lenders and cash flow projections and formal business plans,” she said.

Janson said this is one of 19 such centers around the state and having all those centers just helps with the resources. Different SBDCs have people with varied specialties, so when businesses have specific issues or questions that Janson can’t answer, she can pick up the phone and get some additional advice.

Some of the specialist resources she has access to around the state include

information about intellectual property, food products, social media and Native American areas.

SBDC also provides workshops and opportunities to learn across southern New Mexico.

Recent workshops in nearby communities include a Google workshop, taxes and more. Janson said they will ask clients what they are looking for when they plan workshops for the year. The organization also participates in resource expos, business accelerator efforts and other business friendly activities in area communities.



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# The Main Street Plaza

## transforming a public space



BY CHARMEINE WAIT

**S**ilver City MainStreet/Arts & Cultural District is currently working with the Town of Silver City on the Main Street Plaza, a community and economic development project.

The Main Street Plaza will transform the dirt lot between Seventh and Eighth streets into a creative community space for events, the Farmers Market and when not used for events, for downtown parking.

The Project for Public Spaces lists 10 benefits of creating good public spaces. They 1) support local economies; 2) attract business investments; 3) attract tourism; 4) provide cultural opportunities; 5) encourage volunteerism; 6) reduce crime; 7) improve pedestrian safety; 8) increase use of public transportation; 9) improve public health; and 10) improve the environment.

With funding from the Town of Silver City and Freeport McMoRan, Phase I of the project is being completed with the installation of much-needed public restrooms. The remaining plans include park lighting, new retaining walls, landscaping and benches, and a designated “stage” space with electrical outlets for events. There will be an entry into the plaza designed to reflect the area’s mining history. There will also be wayfinding signage to assist both residents and tourists.

The plaza will connect two separate sections of the Big Ditch Park, increasing awareness and use of this special downtown asset. Very few downtowns in New Mexico have a creek or river running through them, and Silver City is lucky to have the San Vicente Creek running through downtown. Since the late 1980s, the Town of Silver City has been working to make a beautiful park out of the Big Ditch and what was once Main Street.

In the late 1890s a series of floods carved the Main Street of Silver City into a very deep arroyo. Most of the

buildings along the Main Street fell into this arroyo and were carried away. The deep arroyo created was used as a “chute” to herd cattle through Silver City, and as a dump. It is definitely not a dump anymore, but a very beautiful riparian area within the Big Ditch Park.

The Main Street Plaza is so named because it is on the only remaining section of the original Main Street left in downtown Silver City. A wonderful tile mural explaining the story of how the Big Ditch was created is located in the park. It was a project of the Mimbres Region Arts Council led by Diana Leyba Ingalls and is just one of more than 70 public murals in Silver City.

The Lion’s Club added a lovely picnic area in the Big Ditch Park just north of the plaza. It is a great place to picnic underneath the cottonwood trees on a hot summer day. The plaza will make residents and tourists aware of the picnic area, increasing usage and bringing shoppers to the downtown area. The Main Street Plaza will be a community asset and an economic development driver.





## Freeport-McMoRan and the environment

**F**reeport-McMoRan’s Environmental Policy is consistent with its objective to be compliant with laws and regulations and to minimize environmental impacts using risk management strategies based on valid data and sound science, according to a statement from the company.

The policy requires the company review and take into account the environmental effects of each activity, whether exploration, mining or processing, and that it plan and conduct the design, development, operation and closure of facilities in a manner that optimizes the economic use of resources while minimizing adverse environmental effects.

While the Chino and Tyrone mines continue to produce copper, reclamation projects have been completed on tailings areas, unused rock and leach stockpiles, as well as former smelter, process and slag areas. Six different tailings dams have been combined for reclamation purposes. These tailings ponds have been capped and the entire area reseeded with native grasses and shrubs to support wildlife habitat. Because of the extensive reclamation work at Tyrone, Freeport-McMoRan received the Excellence in Reclamation Award by the Mining and Minerals Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

“The modern world requires the metals that Freeport-McMoRan Inc. produces for a healthy and prosperous future,” according to the official environmental policy. “As we deliver our products to the global marketplace, we evaluate environmental aspects throughout a project’s life cycle with the goal of operating our projects in an environmentally responsible manner to minimize adverse impacts.”

In addition to complying with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, Freeport says it will apply internationally recognized management practices; use risk management strategies based on valid data and sound science; work to improve the environmental performance of operating sites; be a responsible member of host communities, respecting people’s culture and heritage and contributing to the conservation of biodiversity; remediate historical sites where the company is responsible; and regularly review environmental performance, publicly reporting on progress.

*Information provided by Freeport-McMoRan.*

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*in Silver City*

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### Calvary Chapel

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### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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### Church of the Good Shepherd

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### First Presbyterian Church

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### Indian Hills Baptist Church

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### Messiah Lutheran Church

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-575-538-9446

### Mountain View Church - Nazarene

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### New Church of the Southwest Desert

714 N. Bullard St.  
480-707-7893

### New Hope Fellowship

22 Kirkland Road

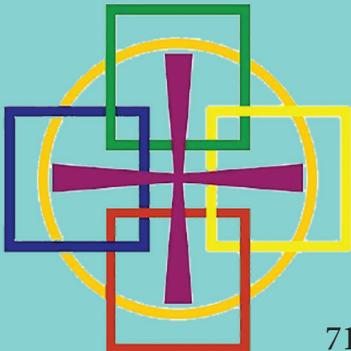
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**Mimbres United Methodist Church**  
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**Rio Mimbres Baptist Church**  
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**Lighthouse Baptist Church**  
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**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic**  
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575-537-5727

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575-538-9311

## **GILA**

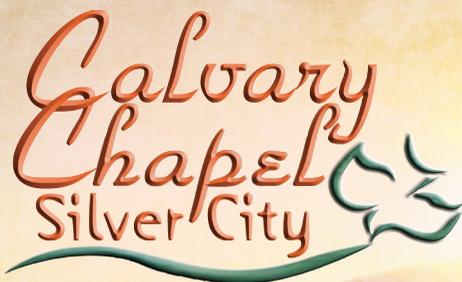
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## **HURLEY**

**Infant Jesus Catholic Church**  
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# NEW ART SPACES

popping up in Silver City

BY VIVIAN SAVITT AND ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

## ANIMALIA

Expect to be assailed by myriad colors, textures and yes, creatures, at several new Silver City galleries which opened in 2018-2019.

Primary colors sizzle at Animalia Studio, a happy-making space where Karen Pritchett and her husband Todd Shelby work collaboratively in clay. Their output encompasses functional items ranging from platters, mugs and plates, to smaller pieces like drawer pulls and pins. Indeed, sweet beasts like frogs, fish and blackbirds imprint the studio's character.

Pritchett also designs one-of-a-kind clothing for women. Sewn from up-cycled fabrics, her distinctive yet light-hearted tunics and skirts feature hand-drawn, silk screened images and intricate appliqué. Especially amusing are her shrunken wool pussycat hats and mittens created in support of the National Women's March.

Animalia Studio emerged from a "dingy lawyer's office" shortly after the couple purchased the Bullard street building a year ago. They had decided that "a combination living and working space was a good low-overhead solution" for their lifestyle.

Animalia Studio is at 214 N. Bullard St. in Silver City.

## FRINGEARTZ

At FringeArtz, Suzanne Ens uses mixed media, including textiles, to create animal sculptures that could be characters in Caldicott award-winning children's books. Yet over time, Ens has discovered that older men are stalwart purchasers of her captivating creatures

adorned with abalone beads for claws, faceted glass for eyes — plus decoration ranging from coins and sticks, to rusted bits and buttons.

While Ens has set up her studio on site, Ron Roland, her partner of 30 years, paints from their home. Some of his work with its dots and cross-hatching is derivative of Australian aboriginal art. His color spectrum blends well with Ens' fiber pieces, including her hand-loomed shawls and tunics which she often wears in the gallery.

FringeArtz is at 519 N. Bullard St. in Silver City.

## LIGHT, ART, SPACE

Karen Hymer moved to Silver City permanently after owning a home and visiting for 10 years and is opening a space renovated not only to display art but also to make printmaking accessible to more people in the community. She said her bigger vision is to be part of Silver City as a weekend destination, maybe bringing in artists for weekend workshops.

"We will be mostly photographic oriented with the back area of the building housing darkrooms and a printmaking studio with flexible hours. Another room will be a teaching space," Hymer said when she opened in September 2018.

Light Art Space provides a venue for printmaking arts and other innovative ways to make art.

"I'm very interested in alternative photographic processes like photogravure," she said. "And a lot of the 19th century processes."

Hymer is interested in reaching out to those populations who are coming into their own as artists.



“I really want to reach different populations,” she said. “I think people my age, in their 60s and older who say ‘you know I used to paint when I was in high school.’ To me, that’s one of the wonderful things about the arts, I think it can really help humanity as a whole by everyone becoming more creative and reaching inside themselves to find their creative aspect in life.”

Light Art Space is at 209 W. Broadway in Silver City.

## **BORDERLANDS GALLERY/ STEPHAN HOGLUND PHOTOGRAPHY AND JEWELRY**

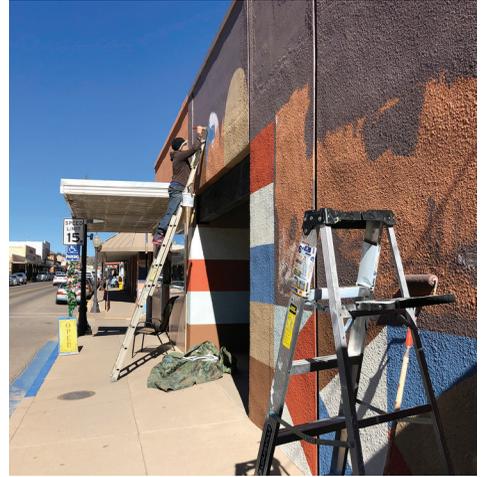
Focusing on the creative talent of Stephan Hoglund, this gallery space is also full of images and art forms not photographic and by varied and interesting artists. Hoglund does professional portrait photography and jewelry design.

Coming to New Mexico from northern Minnesota a year and a half ago, Hoglund spent 30 years in the gallery business before arriving here with plans to retire. When asked what inspired him to open another gallery in Silver City, he said, “because we are crazy.”

Hoglund chooses art for the gallery by gut feeling, he said. He looks for people who are steeped in and influenced by their environment, as he is.

“My jewelry and photography are based on a regional philosophy – inspiration and being moved by the environment doesn’t have to be literally either,” he said.

Borderlands Gallery is at 211 W. Yankee St. in Silver City.



# Silver City **ART** Association

**ART**

- **Second Saturday Gallery Walks**
- **Red Dot Weekend at the Galleries: October**
- **Dia de los Muertos: October**
- **Luminaria Walk: December**
- **Red Dot Studio Tour: May**
- **Spring Walkabout: May**
- **Blues Fest Sunday Gallery Walk: May**
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# Written Word Festival

## celebrates books, authors and much more

The Southwest Festival of the Written Word presents authors and publishers who live and work in the southwest discussing their work and creative processes in eight festival sessions throughout downtown Silver City on Oct. 4-6. All sessions are open to the public free of charge.

In keeping with the 2019 Festival theme “¡Writing sin fronteras!” during the week leading up to the festival there will be a printmaking workshop for poets at Power & Light Press; the WNMU Museum will be open for writers to muse upon, and write about, their world-renowned collection of Mimbres pottery; and there will be a master sessions on Writing in a Woman’s Voice, and the Latino Boom.

On Friday night festival attendees will hear from two keynote speakers. Magdaleno Manzanarez and Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist, Don Bartletti. Manzanarez is Vice President for External Affairs at Western New Mexico University. He has written

extensively on North American border conflicts.

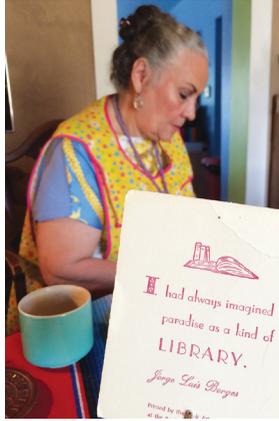
Bartletti won a Pulitzer Prize for his photo documentation of Central American caravans traveling through Mexico en route to the U.S. His exhibit “Enrique’s Journey” will be on display at the McCray Gallery for Contemporary Art at WNMU.

Anne Hillerman will give a presentation on her new mystery novel as she furthers the honored Hillerman tradition of crossing into Navajo culture. And song lyrics by several Silver City’s music composers will be highlighted. Peter Riva will give his views on the current state of the publishing world.

Additional speakers include Michael McGarrity, Alfredo Corchado, Benjamin Alire Saenz, Manuel Gonzalez, Michelle

Otero, Rios de la Luz, Denise Chavez, Adrienne Celt and many more.

Visit [swwordfiesta.org](http://swwordfiesta.org) for full festival information, including schedule, presenters’ bios, and venue addresses.



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◇ ARTS

# SILVER CITY FESTIVALS



## SPRING

### TOUR OF THE GILA

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

### CDTC TRAIL DAYS

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

### RED DOT ART STUDIO TOUR

May – Silver City comes alive with art during Red Dot Art Weekends. In the spring, the event gives visitors an opportunity to tour area art studios. The annual event is hosted by the Silver City Art Association. [www.silvercityart.com](http://www.silvercityart.com).

### HURLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

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

### SILVER CITY BLUES FESTIVAL

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

## SUMMER

### WILD, WILD WEST PRO RODEO

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

### FIESTA LATINA

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

### SILVER CITY CLAY FESTIVAL

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

### HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

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

### COPPER COUNTRY CRUIZERS CAR SHOW

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

**ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

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

**TASTE OF DOWNTOWN**

September – Held over Labor Day weekend, Taste of Downtown lets participants experience unique cuisine and fun foods, as well as a pie contest, including about 14 locations that offer a wide variety of treats and delicacies. Info: [www.silvercitymainstreet.com](http://www.silvercitymainstreet.com).

**FALL****FORT BAYARD DAYS**

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

**GILA RIVER FESTIVAL**

September – The annual Gila River Festival, in its 15th year in 2019, celebrates the bounty of the Gila River and highlights its threats and challenges in late September each year. Put on by the Gila Conservation Coalition, the festival explores the relationship between man, technology, nature and that relationship’s impact on the Gila River watershed. The event typically offers expert-guided field trips, a Gila River kayak trip, a Gila River bus tour and a puppet parade. Info: [www.gilaconservation.org](http://www.gilaconservation.org)

**GRANT COUNTY FAIR**

September – The Grant County Fair, Sept. 18-22, supports and showcases agriculture and youth education. Ribbons, plaques and trophies are awarded in a wide variety of categories such as livestock, jams and jellies, handicrafts and baked goods. A rodeo, music acts and other attractions are also part of the week-long celebration. The fair is held in Cliff, New Mexico. Info: [www.grantcountyfairnm.com](http://www.grantcountyfairnm.com)

**RED HOT CHILDREN’S FIESTA**

September – Hosted by the Grant County Community Health Council and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, the Red Hot Children’s Fiesta a child development and resource fair held at Penny Park, 1305 N. Grant St. It offers activities and giveaways for the whole family. Info: [gchc.org](http://gchc.org).

**MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL & HEALTH FAIR**

September – This harvest festival on the last Saturday of September encourages local agriculture through education, showcases locally grown food and handmade

products, and promotes tourism to the Mimbres Valley. Children’s activities focus on fitness. Local musicians provide music along with local storytellers telling of the Valley’s heritage past and present. Info: [www.mimbresharvestfest.com](http://www.mimbresharvestfest.com).

**SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL OF THE WRITTEN WORD**

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

**RED DOT ART WEEKEND**

October – Early in October, Silver City comes alive with art during Red Dot Art Weekends. The event gives visitors an opportunity to mingle with artists, tour area art studios, attend opening receptions for exhibits and enjoy live music, food specials and entertainment. The annual event is hosted by the Silver City Art Association. [www.silvercityart.com](http://www.silvercityart.com).

**SOUTHWEST PRINT FIESTA**

October – The Southwest Print Fiesta, Oct. 11-13, 2019, features original fine art prints, letterpress creations, printed wearables and more, for sale by regional artists and print studio collectives. The fiesta also will feature workshops and hands-on printing experiences. Info: [www.southwestprintfiesta.org](http://www.southwestprintfiesta.org).

**DAY OF THE DEAD**

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

**WINTER****TAMAL FIESTA Y MÁS**

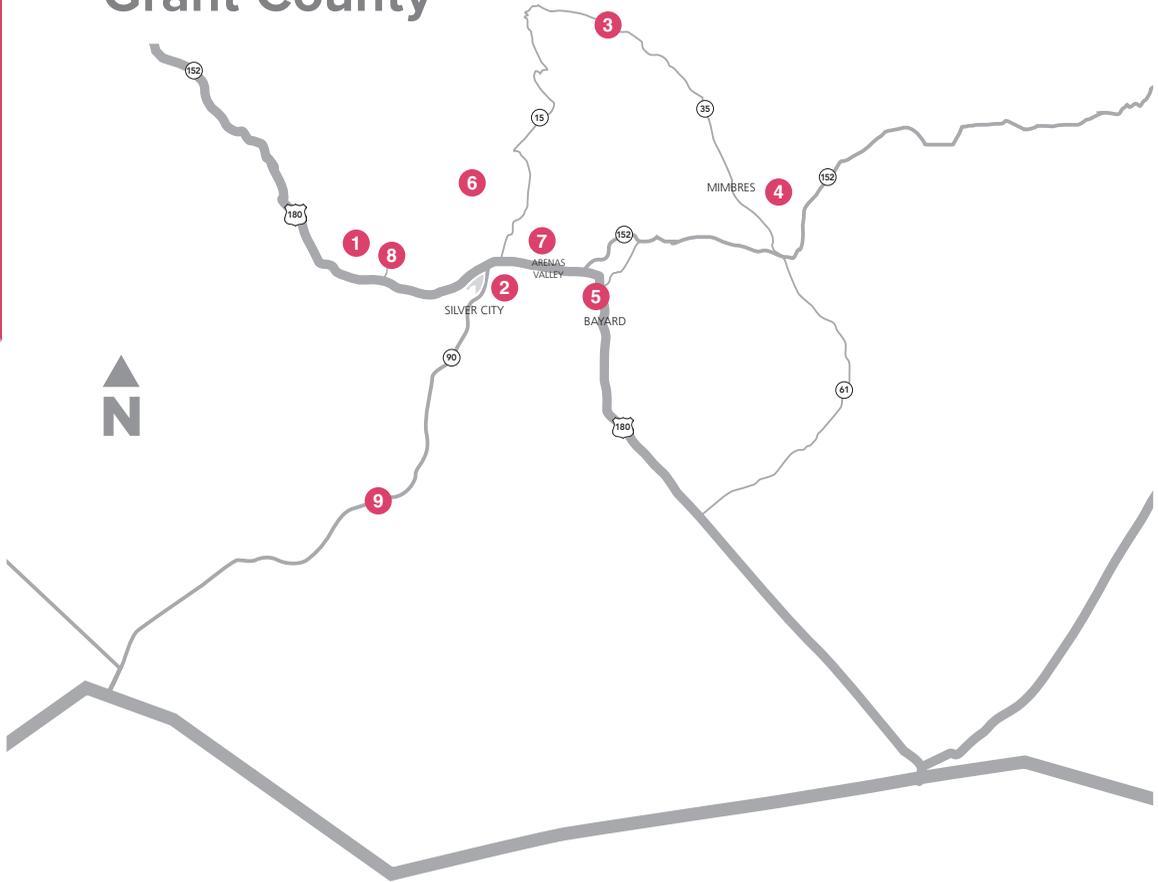
December – Held each year on the first Saturday in December, this fiesta celebrates traditional Christmastime treats such as tamales, bizcochos, Mexican hot chocolate and red-chile kettle corn. Held Downtown, food and craft vendors greet visitors, shops are open and tamales may be ordered by the dozen. There’s a tamal contest, live musical performances, dancing and other fun activities. Info: [www.tamalfiestaymas.org](http://www.tamalfiestaymas.org)

**CHOCOLATE FANTASIA**

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

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# URGENT CARE

## in Grant County

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**S**ilver Health CARE in Silver City and Deming established an urgent care center more than 20 years ago, before urgent care was even a common or popular thing.

“When it came up I had kids at home,” said Silver Health CARE CEO Dr. James Skee. “It was about 22 years ago we realized there really was a need for that.”

When patients must go to the emergency room for things their regular provider could take care of, it ends up being much more expensive, plus it clutters the emergency room with things that shouldn’t be there. Patients with true life-threatening emergencies, could be put at risk.

“We established urgent care because we had full schedules and it was difficult to fit in patients who needed immediate care,” Skee said. “It was a way of trying to deal with that problem which was stressful for everybody, especially on weekends. Things just don’t happen Monday through Friday, 8-5, and the whole idea was to take care of those (non-emergencies) and address them.”

Skee said the difference is for the unexpected things that happen, not life-threatening things.

“If you are thinking you have a stroke or heart attack, go to emergency,” he said. “Urgent care is a win-win situation for all the patients and providers.”

Insurance companies also benefit because they must pay more for emergency care and patients pay higher copays.

Urgent care helps with the preventive aspect of health care as well. If a patient has a urinary tract infection and it gets worse because they put off getting help, it can become a bigger problem down the line, Skee said.

Urgent care is also good for lacerations, sprained ankles, some fractures, and anything you normally would consider going to your doctor for, he said.

The Silver City Urgent Care attendance varies according to season, Skee said. They see a year-round average of three patients per hour. Because the facility

is part of Silver Health Care, sometimes when urgent care is hit severely, other doctors will help out to lighten the load.

Skee said between Deming and Silver City clinics, Silver Health Care has around 75 employees, including 25 medical practitioners. In addition to operating the Urgent Care Center, the company has two clinic facilities in Silver City, one in Bayard and one in Deming.

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## From the ground up, taking care of your feet in Silver City

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**P**odiatrists are more important than you might think. Many common problems can extend and start at the level of the feet and Silver City has two locations for Grant County residents to look for help.

Two area medical facilities, Silver Health CARE and Gila Regional Medical Center have new podiatrists on board. In addition to the foot and ankle needs of everyone, diabetes care adds an extra layer of essential medical treatment. Both providers have experience in diabetes care.

Silver Health CARE CEO Dr. James Skee said there is a big need in the community for podiatric services, particularly for diabetics.

"Problems (in diabetics) are pretty common," Skee said. "Taking care of the foot can prevent amputations, keeping people active and moving with cardiovascular exercise. There is a lot of stress on our feet, it's something we take for granted."

Dr. Nilam Patel at Silver Health CARE treats all manner of foot and ankle conditions and is qualified to perform surgery if needed.

"We try to do as conservative treatment as possible, avoiding surgery, but if surgery comes up we can do it," Skee said.

At Gila Regional Medical Center Dr. Greg Iwaasa recently added his five years of experience in foot and



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ankle medicine to the team at the Gila Foot & Ankle Clinic.

“Many people have problems with their feet and just live with the pain,” Iwaasa says on the GRMC website. “Having difficulty moving can make other medical conditions worse, such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure. Aches or pain are often accepted as a normal part of life – but it’s not normal to have chronic or continuous pain. My philosophy is that every patient is an athlete and it is my job is to maximize their ability to ambulate for overall health benefits. If someone is experiencing feet or ankle pain on a regular basis, they should see a podiatrist before it gets worse.”

## GRANT COUNTY AREA PODIATRISTS:



**Dr. Nilam Patel**  
Silver Health CARE  
575-538-2981  
[www.silverhealthcare.org](http://www.silverhealthcare.org)



**Dr. Greg Iwaasa**  
Gila Regional Medical Center  
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Silver City, New Mexico 88061  
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**SILVER HEALTH CARE**  
[www.silverhealthcare.org](http://www.silverhealthcare.org)  
1600 E. 32nd St.  
575-538-2981

Silver Health Care is a multispecialty group offering a broad range of quality medical services. Silver Health Care also operates two urgent care walk-in clinics, in Silver City and Deming. Silver Health Care also has clinic facilities in Bayard, Fort Bayard Medical Center and an additional family clinic in Silver City.

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575-534-1919

Founded by board-certified orthopedic surgeon Brian Robinson in 1999, the Southwest Bone and Joint Institute provides a full range of orthopedic services including orthopedic surgery at the Gila Regional Medical surgical center, imaging, rehab and sports medicine.

# Volunteer Opportunities Abound

BY VIVIAN SAVITT

**V**olunteering offers a gamut of benefits — from meeting new people and expressing our altruistic side — to transforming personal know-how into community service. Conscious of these personal and public benefits, senior citizens are putting their retirement years to good use and are highly visible throughout the town as volunteers.

Opportunities abound at local non-profit organizations and what follows describes only a short listing of possibilities ranging from gardening and animal care, to tutoring and special events assistance:

Dogs and cats await companionship at the High Desert Humane Society (575-538-9261). Besides walking canines who are awaiting adoption, you can also help socialize puppies and kittens during petting and play sessions. Volunteers who enjoy merchandising can sell donated goods at the Paws Cause Thrift Store on Bullard street



where proceeds help fund Halt a Litter Today (HALT) coupons toward spaying and neutering. The Society's annual events also require volunteer participation, including both the Blessing of the Animals at Gough Park in autumn and the mid-summer Children's Festival at Penny Park.

Book lovers can find their bliss by volunteering at the Silver City Public Library (575-538-3672) or helping at the Friends of the Library book sales on July 13, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9, 2019.

Housed at the Silver City Public Library, Literacy Link - Leamos (575-388-0892) attracts volunteers who tutor adults in reading, English as a second language (ESL), and help them study for the U.S. Naturalization exam. Another activity is helping distribute new books to elementary school children. Some projects are sited at the Grant County Detention Center and include inmate parenting and poetry classes, as well as Read 2 Me — an audio/video session that enables children to receive book readings from an incarcerated parent.

Some of us are never as happy as when we're in a garden or otherwise helping to ease food insecurity. The Commons (575-388-2988) can provide this natural high. Besides performing gardening tasks like weeding, pruning and harvesting volunteers also help organize provisions for the food pantry distribution. Monthly training sessions are offered, and volunteer recruitment occurs at the Silver City Farmer's Market downtown.

Ever thought about hosting your own radio program? Gila/Mimbres Community Radio, KURU 89.1, (tel. 597-4891) plans a training program where skills like how to moderate a program, operate recording equipment and use the music library will be taught.

If you prefer volunteering from home, contact the Grant County Community Concert Association (575-538-5862), where every summer participants recruit season subscribers to their arts events via telephone calling.

Many organizations mentioned here sponsor special events throughout the year that require an energetic volunteer workforce. These happenings include the Gila River Festival, Sept. 19-22, 2019, in support of local conservation efforts. Now in its 15th year, the festival features outstanding speakers and field trips. During the event, a free field trip is offered as a perk to volunteers. The Gila Conservation Coalition (575-538-8078).

The Silver City Museum (575-538-5921) hosts both a July 4th Ice Cream Social featuring food, music and many family activities, including an old-fashion cake walk. For the yuletide there's a costumed Victorian Christmas celebration. Volunteers may also help mount and dismantle exhibitions pertaining to the museum's emphasis on regional history, as well as working in the museum gift shop.

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## Fort Bayard Medical Center

**F**ort Bayard Medical Center provides services to those who no longer can care for themselves. The Fort Bayard State Veterans Home is also located on site.

FBMC, located at 41 Fort Bayard Road, in Santa Teresa, offers care for those who can no longer provide their own care without assistance. The center is equipped with 200 beds, with varied levels of admission requirements and fees depending on individual cases.

The veteran's home sector of FBMC assists veterans and their families. The home can house up to 40 residents. The services provided and types of needs the residents have are like those at FBMC but reserved only for honorably discharged veterans, veteran spouses, or parents of children who were killed while serving in the armed forces.

Both of these facilities offer their services not only to those in the region, but extend their reach to anyone in the United States who feels that one of the facilities will best fit their needs or the needs of someone close to them.

The main number to reach any of the services at Fort Bayard Medical Center is 575-537-8600.

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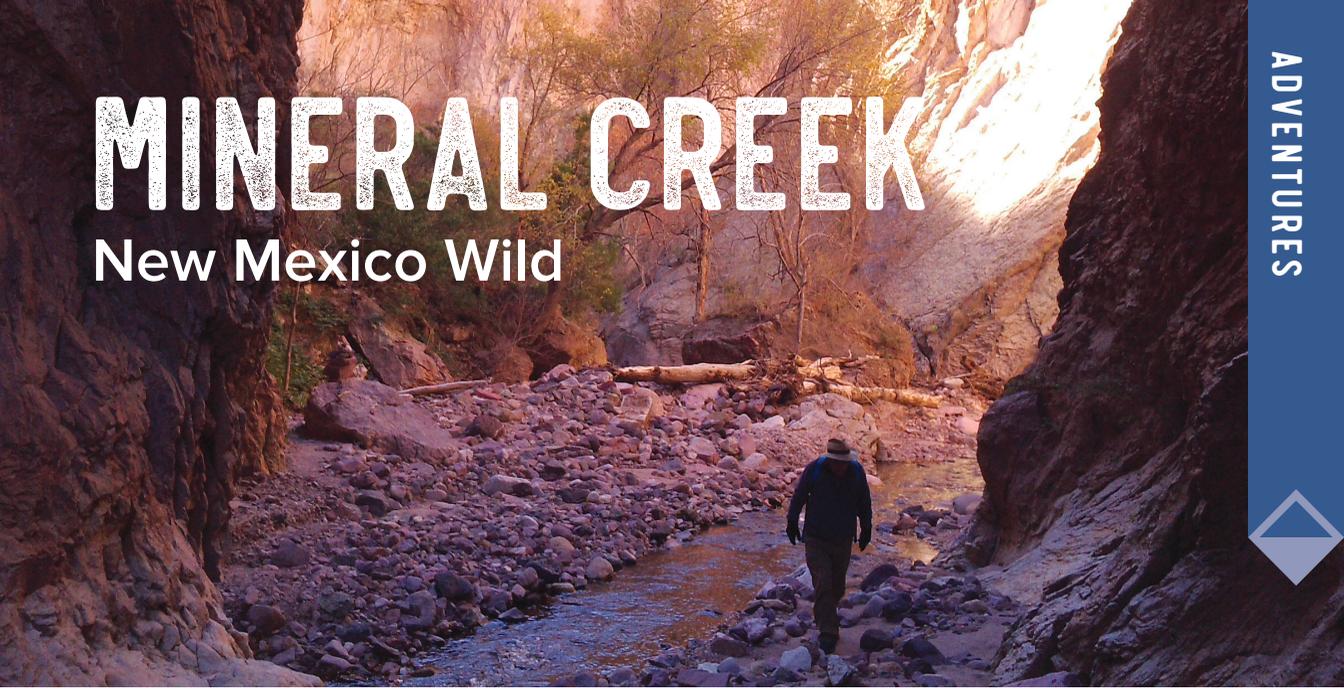
The clinic is located at 2950 Leslie Road in Silver City.

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

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

# MINERAL CREEK

## New Mexico Wild



BY NATHAN NEWCOMER

**S**teeped in history, adorned with grandeur and repose, the Gila National Forest is a blessing to those of us that call these mountains, rivers, and forests our backyard. Whether it is spending time with our families camping at the numerous campgrounds, or hiking alone up a remote canyon to indulge in solitude and silence, these mountains and rivers are quintessential to our quality of life as residents and New Mexicans. Their value is intrinsic to our overall wellbeing, mentally, physically, and oftentimes spiritually. One place in particular that stands out as a real gem on the forest is a narrow slot canyon called Mineral Creek, just east of Alma, New Mexico.

Situated near the northwest corner of the Gila Wilderness, Mineral Creek contains several narrow canyons that are astoundingly constricted and tight and are surrounded by extremely interesting rock formations. The geological wonders and scenery of Mineral Creek are truly beautiful. The trail gives way to solid bedrock filled with interesting stream-filled, circular potholes in the stream bottom.

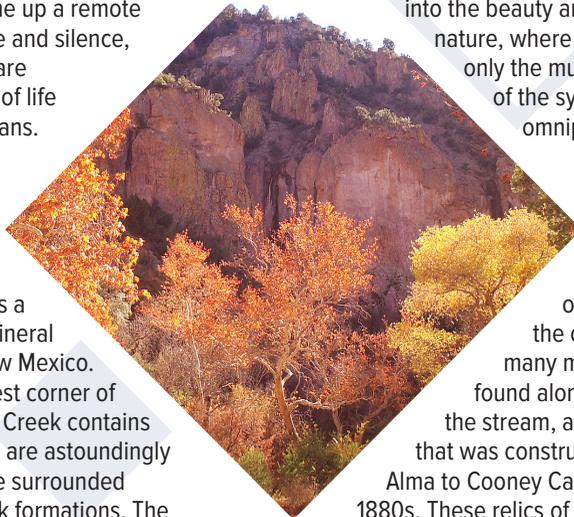
Running a total length of 15 miles, the trail traverses through jagged rock cliffs, walls, and rising peaks. Many sections of the trail can be challenging to navigate due to the numerous river crossings and slick rock. Small waterfalls can be encountered shortly after entering the canyon, below which are shallow pools of deeper, crystal clear water.

Geologically, the rugged Mineral Creek canyon is quite complex, with its sheer walls revealing

a multimillion-year history of volcanic eruptions, upheaval and eventual emplacement of rich deposits of gold, silver and copper along ring faults of the collapsing Bursum Caldera. Today, a hike up Mineral Creek offers an extremely satisfying journey into the beauty and solitude of pristine nature, where civilization disappears and only the murmuring creek and rustle of the sycamore leaves break the omnipresent silence.

Here and there, as one negotiates past the waterfalls, a sharp eye can observe solid bars of iron sticking out of the rocks on the side of the canyon. These bars, and many more like them that can be found along the bedrock portions of the stream, are all that remain of a road that was constructed up the canyon from Alma to Cooney Camp sometime during the 1880s. These relics of past human occupation add to the area's historical and cultural value. Only a few fragmental records, reports and anecdotal stories remain today regarding the initial discovery of these riches. The ensuing years of blood, sweat and tears developing and exploiting the minerals, and then the eventual abandonment, have left few remains of this all-but-forgotten late-1800s mining camp.

Preserving our natural heritage for future generations is something that most of us can agree is the right thing to do, and Mineral Creek is just one of many worthy places that deserves to be protected, so that 100 years from now, New Mexicans will still be enjoying and exploring this wild river canyon.



# Mangas Coloradas

BY DOUG DINWIDDIE

**T**he U.S. Army's first encounter with Mangas Coloradas in October 1846 was peaceful. The Apache leader was in his late 50s at the time, and still cut a powerful and impressive figure.

American soldiers, guided by scout Kit Carson and under the leadership of General Stephen Watts Kearny, were passing through southwestern New Mexico on their way to secure California for the United States. They had taken Santa Fe and northern New Mexico in the first months of the Mexican War, and now Kearny sent word he wished to speak with the local Apache leader, Mangas Coloradas aka "Red Sleeves."

They met at a spring about 25 miles to the northwest of the abandoned copper mines at Santa Rita del Cobre. Kearny and the Apache agreed that the Army of the West would pass unmolested through his realm.

Mangas had survived a treacherous massacre at Santa Rita del Cobre, set up by conspiring mine operators and scalp hunters during the late 1830s. He then became an implacable enemy of the Mexicans and had led his warriors in a war that lasted years and ultimately drove them from the area. By the time Kearny met him, Mangas was the undisputed master of southwestern New Mexico.

Mexico was defeated and obliged to sign the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo in 1848 the American government sought in order to establish reservations and Army forts to oblige the Apaches to accept confinement in specific geographic areas, in return for rations and protection.

As part of the process, the natives were to learn farming skills to eventually become self-sufficient, and Mangas Coloradas agreed to accept a reservation to be located near the spring where he and Kearny had met. Unfortunately, bureaucratic bungling and cultural misunderstandings prevented that from ever happening.

Meanwhile, in 1860 gold was discovered by itinerant prospectors in the Pinos Altos Mountains, and a mining camp sprang up there. Mangas Coloradas was an occasional visitor to the camp, but according to reports he was assaulted and whipped by local miners,

securing his permanent hatred for them. He and his son-in-law, Cochise, led a violent attack on the Pinos Altos camp in September 1861 that resulted in deaths on both sides, and the Apaches besieged the village until the next summer.

During the Civil War, New Mexico was invaded by a Confederate army from Texas, and in response the Union dispatched reinforcements from southern California under the command of Brigadier General James Carleton. The "California Column" had to fight its way through an ambush led by Cochise and Mangas Coloradas in southeastern Arizona before arriving to lift

the Pinos Altos siege in August 1862. Mangas was wounded in the Arizona fight, and had to be taken to Janos in Chihuahua for treatment.

By the time Carleton's column arrived in New Mexico, the Confederates had been expelled, so Carleton directed his troops to subdue all Indian resistance in the territory. He specifically ordered his subordinate, Colonel Joseph West to locate Mangas Coloradas and "deal with him in a final manner." In January 1863, Mangas was lured to Pinos Altos for a parley. When he arrived, soldiers emerged from hiding and placed him under arrest. He was

then escorted to the remains of an abandoned fort, Fort McLane, about 20 miles southeast of Pinos Altos.

There, on the night of January 18, 1863, Mangas Coloradas was "shot while attempting to escape." An eyewitness account from a party of civilian prospectors camped at the ruined fort told a different story. According to those witnesses, the elderly chief was tormented by his captors, who were heating their bayonets in the campfire, then touching the legs of Mangas with them. He finally sat up, and proclaimed in Spanish "I am a man, not a dog!" Then he was shot several times, killing him.

His body was buried nearby but was dug up soon afterward and his head was removed. In a final act of barbarity, the great Apache leader's head was boiled fleshless, the skull then shipped eastward to phrenologists for study. No one is sure of what became of the gruesome trophy in subsequent years. So ended the life of one of the Southwest's most notable personalities, helping fuel nearly another quarter century of bloody warfare between the Apaches and their enemies.

In the fall of 2018, the State of New Mexico installed the new historic marker within sight of the spot where this tragedy played out over 150 years earlier. Casual passersby can scarcely imagine the great drama witnessed by the stark landscape.





# ROLLING

like a stone

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**M**embers of the Grant County Rolling Stones Gem and Mineral Society are passionate about rocks and very eager to share their interest with anyone who would like to listen in and explore with them. On Labor Day weekend the society is hosting their 36th yearly gem and mineral show, it's free, and everyone is welcome.

Show chair Jeannine Weiner said she was hooked at the first show she attended.

"I joined the club and started to learn about the gems and minerals," she said. "It's fascinating to see what nature brings us in the form of gems and minerals."

Weiner said Grant County is one of the most mineralized counties in New Mexico.

"It's pretty amazing here," she said. "We love rocks!"

Part of the society's mission is to further gem and mineral education and get more people involved.

"It's a great pastime and a social situation because we all love rocks," she said. "We have a lot of geologists as part of our club and help us out when we don't know exactly what we are looking at. We like to bring the event, a free family event, to people and like to get the kids involved. Who knows, maybe they will be future geologists."

The club has more than 150 members, 80 or so active. They have a potluck meeting on the first Tuesday of every month and a field trip on the third Saturday every month.

The 2019 Gem and Mineral Show, held at the Grant County Veterans' Memorial Conference Center, offers 35 to 40 vendors, a wheel of fortune with prizes, field trips every day and daily lectures. Educational speakers are coming from New Mexico Tech Mineral Museum, The Zuhl Museum, and others. The New Mexico State University Zuhl Collection of Petrified Wood and the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology are bringing displays from their collections.

For information visit [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com).

## 2019 GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

**WHEN:** Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2

**TIMES:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday;  
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and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday

**WHERE:** Grant County Veterans' Memorial Conference Center,  
3031 Highway 180 E.  
in Silver City

**COST:** Free

**CONTACT:** Jeannine Weiner  
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# WNMU's Natural Sciences: Popular with local residents



BY VIVIAN SAVITT

**H**oused in Harlan Hall on 12th Street, the Department of Natural Sciences stands among the other low, cream-colored structures that provide visual continuity to Western New Mexico University's 80-acre campus. A narrow pond at Harlan Hall's facade lends organic distinction to the building and exemplifies its rapport with local residents interested in the natural world.

Consequently, it is not only faculty members and science majors who are knowledgeable about area plants and wildlife, but also Silver City residents who support both the Native Plant and Audubon societies. These groups convene at Harlan Hall led often by faculty offering expertise in their subject areas. In turn, participants often lend their time helping to catalog specimens at the herbarium there, as well as attend university-sponsored conservation and environmental lectures.

Jeff Hill, natural sciences department chairman, said that his faculty has "won eight of WNMU's Excellence in Teaching Awards in the last 10 years," covering subjects ranging from herpetology, entomology and botany — to chemistry and geology.

The Natural History of the Gila Symposium is a particularly well-known event that draws community members as well as faculty researchers, conservationists and government representatives from throughout the state. Held biennially at the university's Global Resource Center, the free event is funded by the Gila National Forest Service. Now in its eighth year, the Symposium will next be held Feb. 27 - 28, 2020. Field trips are scheduled on Saturday following the event's conclusion. In the past, field trip topics have included

local geography and Mimbres archeology. Additional information is described on the symposium's website.

The department's 14 faculty members also lend their expertise to local schools and participate in special events for youth, including the Science Olympiad — the largest in New Mexico. There is also the Teen Academy for Health Sciences, a three-week event for high school students. Pinpointing girls in grades 5 - 8, is the Expanding Your Horizons workshop — an annual look at opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics specifically for this age group.

Residents interested in taking classes taught in the natural sciences department may contact the WNMU Admissions office, 575-538-6000. Persons age 65 or older are offered a substantial discount on all WNMU courses.





The reed-filled pond at Harlan Hall, home of WNMU's Natural Sciences Department.

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# Foothills Arabians, where only gentle makes the grade

BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

In a different world than it used to be, according to Bob Hall of Foothills Arabians, “most people’s kids are raised on computers, not on horses.”

When Hall was a child, it was the age of John Wayne and Roy Rogers and he was dying to be a horseman when he grew up.

“There are very few horsemen coming up in comparison to the way things used to be,” he said.

As a professional horseman, how does this affect his business? For one thing, after he trains a horse and it’s ready to sell, he pretty much must train the buyer as well. He won’t send one of his horses home with anyone until he knows the connections and cues that animal has been trained to.

Hall and his wife, Flo, have been breeding Arabians since 1983.

“My mares have gotten old and I have gotten old,” he said. “It doesn’t make sense to have babies (foals) anymore because people don’t want babies, they want to buy and ride.”

But there is still plenty of activity going on at Foothills Arabians. The Halls still have horses in training and horses for sale. Bob works with clients, teaching them horse skills and with horses (his own and others’), teaching them to communicate with and respond to humans.

“I have a group of folks that have bought horses from me, horses I trained,” he said. “People are interested partly because of the training. I have a group of people who have me on retainer. Most of them live here. Also have a group of horses we board, we help with their care, but they are not ours.”

Currently the facility has 23 horses (10 geldings, nine mares, a stallion, two mules and a foal) on the grounds. Space is still open for additional boarding, he said.

One of the things that’s happened over the last few years is artificial insemination that has put backyard breeders out of business, Bob said.

“Used to be a guy like me could stand a good stallion

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## SERVICES FOR HORSES

One very important detail that affects horses and their owners is the availability of good veterinarians and farriers. Because every horse owner has their own opinion, a short list follows, with the caveat that many other competent professionals also live and work in the Silver City area.

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at stud and do some business every year,” he said. “Nowadays, if you don’t have a laboratory and breeding dummy, artificial vagina, the ability to cool and evaluate semen and ship it, you are not doing any business. I have none of those things, so my stallion is not doing any business.”

The Halls’ stallion is Fresh Prints, son of Bel Air V. Now 11, Fresh Prints, happily gallops along the fence in his field, accompanying visiting vehicles for a short distance. The stallion’s first daughter, Fresh Princess, 8, is well trained and available for sale.

As Bob put Fresh Princess through her paces he talked about his training methods.

“I’ve worked my whole life to be a better horseman,” Bob said. “I have spent time with well-known trainers – John Lyons and Buck Brannaman.”

Bob’s horse philosophy is, first of all, empathy, he said. He starts when they are babies, because it is “way easier to handle a 100-pounder than a 1,000-pounder.”

The natural horsemanship style, expertly implemented at Foothills Arabians, has created gentle, friendly, responsive animals that will gladly do what they are asked at the touch of a hand or the whisper of suggestion.

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See definitions and full descriptions at Chapter 6 of the municipal code, [www.townofsilvercity.org](http://www.townofsilvercity.org).

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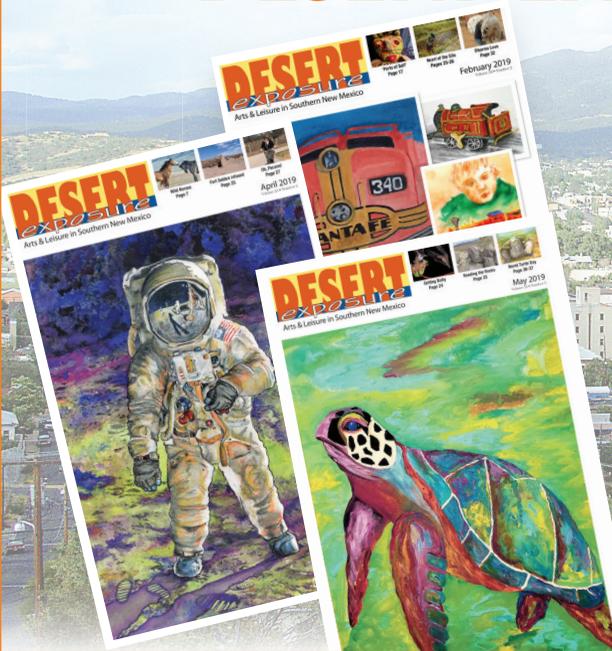
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