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With its setting in the mountains, Silver City is a strikingly beautiful place.

The colors and the architecture of Downtown are also enchanting.

But just as the original miners did, with a little searching and digging, you can find some even more amazing things in Silver City, often just below the surface.

Even if you've been to a favorite place in Grant County a dozen times, if you haven't been recently, you're likely to find something new.

Just like New Mexico itself, Silver City is unique, with treasures both obvious and hidden.

In this edition of Life is Good in Silver City we'll cover a variety of things, including Glenwood, what's growing, walking around Downtown, One Million Bones, archiving the Mimbres, books, the Continental Divide, finding a place to live and more.

These are just jumping-off points.

We encourage you to look into these, and then do your own exploring.

Get out of your car and get on your bicycle or, even better, a horse!

Then get off of your bicycle or your horse, and go for a hike!

Click off the Internet and put down your phone.

Open your eyes, use all of your senses and discover what's waiting for you.

It could be a beautiful piece of artwork. A delicious appetizer at one of the many great local restaurants. A nice, cold (or hot) home-brewed beverage. A wonderful vista you discovered by taking a few steps off of your hiking or biking trail.

Often as not, the most interesting thing you'll encounter is another human being.

Silver City is home to some of the most fascinating minds and personalities you'll ever find.

Whether it is someone who's lived in Grant County for a lifetime, or someone who's spent a lifetime somewhere else, you will run into intriguing people wherever you go.

Life is definitely good in Silver City. Use this magazine to help you discover some of the reasons why, or to remind you of things you haven't thought of in a while.

Then go explore and discover the things, places and people that make life good in Silver City for you.

**Richard Coltharp**  
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# Lifestyle change?

## *Live in Silver City*

**BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

Patrick Conlin, broker/owner at Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate in Silver City, said the market in Grant County is recovering, stretching toward the 2007 real estate peak, after which the market collapsed.

“We do have local buyers and a lot of inbound people moving here,” Conlin said. “They come to relocate and to work at the mine, forest service, and university.”

Many people come to Grant County/Silver City looking for a change in lifestyle, Conlin said. They come to get away from big cities and they come for the weather and relaxed atmosphere.

“I call them ‘younger retired,’ in their 50s and 60s,” he said. “They may be working part time, or telecommuting. It’s all exciting because they are bringing new blood into the community. They are volunteering; they are contributing; they are not just sitting at home not getting involved.”

Conlin said people come from all over including California, Florida, Texas and the Midwest. And closer to home, there is a lot of back-and-forth activity from Tucson, Arizona and many of those people are second-home buyers.

“We’ve even sold to people out of the country, so we do get buyers from everywhere,” he said. “They are coming for the Gila Wilderness, hiking and biking opportunities, a place that is under the radar and out of the way. And the pricing is still within reach.”

Historic Downtown Silver City is one of the most popular areas to live, Conlin said. People like walkability and the neighborhood feel. They like the historic character

of it. On the other hand, some people want room, a view, and a little ground to call their own.

He said 2017 was the best year in real estate since the 2007 peak.

“We are definitely on the upswing,” he said. “We have a lot of inventory.”

Rebecca Smith broker/owner at Smith Real Estate & Property Management said there is a shift away from being a complete buyer’s market. The market is recovering after a long slump and has become more balanced.

“Last year things kind of turned around and we are not in a buyers’ market anymore,” Smith said. “I would say we are in a happy neutral zone at the moment.”

She said she noticed that properties that have been sitting a long time have started selling.

“Our inventory has decreased to the point that if you find a place you like you should not dilly dally,” Smith said.

People are looking for all kinds of residences, she said — new, upgrades and downsized. Some are drawn to a forest boundary, some want to live near the hospital, some want to live right downtown because they want to walk everywhere, and some want 20 acres around them or room for their animals to roam.

“There is no one tribe of people that are driving the market,” she said. “Baby boomer retirees are the biggest segment of the home buyer market in the entire nation right now. They want to downsize and simplify, find places with few stairs and little maintenance.

“I am optimistic over the market overall. The house market is way better than it was.”



# Botanical Garden:

## Beauty grows in a vacant lot

Silva Creek Botanical Gardens, once a little-used and rather unsightly patch of ground bordering Silva Creek behind Jose Barrios Elementary School in Silver City, has become a thriving example of civic engagement and public-private partnership.

Though the land is owned by the Town of Silver City, Gila Native Plant Society volunteers have been working the gravel-packed earth to create a demonstration garden of more than 100 species of plants native to southern New Mexico. They've been helped by Aldo Leopold youth conservationists, private funders, community organizations and neighborhood residents who volunteer for various projects.

The seed of the project was planted more than a decade ago when interested community members first launched the idea, but real development of the garden began with a donation by a Native Plant Society member, which prompted an informal agreement with the town to develop and maintain the garden.

"We're still working away, trying to make it a real garden with more and more species," said Elroy Limmer, president of the Gila Native Plant Society. "We want this to be a wonderful demonstration garden to help educate people about what species are native to this region, and what thrives here."

Plant society volunteers are largely responsible for the steady progress that has resulted in numerous improvements to this public space, including new fencing and signage, walkways and continuous expansion of the garden space. Aldo Leopold students created a butterfly garden in honor of Aldo Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) students Ella Jaz Kirk, Ella Sala Myers and Michael Sebastian Mahl who were killed in a tragic 2014 airplane crash.

YCC members continue to work near the gardens, clearing and cleaning up along the creek bed behind the gardens, and a Western Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL) class built the new archway. Without the stewardship of the plant society and involvement of the

numerous other community groups and volunteers, what is now a well-used public space, replete with little lending library, beautiful native plants and a safe school crossing zone would still be just an unsightly, empty lot, said Town Council Member Lynda Aiman-Smith, whose district includes the gardens.

"It's really great to be able to come here, see friends and pick up our children from school," said Silver City resident Chala Werber, whose daughter, Dara, attends Jose Barrios Elementary. "It's a beautiful space that lots of people use."

Keeping the gardens growing and thriving is the number one priority of the Gila Native Plant Society, Limmer said. "We can always use more volunteers, and there's always something that we need to purchase. We appreciate all the help that we get from the many people in the community who've volunteered their time and talent to this effort."

The garden is located on Virginia Street, two blocks north of U.S. 180, between Hill Street and State Street, across from the Virginia Street Park. For information visit the Gila Native Plant Society at [www.gilanps.org](http://www.gilanps.org).

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# SILVER CITY STATS

## SILVER CITY

### PEOPLE

**Population:**  
9,907 (2016)

**Households:**  
4,013 (2012-2016)

**Veterans:**  
636 (2012-2016)

**Median household income:**  
\$38,487 (2012-2016)

**Median home value:**  
\$140,100 (2012-2016)  
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:**  
27,687 (2017 estimate)

**Households:**  
11,941 (2012-2016)

**Median household income:**  
\$38,890 (2012-2016)

**Persons below poverty level:**  
22.8 percent

### BUSINESS

**Nonemployer establishments:**  
1,550 (2015)

**Employer establishments:**  
605 (2015)

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

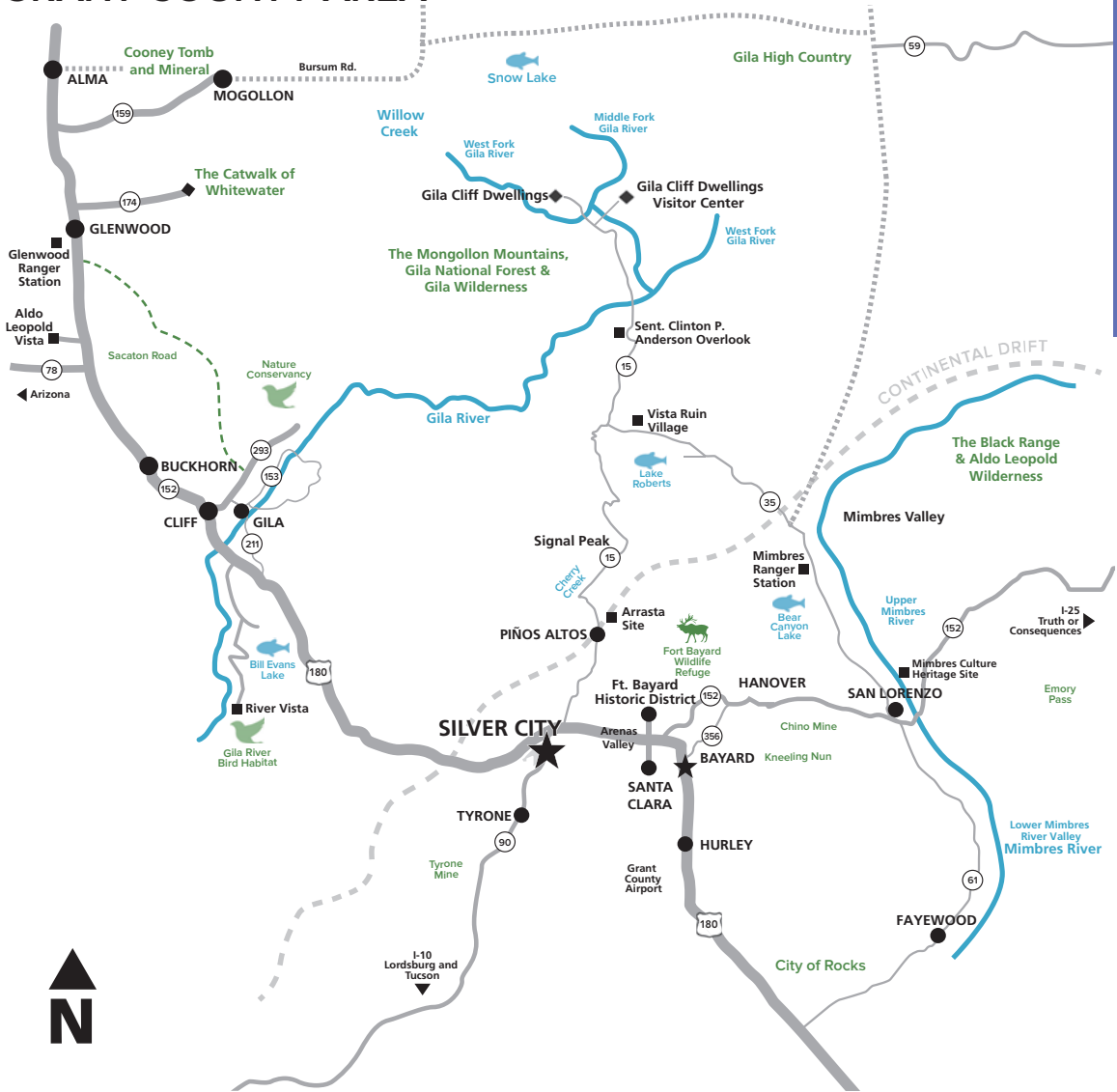
### GEOGRAPHY

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

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



# LANDMARKS GRANT COUNTY AREA



# How to spend a day (weekend) in downtown

## Silver City

BY TRACY ROY

### WHERE TO LEARN HISTORY

- Stop by the **Silver City Tourism & Visitor Center**, 201 N. Hudson St., to learn about various walking tours available, pick up brochures and plan a day of delving into history and lore. A new walking tour, “Stories From Our Streets,” will be available June 1.
- **Silver City Museum**, located in the H.B. Ailman House with history of its own, 312 W. Broadway St., offers three historical walking tours, plus a collection of more than 20,000 objects and 17,000 photos. Unique interactive exhibits bring the collection and the history of New Mexico to life.

### WHERE TO GET OUTDOORS

- **Penney Park**, 1305 N. Grant St., offers playgrounds, picnic tables and restrooms and is a great place to spend some time with kids.
- Enjoy an in-town hike or bike ride on the **Boston Hill Trail System**, just south of downtown. The 1.7-mile loop includes historic mining sites and a great view of the city. Trailheads are available on Cooper, Cheyenne, Spring and Market streets.

### WHERE TO GET COFFEE

- **Javelina Coffee House**, 117 W. Market St., is a quiet, quirky place to grab a cup of quality coffee, and perhaps hang out to get work done or people watch.
- Get organic, fair-trade coffee at **Jumping Cactus**, 503 N. Bullard St., as well as breakfast, brunch and lunch.
- **Tranquilbuzz**, 112 W. Yankee St., is a place to find not only a good cup of coffee, but a stellar lineup of musical performances. Its robust roster has something for every taste.

### WHERE TO FIND GOOD EATS

- For a red enchilada fix, visit **Nancy’s Silver Café**, 514 N. Bullard St., a favorite with the locals.
- **Revel**, 304 N. Bullard St., is a place to try something unique. Natural, farm-to-table ingredients create an interesting menu with lots of vegetarian options.
- If you have a hankering for tacos, don’t overlook

**Jalisco Café**, 103 S. Bullard St., which boasts a taco plate you’ve got to try.

- **Vicki’s Eatery**, 315 N. Texas St., is a made-from-scratch restaurant known for fresh soups, salads and sandwiches. Breakfast and dinner are also available, as well as wine and beer.

### WHERE TO SEE ART

- Make a visit to **Mimbres Region Arts Council**, 1201 N. Pope St. inside the Wells Fargo Bank, or the Silver City Visitor’s Center for pamphlets and information on area galleries, studios and art-related classes and events.
- Each spring, studio artists host tours, guided by signs and brochures with maps. About 20 studios participate in **Red Dot Artists’ Studio Tours**, to be held May 4-6 and kicks off with “Spring Into Art” downtown art gala at 201 Broadway Ave.
- Take a look around as you stroll and you’re sure to notice murals. The **Youth Mural Program**, facilitated by the city, pairs student artists and area businesses to create murals that celebrate history, heritage and life in Silver City.

### WHERE TO MAKE ART

- **The Makery**, 108 W. Yankee St., provides creative workshops for busy adults (and kids, too). If you’re thinking of picking up a new hobby, here’s a place to try it out without all the investment.

### WHERE TO BUY THINGS

- There’s no shortage of gifts and unique items in Silver City. This short list doesn’t do it justice, but a good place to start is **Silver City Trading Company Antique Mall**, 205 W. Broadway St. for everything under the sun; **Pink Store North**, sister store of the famous one in Palomas, Mexico, 210 N. Bullard St., for fine gifts from Mexico; **Single Socks Thrift Store**, 111 W. College Ave. to support anti-hunger projects; **Manzanita Ridge Furniture & Antiques**, 107 N. Bullard St.; and **Syzygy Tiles** for artistic, handmade tiles made by 20 local artisans.



### WHERE TO GET BEER

- For local craft beer, check out **Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery**, 200 N. Bullard St., or for a larger selection of draft and bottled beer, visit **Q's Southern Bistro**, 101 W. College Ave.

### WHERE TO BE ENTERTAINED

- Check out live performances at **Tranquilbuzz Coffee House** or **Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery**.
- Take in a flick at **Silco Theater**, 311 N. Bullard St.

### WHERE TO STAY

- A landmark art deco hotel built in 1938 and restored in 2012, multi-story **Murray Hotel**, 200 W. Broadway St., offers 53 rooms and suites in the heart of downtown Silver City.
- The **Palace Hotel**, 106 W. Broadway St., dates to 1882 (renovated in 1990) with 18 rooms and continental breakfast in an upstairs sky-lit room. The historic hotel carries an Old West charm.

### WHERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- **Datura Therapeutic Day Spa**, 108 E. Broadway St., offers therapeutic treatments like facials, spa manicures, reflexology and other body treatments. It carries bareMinerals makeup, a complete line of skin renewal products.
- Experience yoga, meditation and moving arts at **Lotus Center**, 211 W. Broadway St. The non-profit community center focuses on improving health and wellness through mindful movement and inner peace.
- **Zir Yab's Body Brew**, 1330 Grant St., is a unique shop

offering all-natural deodorant, soaps, bath bombs, topical creams, essential oils and lotions.

### WHERE TO REFLECT

- **St. Vincent Church**, 420 W. Market St., offers Mass every day except Monday and is a beautiful location for quiet contemplation.
- **La Capilla**, atop Chihuahua Hill, overlooks the city. The small chapel is locked, except for tours and special occasions, but nonetheless is a quiet place to think things over.
- **Silver City Zen Center**, 503 W. 13th St., is a small Soto Zen community founded in 1993.
- **Agave Ridge Retreat**, 301 W. College Ave. Ste. 9, offers a place to relax and renew. Rent a house, and enjoy some peace without retreating to the wilderness.





## Southwest New Mexico Food Hub

In typical spring fashion, a new business has sprouted in Silver City.

The Southwest New Mexico Food Hub is a Silver City-based nonprofit business run by The National Center for Frontier Communities.

Born out of the regional food policy council and an in-depth study of the local food system, the hub will purchase locally grown products and store, aggregate, market and distribute them both within the region and in surrounding metropolitan areas such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and Tucson, Arizona.

The hub is mission-driven and aiming to increase local food production and sales, and to build the local food system in the region.

“The best way we could find to increase local food production was to offer a steady, reliable market for growers to reach new markets and to work with these growers to meet the rising demand,” said Ben Rasmussen, NCFC program specialist responsible for the day-to-day operations of the hub.

“The hub meets growers wherever they are at,” Rasmussen said. “We work with established growers and simply market and distribute their products and we work with new, fledgling growers and offer advice and input as to what crops to grow, volumes, food-safety requirements and have even worked to help discover funding streams.”

There is rising demand for local products nationwide and with the coordination and logistical solutions offered by the hub growers in SWNM can benefit from this demand without having to travel to these markets.

“We envision a Southwest New Mexico that produces much of what it eats and a thriving local food economy that supports many families and farms. We know this is

possible,” Rasmussen said.

To learn more about the hub visit [www.frontierus.org](http://www.frontierus.org) or contact Rasmussen at [brasmussen@swchi.org](mailto:brasmussen@swchi.org).

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Within Silver City, fare is \$2.50 for an adult day pass and \$.75 for Corre Canfare in Silver City. Fare for students ages 6-18 is \$2.50 for a day pass and \$.50 for a one-way pass. Fare for seniors 60 and over is \$2.50 for a day pass. Thirty-day passes are \$12, and children 5 and under ride for free, though if children are under the age of 11 they must be accompanied by an adult to ride.

Exact fare is required, and passes must be presented each ride. For information, call 575-388-3180 or call [correcaminosnm.com](http://correcaminosnm.com).

## Bicycling

Silver City's bicycling community is strong, and is a great mode of transportation for visitors and locals to use when they want to get some fresh Gila air and an intimate tour of the town.

Don't have a bike? Gila Hike & Bike, located Downtown at 103 E. College Ave., has been serving Silver City for more than 25 years.

Don't have the funds to purchase a new bicycle? A local nonprofit, The Bikeworks, is a community bicycle workshop that aims to make bicycles accessible to everyone.

The organization offers refurbished bicycles for sale to support educational programs. Bikeworks also offers an Earn-A-Bike program that allows participants to find and refurbish a bicycle of their own. Its main location, The Root, is at 815 E. 10th St. and its downtown shop, The Branch, is at 820 N. Bullard St. It's open 2-6 p.m. Thursdays and 12-5 p.m. Saturdays.

For information, call 575-388-1444 or visit [BikeWorksnm.org](http://BikeWorksnm.org).

## Grant County Airport

It is the mission of the Grant County Airport to provide a modern, safe, all-weather airport, enabling the community to take advantage of aviation services such as

airline travel, emergency travel or services, easy access into and out of Grant County, as well as many other services, which enhance the quality of life in Grant County.

The Grant County Airport is owned and operated by the Grant County Commission. Built in 1951, Grant County Airport provides a wide range of benefits to the citizens of Grant County and Southwest New Mexico.

Bob Ingraham sent the following from his home in Vancouver, BC. His father was the editor of the Silver City

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## GETTING AROUND SILVER CITY

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (BUS/SHUTTLE)

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Enterprise at the time: The airport opened on Friday, Nov. 30, 1951, as reported on page one of the Dec. 6, 1951 edition of the Silver City Enterprise: "The dedication of the new Silver City-Grant County Airport last Friday and the following inauguration of regular Frontier Airline service on Saturday is history now, but it is important history."

This airport provides the only airline service in the southwestern corner of New Mexico and is presently provided by Boutique Air. For schedules, pricing and reservation information, contact your local travel agent or call Boutique Air at 415-449-0505. The airline provides several daily flights to both Albuquerque and Phoenix. Flight costs begin at \$59 and are approximately \$149 depending on how full a given flight might be.

The Grant County Airport is also home to the Gila National Forest Aerial Fire Base and Fire Cache. Forest Fire fighting support is provided throughout the Southwestern United States from this base. Grant County provides Phillips Aviation Jet-A and Avgas fuels and is owned by Grant County.

T-Hanger rental and ground leases (for those who wish to build their own hanger) are offered by the Grant County Airport.

Source: [grantcounty.com](http://grantcounty.com) and Boutique Airlines.

## GETTING CONNECTED

### SILVER CITY

#### WATER/SEWER/ RECYCLING

#### TOWN OF SILVER CITY

101 W. Broadway St.  
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[townofsilvercity.org](http://townofsilvercity.org)

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#### PNM

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# 'Stories from our Streets'

## New walking tour offers tales off the beaten path

BY TRACY ROY

Every city has a past. Silver City has a colorful one, dotted with unique characters and sordid tales that have helped shape it into its current vibrant state.

A new walking tour is about to launch in Silver City, available June 1, called "Stories From Our Streets: Discover the Town That was Built to Last," made possible by a grant from the New Mexico Tourism Department (NMTD). This tour differs from typical historic tours, which often focus primarily on architecture and history of buildings.

"It tells the story of our town as it was – rough and tumble. This is about the stories of the people," said Charmeine Wait, director of Silver City MainStreet Project.

It's the "boom and bust" stories from the 1800s, early 1900s, Wait said, the funny stories of outrageous antics of townsfolk, the murder stories that continue to intrigue us.

The grant that funds the project comes from NMTD's new Rural Pathway Project, which assists organizations in New Mexico in developing tourism products with resources and support. Only one grant is awarded each application cycle, and Silver City MainStreet nabbed the project's first-ever grant. The tour will be branded as a New Mexico True product and came with training in the form of New Mexico Tourism Development Grant Coordinator Suzy Lawrence.

Lawrence visited Silver City to conduct a 20-hour workshop with members from Silver City MainStreet, the

Town of Silver City, students involved in creating the tour and community members.

"They were intense workshops. She was very good at making it fun," Wait said. "Putting many ideas into a cohesive project is a challenge. This was a community grassroots thing and it's amazing that community love is what put this together."

One unique aspect of the tour is its student involvement. Eleven students of Tom Hester's Western Institute for Lifelong Learning class formulated the idea for the tour, researched the stories about the people and the buildings, attended the workshops, wrote stories for the tour and will continue to be involved once the tour begins, Wait said. The group relied heavily on information from historian and retired director of Silver City Museum, Susan Berry, who was also involved in editing, writing and fact-checking tour information.

The tour includes 18 sites. They were selected for their variety and cultural value, as well the availability of documented, verifiable history.

It's a three-pronged tour, with each format providing new and different information. Booklets will be available at the Visitor Center as well as businesses throughout town (identifiable by decals in the windows of participating businesses). Bronze plaques at each site, written by Berry, will offer additional history. An audio tour (available on mobile devices) ices the cake with another layer of

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information. The website will offer an even deeper look with text and interactive features.

“(The tour) is experiential. We’re excited because it’s something you can do all year,” Wait said. “It’s family friendly and would be great for schools to do it as a field trip. We hope this tour engages not only tourists, but we really hope to engage the residents. We have a colorful past and present.”

Once the tour is up and running, Wait and the committee have some ideas to keep it fresh and interesting. You may see volunteer ambassadors dressed in period clothes offering historically accurate theatrics to those enjoying the tour. Wait hopes to work with schools to incorporate the tour into its curriculum. She also said there are plans to provide interpreters to widen the enjoyment of a diverse audience.

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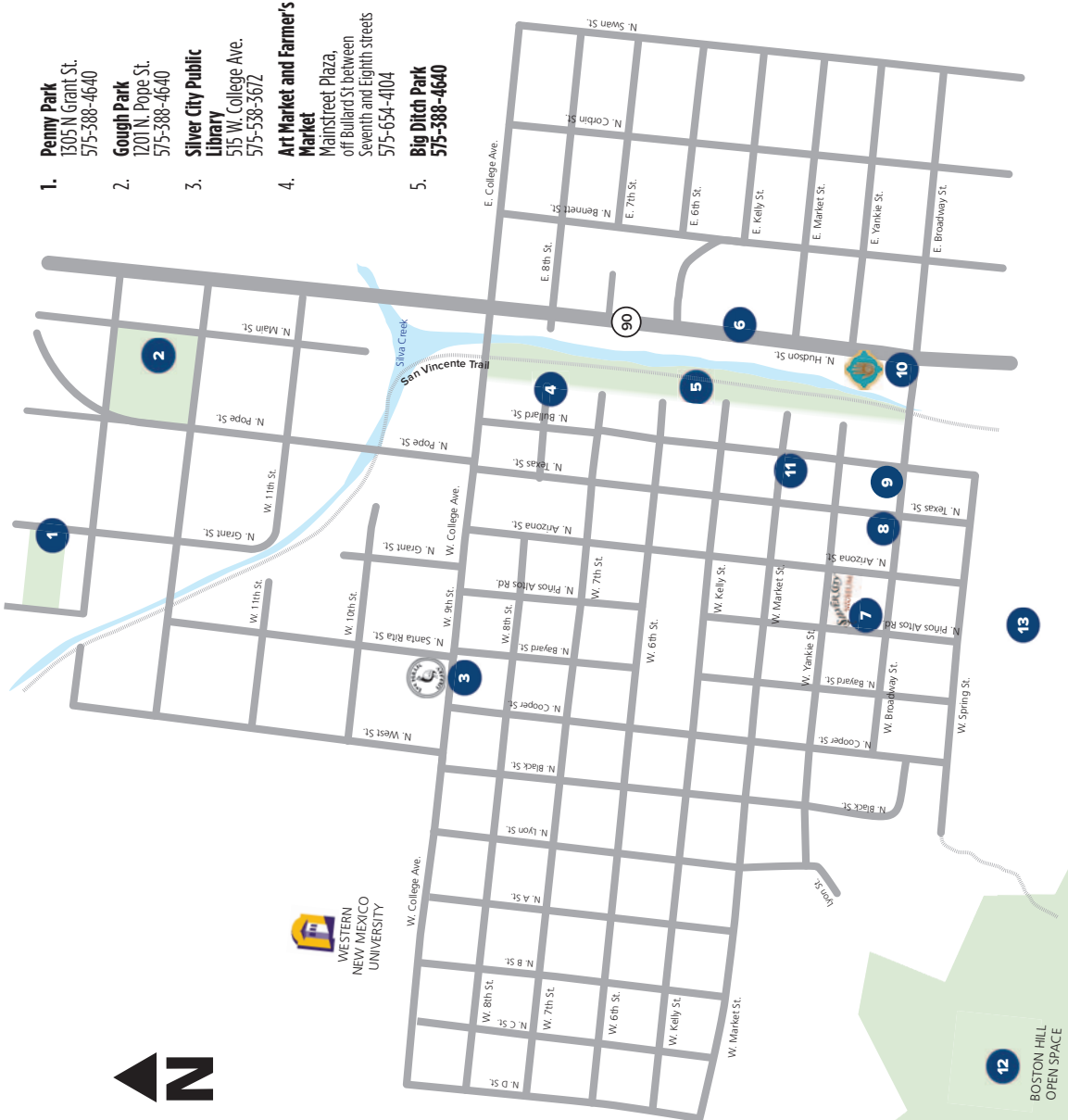


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## Mogollon: A quiet, historic place

BY LAURIE FORD

As you begin the 9-mile climb to Mogollon (pronounced Muggy-YOUN), leaving the San Francisco River Valley behind and entering some of the most rugged country along the western Mogollon Mountain Range, imagine making the trek in a wagon packed with gold and silver ore pulled by a train of 20 mules. In bad weather, it could take you well over a week. Or, envision having made the 14-hour trip by stagecoach from Silver City – robbed 23 times in one year – along the narrow winding road, full of hairpin turns and bordered by steep walls and dramatic drops. Either way, you will be going through spectacular scenery before descending into Silver Creek Canyon, and the ghost town of Mogollon.

The only inhabitants of the canyon were deer, turkey, and other wildlife when James Cooney, while leading a cavalry expedition in 1870, discovered gold and silver deposits in the hillsides. Keeping his find a secret, Cooney returned five years later to file his mining claims. Chased off by hostile Apaches, he returned, soon to be followed by masses of fortune seekers. But the Apache also returned, led by Chief Victorio, killing Cooney along with 35 sheepherders from the nearby town of Alma.

Despite its remoteness, and location in mountains that were the Apache Indians' final stronghold, prospectors continued to come, and by 1892 Mogollon was a booming "camp town" with working mines and an estimated population of 3,000-6,000. Tent camps gave way to cabins, followed by numerous saloons, a sawmill, post office, jail, the little red schoolhouse and other businesses any thriving town would demand.

Business was booming until the onset of World War I and a dwindling demand for gold and silver. By 1930

the population, once in the thousands, had fallen to a few hundred. The fate of Mogollon was sealed with the eruption of World War II and a devastating fire in 1942. The town was on the brink of becoming an official ghost town as the mines closed and residents left. At the entrance to Mogollon is a clock painted on the rock that commemorates the end of the last shift worked at the mine during this time. Having never fully recovered, the biggest and most profitable "Little Fanny Mine" closed in the early 1950s and now lies silent.

The chalky white tailings – residue from the milling process – from "Fanny" splay across the hillside like hardened cement as you approach Mogollon. In its day

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# Glenwood:

## *A getaway from contemporary living*

**BY CHERYL THORNBURG**

Glenwood is essentially a long-distance suburb of Silver City. Residents refer to a shopping trip to Silver as “going to town.” Situated 65 miles northwest of Silver City, the Glenwood zip code, 88039, actually includes four small towns: Glenwood, Pleasanton, Alma and Mogollon. The total population is under 500.

Visiting Glenwood is like a step back in time. Its special events like the 4th of July Doo-Dah Parade and Live Nativity at Christmas evoke a Norman Rockwell-esque America.

Glenwood is surrounded by wide-open spaces and the Gila National Forest. Outdoor enthusiasts will find hiking trails suitable for beginners to seasoned day packers. Camping, fishing, horseback riding and bird-watching are favorite activities.

Be forewarned, cell phone service can be spotty and the only cell phones that function without Wi-Fi are those that use the Verizon network.

Downtown Glenwood includes places to stay, art galleries, the library (where Wi-Fi is available), the post office, the community center, a pizza place and gift shops. On Saturday mornings, the Glenwood Street Market opens up along US 180, offering artisan arts and crafts, handmade soaps, jewelry, food and in-season produce.

Just at the edge of town is NM Hwy 174, the road to the main tourist attraction – The Catwalk. This national scenic trail and recreation area is maintained by the

Gila National Forest Service. Its history goes back to the discovery of gold and silver in the mountains above Whitewater Canyon.

In the late 1800s, a system of pipes topped by a wooden walkway was built to transport water down Whitewater Creek Canyon to the ore processing plant. In the 1930s, the walkway/bridge system was rebuilt by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a tourist attraction. In 2012, it was destroyed in the wake of the Whitewater-Baldy Fire. It has now been rebuilt with portions featuring wide, metal-grating walkways as an all-access trail. This trail, about a half mile in length each way, is easily hiked by all ages. There is a picnic area alongside Whitewater Creek near the entrance to the park.

Pleasanton, south of Glenwood, was founded in the 1870s as a Mormon settlement, but now is basically a spread-out residential area with lots of open land. It has hiking trails and is home to a variety of wildlife – numerous species of birds, deer, javelina and occasionally coati mundi.

Also south of Glenwood are the San Francisco Hot Springs. They are about eight miles from Glenwood and can be reached from U.S. 180 via a gravel road to the trailhead for the springs. The 1.5-mile trail is a moderately-difficult trail leading down to the San Francisco River. There are three separate springs. One is privately owned by Sundial Springs. The other two are on Gila National Forest land and are accessible from the trail.



Alma is about five miles north of Glenwood on U.S. 180 and features the Alma Store, currently the only place to pick up a few groceries and gas in the area. Its restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch.

Mogollon, also off 180 to the north on NM 159, is a former mining town – now a “ghost” town for everyone to explore. It features a museum, church, a hotel, art galleries and gift shops and the Purple Onion, a popular eatery. Photo opportunities abound with rusty mining equipment and vehicles scattered around town. Shops and the museum are open May through October.

Also on NM 159 is a unique experience, Whitewater Mesa Labyrinths, at 355 Bursom Road. It features six labyrinths (one designed for horses) and a maze. Special events are held throughout the year. For more information, go to [wmlabyrinths.com](http://wmlabyrinths.com). Call 575-313-1002 to make an appointment.

Eight miles north of Alma is the Cosmic Campground, an International Dark Sky Association sanctuary located in the Gila National Forest. It was the first such sanctuary in the northern hemisphere. The campground has rules for campers about lights, including flashlights, so they will not spoil the spectacle of countless stars in the nighttime sky. The site includes special concrete pads for telescopes. For details, go to [cosmiccampground.org](http://cosmiccampground.org).

For more information on Glenwood, go to [tourglenwoodnm.webs.com](http://tourglenwoodnm.webs.com).



## A CEMETERY, NOT FORGOTTEN

Directly after Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at Mogollon, perched high on the hill, you will reach “Graveyard Gulch,” where you can make the toiling trek past miner ruins and the red-light district to the Mogollon cemetery. “Fanny” brought fortune and success to many, but not for those miners buried here who inhaled lethal dust from the mine’s tailings and succumbed to “black lung disease.” Not only does the cemetery document this trail of death, but also that of the infants and children, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, who perished from a flu epidemic that ripped through the town in 1918. During this time there were so many bodies to be buried that they were laid out in the dance hall while awaiting graves to be blasted out.

The true testament of those who called Mogollon home lay deep under the ground in this sobering place: overgrown and shadowed by pines and towering alligator junipers. Some headstones share a thoughtful, poetic verse while others lay barren – their epitaph erased away by the elements. The markers themselves speak with their ornate iron, finely engraved gray-blue granite, simple pinewood, or scraps bound together by wire. Plots, many surrounded by wrought iron fences, or simple posts and wire, include entire families who all died in less than one week’s time. Miners, shop owners, all realms of life, were laid to rest together here.

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the mine was one of the most productive in the U.S., and in 1915 produced 40 percent of New Mexico's precious metals. History came to life at the Mogollon Museum through a vast array of photographs, mining artifacts and local memorabilia. Once a mercantile store, the museum should be your first stop to better understand the town and its turbulent history.

Across the street is the historic Silver Creek Inn, where you can still rent a room, and maybe meet the ghost of a miner. Next door is the post office and old Kelly Store, which now houses a beautiful gallery full of local artists' work.

Farther up the road is the Mogollon Theater where silent films were a favorite, and a saloon and general store left behind from the filming of the 1973 Henry Fonda movie "My Name Is Nobody."

The real treasures that can be found in Mogollon are the estimated 15 residents whose determination mirrors that of the earliest settlers. In 2012 history repeated itself with the devastating Whitewater-Baldy Fire. The following year torrential floodwaters, running 15 feet deep, and 60 feet wide in areas, swept through the canyon and destroyed the only road into town. Residents who had been evacuated returned to rebuild the town, and the life they love. Surviving here wasn't easy when James Cooney discovered gold, and still isn't today.

Mogollon is open for business once again, May through October, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. As you wander among the 100 remaining structures there are few reminders of the modern day and it is easy to get lost in the past. It will only be when you head back to Silver City, realizing that you are not jostling along on the buckboard of a wagon, that you will be thrust back into the present. And when you reach town, imagine having to make that trip because you needed a part for your car.



## GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITIES

### BAYARD

#### CITY

**POPULATION: 2,235**

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: 1,240**

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### 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: 1,751**

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: 9,907**

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.



# Need to meet?

## *Conference center waits*

**BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

After extensive renovations that took close to a year at a cost of approximately \$2.5 million, the Grant County Veterans Memorial Business and Conference Center has been open and managed by the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce since April 2017.

“We have over 25,000 square feet of space and 14-plus areas we can rent at any time,” said Chamber President/CEO Scott Terry. “We do anything from weddings, wedding receptions, baby showers, banquets, dinners, training-station seminars, workshops, funerals and more.

“Last summer we had a karate tournament here. Three or four churches are getting together to have a big service here for Passover.”

One of the things about the facility that is different than most is that it charges a flat fee, Terry said.

“You look at the schedule and it’s \$62.50 for half day (for a small meeting room) or \$125 for a whole day,” he said. “If you need 27 tables with eight chairs around each table, cool. If you need to use the Wi-Fi, cool. If you need to use the projector and the drop-down screen, no problem. We add all that stuff at no additional cost.”

Terry said the basic prices are some of the cheapest in the state. But since prices are already so low, there are no additional discounts for nonprofits or other organizations.

“So, we have got everything here that a person could need,” he said. “We set it up, we break it down, we do ask them to do a little basic cleanup.”

And the center is hopping; it is not unusual for five or more groups to be holding functions at the same time.

The building began as a Walmart, became a call center and then was a conference center run by the county. Now, in its redesigned state, it bustles with activity. It’s designed so multiple groups can function at the same time. It even has

an archery range where the 4-H groups shoot their bows.

“The 4-H comes in one night a week, they won a national championship last year (2017),” Terry said. “It’s only for kids, not for adults.”

The facility also houses the area Emergency Management Team office.

The chamber and conference center are managed by Terry with the help of his assistant, Melanie Curnutt, and a part-time custodian, Nancy Herald.

Anyone who stops by can usually find Curnutt willing to take them on a tour of the center. She will lead guests through the light-filled meeting rooms with dividers that can be left open if the neighboring room isn’t being used; an expansive prep kitchen with plenty of counter space, two prep tables, lockable storage, large and small ice machines, full gas stove, and a large refrigerator; and event rooms of various sizes with multiple lighting options.

The lights as you walk into the rooms and down the hallways turn on as you enter and off when you pass through. The bathrooms are clean, well-lit and smell good.

Terry said alcohol can be brought in for events as long as it is through a licensed alcohol provider.

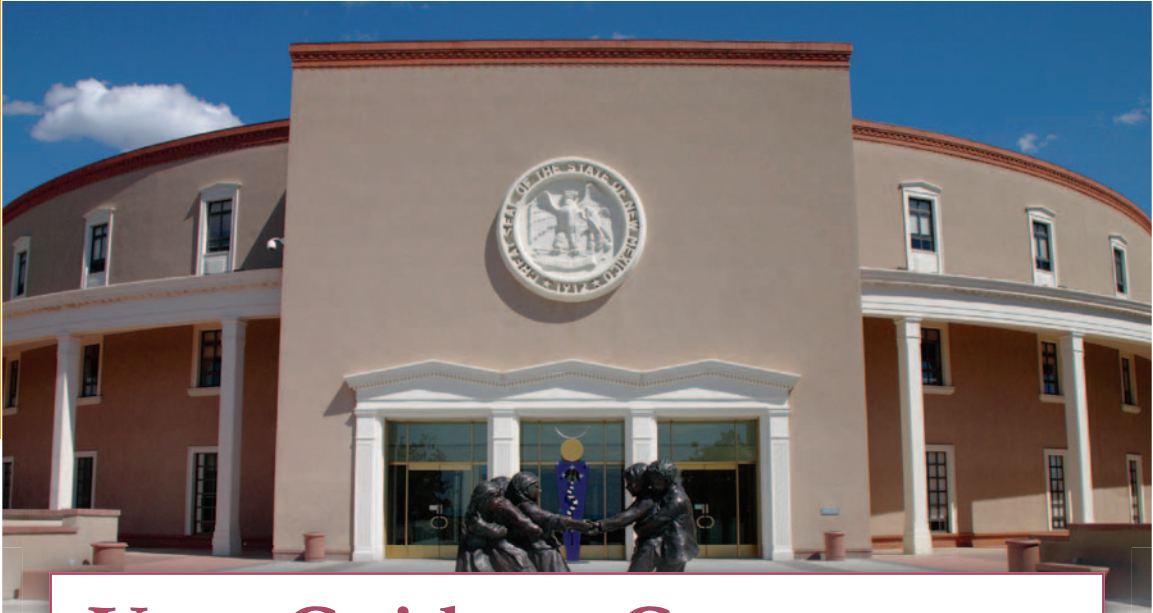
The whole building still has that new scent to it and has a welcoming ambiance.

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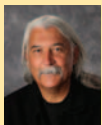
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## Off the beaten path, a New Mexico haven

Casitas de Gila – Little Houses of Gila – is a cluster of five cozy southwestern adobe-style guesthouses, four miles outside of the tiny community of Gila (about 40 minutes from Silver City) in Southwestern New Mexico. Nestled among juniper and piñon pines, on an ancient river terrace overlooking Bear Creek, the Casitas occupy lands that were once favorite hunting grounds of Apaches 130 years ago.

At Casitas de Gila a diversity of birds, animals, plants, and landscape greet guests every time they step outdoors. Early risers enjoying a morning cup of coffee on their porch can watch and hear quail, scrub jays, or hummingbirds in the pines around the Casitas or catch a glimpse of the mule deer and bighorn sheep that are frequent visitors to the cliffs above Bear Creek, across from the Casitas.

There are numerous and varied landscapes to explore from high desert to small river riparian. For other moments, the hot tub perched on the edge of the cliff above the creek provides a ringside blind for watching birds and animals. And if that gets too hot, there is a shaded hammock, under the willows and cottonwoods bordering the creek. Two hundred sixty-five acres, including 12 marked trails, totaling over 6 miles of hiking and walking trails and paths are on the property.

The Casitas host an art gallery and store where fine art, rocks and minerals and jewelry can be found.

Rockhounds are welcome to search for crystalline treasures along Bear Creek or in the adjacent arroyos. Guests will find gold pan and shovel leaning up against the walls of Casitas. According to the owners, the sands and gravels of Bear Creek do contain that precious yellow metal.

After a full day's activities, guests can fire up the barbecue grill outside their doors if they would like as they watch the mountains and cliffs across the creek are gradually turn from yellow, to orange, to fiery red in the

light of the setting sun. Then, as the shadows deepen further, a canopy of brilliant stars emerges.

Using the Casitas' star charts and high-power binoculars or spotting scope, guests can find their heavenly favorites. On clear, dark nights (and when the schedule allows), Casitas de Gila offers tours of the heavens through a 10-inch Orion dobsonian reflector telescope.

*Information provided by Casitas de Gila.*

**Casitas de Gila**  
Guesthouses · Art Gallery · Nature Preserve

**A Stress-Free Zone  
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Adobeagave.com

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60 Bear Mountain Ranch Road  
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603 Black St.  
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Trish 575-590-4516

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200 W. Broadway St.  
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575-388-1811  
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Pinosaltoscabins.com

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575-535-4455  
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## GILA HOT SPRINGS

### WILDERNESS LODGE

151 W. Fork Road  
Gila, NM 88038  
575-536-9749  
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111 W. Fork Road  
Gila, NM 88038  
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### LAKE ROBERTS CABINS & GENERAL STORE

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575-536-9393

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Hillsboro, NM 88042-951  
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### WHITEWATER MOTEL

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575-539-2581  
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575-538-2149  
Burromountainhomestead.com

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Pinos Altos, NM 88053  
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Continentaldividervpark.com

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575-538-0918  
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Mountainspiritsrvpark.com

### RIDGE PARK RV

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### SILVER CITY KOA

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575-388-3351  
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575-538-2239  
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# WORSHIP

*in Silver City*

## SILVER CITY

**Baptist Student Center**  
909 W. College Ave.  
575-538-0012

**Bible Baptist Church**  
1735 E. 32nd St.  
575-538-5368

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
186 Bypass Road

**Calvary Chapel**  
3001 Highway 90 S.  
575-388-1031

**Church Of Christ**  
1920 Little Walnut Road  
575-538-9533

**Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
3755 N Swan St.  
575-538-9485

**Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
811 N. D St.  
575-388-5279

**Church of the Good Shepherd**  
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575-538-2015

**First Baptist Church of Silver City**  
2300 N. Swan St.  
575-388-1582

**First Presbyterian Church**  
1915 N. Swan St.  
575-538-3513

**First United Methodist Church**  
314 W. College Ave.  
575-538-2371

**Harvest Christian Fellowship**  
1500 N. Hudson St.  
575-538-3619

**Indian Hills Baptist Church**  
2 Arroyo Seco Road  
575-538-3558

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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575-538-9446

**Mountain View Church - Nazarene**  
210 Mountain View Road  
575-388-5257

**New Church of the Southwest Desert**  
1300 N. Bennett St.  
575-519-2579

**New Hope Fellowship**  
22 Kirkland Road  
575-534-9509

**New Life Fellowship**  
11 Arroyo Secco  
575-388-1122

**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**  
420 W. Market St.  
575-538-9373

**St Francis Newman Center**  
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575-538-3662

**Silver City Seventh Day Church**  
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575-538-3882



**Service times:**  
Sunday - 8:30 and  
10:30 am  
Thursday - 6:30 pm  
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[www.calvarysilver.com](http://www.calvarysilver.com)

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*in Silver City  
and Grant County*

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**Victory Assembly of God**  
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575-537-9085

## HANOVER

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
575-536-3304

## CLIFF

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
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**Trinity Church**  
575-535-2818

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**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
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**Rio Mimbres Baptist Church**  
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**Valley Community Church**  
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575-538-9311

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## New Church of the Southwest Desert

"Supporting Spiritual Growth through Worship, Education, Community Service, and the Arts"

# One Million Bones

*Project installed at its permanent home*

The One Million Bones Project has arrived at Bear Mountain Lodge (60 Bear Mountain Ranch Road) in Silver City. Western New Mexico University, the Town of Silver City and Grant County worked with Bear Mountain Lodge owners to give the bones a permanent home.

The installation, according to Bear Mountain Lodge's owners, is a small inroad into world peace, as the public art installation will create a space for reflection and thought.

"One Million Bones – THE PROJECT" is an international art installation and large-scale social arts practice aimed to raise awareness of ongoing genocide and mass atrocities in places like Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalis and Burma. It took three years to collect the one million hand-crafted bones on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and it was presented as part of "The Art of Revolution" in 2013. A TED talk on the project and a video about the creation and installation can be viewed at [theartofrevolution.org](http://theartofrevolution.org) or at [www.onemillionbones.net/the-project](http://www.onemillionbones.net/the-project).

In 2017, 57 crates of the ceramic bones were carried up the hill to the ridge at Bear Mountain Lodge and laid out by volunteers. Gila Backcountry Horsemen, Syzygy Tileworks and Virus Theater were among the groups who helped lay the bones. Members of the public were invited to take pieces up the hill on Dec. 6, 2017. Bear Mountain Lodge created a guest book as a record of the day's volunteers.

Bear Mountain Lodge offers refined and restful accommodations in breathtaking surroundings, with easy access to hiking, cycling, horseback riding, birdwatching, nature study and wilderness. On the edge of New Mexico's Gila wilderness, Bear Mountain Lodge promotes both quiet relaxation and exploration.

*Information provided by Western New Mexico University and Bear Mountain Lodge.*

## SEE THE INSTALLATION

**WHAT:** One Million Bones – THE PROJECT, a million ceramic bones, hand crafted over a period of a few years to raise awareness of global genocides and atrocities

**WHERE:** Permanent home at Bear Mountain Lodge, 60 Bear Mountain Ranch Road

**INFO:** [www.onemillionbones.net/the-project](http://www.onemillionbones.net/the-project), [www.bearmountainlodge.com](http://www.bearmountainlodge.com), 575-538-2538

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Located 3 miles north of Silver City, visit [bearmountainlodge.com/about/thelodge/driving-directions](http://bearmountainlodge.com/about/thelodge/driving-directions) for driving directions from your location



# 21st century food, 19th century setting

## Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House has charm, authenticity

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

"I would love to see this performer in a really, cool, small historic venue."

If you've ever said that about a musician you've always liked or one you've just discovered, you were talking about the Opera House in Pinos Altos, whether you knew it or not.

The Opera House adjoins the Buckhorn Saloon in Pinos Altos, about 8 miles north of Silver City. The buildings date back to the 1860s when the saloon first opened and have remained active since.

In 1915, an election in Pinos Altos could have put a threat to the saloon, but citizens voted 68-42 to keep the town wet.

In an old travel guide found and posted on the Buckhorn's website, the New York Sunday News touts the Buckhorn as "One of the West's Best Saloons."

And from the West Coast, the San Francisco Examiner calls it "One of the Best Old Time Watering Holes West of the Mississippi."

Indeed, both the saloon and the opera house feel like throwbacks to the Old West.

The exteriors of the two buildings look as if they've barely changed from 150 years ago, and certainly give that Old West feeling.

The interiors, while modernized for comfort, also retain their historic authenticity and charm.

Proprietor and Chef Thomas Bock kicks out some killer dishes from the kitchen. My favorites are the buffalo burger and the ribeye, both with green chile, of course. And the opera house keeps an active calendar of excellent local, regional and national music acts. Between the saloon and the opera house, there is live music here at least four days a week.

That travel guide, and the quotes from the New York and San Francisco newspapers are more than 40 years old, but their message still applies: This is one of the coolest

places in America.

The Buckhorn Saloon opens Monday through Saturday at 3 p.m. and the dining room opens at 5 p.m. Most days it helps to have reservations. Make those reservations by phone, 575-538-9911. For more information, visit [www.buckhornsaloonandoperahouse.com](http://www.buckhornsaloonandoperahouse.com).



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# Silver City *Festivals*

## SPRING

### CDTC TRAIL DAYS

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).

### HURLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW

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.

### RED DOT ART STUDIO TOUR

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. Info: [www.silvercityart.com](http://www.silvercityart.com).

### SILVER CITY BLUES FESTIVAL

Hosted by Mimbres Region Arts Council, the festival showcases local and rising stars with a series of free performances over Memorial Day Weekend. The 2018 festival will be held May 25-27, mostly at Gough Park, off Pope Street in Silver City. Info: [www.silvercitybluesfestival.org](http://www.silvercitybluesfestival.org).

### TOUR OF THE GILA

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

## SUMMER

### COPPER COUNTRY CRUIZERS CAR SHOW

Held annually 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. This year's festival will be held Aug. 17 - 18, 2018 at Gough Park. Info: [www.coppercountrycruizers.com](http://www.coppercountrycruizers.com).

### FIESTA LATINA

Western New Mexico University's Fiesta Latina! enters its second year 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).

### HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

The 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.

### ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SHOW

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).

### SILVER CITY CLAY FESTIVAL

The signature event of the Silver City Arts and Cultural District, the Silver City Clay Festival takes place in late



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).

### **TASTE OF DOWNTOWN**

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).

### **WILD, WILD WEST PRO RODEO**

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. The 2018 event will be held June 13-16. Info: [silvercityprorodeo.com](http://silvercityprorodeo.com).

## **FALL**

### **FORT BAYARD DAYS**

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**

The annual Gila River Festival, in its 14th year in 2018, 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**

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

### **MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL & HEALTH FAIR**

The harvest festival 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).

### **RED DOT ART WEEKEND**

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).

### **RED HOT CHILDREN'S FIESTA**

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)

### **SOUTHWEST PRINT FIESTA**

The Southwest Print Fiesta, Oct. 5-8, 2018, 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**

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**

### **CHOCOLATE FANTASIA**

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).

### **TAMAL FIESTA Y MÁS**

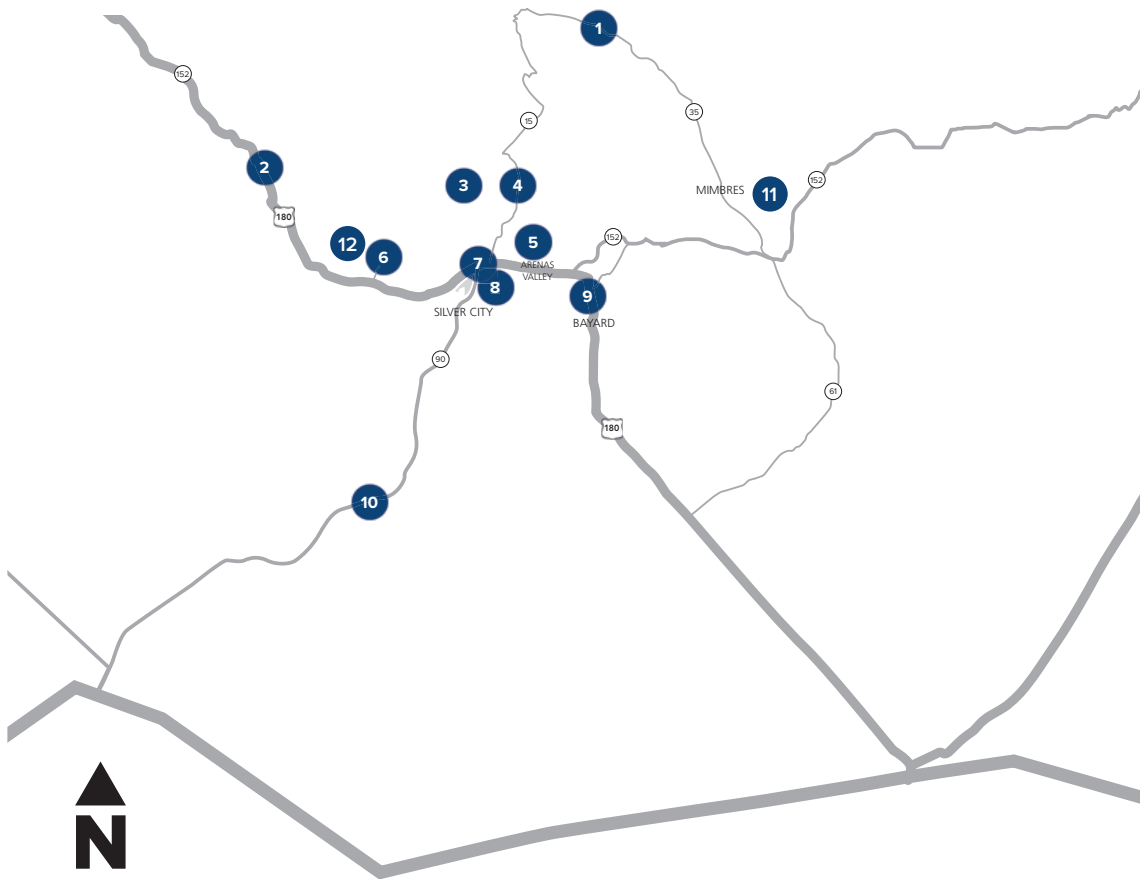
Held each year on the first Saturday in December, this fiesta celebrates traditional Christmastime treats such as tamales, biscochos, Mexican hot chocolate and red-chile kettle corn. Held Downtown, food and craft vendors greet visitors, shops are open and tamales may be ordered by the dozen. There's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

# STUDIOS AND GALLERIES SILVER CITY



1. **Mimbres Region Arts Council Gallery**  
Wells Fargo Bank Bldg.,  
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2. **Francis McCray Gallery**  
1000 W. College Ave., WNMU  
575-538-6517
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106 E. College Ave.  
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4. **[a]SP”a”cE**  
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5. **Yada Yada Yarn**  
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575-388-3350
6. **Wynnegate Gallery & Studio**  
1105 W. Market St.  
575-534-9717
7. **Common Ground**  
102 W. Kelly Ave.  
575-534-2087
8. **Guadalupe’s**  
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575-535-2624
9. **Soul River**  
400 N. Bullard St.  
707-490-4367
10. **Zoe’s Gallery**  
305 N. Cooper St.  
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11. **Tatiana Maria Gallery**  
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575-388-4426
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12. **The Cliffs Studio**  
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520-622-0251
13. **Finn’s Gallery**  
300 N. Arizona St.  
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14. **Seedboat Gallery**  
214 W. Yankee St.  
575-534-1136
15. **Blue Dome Gallery**  
60 Bear Mountain Road  
575-534-8671
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575-654-5604
16. **Creative Hands Roadside Attraction Art Gallery**  
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17. **Mariah’s Copper Quail Gallery**  
211-A Texas St.  
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17. **Lois Duffy Art Studio**  
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575-534-0822
17. **Wild West Weaving**  
211-D N. Texas St.  
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18. **The Makery**  
206 N. Bullard St.  
575-590-1263
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575-956-6179
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575-388-5262
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22. **Op’ West Gallery & Mercantile**  
104 W. Broadway St.  
575-388-1811
23. **Manzanita Ridge**  
107 N. Bullard St.  
575-388-1158
24. **Anthony Howell Studio**  
200 W. Market St.  
575-574-2827
25. **Silver Spirit Gallery**  
215 W. Broadway St.  
575-388-2079
26. **Szygyy Tile Gallery**  
106 N. Bullard St.  
575-388-5472
27. **The Sentient Brush**  
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575-590-0663

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**1. Chamomile Connection**

3918 Highway 35 N  
Mimbres  
575-536-9845

**2. Gila River Artisans Gallery**

8409 Highway 180  
Cliff

**3. Studio Behind the Mountain**

23 Wagon Wheel Lane  
Silver City, NM 88061  
575-388-3277

**4. Pinos Altos Art Gallery-Hearst Church Gallery**

14 Golden Ave.  
Pinos Altos

**5. Victoria Chick - Cow Trail Studio**

119 Cow Trail  
Arenas Valley, NM 88022  
520-395-0728

**6. Wind Canyon Studio**

11 Quail Run  
Silver City, NM 88061

**7. Mary's Fine Art**

414 E. 21st St.  
Silver City

**8. Barbara Nance Gallery & Stonewalker Studio**

105 Country Road  
Silver City  
575-534-0530

**9. Kathryn Allen Clay Studio**

601 Erie St.  
Bayard, NM 88023  
575-537-3332

**10. Works by Barbara Harrison and Others**

21 Latigo Trail,  
Silver City

**11. Kate Brown Pottery and Tile**

San Lorenzo,  
505-536-9935,  
katebrown@gilanet.com

**12. Alaska Mudhead Studio-Gallery**

371 Camino de Vento  
in Wind Canyon,  
907-783-2780



## 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.

### FARRIERS

**Vince Vesely**, Diamond Bar V Horse Shoeing  
575-388-0302 or vinceandbertie@msn.com

**Tammie Baker** at The Shoe Fits Farrier Service  
www.facebook.com/tammie.baker.927

### VETERINARIANS

The following veterinarians share the large-animal work in the Silver City area.

#### Dr. Clay Allred

Arenas Valley Animal Clinic,  
575-388-1993

#### Drs. Britton and Shelby Bradberry

Advanced Vet Care,  
575-388-1503

#### Dr. Kevin Brown

Town and Country Vet Clinic,  
575-538-3700

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# Silver City is home

## *to advances in cancer care*

**BY MARTY RACINE**

The Gila Regional Cancer Center (GRCC), along with the Surgical Center of the Southwest, is part of the Grant County-owned, not-for-profit, 68-bed Gila Regional Medical Center (GRMC) at 1313 E. 32nd St.

In recent months, the cancer center has entered a new, exciting phase.

The medical center was built in 1983 and supplanted an older hospital at another location. Rated as a 4-Star Quality Care Hospital by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, it is the largest hospital in a 100-mile radius.

Construction on the cancer center began in early 2006, and the facility opened in April 2007.

The facility contracted for services with New Mexico Cancer Center until July 18, 2017, when the Gila Regional Board of Trustees partnered with the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center (UNMCCC) as its new provider.

The transition was not smooth, however, and patients often had to leave the community for cancer care until UNMCCC arrived in October. The GRMC resumed oncology care on Oct. 20, 2017, and in January 2018, Gila Regional worked with UNM to have a second oncologist at the center.

The UNM connection is beginning bear fruit. UNMCCC has evolved from a regional institution into a nationally recognized comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the leading federal agency for cancer research and training.

The “comprehensive” designation is the highest federal rating, and UNMCCC is just one of 47 NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the nation, placing it among the top three percent of cancer centers. Such

comprehensive centers are acclaimed for their scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research, innovative training of the next generation of cancer healthcare and scientific professionals and delivery of medical advances to patients and their families.

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## AVAILABLE SERVICES

- **Chemotherapy Infusion**
- **Radiation Oncology**
- **Hematology Services**
- **Comprehensive Imaging Services**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **GRMC Auxiliary Lunch Program**
- **Radiation Therapy Services**
- **PET scans every other Monday starting tentatively in May**
- **Cancer Support Group every fourth Thursday**
- **A grief counseling center for spouses and children is in the discussion stage**
- **A safety net for discharged patients to receive care outside of Gila Regional is included in the Comprehensive Nursing Strategy Plan.**

### GET MORE INFORMATION

Main Line: 575-538-4009

Director Shelly Carter: 575-313-5711

Online: [www.grmc.org](http://www.grmc.org), [www.cancer.unm.edu](http://www.cancer.unm.edu)



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STATE-OF-THE-ART VARIAN TRILOGY LINEAR ACCELERATOR

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Its 125 board-certified oncology physicians include cancer surgeons in every specialty.

In 2016, UNMCCC provided care for nearly 60 percent of New Mexicans affected by cancer at UNM Hospital and elsewhere, such as Silver City, where Physician Assistant Marvin White coordinates care procedure.

The 130 cancer research scientists affiliated with the UNMCCC were awarded almost \$60 million in federal and private grants and contracts for cancer research projects in 2016 and published 301 high-quality publications. They filed more than 30 new patents in FY16, and since 2010, have launched 11 new biotechnology start-up companies.

Scientists associated with the UNMCCC Cancer Control & Disparities have conducted more than 60 statewide community-based cancer education, prevention, screening, and behavioral intervention studies involving more than 10,000 New Mexicans. Physicians, scientists and staff have provided education and training experiences to hundreds of high school, undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral fellowship students in cancer research.

In 2017, up to 12 percent of UNMCCC patients participated in cancer clinical trials testing new treatments, and 35 percent of patients participated in other clinical research studies, including tests of novel cancer prevention strategies and cancer genome sequencing.

The UNMCCC has also worked closely with GRMC to purchase necessary equipment and computer and data systems to ensure that Silver City has a fully integrated clinical operation and infrastructure to deliver high-quality cancer care.

“Collaborating with the UNMCCC, the Gila Regional Cancer Center is armed with the knowledge and the technology to fight cancer,” according to its website. “We are home to a state-of-the-art Varian Trilogy Linear Accelerator to provide radiation treatments as well as some of the best Imaging diagnostic equipment available.”

“We take the care of all our patients very seriously,” said GRMC Board of Trustees Chair Jeremiah Garcia in July 2017. “Even with the added transitional challenges we will do everything in our power to ensure patients receive the care that they need.”



## Hidalgo Medical Services: Providing health care in two counties

BY KATHY-LYN ALLEN PACHECO

As Hidalgo and Grant Counties’ only Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) provides comprehensive primary medical, dental, mental health and family support services to more than 16,000 individuals, who receive more than 80,000 health care visits, every year.

A long standing and recognizable community health care organization since 1995, HMS actively collaborates with many other health care and community-oriented organizations and associations, contributes to local community outreach events and sponsorships throughout the year, and is becoming one of the area’s largest health care employers.

“The number of HMS health care providers that we employ – and their individual and clinical commitment to offering complete, holistic services – continues to grow and flourish,” said Dan Otero, HMS chief executive officer. “There is a direct correlation between the increased primary health care needs of southwestern New Mexico patients and clients, and HMS’ ability to remain nimble and innovative with the support of our local, state and national legislators.”

According to the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) – of which HMS is a member – FQHCs are an essential part of the nation’s overall health care safety net, serving approximately 25 million people each year. Seven in 10 individuals who receive their health care services from an FQHC live at or below the federal poverty level. The current HMS payor mix reflects approximately 50 percent Medicaid, 20 percent Medicare, 20 percent commercial and private and the remaining 10 percent are self-pay or uninsured. According to Otero, this patient-centered business

## MEDICAL SERVICES

Silver City has long been considered a premiere medical service center in Southern New Mexico. Multiple health care facilities cover all the basics, as well as some top-notch, specialized services.

- **DR. GREGORY KOURY DPC**

[www.ziafamilyhealthcare.com](http://www.ziafamilyhealthcare.com), 575-534-4299,  
10983 Highway 180 West

Longtime Silver City physician Dr. Gregory Koury offers a medical service that has become almost extinct in the country: DPC or Direct Physician Care. Koury's DPC practice, Zia Health Care, does not accept insurance of any kind and you will not need insurance to obtain medical care. If you have a letter proving you are under direct physician care, you will legally not be required to have health insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

- **GILA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

[www.grmc.org](http://www.grmc.org), 575-538-4000, 1313 E. 32nd St.,  
Silver City, New Mexico 88061

Gila Regional Medical Center is a county-owned, not-for-profit, 68-bed acute care hospital, featuring 24/7 ambulance and emergency services and state-of-the-art operating rooms that provide surgical services to Southwest New Mexico. A strong commitment to technology and patient-centered care, it is home to the Cancer Center and Surgical Center of the Southwest.

- **SILVER HEALTH CARE**

[www.silverhealthcare.org](http://www.silverhealthcare.org), 575-538-2981, 1600 E. 32nd St.  
Silver Health Care is a multispecialty group offering a broad range of quality medical services, with 12 physicians (including internists, pediatricians and family practitioners),

a podiatrist, four nurse practitioners and five physician assistants. Silver Health Care also operates two urgent care walk-in clinics, in Silver City and Deming.

- **HIDALGO MEDICAL SERVICES**

[www.hmsnm.org](http://www.hmsnm.org), 575-388-1511, 1007N. Pope St.  
Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) positively impacts health, well-being and quality of life by providing comprehensive, integrated, affordable healthcare and education of patients and healthcare professionals. HMS provides primary medical, dental, mental health and family support services to more than 16,000 people each year.

- **SW CENTER FOR HEALTH INNOVATION**

[www.swchi.org](http://www.swchi.org), 575-534-0101, 301 W. College Ave, Ste. 16  
The Southwest Center for Health Innovation is a nonprofit organization focusing on community health. Through advocacy, education, policy and programs, CHI is at the forefront of improving community health for all people, especially those who are underserved.

- **SOUTHWEST BONE AND JOINT INSTITUTE**

[www.southwestboneandjoint.com](http://www.southwestboneandjoint.com), 575-534-1919,  
1268 E. 32nd St.  
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.

model reflects the diverse communities that HMS serves.

In 2017, HMS received its first Quality New Mexico (Piñon Level) recognition status, the organization recruited and retained no less than 13 new health care providers across its four service lines, and HMS was selected as the service provider for the HMS Tu Casa Substance Abuse Facility. HMS manages five community and health-focused senior centers throughout Hidalgo and Grant counties, provides residents with the State of New Mexico's first "Teaching Health Center," an accredited Family Medicine Residency Program (FMRP), and recently hired a full-time Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator who will create a more robust diabetes education program for the communities of Hidalgo and Grant Counties.

Visit [www.hmsnm.org](http://www.hmsnm.org) to learn more about HMS services, providers and locations.



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To report abuse/neglect/exploitation in nursing homes: Department of Health Incident Reporting Hotline Toll Free: 1-800-445-6242. For assistance with concerns or complaints about the care in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, call Ombudsman Services at 575-647-2023 or toll free at 800-762-8690. For information, visit [www.nmaging.state.nm.us](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us).

### SANTA CLARA ASSISTED LIVING

15 Fort Bayard Road  
Santa Clara  
575-537-3077

### SUNSET VISTA - ASSISTED LIVING

3650 N. Fowler Ave.,  
Silver City  
575-538-9095

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2545 N. Silver St.  
Silver City  
575-388-1974

### FORT BAYARD MEDICAL CENTER/STATE VETERAN'S NURSING HOME LONG-TERM CARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER

41 Fort Bayard Road  
Santa Clara  
Phone: 575-537-3302  
Toll Free: 1-800-541-6966

### INDEPENDENT LIVING CANTADA CREEK

2850 Pinos Altos Road  
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575-388-3004

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Silver City  
575-534-9172  
[www.milliescenter.com](http://www.milliescenter.com)

### SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BAYARD HOUSING AUTHORITY

100 Runnels Drive A#1  
P.O. Box 768  
Bayard  
575-537-2296

### CASA LINDA APARTMENTS

100 E. 17th St.  
Silver City  
575-388-3755

### SILVER CITY CARE CENTER SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

3514 N. Fowler Ave.  
Silver City,  
575-388-3127



## SENIOR SERVICES

For county residents 60 years of age and older, the Grant County Senior Services Department offers a range of programs and services allowing senior citizens to meet, interact, dine together, get in-home meals and receive transportation services, all at no cost. Whether you need transportation to an upcoming medical appointment, an in-home meal or just an excuse to get out of the house for a meal with friendly neighbors. Lunch is served at all five centers at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Services currently offered include transportation, meals at the senior centers, home-delivered meals and senior employment. No financial qualification is required for these programs, but registration is required. Effective July 1, 2017, the Senior Services Program was taken over by Hidalgo Medical Services.

### SENIOR SERVICES

#### HIDALGO MEDICAL SERVICES

110 W. 11th Street  
Silver City, NM 88061  
April Hunter, Senior Services  
Program Manager  
575-597-2746  
[ahunter@hmsnm.org](mailto:ahunter@hmsnm.org)

#### SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER

107 N. East St.  
Santa Clara, NM  
575-537-5254

#### GILA SENIOR CENTER

403 Hwy 211  
Gila, NM  
575-535-2888

### SENIOR CENTERS

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Silver City, NM  
575-388-2545

#### MIMBRES SENIOR CENTER

2620 Highway 35  
imbres, NM  
575-536-9990

#### HURLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

299 Carrasco St.  
Hurley, NM  
575-527-5756



# VETERANS SERVICES

## RURAL VETERANS COORDINATION PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) created the Rural Veterans Coordination Pilot (RVCP) grant program to support veterans and their families who reside in rural and/or underserved areas of the country. The program is to aid veterans with the transition to civilian life in one or more of the following areas: Increasing coordination of health care and benefits for veterans; increasing availability of high-quality medical and mental health services; aiding families of transitioning veterans; women veterans' issues and concerns; and transportation.

### Angelina Trujillo

Veterans Outreach Coordinator  
New Mexico Department of Veteran Services  
11990 US HWY 180

PO Box 394  
Santa Clara, NM 88026  
Cell: 505-469-3330

## NEW MEXICO VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH SERVICES

The Silver City Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is designed to deliver primary care services to eligible military veterans. Services include blood draws (by appointment only), EKGs (electrocardiograms), evaluations by doctors, routine lab tests, social work, and mental health services.

2950 Leslie Road, Silver City  
Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays

Appointments: 575-538-2921

After Hours: No emergency care is available at this facility. For after-hours assistance, call 866-862-7863, or for emergency care, 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.

## NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans' Service Officer Bradley Brock  
409 W. College Ave.  
Silver City, NM 88061  
575-538-2377



# HOMELESS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICES

### • SILVER CITY GOSPEL MISSION

111 S. Texas St.  
Thrift store, soup kitchen, food pantry  
Info: 575-388-5071, silvercitygospelmission.org

### • SIERRA HOUSE

Next to the Silver City Gospel Mission  
A 1,200 square-foot house with three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, laundry room, and a bathroom. One bedroom is reserved for the Sierra House Manager and the other two contain bunk-beds suitable for two families or four individuals.  
Info: 575-388-5071, silvercitygospelmission.org/services/support/the-sierra-house

### • EL REFUGIO

800 S. Robert St.  
El Refugio shelter is available for women and their children who are domestic violence victims. The shelter offers rooms for eight to nine families, with one family per room. A family can stay at the shelter up to 30 days. If more time is needed, an extension can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.  
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[ziaccess10983@gmail.com](mailto:ziaccess10983@gmail.com)



## CDT: Gateway to adventure

BY MARTY RACINE

In 2014 Silver City was designated as the first “Gateway Community” to the CDT, and since then, Trail Days has symbolized the community’s close ties and love affair with the nearby Continental Divide, from which water on the west flows toward the Pacific Ocean and on the east toward the Atlantic.

Now in April, outdoor enthusiasts, community members and long-distance hikers descend on Silver City for the annual Trail Days, a three-day festival celebrating the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) and the outdoor culture of New Mexico and Silver City.

“As a Gateway Community to the CDT, Silver City is excited to host this fun and unique event,” says Grant County Assessor and local community leader Raul Turrieta. “From exploring Grant County’s beautiful trails to meeting thru-hikers preparing to set out on their incredible journeys, there is something for everyone at Trail Days.”

This year’s event took the extra step in observing that 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the CDT, which was designated by Congress as a National Scenic Trail in 1978, 10 years following passage of the National Trails System Act.

Though not as well-known as, say, the Appalachian Trail, The CDT is one of the world’s premier long-distance trails, stretching 3,100 miles from Mexico to Canada along the spine of the Rocky Mountains through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Ranging from 4,200 to 14,200 feet elevation, it is the highest, remotest, most-challenging of the 11 designated National Scenic Trails, yet provides recreational opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and hunting for thousands of visitors each year.

About 95 percent of the CDT is located on public land,

but its isolated location means the path is yet to be fully completed. Some sections are poorly maintained.

In 2018, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, a nonprofit formed in 2012 by volunteers hoping to provide a “unified” voice for the “trail community,” is spearheading

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a year-long volunteer effort to mark an additional 750 miles of the trail's 2,000 signed miles with blue-and-white placards.

That is important, for it is easy to get disoriented in the backcountry and even around Silver City with its latticework of branch trails, local hikes, loops, segments and access roads. From the south, the CDT basically runs through the center of town along Hudson Street paralleling the Big Ditch Trail east of Western New Mexico University, cuts west to North Alabama Street, north along Cottage San Road, and west again via Bear Mountain Road into the Gila Wilderness, with its rugged terrain of ridges and drainages punctuated by challenging ascents. This desert-woodland-subalpine transition zone that elevates from the Boot Heel region south of Silver City toward the Black Range offers abundant wildlife, historical artifacts and spectacular vistas.

It helps that Silver City has a sterling reputation as a welcoming environment for thru-hikers. According to the CDTC, Gateway Communities are “towns that recognize the unique economic and cultural value that the CDT brings. They make services accessible to hikers, educate local residents and advocate for continued access to public lands. Committees comprise volunteers, business owners, public officials and land management partners.”

Trail Days in late April is timed to meet the needs of northbound hikers planning to reach Colorado's tallest towers or Montana's latitudes in summer/early fall. The days are sunny and reasonably warm – if often windy – in the Southern Rockies, and monsoon season, with its dangerous lightning strikes over high terrain, is still two months away.

Trail Days features music, a community hike, outdoor gear expo, skill competitions and informative presentations on such topics as hiking safety and multi-day biking trips along the CDT.

“Trail Days brings people from all over the world to experience the beauty of southern New Mexico,” said Silver City Mayor Ken Ladner. “The Continental Divide Trail is a wonderful asset to our state and our community, and this event is the perfect way to celebrate and learn more about the Trail.”

For more information, visit [continentaldividetrail.org](http://continentaldividetrail.org).

## CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL FACTS:

- Congress designated the CDT on Nov. 10, 1978.
- The CDT provides access to some of the wildest and most scenic places left on Earth.
- As of December 2017, an estimated 96 percent of the trail was completed. The official route starts at the Canadian Border in Glacier National Park and ends in the Big Hatchets Wilderness Study Area on the Mexican Border, and is mapped and useable.

### ESTIMATED MILES IN EACH STATE:

- Montana/Idaho: 980 estimated miles, 150 miles to be constructed
- Wyoming: 550 estimated miles, 55 miles to be constructed
- Colorado: 800 estimated miles, 75 miles to be constructed
- New Mexico: 775 estimated miles, 60 miles to be constructed
- Travels through 20 national forests, 21 wilderness areas, three national parks, one national monument and eight BLM Resource Areas.
- Some segments of the CDT remain open to motorized use; many of these segments might be relocated.
- The lead federal agency responsible for completing the CDT is the U.S. Forest Service, which works with the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management along with volunteer nonprofit partners who help maintain and manage the CDT.
- The highest point on the CDT is Grays Peak in Colorado (14,270 feet); the lowest is along Waterton Lake in Glacier National Park in Montana (4,200 feet).





# Ready, Set: *Art!*

**BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

In Grant County the Mimbres Region Arts Council has been providing leadership and guidance in the arts and entertainment world for more than 20 years.

Now, according to Executive Director Kevin Lenkner, MRAC is turning its focus into the education realm.

“Education is it,” Lenkner said. “We know that if kids don’t grow up with art, they are not going to care about it when they are adults and that is what’s happening. So, we are trying to do a little bit more with inspiring their creativity, enriching their education and still trying to do as many community education things as we can.”

He said MRAC is working to improve the community by providing access to art to a wider age range of people.

On the more adult side, the organization provides a folk music series every year. Acoustic melodies and storytelling come together for an all-age audience to enjoy. Located in Pinos Altos, a short drive from Silver City, artists from around the world take the stage at the historic Buckhorn

Opera House.

MRAC has traditionally been the entity bringing the Silver City Blues Festival to town. In 2018, the organization added the education component by bringing blues artists to perform for students including elementary and sixth graders.

“It gives me chills,” Lenkner said proudly as he shared one of the performance videos. “Sixth graders with hands up. Sixth graders dancing.”

Other things MRAC does in the community includes the Youth Murals Camp project where every summer a youth summer camp comes together to design and create a mural in Silver City. A brochure is available to tour the existing murals.

MRAC also participates in a K-12 Southwest Student Art Exhibition, Black Tie Ball, the Chocolate Fantasia, Comcast Cares Day, the Southwest Print Fiesta, Arte Para Todos, and other community art and music endeavors.

Lenkner said the Print Fiesta has moved to Oct. 5-7 so more students can be involved. Now in its third year, the Southwest Print Fiesta is a celebration of all things printed. Printmakers from all over New Mexico, as well as El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix and all points in between participate. In addition to deep-dive Sunday workshops, casual drop-in sessions will be available for those with limited time or budgets, or if participant just want to sample a few different print techniques without getting their hands dirty.

One new education component MRAC has added is a traveling art museum.

“We are gathering artwork from local artists,” Lenkner said. “It will be traveling art work going



# ORGANIZATIONS AND DAYCARES

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

### GIRL SCOUTS LITTLE HOUSE

302 W. 11th St.  
575-538-2481  
Gsdsw.org

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MOUNTAIN REGION

1016 N. Pope St.  
575-303-3004

### MIMBRES REGION ARTS COUNCIL YOUTH MURAL CAMP

1201 N. Pope St.  
575-538-2505  
Mimbresarts.org

### SILVER CITY SOCCER CLUB

Gregory Koury, MD  
P.O. Box 2337, Silver City, NM 88062  
575-313-4211  
Silvercitysoccer.com

### GRANT COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

2109 Pinos Altos Road  
575-313-0120  
Grantcountysoccer.org

## PRESCHOOLS/DAYCARE

### BABY BOOT CAMP CHILD CARE CENTER

2609 Camino del Bosque  
575-388-2620

### EL GRITO HEAD START

303 S. Cooper St.  
575-538-5459  
Elgritosc.com

### GUADALUPE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

1731 N. Alabama St.  
575-388-3343

### LITTLE LAMBS DAY CARE (FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)

300 W. College Ave.  
575-538-3228  
Fumcsc.org

### LIL ONES

370 Rosedale Road  
575-388-5178

### SILVER HIGH SCHOOL DAY CARE

600 E 32nd St.  
575-388-1289

from school to school.”

Grant money has provided for display panels, travel crates and other physical components which are now in hand at the MRAC office. Volunteers will move the traveling museum display around to local schools.

In a related program, “The Writer’s Eye,” students will be writing about the work.

“Kids are picking a piece of artwork and using it for a poem or a short story so they are getting literary as well as critical viewing activities,” Lenkner said. “What we are trying to do is have staff and volunteers go out and talk to the kids about looking at art and also consider things they don’t like about the paintings.”

MRAC is funded through grants and individual and business memberships. It’s office can be found in the foyer of the bank building at 1201 N. Pope St. in Silver City. Info: 575-538-2505 or [www.mimbresarts.org](http://www.mimbresarts.org).





## WNMU: Museum getting face-lift

BY JENNIFER OLSON

Home of the world's largest collection of Mimbres artifacts, the Western New Mexico University Museum is undergoing a \$3.2 million transformation of its official home, historic Fleming Hall, and is closed for the duration of the project. When WNMU Museum reopens in Fleming Hall in 2019, the more than 100-year-old building will have all the attributes of a modern facility while maintaining its historic roots.

"We're going from being a quaint old building that houses a museum to a state of the art museum," Director Dr. Cynthia Bettison said.

By renovating the Western New Mexico University Museum's physical space, the university meets the museum's needs to better advance understanding of the diverse cultural and artist heritages of southwest New Mexico and more proficiently enable scholarly research, collection, interpretation and exhibition. When the project is complete, visitors will again be able to experience authentic and significant artifacts and art firsthand in meaningful contexts.

"People will be able to see more of our collections than they ever have," Bettison said.

Known for the NAN Ranch Collection – the most comprehensive collection of scientifically excavated prehistoric Mimbres materials from a single Mimbres site – the university also houses other significant collections. The Eisele Collection of prehistoric Southwestern pottery and artifacts, including basketry, has been owned by the university since the late 1970s. Historic Maria and Julian

Martinez San Ildefonso Pueblo pottery and Santa Clara Pueblo pottery make up the Back Collection, and the Western New Mexico University Museum has historic Navajo rugs as well. While the O.C. Hinman Collection contains historic photographs taken in the Silver City and Grant County area, items from the entire history of Western New Mexico University are in the museum's Campus Collection.

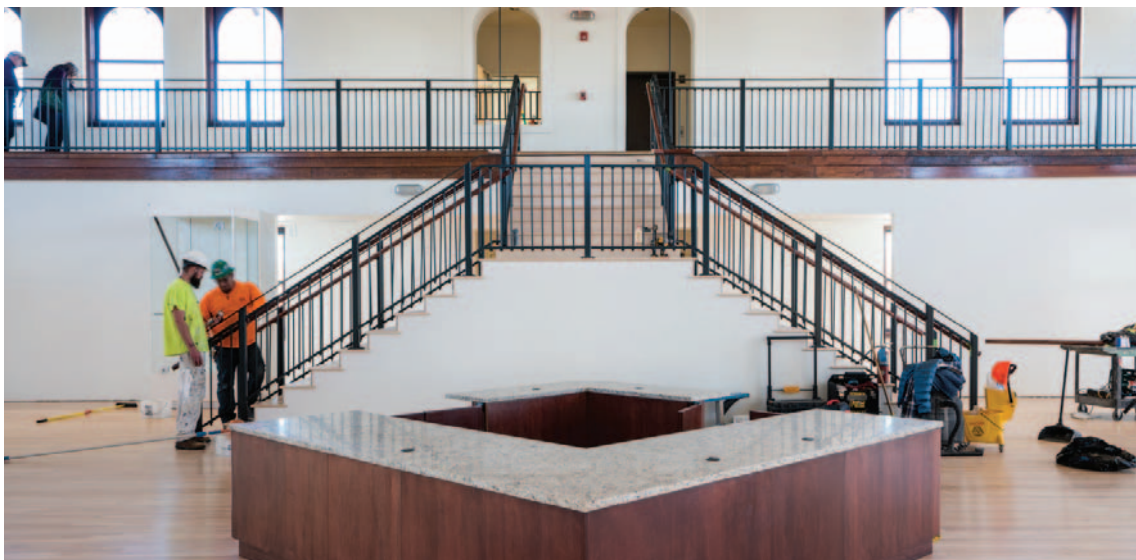
"Sleek design cases are being installed to showcase all of the collections, and our two large north end rooms will be visible collection areas, where we'll be able to easily pull artifacts for researchers," Bettison said. The university's collections are not available for research, loans or tours until the Museum reopens.

Most of the museum's Mimbres pottery, basketry and other perishable objects will be on display there, so visitors can walk through and view them.

"We're trying to showcase as much as we can of what we have on collection rather than store it away," Bettison said.

Beyond function, the renovation ensures the building is preserved and maintained. From refurbishing original wood floors and brick to uncovering long-boarded-up windows, the project reveals some of Fleming Hall's most unique characteristics, such as the faded basketball court markings from when the building was used as a gymnasium. Plus, with more natural light, Fleming Hall's historic features will be highlighted.

Built by Trost & Trost Architects out of El Paso more than 100 years ago, Fleming Hall was the only building



by Trost & Trost that had an intact trussed-beam ceiling. “In the severe droughts we’ve had over the past 100 years, the rafters split. We preserved the ceiling,” Bettison said. But the main floor and mezzanine are the two areas where visitors will notice the most significant changes, as the university added safety and accessibility features.

“We installed a brand-new staircase dropping down from the mezzanine and had one put in on the north side. With a maple and wrought iron railing, its look echoes the history of the building and opens up the museum,” she said.

For information visit [museum.wnmu.edu](http://museum.wnmu.edu).

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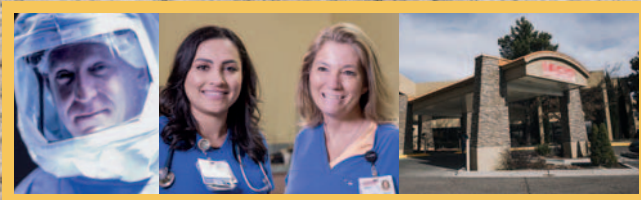


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