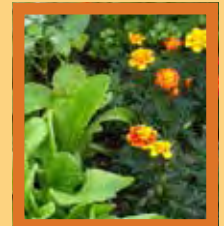


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ACTIVITY & PARK GUIDE



WELCOME TO DEMING AND LUNA COUNTY

NEW MEXICO: *Healthy Bodies: Healthy Minds*

You can walk, hike, bike, and so much else, year-round in Deming and Luna County, New Mexico. The entire region bursts with wildlife, flowers, desert plants, dramatic rocks and minerals. Located on the southwest border of the United States and Mexico. Luna County equals high desert. Southeast of Deming, explore the Florida Mountain Range, and on the way to the village of Columbus half an hour south of Deming, you will spot the Tres Hermanas (Three Sisters) Mountains.

Life unfolds here in an area rich in history: traces of Mimbres and Mogollon Indian cultures—petroglyphs and pottery shards, the Butterfield Mail & Pony Express trail, and Pancho Villa's 1916 invasion over the border of Mexico into Columbus. The cowboy and farming way of life has existed here for over a century. Deming is home to the silver spike driven in 1881 completing the Second Transcontinental Railroad, and it still plays an important role in commercial and passenger rail travel today.

The sun shines almost year-round in Luna County. The temperatures are mild-to-hot in the summer and cold a few days in the winter. And when the mercury rises, it is typically a dry heat accompanied by a cooling breeze. Deming is healthy for those who come. In fact, in the old days and into the 20th century, doctors from all over the nation sent their patients to Deming to regain their health and change their future. Deming, a healthy place to be with plenty of opportunities to stay active.



THE THIRD ANNUAL CITY OF DEMING / LUNA COUNTY ACTIVITY & PARK GUIDE salutes each individual in our community, young and grown. Each of you contributes a vital thread to the fabric of our community.

The bonds are strong, we support each other in our community. We see a need and fill it. Silas Wilson did. Twenty-six years later, his summer rec program for kids is more popular than ever.

A foundation of good health is our interest and participation in activities both mental and physical, be it taking a stroll after dinner, going to see kids in a mariachi performance at the high school auditorium, or checking out the latest art on the walls at the Arts Council. This guide continues to be published at your suggestion. Now, Healthy Kids and the Sherman Community Foundation has published another 10,000 copies of this third edition, distributed to you, families, churches, sports groups, organizations, businesses, or anyone else interested in making the most of what the area has to offer.



Healthy Kids, the Sherman Community Foundation, and all of our sponsors below believe in you and want to promote a culture of health in Luna County where residents are more than just healthy because they do not have to go to the doctor.

Creating a new healthy habit can feel hard. It's easier when it's something fun and becomes a regular part of our life. Drink less sugary carbonated drinks and watch the pounds melt off. Park on the other side of the parking lot and, health permitting, walk to the store.

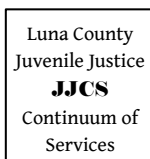
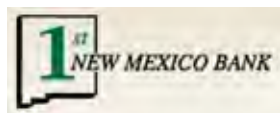
An active, vital population of all ages embracing one hour of activity every day, means walking with your family, taking up an active hobby. No more high statistics of people who are overweight with diabetes, high blood pressure and related chronic diseases. Everybody can find something they love to do. Get connected—get active—get healthier.

Request additional copies of the guide by tel. 575-546-8846 or emailing ShermanCommunityFoundation@gmail.com. Let us know when your organization changes their address, phone number, email address or adds a web page or Facebook address.

SPONSORS

We are indebted to the following companies and organizations in our community who recognize the importance of the *Activity & Park Guide* to residents.

A Big Thank You!



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Thank you to all the teachers, coaches, and volunteers who make the programs in this resource guide possible. You are tireless!



QR CODES – What are these funny little symbols you see everywhere? QR (quick response) bar codes are used to connect you to web sites. When you scan a QR code with your smartphone, you're linked instantly to related online content. You will need a smartphone with a camera and a QR code reader. Here's how to find a QR code reader for your smartphone and how to use it:

1. First you'll need to get an app that reads QR codes. For Android smartphones, Google Play is a popular place to find them: "play.google.com/store". One free and highly recommended app is the "QR Droid Code Scanner." For Apple iPhones, tap the "App Store" button and browse for a reader. "Scanbot - Document Scanner & QR Reader" is one of many free apps offered.
2. Next, open your new QR code reader app. In good light, center your camera within a few inches of the QR code. Your app should automatically focus and capture the QR code.
3. That's it! You will be taken directly to the QR code web link. Most readers store a history of the QR code-linked sites that you've gone to, so you can later link back to them by reviewing your history. Happy scanning!



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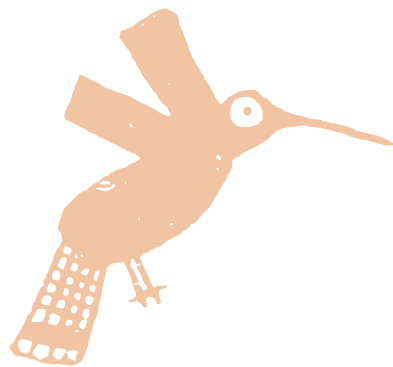
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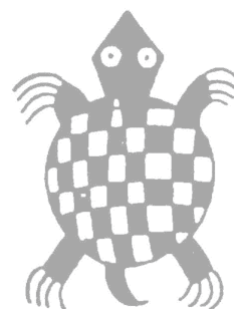
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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

SWIMMING

ALL SUMMER LONG — COLUMBUS VILLAGE MUNICIPAL POOL

The Municipal Pool, adjacent to Albert Field's Park, is located at 501 N. Hwy 11, Columbus, NM. Opens late May and closes towards the end of July. (Columbus is on a year-round school calendar so school schedule is not a factor.). All the amenities: changing rooms, showers, restrooms, plus a kiddie wading pool.



The big people pool ranges from 3-5 feet in depth so reserve practicing your diving for somewhere else. A great place to cool off. Certified American Red Cross lifeguard. For information year-round, contact the Village of Columbus, tel. 575-531-2663.

Open Tuesday through Sunday. General swim Tues. through Thurs. 4–9 p.m., Fri. through Sun. 4–10 p.m. Adult-only swim 10 a.m.–11 a.m. Closed Monday. Fee is \$1.00 per person: man, woman, and child.

ALL SUMMER LONG — SAM BACA AQUATIC CENTER

The Municipal Pool, located at 815 Buckeye St., Deming, NM, opens late May or early June after school ends, and closes as school opens. Tel. 575-546-7958 or go online at demingpool@gmail.com. For information during the offseason, contact the City of Deming, tel. 575-546-8848. High school students certified by the Red Cross are employed during summer break as lifeguards. Pool open many evenings. Look for free days and reduced entrance fees on certain days. Family Nights usually Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.



↑↑↑ CHECKOUT the 150-ft water slide, activity pool, therapy pool, competition pool. Pool rental available for private parties.

Fees: Children (17 and under) \$2.25, adults \$2.75. Save money, passes of (12) visits can be purchased for reduced fee. Card may be punched for multiple family members at a time.



<<< YOU CAN DO IT POOL PASSES FOR 45 ALUMINUM CANS

Collect them. Rinse, crush, and bring to the Cooperative Extension office and receive free pool pass. 210B Poplar St. Call Joe for info., tel. 575-543-6625

Did you know? Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on an iPod.

Children and adolescent lessons for a minimal fee are offered for 3-week or 9-week sessions. All instructors are American Red Cross Certified.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

JUNE 8-19 — PERFORMING ARTS CAMP FOR KIDS

An always popular crash course in theater production culminating in presenting a show. This year's production is most likely *The Phantom Tollbooth*. Rehearsals at the First United Methodist Church, 1020 S. Granite St, Deming. Free. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Enrollment limited to the first 30 kids, open to 2nd grade through high school. Pre-enrollment strongly encouraged via the church website, www.fumcdeming.org or call the office 575-546-2791 or Sarah Williams 575-636-0272.

JUNE 23-26 GOLF CAMP FOR KIDS

An opportunity for one-on-one coaching in skills of the game, kids are grouped by age in four sessions and taught by Wildcat coaches and returning varsity players. Cost is \$30 per child, includes camp T-shirt, cookout and pool party at the Rio Mimbres Club pool. Ages 5 and up. Equipment provided. Organized by Deming High golf coach and Rio Mimbres Golf Course Golf Pro James Williams. Call him at the pro shop to register, tel. 575-546-9481.

MORNINGS, JUNE 1- July 9 CITY OF DEMING SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Funded by the City of Deming and held at Deming High School facilities. Children, ages 6-13 years, are invited to sign up for the 6-week, half-day Summer Youth Program, beginning Monday, June 1st through Thursday, July 9th. The program operates Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until noon.

Parents must sign up children at one of three registration days at the Deming High School Auxiliary Gym, west of the main building, 1100 S. Nickel St. The program will be advertised in the newspaper and radio two weeks before registration. Cost is \$15 for the 6-week program for each child to help offset the cost of a swim day and movie day.

Otherwise, activities are **free**. Participants receive a **free** morning snack and a **free** lunch provided by the Deming Public Schools Student Nutrition Program, a USDA provider.

Activities include indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, cheerleading and dancing, dodge ball, whiffle ball, jump rope, badminton, and Double Dutch. Includes at least three field trips to the Sam Baca Aquatic Center and Starmax Family Entertainment Center.

Coach Jerome Sandoval has run this program for over 10 years, but it has a much longer history. Staff include Coach Sandoval, two adult supervisors, and 14 high school student interns who are paid employees. In the past the program has accommodated up to 400 children. For more information, contact Coach Sandoval at Deming High School, at 575-546-2678 ext. 2686.



Photo: B. Armendariz

CITY OF DEMING 2015 SUMMER RECREATION REGISTRATION DATES

- ◆ May 29, Friday 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- ◆ May 30, Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ◆ May 31, Sunday 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Go to the Deming High School auxiliary gym, enter on W. Buckeye St. \$15 cost per child, \$5 late fee.

Details for pickup, drop-off, and a schedule of event locations provided at the time of registration

AFTERNOONS, JUNE AND JULY – WILSON'S SUMMER PROGRAM FUNDED BY CITY OF DEMING

Children, ages 8–16, may register for Wilson's Summer Program. This is a 6–week program, offered on a rotating basis at different Deming parks during June and July, Wednesday–Saturday, 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. **Free**, except for movie and swim days. The program has a variety of sports, including kickball, basketball, and swimming. Food is provided for more than 100 children every Thursday.

Swimming once a week, Meet 4:30 at the Shedden Basketball Courts for activities and to line up for the walk over to the pool. Bring \$2.25 for the entrance fee.

Movie Day happens once in the season, charge of \$8, includes matinee, bowling, and snacks. Silas Wilson manages the program with the help of community volunteers and a few paid staff from the city.

JUNE & JULY DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEAMLESS SUMMER LUNCH: *Todos los estudiantes del distrito escolar comen el almuerzo gratis.*

Free lunch is provided to all children, 1–18 years, Monday–Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program is held June and July at local parks and school sites, including Columbus. This program is offered annually. Dates dependent on school year calendar

All kids have to do is show up at a serving site. You do not need proof of income or proof of age. Children do not need to be registered, and you do not need meal tickets.

All food must be consumed on site. This service is provided through Deming Public Schools Student Nutrition Program as a Federal USDA program. For more information, call / *Persona de Contacto*: Ginger Jones, Student Nutrition Director, tel. 575-574-8555 or 575-546-2522; email her at ginger.jones@demingps.org.

Year-round programs of the Deming Public Schools Student Nutrition Program provide **free** breakfast, lunch, snack, fresh fruits and vegetables, and Backpack Program at all Luna County sites. It runs from August through May when school is in session for all students, 1–18 years of age, currently enrolled in Deming Public Schools.

JUNE AND JULY – LUNCHTIME IN THE PARKS, WEEKLY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Children's Reading Foundation of Luna County is in select parks and locations every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm, providing **free** weekly summer reading programs in conjunction with the Deming Public Schools Summer Lunch Program. Every child up to age 8 goes home each week with a new book.

For more information call Sonia Moreno, Program Director, tel. 575-694-0863 or e-mail readylunacounty@gmail.com, Read Up Stop the Summer Slide Reading Program.

WILSON SUMMER PROGRAM 2015 REGISTRATION DATES

Typically registration happens the weekends before and after Memorial Day. May 20, 21, 22 and May 27, 28, 29 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. **Free**.

To register your child, meet in the lobby of Peppers Supermarket, 812 E. Florida St. & Gold Ave or contact Silas Wilson, tel. 575-545-9385.

BIG THANK YOU TO THE WILSON SUMMER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS!

Mary Arenibus, Rosa & Johnny Asparza, Bill Dupree, providing Busy Bee's portable potties in the parks, Rick & Michelle Franco, Stephanie Pacheco, Sam (ATM Entertainment Music Maestro) Rodriguez, Paul Sanchez, Lupe Wilson, Antoinette Zunich.



**Year-round USDA-funded programs
provide fresh fruits and vegetables.**

JUNE AND JULY – WEEKLY SUMMER READING PROGRAM IN THE LIBRARIES

Activities and often free books given away. All ages welcome. Check with your local libraries in Columbus and Deming.

ALL DAY JULY 7 – AUGUST 10

DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-5 PLUS PROGRAM:

Programa de Verano de las Escuelas Públicas de Deming, kínder hasta el quinto grado ¡Padres: No se pierdan esta oportunidad para sus hijos!

Deming Public Schools offers to all students, grades Kindergarten through fifth grade, twenty-five (25) additional school days this summer. Regular school hours will be used, 8:20 a.m.–2:55 p.m. Sponsored by NM Public Education Department with the goal of assisting the students achieve higher academic learning: All students are welcome for as many days as they can attend.

- ◆ Breakfast and lunch provided free every day.
- ◆ Enrichment activities in science, music, and other topics.
- ◆ Fun activities like swimming and a trip to the movies are planned.
- ◆ Students register at their elementary school.
- ◆ Registration is open from April 1 until May 24.
- ◆ Students will attend the grade that they are entering. Therefore, new kindergartners are invited and encouraged to attend.
- ◆ For more details, please contact your school principal.



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If students need to miss some days for activities/trips that are currently planned, these will be excused. To arrange this extended absence, parents need to notify the school. Getting ahead in their education benefits each student. **Free.**

OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Deming Sports Camps: almost every sport provides special training programs over the summer, often with no fees. Refer to the Youth Sports section for sports leagues like t-ball, soccer, and football and look for notices in the sports section of the Deming Headlight.

Scout Summer 2015 Programs for Girls

There will be at least 2 programs offered each week for girls who have finished Kindergarten or older. One program will be held at Marshall Memorial Library. The other program will be at the Deming Scout Hut, 721 S. Granite St., Check at either location for a flyer on what is being offered next or call Membership Manager Maria Ehlers tel. 575-494-4648 or mehlrs@gsdsw.org.

Churches frequently provide special programming for youth during the summer.

Deming Public Schools, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, museums, and organizations have many youth camps, seminars, and lessons for a wide variety of special interests in science, arts and music, education, sports, and fitness. Check the Deming Headlight for announcements.

YEAR-ROUND RESOURCES

LIBRARIES

Libraries promote life-long learning and a love of reading, all at no charge. Come into one of our libraries to obtain a library card. It's **free**. Snowbirds encouraged.



Columbus Village Library

Located at 112 West Broadway, open six days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Check for events and classes. For more information, contact Jeane Canfield, Library Director, tel. 575-531-2612, columbusvillagelibrary@yahoo.com, or www.columbusvillage.lib.nm.us



Columbus has a second library. The Little Free Library #5872. Real people sharing their favorite books with their community. These aren't just any old books, this is a carefully curated collection and the Library itself is a piece of neighborhood art!

Some people think the center of the universe in Columbus is the library. With all they have to offer, it is not hard to see why.

A fireplace, 30 available computers, free Wi-Fi, and DVDs to checkout, this library has all the amenities of the big city. Ongoing display of work from local artists.

Free on-going art classes (painting/cartooning/drawing).

Free checkout movies, one week at a time. Book discussion group for adults.

Free Summer Reading Program and Activities for Kids (April 9–July 19, 2015).



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➔ Look for the Coffee House Evenings in the Patio, coming soon.

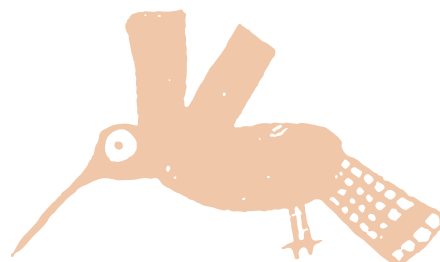


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Marshall Memorial Library

Over 10,000 people a month come to peruse the 60,000 fiction, non-fiction, and audio books at the library. Located at 110 S. Diamond Ave. in Deming between Pine and Spruce streets, open six days a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Bus stop on Pine St. Check for free events or consult the library at www.deminglibrary.com. For more information, contact Angela Wilds at tel. 575-546-9202.

- ◆ Newspapers and magazines.
- ◆ Wi-Fi access and computers for public use, soon to increase from 14 machines to 30 computers.
- ◆ Children's Library Room and events, including Bingo for Books. Ask Children's Librarian Lucas Marsh what's up.
- ◆ Crazy 8s Club, Coming soon for kids. Build stuff, run and jump, make music all as part of after-school math activities. Imagine what you could do with glow-in-the-dark straws and a stopwatch.
- ◆ Adults with Special Needs meet each Tuesday, 1 p.m., age 20 and up. Programs focus on hand-eye coordination and motor skills. **Free.**
- ◆ Summer Reading Program for Kids "Everyone is a Hero" held Tuesday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., June through July. **Free.**
- ◆ The Toddler Time Program with story time, songs, and crafts, is held year-round on Mondays from 10 a.m. until noon for ages 5 and younger accompanied by an adult. **Free.**



DEMING NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Kids, including toddlers and teens, families, single adults, and seniors, all love Deming’s parks where they can play, walk, and socialize with family and friends.

For parties over 25 people, contact Mary Mackey, City of Deming at tel. 575-546-8848 or go to the City Administration Building, 309 S. Gold Avenue, to reserve the date, submit an application, and pay the determined deposit and fee.

Photo: P. Galin



Pictured Melissa Orozco, Julian Sanchez, Gildardo ‘Jr.’ Pacheco, Gabriel Ramirez, and Danny Milo. Not pictured Frank Gallosa, Conception Jaquez.

CITY PARKS

Unsung Heroes of the Parks:

We all love our parks, but do you know who cuts and cleans, plants and waters, paints and maintains them? It takes a crew of seven, headed up by Danny Milo to make sure it’s waiting for you, ready to be enjoyed.

Danny and the rest of the staff ask that you help take care of our parks too. Be a partner in the parks: put trash in the provided receptacles and resist the urge to mark on the tables, signs, or meddle with the play structures and swings.



Wi-Fi Access

Access the Internet at these open to the public locations, but know that Wi-Fi connections can be less secure than a wired connection. Use caution when sending anything sensitive or personal such as financial information or your social security number. *Wild Thought:* Put away your phone or other devices and say hello to your neighbor, get on the slide with your kids, savor our blue skies and whipped cream clouds.

- ◆ Scout Park, 721 S. Granite St., Deming
- ◆ Library, 110 S. Diamond Ave., Deming
- ◆ Library, 112 W. Broadway, Columbus
- ◆ Visitor Center, 800 E. Pine St., Deming
- ◆ Chamber of Commerce, 103 E. Ash St., Deming

Also access is offered to customers at the following locations.

- ◆ Elks Lodge #2750, 3401 Raymond Reed Blvd.
- ◆ McDonald’s Restaurant 721 W. Pine St., Deming.
- ◆ Elisa’s House of Pie and BBQ, 208 1/2, S. Silver Ave., Deming
- ◆ Patio Cafe in Deming 1521 Columbus Rd., Deming
- ◆ Patio Cafe in Columbus 23 Broadway, Columbus
- ◆ Waymaker Espresso Shop and Sweet Creations Bakery. 110 S. Gold Ave., Deming

Neighborhood Parks

		restrooms	ramada	water fountain	benches	shaded play area	picnic table(s)	play structures	grass	shade trees	BBQ	electricity	ball fields	basketball	AstroTurf
Elsie Vega “Chicano” Park	Columbus Rd. / E. Hemlock St.			●	●	●	●	●	●	●				●	
Courthouse County Park **	700 S. Silver Ave.	●			●		●		●	●		●			
Florida “Water Tower” Park	E. Florida St. / S. Santa Cruz St.		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
John T. Waits “North Side/ Rabbit” Park	W. 2nd St. / N. Tin St.				●	●	●	●	●				●		
Leyendecker Plaza Park	S. Gold Ave. / E. Spruce St.				●										
Literacy Center “South Side” Park	W. Pear St. / 2301 S. Tin St.			●	●	●		●	●	●				●	
Lloyd Pratt T-Ball Complex **	E. Poplar / S. Grand St.	●		●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●		
Nacio H. Brown Park **	W. 8th / W. Spruce St.	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			
Pocket Park	106 E. Pine St.				●					●					
Rainbow Water Park	E. Ash / S. Grand		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●				
Scout Park **	700 S. Granite St.	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		
Belisario, Triangle Park	Columbus Rd. / E. Elm St.								●	●					
Veterans Park	S. Silver Ave. / W. Hemlock St.								●	●					
Viramontes “Milo” Park	E. 1st St. / N. Ruby St.			●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	
Voiers “Pit” Park **	E. Cedar St. / County Club Rd.	●	●	●	●		●		●			●	●		

** Restrooms, electricity available for use by deposit / reservation. Tel. 575-546-8846

Athletic Fields and Activity Parks

		restrooms	ramada	water fountain	benches	shaded play area	picnic table(s)	play structures	grass	shade trees	BBQ	electricity	ball fields	fenced	AstroTurf
BMX Bicycle Race Park	Santa Monica St. / E. Ash St.													●	
E.J. Hooten Complex	W. Buckeye St. / S. Granite St. Deming High School field and track, softball fields	●		●	●		●		●	●	●			●	
Football Fields	Raymond Reed Blvd. / Country Club Rd.		●	●					●			●		●	
Skate Park	1000 block W. Pine St. / 10th St.													●	
Soccer Fields	Raymond Reed Blvd. / Country Club Rd.													●	

Dog Parks

Dog Park 1	722 S. Granite St. / next to Scout Park.				●				●	●				●	
Dog Park 2	Country Club Rd. / Raymond Reed Blvd.		●	●	●									●	

Village of Columbus Parks

Albert's Field Park	501 N. State Hwy 11				●	●	●							●	
Baseball field	Wisconsin St. / Pear Ave.											●	●		●
Village Plaza	219 S. State Hwy 11	●		●	●					●					

OTHER CITY PARKS

Blow off steam and come back to your center.

ATHLETIC FIELDS: E.J. Hooten Complex includes Deming High School field, softball fields, little league field, and volleyball. Minimum rental of two hours at \$7.50 per hour pays for lighting at night. Call Mary Mackey, City of Deming, tel. 575-546-8848.



Photo B. Armendariz

Photo J. Presley



BMX PARK On Popular and Grand streets, it is located east of the Lloyd Pratz T-Ball Complex, "Rainbow Water Park." A metal fence surrounds the area. This hilly, gravel area was designed for advanced bicyclists. While maintained by the City of Deming, it is largely unused. Parent volunteers have been known to rake and water the area.

SKATE PARK

On West Pine Street (past McDonalds) on the north side is a fenced concrete area with heavy black plastic ramps and a portable toilet. Luna County Maintenance Department maintains the facility, keeping down the weeds. The spray-painted sign at the entrance states that the grounds are for "anything on wheels," referring apparently to both skateboards and bicycles.

SOCCER FIELDS, SOFTBALL, & FOOTBALL FIELDS:

Raymond Reed Blvd. and Country Club Rd.



Photo M. Robinson

ART IN RABBIT PARK



**Dina
Marquez,
Painter**

John T. Waits or Rabbit Park (corner of Tin St. and W. 4th St.) now an oasis of grass for people and Lagomorpha started out in the 60s as a sandlot for pickup games of baseball and football. Elementary school teacher, fine art painter and muralist Dina Marquez was commissioned to create a sign befitting the natural beauty of the park. Metal shop middle school teacher Jerry Montes led his sixth-grade class in crafting the frame and legs from surplus materials to support the piece. City of Deming Parks Crew supervised the installation. It's two-sided. *How many species of desert animals can you count?*



Teacher, Jerry Montes and student Javier Hernandez.

Photo: P. Galin

SCHOOL YARDS WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT AND FIELDS

Available to the public after school hours, and on weekends, holidays and vacations from dawn to dusk. Be respectful. Clean up after yourself if you bring in picnic items.

- ◆ Deming High School Memorial Stadium for football and track & field at Buckeye and Granite streets
- ◆ Bell Elementary School, 1000 E. Maple Street
- ◆ Chaparral Elementary School, 1400 E. Holly Street
- ◆ Memorial Elementary School, 1000 S. 10th Street
- ◆ Smith School, 310 W. Elm Street



Daniel and Fabian, street skating in spring.



Photo: P. Galin

MOVE YOUR BONES

WALKING AND BIKING



Healthy Kids and most medical authorities, recommend one hour of physical activity a day for both children and adults, including seniors, in order to be at maximum health and wellness and to fend off chronic disease and symptoms of aging. Activity and healthy eating go a long way to helping us feel good. The following groups are organized for helping kids and adults to walk more.

Safe Routes to School Walk with the kids to **Ruben S. Torres Elementary School** on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m., beginning at Blake's Lot-A-Burger parking lot at 1st Avenue and Rte. 180. The walk takes about 30-45 minutes for 1 mile. You can usually hitch a ride back to your car with one of the other participants.

Some support organizations come along as a group or walk as an individual. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Lou Cameron, Associate Superintendent, tel. 575-546-8841 ext. 2008.

Memorial Elementary School's walk is held on Tuesday afternoons, as part of the after school program. Meet at the front entrance after last bell. **Bell Elementary School** also participates in the walk as short prelude to after school program activities.

SCAVENGER HUNT: Win a Pepper's gift certificate!

Be the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd to submit the winning answers.

- ◆ How many stairs lead to the County Commissioner's chambers at the top of the old courthouse?
- ◆ Who was Nacio H. Brown and why is a Deming park named after him?
- ◆ How many times can you recycle a aluminium can?
- ◆ How many rock samples are embedded in the City Hall's Obelisk of Geology?

*Mail answers to 210 South Silver Ave.
or email shermancommunityfoundation@gmail.com

OBELISK OF GEOLOGY



Photos: P. Galin

Walk or ride to our very own Obelisk of Geology. How many separate rocks samples are presented?

Senior Circle at Mimbres Memorial Hospital

This national nonprofit organization is committed to enriching the lives of its adult members, age 50 years or older. Contact Marion Kleber, tel. 575-546-5842 or marion_kleber2@chs.net.

Senior Circle group walks: Around Mimbres Memorial Hospital for 15–30 minutes every Wednesday at 11: a.m.; Every 1st Friday at Voiers "Pit" Park (Summer Schedule 7:30 a.m.; Winter Schedule, 8 a.m.); Once a month hike at designated points of interest throughout the SW region, varied dates.

WALKING PATHS

Voiers “Pit” Park located at North Country Club and East Cedar Street (multiple paths)

Deming High School Track (Buckeye Road and Granite Street, across from Deming High School)

Country Club Road Multi-Purpose Path located along North Country Club Road, from south of Pine Street to Dona Aña Road.

Raymond Reed Blvd. Multi-Purpose Path is along Raymond Reed Blvd. (east of Country Club Road, south side of the soccer fields).

Florida St. Multi-Purpose Path runs from east of Columbus Highway to Country Club Road.

“Safe Routes” Multi-purpose Path to Ruben S. Torres Elementary School on the north side of town, (N. Gold Ave and W. 2nd St to W. 3rd St and NW. 8th St.)

BIKING

Biking is both a popular pastime and mode of transportation in Deming. Residents bike to work or just for fun. Multi-purpose paths are being constructed around Deming each year to allow bike riders safer routes.

Deming currently has one bike shop, **Push “n” Pedal**, 2375 Columbus Road, tel. 575-546-2728. Secondhand bikes sometimes can be bought at **Deming Helping Hand**, Raymond Reed Blvd., tel. 575-546-2558.

Further afield, if you are really serious about biking off-trail or long distance road biking in southern New Mexico, information and mountain bike trail maps available from Gila National Forest Supervisors Office, 3005 E. Camino del Bosque, Silver City, NM 88061, tel. 575-388-8201. Their website has detailed information on mountain bike trails including mileages and times, www.fs.usda.gov/activity.

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Other sources of routes and trails may be found at these Silver City, NM merchants and nonprofits.

- ◆ Bikeworks is a non-profit community bicycle workshop. Their goal is to make bicycles accessible to everyone. Tel. 575-388-1444, email silvercitybikeworks@gmail.com.
- ◆ Gila Hike & Bike 103 College St, Silver City, NM 88061. E-mail: brennan5231@comcast.net or jhemp_00@yahoo.com. 575-388-3222.
- ◆ Twin Sisters Cycling & Fitness 303 N Bullard, Silver City, NM 88061, 575-538-3388. Website: twinsisterscycling.com



Photo: P. Galin

HISTORIC WALKING TOURS

In Deming head downtown, with or without available map from the Deming Visitor Center, 800 E. Pine St. or download a map from the city website **QR code** www.cityofdeming.org/visit-deming/walking-tour (scan below).

Even without a map, take in the majority of the architectural sites in the 100 to 200 blocks radius of Gold and Silver. Granite plaques mounted on each building share the story of the town.

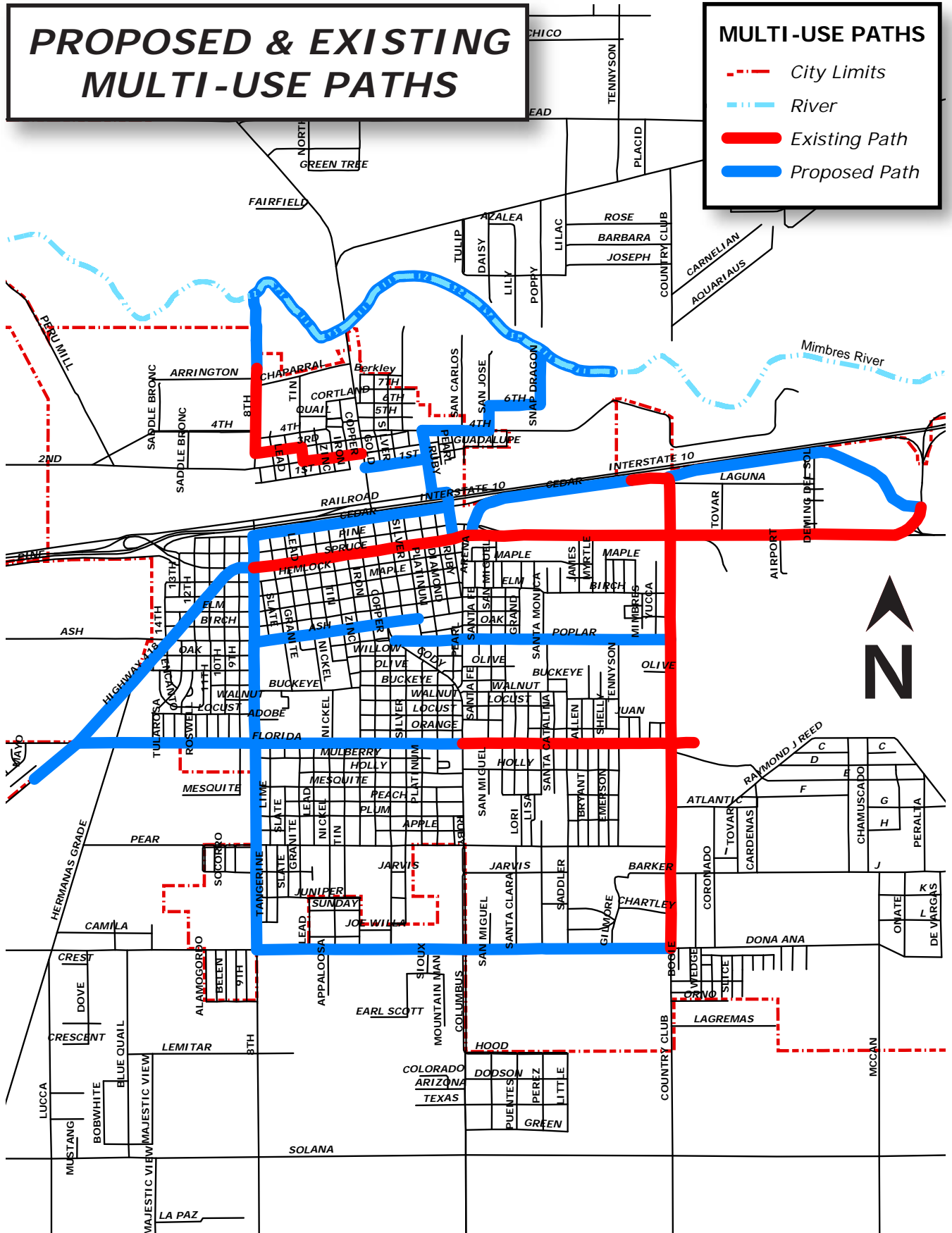
In Columbus head downtown too, no map necessary, and check out the variety of plaques mounted streetside that share Columbus history. For even more details head over to the Columbus NM Historical Society Museum corner of Hwys 9 and 11.



PROPOSED & EXISTING MULTI-USE PATHS

MULTI-USE PATHS

- City Limits
- River
- Existing Path
- Proposed Path



















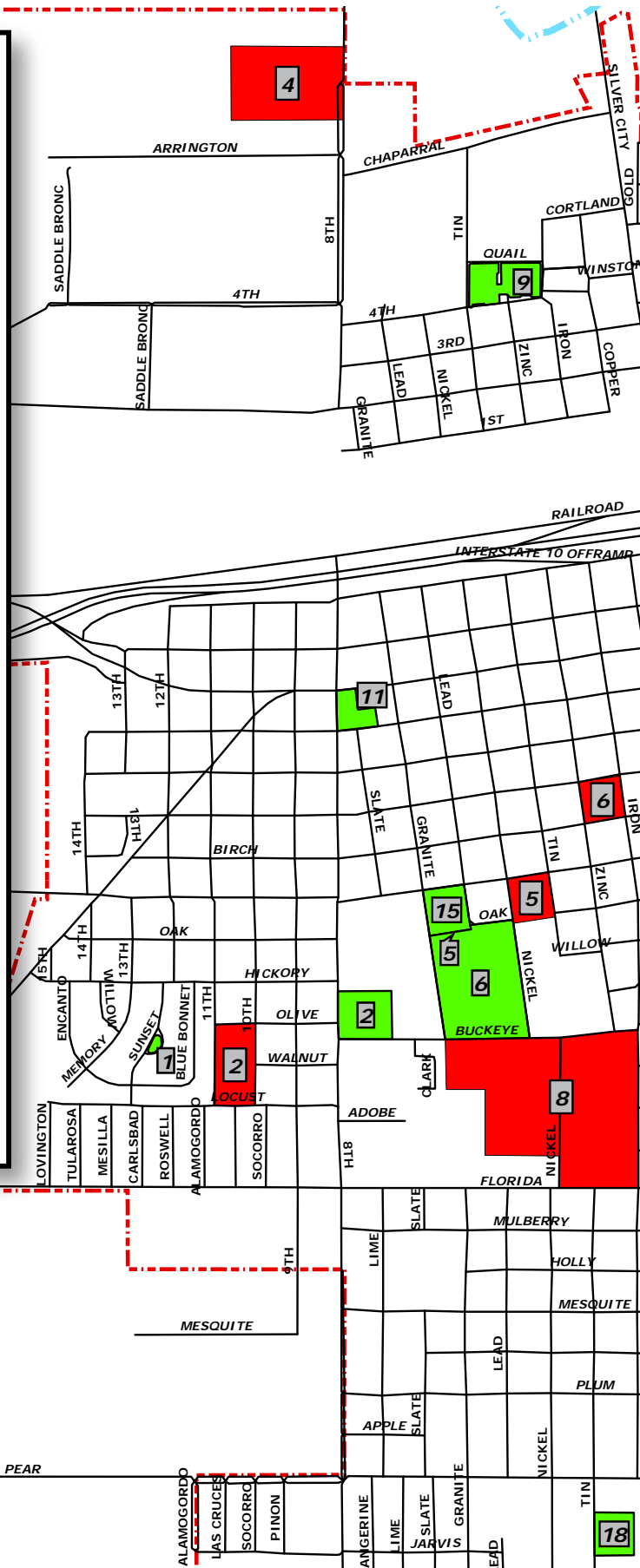
PARKS & SCHOOLS

Parks

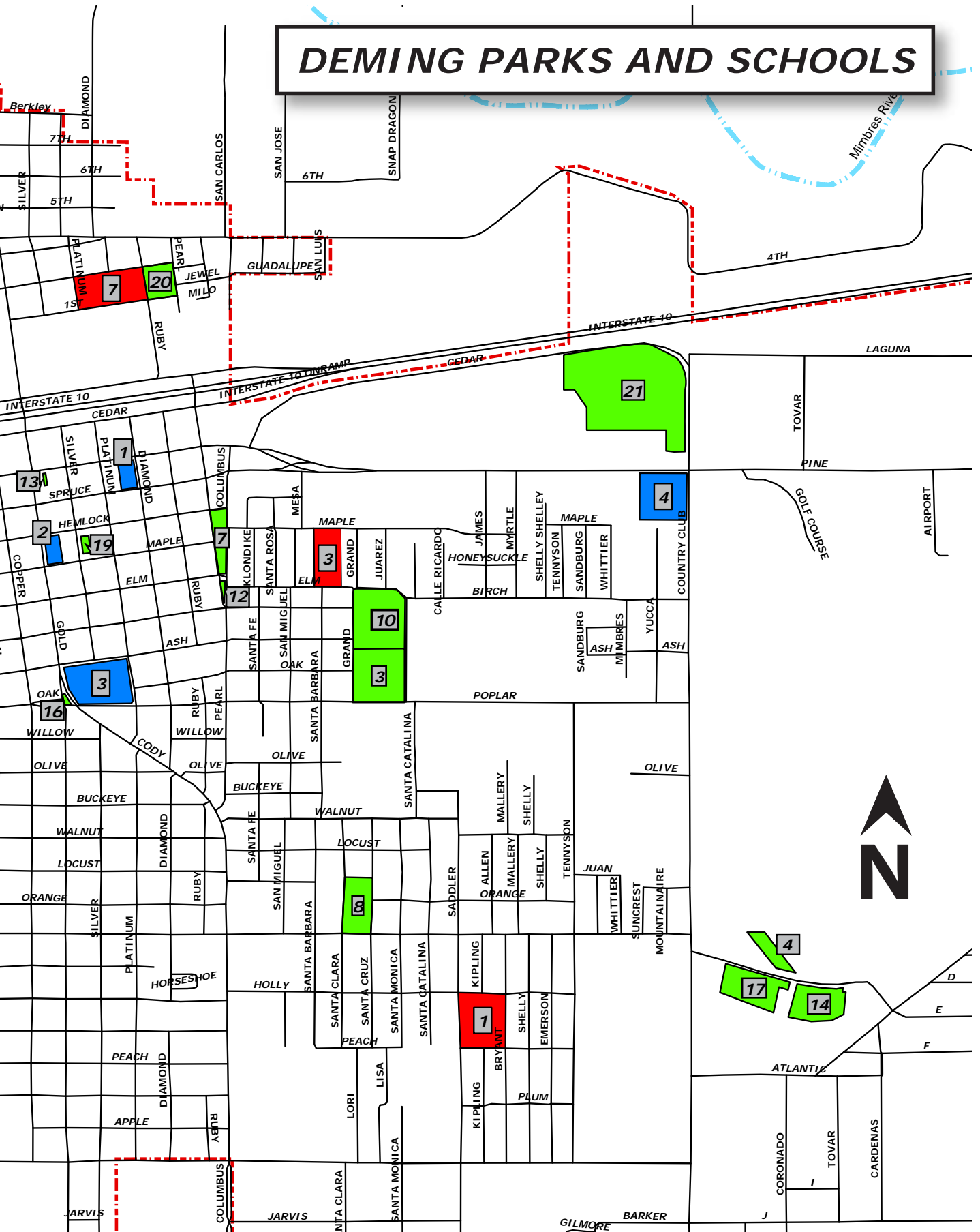
- ☐ 1, Alvarez Park
- ☐ 2, Baca Aquatic Center
- ☐ 3, BMX Park
- ☐ 4, Dog Park
- ☐ 5, Dog Park
- ☐ 6, E.J. Hooten Complex
- ☐ 7, Elsie Vega or "Chicano" Park
- ☐ 8, Florida or "Water Tower" Park
- ☐ 9, John T. Waits or "Northside" Park
- ☐ 10, Lloyd Pratz T-Ball Complex or Rainbow Water Park
- ☐ 11, Nacio H. Brown Park
- ☐ 12, Pearl St. Triangle Park
- ☐ 13, Pocket Park
- ☐ 14, Pop Warner Football Field
- ☐ 15, Scout Park
- ☐ 16, County Park
- ☐ 17, Soccer Field
- ☐ 18, Southside or "Literacy Center" Park
- ☐ 19, Veterans Park
- ☐ 20, Viramontes or "Milo" Park
- ☐ 21, Voier's or "Pit" Park

Schools

-  **1, Chaparral Elementary School**
-  **2, Memorial School**
-  **3, Bell Elementary School**
-  **4, Ruben S. Torres Elementary School**
-  **5, Intermediate School**
-  **6, Smith Elementary School**
-  **7, Deming Ceaser Chavez Charter High School**
-  **8, Deming High School**
-  **9, Red Mountain Middle School**
-  **10, Bataan Elementary School**
-  **River**
-  **City_limits**
-  **1, Marshall Memorial Library**
-  **2, City of Deming-City Hall**
-  **3, Luna County Courthouse & Park**
-  **4, Special Events & Learning Center**



DEMING PARKS AND SCHOOLS



STATE PARKS

Luna County is fortunate enough to have three state parks with all the amenities—trails, visitor centers with eye-opening exhibits and docents to tell you all about it. Well maintained restrooms, sheltered picnic spots, and overnight camping and RV accommodations. For locals, stop by and check it out at no cost.

Rockhound State Park and Spring Canyon Recreation Area

In the foothills of the Little Florida Mountains. Offering spectacular views of the desert floor and the craggy granite mountain peaks, this park and adjacent recreation area has picnic facilities, overnight camping, hiking trails, a visitor center, and planned events. Visitors can prospect for rocks and remove small samples of rocks, gems and minerals, such as jasper, perlite, onyx, rhyolite, silica, and other specimens. Robert Apodaca, Manager, tel. 575-546-6182 or visit www.emnrd.state.nm.us.org/friendsofrockhound.org.

From Deming, travel on State Road 11, five miles south, to Rockhound Rd., then turn east for nine miles to the park entrance.

- ◆ Day use: \$5 per vehicle. Gate closes at 9 p.m.
- ◆ Visitor's Center is open daily, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
- ◆ Camping Fees are \$10–14. Well-maintained, water, grilling facilities, and restrooms/water.

Pancho Villa State Park

In Spring 1916, Pancho Villa and his men raided the border town of Columbus, New Mexico, threatening also to attack Deming. This sparked an international incident with General "Black Jack" Pershing of the US Army, and Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders. Site has national historic significance. Gabriel Medrans, Manager, tel. 575-531-2711.

- ◆ Visitors Center and Museum: open daily Hours: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.
- ◆ Camping Fees are \$10–14. Well-maintained, water, grilling facilities, and restrooms/water.
- ◆ The park hosts Camp Furlong Day where they feature speakers related to the historical events that occurred on March 9th, 1916.
- ◆ The Depot Historical Museum holds a Memorial Ceremony on March 9th every year remembering those military and civilians that lost their lives in the raid.
- ◆ The Village of Columbus, Southern Luna County Economic and Community Development Corp., and the Cabalgata Binacional committee in early March host the Cabalgata Binacional/Fiesta De Amistad event held at the Columbus Community Center Complex on the east end of North Boundary Rd.
- ◆ Five minutes down the road take a short walk across the Mexican border at the Puerto Palomas border crossing. Bring your passport.



FRIENDS OF ROCKHOUND

in partnership with the park, offers a variety of free programs: Desert Alive Annual Native Plant Sale in April; Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, June through Sept.; Holiday Lights–1000 Luminaria, 2nd Saturday in December.



Spring Canyon Recreation Area, a great place to picnic with tables and ramadas.



Even without hiking, the beauty of City of Rocks is accessible.

City of Rocks State Park

The City of Rocks is a geologic wonder of huge, rounded boulders, formed from volcanic ash 30 million years ago, perfect for hiking, picnicking, and camping. Spectacular vistas. The famous, privately-owned Faywood Natural Hot Springs facility and spa is located next door



- ◆ Day use: \$5 per vehicle.
Gate closes at 9 p.m.
- ◆ Visitors Center: open daily
Hours: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1p.m.–4 p.m.
- ◆ Camping Fees are \$10–14. Well-maintained, water, grilling facilities, and restrooms/water.
- ◆ About 5.5 miles of trails, mountain biking; interpretive trails, birding, picnicking, educational programs, and gardens.

Tel. 575-536-2800 for more information.

FIELDTRIPS

Nearby, just one to three hours away, is camping, biking, boating, fishing, bird watching, water and snow skiing, rock and gem hunting, and petroglyphs, just to name a few of the activities available

Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park and the **Asombro Institute for Science Education**, for kids and adults. Located north of Las Cruces. Among things to do, investigate the plant identification placards with the plant's scientific name as well as the English and Spanish common names. Experience the composting, waterless toilet facilities. Ramadas and picnic tables. Open Tuesday –Saturday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m. From I-25 in Las Cruces, head east on Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Road exit (at Oñate High School), Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane onto the frontage road. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.3 miles and turn left at the park sign. Tel. 575-524-3334

Checkout the **Desert Discovery Trail**. There is no need for hiking boots, sunscreen, or water on this virtual tour!

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www.asombro.org/VirtualTour08/main_tour_map.htm



Photo: C. Runoff

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument offers a peek into the homes and lives of the Mogollon people who lived here over 700 years ago. It is located two hours north of Silver City.

Gila National Forest, the largest wilderness area in the United States with all sorts of wild life, is about two hours northwest of Deming. It provides recreational choices, including hiking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, hummingbird watching and other birding, and bicycling. Allow two hours from Deming, as the road is narrow and curvy.

Chiricahua Desert Museum in Rodeo, NM, has a great collection of rattlesnakes as well as a well-stocked gift shop.

Gila Cliff Dwellings

Chiricahua National Monument. Although it is in Arizona, entering the east side of the park through Rodeo, NM is only a two-hour drive from Deming. Famous for hiking trails in the craggy peaks and a diverse array of birds attracted to the unique ecosystem and year-round surface water. Camp on the east side near a creek in the park or stay just outside the park boundaries in a cabin.



Photo: L. Tanner

White Sands National Monument

Elephant Butte Lake State Park, a 40-mile long lake, off of I-25, offers water recreation, boating and water skiing, camping, and hiking. It's not even an hour from Deming, just north of Truth or Consequence. Check the water level, as the lake has been impacted by drought.

Caballo Lake State Park. Just south of Elephant Butte Lake on I-25. Boating, windsurfing, fishing and camping are possible.

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, located along the western bank of the Rio Grande, southwest of the town of Mesilla, is New Mexico's newest state park. If you are looking for water to walk in, note that the heart of this park is 52 acres of the Rio Grande River, though it can be seasonally dry. Total park acreage is 956 acres of both wetland and the Chihuahuan Desert, though currently only a few miles of trails. 5000 Calle Del Norte, Mesilla, NM 88046, tel. 575-523-4398 or www.nmparks.com



QR code: www.desertusa.com/mag09/nov09/mesilla-valley-bosque.html

White Sands National Monument offers a spectacular 300 miles of sand dunes. It is about two hours from Deming, along Highway 70 between Las Cruces and Alamogordo. In the summertime check out their offering of full moon, moonlight walks.

QR code: www.nps.gov/whsa/planyourvisit/full-moon-hikes.htm



Carlsbad Caverns National Monument is famous for its limestone caves, second to none, and the exit at dusk of thousands of Mexican free-tail bats. Allow about four and half hours travel time

Palomas, Mexico, a small "sister" Mexican village, immediately over the border from Columbus. Over 900 children from Palomas, who are United States citizens, daily travel over the border to attend Deming Public Schools during the school year. Be sure to have your passport if you intend to visit this village with such strong ties to Luna County

Bronze statues. Palomas, Mexico



Photo: R. Bohuslov

EAT LOCAL FRESH FOODS

HOME GARDENING

Deming has a strong tradition of backyard gardening since the late 1800s. Luna County is an agricultural county, but it is the high desert and can be a challenge. Gardening provides physical activity and great results that you can eat.

Gardening is different here from the rest of the country so be sure to consult your neighbors and other resources. **Jack Blandford, Agriculture Extension Agent, New Mexico Cooperative Extension Services**, Mon.-Fri., tel. 575-546-8806



Luna County Master Gardeners Thursdays 9 a.m.–11 a.m., walk-in at 210 B Poplar St, Deming or tel. 575-546-8806; **Dona Aña Master Gardeners Hotline–New Mexico Cooperative Extension Services**, Tuesdays and Friday from 9 a.m.–12 Noon, at tel. 575-625-6649; **Deming Garden Club** held monthly at the Deming Senior Center on the first Monday of the month, Jackie Nobles, President tel. 605-366-9845; **Friends of Rockhound State Park**, check out their native plant sales, see online calendar of events, www.friendsofrockhound.org.

Photo: R. Bohuslov



QR code <http://extension.nmsu.edu/garden.html>

Resources on irrigation and drought for home gardeners along with methods to extend the growing seasons and harvest more from your garden. Contact our Agricultural Extension office, tel. 575-546-8806 or go online (see web address, above).

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community Garden, Columbus. Columbus Mayor Phillip Skinner and Columbus Community Garden President Dorian Dodson formalized an agreement between the village and the group to establish a community garden. The goal of the garden is to assist and encourage residents of the area to grow and consume healthy foods. The two entities hope to be able to share in a farmer's market where villagers will have an opportunity to sell what they have left over from the harvest. Raised beds are planned and bilingual classes in the basics of good gardening. Efforts to include residents of neighbor Palomas are part of the immediate goals along with the produce from their already thriving gardens, thanks to efforts in part of Border Partners. Contact Dorian, tel. 505-670-1119.



Community Garden, Deming. Many hands of Daisy Troop Girl Scouts make light work.

Community Garden, Deming. Most of the food grown in the community garden on McCan Road between Border Foods, J Street, and Dona Ana Road is given to Helping Hand, Inc., a non-profit food distribution program that supplements government food subsidies. The plot has an irrigation system as a result of the City of Deming. Fields are planted in late April/May. Help is always appreciated, primarily maintaining the gardens and harvesting the produce. Contact Dr. John Gordon, tel. 575-546-6591 or Frank Knoop tel. 575-546-6603 for current status. Volunteers are needed.



Springtime bounty; Columbus garden.

FARMERS MARKETS

Columbus Growers Market happens every other Sunday. Handmade or homegrown items only. Produce, eggs, baked goods, and crafts. Plans are afoot to include goods and greens from sister city, Palomas, where gardens have been established in part through the efforts of Border Partners. Near Irma's Kitchen on Hwy 11, one block north of Hwy 9 or in the plaza. 8 a.m. to noon or supplies run out for info, tel. 575-520-3596.

Copper Street Indoor Farmers Market, Saturdays and some weekdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 214 Copper St., Deming. Generally June through November. Featuring a host of hometown treats and edibles not available elsewhere: including honey, goat milk cheeses and fresh goat milk, and fresh eggs. In season locally grown produce such as apples, corn, chili and chili products, melon, peaches, pears, and tomatoes. Contact Page Latham to be a vendor or see what's up, tel. 575-546-1861.

Deming MainStreet Farmers Market, Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Corner of Spruce & Copper streets, early June to December. Fresh produce and locally made crafts. To be a vendor or other details contact Mainstreet Farmers Market Coordinator, tel. 575-546-5753 or stop in the office at 320 South Silver St.

OTHER LOCAL OPTIONS



Diaz Produce Stand.

Bountiful Baskets a non-profit organization based in Phoenix, AZ offers access to purchasing organic or conventional produce and organic baked and dry goods. Order every two weeks online, bountifulbaskets.org. You need a credit card and a car or a friend to pick up your box at St. Claire's Winery, Saturday afternoons, 3:30 p.m. at the main building south entrance/parking lot. It is an excellent value with considerable savings on the freshest produce. Approximately 20 to 30 lbs of produce in each \$17.25 box.

Diaz Produce Stand is off of Rte. 180, just north of Deming. In-season fresh fruit and vegetables, seven days-a-week. Chile roasting, spices and seasonings, and hay are also available.

Preferred Produce offers fresh, organic vegetables delivered to your doorstep within 48 hours of harvest. Certified organic products free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides that have been picked ripe for optimal flavor and nutritional value. Order online at www.preferredproduce.us. Their farm and greenhouses are south on Hwy. 11. Visitors by appointment only. Tel. 575-527-9807.

Swap Meet is off of Rte. 180, just north of Deming. Across from Diaz Produce, every Saturday morning. Fresh produce, snacks, and other items.



IDEAS FOR COOKING & NUTRITION

Call Bea Dominguez at the Cooperative Extension Services offices, Mon.-Fri., tel. 575-546-8806 or 210B Poplar St. and ask about the next classes on portion control or healthy foods to eat. Realistic ideas and achievable goals. **Free.** Watch and listen to Elisa, Holly, and Rita who've taken the classes. *En Español.*



QR code [www.youtube.com video](http://www.youtube.com/video)

Frequently, classes on managing recipes and sugar diabetes are offered by Presbyterian Medical Services Health Center, 300 S. Diamond Ave., Deming, tel. 575-546-4663.

FURTHER AFIELD

Azure Standard is a company who delivers a large variety of bulk, natural foods, and natural personal care items to the public using various drop-off points. Headquartered in Oregon, they have several drop-off points within 27 states, including New Mexico. Tel. 971-200-8350 or www.azurestandard.com.

Mountainview Co-op out of Las Cruces will ship orders of fresh and dry goods via UPS and USPS to the farthest reaches of Luna County. Tel. 575-523-0436 or shop www.mountainviewmarket.coop.

BREASTFEED YOUR BABY

Breastfeeding is the only natural food designed just for your baby. It helps protect against sickness now and later in life: less ear infections and kids are less likely to become obese and develop diabetes as they grow up. Plus, it is always the right temperature!



Breastfeeding Support Group

Location: Luna County Parents as Teachers Program 205 E. Hemlock St. Deming, tel. 575-546-9254

Date & Time: Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
10:00-11:00a.m.

Open to all Luna County breastfeeding and pregnant moms.
Free.

Free and local, breast milk is better than any udder milk!.



Roberto Fernandez holds his daughter Elizabeth.

YEAR-ROUND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

4-H PROGRAMS in Luna County



have a Governing Council and six group clubs for young people 5-19 years of age. It operates with the Luna County Cooperative

Extension Services Office. Clubs deal with leadership, citizenship, cooking, baking, canning, sewing, animal husbandry, and other timely topics.



A number of youth raise an animal, such as calf, pig or sheep, which they show and auction at the Southwestern NM State Fair at the Luna County Fairgrounds in October. There are also many competitions in Deming and across the state. There are approximately 180–210 members at any time. While there is no registration fee to join, some of the clubs charge fees for activities and supplies. Contact

Jack Blandford, County Extension Agent, tel. 575-846-8806; jbland@nmsu.edu.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Programs begin with the new school year at all schools in the district (kindergarten through 12th). This has been a most successful **free** program, funded by the A grade from the NM Public Educational Department, 21st Century Learning Centers, Deming Public Schools, City of Deming, and Luna County. Check with your child's school to learn about the programs being offered during the 2015-2016 school year.

ARCHERY

Held at the high school, but open to kids of all ages. **Free.** Instructor Gina McFaul and her able assistants coach in a safe, structured environment teaching basic archery skill and knowledge of the sport. Equipment, snacks, and water provided. Tues & Thurs. 4 to 5:45 p.m., Sept. thru April. Drop in and meet at Hofacket Cafeteria. Contact gina.mcfaul@demingps.org or 575-546-2678. Consistent attendance not mandatory, but encouraged. For younger kids without after-school transportation contact the transportation department at the public school district office to inquire about dropoff via the school bus.



Photos: P. Galin

ART CLASSES FOR KIDS

The **Deming Arts Council** at 100 S. Gold Avenue offers ongoing art and activity classes for kids. Open Tues–Sat., 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed for the month of July. Instructors interested in volunteering, please inquire. Tel. 575-546-3663 or demingarts.org.

Soul Kids Performing & Fine Arts Class. For kids kindergarten age through 6th grade, Tuesday afternoons. Children will be introduced to a variety of activities. Possibilities include music/skits/painting/sculpture/bendable glass/marbleized paper, and more. Organized by Sarah Williams and held at the First United Methodist Church, 1020 S Granite St, Deming. Various local artists volunteer their time to lead a class in their chosen medium. Leave a message at the church office 575-546-2791. **Free.**



Photo: M. Ehlers

DANCE CLASSES

Luna Star Dance Studio offers preschool-age ballet and tap combo classes; pre-level classes for 5 and 6-year-olds in ballet and tap; and level 1 ballet, tap, and jazz for kids age seven and up in elementary school age. Sessions are 14 weeks. Classes are held at Gabe's Fitness, 1400 S. Ruby St. Dance instructors Mila Jackson and Sarah Williams. Luna Star breaks for the summer and resumes classes in September.

For more information and fees, please call (575) 636-0272 or (575) 494-0553 or dolce.vino@gmail.com.

DANCES FOR TEENS

In the past, dances have been held at Starmax Entertainment Complex, 333 N. Country Club Road, Deming, hosted by Luna County DWI Prevention Program. At no cost to teens, dances are well attended and supervised.

After prom, Luna County DWI Prevention Program is planning BUZZ FREE dance, bowling, movies, food and beverages for High School juniors and seniors, from 11 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., early May. Buzz Free After Prom provides a safe, alcohol and drug free environment for all juniors and seniors. For more information, contact the Luna County DWI Prevention Program at 575-544-7377.

This year, Class Act after graduation party/dance for Deming High School seniors is put on by Luna County and parents of the graduating class. For details and location, contact Deming Public School Administration, tel. 575-546-8141.

LUNA COUNTY DWI PREVENTION PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

In addition to dances and other community based events, Youth Alcohol Awareness Classes are held every Wednesday from 4 p.m.–5 p.m. at the Old Courthouse Basement at 700 S. Silver Ave, Deming, NM. To check schedule, contact www.lunacountynm.us or call Edith Vazquez, Program Director, tel. 575-543-6524 or 575-544-7377.



Photo: B. Armerdariz

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

At Deming High School, this organization supports young people interested in farming and related fields. Contact Larry Von Tress, Deming High School teacher, at Larry.VonTress@demingps.com.

ROCKHOUNDING AND LAPIDARY CLASSES

Open to kids and adults alike, the Deming Gem and Mineral Society located at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., across from the fairgrounds, offers supervised time in the shop to kids to learn how to cut and polish stones. Activity and craft classes and events also offered dependent upon available volunteer teachers. Call and inquire. Open to kids 11 to 18 years-old upon signing a waiver to participate in the shop.

General meeting is 2 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. Call tel. 575-546-2554 or thedgms@gmail.com or www.thedgms.com. Kids welcome. Adult, family, and junior memberships available. On-going monthly classes, events, and fieldtrips. No experience required.

SCOUTING

Girl Scouts, a premier leadership development program for girls 5–17 years. Girls meet weekly for fun and friendship all year round, and may start at any time. Two adults and five girls may start a new Troop. Individual girls may join an existing Troop if there is room, or just attend any programs that are taking place.

Six progressive levels focus on self-esteem as well as learning the value of community service. Levels are determined by school grade level, Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Deming Scout Hut is located at 721 S. Granite Street, on the western edge of Scout Park, across from the Deming Senior Center. The Membership Manager Maria Ehlers is not always at the center but can be reached at tel. 575-494-4648 or mehlers@gsdsw.org or the Scout Hut at 575-546-3926. Website: www.gsdsw.org. Also look for Girl Scouts Deming, Luna County on Facebook.

Girl Scout Registration Fee:

Registration fees through July 2015 for any girl interested are paid for by a generous grant from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation. After August 1, a full year of Girl Scouts is only \$15. Complete a registration form at the Marshall Memorial Library or Scout Hut, 721 S. Granite St.

Boy Scouts has two troops in Deming: Pack 134 for Cub Scouts, ages 8–11 and Troup 134 for Boy Scouts, ages 11–18 years. Deming Boy Scouts emphasize outdoor activities; camping trips 5 or 6 times during the year, with fishing, hiking, and rip line. Scouts earn badges in different interest areas. Summer camps include beautiful Camp Philmont. Contact Art Slaughter, tel. 575-544-3613, apslaughter@gmail.com or Troy Wertz, Scout Master, Boy Scout Troop 134, tel. 575-543-8329.

Girl Scout working a rock at
Deming Gem and Mineral Society.



Photo: M. Ehlers



THEATER CLASSES

First Call, theater productions by and for kids. Open to 1st through 12th graders, year-round. In the past productions have included School House Rock and Godspell. Sometimes, rather than learning to present on stage, kids learn the fine art of playing to the camera. Sponsored by the United First Methodist Church who picks up the costs of licensing fees and utilities for the rehearsal space. Contact Sarah Williams via the church office. Leave a message. 575-546-2791. Free.

Luna Players welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Acting, lighting, sound system, set building are just some of the possibilities. Call 888-541-5381.

Soul Kids Performing & Fine Arts, see Art Classes for Kids. Free.



Nominated for the 2015 Academy Awards

Kids make films and so do college students at New Mexico State University, Creative Media Institute. "Princess," a 7-minute film written by student Mary Grace Hill. "Princess" is the story of a father and a daughter. Over an 18-year period follow young Libby as she grows from a little girl with dreams of being a princess into a proud young woman who serves her country. Her father is always there with a smile, a meal, and unconditional love. *Bonus*, local actor and teacher, Algernon D'Amassa has pivotal role. **QR code** from www.vimeo.com.



TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM (TOP)

Empowering teens (ages 11 to 18) to become healthy, productive and engaged adults through a variety of activities. Goals are for every teen to build a foundation of success via healthy behaviors, life skills, and a sense of purpose. Civic projects and time put into our community are core elements. Held after school Tuesdays and Thursdays until 5:30 p.m. on the following school campuses: Intermediate, Red Mountain, and Deming High School. Students get paid an incentive at the end of each semester if they join and meet requirements. Programs for parents and guardians as well. Contact individual team leaders at each school or Amber Chalk at the county, 700 S. Silver Ave., Deming, tel. 575-543-6524 or amberchalk5@gmail.com.

YOUTH COUNCILS

Youth Councils at Deming High School and Red Mountain Middle Schools focus on developing leadership, citizenship, and understanding of government processes for students, and participating in community service projects like recycling. Grace Flores is advisor to the students at Deming High School, tel. 575-546-2678. At Red Mountain Middle School, contact principal Ms. Robin Parnell, tel. 575-546-0668 ext 2301.

YOUTH CHURCH GROUPS

Local churches, including the First United Methodist Church After School program, have not set their scheduling for the school year. Contact the church office clerk for each pastor/priest to learn about current offerings. The Deming Headlight newspaper prints regular notices for church groups and publishes a Church Directory for local contact information.

YOUTH SPORTS

Baseball & Softball Little League

For ages 9-16 boys' baseball and girls' softball is held at the Hooten Sports Complex at Deming High School. Times of practice/games varies, usually after school and weekends. The season is April 26 through July, 12-15 weeks. Fee is \$50 per child which pays umpire, uniform, Little League International, and insurance.

Registration usually begins in mid-to-late February at Peppers Supermarket on Florida. Watch the newspaper for dates. This year the League has about 350 children/youth participating. Through Juvenile Justice Continuum of Services (JJCS) and Keep Luna County Beautiful programs, the league is able to offer a discounted registration fee to low income residents. A Medicaid card is necessary at registration to qualify. Birth certificates are also required at the time of registration. Contact Veronica Olivas, tel. 575-520-4817.



A number of youth raise an animal, such as calf, pig or sheep, which they show and auction at the Southwestern NM State Fair at the Luna County Fairgrounds in October. There are also many competitions in Deming and across the state. There are approximately 180–210 members at any time. While there is no registration fee to join, some of the clubs charge fees for activities and supplies. Contact Jack Blandford, County Extension Agent, tel. 575-846-8806; jbland@nmsu.edu.

Boxing Old Skool Boxing Club for girls and boys, ages 8 to 18 can participate in training, classes, and competitions. Learn to be not just stronger, but smarter than your opponent. Events are sanctioned through the USA Boxing Assoc. Contact Pepe or Francis Montoya, tel. 575-494-7161 or Facebook page Old-Skool-Boxing-Club.

Football Youth League For ages 6–12 years. Season is August through the first week in November. Generally 200–260 boys sign up. They try not to turn anyone away. Fee is \$55. Includes uniforms and equipment that are turned in at the end of the season. Physical required. Notice of registration is announced in the newspaper and radio in July. Contact Jessica and Cesar Moreno at tel. 575-494-4953 or 575-936-6492 or Facebook demingyouthfootball.

A big *thank you* to Angel Caballero, former league manager for the past three years. He is still facilitating sign-ups, at his new store, Printworkz, Screen Printing & Graphics, 208 South Gold Ave. or tel. 575-546-9492.

Basketball Youth League Formed just this past year for girls and boys, grades 3rd–6th. Sign-ups begin October at Peppers Supermarket. Practice in November. Games December through late February. Fee is \$40. Includes uniforms and end of the year medals and trophies. Physical required. Notice of registration is announced in the newspaper and radio. Contact Adrian Apodaca at tel. 575-544-1319 or adrian.apodaca@demingps.org. Volunteer coaches welcome.

... WATCH THE LAST FEW SECONDS of a close game from the inaugural season of a girls basketball game. Tied up until the last eight seconds, then **BOOM**, 3 pointer!!!

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Gymnastics

The **Deming Dust Devils** program has provided gymnastics instruction since 1980 for all ages of boys and girls, with a focus on progression. The competition season usually is October through March. The team competes on floor, vault, bars and balance beam in USA Gymnastics-sanctioned events throughout the state. It is run by coach sisters, Irma Chacon and Elsa Rodriguez, at 2001 Columbus Rd. Tel. 575-546-0371 or demingdustdevils@hotmail.com.

Martial Arts

Okinawa Karate Dojo. Stick with it and learn how to avoid fights, become ambidextrous, and develop your brain, plus it's fun. Evening classes Mon.–Thurs. for kids and adults. \$25 monthly fee. Family memberships available. Mr. Sanders has been teaching for more than 20 years. 2403 Atlantic Way on the same block as the UPS office. Tel. 575-546-3461.

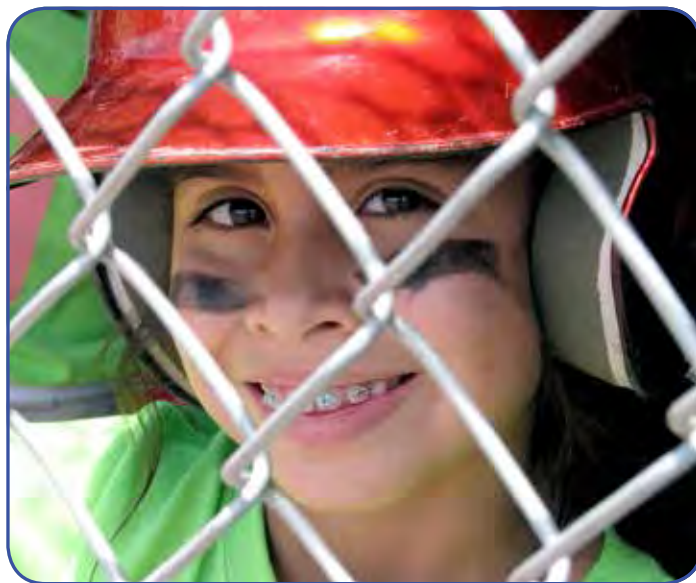


Soccer Youth League

The Deming Soccer League is for ages 4 to 12, open to residents throughout Luna County, including Columbus. Practice and games are held at the City Soccer Fields on Raymond Reed Blvd. There are two seasons: the Spring Season which is held from February through April, and the Fall Season which runs from August through October. There are registration fees and discount programs. Watch the newspaper for dates and times of registration. Contact Fabian Ortiz, tel. 575-494-6017.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch Leagues

The fundamentals of baseball can be learned for ages 3–8 years at the Lloyd Pratz T-Ball Complex, Popular and Grand streets. Age divisions include: T-Ball, ages 3–4; Junior Coach-Pitch, ages 5–6; and Coach-Pitch, ages 7–8 years. League runs for 6 weeks in May & June for \$35 per child (non-refundable) Registration sign-ups are usually at Peppers Supermarket on different days. Watch for registration dates next year in the newspaper and on the radio, beginning mid-to-late February. For more information, contact tel. 575-936-0204 or see Facebook Deming-TBall-Coachpitch.



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EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

Early Childhood Get Your Child Off to the Right Start, a Strong Start.

Consiga que su hijo/a comience correctamente y que tenga un comienzo sólido.

As the folks at CHI St. Joseph's Children say, "Babies do come with instructions." These organizations offer parents and caregivers free bilingual information, coaching, and often toys and activities to do with your child from before birth to age five.

Ben Archer Health Centers in Columbus and Deming have a variety of community outreach health programs, including the Welcome Baby Program (0 to 3 years of age for parents and guardians).

- ◆ In Columbus 626 Taft Street. Columbus, NM, tel. 575-531-2165
- ◆ In Deming 125 Chaparral Blvd. NW, Deming, NM, tel. 575-546-4800

CHI St. Joseph's Children will visit all first time parents and caregivers in the home throughout Luna County, including Columbus, once a week for the first three years. Tel. 575-543-5900 or 201 E. Pine St., Deming. Enrollment is any time during pregnancy, up to the first 2 months after the birth of the baby. www.stjosephnm.org.



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Program Director Sonia Moreno with materials available through Ready! for Kindergarten.

for free. HELP-NM offers **Head Start** (ages 3 to 5 years of age), **Early Head Start** (prenatal to age 35 months), **New Mexico State Pre-K** (ages 4-5 years), and **private childcare** for evenings (6 weeks to age 9). Program teaches the children to prepare for kindergarten as well as offering intensive services for families such as Mental Health, Family Partnerships, & Health & Nutrition. Call 575-546-7414 or 575-546-9490 for assistance in locating the center nearest to you.

Parents As Teachers, Luna County visits pregnant teens and adults in the home with their first baby, (prenatal to age 5 years). **Family Childcare Visiting Program** also provides support for childcare providers in the home. 205 E. Hemlock St. Deming, tel. 575-546-9254 Also Group Connections workshops for all community members on topics such as immigration or nutrition. Look for programs starting in Columbus.

Children's Reading Foundation of Luna County offers year-round, **READY!** For Kindergarten 90-minute workshops for those who have children 3–5 years of age who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten. In order to participate, you must be a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian. **Free** books and toys are distributed at classes. Call for dates and locations, tel. 575-694-0863.

HELP-New Mexico Child Development Division, Celebrating 50 years of opportunity with Head Start, a preschool for everyone. Teaching the basic skills necessary to enter kindergarten ready to learn, those who meet income and other eligibility guidelines can enroll their child

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY, DEMING

Offers the opportunity to get advanced degrees and certification in our hometown.

- ◆ Certified Nursing Assistant
- ◆ Associated Arts degree in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Liberal Studies, or Nursing
- ◆ Bachelor of Arts degree in Education, Interdisciplinary Studies, or Social Work.
- ◆ Master degree in Educational Leadership, Interdisciplinary Studies, or Social Work

Stop by the office, 2300 East Pine St. or call tel. 575-546-6556. They can help you apply to school and for financial aid, register for classes, or answer your questions. You will be welcomed with a smile.
www.wnmu.edu.

Seniors eligible to take classes as non-credit, for the reduced price of \$5/credit hour, for up to 6 credit hours per semester.

Childcare is available next door at The Learning Center, 2150 E. Pine St., 575-546-9490, ask for Crystal Peña.

→→→ Coming in the fall, Latino Literature plus Latin American History.

Adult Education Services Offered at Western NM University, *Estudios Superiores*

College-bound, it could be you. / *Destino Universitario, podría ser usted.*

The following services are available **free** of cost to the community:

- ◆ High School Equivalence Diploma classes (GED)
- ◆ Math and Reading Skills
- ◆ English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ◆ Reading, Speaking and Listening Improvement Skills
- ◆ Basic Computer Skills including keyboard skills, Microsoft Office, internet/e-mail skills and online learning programs
- ◆ Testing is available in several areas including tests for Adult Basic Education (TABE), Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) and practice High School Equivalence Diploma assessments.

60% of students enrolled at WNMU work 20 or more hours a week. Join Us!

60% de los estudiantes inscritos en WNMU trabajan 20 o más horas a la semana. ¡Acompáñanos!



English as Second Language (ESL) classes available, levels 1 to 12 through the Language Institute. Or **learn Spanish as a second language**—the staff at Mimbres Memorial Hospital did. **QR code** <http://wnmu.edu/mimbres-memorial-hospital-employees-learn-spanish/>

Locations in Columbus and Deming:

- ◆ Learning Center – Columbus, New Orleans St., Columbus, NM 88029, tel. 575-531-7221
- ◆ Mimbres Valley Learning Center-Deming, 2300 E. Pine, Deming, NM 88030, tel. 575-546-6556

Future Extension Classes at Western NM University, Deming

Kids College as well as adult extension courses are in the works. Check with Director Ken Leupold, if you are interested in attending or have an interest in leading a course or workshop.

DEMING LITERACY PROGRAM / Programa de Alfabetismo de Deming

The following services are available **free** of cost to the community.

Offering **free** classes in pre-GED, English as a Second Language (ESL) as well as Spanish as a second language, citizenship, and computer instruction. 2301 S. Tin St., Deming tel. 575-546-7571.

HELP-NM'S HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM (HEP)-

Programa de Preparatoria (HEP)

Need help getting your GED? Taking only four to six months, supports migrant and seasonal farmworker and family members (16 years and older) to successfully complete a GED credential as well as offer resources for enrollment in higher education, the military, or upgrade employment. Including transportation expenses and materials in English or Spanish. Contact program coordinator, Annaliza Gourneau, tel. 575-526-2402 or annaliza@helpnm.com. This program has been in place since 1967. **Free.**

*¿Necesita ayuda para obtener su GED? Nuestros estudiantes podrán terminar su GED en cuatro o seis meses. Usted ó un miembro de su familia ha trabajado en el campo por menos 75 días durante los últimos dos años. Tiene al menos 16 años de edad. HEP también ayuda a su gente a continuar con su educación y buscar una carrera de su preferencia. Ellos pueden solicitar su inscripción en el colegio de la comunidad o con el servicio military. Asistencia financiera para los gastos de gasolina y clases, libros, y exámenes están disponibles en los dos idiomas inglés y español. Contactar a Annaliza: annaliza@helpnm.com, tel. 575-526-2402. **Gratis.***

CAMP AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY - (COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM)

A federally-funded program to help migrant or seasonal farm worker students attend college and succeed. Established in 1972. Providing housing, meal plans, textbook stipends, individual academic advising and tutoring services during the freshman year and ongoing academic support until their graduation. In New Mexico, tel. 575-646-7341 or 646-5081 or web.nmsu.edu. This program is also available at other schools in other states, tel. 509-368-7132 or www.migrantstudents.org.

Programa **CAMP** (siglas en Inglés) de la **Universidad de Nuevo México (Programa Migrante de Asistencia a la Universidad)**

Un programa financiado federalmente para ayudar a estudiantes migrantes o trabajadores temporales del campo asistir a la Universidad y ser exitosos. Establecido en 1972. Se provee alojamiento, arreglos de comidas, ayuda monetaria para los libros de texto, asesoramiento académico individual y servicios de tutoría durante el primer año y apoyo académico continuo hasta que se gradué. En Nuevo México, tel. 575-646-7341 o 646-5081 o web.nmsu.edu. Este programa también está disponible en otras escuelas en otros estados, tel. 509-368-7132 o www.migrantstudents.org.

START THE JOURNEY

CAMP de New Mexico State University (Programa de Asistencia Universitaria Para Migrantes) is your ticket.

Hear how Daniel Ramirez-Gordillo, first NMSU CAMP student to earn a Ph.D., accomplished his goal.

Emprende el trayecto, CAMP de la Universidad de Nuevo México (Programa de Asistencia Universitaria Para Migrantes) es tu boleto.

Escucha como Daniel Ramírez-Gordillo, primer estudiante de NMSU CAMP adquirió su doctorado, y logro su meta:

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watch?v=wKloluLpIM



LEARN MORE. EARN MORE.

Parents can help. Support your child to finish school. A high school diploma or GED makes a difference in a lifetime of dollars earned. College even more so.

Aprender Más. Ganar Mas.

Los padres pueden ayudar. Apoye a su hijo(a) a terminar la escuela. Un diploma de escuela secundaria o GED hará la diferencia en el dinero que ganara durante una toda una vida. Y un diploma de colegio aún más.



Ms. Escareno is the Math Department Head and teaches at Deming Intermediate School. She will be the Assistant Principal at Columbus Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.

La Srta. Escareno es el Jefa del Departamento de Matemáticas y enseña en la escuela Intermedia de Deming. Ella será la subdirectora de la Escuela Primaria Columbus para el año escolar 2015-2016.



Change your future. Miss Maria Escareno did!

It takes courage and school is hard work. Growing up, my parents were farm workers and they moved often, leaving my four siblings and I behind in our country of birth, Mexico. At the age of 14, I received my legalization papers and so did my siblings, which allowed us to finally live together with our parents. Moving to a new country with only our suitcases was challenging and working on the fields during weekends and vacation breaks while trying to complete schoolwork was not always easy. But with one goal in mind, which was to always try to be better than the day before, and the support of my parents and school personnel, I was able to attend college and change my future.

So my advice to you is: Finish high school and think about college or further training to attain your goals. Financial aid and scholarships are available. Counselors at school can help you choose. The choice is yours.

Cambiar tu futuro. ¡La Srta. María Escareno lo hizo!

Se necesita coraje y asistir a la escuela es un trabajo duro. De niña, mis padres eran trabajadores agrícolas y se mudaban a menudo, dejando a mis cuatro hermanos y a mi atrás en nuestro país de origen, México. A la edad de 14 años, recibí mis papeles de legalización al igual que mis hermanos, lo que nos permitió vivir por fin junto con nuestros padres. Mudarse a un país nuevo, con sólo nuestras maletas fue desafiante. Trabajar en los campos durante los fines de semana y vacaciones y trata de completar el trabajo escolar no siempre fue fácil. Pero con un objetivo en mente, que fue siempre tratar de ser mejor persona que el día anterior, y el apoyo de mis padres y personal escolar, tuve la oportunidad de asistir a la universidad y cambiar mi futuro. Así que mi consejo es: Terminar la escuela secundaria y piensa en la universidad o entrenamiento adicional para alcanzar tus metas. Hay ayuda financiera y becas disponibles. Los consejeros de la escuela pueden ayudarte a elegir. La decisión es tuya.

ADULT ACTIVITIES, YEAR-ROUND

ART CLASSES

Black Range Artists, an artists' organization serving Southwestern New Mexico, Southeastern Arizona and West Texas for over 50 years. For classes or workshops, see www.blackrangeart.com, or P.O. Box 28, Deming, NM 88031.

On-going instruction in multiple mediums at the **Deming Arts Council** with Dorothy Waddell, \$10 fee per class. Saturday afternoons, 1 to 3 p.m. 100 S. Gold Ave. Deming, tel. 575-546-3663. Fiber arts, lace tatting, painting, pastel, painting, pencil, watercolor. Stuck on a piece? Bring it in and get the support you need to finish it.

Ongoing instruction at the **Columbus Library**. 112 W. Broadway, Columbus, tel. 575-531-2612. **Free**.

ASTRONOMY-STARGAZING

Check at your State Parks listed in this guide for a program called Stars-N-Parks, especially at Rockhound and City of Rocks state parks. Astronomy program participants have the chance to learn about the night skies, observing through a telescope. Participants should arrive at sunset, usually held on Saturdays. Cost is usually a day-use fee of \$7/car. Astronomical Society of Las Cruces also has great programs. Contact outreach@asic-nm.org.

BINGO

Apache Homeland Casino 20885 Frontage Rd., Deming, NM, take Akela Exit 102 off of Interstate-10, east of Deming. Currently awaiting state approval. Call for status, tel. 575.694.2293 or www.fortsillapachenewmexico.com.

Elks Lodge #2750, hosts games open to the public at 3401 Raymond Reed Blvd. Nonsmoking. Call for times tel. (575) 546-2799. Funds raised support a variety of local causes.

Senior Center hosts games open to the public at 800 S. Granite Street. Nonsmoking. Funds raised benefit services at the center. Call for times, tel. 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



BIRD AND BUTTERFLY WATCHING

One of those **free** activities that you can do anywhere, anytime. With more than 300 species, New Mexico ranks among the best areas in the US for butterfly diversity. Our state parks are great places to bird and butterfly watch!

Hummingbird Fever, July in the Lake Roberts area in the forest, or watch thousands of them at the feeders of Little Toad Creek Inn, junction of Hwys 15 and 35, tel. 575-536-9649 or littletoadcreek.com.

Mountain View Cemetery, year-round forum for birds. Ask Junior Pacheco in the office for the species list. Currently over 115 species have been identified here. 3410 E. Pine St., Deming, NM. Also check out the municipal golf course. 2500 E. Pine St.

Waste water plant, 4370 J St., Deming, NM Open weekdays. Be respectful of this working municipal facility. Consult with site manager Ray Carrillion.

Southwestern Research Station, Chiricahuas National Monument, enter on the Arizona, Portal side for a chance to see the brightly colored trogon, a bird worthy of a trip to the tropics.

State parks, see listings elsewhere in this guide.



BOOK CLUBS

Reading fiction and non-fiction, meets monthly, the 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Waymaker Christian Bookstore and Espresso Shop Restaurant. 110 S. Gold Ave., Deming. Everyone welcome. Group chooses each new book together. Tel. 575-544-0299.

In Columbus at the library, 112 West Broadway, inquire about current status. Contact Jeane Canfield, Library Director, tel. 575-531-2612.

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BOWLING

Bowling for all ages (16 lanes) occurs at Starmax Entertainment Center, 333 N. Country Club Road. Contact tel. 575-546-7469. Includes league bowling.

Special Olympics League Bowling. Every Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m. Call Adele Moreno to inquire tel. 575-544-4299. Some seasonal breaks.

<<< YOU CAN DO IT BOWLING PASSES FOR 45 ALUMINUM CANS

Collect them. Rinse, crush, and bring to the Cooperative Extension office and receive **free** bowling pass. 210B Poplar St. Call Joe for info., tel. 575-543-6625.

Did you know? *Recycling 100 aluminum cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.*

BRIDGE

Keep your mind lively with the mental gymnastics of the game and join the 25 million other Americans who play the game with passion.

Contact Bridge: Game every Thursday afternoon, Senior Center, 800 S. Granite St., tel. 575-546-8823

Duplicate Bridge: Game every Wednesday afternoon, 12:30 p.m., hosted at the Rio Mimbres Country Club, 2500 E. Pine St., refreshments available. Contact Bobbie Russell for information or if you need to make arrangements for a playing partner, tel. 575-546-7994.

CAMPING

See our county, state and national park listings. There also are a number of private parks in the area with facilities.

DANCING

Country/Bluegrass

Occasional dance and buffet nights, Fridays 6 p.m.–10 p.m. by **Desert Trio** and La Fonda Restaurant, 601 E. Pine St. Call tel. 575-546-0405 for schedule. Buffet if you eat is \$8.95, otherwise no cover. Other local civic clubs hold regular dances and meals; some clubs require sign-in by a member.

Deming Performing Arts Theater (DPAT) Sunday afternoon (2 to 4 p.m.) jam sessions and dancing. Typically December through April. 109 E. Pine St., tel. 575-545-8872 or www.dpat.org. Amazing homemade treats available with coffee; pay by donation. Funds raised support high school student college scholarships.

Zia Zingers, a chapter of the NM Line Dance Organization, holds occasional gatherings. Also classes for beginners. Don't be shy. For more information, contact Liv Johnson at 575-936-6104 or Joyce Peterson at 575-694-5213.

Square Dancing

The Good Time Squares meet from 7 p.m.–9 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Deming Senior Center, 800 S. Granite Street. Call the Deming Senior Center, tel. 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for details.

DRUMMING, WEST AFRICAN

Open to all ages. Last Sunday of the month, 2 to 5 p.m. Instructor Andrew Dahl-Bredine of Silver City offers classes locally. No experience required. Research indicates drumming accelerates physical healing and boosts the immune system. Contact Deb Gwin, tel. 575-546-2497. Fee of \$25/class. Drums are provided.

GOLFING

The Rio Mimbres Golf Course is an 18-hole public golf course, located next to the private Rio Mimbres Country Club. Deming High School students utilize the golf course as a physical education class at group rates. Weekdays \$20 per day; check for special rates: Early Bird, Juniors, Seniors (50-plus), and annual passes.

There are a number of large tournaments held during the year: in May, Steve Bean Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament; in July, the Men's Golf Tournament; in September, Desert Quail Ladies Golf Invitational. Contact the pro shop at tel. 575-546-9481, 2500 E. Pine Street, Deming, NM

HORSEBACK RIDING

There are numerous possibilities for horseback riding through Luna County and the surrounding area. Ask the ranchers you know. Here are some better known resources, frequently tied with camping and hunting in the wilderness areas nearby.

Kerr Ranch Tours, 255 Sacaton Lane, Animas, NM, tel. 575-313-2606

Gila Wilderness Ventures, Day rides and pack trips on horseback. Contact Leah Gray Jones in Glenwood, NM, tel. 866-677-2008. Leah came from and lived in Deming.

Alaska Adventures at the Big River Lodge. Contact, tel. 855-215-2767.

Hidden Valley Ranch RV Resort, 12100 Hidden Valley Road, Deming. Contact Jolene Nunn, tel. 575-546-3071. Horse rentals, horseback trail rides and riding lessons offered.

HUNTING

Many individuals in Deming and Luna County hunt for deer, elk, antelope, quail, wild sheep, and wild pig/javelinas and other game. Be aware of special bow & arrow/archery licenses through NM Department of Game and Wildlife for elk and other wildlife. Visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us for tag information or contact New Mexico Department of Fish & Game SW Area Office in Las Cruces, tel. 575-632-2100.

MEDITATION

Mental health is physical health.

Non-denominational, guided meditation group, once a week, Mondays, 10 a.m., 120 S. Zinc St., First Presbyterian Church. Ten dollar donation for utilities. Contact Deb 575-546-2497.

Deming Zen Center offers instruction and group practice in Zen meditation. Meetings held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at 111 N. Iron St., with retreats and other workshops scheduled frequently. Contact is Abbot Algernon D'Amassa at 575-545-7613 or by email at nogate@gmail.com. The Zen Center is sustained entirely by voluntary donations. Official internet sites are www.demingzen.org or www.facebook.com/demingzen.



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There is always a view of the Florida Mountains from the golf course.



Photo: G. Taylor

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS

Many motorcycle clubs exist in Luna County, including **Bonifide Saints Club**, who are Deming law enforcement officers. The public can generally join any ride. Watch for flyers. Call Bobby Brookhouser, Sheriff's Office tel. 575-546-4020, Ext 2.

The **Choir Boys in Deming**, organized by regions: CA, AZ, NM, TX, NE, SD. Comprised of past and present law enforcement, focuses on yearly benefits for fallen officers and monthly meetings. Call Larry Srader, tel. 575-494-3675.

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association is an association from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcycles as a hobby; we have a local chapter here. The mission is to support and defend those who have defended our country and our freedoms, with a focus to help veteran care facilities provide a warm meal, clothing, shelter, and guidance, or simply to say "Thank You." and "Welcome Home." Visit the regional website for more information www.combatvetnm.com.



Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

QUILTING

The Quilting B, an ongoing club for those interested in quilting, beginning or advanced. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m. at the Deming-Luna Mimbres Museum, 301 S. Silver Ave. Enter on Hemlock St. Call tel. 575-544-0299 to confirm.

MARTIAL ARTS

See under Youth Activities, Year-round.

RACQUETBALL

Two courts are offered as part of the amenities of the private Rio Mimbres Country Club, available as part of the social membership, if you don't need or want access to the golf course. Contact tel. 575-546-2674, 2500 E. Pine Street, Deming, NM.



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ROCKHOUNDING & LAPIDARY

Going strong since 1965, the Deming Gem and Mineral Society is located at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., across from the fairgrounds. Members have access to the shop and cutting and polishing equipment, plus tenured members make it a practice to share their knowledge and experience. The club has summer and winter hours for the shop.

Summers hours are shorter from May 1 to Sept. 1

- ◆ Monday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday Noon to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Winter hours are longer, from Sept. 1 to April 31

- ◆ Monday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday Noon to 3 p.m.
- ◆ Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday 9 a.m. to noon

General meeting is 2 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. Call tel. 575-546-2554 or thedgms@gmail.com or www.thedgms.com. Kids welcome. Adult, family, and junior memberships available. On-going monthly classes, events, and fieldtrips. No experience required.

ROPING

Cowboy Park, City of Deming. This western-themed site is located on Skyview Road, just off the Old Frontage Road, five miles west of the city. Venues: two rodeo arenas, large and small, capable of hosting rodeos, barrel races, equestrian events, complete with lighting, stables and parking. A number of events have been held here over the past year for barrel racing, team roping, and rodeos. The City, which maintains the arenas, would like to bring in people to start up roping schools as well as bring in more team roping events and rodeos. There is a \$75 cleaning fee per event and \$50 water fee per day. Contact Wes Hooper, City of Deming, tel. 575-494-3037 or Mary Mackey, tel. 575-546-8848 for rental rates.

Hidden Valley Ranch RV Resort, 12100 Hidden Valley Road N, Deming, tel. 575-546-3071. This group has a large roping arena available for private roping and riding. They offer ATV rentals for tours to nearby sites like Ft. Cummings, Cooke's Peak, and petroglyph sites of the Mimbres Indians, and an old homestead from the 1800s. The famous Butterfield Trail ran through this area.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Deming chapter of the NM Senior Olympics, the largest multi-sport event for senior sports in America, meets at the Deming Senior Citizen's Center, 800 S. Granite Street. Local Senior Olympics are held in Deming to qualify local athletics, 50 years and older, for the annual state-wide Senior Olympics held in June. This is a year-round sport. Consult Deming Senior Center. Call tel. 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or visit www.nmseniorolympics.org.

Photo: B. Armerdariz



SOFTBALL LEAGUES, COED & MENS

Open to 16-years-old and up, boys, girls, men, and women. The season typically generally runs June through August. Game play starts at 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the E.J. Hooten Complex at the high school (corner of Nickel and Buckeye). Up to ten teams in the past. No uniforms. Fees to cover the cost of lights at night vary, but are accessed by team and usually break out to approximately \$20/player. Contact TJ Saucedo, tel. 575-494-5686, email tjs2117@gmail.com. Sanctioned by United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA).

SHOOTING

Contact Chaparral Sporting Clays, 219 S. Zinc, or tel. 575-546-9767, for information regarding archery, pistol, rifle, trap and skeet shooting.

SINGING

Deming Community Choir. No audition required to join and not affiliated with any church or social organization. Open to high schools students and adults so long as you love to sing classical music or can play an instrument. The group is directed by Deming High School Choir Director Lawrence Martin. Practice typically Thursday, 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 1020 S. Granite St. Feel free to stop by. Or give Mr. Martin a call, tel. 575-546-0160, main@demingcc.org, or www.demingcc.org.

Deming Community Singers. A group providing songs and enjoyment to nursing homes in the Luna County area. Practice is usually first Friday of the month, 3 p.m. Half-hour sing-along performances at one of the three nursing homes in the area the second Friday of the month. Call Cheryl for details, tel. 575-494-3691 or drop by practice at the Kingdom of the Sun clubhouse, 800 W. Buckeye St. Group takes summer break June through August.





SWIM

Swim During the Summer Season

- ◆ Columbus Municipal Pool, 501 N. Hwy 11, Columbus, 575-531-2663.
- ◆ Rio Mimbres County Club. 2500 E. Pine St., Deming, 575-546-3023, info@riomimbres.com.
- ◆ Sam Baca Aquatic Center, 815 Buckeye St., Deming, 575-546-7958.

Swim During the Fall/Winter/Spring Season

Open all year, but especially nice once the community pools are closed.

- ◆ **Super 8 Hotel**, \$5.00 per person, per hour. Open year-round. 1217 W. Pine St. Deming, 575-546-0481.
- ◆ **Little Vineyard RV Park**, \$50 per person/month. Open year-round. 2901 E. Pine St., Deming, 575-546-3560.

TENNIS

Public tennis courts are located at Deming High School, Buckeye and Granite streets. The Community Tennis Club welcomes you to meet on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.– 10 a.m. Just show up and play. Contact Connie Grove, tel. 575-545-7114. **Free.**



VOLLEYBALL

Public volleyball courts are located across from Deming High School, Buckeye and Granite streets. **Free.**

WALKING-RUNNING MARATHONS

There are a number of running and walking marathons, many that are spontaneously held to support an individual or family with high medical expenses or to cover a disaster.

Watch the Deming Headlight, and for flyers around town for notices. Marathon runs and walks are fun to participate in and support a good cause. A major annual walking benefit is produced by Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County. Called the Celebration of Life, it takes place at Voiers "Pit" Park in April/May. Funds raised provide rides to medical appointments for cancer patients and other support services. Another is the annual Turkey Trot, a three-mile run or two-mile walk on Thanksgiving Day at 8 a.m. in the morning. Children can participate **free** in the one-mile fun run by donating two cans of food. Contact Ultimate Fitness, tel. 575-546-4300.

WRITING

Deming Writing Group for 13 years has welcomed writers of all ages and levels with their projects. Meeting 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 4-6 p.m. at the Senior Center Card room on 800 S Granite St., tel. 575-544-0299 or in Columbus contact Gordon Taylor 575-494-6137. Offering networking, mutual assistance, and support to writers and those who want to write. No membership fee.

Oasis Winds, keep your eyes peeled for the launch of this community based publication. Planned to be a monthly kaleidoscope of human interest, available for free online. Seeking contributions and writers of all ages. Contact tel. 575-544-0299 or oasiswinds@yahoo.com.

ADULT FITNESS

EXERCISE-WEIGHT LOSS-GYM



Ultimate Fitness, 700 E. Florida St., Deming, NM 88030. Tel. 575-546-4300. The gym is located on the corner of Florida and Columbus Hwy (State Rd. 11), in the Peppers Shopping Center. It offers a full comprehensive fitness program by Joel and Shannon Stevens who also provide a physical therapy and nurse practitioner/chiropractic practice next door.

Classes in yoga / Muscle Up / Spin / Step / Dance-exercise included in membership. Supervised weight loss program. Four certified CrossFit® instructors.

SilverSneakers is a free well-run program offered at both Gabe's Fitness and Ultimate Fitness for seniors or anyone else receiving Medicare Supplement health plan. Many health plans, such as Medicare, pay automatically for this benefit upon presentation of your insurance card at your local gym.

If you're a group retiree, or part of a Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement Health plan, you may already have a **free**

SilverSneakers membership allowing free access to gyms and group fitness classes. This active adult wellness program is offered through many Medicare plans across the nation. To find out if your health plan covers the SilverSneakers® Fitness program, visit www.silversneakers.com or enquire at Ultimate Fitness Gym. Their staff will be happy to assist you.



Gabe's Fitness runs an excellent personalized individual fitness program, plus classes in Zumba®, Aerobics, Crossfit®, Total Body Toning

as well as a gym with a wide variety of exercise and weight lifting equipment. Most classes included with membership. Be on the lookout for a soon to be disclosed new location and expansion. Located at 1400 S. Ruby Street. Contact Gabe or Lorraine, tel. 575-546-2724.

For kids at the gym: See Youth Activities Year-round, Dance, and also consider the summer Elite Athletic Training program for high school athletes.

Mango Maddie's is part of the Ultimate Fitness complex, but it also is an amenity for the entire community. Offering healthy drinks with supplements, light sandwiches, soups, and salads. Open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., 720 E. Florida, across from 1st NM Bank in the Peppers Shopping Center, tel. 575-546-3345. Sit down or take-out.

These NM Health Insurers Cover SilverSneakers through some of their plans. Don't want to brave the maze of calling your insurer? The staff at Ultimate Fitness Gym are experienced and can assist you. Ask for Erica.

- ◆ Amerigroup Community Care of New Mexico
- ◆ BlueCross BlueShield of New Mexico
- ◆ Humana
- ◆ Lovelace Health Plan
- ◆ Presbyterian Health Plan of New Mexico
- ◆ United Healthcare

Did You Know? If you are already enrolled in the free SilverSneakers Fitness program, using your identification card, you can access any other affiliated fitness center in your town or across the country.

Senior Center Activities

The Deming-Luna County Senior Center located at 800 S. Granite Street offers a variety of fitness classes for those 65 and over. It maintains a small but very well equipped fitness equipment center. Yoga, Tai Chi, and self-defense classes are offered, generally free. Tel. 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Taking Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)

Two chapters in Deming. Noontime meetings. First Baptist Church, 206 W. Pine St. Call tel. 575-536-9433.

Yoga Classes

Call or visit websites for current prices, locations, and class times.

- ◆ Senior Center, see above.
- ◆ Sherry McDaniel of Grow Your Tree Yoga in Deming, or tel. 210-872-1510 or slmcdaniel@earthlink.net.
- ◆ Ultimate Fitness Gym, 700 E. Florida St., Deming, NM 88030. Tel. 575-546-4300.
Ask about the 10-day punch pass.
- ◆ Monika Walter in Deming, www.developserenity.com or tel. 575-543-8900 or yogalady44@yahoo.com.

CONSERVATION

Wildlife Societies

A healthy environment is good for all of us.

Ducks Unlimited New Mexico: Call Cindy Wolfe, cjwolfe@gilanet.com, tel. 575-854-3365.

New Mexico Council of Trout Unlimited: Contact William Schudlich, State Council Chairman, highmesa@gmail.com; tel. 505-470-4878 or online newmexicotu.org.

New Mexico Dept. of Fish and Game: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, tel. 505-299-5404.

New Mexico Quail, Inc.: Call John Moen, tel. 575-544-3936.

New Mexico Wild Turkey Federation: Call 505-869-3837; www.nwtf.

NMSU Wildlife Society: Call tel. 575-546-1707; twsnmsu@gmail.com.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Call 505-892-1250; www.rmef.org.

Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen: Call tel. 575-526-5056.

Southwest Environmental Center: Call tel. 575-522-55552; www.wildmesquite.org.

Southwestern New Mexico Audubon Society swnmaudubon@gmail.com or info@swnmaudubon.org or www.swnmaudubon.org.

Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife: Call 505-486-4921.

Wild Sheep Foundation: Call Lanny Rominger, tel. 505-821-5064.



Conservation Begins At Home

Check household faucets for leaks. A dripping faucet can lose up to 2,000 gallons of water a year.

By watering at night or in the early evening you can reduce evaporation, ensuring more water goes to the plant and save money too.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Performing Arts

The **Deming Performing Arts Theatre (DPAT)** offers concerts at 109 E. Pine St. in Morgan Hall. Amazing concerts and music jam sessions of unusual quality, usually Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. for nominal fees. Often there is an opportunity to dance. Look in newspaper, especially in the winter and spring for scheduled performances as well as consult the web, www.dpat.org. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 10th Annual Free Outdoor Concert Series May through September, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own chair and a picnic, or use one of the provided folding chairs. tel. 575-546-6182. **Free**.

Performing Arts Foundation (PAF), home of the Luna Players: Produces and presents volunteer theatre productions at various locations in Deming. Tel. 888-541-5381; www.nacioherbbrowntheatre.org. Proceeds support student scholarships.

St. Clair Winery offers summertime concerts on the grass, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday evenings head east on Hwy. 549. Check the website www.stclairwinery.com or call tel. 575-866-336-7357. **Free**.

Shakespeare On Tap (SOT). In late September 2015, local talent will present Everyman, a Medieval English drama replete with a Greek Chorus singing gospel hymns. Summoned to appear before God and account for his life, Everyman bargains with Death. Presentations for 2016 may include works of Shakespeare, Medieval, Ancient Classic, and local playwrights. To learn more about SOT, both performances and volunteer opportunities, write Esther Buchanan, stillwaterbridge@gmail.com.

Tumbleweed Theater, 205 Broadway, Columbus NM. Call July for upcoming events or to book the space, tel. 575-494-0009. A venue for dinner theater, performing arts, inspirational speakers, and workshops.

Other Opportunities-Keep an eye on the community events listings in the Deming Headlight. Many of the organizations, adult and youth, listed in this publication have free public presentations throughout the year, such as the Community Choir or Ballet Folklorico, often at the high school auditorium.

Visual Arts

The Deming Arts Council at 100 S. Gold Avenue offers ongoing juried art shows and events, highlighting local artists work. Exhibits change monthly with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month to meet the exhibiting artist(s). Sometimes with live music. Let your mind run wild, everything from fiber arts to photography and metal sculpture. Check out the gift shop and ongoing class offerings. Open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed for the month of July. Tel. 575-546-3663 or demingarts.org. Free.

Next-door neighbors to the council is **Gold St. Gallery & Frame Shop**, for the last ten years a great bet to see original and local art of all shapes and descriptions. Most days, but Sundays. Also by appointment. 112 S. Gold Ave, tel. 575-546-8200.



For other places to see art on the walls, check out the virtual gallery of the **Black Range Artists**, an artists' organization serving Southwestern New Mexico, Southeastern Arizona, and West Texas for over 50 years. www.blackrangeart.com or P.O. Box 28, Deming, NM 88031.

QR code www.blackrangeart.com/galleries

Museums

Columbus Historical Society and Museum in Columbus, NM hosts a variety of events throughout the year commemorating local history. Located at the junction of New Mexico Highways 9 and 11, the collection is housed in the depot built in 1909 for El Paso and Southwestern railroads. The museum features displays and exhibits depicting the history of Villa's raid on Columbus, railroad history, and period items, as well as Native American pottery. It also has a gift shop, tel. 575-531-2620.

The Deming - Luna - Mimbres Museum, regarded as the "Smithsonian of the southwest," is located at 301 S. Silver Avenue (enter on Hemlock St.). This museum, organized and run by volunteers, features exhibits about Deming, the region, and New Mexico. **Free** with a request for a donation. Tel. 575-546-2382.

Across the street, the **Customs House**, a museum unto itself, houses the Deming Historic Society photographic collection. Maintained by Sylvia Ligocky, Archives Director, these records have become an extremely valuable resource for historians and the entire community. Open to the public.



QR code <http://www.lunacountyhistoricalsociety.com/highlights.html>

Senior Center and Adult Daycare, Deming – Luna County

The amenities, classes, events, clubs, organizations and programs found at the center are endless. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Individuals must be 60 years of age or older to be eligible to join, however many events are open to the public of all ages. There are numerous classes offered daily, low-cost lunches (\$2 per lunch), meals delivered to senior homes, health screens, and a caring sunlit adult day care program. For up-to-date listings, visit www.demingseniors.org or call, tel. 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Starmax Entertainment Center

Starmax offers six first run movies. Consult Deming Headlight for showtimes or starmaxdeming.com. It also offers 16 lanes for bowling, glow-in-the-dark miniature golf, a video arcade, and a restaurant. Located at 333 N. Country Club Road, Deming. Open generally after 12 p.m. Contact Ira Pearson, Manager, tel. 575-546-7469.

OTHER RESOURCES AND VENUES:

These locations may host events. Look for flyers posted at Pepper's Supermarket and notices in the daily newspaper, the Deming Headlight, as well community Facebook pages.

Special Events Center is dedicated to State Sen. John Arthur Smith and State Rep. Dona Irwin. It is managed by Luna County Administration. Located at 2300 E. Pine St. This large facility, which includes large conference rooms, sound system, and a kitchen, can be rented for large events, tel. 575-546-6556.

Luna County Fairgrounds. Located at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. Call, tel. 575-546-6556.

Voiers "Pit" Park. East Cedar St. & County Club Rd. Offers covered amphitheater style seating, water, electricity, restrooms.



Jesse Kriegal puts the finishing touch on new art in Pocket Park; shade, benches, and pavers makes it a great spot for all kinds of events. Reserve with the city, tel. 575-546-8846.



Volunteer Opportunities

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart." Whether your interest is civic, social, or environmental, these organizations will appreciate your call.

Deming-Luna County Keep Luna County Beautiful. This beautification program is located in the Luna County Courthouse at 700 S. Silver Ave. It holds regular events throughout the year. Contact administrator [Joe Padilla](#) , tel. 575-543-6625.

Habitat for Humanity, contact Richard Hayes, tel. 575-546-4450, or tel. 575-484-0604.

Deming Helping Hand, Inc. Provides assistance to low income residents in the form of food, clothing and emergency utility assistance. Contact Barbara Schreiber, Director, tel. 575-546-2558.

Healing House, The domestic violence shelter is located at 522 W. Pine Street. Call Jayne Ashe, Executive Director, tel. 575-546-5639.

Deming-Luna County Senior Center. Located at 800 S. Granite Street, Deming. Call Barbara Borden Rios, Executive Director, tel. 575-546-8823 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Deming-Luna-Mimbres Museum. Located at 301 S. Silver Avenue. Call, tel. 575 546-2382.

Clubs and Organizations for Adults

American Legion Deming #4 Bataan, Inc., Located at 619 W. Spruce Street, tel. 575-546-6385;

American Legion Columbus #1916 General John J. Pershing, 106 E. Broadway Avenue, Columbus.

AMVETS Deming #30, 2601 E. Pine Street, tel. 360-608-0387

Borderbelles of Luna County These women are a part of a nationwide network of cowbelles and cattlemen, working together to educate the public about all aspects of the beef industry. For more information, go to newmexicocowbelles.com.

Deming Lions/Deming Sunrise Lions Deming #13557, 1721 E. Pine Street; Luna Evening #099805, same address.

Disabled American Veterans Tony Viramontes Chapter 2, 321 S. Diamond Avenue, is now closed. Call tel. 575-575-520-1822 for assistance in transferring to other chapters.

Elks Lodge Deming #2750, 3401 Raymond Reed Blvd., tel. 575-546-2799 or www.demingelks.org.

Kiwanis Club Deming Kiwanis #11646 708 W. Pine Street, Deming. Contact Mary Hole, tel. 575-546-7865.

Knights of Columbus Deming #4256 St. Joseph, tel. 575-544-7771; #15062 St. Michael.

Loyal Order of Moose Deming #1806 tel. 575-546-9137.

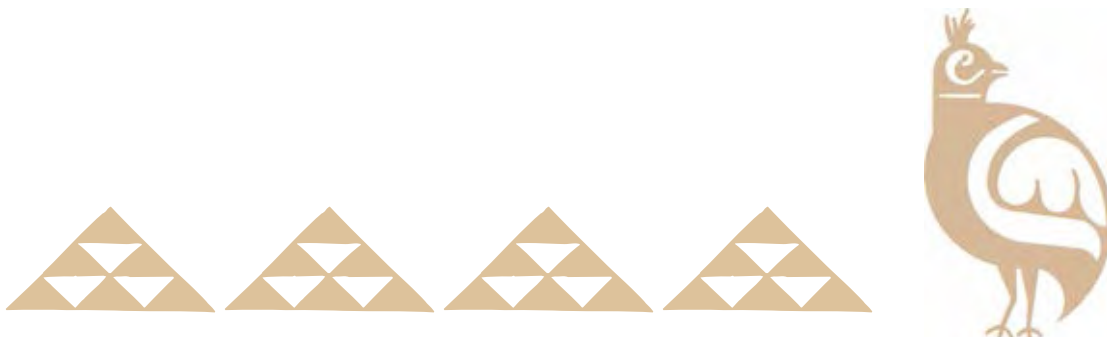
Masonic Lodge #1806 PO Box 1600 S. 8th Street, tel. 575-546-9137.

Optimist International Deming #19055, PO Box 253, 4600 E. Pine Street, tel. 575-546-9080.

Order of The Eastern Star Deming #6 Ruth, 1600 S, 8th Street, tel. 575-546-2481.

Rotary Club Deming #5520, 2500 E, Pine Street, tel. 575-543-8160.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Currently inactive. Deming #1477, 4045 Overhill Dr., tel. 575-546-0325.



Still Can't Find What You Are Looking For?

May we suggest the *Luna County Resource Directory*. An encyclopedic list of city, county, non-profit, and private agencies serving our community. Available online (www.lunacountynm.us) or call the Luna County Health Council's Matt Robinson, tel. 575-543-6585.



QR code [http://www.lunacountynm.us/media/documents/Luna County_Resource_Directory_2014.pdf](http://www.lunacountynm.us/media/documents/Luna%20County_Resource_Directory_2014.pdf)

TRANSPORTATION

Corre Caminos

The Southwest Regional Transit District operates out of Grant County, NM, but offers services in Deming and Luna County going all the way down to Columbus and the border at Palomas. Adult, Senior, and Student rates, also monthly and daily passes available. Buy from your driver.

Destination to Destination service is available if you make an appointment for a ride at least 24 hours in advance. For a small fee, the bus will come to your location and take you to your destination. Call, tel. 866-934-3866, or, tel. 575-388-3180 for more information or to schedule a ride.



In addition, a regular route is offered throughout the city of Deming, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m. A bus arrives at every stop approximately every hour.

Stops are located in the following order along the route: Proper Foods, Walmart, 1st/Serv. Gas, 1st/Pearl, 4th/Pearl, 4th/Platinum, Ben Archer, Desert Air Apts., 2nd/Nickel, Marshall Library, Visitor Center, Wal-Mart Stoplight, Learning Center, Pratz Ball Park, Mt. View Apts., Country Club/Atlantic, Emerson/Pear, Human Services Department/Children Youth and Families, Santa Barbara/Walgreens, Pear/Tin, Mulberry/Lime, 8th/Buckeye, 8th/Hospital, 8th/Spruce, Deming Apts., Spruce/Iron, Hemlock/Silver, Courthouse, Platinum/Hemlock, Visitor Center/Spruce, Wal-Mart Stoplight, RoadRunner RV, Train Depot.

Coming from Columbus stops are in the following order along the route: Family Dollar-Puerto Palomas, Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus Post Office, Columbus City Hall, Columbus elementary, Columbus community center, Peppers Supermarket/Chevron Gas Station, Deming High School, Taco Bell-Deming, Visitors Center-Deming, Belshore Restaurant (across from Walmart), Old Depot at StarMax Plaza.

Corre Cantinas – Never drink and drive.

With this service offered by Corre Caminos, you can get a ride home on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Rides cost \$3.50. Contact the service at tel. 866-934-3866, or tel. 575-388-3180.

Dignity and Pride Charter and Limo, LLC, a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business

Shuttle transportation is now available in Deming and beyond. Offering on-demand service, similar to a taxi, 24-hours a day. Rates begin at \$5 per person, nonstop, one-way within Deming city limits. Please call for rates to other destinations. Private limousine service also available. Cash, credit/debit cards accepted for payment. Contact tel. 575-520-1822, dapcharterandlimo@yahoo.com, or www.facebook.com/dignityandpride.

Senior Center

Transportation is offered to and from the center for doctor appointments, shopping, banking, or to Columbus for seniors who cannot drive. Contact Barbara Borden Rios, Executive Director, 575-546-8823, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County

Patient advocate support group and provider of many services including transportation to treatment in Silver City and Las Cruces as well as vouchers for medical supplies and early detection testing (mammograms, hemocuccults, PSA). Tel 575-546-4780, 313 N. Country Club Rd., in the StarMax Plaza. Facebook: Cancer-Support-Of-Deming-Luna-County-Inc.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Most events
are free.

JANUARY

Deming-Luna County Chamber 100th Annual Gala, Special Events Center, tel. 575-546-2674.

Deming Performing Arts Theater (DPAT) jam sessions and dancing. Check their online calendar for headliners. 109 E. Pine St., tel. 575-545-8872 or www.dpat.org. \$8 per person.

FEBRUARY

Deming Performing Arts Theater (DPAT) jam sessions and dancing. (See January info.)

Deming Arts Center presents month-long show: local artist and owner of Gold St. Gallery, Don Ross, tel. 575-546-3663.

MARCH

Cabalgata Binacional / Fiesta de Amistad, village of Columbus. 17th Annual friendship horseback ride from Mexico to Columbus, tel. 575-531-2663.

Camp Furlong Raid Day Commemorative, 100th year anniversary

Deming Performing Arts Theater (DPAT) jam sessions and dancing. (See January info.)

Fish Fry all over town. We may not be near the ocean, but in the month leading up to Easter, many organizations in town host this taste treat.

Literacy Showcase, 8th Annual, sponsored by the Gila Reading Council. Cheer on our youngest published authors. tel. 575-544-1818.

Rockhound Roundup, 51st Annual, Southwestern NM State Fairgrounds, Deming, tel. 575-546-2554.

Guatemalan Mercado at the Deming Arts Council tel. 575-546-3663.

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt, 4th Annual, Luna County Courthouse Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., tel. 575-646-4780.

Celebration of Life Walk, Voiers Pit Park. Deming, 575-546-4780. Sometimes in May

Community Yard Sale & Earth Day Recycle Fair, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming. Booths are free. tel. 575-546-2674 or 575-543-6625

County Club Estates Community Garage Sale, first weekend in April. www.cceha.com

Deming Performing Arts Theater (DPAT) jam sessions and dancing. (See January info.)

Earth Day is mid-month, keep your eye out for multiple events, including a celebration in the plaza in Columbus.

Friends of Rockhound Park Native Plant Sale/Desert Alive! Festival, Rockhound State Park, tel. 575-546-6182. Native plants use less water.

Old Timers of Luna County Reunion, Special Events Center, Deming, tel. 575-546-2674.

Smokin' Oldies Car Show, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, tel. 575-546-2674.

World Downs Syndrome Day, sponsored by Deming Down Syndrome Families and Bataan Elementary School.

MAY

Artist Studio Tour, sponsored by Deming Arts Council tel. 575-546-3663.

Cactus Carnival, Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, call, tel. 575-531-2771.

Columbus Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Columbus School, tel. 575-531-2663.

Deming Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Downtown & Luna County Courthouse, tel. 575-546-2674.

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. tel. 575-546-6182.

Great American Cleanup, Meet at the Luna County Courthouse, 8 a.m., call, tel. 575-546-2674.

Memorial Day Ceremonies, Mountain View Cemetery, Deming tel. 575-546-2674.

Steve Bean Scholarship Golf Tournament, Rio Mimbres Golf Course, tel. 575-546-2674.



JUNE

Deming Arts Center presents: Luna County Artists Show, month-long exhibit

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. tel. 575-546-6182.

JULY

Deming July 4th Parade, Jamfest, Fireworks.

Downtown & Southwestern NM Fairgrounds. tel. 575-546-2674.

Columbus 4th of July Fireworks, barbecue, and street dancing. tel. 575-531-2663.

Deming Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament, Rio Mimbres Country Club. tel. 575-546-2674.

Deming Men's Golf Tournament, Rio Mimbres Country Club, call tel. 575-546-2674.

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. tel. 575-546-6182

Hummingbird Festival near Lake Roberts in the Gila, info: Little Toad Creek Inn, tel 575-536-9649, www.littletoadcreek.com.

AUGUST

13th Annual Butterfly Flutterby hosted at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 56501 N. Jornada Rd., Las Cruces NM 575-524-3334 or information@asombro.org. \$3/per person.

Great American Duck Race, 36th Annual multiple venues in Deming including McKinley-Duck Downs, Outhouse Races, hot air balloon mass accession, carnival, tel. 575-544-0469. Duck Days BBQ, 1st Methodist Church, Deming, tel. 575-546-2791.

Deming Arts Center presents month-long exhibit, photographers Bob & Diane Hudgens tel. 575-546-3663.

Deming Public Schools open. Contact, tel. 575-546-8841.

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. tel. 575-546-6182

St. Ann's Fiesta, 66th Annual Beef BBQ, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, tel. 575-546-3343.

SEPTEMBER

Southwestern New Mexico State Fair, Luna County Fairgrounds, Deming, tel. 575-546-5255.

Friends of Rockhound Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, 6 to 8 p.m. tel. 575-546-6182 **Cancer Awareness Dance**, Voiers "Pit" Park Pavilion, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-4780.

Toss No Mas Fall Community Clean-Up, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming tel. 575-543-6643.

Desert Quail Ladies Golf Invitational, Rio Mimbres Golf Course, , tel. 575-546-0136.

Deming Arts Center, [Confirm Hurley Retro Show,] tel. 575-546-3663.

OCTOBER

Columbus Day Festival, Columbus, Oct. 11, Downtown, call 575-531-2663.

County Club Estates Community Garage Sale, first weekend in Oct. Call

Community Yard Sale & National Recycle Day Fair, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, Booths are free. tel. 575-546-2674 or 575-543-6625

Klobase Sausage Festival & Beef Barbeque, 87th Annual, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming. A Czech tradition. tel. 575-546-9783.

Deming Arts Center presents month-long show: Black Range Artists tel. 575-546-3663.

NOVEMBER

Chamber Holiday Art Festival, Special Events Center, Deming, tel. 575-546-2674.

Guatemalan Mercado at the Deming Arts Council tel. 575-546-3663.

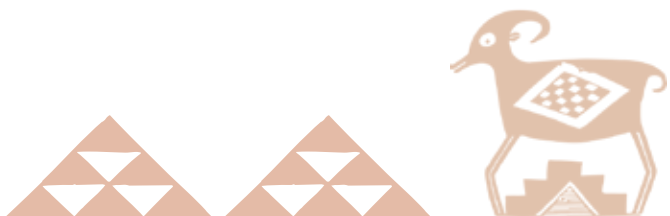
DECEMBER

Kiwanis Christmas Light Parade, Downtown Deming, call 575-546-2674.

Holiday Lights, Rockhound State Park, Visitor's Center, Deming, tel. 575-546-6182.

Luminaria & Tree Lighting Event, Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, tel. 575-531-2711.

Christmas Boutique at the Deming Arts Council tel. 575-546-3663.



GENERAL & CIVIC INFORMATION

Columbus Village

The Village Hall is located at 214 W. Broadway, Columbus NM 88029. Tel. 575-531-2663.

Council meets regularly in an open meeting on third Wednesday of the month, at 5 p.m. Columbus Community Center, 500 W. North Boundary Ave.

Mayor Philip H. Skinner

Trustees:

Xavier Muñoz
William Dean Johnson
Esequiel "Bruce" Salas
Martha Skinner

City of Deming

John Strand Municipal Building (City Hall) located at 309 S. Gold Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Call, tel. 575-546-8848. Council meets in an open meeting on the second Monday of the month, 5 p.m.

Mayor Benny Jasso

City Manager: Aaron Sera

City Council:

Roxanna Rincon
Victor Cruz, MD
Joe "Butter" Milo
David Sanchez

Luna County

The historic Luna County Courthouse is located at 700 S. Silver Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Call, tel. 575-546-0494. Commissioners meet in an open meeting on the first Thursday of the month, 9 a.m. in the commission chambers, located on the third floor of the Luna County Courthouse.

County Manager: Charles "Tink" Jackson

County Commissioners:

Javier Diaz
Joe "Oleo" Milo
Linda Smrkovsky

Public Schools of Deming/Luna County

The Dr. Emmitt Shockley Administration Building is located at 1001 S. Diamond Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Tel. 575-546-8841. Board meets in an open meeting on the third Thursday of the month, 5 p.m.

Superintendent: Dr. Dan Lere

Board of Education:

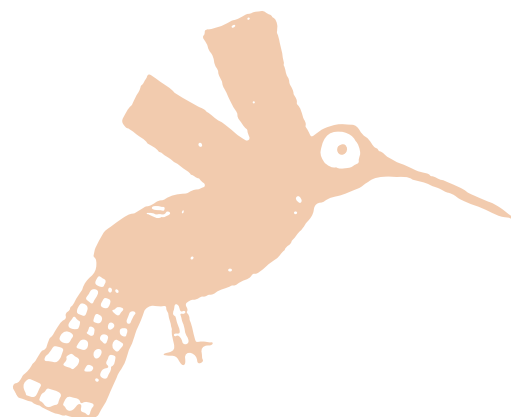
Francine Jacobs, MD
Baine Anderson
Matt Robinson
David Sweetzer
Ron Wolf, Board President

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is located at 103 E. Ash Street, Deming. Call Mary Galbraith, Executive Director, tel. 575-546-2674, or e-mail executivedirector@demingchamber.com. www.demingchamber.com.

Visitor Center, Deming

The Visitor Center is located at 800 E. Pine St. Call Kathryn Hodson/Julie Mendez, Co-Managers, tel. 575-567-1962 (Center); tel. 575-494-0138 (Kathy); or tel. 575-694-3942 (Julie). E-mail demingvisitor@gmail.com. www.DemingVisitorCenter.Webs.com.



Get Involved

Besides the following monthly meetings listed on this page. These other meetings are well attended and open to the public. No charge.

Columbus Community Coalition Meeting. Noon, first Thursday of the month at the Tumbleweed Theater, 205 Broadway, Columbus. No food to purchase, bring your own brown bag lunch.

Deming/Luna County Community Coalition Meeting. Noon, first Wednesday of the month at La Fonda Restaurant in the back room, 601 E. Pine St., Deming. No host lunch available, but not required.

Marshall Memorial Library Board holds an open meeting, last Tuesday of even numbered months 5 p.m. 110 S. Diamond St., Deming.

Stay Informed

Sister radio stations 94.3 KDEM FM / 1230 KOTS AM are local, run by locals. A good source of information for events and notices of civic changes. Hear Deming city manager, Luna County manager, or our school superintendent speak on alternate weeks on John Krehbiel's morning show.

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1 HOUR FROM SILVER CITY, NM

3 HOURS FROM TUCSON, AZ