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PARK &

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GUIDE





WELCOME TO DEMING AND LUNA COUNTY NEW MEXICO: *Healthy and Rich in History*

You can walk, hike, and bike, and so much else, year-round in Deming and Luna County, New Mexico. Deming is located in Luna County, NM, on the southwest border of the United States. Luna County is high desert all the way. To the southeast of Deming, you can encounter the large and small of the Florida Mountain Range, and on the way to the village of Columbus, you can spot the Tres Hermanas (Three Sisters) Mountains. Columbus is located about half an hour south of Deming, along the international border with Mexico.

The entire region is filled with wildlife, flowers, desert plants, incredible rocks and minerals, and the cowboy way of life that has existed here for over a century.

Life here takes place in an area rich in history. There are the talented Mimbres and Mogollon Indian cultures, the Butterfield Stage Pony Express, the open range of the cowboys, Pancho Villa's invasion over the border of Mexico into Columbus, and other astounding historical events. Deming is also home to the silver spike driven in 1881 that joined the Second Transcontinental Railroad, and still plays an important role in commercial and passenger rail travel.



Luna County Old Court House

The sun shines almost every day 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 very 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. Deming is indeed a healthy place to be with plenty of opportunities to stay active.

The first annual City of Deming Luna County *Park & Activity Guide* was published last year at your suggestion. It was widely considered a success. Now, Healthy Kids has published 10,000 copies of this, the second edition, to be distributed to you, families, churches, sports groups, organizations, businesses, and any other individual or entity interested in making the most of what the area has to offer.

Teens, seniors, and many residents often said, "There is nothing to do here," before the guide was first published. Now, they say, "There's a lot to do," and you will have to agree.

Healthy Kids wants to promote a culture of health in Luna County which provides residents with more than just being healthy because they do not have to go to the doctor. We want an active, vital, and positive population of all ages who embrace at least one hour of activity every day. That means walking every day together with your family and taking up a fun and active hobby. No more high statistics of people who are overweight with diabetes, high blood pressure and the related chronic diseases associated with this obesity in this area and across the country. Everybody should find something they love to do. Get connected — and, get active.



You can request additional copies of this pamphlet by calling tel. 575-313-5689 or emailing nancysherman123@gmail.com. Let us know when your organization changes their address, phone or email address.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

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. Call tel. 575-546-7958 or go online at demingpool@gmail.com. For information during the off season, contact the City of Deming at tel. 575-546-8848.

General swimming

Wednesday – Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Certified high school students are employed during summer break as lifeguards

Fees: Children (17 and under) \$2.25, adults \$2.75.
Passes of (12) visits can be purchased.

Family Nights are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Features include a water slide, activity pool, therapy pool, competition pool, and children and adolescent lessons are offered for a fee for 3-week or 9-week sessions. All instructors are American Red Cross Certified. Other classes include: learn to swim lessons; junior lifeguarding and adult Lessons, adult exercise/therapy visits, aerobics, laps, and therapy. The swim team meets Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Pool rental available for private parties.

POOL RULES

Children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

Everyone should obey lifeguards.

No running.

Shower before entering pool area.

Sunscreen, but no oils, permitted.

Shoulder-length hair must be in a cap or tightly braided.

Appropriate bathing suits only.

No earrings or jewelry.

Glass, food, drinks, alcohol, spectators, flotation devices, gum, and smoking are not permitted in the pool area.

SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

Funded by the City of Deming 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 Tuesday, May 27th through Thursday, July 3rd. The program operates Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. until noon.

Parents must sign up children at one of three registration days, Saturday, May 24th through Monday, May 26th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 each child to help offset the cost of a swim day and movie day. Otherwise, activities are **free**. Participants receive a morning snack and a **free** lunch provided by the Deming Public

SCHOOL STUDENT NUTRITION SEAMLESS SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

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. The program can accommodate up to 350 children. For more information, contact Coach Sandoval at Deming High School, at tel. 575-546-2678 ext. 2686.



Photo: Deming Headlight

WILSON'S SUMMER PROGRAM funded by City Of Deming

Children, ages 8–16, can also register for Wilson's Summer Program. This is a 6–week program, offered at different Deming parks during June and July, Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. It is **free**.

The program has a variety of sports, including kickball, basketball, and swimming. Food is provided for the children every Thursday. Silas Wilson manages the program with the help of community volunteers.

To register your child, meet in the lobby of Peppers Supermarket, 812 E. Florida St. & Gold Ave. The registration date will be advertised in the Deming Headlight. Contact Silas Wilson for more information at Peppers, tel. 575-545-9385.

DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEAMLESS SUMMER LUNCH

Free lunch will be provided to all children, 1–18 years, Monday–Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program is held June 2 to July 24 at all area local parks and school sites. This program is offered annually. Dates dependent on school year calendar

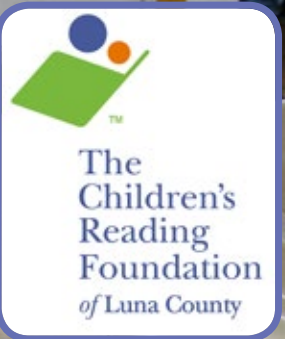
All kids have to do is show up at a serving site. You do not need proof of income or proof of age. Children do not need to be registered, and you do not need meal tickets.

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 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 Deming 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.



Year-round programs funded by the federal USDA provide fresh fruits and vegetables.



WEEKLY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Children's Reading Foundation of Luna County will be in select parks and locations providing **free** weekly summer reading programs during the Summer Lunch Program (see previous page). Every child up to age 8 goes home each week with a new book.

The Summer Reading Program runs Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in June and July. For more information call Sonia Moreno, Program Director, at tel. 575-694-0863 or e-mail readylunacounty@gmail.com.

READY FOR KINDERGARTEN, a year-round program, offers **free** parent classes 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.

OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS

Deming Sports Camps: almost every sport provides special training programs over the summer. Refer to the Youth Sports section for sports leagues like t-ball, soccer, and football.

Churches frequently provide special programing 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

MARSHALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The public library, located at 110 S. Diamond Avenue between Pine and Spruce Streets, is open six days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Its purpose is to promote life-long learning and a love of reading. Come into the library to obtain a library card. It's **free**. Check for events or consult the library at www.deminglibrary.com. For more information, contact Angela Wilds at tel. 575-546-9202.



- ◆ 60,000 Books—fiction, non-fiction
- ◆ Reference books
- ◆ Newspapers and magazines
- ◆ Computers for public use
- ◆ Children's Library Room: Children/Reference Librarian Lucas Marsh at tel. 575-546-9202
- ◆ Artifacts/Books about Deming/Luna County/State of New Mexico
- ◆ Used book sales



Free Summer Reading Program "FIZZ BOOM READ" held on Tuesday through Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. between June 2 and July 18

Adults with Special Needs meet each Tuesday, 1 p.m., age 20 and up. Programs focus on hand-eye coordination and motor skills.

The **free 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.

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.



CITY PARKS

BMX Bicycle Race Park located at Poplar and Grand Streets, immediately next to Rainbow Park.

Elsie Vega "Chicano" Park located at Columbus Road & East Hemlock Street.

Florida "Water Tower" Park located at the corner of East Florida Street and Santa Cruz Street (water and electricity access).

John T. Waits "North Side/Rabbit" Park located at 4th and Zinc Streets

Leyendecker Plaza Park located at the corner of Gold Avenue and Spruce Street.

Literacy Center "South Side" Park located at Pear Street and 2301 S. Tin Street.

Lloyd Pratt T-Ball Complex, or "Rainbow Water Park," is located at Poplar and Grand Streets (water, electricity, grill facilities, and covered shelter with tables & benches included).

Nacio H. Brown Park located at 8th and Spruce Streets (water, electricity, and restroom, by reservation/deposit only).

Scout Park located at 800 S. Granite Street (water, electricity, and restrooms, by reservation/deposit only).

Triangle Park is adjacent to Vega Park to the south.

Veterans Park commemorating all veterans, including those of World War II, Bataan-Battle of Corregidor veterans. Located immediately adjacent to the Deming-Luna-Mimbres Museum, in the 300 block of South Silver Avenue.

Viramontes "Milo" Park located at East 1st and Ruby Streets (water, electricity, and grill facilities).

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

OTHER CITY PARKS

Soccer Fields: Raymond Reed Blvd. and Country Club Road.

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. Call Mary Mackey, City of Deming, at tel. 575-546-8848.



WALKING TRAILS

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 located along Raymond Reed Blvd., from east of Country Club Road, along soccer fields on the south side.

Florida St. Multi-Purpose Path runs from east of Columbus Highway to Country Club Road. Currently, first section of Florida is under construction.

“Safe Routes” Multi-purpose Path to Ruben S. Torres Elementary School is approved. Construction is planned to begin fall 2014.

DOG PARKS

Dog Park 1: South Granite and South Ash Streets, immediately south of Scout Park.

Dog Park 2: County Club Road and Raymond Reed Boulevard.

BMX PARK

On Popular and Grand Streets, the **BMX Racing Park** dates back several years. It is located east of the Lloyd Pratt 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.

VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS PARKS

Pancho Villa State Park and **Albert’s Field Park**, State Road 11. The state park features a museum describing the rich local history of Columbus, as well as trails lined with desert plants.

IN EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

SCHOOL YARDS WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT AND FIELDS

These playgrounds are available to the public after school hours, and on weekends, holidays and vacations from dawn to dusk.

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

LUNA COUNTY COURTHOUSE PARK

Luna County Courthouse Park, located next to the courthouse at 700 S. Silver Avenue is host to many **free** community events and celebrations such as Keep Luna County Beautiful, Toss No Mas, Great American Clean Up, the Great American Duck Races, Cinco de Mayo, Klobase Festival, and mariachi concerts. For many residents, it is “the Center of the Community.” It provides shade trees, horse shoes, signage, some bench seating around the central bandstand, and a shelter for serving food.

DEMING 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.

SKATE PARK RULES

Dawn to Dusk hours.

Park is unsupervised.
Use at your own risk.

Recommend wearing
protective equipment.

No glass containers.

No pipes or other
unauthorized
equipment.

Call 911 to report
any problems
or accidents.



STATE PARKS

Rockhound State Park

In the foothills of the Little Florida Mountains, there are activities for hikers, rock hunters, geologists, campers, and bicyclists.

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

Gates closed: 9 p.m.–7 a.m.

Visitor's Center is open daily, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Admission for day use: \$5 per vehicle.

Camp Grounds: well-maintained, good facilities, \$10–14 per site.

Restrooms/water. New showers under construction.



Programs: Desert Alive Annual Native Plant Sale, 2nd Saturday in April; Music in the Park, 3rd Saturday, June through August; Mariachi Festival and Folklorico, 3rd Saturday of September; Star Parties, call for schedule or visit www.nmparks.com; Holiday Lights–1000 luminaria, 2nd Saturday in December.

Offering spectacular views of the desert floor and the craggy granite mountain peaks, this park 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.

Call tel. 575-546-6182 (Robert Apodaca, Manager) or visit <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/rockhoundstatepark.html> or friendsofrockhound.org.

Photo: Chad Leap



Rockhound Desert Alive!



Rockhound Roundup

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.

Visitors Center and Museum: open daily Hours: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Campground with electric and water facilities: \$10–14

Annual Cabalgata Binacional/Fiesta de Amistad is held in Pancho Villa State Park with a horse parade from Mexico to the Depot Museum. On March 8th, Raid Day Commemorative - Columbus Memorial Day is held in the Memorial Garden behind the Depot Museum in Columbus. Call tel. 575-531-2711 (Gabriel Medrans, Manager).

Five minutes down the road take a short walk across the Mexican border at the Puerto Palomas border crossing. Bring your passport

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.

Visitors Center: open daily. Hours: 10 A.M.–12 p.m. 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Admission to the park: \$5 per vehicle.

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.

Contact tel. 575-536-2800 for more information.





Photo: Chris Runoff

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.

CHIHUAHUA DESERT NATURE PARK, open Tuesday –Saturday, 7 a.m.–5 p.m., located north of Las Cruces. 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.

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 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.

WOLFSONG RANCH, a Wildlife Refuge and Preserve in Rodeo, NM, can be contacted at tel. 575-557-2354 or tel. 575-94-6968.

CHIRICAHUA DESERT MUSEUM in Rodeo, NM, which has a great collection of rattlesnakes as well as a well-stocked gift shop.

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. Camp on the eastside near a creek in the park or stay just outside the park boundaries in a cabin.

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.

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.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL MONUMENT is famous for its limestone caves, second to none, and the exit at dusk of the 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 400 children from Palomas, 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.



Photo: Linda Tanner

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.

Two groups are organized for helping kids and adults to walk:

Safe Routes to School

You can walk with the kids to school. Memorial Elementary School’s walk is held on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. The walk begins at Lovington Street and West Locust Street, off of West Florida, and winds through the neighborhood to Memorial.

Or, you can 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.

Each walk takes about 30-45 minutes for 1 mile. You can usually hitch a ride back to your car with one of the participants.

Bataan Elementary School and Red Mountain Middle School are planning walking activities in the coming year.

Some support organizations come along as a group. For more information, contact Mary Lou Cameron, Associate Superintendent, tel. 575-546-8841 ext. 2008.

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.

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.



Luna County cyclists group ride.

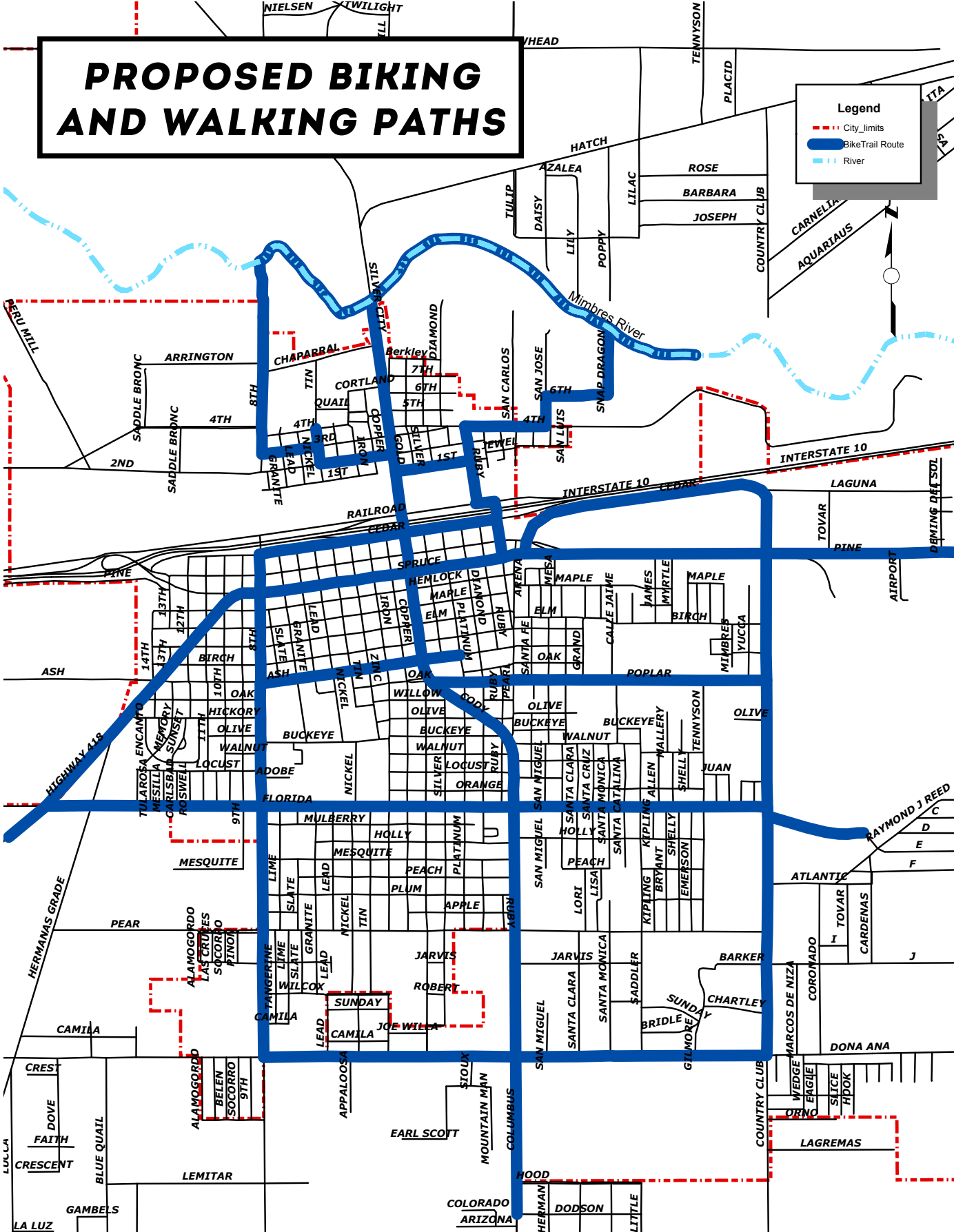


Safe Route to Memorial Elementary.

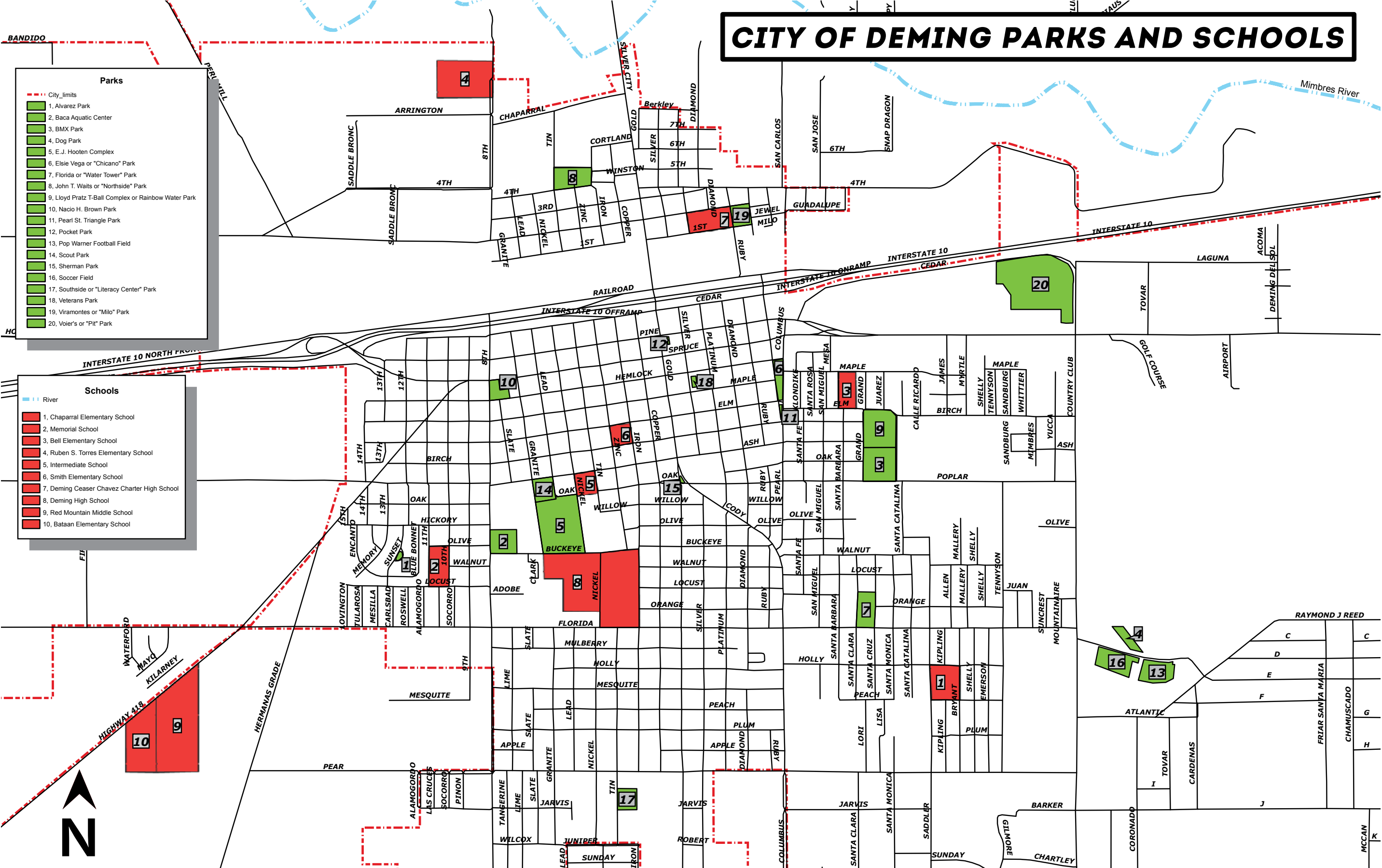
BIKING

Biking is a popular past time 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



CITY OF DEMING PARKS AND SCHOOLS





IDEA: Stock the pantry and fridge with healthy foods that don't require much preparation for teenagers and children after school or sports practices.

Photo: Natalie Maynor

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, 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, email friendsofrockhound.org, and check out their native plant sales.

DEMING COMMUNITY GARDEN

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.

FARMERS MARKETS

Deming MainStreet Farmers Market, Saturdays 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Corner of Spruce & Copper Streets, generally June through October.
Copper Street Farmers Market, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Cooper St. between Hemlock & Maple on west side of street; generally June through November.

BOUNTIFUL BASKETS

A non-profit organization 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 mornings, 7 a.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

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.

SWAP MEET

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

PREFERRED PRODUCE

Fresh, organic vegetables delivered to your doorstep on Fridays.
Order online at www.preferredproduce.us. Order weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly. \$30 per order. Their farm and greenhouses are south of the Florida Mountains.

MAYOR ANDRES SILVA COMMEMORATIVE: 5.2.1.0

Eat 5 or more fruits and vegetables every day; Limit screen time, including television and video games to 2 hours a day beyond school and job responsibilities; Be active for at least 1 hour a day; Drink 0 sweetened drinks... and have 8 glasses of water every day! Mayor Silva was passionate about this program and helped introduce it to local schoolchildren.

YEAR-ROUND YOUTH ACTIVITIES



DEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Normally begins with the school year (September through May) at all schools in the district. Note: with Program Coordinator Connie Grove's retirement, this program is in transition. This has been a most successful **FREE** program, funded by the schools, City of Deming and Luna County. Check with your child's school to learn program status, or contact Dana Irby, Deming Public School Central Administration, 1001 S. Diamond and Gold Avenues, tel. 575-546-8841.

SUMMER STEM PROGRAM

- ◆ Five evenings of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math for girls in grades K-8
- ◆ Dates June 9-13, 2014 at Scout Hut, 721 S. Granite Street
- ◆ Ages: entering 1st–12th grades. Girls in grades 9–12 will be Program Aides.
- ◆ Fee: \$25 for registered Girl Scouts
- ◆ Girl Scout Registration Fee: \$15 (call Maria Ehlers to register your daughter, tel. 575-546-3926)
- ◆ Summer Camp–Desert Southwest Council runs a one week overnight camp, Camp Mitre Peak, in Alpine Texas, in the mountains of West Texas: week of 6/29 or 7/6, girls of all ages.

GIRL SCOUTS

Focus is on leadership development. Girls meet weekly for fun and friendship. Year round, may start at any time. Two adults and five girls may start a new Troup. Individual girls may join an existing Troup if there is room.

Ages: Girl Scouts is open to all girls, ages 5–17 years. There are six progressive levels that focus on self-esteem as well as learning the value of community service. Levels are determined by school grade level, Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Girl Scout Registration Fee: \$15
(call Maria Ehlers or ask about possible scholarships)

Deming Scout Hut is located at 721 S. Granite Street, 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 mehlrs@gsdsw.org or the organization's tel. 575-546-3926. Website: www.gsdsw.org.

BOY SCOUTS

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, 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 Scouts painting



Ballet Folklórico After School Program performed at the Special Events Center for the Economic Development Statewide Conference.

DANCES AT STARMAX

In the past, dances have been held two times a year at Starmax Entertainment Complex, 333 N. Country Club Road, Deming, by DWI. At no cost to teens, well attended and supervised dances were held by Luna County DWI Prevention. This year, the high school seniors will be hosted by CLASS ACT, a party/dance after graduation put on by parents of the graduating class.

LUNA COUNTY DWI PREVENTION

DWI is planning BUZZ FREE Dance for the juniors and seniors, 11 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. after the prom in April, as well as monthly Movies in the Park, at Luna County Courthouse Park on Fridays, beginning May. To check schedule, contact www.lunacountynm.us or call Edith Vazquez, Program Director, at Administration tel. 575-543-6524.

4-H PROGRAMS

4-H programs in Luna County have a Governing Council and 6 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.

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.

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 participates in community service projects like recycling. A new adult coordinator is being appointed; contact Dana Irby, Assistant Superintendent for updates at tel. 575-546-8841.

CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

Local churches, including the First United Methodist Church After School program, have not set their scheduling for the 2014-15 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

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.

Youth Soccer League

The Deming Soccer League, for ages 4 to 12 at the City Soccer Fields on Raymond Reed Blvd. There are two seasons. The Spring Season is held March through April. The Fall Season is August through October. Fees. Watch the newspapers for dates and times of registration. Contact Alice Wetz, tel. 575-544-3575.

Little League Baseball

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 Olvera, tel. 575-520-4817.

Youth Football 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 \$40. They also provide uniforms and equipment that are turned in at the end of the season. Notice of registration is announced in the newspaper and radio. Physical required. Contact Angel Caballero, tel. 575-545-2188, Karl's Embroidery and Print Store, 118 S. Silver Ave. for more information and to sign up.

Martial arts and Boxing

This **FREE** program is located during the year after school for kids of all ages. It is funded by Luna County during the school year at Centro Jardin de Ninos, 600 E. Fourth St. Contact Ramon Rodriguez, tel. 575-694-1866 for more information.

Deming Dust Devils

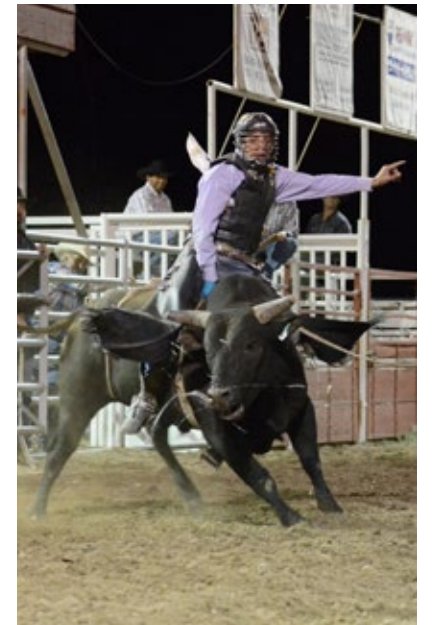
This program has provided gymnastics instruction since 1980. It is run by coach sisters, Irma Chacon and Elsa Rodriguez, at 2001 Columbus Road. The competition season extended this year from October 2013 through March 2014. The team competes on floor, vault, bars and balance beam in USA Gymnastics-sanctioned events throughout the state. The children, usually are very successful in these competitions. Call tel. 575-546-0371.

Cowboy Park

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 youth 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. Rentals range from \$75-\$125 per event. There is a \$75 cleaning fee per event and \$50 water fee per day. Call Wes Hooper at tel. 575-494-3037 or Mary Mackey at tel. 575-546-8848.

Dance Classes

Luna Star Dance Studio offers a variety of classes for preschool kids and older. Tap, ballet, and more. Classes currently held at Gabe's Fitness 1400 S. Ruby St. Call tel. 575-636-0272 or 575-494-0550.



ADULT ACTIVITIES

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 because marathon runs and walks are fun to participate in and support a good cause. The major walking benefit is the annual Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County walk called the Celebration of Life which takes place at Voiers “Pit” Park in April. The 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 in the one-mile fun run **FREE** by donating two cans of food. Contact Ultimate Fitness, tel. 575-546-4300.

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. 575-546-8826 or visit www.nmseniorolympics.org.

MEN’S/WOMEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE

This is a coed baseball league that generally runs June through August. Contact TJ Saucedo, tel. 575-494-5686.

BOWLING

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

CAMPING

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

ASTRONOMY“STARGAZING

Check 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. Photo: Paul Jerry

DANCING

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. Other local civic clubs hold regular dances and meals; some clubs require sign-in by a member.



GOLFING

The Rio Mimbres Golf Course is a public golf course, located next to the Rio Mimbres Country Club. Deming High School students utilize the golf course as a physical education class at group rates. 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 tel. 575-546-2674.

- ◆ Deming’s 18-hole course is close to downtown. For tee times, tournaments, and more information, tel. 575-546-9481.
- ◆ Rates: Weekdays \$25 per day; check for seniors (50 plus) and annual passes.
- ◆ Complete pro shop
- ◆ PGA instruction
- ◆ Practice green
- ◆ Grass driving range
- ◆ Club rentals
- ◆ Men’s and women’s leagues
- ◆ Summer Youth Program
- ◆ Walking and motor powered cart options
- ◆ Racket ball courts

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.

ROPING

Contact Cowboy Park, Wes Hooper, City of Deming, at tel. 575-494-3037 or Mary Mackey, tel. 575-546-8848 for rental rates and accommodations.

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.



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.

MOTORCYCLE CLUBS

Many motorcycle clubs exist in Luna County, including the **Choir Boys** in Deming, organized by regions: CA, AZ, NM, TX, NE, SD. Comprised of past and present law enforcement, it focuses on the yearly Fallen Officer Benefits and monthly meetings. Call Larry Srader, tel. 575-494-3675.

Bonifide Saints Club is also Deming law enforcement officers. Dues generally vary between \$25–100. The public can generally join any ride. Watch for flyers. Call Bobby Brookhouser, Sheriff's Office tel. 575-546-4020, Ext 2.

SHOOTING

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

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. 575-546-8826 for details.

TENNIS

FREE Public tennis courts are located at Deming High School, Buckeye and Granite Streets. The Community Tennis Club meets on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.–10 a.m. Just show up and play.

VOLLEYBALL

Public volleyball courts are located across from Deming High School, Buckeye and Granite Streets.

ADULT FITNESS

EXERCISE, "WEIGHT LOSS," GYM

Ultimate Fitness, 700 E. Florida St., Deming, NM 88030. Tel. 575-546-2724. The gym is located on the corner of Florida and Columbus Hwy (State Rd 11), in the Peppers Supermarket Mall. 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.

Mango Maddie's is part of the complex, offering healthy drinks, light sandwiches and salads to gym and resident enthusiasts.

Silver Sneakers is a well-run program at Ultimate Fitness for seniors, 50 years and older, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 p.m.–3 p.m. Many health plans, such as Medicare, pay automatically for this program upon presentation of your insurance card.

Gabe's Fitness runs an excellent personalized individual fitness program, offering classes as well as gym with a wide variety of exercise and weight lifting equipment Located at 1400 S. Ruby Street. Contact, tel. 575-546-2824.

Taking Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) runs two chapters in Deming. Call tel. 575-536-9433. TOPS NM 0164 Chapter meets at 2300 S. Tin Street. TOPS NM 0368 Chapter meets at SW Dona Ana Road.

Yoga Classes

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

- ◆ Sherry McDaniel, www.sherrymcdaniel.yolasite.com or tel. 210-872-1510 or slmcdaniel@earthlink.net.
- ◆ Monika Walter, www.developserenity.com or tel. 575-543-8900 or yogalady44@yahoo.com.

Senior Center Activities

The Deming-Luna County Senior Center is located at 800 S. Granite Street offers a variety of fitness classes. It maintains a small but very well equipped fitness equipment center. Yoga, Tai Chi, and self-defense classes are offered, generally **FREE**. Call, tel. 575-546-8828.

Rockhounding

The Deming Gem and Mineral Society is located at 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd., across from the fairgrounds. The club is open from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Mondays; noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays/Fridays; 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Saturdays. General meeting is 2 p.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. Call tel. 575-546-2554.

Gardening is good exercise, too.



WILDLIFE SOCIETIES AND CONSERVATION

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.

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

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

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

Audubon New Mexico: Call 505-983-4609; NM.audubon.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MORE TO DO

DEMING“LUNA COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

This is an amazing facility, very well run. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Individuals must be 60 years of age or older to be eligible to join. There are numerous classes offered daily, low-cost lunches (\$2 per lunch), meals delivered to senior homes, health screens. For up-to-date listings, visit www.demingsenior.org or call, tel. 575-546-8826.

There are numerous classes, programs, events, clubs, and organizations:

- ◆ Arts & Crafts
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Deming Garden Club
- ◆ Amateur Radio
- ◆ Games: Computer Bingo; Cards, Pool, Dominos & many others
- ◆ Foster Grandparents
- ◆ Senior Companion
- ◆ Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- ◆ 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, tel. 575-546-8826
- ◆ Adult Day Care: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays 8 a.m.-5 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.

MORGAN HALL CONCERTS

The Deming Performing Arts Theatre offers shows at 109 Pine St. in the auditorium. Amazing concerts and music jam sessions of unusual quality, usually Saturday 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.

PERFORMING ARTS

The Deming Performing Arts Foundation, home of the Luna Players: Produces and presents volunteer theatre productions at various locations in Deming. Call Bette Waters, Executive Director, tel. 888-541-5381; www.nacioherbbrowntheatre.org. Proceeds support student scholarships.

DEMING ARTS

The Deming Arts Council at 100 W. Gold Avenue offers ongoing professional art shows, highlighting local artists work. Call Jane Fricano, President, tel. 575-546-3663.

MUSEUM

The Deming-Luna-Mimbres Museum, regarded as the “Smithsonian of the southwest,” is located at 301 S. Silver Avenue. This museum, organized and run by volunteers in the community, features exhibits about Deming, the region, and New Mexico. **FREE** with a request for a donation. Call, tel. 575-546-2382. Across the street, the Customs House 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.

COLUMBUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historic Society in Columbus hosts a variety of events throughout the year commemorating local history. Check out the museum off Highway 11. Call, tel. 575-531-262

Other Resources and Venues:

SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER

The 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 and a kitchen, can be rented for large events. Call tel. 575-546-6556.

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

The Deming branch, located at 2300 E. Pine St., Offering a variety of courses and certifications. Ken Leupold, Director, call tel. 575-546-6556 or www.wnmu.edu.

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.



1st New Mexico Bank President Teresa Molina helps volunteers at the Deming Senior Citizens Center serve the annual holiday meal. (Elena Ruiz — Headlight Photo)



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 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

Deming Visitor Center

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

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 Jessica Etcheverry, Community Projects Director, tel. 575-543-6643 or jessica_etchverry@lunacountynm.us. Raise money for your organization by cleaning up Luna County. Apply with an interest letter to raise money for your organization by cleaning up Luna County. They are now booked ahead.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO APPRECIATED

Habitat for Humanity, contact Richard Hayes, tel. 575-546-4450; 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

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

ADULT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION

Deming #4 Bataan, Inc., Located at 619 W. Spruce Street, tel. 575-546-6385; 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. Laura Nunn, a Deming member, was elected New Mexico State Cow belle of 2014. 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, 320 S. Diamond Avenue, call, tel. 575-546-2201.

ELKS LODGE Deming #2750, 3401 Raymond Reed Blvd., call, tel. 575-546-2709. In emergency, call, tel. 676-543-8600.

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, call, tel. 575-546-9137.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL Deming #19055, PO Box 253, 4600 E. Pine Street, call, tel. 575-546-9080.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR Deming #6 Ruth, 1600 S, 8th Street, call, tel. 575-546-2481.

ROTARY CLUB Deming #5520, 2500 E, Pine Street, call, tel. 575-543-8160.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) Currently inactive. Deming #1477, 4045 Overhill Drive, call, tel. 575-546-0325.



The Keep Luna County Beautiful Program hosts activities throughout the year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDER

JANUARY

98th Annual Deming-Luna County Chamber Annual Gala, Special Events Center, call, tel. 575-546-2674.

MARCH

Annual Cabalgata Binacional/Fiesta de Amistad, Pancho Villa State Park, Columbus, horseback ride from Mexico to Columbus, call, tel. 575-531-2663.

Raid Day Commemorative/Columbus Memorial Day.

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

APRIL

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

Celebration of Life Walk, Voiers Pit Park. Deming, 5755-546-4780.

Friends of Rockhound Park Native Plant Sale/Desert Alive! Festival, Rockhound State Park, call, tel. 575-546-2674.

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

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

MAY

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial Day Ceremonies, Mountain View Cemetery, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-2674 (May 26)

JUNE

Deming Arts Center presents: Luna County Artists Show, month-long exhibit. Reception, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (June 1)



JULY

Deming July 4th Parade, Jamfest & Fireworks, Downtown & Southwestern NM Fairgrounds, call, tel. 575-546-2674.

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

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

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

AUGUST

35th Annual Great American Duck Race, August 14-17, multiple venues in Deming including McKinley - Duck Downs, Outhouse Races, carnival, call, tel.575-544-0469. Duck Days BBQ, 1st Methodist Church, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-2791.

Deming Arts Center presents Juried Fine Arts Photography Show, month long exhibit; reception, August 3, call, tel. 575-546-3663.

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

SEPTEMBER

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

Cancer Awareness Dance, Voiers Pit Park Pavilion, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-4780.

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

St. Ann's Fiesta, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-3343.

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

Deming Arts Center, Hurley Retro Show, call, tel. 575-546-3663.

OCTOBER

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

Community Yard Sale & Recycle Fair, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, call, tel. 575-543-6643.

Klobase Festival & Barbeque, Luna County Courthouse Park, Deming, call, tel. 575-546-9783.

MainStreet Western Heritage & Harvest Festival, Spruce Street between Gold & Silver, Deming, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., call, tel. 575-545-2436.

Deming Arts Center, Black Range Artists, Month-long exhibit, call, tel. 676-546-3663.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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

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



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TRANSPORTATION



Corre Caminos

The Southwest Regional Transit District operates out of Grant County, NM, but offers services in Deming and Luna County. An “on demand” 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. 1-866-934-3866, or, tel. 575-388-3180 for more information or to schedule a ride. In addition, a regular route is offered throughout the city Monday-Friday, from 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, Wal-Mart, 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.

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. 1-866-934-3866, or, tel. 575-388-3180.

GENERAL INFORMATION

City of Deming

John Strand Municipal Building (City Hall) located at 309 S. Gold Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Call, tel. 575-546-8848.

City Council:

Benny Jasso, Mayor
Linda Franklin, Pro Tem
Victor Cruz, MD
Joe “Butter” Milo
David Sanchez
City Manager Rick McInturff (retires summer 2014)

Luna County

The historic Luna County Courthouse is located at 700 S. Silver Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Call, tel. 575-546-0494.

County Commissioners:

Jay Spivey
Joe “Oleo” Milo
Javier Diaz
County Manager Kelly Kuenstler (retires summer 2014)
Charles “Tink” Jackson, County Manager (as of summer 2014)

Deming Public Schools

The Dr. Emmitt Shockley Administration Building is located at 1001 S. Diamond Avenue, Deming, NM 88030. Call, tel. 575-546-8841.

Board of Education:

Andy Hernadez, Board President
Baine Anderson
Ron Wolf
David Sweetzer
Ruben Torres
Superintendent Harvielee Moore (retires summer 2014)
Dr. Dan Lere, Superintendent (as of summer 2014)

Village of Columbus

The Village Hall is located at 214 W. Broadway.
Call, tel. 575-531-2663.

Philip H. Skinner, Mayor

Trustees:

William Dean Johnson
Esequiel Salas
Martha Skinner

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WHERE ARE WE?



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2 HOURS FROM EL PASO, TX AND AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

35 MINUTES FROM PALOMAS, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO

3.5 HOURS FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NM

1 HOUR FROM LAS CRUCES, NM

1 HOUR FROM SILVER CITY, NM

3 HOURS FROM TUCSON, AZ