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*The mail is in:*  
A Visit with Kim Gulvas  
by Dale Dauten

**"DO I HAVE MAIL TODAY?"** Ask that question of Silveridge's mailroom maven, Kim Gulvas, and she'll squint a bit as she holds up an index finger and says, "Give me a minute," and then, voila, more often than not she'll be able to tell you. (Try that question at a regular USPS office and we're guessing they might hold up a different finger.)

It helps that Kim has been at the Silveridge mailroom for a decade (passing the ten-year mark this past September), but she also has a knack for remembering mail. "I can't tell you what I had for breakfast," she says, "but I can tell you if you have mail."

Some background: Kim is from Michigan, born in Detroit but raised in the town of Standish, population around 1500. (Fun fact we found looking up Standish: They are worried about exploding toilets. The city website says that the sewer system is being worked on and adds, "We are advising all residents to keep their toilet seats down, while not in use." Imagine the possibilities while in use. Makes the internet construction at Silveridge seem downright serene.)

After high school, Kim moved to metro Detroit to work for Ford, then worked in a drugstore, and for a photo developing company. Meanwhile, her father found his way to Mesa and back in 1987 she came to visit him. "I fell in love with the mountains," she tells us, "and said right then that someday I would retire here."



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# THE Silver Lining

*Message From Sue  
Activity Director and Editor*



## Every Cloud they say has a Silver Lining.

If you look hard enough and think positive thoughts you're bound to uncover happiness in the midst of discouragement. We all have experienced hard times in our lives and it is up to us individually to find that Silver Lining.

This is the 3rd in the series of messages I have written about our catastrophe with our storm damage to our Silver Center. We started with the attitude of "Our Glass Half -Full" (Not half - empty) Last month I wrote about our Journey together and how exciting it is to be on an adventure. And now we are looking for

that Silver Lining and the good that can come from it. Here are a few Silver Linings that I have found:

I am grateful that our Activities had a temporary home at the Resort! I have not only gleaned new ideas but made new friends as well! Remember to share a thank you to Rhonda and all the Construction and maintenance workers, Tim (The internet gentleman) and Sue, Kay and Sheila in the "Tuna Can" and Kim who never misses a mail day.

Isn't it exciting to think about seeing our newly remodeled Silver Center? There is a new wood floor and carpeting in the Ballroom and Social Hall. The old wallpaper is off and a new paint job throughout. I am happy that none of the outside buildings were damaged so all those clubs could continue their classes and activities. How satisfying it is to drive through the park and see residents playing sports or lining up at our multi-used theater. And do we ever love splashing around in the pool! Thank you also for your patience for those whose functions were in the ballroom: Computer, Billiards, Library, Card Room, and our Decorators.



There is "no place like home" and we can all appreciate being together soon as a silveridge Family. Do I ever have a line-up of entertainment still to come! We are all going to be super busy getting re-organized once we are back. I am thrilled to see you at The Resort for our dances. Do not miss the two more dances and our Christmas Dinner Show on Dec 6th- plus New Years Eve. The word will be out ASAP on WHERE these events will be held. (Still holding out for NYE at Silverside!) Thank you for your understanding, your patience, your driving to The Resort (and volunteering to be the DD!)

At our Thanksgiving Coffee and Donuts many of you shared things you were grateful for. One shared how their car was not working when they returned. Their neighbors brought them breakfast. Someone else said that they had a impromptu barbecue with some new residents in the park. A handyman on the "200 block" fixed all his neighbors shingles that had blown off in the storms. Many of you take the elderly to their doctor appointments and grocery stores. And of course to all of you "Angel Friends" that have uplifted me through notes and kind words- Thank you! Many of you know that we also had category 3 damage to our personal home as well. What a Silver Lining we found with all the new repairs- and we had planned on remodeling our Arizona room anyway!

I challenge you to be looking for your Silver Lining. Know that there is a blessing just waiting for you!

Sue



# December Boogies!

## Cactus Wine Band

**Tuesday, December 4th 4:30pm**



New to Silverridge! Come out and meet this exciting, local Phoenix band comprised of four (4) talented & accomplished musicians with 40 years of experience! All four (4) members sing and have excellent harmonies and an extensive song list! Come and Rock the night away ! [www.cactuswineband.com](http://www.cactuswineband.com)

## Wild Rose Band

**Tuesday, December 11th 4:30p**



Sammy Cee is no stranger to Silverside, This boogie he is bringing his Wild Rose Band. All your favorite country and 60's music will be played. You will want to come to the last boogie of the 2018. All dances come with dinner! Tickets are \$12.50



## Our Holly Jolly Christmas Dinner Show Thursday, Dec. 6th 5:00pm.



Come and celebrate with your Silverridge Family at our annual Christmas Show. Jr McAlexander always brings us the best in musical entertainment with his outstanding piano playing and his many talented entertainers. [www.showtunes.com](http://www.showtunes.com)

## New Years Eve: The Best is Yet to Come !!



Come Party the night away with 3-Speed, one of Silverridges favorite Bands! 8:30-12:30am  
BYOB, tableware and Appetizers. Only \$20.00  
Includes Favors and set ups available. Get your tickets at the Activity Office.



## Christmas Caroling Wed. Dec. 12th 4:00pm



Calling all of you who like to “make a joyful noise” and bring cheer to those who need it in our Silverside family. If you would like to part of this special group please contact

Jill Main # 507-421-2164 . Please let Jill know if there are residents in the park who could use a dose of Holiday Cheer. Meet at 4:00. Potluck dinner will follow low in Room 5.

## Club Expo Saturday, January 12th

Its not too soon to mark your calendars for our popular 5th Annual Club Expo following Breakfast .Our club leaders are hosting a special time where you can come and find out about what their clubs have to offer! We have over 40 clubs that can offer you the opportunity to learn something new while getting to know your Silverside family. Our Club leaders are promising an informative time with some demos, videos and door prizes. This is a great opportunity for new residents to learn what the clubs have to offer!

## Annual Holiday Bazaar

At the Resort, Thursday, Dec 13th

### “Get Your Crafty On”

The Resort is hosting their 1st annual Holiday Bazaar from 9-3 on the 13th. This is for Vendors only at Silverside and the Resort. No outside Vendors will be there.

If you would like to be a vendor, the sign up for your tables is at the Resort Post Office. If you have any questions contact Sandi 713-458-8240. Come out and do your Christmas Shopping and support our talented Crafters at Silverside and The Resort!

## Christmas Dinner



If you love a feast you will want to join your Silveridge family for the potluck Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 25th at 1:00pm Sign up at the Activity Office for your table and dish. There must be a ham baker before a new table can be started. The Activity Office will reimburse the ham baker up to \$20.00

**Please Note\* If we are not back in our Ballroom The Resort will have a Christmas Dinner in their Ballroom at 1:00. All our invited.**



## Christmas Light Parade Thursday, December 13th, 6:00

It is our 5th annual Light parade at Silveridge! Meet by the clubhouse at 6:00. There will be no judging this year but you may want to string a few lights on your cart. Spectators welcome! We will have maps for the parade route at the Activity Office. We will do our chili supper at a later date when our kitchen is open.

Many thanks to Don Reser for starting and leading the parade for 5 years. Don Staker will be leading the parade this year. He will have a parade route that you can pick up at the Activity Office. Thanks in advance for being a participant!



Hard working ladies serving at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11th

## Celebration Of Life

Let us remember those who have passed away in our Silveridge Family recently.

Steve Paulus  
Bill Townsend  
Les Nelson  
Tom Stoutenborough

Jim Smith  
Richard White  
Helen Green

## News from the Kitchen



Any group or individual planning an event (Club Social or any other event such as Anniversary or Birthday celebrations) need to check with Sue a minimum of 1 month in advance for dates and times (Most large groups schedule their socials in the spring, 6 months before the following season) Until we are back in the Center, Rooms 4&5 and the Theater are being used frequently. Call me at the Resort 480-986-5299 if you would like to reserve a room. **Request Forms**

The following forms can be picked up and submitted to the Activity Director.

***A Facility Request Form,  
Equipment Request Form and  
Kitchen Supply List Form***

Any expenses incurred for a social event are the responsibility of the group unless **prior approval** for funds has been given by the Activity Director. Thank you all our kitchen volunteers who are presently serving. Because of you we can serve delicious meals at 75% of our events! If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen you must have your Food Handlers License. The test site we recommend is [www.123premierfoodsafety.com](http://www.123premierfoodsafety.com). The cost will be reimbursed by the Activity Office.

**The Decorating Committee** is sponsoring a new Charity called **“Be A Santa to a Senior”**.

This is a charity that benefits seniors that are in low income homes and often have no relatives and live alone. They have requests for things like:

Puzzles with large pieces  
Crossword books with large letters  
Lap blankets  
Treat baskets, no nuts, chocolate ok  
Large food bibs  
No skid socks

Gift bags with body lotion, shampoo  
PJ's or nighties-sizes medium to large

You can drop off your donation at Yvonne Rowley's # 550. The decorators are sponsoring this charity instead of the toy drive this year. Please consider donating to this worth cause.



## Special Events & Changes

**Mark your calendars for some fun Socials in Dec.**

**Pickle Ball Social:** Dec. 15th Rooms 4&5, 5:00pm

**Water Volleyball Social** Dec. 19th.

**Ceramics and Dolls** Room 9 Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 18th 9-3pm

**Billiards, Computer and Tennis Christmas Socials** have been cancelled.

**Tai Chi Chih** with Melodye. Starting Jan 12th, Exercise Room 9:00 Beginners, 10:00 Intermediate

**Paint With Pat** Classes starting Thursday, Jan. 3rd. 9:30

**Paper Crafters** Starting Friday, Nov. 30, 9:00 Room 5

Thank you to **The “2 Mics”** who play music by the pool every Friday (weather permitting) from 1:00-5:00

*Merry Christmas  
from the Bingo and Breakfast  
Team. See you soon at Silveridge!*



My

## Christmas List of Blessings

My Christmas List is more  
Than just a way to keep track of  
The special people God has brought  
Into my life to love.

It's like a treasured scrapbook  
Filled with pleasant memories  
Of all the times God's answered prayer  
Through friends and family.  
Every name's a touchstone  
That leads to a place and time  
Where God has used another's heart  
To reach out and touch mine.

It may have happened years ago  
Or even yesterday,  
But every person on my list  
Has changed my life some way.  
Through simple conversation  
A warm hug or a shared meal,  
Every person on my list  
Has helped or heal.

Or laugh or love or learn or smile  
The blessings never end  
As God allows our paths to cross  
As family and friends.

So please know that this greeting  
Is more than a Christmas wish  
It's a thank you card to God  
For putting you on my list  
Each and every one whose name  
I've come to hold so dear  
Those who've shown me Christmas joy  
Each day of the year..

# Our Journey through November

## Veterans Day. Nov.11th

The sun shined brightly on our veterans at our ceremony at Silverridge poolside. Recognition was given to our Veterans, a poem was read and the Local Band performed a medley of patriotic songs. Taps was played at the end. Coffee and cookies were served after the program. Thank you for your service Veterans and to Candy Nash and her talented team for your leadership. (1st Photo on left) *Veterans Day Photos by Jeff Phillips*



**WWII Veterans** (2nd on left) Paul Thompson, (beside wife Laura) Jim Hyde, Bill Moorefield, and Milt Clark  
2nd Row are patriotic Silverridge Residents.



## Fun times at Silverside



Left to Right? **The Minions**, 1st place winner at the Halloween party. **The Uptown Angels** and Laverne Johnson at the USO show, Don Resers 80th Birthday Party Jerry cooking at our Welcome Back, Thanksgiving Dinner Block Party.





Then, 20 years later, but long before retiring, she accelerated that plan. Her father passed in 2007, and with a powerful sense of "Life's too short," decided to go ahead and relocate to Mesa. She moved into her father's place at a mobile home park near Silveridge. Not long after, she heard from a neighbor that Silveridge needed someone for the mail. And thus she began her tenure at the mailroom.

Kim says of her work, "I love my job. I love the people." Then she laughed and added, "Sometimes I want to scream, but I love my job." The urge to scream comes from having to work with the giant bureaucracy of the Postal Service and all the automated systems that put mail into it. While she's learned to work around their rules and procedures, you can see the frustration in her face as she talks about all the ways the mail gets lost or sent to the wrong park, leaving her to deal with disappointed recipients.

One of the ways she deals with the stress of the job is to paint... painting rooms, that is. In the off-season, when residents are away, she uses her off-hours to paint interiors. She reports that she's probably worked on a hundred of the homes in Silveridge. "I love it. It's how I relax. I already have people getting estimates and signing up." She added, "I took aptitude tests in school and one of the things they suggested was being a surgeon. I think painting uses the same skills."

And when she isn't sorting mail or holding a paintbrush, she'll probably be off to the mountains. She fell in love with those mountains decades ago, but only this year did she start getting out into them. She found a mountain-loving soulmate at Silveridge, and they go four-wheeling most weekends, sometimes spending the night under the stars. That's something you can't mail in.



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**Exactly what this means for Silveridge residents is detailed in Chris's full report, available in the online edition of The Silveridge Sun.**

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Included in the shipment is Auto Gain Control. Chris explained its significance: "This system automatically adjusts the signal in the park based off the current temperatures. This is a huge upgrade as we can see 40+ temperature swings in the desert from night to day. This cuts back maintenance costs as well as frees us up from having technicians multiple times a year go through and rebalance the system due to seasonal temperature changes as our summer residents definitely saw."

Chris also wanted to pass along a message from the installers at both parks: "Please don't purchase parts at RadioShack, Lowes, Home Depot or Best Buy. Do not re-use the cabling and splitters that you have coiled up in boxes and saved for years. We are still seeing a lot of RG-59 wire installed or connectors that are being bought and improperly installed. These not only impede your services but can cause noise to back feed into the system that affects all your neighbors as well."

Chris added this explanation: "When we talk about noise, it's pretty simple -- everything in the cable is a radio wave. Everyone can tune into a radio station in their home or car. Well, when bad cabling is installed or bad connectors are installed they allow those radio waves to bleed into the cable system and overpower the conversations that are happening to deliver your internet and tv service."

Also gold looks awesome and mentally holds value but in the cable world, gold has the value of paying to have someone come and rip it all out.”

We also got this further detail on the work at Silveridge:

“The headend expansion has been built and the air conditioning installed. An electrician will be by next week to install the circuits needed to migrate the old equipment as well as install the new signal processing equipment. We will then schedule an overnight time to have the equipment migrated. Conduit was installed in areas over the summer, new cabling was repaired or replaced, additional amplifiers were installed. Additional power supplies were also installed to accommodate the additional components.

“With the arrival of the parts on Tuesday we will be able to begin resetting the pedestals that are currently dug up. The holdup on doing this was those parts. There are still some additional amplifiers that have to be installed, however we were on hold until we received the parts from overseas. Overall the system is tremendously stable compared to before.”

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<p><b>Coffee &amp; Donuts 8:30 am (C &amp; D)</b> - (8:30am, bring coffee cup)</p> <p><b>Boogie</b> - Social@4:30 pm - Dinner@5:15 (bring your dishes)</p> <p><b>Dinner Delight (DD)</b> - BYOB &amp; Tableware Social@4:30-Dinner @5:15 <b>Din-</b></p>							1
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