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Tiny Japanese fire truck finds second life in Silver City

By **JUNO OGLE**
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James Holeman has had fun vehicles before, but nothing like his latest purchase. The little red Japanese kei

truck he purchased a couple of months ago is fun to drive, he said, but it's also so practical that it's become his daily driver.

Kei cars and trucks are a

classification of the smallest road-legal vehicles in Japan, no more than about 11 feet long and under 5 feet wide,

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James Holeman shows his Japanese kei fire truck next to the Silver City Museum, which once served as the town's fire station. Holeman purchased the truck a couple of months ago, and it has become his daily driver.

(Press Staff Photo by Juno Ogle)

Police arrest man in shooting

For the second time this week, the Silver City Police Department asked for the public's help in locating a suspect considered to be armed and dangerous.

Police issued an arrest warrant for Joshua Villa in connection with a homicide Wednesday evening — which occurred in the same block where a woman was stabbed Sunday evening.

Villa, 37, was apprehended at 3:10 p.m. Friday in Bayard, according to a press release from Silver City police. He was being held at the Grant County Detention Center on Friday evening.

Villa has been charged with an open count of murder and felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the

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Mimbres quarantined after screwworm case

A case of screwworm has been confirmed in a horse in Grant County, and the state is conducting surveillance around the location, according

to a press release issued Friday afternoon by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's website dedicated to

screwworm shows the Grant County case was confirmed on Thursday.

The release, with a dateline of Mimbres, said an infested

zone has been established with a minimum of a 12.4 mile radius from the horse's location.

Friday afternoon, the state's website, screwwormnm.org,

showed the infested zone centered near Mimbres, with Santa Clara, Bayard, Hurley and Pinos Altos all on its western edge. Lake Roberts is included in the northern edge.

No warm-blooded animals may move out of the zone without inspection and prior authorization from the New Mexico Livestock Board.

A surveillance zone encircles the infested zone and includes Silver City, Tyrone and Faywood.

Animal movement is not restricted in that zone, but animal owners are encouraged to

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Bayard council gets mining museum update

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The bulk of Wednesday's Bayard City Council meeting involved a presentation by Stantec architect David Takeuchi on renovation plans for transforming the former

Local 890 Union Hall into a mining museum.

The building formerly housed the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers that struck against the Empire Zinc Mine in Hanover in 1952, inspir-

ing the 1954 film "Salt of the Earth." The event is depicted on a mural that wraps around the building, led by artist Fred Barraza and painted by high school students through the Youth Mural Project.

A master plan for the rede-

sign was completed in early 2024, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the New Mexico Tourism Department. An additional \$100,000 funded the actual design work.

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