

East to West

West Pelzer's new GRAND Gallery bridges an artistic divide



The town of West Pelzer holds a small, yet mighty, art community. Thank Andy Gambrell for its latest exposure. An artist and West Pelzer native whose travels include Hong Kong, Paris, New York City, and more, Gambrell is working with his community to showcase the hardworking artists of the Upstate. "We are trying to offer cultural development here," Gambrell says. Smack in between Greenville and Anderson, West Pelzer will fill its town hall with area artwork for the opening of the **GRAND Gallery**. This exhibit offers insight to the range of community-committed artists, starting with Greenville-based artist Glen Miller. Miller's art is inspired by his life in Southern Appalachia, encompassing realism with magical storytelling. Through the exhibit, Gambrell hopes to bridge the gap between rural and urban artists. "In order for Upstate South Carolina to grow," he says, "regions of the Upstate are going to have to work together."—*Sydney Taylor*

Portraits by Glen Miller will be on display at the GRAND Gallery in the West Pelzer Municipal Center at 30 Main St, West Pelzer, through May 24th. The exhibit can be seen by appointment during regular business hours. For more information, visit westpelzer.com.