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Eastern Arizona College Mills Collection a ‘must see’

THATCHER, ARIZ. — Encased in cabinets built especially for them are the artifacts of the Eastern Arizona College Mills Collection, which is a must see for visitors.

Donated to the college in 1983 by Jack and Vera Mills, the collection contains artifacts from what is known as the Salado Period (1250 A.D. to 1450 A.D.), and is an extensive display of the culture and lifestyle of people who inhabited Southeastern Arizona during that era.

The artifacts were discovered on private property, and the Mills family wanted to ensure the treasures remained in the area where they were originally found.

Eastern’s Student Services Building was designed with the Mills Collection in mind. Built-in cabinets lining the walls and hallways of the lower floor contain artifacts ranging from arrowheads to jewelry. Freestanding cases filled with intricate pottery, can be seen by visitors as they enter the building’s main entrance.

Because the Student Services Building has become the home of this collection, it also

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serves as Eastern Arizona's Anthropological Museum. The colorful and intricate Mills Collection gives the building a sense of history, geography, and art all rolled into one.

The public is invited to come and view the Mills Collection during regular business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, located on the first floor of the Eastern Arizona College Student Services Building, 615 N. Stadium Ave. Thatcher, AZ.

Thatcher, a community neighboring Safford, is a short two hours from Tucson or three hours from Phoenix and offers plenty of accommodations for weekend visitors, including primitive campgrounds, state-of-the-art RV parks, major hotel and motel chains, conference facilities, a bed and breakfast, a guest ranch and more.

Travelers can also enjoy the best Sonoran-style Mexican food in the state and visit a number of historical sites around the county.

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