

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

# MIMBRES MESSENGER

In 1978, the Airline Deregulation Act was passed and gave US airlines almost total freedom to determine which markets to serve and what fares to charge. In response to deregulation, the **Essential Air Service** (EAS) program was enacted to guarantee that small communities (like southern NM) which, before deregulation, were served by certificated airlines, maintained commercial service. Its aim is to maintain a minimal level of scheduled air service to communities that otherwise would not be profitable for any airline to service unless tickets were in the hundreds of dollars.

The Grant County airport is part of the EAS program. Airlines make proposals to the Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide this service and they are subsidized by the DOT. Boutique Air was granted the contract in 2015 and has been the airline to service Grant County ever since.

The Grant County Commissioners recently voted to recommend to the DOT to replace **Boutique Air** with another air service, **Advanced Air**. The Commissioners cited cancelled and delayed flights; inadequate response for better service; and a smaller marketing budget than Advanced Air proposed, as their reason for the new carrier recommendation.

Apparently, on May 31<sup>st</sup>, both airlines gave presentations at the Grant County Convention Center. Everyone we have spoken with in the Mimbres was unaware that there were any presentations or recommendations regarding who would receive the EAS contract for Grant County. Therefore, we asked both airlines to comment on why they should be awarded the contract so our readership could make up their own minds and voice their opinion to the DOT. Both air services that have submitted proposals responded to our request for an article. They are printed below.



By Levi Stockton, President

The Grant County Commission recently recommended Advanced Air for Essential Air Service at the Grant County/Silver City Airport (SVC). We'd like to take this opportunity provide an overview of the company and the benefits we will bring to the area.

Founded in 2005, Advanced Air is an innovative, service-oriented aviation company headquartered in Hawthorne, Calif., approximately three miles from LAX. We have grown into a successful regional airline with more than 80 employees and 13 aircraft. Our successful growth is driven by adherence to our core values of: safety, security, reliability, teamwork, and customer service. We are in this business for the long run and take a disciplined, thoughtful approach to growth opportunities. We value enduring customer relationships built on mutually beneficial outcomes. That is why we look forward to providing outstanding airline service to support the businesses and residents of Grant County, New Mexico.



Dear Mimbres Messenger Readers,

I want to say thank you to those of you who have flown with Boutique Air and made us a success in Silver City. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

We are very proud of what we have accomplished in Silver City, transporting more and more passengers each year since we arrived in 2015. Here you can see how much more accepting of our company the community has been compared with previous carriers:

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|-------------|-------------|
| 2003: 1,683 | 2009: 1,823 |
| 2004: 1,998 | 2010: 1,496 |
| 2005: 2,064 | 2011: 1,609 |
| 2006: 2,327 | 2012: 1,363 |
| 2007: 2,196 | 2013: 1,670 |
| 2008: 2,607 | 2014: 1,128 |

2015: 3,945 <-- First year of Boutique Air  
99.60% Completed Flights

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

August already, and fortunately the July daily showers have made it increasingly green. It always amazes me how quickly things begin to grow with even small amounts of rainfall. Unfortunately, that also includes weeds, but at least they're green, too.

The added moisture has also affected the animals. Last month, a Valley neighbor who has a few cows told me that one of his cows was very sad, she loves rain and it was so dry. When I saw him again recently, he reported that she is now very happy. It also encouraged hummingbird appearances, which have increased almost twofold since it began to rain. Perfect timing for the Hummingbird Festival. We now fill the feeders twice daily instead of every other day.

Unfortunately, thunderstorms and lightning brought on a few inconveniences. The cell tower opposite Acklin Hill Road suffered a lightning strike. Cell phone users endured several days' outages of their cell phone service. Those who do not also have land lines were most unhappy to be totally without local phone service. But they could make calls if they were willing to drive to surrounding towns – Bayard, Silver City. Really long distance. The Bayard librarian reported a vast increase in activity and opened many new accounts during this period! It is amazing to confront the fact that we rely on these electronic devices so much. Then there were the frequent power outages, none of which was of particularly long duration, but it seemed as though one had to reset the clocks almost daily. But, things are now greening up nicely.

August also means that school will start on August 6th. Wasn't it only last week when I spoke to a young lady who was looking forward to seeing her pals at summer school? I think I have mentioned how quickly summer seems to fly by.

Apparently, July is the prime month for family vacations. During the month, I received e-mails and texts with photos from what seemed like almost everyone I know, including relatives. Three separate families

were vacationing in Germany, one family in Austria, one family touring the British Isles, another took a QE2 Atlantic crossing to Europe and then numerous stops all over Europe. It was a virtual tour de force online. I haven't even mentioned those who were on the road in the United States. I am suffering serious wanderlust.

Planning and preparation for the Harvest Festival is proceeding steadily. It appears that we will have another successful Harvest Festival on September 29<sup>th</sup>, with fun and good eats for all. If you are interested in volunteering for the Festival, check the calendar for meeting dates. You will be welcomed with open arms. The Harvest Festival calendar for 2019 is in the works and progressing steadily.

Last month, we experienced some technical difficulties with the printer that produces *The Messenger*. Some of you probably got copies that were less than pristine, for which we apologize. Turns out it was a heat-related problem, and of course it was blazing hot the day scheduled for printing. We are all fixed, and hope will have no further issues. Thanks for your patience and understanding – keep reading!



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Through visits to the region, individual and group meetings as well as on-line market research, we learned a great deal about Grant County's airline needs and what is most important to the community. As a result, we are excited about the opportunity to service the needs of Grant County residents with an affordable, reliable, flexible, and service-oriented travel experience.

Important to note is our 98 percent on-time reliability rating, which ensures minimal flight delays or cancellations. Because we operate our fleet of twin-engine King Air 350s throughout the Southwest, we maintain contingency plans to move aircraft where necessary to avoid unnecessary delays or cancellations.

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We are pleased the County Commission and Representative Rudy Martinez have recognized us in their recommendation to the U.S. Department of Transportation. What we promised in our EAS bid is what Grant County fliers can expect: affordable travel and top-notch service. We look forward to being a part of the Grant County community and engaging with the residents going forward. We welcome your comments or questions at any time at [shuttles@advancedaircharters.com](mailto:shuttles@advancedaircharters.com).

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2016: 5,439 <-- Second year of Boutique Air  
98.56% Completed Flights

2017: 5,683 <-- Third year of Boutique Air  
98.80% Completed Flights

I'm also happy to report that we are on track to set another record for 2018.

At the heart of our company are several hundred pilots, mechanics, and customer service people. These are the people that really make everything work, day and night, in good weather and bad. I want to say thanks to them as well.

Our future in Silver City is uncertain at the moment, but we do hope we get to remain your airline. We are not perfect but we always work on getting better. If you would like to support us please let the Grant County Commissioners know.

Sean Simpson, CEO  
Boutique Air



No matter who you are supporting, we encourage all of our readers who are interested or use the EAS airlines to let your thoughts be known, not only to the Grant County Board of Commissioners (who have already made their recommendation); but to the DOT, which is the entity that awards the contract.

You can go on-line and submit a public comment at <https://www.regulations.gov> and type in doc. 1996-1903-0144 and submit your recommendation. (you can view other people's comments on this site). You can also contact the following three individuals: Scott Faulk, Kevin Schlemmer, and Michael Gormas, United States Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation Analysis, EAS and Domestic Analysis Division by emailing them at the following addresses: [scott.faulk@dot.gov](mailto:scott.faulk@dot.gov), [kevin.schlemmer@dot.gov](mailto:kevin.schlemmer@dot.gov) and [michael.gormas@dot.gov](mailto:michael.gormas@dot.gov).

We want to thank both Advanced Air and Boutique Air for all of the work they have put into their proposals and for taking the time to respond to our local newsletter. Obviously, they both care about providing this much needed service to our community.

## BETTY AND HER BELLS

By Marilyn Markel

Zack Law, Gila National Forest, and Betty the Mule had important jobs to do during the Gila Trout fish release day on the Sapillo. Zack loaded panniers full of fish on Betty. Zack then led the mule to Sapillo Creek, followed by the San Lorenzo kids. The trout were taken out of the panniers, one by one, with nets and released. Later in the day, Zack and Betty were stationed at Lake Roberts.



Zack answered questions about Betty and packing in the forest. Many of the kids noticed that Betty had "bells" on her tail - the hair having been cut in the shape of bells. Zack says the tradition of bells on tails began when mules were used in the army. Soldiers developed a way to know what the mule could be used for- one bell meant the mule could carry packs, two bells meant the mule could be ridden.



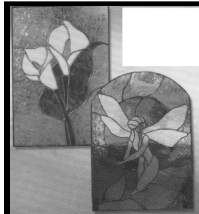
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## NEWS FROM

By Marilyn Markel

**MIMBRES  
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### Kids' Archaeology Camp at MCHS

Local kids joined archaeology field-school students from the University of Nevada Las Vegas for a 2-day overnight field school experience at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. On day one students learned about the Mattocks Ruin and the historic houses. They learned how to do a site survey, pin flag and document artifacts. They spent time in the "lab" with the archaeology lab director. They washed potsherds and lithics (stone tools and flakes). The kids hiked to the Mimbres River where they learned about the riparian ecosystem and the endangered species, the Chiricahua Leopard Frog and Chihuahua Chub, that live in the river. The students each had a field journal to record their experiences. That night, after eating dinner with the field crew and playing chase with the dog Duke, the kids slept in tents just like the university students. The next morning begin by planting the "Three Sisters" garden -corn, beans, and squash. Then, out on the Mattocks Ruin, everyone took part in a site survey. Next, it was off to join the field school students at the "dig". At the Elk Ridge Site, the kids worked alongside archaeologists and volunteers from the Grant County Archaeological Society, screening dirt and searching for artifacts; they learned about how artifacts are discovered and preserved for analyses and future research. They listened as Dr. Jon Carroll showed them a drone and explained how drones are used to map archaeological sites.

Back at MCHS, the archaeology camp kids painted an "archaeology mural" using their field journals and their newly-gained knowledge for inspiration. The mural will be displayed at the 2019 Annual State Meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico in Silver City. When parents arrived to take them home the students received a certificate of accomplishment from the Grant County Archaeological Society. Hopefully, these students will become "archaeology ambassadors" and teach others about stewardship and the importance of preserving the past. The Kid's camp was funded by a grant from the Grant County Community Foundation and the Grant County Archaeological Society.



Screening artifacts at the dig



Washing artifacts at MCHS

### Duke the Mimbres Dog Finds a Home in Vegas

For about six weeks this summer an archaeology field school, archaeologists and students from the University of Las Vegas Nevada (UNLV), stayed at the Mimbres Culture Heritage site (MCHS) while they were working on a project in the valley. Often times in the evening, at dinner time, a charming little dog would show up and mingle with the archaeologists, getting fed tidbits of hamburger, or whatever the cook fixed for the crew. They called the dog "Gooch", named after Ben Gooch, a homesteader at MCHS in the late 1880s. The dog seemed to respond to the name. One of the archaeologists gave the dog a bath, sending him home smelling of *Head and Shoulders* shampoo. During the Kid's Archaeology Camp, the younger students spent a fun evening playing ball and chase with the friendly, energetic dog. Everyone became attached to "Gooch". Then, one day, the dog appeared with a note taped to his harness. The note said, "My name is Duke. I like to roam." The owner's name and phone number were on the note.

The archaeologists called Duke-Gooch's owner, concerned that when they left, the field season was ending, the dog would no longer have his new friends to visit, and might miss his hand-outs. As it turned out, the owner could not keep the dog home, and he worried that when he had to leave Mimbres for a few days at a time due to health reasons the dog would find his owner gone when the dog returned from roaming. His owner loved the dog but decided another home might be better for Duke.



Duke a/k/a Gooch



Duke and his new owner

So, one of the UNLV students took Duke with her to Vegas where he now lives with his new friends, including a five-year-old girl who gives Duke all the hugs and love he needs.



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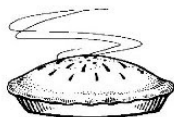
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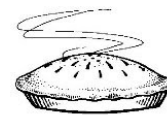
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## PIE, PIE AND MORE PIE

By Kathy Overholt



It's already August—which means the Harvest Festival Pie Contest is just around the corner! If you haven't decided what kind of pie to submit, now is the time to get your act together. As the monsoon rains fall upon us, there couldn't be a better moment to find, invent, and test pie recipes. There are only two rules for the contest: cream or egg pies are not suitable due to the lack of refrigeration, and you can't buy a pie from a shop and submit it as your own. Other than that, the sky is the limit. If you want to use a store-bought crust or canned filling, and think you can win, go for it. (But, you have to give me the recipe when you pick up your prize.) Feel free to use your lucky pie plate—just be sure to pick it up when the contest is through.

If you think you can't bake, do it anyway. You can't be a worse cook I—and I won last year! I had a back-up store bought crust in the freezer in case mine bombed, which has happened in the past. I knew I could never roll out a solid crust for the top and went for a raspberry pie with a crumb topping. Never once did it cross my mind that I could win—but miracles happen. The downside is that now people think

I can bake and want pies. The upside is, I'm getting better.

For each pie submitted, you'll receive six free raffle tickets. If you want to make more than one pie, that's more raffle tickets for you. If you feel like making a pie and don't want to enter it in the contest, we'll exchange tickets for a pie. For previous winners, if you want to recreate your celebrated entry and donate it to the cause (not the contest), we'll take those too. This year our three judges are Dale Streams, Ramona Orton, and Frank Waid. If you see them around town, be nice to them, but no hinting at what type of pie you plan to bake. We're happy to announce that Kate Brown will generously contribute a first, second, and third place prize from her exquisite pottery collection. (Thank you, Kate.)

Mark your calendar for the Harvest Festival on September 29, bring your pie(s) to the pie tent before 10 a.m., and we'll sign you up and hand over your raffle tickets. If you want to submit a pie and can't make it by 10 a.m., let me know and I'll arrange to pick it up. To all participants, thank you in advance! We can't have a pie contest without judges, prizes and pies. So, put away your raincoat, get out your rolling pin, and let's have the most pies ever!



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**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (am)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(pm)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

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**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** - For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets August 16 - (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

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**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, August 9** - Monthly meetings usually are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Monday, August 13 - Board Meeting 5:30 pm** Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road

**MVHAL Harvest Festival Meeting—Sunday, August 19 - 4 pm to 5:30 pm** (Third Sunday of the month May—September) - Mimbres Roundup Lodge. Everyone welcome!

**MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB Acklin Hill Road - Calendar of events.**

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. August 2** - (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - Sunday, August 12 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand Prize of \$50

**MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY - Monday - Friday NEW HOURS—LUNCH IS NOW AT 12 NOON** Reservations are requested one day in advance. See Page 14 for daily menu.

**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - See Page 16**

**EXERCISE FOR SENIORS - Every Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 am** Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

**SENIOR CENTER THRIFT STORE - open to everyone 9 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday.** Great bargains by donation. There is also a free book lending area.

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - August 23** - (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

**MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES** - Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays - 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069

**RIO MIMBRES BAPTIST CHURCH - GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP - Every Tuesday through October 30th - 6 to 8 pm** - 29 Cactus Drive for more information call Debby at 575-313-4199

**VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - NEW HOURS ~ TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11:00 am to 6:00 pm;** Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Every Wednesday 5% off for Seniors. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. Credit, debit, EBT. 2739 Highway 35. 575-574-7069

# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, August 1 - First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Every Wednesday - 6 pm to 7 pm -** Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Race Track Road, Arenas Valley. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call 575-313-7094 or 575-654-1643

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 of Silver City -** meets every **Wednesday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** for coffee and doughnuts for all veterans. 409 West College Avenue, Silver City. For more information contact Ray Davis 575-956-5153

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 and THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY -** meet the second Saturday of every month at the American Legion Post - Breakfast at 9 am followed by a meeting at 10 am

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, August 8 - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm** Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - parking on Cactus** enter at NW door.

**BAYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEW HOURS - Monday - noon to 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday - 9 am to 6 pm CLOSED on Saturday and Sunday.**

**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, August 23**

**Mimbres -** Living Harvest Bakery

9:45 am - 10:45 am

**Lake Roberts -** Sapillo Creek Fire Station

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

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**COPPER COUNTRY CRUIZERS 27TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW - August 18 -** Gough Park, 1200 North Pope, Silver City  
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**FORT BAYARD WALKING TOURS -** Private tours for family and friends visiting the area. Call 575-388-9123 or 575-574-8779

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, August 15 - 3rd WEDS of the month. 6:00 PM - Pot Luck - 7:00 Meeting.** Meetings will be held from May - September at the Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, Mimbres. Speaker: Dr. Warren DeBoer will present Changing Views of Amazonian Past: told by plants, people and pots. For information, call Marilyn Markel 536-9337.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, August 9 - (2nd Thursday), 6:00 pm -** Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. **NEW MEETING PLACE and CONTACT INFO:** 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City and the new contact phone number is 575-654-4424 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com)  
**Field trip Saturday, August 18 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

**35th ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, Saturday, September 1 - Monday, September 3.** Grant County Veteran's Memorial Business and Conference Center - 3031 Highway 180 in Silver City

**MS SUPPORT GROUP - First Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch in Silver City.** Meetings are held in various City area restaurants. New members with Multiple Sclerosis are welcome. Email [huseworld@yahoo.com](mailto:huseworld@yahoo.com) for the location.

**NEW HOPE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - EVERY MONDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm -** First Presbyterian Church at 20th and Swan, Silver City. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call Jerry 575-534-4866 or Diana 575-574-2311.

**PUPPY DOG RANCH RESCUE AND SANCTUARY - Open by appointment Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 5 pm** Grant County's only private, no kill, no cage rescue. 27 Twin Sisters Creek Road, Arenas Valley 575-313-7232



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**SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, August 2 (Usually 1st Thursday of the month)-**

As of this printing, the guest speaker has not been announced. **WNMU Student Cafeteria**, Sunset Room, Student Memorial Building, 100 College Avenue. Wellness. **Reminder that you should register online.** Cost is \$15 for full lunch. See silver-city.org for detailed information or email [info@silvercity.org](mailto:info@silvercity.org) or call GCCC at 575-538-3785.

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events** contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop) for information about any event.

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**SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan Street in Silver City. Call 860-670-4543 for date and time of August Meeting.**

**WALGREENS - Tuesday, August 7 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.**

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, August 13 - Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month)** Cross Point Assembly of God church (formerly Glad Tidings Church) 11600 Hwy 180 E William Perkins will talk about estate planning. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. For information call 575-437-3643.

**WOMEN'S AL-ANON MEETING: WOMEN EMBRACING RECOVERY - Every Friday - 5:30 pm to 6:30pm -** La Clinica Health and Birth Center, 3201 Ridge Loop, Silver City. Closed meeting for women who are family and friends of alcoholics. For information call 575-313-7094 or 575-313-1032

**MYSTERY PHOTO CHALLENGE**

We are sad to report that this will be the last Mystery Photo Challenge. That is, unless some of our readers would like to submit their photos. Just make sure you tell us where it is, your name and email or phone number.

We would like to thank Kathy Hill for her efforts these past few years and for all of her hard work and dedication to make this fun challenge happen every month.

**July's Mystery Photo**

Did you happen to notice that July's mystery photo was upside down! Just another one of our little errors! Do you recognize it now?



The photo was of the old Sister's Cafe in San Lorenzo. Old timers will remember, right?



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## Ducks in the River

By Marilyn Markel

You never know who or what you might see enjoying the Mimbres River.

On a hot summer day a flock of ducks waddled down the road near the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site heading toward the river. Before long the ducks were all in the water—they all looked like they were having a wonderful time. They swam a little upstream—to avoid the group of kids just downstream. Kids and ducks—enjoying the river and the shade of the willows and cottonwoods. Lucky kids and lucky ducks!

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| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  |   | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| Please call your Senior Center before 10am to make a reservation. <u>All</u> donations of any amount are accepted and appreciated. \$2.00 is the suggested donation. | <b>HMS Senior Centers</b><br>Ena Mitchell 542-9414<br>Silver City 388-2545<br>Santa Clara 537-5254<br>Gila 535-2888<br>Mimbres 536-9990 | Ham Sandwich<br>w/ cheese on WW Bread<br>lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle<br>Vegetable Soup<br>Pears and Vanilla Waffers<br>Menu DS | Salisbury Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy<br>California Blend w/ marg<br>Cornbread<br>Peaches<br>Menu# 118              | Ground Beef Burrito<br>w/ Cheese and Green Chile<br>Tossed Salad<br>Banana<br>Sugar Cookie<br>Menu# SL9              |
| 6  | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10   |
| Tater Tot Casserole<br>California Veggies<br>Garden Salad w/ Dressing<br>Dinner Roll<br>Grapes<br>Menu DS  | Chicken & Gravy<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Spinach and Buttered Carrots<br>WW Dinner Roll<br>Peanut Butter Cookie<br>Menu# 511               | Chicken Adovada<br>Pinto Beans<br>Spinach<br>Tortilla<br>Rice Pudding<br>Menu # 146  | Sweet and Sour Pork<br>Steamed Rice<br>Carrots w/ marg<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Apple and a slice of Bread<br>Menu# 305         | Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas<br>Lettuce and Tomato<br>Pinto Beans<br>Spanish Rice<br>Spiced Peaches<br>Menu# 214   |
| 13   | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17   |
| Gr CH Cheeseburger<br>Lettuce/Tomato/Onions/Pickle<br>Buttered Peas & Carrots<br>Oven Fries<br>Applesauce<br>Menu# 144   | Pigs in Blanket<br>Spinach Salad<br>Corn Salsa<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Menu DS   | Meat Loaf<br>Scalloped Potatoes<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Orange<br>Dinner Roll<br>Menu# 135   | Baked Chicken<br>Sliced Tomato<br>Broccoli w/ cheese sauce<br>1 WW Dinner Roll<br>Pears and Mandarin Oranges<br>Menu # 110 | Fideos Con Carne<br>mixed Squash<br>Garden Salad<br>Flour Tortilla<br>Apple<br>Menu# 305                             |
| 20   | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24   |
| Baked Paprika Fish<br>Corn and Peppers<br>Breadstick w/ Marg<br>Pears<br>Yogurt<br>Menu #406   | Pepper Steak<br>Steamed Rice<br>Sliced Tomato<br>Yogurt<br>1 Slice of WW Bread<br>Menu# 106   | Pork Posole w/ Tortilla<br>Calabacitas<br>Tossed Salad<br>Spice Cake<br>Menu# Holiday 7  | Beef Tacos<br>Lettuce/Tomato/Cheese<br>Spanish Rice<br>Pinto Beans<br>Apple<br>Menu# 506                                   | Chicken Tenders<br>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy<br>California Blend w/ marg<br>Cornbread<br>Fruit Cocktail<br>Menu# 118 |
| 27   | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31   |
| Pizza<br>Garden Salad w/ Dressing<br>Mixed Squash<br>Pineapple & Cottage Cheese<br>Menu DS   | Red Chili & Cheese Enchilada<br>Pinto Beans<br>Broccoli w/ margarine<br>Banana<br>Menu #503   | Bean Burrito...501<br>(Enchilada Style)<br>Spanish Rice<br>Cucumber/Tomato Salad<br>Orange<br>Menu# 501                        | Country Fried Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Slice of WW Bread<br>Watermelon<br>Menu# 122          | Tuna Salad Sandwich<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Graham Crackers<br>Orange<br>Menu# SL 12                                    |
| Menu is subject to change  |   |  |  |  |

## Mimbres (Lunch Noon beginning 7/2/2018)

|                |               |                                      |           |             |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Dominos        | Mon - Fri     | Starting at 9:00am                   | No Charge | Dining Hall |
| Billiards      | Mon - Fri     | 9:00am-2:00pm                        | No Charge | Pool Room   |
| Quilting Club  | Mondays       | Ask Cindy for details                | No Charge | Dining Hall |
| Exercise Class | Tues & Thurs  | 10:00am – 11:00am                    | No Charge | Dining Hall |
| Bingo          | ? Interested? | Call April Hunter at<br>575-597-2746 | No Charge | Dining Hall |
| ICAN Nutrition | TBA           | 11:00am-12:00pm                      | No Charge | Dining Hall |

For any questions about activities, please call your senior center. Activities are open to all who are age 55 plus. (Age 60+ for the nutrition program.) There are no income or residency requirements to participate in senior programs. **Donations of any amount are appreciated.**

**SENIOR MOBILE FOOD PANTRY** The third Wednesday of every month, the Gospel Mission in Silver City will distribute food at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1301 North Swan Street from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you are 55 years of age or older, live in Grant County and you need help with food, you are welcome to come by. Please bring your own box or bag to put food in. Help carrying will be available if you need it. If you would like to lend a hand in helping to set up or carrying boxes to cars, please show up at around 12:30 p.m.



## WATCH OUT FOR CAMELS ! .....

By Mary Daniels

.....plodding their way to Sharon Simpson's backyard oasis in Casas Adobes. While there are no towering palm trees there yet, almost everything that grows in and out of the ground, is. No ground soil supports this collection of familiar and lesser known plant varieties, all of which are growing in plastic tubs, buckets, and raised beds.

The decision to try container gardening was not difficult after some attempts to dig in the colorful but challenging native soil, a proven winner historically for producing pottery but with limited good results for filling those pots with tender food varieties.

Having experienced a couple of seasons of the unique weather patterns in the Mimbres Valley, another decision to offer reliable protection for young plants was accomplished with the construction of a 6' high wooden fence which enclosed 720 sq. ft. of space. In the center, an 8'x12' greenhouse was erected and a 10'x10' yellow fabric dome which affords gardener R&R (rest and review). Along the perimeter of the fence is a candy stripe of 50+ buckets and tubs holding flowering plants and vines. No empty space remains with the addition of two, 4'x4' raised beds where tomatoes, carrots, potatoes (white and purple), green beans, okra, green chile and strawberries thrive. Watering the entire collection is easily accomplished by hand with a 75' hose connected to a frost-free faucet adjacent to the fence.



This glowing and growing collection is nourished by a supplemental mix of earthworm castings, bat guano, and vermiculite all of which is sparsely replenished at the beginning of the season. First steps in container gardening are preparing for drainage, accomplished by drilling a few holes in the container bottom to prevent the soil from escaping. Sharon installs a segment of blue air-conditioner filter mat material, porous enough to let water out while keeping the rest intact. Good quality potting soil is essential. Spend more on soil than on pots or plants.

Once preliminary work is done, then 'water and watch' become the foremost activities. Old favorites surface again and new seeds are planted for 'wonderment' watching. Cleome, nigella, datura, ornamental "pumpkin-on-a-stick", castor bean, are a few of the heirloom varieties she buys from a mail-order source; R.H. Shumway. A rainbow of colors appear at various times, weeding is non-existent, picking blooms for indoor enjoyment is on-going.

If you would like a personal visit to her oasis, Sharon will be glad to share more information. Contact her at: [Sysimpson@gilanet.com](mailto:Sysimpson@gilanet.com).

Perhaps one of these years you can enjoy a date shake under the fronds of her palm trees in her desert oasis. (Tie your camel outside, please.)

Resources: Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew, Rodale Press  
Trellises, Planters, and Raised Beds, Cool Springs Press

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## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

The Mimbres Booster Club will meet at the Lodge on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a light dinner at 5:30 followed by a business meeting. Everyone who is interested in finding out more about Booster projects and Lodge operation is invited to attend. Improvements and maintenance continue. We have also been doing much-needed spring cleaning during the summertime. Good yard work has spruced up the appearance outside. We have recently welcomed two new members. We will be discussing new ideas for fund-raising events and fun gatherings at the Lodge, so come and join us. There are a lot of things going on these days.

The Booster Club is an all-volunteer group charged with maintaining and funding operations of the Lodge as the largest-capacity community center in the Valley. It is a hard-working group which accomplishes sometimes amazing results.

Bingo will be on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00. Join our congenial regulars for an afternoon of fun and prizes. It is always a good time.

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, Maria Elena Sanchez will conduct a free paper crafting and scrapbooking open house at the Lodge from 2:00 to 4:00. See ad on this page. Check it out.

The Lodge remains available for private parties and celebrations. To reserve the Lodge for your special event, call Dodie at 830-591-8626 or Anna at 536-9323. Funeral receptions and life celebrations also require prior reservations and are at no cost to Valley residents.

### *Paper Crafting and Scrapbooking Open House*

Saturday, August 11 – 2 to 4 pm

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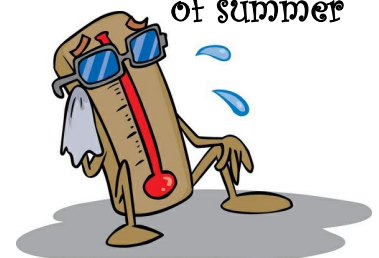
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Grant County Archaeological Society

### *Grant County Archaeological Society Celebrates Its 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

The Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) had a "birthday party" at the Society's monthly meeting held at the Roundup Lodge in July. GCAS is celebrating 90 years as an organization whose members are dedicated to learning more about the pre-history of southwest New Mexico and sharing what they know with others.



**Current President, Kyle Meredith  
and Treasurer, Barbara Wright**

GCAS was formed in 1928 by the many people interested in the incredible and unique archaeology in and around Grant County. In 1938 the Society incorporated as a non-profit. Over the decades, GCAS helped protect and preserve the Gila Cliff Dwellings and helped obtain the Eisele Pottery Collection now housed at the WNMU Museum. GCAS participated in projects like recording rock art at

the Dragonfly Petroglyphs and removing paint from vandalized petroglyphs at a site in the lower Mimbres. GCAS members work with universities, museums, and agencies such as the Forest Service on excavations, archaeological surveys, and preservation education programs.

GCAS, in partnership with the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, has a research library and archives room, gives tours of the Mattocks Ruin, and provides education to school groups.

In May 2019, GCAS will host the Archaeological Society of New Mexico's annual conference, bringing over a hundred affiliated society members to Silver City. Many conference attendees will come out to Mimbres for a tour at MCHS.

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### Smokey the Mattocks "Clown" Cat

Smokey is a very good hunter and his job at MCHS is not only to greet visitors but also to keep the mouse population down. Unfortunately, Smokey also likes to hunt birds, including hummingbirds! MCHS now hosts the annual Hummingbird Festival

every July. To help prevent Smokey from catching the tiny hummers volunteer Kathy Hill bought a colorful "clown" collar for Smokey. Did the collar work? Well, for a while, until Smokey learned how to lose the collar. So, for a few weeks now, the Mattocks cat has spent his days and nights as a "house

cat", locked up until some hummingbird feeders come down and the tiny birds are not so numerous and easy for a good hunter to catch.



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## Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

I was a princess. And he was the prince. But this isn't a love story by any means. Oh no, it's more of a rivalry. Rather, a tale of the adventures of Baby Roses and Buster Brownio! We were a sibling superhero duo. Together, we would roam the crystal encrusted mountains on the hunt for fool's gold and quartz. We would listen for the elves and fairies in our enchanted tree house in the old oak grove adjacent to the giggling river. And sometimes, we would even hide in the bamboo forest from the thieves and robbers who were trying to take over our castle. He would throw bombs made of roots and when we could



no longer keep them at bay, he drew his mighty sword and went into battle. We fought together side by side.

Until one day the thieves won. They stole my brother. And as he surrendered, his sword turned to stick, the elves disappeared, and only the remnants of our kingdom are a few creaky two by fours fastened to a tree with rusty nails. It is a lonely sight.

He suddenly became "mature" and too cool to hang out with his little sister. I did not understand what I did wrong. I just wanted to be his friend. But he had friends of his own. Ones that were cool enough to wear baseball caps with flat bills and sunglasses and could skate and

do tricks. I couldn't compete with that. It was time for him to grow up and I needed to let him go.

## Wilderness Word Scramble

**Read about the Wilderness; find six underlined letters, unscramble the letters to make a word.**

The Mimbres River begins in the high country of the Gila Wilderness, once home to the Mimbres and Apache Indians. The Mimbres Indians lived in southwest New Mexico about one thousand years ago and made beautiful pottery. The Apache were living in the Gila country when the first Spaniards came to New Mexico in the 1500s.

In 1924, a forester named Aldo Leopold convinced the Forest service to set aside an area within the Gila National Forest as wilderness, preserving the land and animals for future generations to

enjoy. Black bear, mountain lion, wolves, coyotes, deer, elk, turkey, and many other animals live in the wilderness. The Mimbres River flows down from the mountains, bringing life -giving water to the valley below.

Hint: The Mimbres River is named for a kind of tree early Spanish explorers found growing along the river.

"Mimbres" means \_\_\_\_\_ in Spanish.

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Answer: WILLOW



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## Mimbres Children Book Series

By Carilyn Alarid and

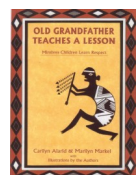
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Mimbres Culture Heritage Site

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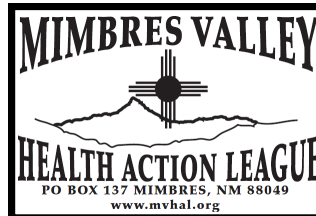


**Mimbres Messenger**

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Mimbres Messenger  
Farmers' Market  
Harvest Festival  
Commodities Distribution  
The San Lorenzo  
Children's Garden

**MONDAY, July 9 - 5:30 to 7:00 MVHAL.** Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME.

**WEDNESDAY, July 18 - Noon to 2 pm**

**Commodities Pickup** - Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.

**SUNDAY, July 15, 4:00—5:30 pm** - Harvest Festival meeting, Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. ALL WELCOME

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways targeted to do that are by improving communication and social networks, providing preventive health education, improving access to health and social services, increasing financial and economic stability, increasing recreation opportunities, increasing education opportunities, and promoting a safe and healthy environment.

Dawn Gray will be collecting old t-shirts *in any condition* as long as they are clean. They will be made into rag rugs which will be sold to supplement the income of the ladies who weave them.



Also, there is a need for: interior or exterior house paint, as long as it is still good and hasn't been frozen or almost empty

No Clothing needed at this time ex-

Please bring the items to Commodities Distribution Day at the Roundup Lodge

### **MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL)**

Is seeking someone familiar with metal buildings to install a window and three doors in the MVHAL storage container volunteer or paid worker.

Contact Sonny Johnson ~ 575-574-7674

### **The Mimbres Valley Farmers' Market is BAAAAACKK!**

SATURDAYS from 10 AM TO NOON  
Starting June 2

Local Mimbres farmers will be offering their produce, eggs, and confections in the parking lot of

Valle Mimbres Market  
2739 Highway 35  
(1.5 miles from Highway 152)

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