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Christmas Traditions Around the World

United States of America

We are all pretty familiar with the many and diverse traditions in the US. Although a religious holiday, the US courts have upheld that Christmas is a legal federal holiday. The mainstays of traditions in America are Christmas parades, Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet, tree trimming, shopping and gift giving, Christmas cards, Midnight Mass, Santa Claus, manger scenes, poinsettia plants and mistletoe, Christmas lights and decorations, just to name a few.

The different climates of the US and individual family traditions usually dictate how Americans celebrate Christmas. Many parts of the US have some unique traditions of their own. It is a long-standing tradition for Southerners to leave an orange in their children's stocking. In the South, they love anything fried, and their turkey is no exception. This deep-fried turkey tradition seems to be spreading to other parts of the US as well!

In Alaska, there is a tradition called "Carrying the Star". Young and old carry elaborately decorated wheels about the size of umbrellas with an eight point star decorated with an angel or nativity scene in the middle. They are carried for three nights from January 7th over icy snow-topped roads. The stars represent the angels who announced the birth of Christ. Families lovingly maintain the stars. Some are more than a hundred years old! Since Christmas in Alaska is almost inevitably white, ice skating and building snowmen are traditional activities.¹

Antarctica

There is no permanent population in Antarctica, It is a continent, not a country. Antarctica is far too hostile for humans to live all year around. There are however research facilities and similar structures in the Antarctic, which are operated by people (mainly scientists) from all over the

world. So they all celebrate the traditional celebrations of their country of origin.²

Since it is summer in Antarctica this region enjoys 24 hours of daylight on Christmas Day. Christmas in Antarctica is mainly celebrated by people working in the various research centers. They do what they do every day but with decorations and presents!

At McMurdo Station, the largest on the continent with about 1,200 people, they have to sign up ahead of time for the Christmas dinner celebration. Imagine that, having to make reservations for a Christmas buffet. Celebration activities include singing Christmas carols, parties and some outdoor activities.²



Australia

In Australia, Christmas comes towards the beginning of the summer holidays! Children have their summer holidays from mid December to early February, so some people might even be camping at Christmas.

When he gets to Australia, Santa gives the reindeer a rest and uses kangaroos or 'six white boomers' (a popular Australian Christmas song!). He also changes his clothes for less 'hot' ones!

Most families try to be home together for Christmas and the main meal is normally eaten at lunch time. Most people now have a cold Christmas dinner, or a barbecue with seafood such as prawns and lobsters along with the 'traditional english' food. On Christmas Eve, fish-markets are often full of people queuing to buy their fresh seafood for Christmas day.⁴

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



By Anna Willhite

Hopefully all our readers had a Happy Thanksgiving, and have recovered from celebrating in time to begin Christmas decorations and planning. It always amazes me that Christmas decorations begin to appear, almost like magic, the day after Thanksgiving. As usual, I am just beginning to get organized enough to define and plan upcoming social and family events, but it will get done as the days roll by (quickly).

The usual holiday frenzy has begun, hundreds of catalogs clog the mailbox, as usual. This year I have been bombarded by catalogs from companies I have never even heard of, to the point where I have been sending "take me off your mailing list" notices, in an effort to reduce the pounds of recyclable paper to add to regular trash delivery. I would so much rather find holiday greetings, letters from friends and family that appear only on an annual basis with news from the preceding year.

In the Valley, numerous holiday events are scheduled. Check the community and county calendars here for many holiday shopping opportunities, gatherings and celebrations.

Compared to other parts of the country, our winter weather so far has been mild and enjoyable. Even on the coldest days, we almost always manage to have the benefit of the glorious sunshine that makes this a most desirable place to live. The annual Christmas Eve or Christmas Day snow, which has been consistent most years since I have moved here, is eagerly anticipated by those yearning for a White Christmas. The holiday snow evaporates quickly, thanks to our sunny climate, so everyone is happy.

The Messenger has made it through another year, with an enormous amount of help from our devoted staff and the many contributors who supply book reviews, articles of interest, humorous anecdotes and other interesting items for publication. Special thanks go out to Marilyn Markel, RJ Nelson, Grace Williams, Kathy Hill and Bob

Barnes. Mary Willhite, as co-editor, consistently does overtime duty getting everything and everybody ready for publication and distribution. The combined efforts of all these volunteers has made it possible to get *The Messenger* out mostly on time (occasionally early!) and often under extreme circumstances. The staff and contributors have been away from the Valley several times the past year, making successful publication even more challenging. It is a great group of volunteers, who deserve our sincere thanks and appreciation.

In typical fashion, I am again issuing a plea to all who have an unwritten article, book review, humorous anecdote or educational item which we would love to see in print. There are so many interesting people in the Valley who do interesting and educational things. This is the venue where you can be heard. Send us your thoughts and creations.

As the holidays are upon us, we look forward to social gatherings, shared meals and fun, and the opportunity to make memories for future remembrance.

Come to the Roundup Lodge for the Christmas Bazaar on December 8th – lots of artists and other creative folks will help make your holiday shopping a breeze. As we say goodbye to 2018, celebrate the new year by joining your friends and neighbors at The Roundup Lodge for a New Years Brunch at 11am on January 1st.

All Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year from *The Mimbres Messenger*.

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

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In China, only about one percent of people are Christians, so most people only know a few things about Christmas. Because of this, Christmas is only often celebrated in major cities. More young people are celebrating Christmas in cities where Christmas parties are becoming popular and it's also a time where young couples exchange gifts with each other, a bit like Valentine's day. A tradition that's becoming popular, on Christmas Eve, is giving apples.

Only a few people have a Christmas Tree. If people do have a tree it is normally a plastic one and might be decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns (they might also call it a tree of light). The Christmas Trees that most people would see would be in shopping malls. The strange thing is that most of the world's plastic Christmas Trees and Christmas decorations are made in China, but the people making them might not have decorations like them in their own homes at Christmas! ⁴

Christmas Island

It's called Christmas Island because it was discovered on Christmas Day.

Well, on an island where it is about 86 degrees every day of the year, it's not surprising that on the 25th of December each year, locals flock to the beach for a traditional Christmas BBQ lunch and swim. ³

Columbia

In Colombia, Christmas celebrations and preparations start on the evening of the 7th of December which is known as 'Día de las Velitas' or 'Day of the little Candles'. Houses and streets are decorated with candles, lanterns and lots of lights. There are also big fireworks displays and music to dance to and foods like 'buñuelos' and 'empanadas'. This day is celebrated by Catholics around the world as The Feast of the Immaculate Conception but is especially popular in Colombia.

The main Christmas meal is eaten on Christmas Eve night and it's called 'Cena de Navidad'. The dishes often include 'lechona' (pork stuffed with rice and peas), ham, turkey or a chicken soup called 'Ajiaco Bogotano'. Other popular foods around Christmas are 'Buñuelos' (cheesy fritters), arepas (a thick dish made from corn) and 'hojuelas' (a fried pastry with sugar and jam). A very popular Christmas dessert is 'Natilla' which is a set custard.

After the Christmas Meal, many people will go to a Midnight mass Church Service. Some people stay up all night, so Christmas Day is a day for relaxing and eating up leftovers! ⁴

Croatia

In Croatia, preparations for Christmas start on 25th November which is St Catherine's day. People also celebrate Advent. Over 85% of people in Croatia are Catholics so Advent is an important time for them.

On St Nicholas's Eve (5th), children clean their shoes/boots and leave them in the window. They hope that St Nicholas will leave them chocolates and small presents in their boot. If children have been naughty, Krampus (a big monster with horns who sometimes travels with St Nicholas!) leaves them golden twigs to remind them to behave.

Christmas Trees are very popular and are normally decorated on Christmas Eve. They're traditionally decorated with ornaments in the shapes of fruits. There's an old Croatian tradition that young men gave their girlfriends a decorated apple at Christmas. Many people like to go to a Midnight Mass service. ⁴

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Christmas in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is more of a religious festival rather than being commercial. Most people won't have any presents.

Christmas Eve is very important with Churches having big musical evenings (many churches have at least 5 or 6 choirs) and a nativity play. These plays last a very long time. They start at the beginning of the evening with the creation and the Garden of Eden and end with the story of King Herod killing the baby boys.

The birth of Jesus is timed to happen as close to midnight as possible and after that come the shepherds, the wise men and the slaughter of the innocents. This means the play normally finishes about 1 am. However, in some places there will be further singing until dawn! The Christmas day service then starts at 9 am with lots more singing.

On Christmas day, most families try to have a better meal than usual. If they can afford it, they will have some meat (normally chicken or pork). The rest of the day is spent quite quietly, maybe sleeping after a busy and late night on Christmas Eve! ⁴

Russia

In the days of the Soviet Union, Christmas was not celebrated very much. New Year was made into the important

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time. Following the revolution in 1917, Christmas was banned as a religious holiday in 1929 and Christmas Trees were banned until 1935 when they turned into 'New Year' Trees! If people did want to celebrate Christmas, they had to do it in secret just in their families.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, people were free to celebrate Christmas again. But it's still a quieter and smaller holiday in Russia after the big New Year celebrations. The official Christmas and New Year holidays in Russia last from December 31st to January 10th. Christmas in Russia is normally celebrated on January 7th (only a few Catholics might celebrate it on the 25th of December).

Some people fast on Christmas Eve, then eat 'sochivo' or 'kutia' a porridge made from wheat or rice. Kutia is sometimes eaten from one common bowl, this symbolizes unity. Other popular Christmas Eve foods include, beetroot soup (borsch) or vegan potluck (solyanka) served with individual vegetable pies (often made with cabbage, potato, or mushroom); sauerkraut, porridge dishes such as buckwheat with fried onions and fried mushrooms, salads often made from vegetables like gherkins, mushrooms or tomatoes, and also potato or other root vegetable salads. The meal often consists of 12 dishes, representing the 12 disciples of Jesus. ⁴

Switzerland

Christmas in Switzerland shares many of the customs from its neighbors Germany and Austria. But it has many traditions of its own!

Advent marks the start of the Christmas preparations. Advent calendars and crowns are both popular. In some villages, there are 'real' advent calendars with different houses decorating an 'Advent Window'. On the day when it's your house with the advent window, you hold a party for the villagers in the evening. There's food, mulled wine (called Glühwein) and music.

Christmas markets are very popular in towns and cities where you can buy all kinds of Christmas foods and decorations. There are big light displays and you can enjoy some more hot Glühwein!

In Switzerland St Nicholas is known as 'Samichlaus' and he might visit you on 6th December. You might also be fortunate enough to have some presents from the baby Jesus (or Father Christmas) on the 25th and on Epiphany (6th January) you might be visited by the Befana (in South Switzerland) and/or the Three Kings (in the rest of Switzerland). That's a lot of present bringers!

Christmas Trees are popular in Switzerland and are often bought and decorated on Christmas Eve. Some people use real candles on the tree, which are traditionally lit on Christmas Eve (when the presents are being opened!) and on New Year's Eve (for good luck).

The main Christmas meal is eaten on Christmas Eve and popular foods include a Christmas ham and scalloped potatoes with melted cheese and milk baked into it. Dessert is often a walnut cake and Christmas cookies. ⁴

Zambia

Many churches in Zambia have nativity plays and a crib in the church. One or two days before Christmas, Zambians like to go carol singing around the local streets for charity.

On Christmas day, children are encouraged to bring a present to church for children who are in hospital or might not get a present because they are less fortunate. After church, on Christmas day, it is a custom that all the children go to one house and all the adults go to another house to have a party and to eat! ⁴

¹ www.ezinearticles.com

² www.answers.com

³ www.christmas.net.au

⁴ www.whychristmas.com

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Permits for cutting Christmas trees on the Gila National Forest are available at all ranger district offices. Permits sell for \$5.00 each (for any species) with a limit of one permit per household. Free permits are available for the aromatic pinon trees. Any tree species up to 10' high may be cut.

Included with the permits are a Christmas tree tag, an information sheet on cutting regulars, and maps of designated cutting sites. You may pay by credit/debit cards, check or cash (exact change please).

Also, all fourth graders with a Kids in the Park pass or paper voucher are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit. For information about how to obtain a pass, visit www.everykidinapark.gov. All fourth graders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present their pass or paper voucher.

Gila National Forest Fuelwood Permits

Fuelwood permits are good from January 1 or date of purchase through December 31. Each permit holder is issued tags and a Firewood Guide explaining rules about fuelwood cutting on the forest.

The permits will have a new price structure beginning January 1, 2019. Currently, the permit costs \$10/cord with a two cord minimum. As of January 1, 2019 the price will be \$5/cord with a four cord minimum. The 2019 Fuelwood Cutting Guide will indicate all of the fuelwood cutting areas. It is also available on the Gila National Forest website under [Passes and Permits/Forest Products Permits/Woody Materials](#).

Personal use permits are available to acquire a wide variety of forest products such as permits for latillas and vigas, as well as various live species transplants sold under "wilding permits". Permits are available with current identification at any of the six USDA Forest Service offices, Monday through Friday, except for federal holidays. For more information and the availability of permits, cost and office hours, contact your nearest Forest Service Office. Wilderness Ranger District - 575-536-2250.

Check with your local ranger district for current weather and road conditions before going the forest. Please

respect forest and private lands, dispose of litter in trashcans or "pack it out", and close all forest gates.

The Gila National Forest has published its [Motor Vehicle Use Maps](#) (MVUM) designating what roads and trails are open for motor vehicle use. The MVUMs are free at any one of the ranger districts. All permit holders are responsible for adhering to the MVUM and any directions for motorized use in the Firewood guide.

Seasonal Campground Closures

For safety concerns during inclement weather, the following campgrounds will be closed until March 31.

- Iron Creek Campground, the Upper Gallinas Campground and the Railroad Canyon Campground all located in the Black Range Mountains off NM State Highway 152
- The Cherry Creek Campground and the McMillan Campground, both located off NM state Highway 15.

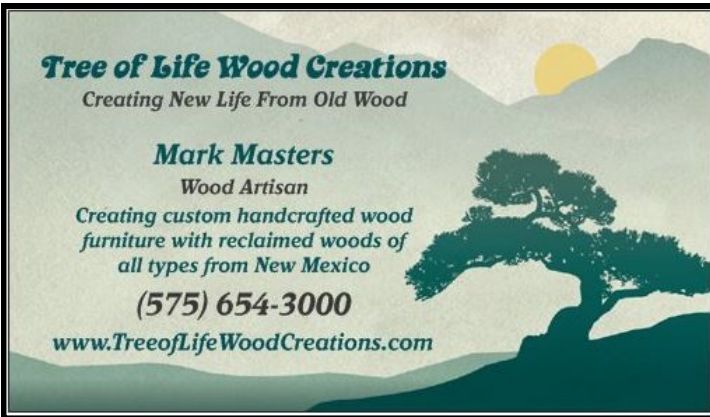
To find out about the roads that are typically closed during the winter season or more information about any of the campgrounds, please contact the local ranger district.

Wilderness Ranger District and Closing the Gates

The Wilderness Ranger District is turning out their Forest Service horses and mules into the Fort Bayard Administrative Site. This pasture is part of Barrel Springs. The Forest Service horses and mules may be seen adjacent to the Fort Bayard Hospital Road. There are multiple hiking and mountain biking trails in this area.

It is vitally important, to both the health and safety of the public and the health and safety of the livestock, that all gates are closed when you exit the pastures. If the gates are left open the horses and mules can wander onto the roads and may wander into parking areas, and curious animals tend to chew on things. This area is open to the public. All gates are identified with signs referring to the livestock in the pasture.

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Meet Your Neighbor

By Katie Dumm

Lawrence Johnson has been working at the transfer station for a year, ever since he moved to Hurley from Baltimore, Maryland. He'd lived in Baltimore for most of his life, and has five kids and ten grandchildren back in Baltimore, all of whom he misses. He laughed when he told me that these days he only hears from them when something's wrong, which I took for a good sign that things are generally pretty good in his family. Lawrence decided to move to Grant County because he was ready for some peace and quiet after living in major cities for his entire life.

When I asked him how he ever ended up here he said his son had lived in Silver City for a while and he'd been here several times and when he thought of peace and quiet this was the place he thought of.

Lawrence enjoys working at the transfer station, where he keeps track of who comes and goes by noting license plate numbers and helps people if

they're confused about where to put their trash or what can go in the recycle bin. Back in Baltimore he worked in the ER at Johns Hopkins, a major medical center in a city with a high crime and violence rate, and compared to that job the transfer station is a dream. He likes being outside, and having short conversations with people as they come and go (he admitted that for the most part he likes keeping to himself

and doesn't usually have much to say), and he smiled when he said he really likes it when people bring him food around the holidays.

One of Lawrence's favorite things to do is sing and you'll be surprised to learn that our quiet transfer station guardian sang in Silver's Got Talent this year and plans on continuing the tradition! Although he likes to keep to himself he has no qualms about bearing his soul in front of

countless strangers through song. His other favorite New Mexico past time is stargazing, and told me Hurley is the perfect place for a hobby that requires dark skies and quiet streets.

Next time you're at the transfer station be sure to say hi to Lawrence on your way out (and maybe bring him some holiday cookies!)



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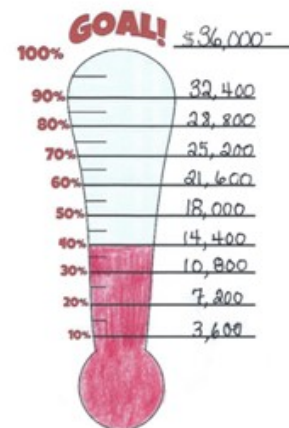


Tribute to Mimbres Culture Heritage Site member JoAnn Ayala

JoAnn passed away in California while visiting family. She had been a volunteer from 2015 and served as secretary for a year. JoAnn's dog, Sophie, usually accompanied her wherever she went. We shared much laughter with JoAnn. Her sense of humor and good nature were strengths we all loved. She will be missed.

Our fund drive for a new roof on the historic Granville Wood house is on! Please continue to support our museum and efforts to educate and preserve the history of the Mimbres Valley. For more information, go to our website www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org.

Winter Hours: We are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 11 AM to 3 PM until April. If you have company, have a group meeting or convention and would like



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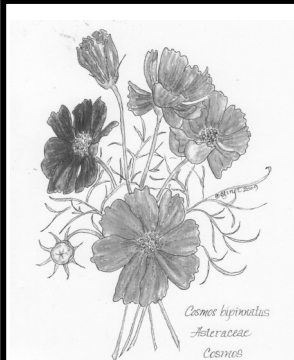
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to visit the museum, please call Kathy @ 575.536.3161 or 307.640.3012 *at least a week in advance* and we can make arrangements to open for the event. School field trips should be arranged in advance with Marilyn Markel, 575.536.9337.

Looking for Volunteers: *If you are looking for something to do* and can spare 4+ hours a month and you like history, we would welcome you as a new volunteer at the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation. We are co-partners with the Grant County Archaeology Society and our mission is to educate all ages about the history of the valley. To participate call Kathy @ 575.536.3161 or cell 307.640.3012.

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Site Steward Foundation Visits Mimbres

By Marilyn Markel

Board members of the Site Steward Foundation spent a few days in southwest NM—visiting archaeological sites like the Mattocks Ruin and learning about the amazing people that lived in Mimbres a thousand and more years ago. Local residents Bill Hudson and Linda Pafford, along with other members of the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) and volunteers at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS), gave tours and presentations to the group, most of whom drove down from Albuquerque and Santa Fe.



Bill Hudson
and Guests



The site steward group also wanted to see the models of the Mattocks Ruin made by Bill Hudson and installed on the interpretive trail at MCHS this past Spring. Costs for the models were paid for by a grant from the Site Steward Foundation and by GCAS. The models look great, and provide visitors to the Mattocks Ruin a much better understanding of what the Mimbres village may have looked like and how the pueblo was constructed.



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

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - December 13 - (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - December 19 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge
Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. **Third Sunday of every month** Off Line and On Line Auction email: desertwest@desertwestauction.com web: www.desertwestauction.com phone: [575-536-9353](tel:575-536-9353) On Line at www.liveauctioneers.com

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MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - There will be no meeting in December 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) - No Board Meeting This Month (usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month) Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. December 6 - 5:30 pm (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday, December 8, 9 am to 3 pm. Handcrafted items, Bake Sale, Breakfast and Lunch.

BINGO - Sunday, December 9 - 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 \$100

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 14.

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday and Thursday - 10:30 am Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

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COUNTY CALENDAR

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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 AUXILIARY - 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, December 12- 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 -Thurs. December 20th

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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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - - Wednesday, December 19 (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM Meetings will be held from October through April in Silver City. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for the December Location.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, December 13 - (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
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Field trip Saturday, December 15 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

HI LOW SILVERS - Friday, December 7 at 7 pm and Sunday, December 9 at 3 pm. Please join the **Hi Lo Silvers** at their **Holiday Concert and Sing-A-Long** in the First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N. Swan Street in Silver City. Singers are directed by Nada Dates and accompanied by Rhonda Gorog on piano ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ and Bill Baldwin on bass violin. ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ FREE

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 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 - Has moved to Deming.

SILVER CITY MUSEUM - Tuesday - Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday - 10 am to 4 pm, 312 West Broadway. Museum Admission is free; \$5 suggested donation.

FAMILY FUN - Saturday, December 1, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Participants make and take their own Christmas Tree Decorations. All materials supplied—Free.

BROWN BAG LECTURE : The True Story of La Capilla, the Team that Recreated it and the Virgin that Inspired it. Thursday, December 6, begins at noon. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

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34th ANNUAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS - Thursday, December 13 - 5 pm to 8 pm. Old time community gathering with entertainment and refreshments.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, December 6 - (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. **Reminder that you should register online.** Cost is \$15 for full lunch. See silvercity.org for detailed information or email info@silvercity.org or call GCCC at 575-538-3785.

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WALGREENS - Tuesday, December 4 (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY -Monday, December 10. Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church . We will have a social hour gathering. Cost of lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. For information call 575-388-1584 M-Th-9:00-12:00

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



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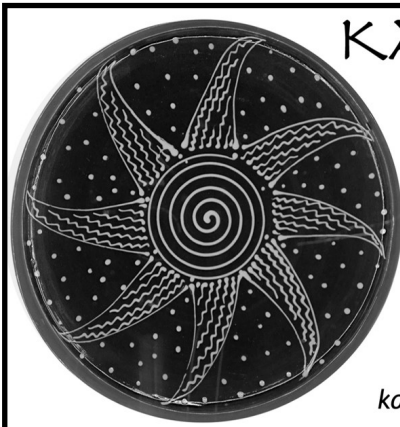
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MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
Chile Relleno...527 w/Shredded cheese Pinto Beans Salad Flour Tortilla	Beef Enchilada Red...503 Calabasitas Banana Ice Cream	Baked Fish ...403 Rice Pilaf Broccoli Breadstick Pear & Yogurt	Tamales....DS14 W/ Red Chile Sauce Salad w/dressing Pinto Beans Tortilla 201	Ham Sandwich ..SL13 Lettuce & Tomato Baked Chips Carrot Sticks with ranch Peaches
10 Green Chile Cheeseburger...103 Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle /Onion Peas & Carrots Apple Sauce Oatmeal Cookie	11 Meat Loaf...130 Scalloped Potatoes Carrot/Raisin Salad WW Roll/Margarine Vanilla Pudding/ Strawberries	12 Baked Ham ..345 Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Green Beans/Tomato/ Onion Corn Bread w/Marg Fruit Salad	13 Chile Beans/Cheeseds2 Garden Salad/Dressing Cornbread/Margarine Strawberries & Ice Cream	14 Pizza...ds13 Meat/Cheese/Veggies Italian Blend Vegetables Garden Salad/Dressing Orange
17 Salisbury Steak ..107 Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll w/Marg Fruit Cocktail	18 Oven Fried Chicken..517 Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Spinach Salad w/ dressing Dinner Roll w/ Marg Watermelon	19 Pork Posole..508a Calabasitas Salad w/dressing Tortilla Cookie	20 Country Fried Steak..122 Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Mixed Veggies Wheat Bread Strawberries & Vanilla Wafers	21 Grill Cheese Sandwich...ds11 on WW Bread Ham & Bean Soup Garden Salad/Dressing Strawberries/Topping
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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 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.



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BARNEY THE BULL

By Dawn Gray

Barry & Dawn Gray have a nice black bull, who weighs around 1200 lbs. His name is Barney, and he's pretty mellow. He has been visiting some heifers at Anthony Romero's place lately.

The day after Thanksgiving, Barney decided to raid Anthony Romero's hay storage building. Rather than getting hay, he got his head stuck in the hay room door, and easily ripped it away from the rest of the building. Anthony came on the scene and found Barney wearing what amounted to a metal bib, and called Barry right away for help with the situation. Barry called some friends and they gathered ropes, generators, metal sawing equipment and who knows what else.

The situation still seemed pretty hopeless. How do you get a bull to stand still long enough to re-



move his bib? It was decided to see if Dale & Meg Streams had a tranquilizer gun. The call was made and Mimbres Mobile Vet service was off to the rescue. In the meantime the sun is setting.

About 45 minutes later Meg took aim and when the dart hit Barney in the rear end he flipped his head up in the air and dislodged his bib. Everyone breathed a big sigh of relief. Barney laid down for a nice sleep. It sure was a good thing he didn't have his bib on. He could have laid down on it and then it would have been a matter of how to get it out from under him.

Barney didn't get a scratch on him except for where the dart went in. A few hours later the tranquilizer wore off and everything was back to normal.

The Wagon Seat Mystery

By Marilyn Markel

In October the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site celebrated National Archaeology Day. Reenactors acted out the infamous shooting that happened at the site in 1902, when Ben Gooch shot and killed J.D. Ross, a terrible tragedy that ruined many lives. For a prop for the reenactment an old wagon was needed to set the scene. For, as the story goes, on that tragic day, J.D. Ross was pitching hay into a wagon just before he confronted Gooch and a pitchfork vs gun battle resulted in the death of Ross.

Meg and Dale Streams generously loaned their historic wagon to MCHS for the event. But, Oh, No! When the wagon was returned the seat was missing. What happened to it? No one knows. It's a mystery! Where did it go? Did it fall off in transit? Did someone find it? Can we replace it? So, we have looked along the highway and Sage Road. No luck. The mystery is still unsolved. Will we find the lost wagon seat? If anyone out there can help please call MCHS 536-3333, Kathy Hill 536-3161 or Marilyn Markel 536-9337.



ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES



ROUNDUP LODGE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ 9 AM to 3 PM

Lots of local crafters will be presenting their wares just in time for Christmas.

Glass art work, hand made cards, Christmas tree ornaments, hand made jewelry, rag rugs, quilted items, knitted scarfs, and much much more.

BAKE SALE

Home made goodies—something for everyone.



December will be a busy, fun-filled month at the Roundup Lodge. There will be several Christmas parties and special events taking place.

December Booster Club meeting will be on Thursday, December 6th at 5:30. Everyone is welcome to share pot luck and attend the meeting following.

December 8th – Roundup Lodge Christmas Bazaar: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Artists, artisans and other creators of hand-made originals will offer their wares for stress-free holiday shopping. There will also be a bake sale and snacks available for purchase. Always an interesting and congenial day.

The winner of the raffle for the 1-1/2 cord of firewood (oak and juniper mix) will be drawn during the bazaar. There may be a few tickets still available, they will be on sale at La Tien-da until all are sold. You need not be present to win.

December 9th – Holiday Bingo, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The final grand prize game will feature a \$100 prize. This is also the last opportunity in 2018 to bring a child's toy (age-appropriate for 3 to 12 years, valued at \$5 and up) and to receive a free Bingo card with the purchase of a 3-card pack. Toys support the Booster Club's annual Christmas Program for the students at San Lorenzo Elementary School our AAAA rated local school.

On January 1st, there will be a New Years Day Brunch at the Lodge, featuring traditional breakfast items and some other assorted goodies to help you get off to a good start in the new year. Hours will be 11 am to 2 pm. Come on by.

All best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Roundup.



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Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

From a young age, my grandmother never felt loved. Her mom told her that she exists because "the quality of rubber was poor in the forties". Her mother's harsh words rolled off of my grandmother's tongue like water off a duck's back.

Youu can't tell from her slim stature, but my grandmother is a strong woman. She is a walking inspiration. With every breath, she breathes in negativity, hopelessness, and despair and as she breathes out, she whispers contagious kindness, hope, and love. As a mental health specialist and a family counselor, my grandmother spends every waking moment dedicated to her cli-



ents. She battles in court to reunite families, zips off to hospitals in the middle of the night, and rushes to crime scenes.

But her battles are not confined to her job. She fights for the environment, fights for equality, and now at seventy-five, she's fighting cancer and still hasn't retired from her practice. And somehow, she still has room in her heart and time in her schedule to love me unconditionally. She is the best byproduct of poor quality rubber, that anyone could have ever asked for. I am inspired by the fact that she is still standing and I aspire to be as selfless as she is.

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Report from Mimbres

By Atilyn Diedrich

Happenings at the San Lorenzo
Elementary School

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On the 12th of November, we had the veterans day program. For this program we, the 5th graders and the 6th graders, served our veterans enchiladas with some coffee and tea, then we served them cake or pumpkin pie.

After they were done, we sang our songs. The Star Spangled Banner, Grand Old Flag, This Land is Your Land, Service Songs, Thank you Soldiers, My Country Tis of Thee, and God Bless the USA.

This is one of the best times of the year.

Thank you veterans.

**Happy
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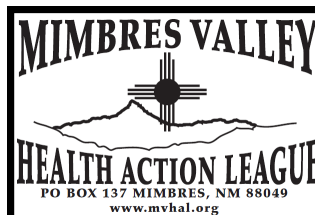
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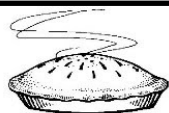
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WEDNESDAY ~ No regular meeting this month. MVHAL. Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY, December 19th- Noon to 2 pm

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

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.



Harvest Festival Pie Contest - by Kathy Overholt

This article should have been printed in last month's issue, but was accidentally omitted. Our apology to Kathy. She did an excellent job of running the pie contest at the Harvest Festival and writing this article.

Thanks to all who participated in the 2018 pie contest – it was a scrumptious success. Seventeen pies were entered and we made a total of \$246 dollars. First prize winner was Lisa Pipes with a pecan pie that was adjusted for high altitude. The second prize winner was Kathleen Clinton who submitted a peach pie. We had a tie for third place: Linda Rosson with an apple crumb and RJ Nelson with a rhubarb pie.

In addition, we had four apple pies submitted by Karen Cornell, Mary Willhite, Louise Cash, and Elsie Troutman. There were two other pecan pies: from George Tripp and Pat Montgomery. Mary Willhite also entered a raspberry pie and Jan Tripp made a blueberry pie. Mr. Flanders entered a green grape walnut habanero. Jennie Reynolds submitted an apricot tapioca pie and Katie Dunum a pear calafoutis. The Elk Crossing brought a sweet potato pie with apple and a squash pie. We had the winners' announcement at noon and by 1.30 all the pieces of pie were gone. You have to come early.

I'd like to thank our three judges, Dale Streams, Ramona Orton, and Frank Waid. They took their responsibilities seriously and their votes could not be swayed – hence the tie for third place. Kate Brown saved the day by generously donating an additional prize. Thank you Kate! Also a big thanks to Mary Willhite, who was a boundless source of energy and broke her back leaning over to cut endless slices of pie.

To all the entrants, I can personally say that your pies were delicious. They were rated according to: appearance (5 points), crust (5 points) and taste (10 points). Each judge awarded a score out of 20 and we added the scores of the

three judges for a total of 60. Only 2 points separated the first and second place winners, and two more points separated the second from the thirds. The remaining 13 pies scored within 5 points of third place. The bottom line is – all the pies were great.

We're thinking of adding another category next year that will award bonus points for healthy or unusual pies. Watch this space for next year's details! In the meantime, the holiday season is a fine time to practice your pie-making skills. I hope to see you all – and more -- next September. Thanks again for coming out!

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