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MIMBRES MESSENGER

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS and the EMS

By Mary Willhite

Our Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD) and our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are probably something you don't give a lot of thought—until you need them. They are the two most valuable organizations in our community. We should all be aware of the role they play and be thankful that we have such dedicated people looking after us.

All stations and the EMS are separate entities and cover different areas, but they all work together and rely on each other.

Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire Stations – Fire Chief, Ed Powers. Chief Powers oversees two stations. The main station located on Hwy. 35 (mm 5 next to the Post Office) and Thunderbird Station located on Hwy 35 (mm 13). These stations covers from Hwy 152 to mm 15 on Highway 35 (the Continental Divide) and the north side of Hwy. 152 to the top of the Black Range (Emory Pass). There are eight trucks, 21 volunteer fire fighters and five auxiliary staff. They are also the only station with extrication equipment and are therefore the ones to respond to any motor vehicle accident needing this equipment.

Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire Station – Fire Chief, Paul Kenney Located on Hwy 35 in the Lake Roberts area. This station was started in 1987 by the original fire Chief, Tom Ross. He is still a member of the fire department, and one of their best fire fighters. This station has a couple of unique situations. By mutual agreement between Grant and Catron Counties, this is the only station that services two counties. Two thirds of residents in their area are seasonal. An astonishing 10% of their full time residents work with the Volunteer Fire Station. This station covers from mm 15 on Hwy 35 to the Gila Cliff Dwellings on Hwy 15. They have five trucks, 16 Fire Fighters, six dispatch personnel, and seven general membership support persons.

Lower Mimbres Volunteer Fire Stations – Fire Chief, Mike Vaughn Chief Vaughn oversees two stations located on Hwy 61 (one in Sherman and one in Faywood).

There are 18 volunteer fire fighters and eight trucks that work out of both stations. These two stations cover Hwy 61 from Hwy 152 to Hwy 180, which includes the south side of the Black Range. Chief Vaughn says it takes lot of commitment to be a volunteer, and he has great personnel.

Santa Rita Volunteer Fire Station – Fire Chief, Mark Standard. Chief Standard will soon oversee two stations. Presently, there is the Ivanhoe Station located on Hwy 152 (mm 9). They cover from mm 2 to mm 13 on Hwy 152. This includes Georgetown Road, Route 56 to Bayard, Vanadium, Hanover, Fierro as well as helping out the mine. They presently have 8 trucks, 20 volunteer fire fighters and 4 other personnel. They have two class A pumper trucks, 2 water tenders, 2 brush trucks (for wildland fires), a service vehicle and a command vehicle.

There is soon to be an additional station in this area. If you have noticed the new construction at the junction of Hwy 152 and Hwy 365, this will be the new station which has been in the works prior to 2005 and hopefully will be completed around March.

EMS Ambulance Services – (Located on Hwy 35 mm 2) – Operated by the Gila Regional Medical Center with our local responders, Bethany and Elizabeth Coffee. The EMS ambulance service covers a huge area - from Hwy 180 north on Hwy 61 to the Gila Cliff Dwellings along Hwys 35 and 15 and from the High Spot on Hwy 152 all the way to Emory Pass.

In case of any type of emergency, you must call 911.

Even if you know the Fire Chief personally, they do not have the ability to page tone the other fire radios—only Central Dispatch can do that. If you try to circumvent the 911 call, you will just be slowing down the response time.

To be such a small, unfunded community, we are very fortunate to have these services. They not only save lives and property, but they also save you money on insurance and tax dollars. As Chief Kenney said "Volunteer Fire De-

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**By: Anna Willhite**

February may be the shortest month, but there are a lot of things going on in and around the Valley this month. Some of those things are highlighted in this issue, so read on, be informed and enjoy.

Local AARP Volunteers in and around the area are gearing up for tax season 2018. These services will be offered in Mimbres, at the Senior Center, and in Bayard at the Public Library. For those anxious to get this annual task out of the way early, be aware that many financial institutions which provide retirement income have until mid-February to get their customers' statements in the mail. So when you are planning to make an appointment for income tax return preparation, make sure you have received all of your income statements.

The Grant County Extension Service will be offering weekly workshops beginning on February 6th at the Roundup Lodge. These workshops will be of interest to adults of all ages living with one or more ongoing health conditions (diabetes, arthritis, pain, cancer, high cholesterol, depression, asthma, heart disease and high blood pressure). See the press release in this issue. There is no cost to attend and you can call the Grant County Extension Office at 575-388-1559 to sign up for the program.

The Mimbres area has a most efficient grapevine for local interests and questions about new and important issues relating to the area. (This is not the same as a "rumor mill" which exists in all small communities and is a favorite pastime of many!) We will address some of the inquiries that have come to our attention lately, hopefully not of the rumor variety, about which interest has been conveyed to us.



Many folks have indicated interest in the Grant County Commissioners' recommendation to lower the speed limits on local state highways. See the insightful article in this month's *Messenger* for more information.

There have been questions and apparent confusion regarding the current state of EMS, fire and ambulance services in the area. Virtually everyone involved in these important endeavors is a volunteer, and often go unnoticed in the overall perception of who, what, where and when their services are available. We hope to put to rest some of those questions here this month.

The local Chainsaw Raffle drawing will take place at the Roundup Lodge on February 10th. The proceeds from this event will go directly to the San Lorenzo Elementary School Backpack (weekend lunch) Program. The volunteers who have been managing this event promise an interesting time at the drawing. See what they have in store in the article here.

Submission of articles, ads or other tidbits for publication in the March *Messenger* will need to be early in February. Virtually three-quarters of the volunteer staff will be unavailable toward the end of the month, and copy will have to be finished extra early for timely publication in early March. Therefore, the official deadline for submissions for the March issue is February 17th. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Among February holidays are Groundhog Day on the 2nd which will hopefully portend a shorter end of winter, Valentine's Day on the 14th – which is also Ash Wednesday this year and President's Day on the 19th is a national holiday. Lots happening on the shortest month of the year.

Proposed Use of Recreational Off-Road Vehicles on NM Highways in Mimbres

By Jim York

The Grant County Commission recently requested that the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) allow recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) to be driven on certain sections of NM highways in the county. Where the speed limit on those sections exceeds 45 mph, the speed limit would be reduced to 45 mph. This article is meant to inform Mimbres area residents on the status of this request and the pros and cons of the changes. It is not meant to advocate a position on the request.

The ROV terminology, as used by county, does not include all types of off-highway vehicles. The ROV must have a headlight, a taillight, brakes, mirrors, signal horn, spark arrester, and mufflers. It must have a steering wheel and non-straddle seating, which excludes some types of all-terrain vehicles. The operator must have a driver's license, registration of the ROV, off-highway motor vehicle education card issued by the NM Dept. of Game and Fish, and vehicle liability insurance. The operator must wear eye protection and a safety helmet, and all occupants must use safety belts.

NM vehicle law was changed in 2016 to add provisions potentially allowing ROVs on paved roads. A county or municipality could pass an ordinance allowing ROVs on paved roads that they control or request that NMDOT allow ROVs on NM-controlled roads. Grant County passed such an ordinance for its roads in 2017, as did Santa Clara. Silver City and Bayard did not pass similar ordinances.

Grant County's request in November 2017 to NMDOT included certain NM highway sections throughout the county, but the longest sections are in areas used frequently by Mimbres area residents. They include all of NM 35 (approximately 27 miles), NM 61 from Faywood to NM 152 (approximately 16 miles), NM 15 from the city limit to Gila Hot Springs (approximately 37 miles), NM 152 from Hanover westward approximately 2 miles, and NM 356 from Bayard to Hanover (approximately 4 miles). Because NMDOT requires that the maximum speed limit be 45 mph on highway sections approved for ROVs, speed limit reductions would occur on about 3 miles of NM 35, 5 miles of NM 61, and 4 miles of NM 15.

NMDOT's District 1 will next conduct a technical analysis of safety and other aspects related to the request. They will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of

Transportation, who could modify it. The Secretary then asks for approval from the State Transportation Commission, who could also make modifications. This Commission consists of six members appointed by the Governor from each of NMDOT's six districts. There is no specific schedule for this entire process.

The State Transportation Commission policy for ROV use of NM highways specifies several factors needed for approval, including that the designations be made cautiously and sparingly, the designations provide reasonable and safe use in areas that have significant outdoor recreation activity by ROVs, demonstration that the routes tie together these recreational areas, and documented community support for the changes. They would conduct a public hearing on the request.

The main pros for the request are that ROVs would be able to link US Forest Service roads that allow ROVs but do not connect with each other without travel on NM highways. This linkage may lead to positive impacts on local tourism.

The main cons for car and truck drivers would be lowered speed limits and being stuck behind ROVs that are moving less than the speed limit. There would also be air quality and noise concerns.

Mimbres area residents may want to provide their opinions for or against the request, or for modifications. There was a public input opportunity at the county commission meeting when the request was approved, but the county commissioners can be contacted again. There does not appear to be a public input request for NMDOT's ongoing technical analysis. After the Secretary of Transportation receives the analysis, he may be open to public input. Then there will be public input for the hearing by the State Transportation Commission.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL)

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partments are probably one of the best ideas our government has ever had. The majority of the cost of running a fire department is the personnel, not the cost of the trucks and equipment.” Having fire fighting services in our rural area allows residents to qualify for property insurance. The Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire Department has a recognized ISO insurance rating of 8-B. The Santa Rita Volunteer Fire Department has a rating of 7. These high ratings (actually the lower the number the better) not only allow for lower rates for residential insurance, but allows the station to receive more funding. These ratings are based on the equipment, the personnel, training and water availability.

As we all know, water is a precious commodity in this area. All stations have what is called a CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System). This is a water and soapy type foam mixture that substantially extends the time that fire fighters can stay on site. For example, what would normally use approximately 3,000 gallons of water without the system only uses approximately 400 gallons of water with the system.

Your Volunteer fire fighters do more than just fight fires. They respond to all types of emergencies and supply fire preventive assistance. They assist with medical emergencies, automobile accidents, put out landing lights and wet down areas for emergency helicopter transport. They will come to your property and perform a fire prevention assessment for your home and yard. The dedicated volunteer fire fighters are not only on call at a moment's notice 24/7 for their “volunteer job”, they also have to attend training classes and regular meetings, and help raise funds to keep their stations going and well equipped. All of this is no small feat, and it demands a lot of hard work, time, energy, dedication and a desire to help the community. Chief Standard said that “Grant County has very high standards for their Volunteer Fire Stations and they have some of the best equipment in the state and all of the personnel he has worked with have very professional attitudes”. Obviously, it takes special people to do this work, and we are grateful to have the volunteers as our neighbors.

You can help your local VFD help you. Any season is “fire season” particularly when it is dry like it is now. Keep the area around your house and outbuildings clear of dried weeds and brush. Be very cautious when you are doing a controlled burn and do it in a cleared area with your garden hose at hand. You may not know this, but according to Chief Kenney it is a **legal requirement** that

anyone doing a controlled burn, **must** call central dispatch at **575-388-8840** and let them know when and where you are burning as well as calling them back when you are finished with the burn. Many well-meaning neighbors will report a fire before determining if it is a controlled burn, thus wasting our volunteers' time and money if the burn hasn't been reported to fire dispatch.

Having no ambulance service for the past 4 years, we are very grateful to have this service once again. Bethany and Elizabeth Coffee have worked very hard to make this a reality, and they are continuing to work to upgrade their certifications. As everyone knows, these are very busy ladies. They run the 3 Questions Café, work in Silver part time, go to school in Las Cruces to upgrade their certification and attend meetings and training sessions as part of their volunteer fire fighters duties. With all that said, they are on-call 24/7 to respond to your medical emergencies. Obviously, there may be times when they are out of the area and unable to respond. In that instance, dispatch will send an ambulance from Bayard with their backup being Silver City. But if our local responders are at all able, they will respond with their well-equipped ambulance. There is a state-of-the art heart monitor on board that can transmit pictures of your heart to the doctors for immediate diagnosis. The ambulance, as well as all of the fire trucks, is equipped with AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators).

Bethany asked me to report, please do not try to call them directly. You will just be wasting precious time in an emergency. They cannot respond without getting dispatched from Central Dispatch, **so please call 911 for any emergency**. Central Dispatch dispatches all EMT's, fire and police. The dispatchers are highly trained individuals, and many times can offer helpful, life-saving information.

However, there are a few things you can do to help increase response time. Prior to any emergency, make sure your house number is prominently displayed so as to be visible to drivers of emergency vehicles. Make sure you give dispatch your correct address and any landmarks that might help. If the emergency is such that the patient can be easily transported in a car and you are a long distance from the ambulance, you can arrange to meet the ambulance at a designated spot.

And, most import—next time you see any of these volunteers, **THANK THEM!**

GARDENING IN THE MIMBRES

By Mary Willhite & Aleada Siragusa

One of our neighbors, Aleada Siragusa, contacted me a while back with information on her blog about learning to garden in the Southwest, and she gave me permission to use it in the *Messenger*. She and her husband, Guy, moved to Mimbres about 5 years ago from Florida, and they have been adjusting to the challenge of gardening in Mimbres.

I have been dilatory about including it in the *Messenger*. With the demands of the holidays and it being winter and all, I just couldn't get excited about gardening (I don't even want to go outside). But this month (having a little time before the tax season starts), and spring being right around the corner, I decided to go to Aleada's blog and get to work on a little gardening series. Well, that series will just have to wait until next month, because when I went to her blog, I found this delightful story and pictures of her bird bath in her garden.

On her blog, I also discovered that while she credits her husband, Guy, as being the real gardener, Aleada is a very talented artist. Her blog is great, so if you have a computer and a little time, check out it out. <http://aleadasiragusa.blogspot.com/> In the meantime, this is a little glimpse of what you can expect from her blog.


From Aleada's Blog

"We bought a backyard Community pool for the neighborhood birds from the Silver City ReStore which supports Habitat for Humanity. The pool is a big hit with the birds. They visit all at once several times a day, particularly in the morning, to wash and drink and then fly away. Now that the birdbaths are freezing in the morning, when Guy gets up he puts hot water in the birdbaths to thaw the ice. We are enjoying having so many birds visit our yard and the birds in our yard will make great subjects for many paintings and drawings."



"For many years in Florida I had a large aviary with small birds in it which of course, Guy built for me. I liked to spend time with the birds and I did many sketches while visiting with them after tending to their needs. Sketching from life keeps an artist quick and makes one observe the essence of the subject."





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Mimbres Valley Farmers Market Renaissance 2018! Organizational Meeting

In January everything, that is able to, hibernates. But as February rolls around, many of us feel the first stirrings of spring. Along with that comes the pull of our gardens. We trim trees, we spread compost, and wonder what kind of a growing season lies before us. Will we have fruit? Will it be a good year for tomatoes? Will there be a good monsoon season? Will the first hard freeze arrive before the end of November? It sure didn't in 2017!

And there is another question that arises: Will there be a Farmer's Market in the Mimbres Valley this year?

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) will hold a Farmer's Market organizational meeting sometime in March to gauge the level of interest among Valley growers, and to strategize how to make our market a vibrant, happening weekly event. The exact date and location of the meeting will appear in the March *Messenger*.

Ideas for growers to consider: would a mini grant to help buy seeds help you to plant crops specifically for sale and the Farmers Market? Do you have the equipment you need to set up a booth, i.e. a portable table, maybe a canopy for shade? If the answer is no, there may be ways to get you started. Coming together to share resources is something a strong community like ours is able to do! There is also interest in an early plant sale at Valle Mimbres Market. Details and dates will also be published in the March *Messenger*.

Ideas for customers: what would you like to buy at a Farmers Market? Would you set aside a time each week to come see what your Valley growers have available? There are various Food Assistance Programs available

through the New Mexico Farmers Market Association. Would you be interested in knowing more about these programs, for Senior Citizens, SNAP participants and others?

The Mimbres Valley Farmers Market has a past association with the New Mexico Farmers Market Association, which could be updated if there is enough interest from the community. Here's what they say on their website <https://www.newmexicofma.org>:

The New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association is devoted to supporting farming and locally produced foods in every New Mexico community. We do this by:

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NEWS FROM

By Katie Hill

**MIMBRES
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In the 1880s, medical schools in the East were turning out a surplus of medical doctors. In the crowded market of doctors back east, in order to support himself, Dr. Granville N. Wood came west to Grant County, NM. In 1881, Dr. Wood married his new wife, Maggie E. Moody of Silver City. In 1882, they were moving into their new house on their homestead on the Mimbres River. The house is still standing at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site - 12 Sage Drive.

The good doctor had a practice in Georgetown, also. There he cared for the miners and general public. But his good deeds didn't prevent sadness in their life. Their son and daughter caught scarlet fever, which was going around the mining camp, and both passed away leaving heartbroken parents.

The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation protects the home which is on the National Historic Register. Visitors can walk into the Dr. Wood's medical office.

To see this site, come on a tour or visit. The museum is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11- 3. The first Saturday of each month, at 1 pm, there is a walking tour of the Mattocks Site to accompany the rest of the heritage site's buildings.

Things are always changing at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Come on by to shop for something special in the gift shop or walk the trail. See you soon!

Give Grandly

Give Grandly, organized by the Grant County Community Foundation (GCCF) and the Southwest NM Non-Profit Coalition (SWNMNPC), are preparing for year 5. Won't you consider putting us on your calendar to Give Grandly - enabling us to reach our goals?

Most people are unaware that the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (a 501(c)3 is run by volunteers and that we survive on donations and gift shop purchases. **Community support is so very important to our success.** We spend most of our time educating students and adults. Now we have added the annual Hummingbird Festival to our activities which will be July 28 and 29, 2018.

Give Grandly 2018 will be May 1 (time and place to be forthcoming). This is an opportunity for us to accept tax-deductible donations for which we **will receive matching funds**. The amount may go up from \$250 this year.

When you donate to our wonderful Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation, please "give grandly" near May 1 so we can match funds. Cash is always welcomed and can be applied also.

Our main goal is to educate the public and to improve our museum. We desperately need a new roof on the historic Dr. Granville Wood House and to be able to pay our bills. For more information, call Kathy Hill @ 575.536.3161.

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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Activities at the Roundup Lodge will be getting under way in earnest in February. The new year will bring several interesting activities and, hopefully, many new visitors to the Lodge.

The Booster Club will meet on February 1st, with an opportunity for joining this volunteer group and for participation in some (or all) of the many events and gatherings to take place in February and beyond. We will have a light dinner at 5:30, followed by a business meeting where we discuss and plan what's coming up. Join us.

Starting in February, the Grant County Extension Service will be conducting a 7-week workshop program for adults of all ages, focusing on health and wellness issues including pain management, nutrition, exercise, medication use, emotions and communicating with doctors. Attendance is free, and the workshops will run weekly from February 6th through March 20th. You can sign up for this program by calling the Extension Office at 575-388-1559. See press release in this issue.

On Saturday, February 10th, the chainsaw raffle drawing will be held at the Lodge and the organizers have a very festive occasion planned, with an early focus on Valentine's Day. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase before the drawing. See the article in this issue. The raffle is being held for the benefit of the San Lorenzo Elementary School backpack program, which provides weekend lunches for students now on the four-day school schedule.

Bingo will be on February 11th, continuing the advance opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day. Of course, Bingo Day is always a fun time at the Roundup, and lately has been very well attended by folks who want to have a fun Sunday afternoon. This month will be no exception.

For seven weeks starting in February, there will be an additional weekly meeting at the Lodge, bringing the monthly total of gatherings to over 20! The Lodge will still be available for rental for private parties and other gatherings, but it is going to be even more imperative that prior reservations be made as early as possible to accommodate preferred dates. To reserve the Lodge for an event, call Sally at 505-360-1583 or (after February) Anna at 536-9323.

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

New Mexico State University's Grant County Cooperative Extension Office will offer a free Manage Your Chronic Disease/Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (MyCD/CDSMP) beginning in early February. The MyCE/CDSMP is an interactive group workshop for adults of all ages living with one or more ongoing health conditions like diabetes, arthritis, pain, cancer, high cholesterol, depression, asthma, heart disease and high blood pressure. The program focuses on building skills for improving pain management, nutrition, exercise, medication use, emotions and communicating with doctors.

The weekly workshop sessions will be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. each Tuesday from February 6 through March 20, 2018 at the Roundup Lodge, in Mimbres. It will be led by certified workshop leaders Mary Ann Finn and Leticia Roybal.

Call the Grant County Extension Office at 575-388-1559 to sign up for this free program. Family, friends and caregivers are also welcome to attend.

The MyCD/CDSMP was developed and tested at Stanford University and has proven to be very effective. The program is supported by the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and is being offered in partnership with New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service.



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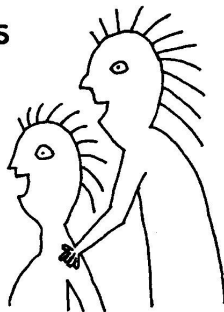
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But, if you go out and take a walk, refresh, get away from the sadness, if you make a phone call and find the richness in the people around you,

If you look up to the mountains and down into the valleys, listen for the bird sounds or the wild turkey call, admire our big blue sky, you will find your reward.

Step outside and feel your breath shorten from breathing the crisp cold air, wrap up and go out there anyway, just beyond your driveway, your front door, or even your window.

AARP TAX-AIDE FOUNDATION

Free Tax Return Preparation

Free income tax return preparation will begin in the Mimbres Valley on Monday, February 5th and following Mondays (except February 19th and 26th) at the Mimbres Senior Center or at the Bayard Public Library on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning February 7th.

You MUST have an appointment. To make an appointment, call 575-536-9323 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you need to leave a message, speak slowly and distinctly, spell your last name and be sure to speak slowly when leaving your phone number.

Be sure to have all of your tax documents in hand before making an appointment.

Return preparation will also be in Silver City at WNMU Watts Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning February 6th. An appointment is also required there, but the routine is a bit different. You must sign up at the Silver City Senior Center or Silver City Public Library, and someone will call you to make an appointment.



Mimbres Roundup Lodge
Your Community Center
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY - 5:30 pm Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month. For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

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

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets **February 15** - (usually the third Thursday of every month) **6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

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MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - **February 8** - 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) - **Board Meeting** - **February 14** - **Second Wednesday of the month** - **5:30 pm** .Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Everyone Welcome.

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. **February 1** - (Usually First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - **Sunday, February 11** - **2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for 1 \$10.00. Grand Prize of \$50

MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY— Monday - Friday 11:30 Reservations are requested one day in advance.

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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, February 14 - 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, February 22

Mimbres - Living Harvest Bakery 9:45 am - 10:45 am

Lake Roberts - Sapillo Creek Fire Station 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Doc Campbell's Post (near Gila Cliff Dwellings) 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, February 21 - 3rd WEDS of the month. 6:00 PM The Mary Foule Building 2045 Memory Lane (large building on the west side of the street with yellow door) in Silver City. The speaker will be Roger Anyon, Pina County Archaeologist. For information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, February 8 - (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**

Field trip Saturday, February 17 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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 - 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

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, February 1 - WNMU Student Cafeteria, Sunset Room, Student Memorial Building, 100 College Avenue. Guest speaker will be Mr. Audie Brown, superintendent of the Silver Consolidated School District. Mr. Brown will discuss current issues at Silver Consolidated Schools and he will entertain questions at the end of his presentation. **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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SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Call for date and time. Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan, in Silver City. 860-670-4543

WALGREENS - Tuesday, February 6 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, February 12 - 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 - Speaker is Ellen Brown from the U.S. Forest Service. 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 FOR JANUARY

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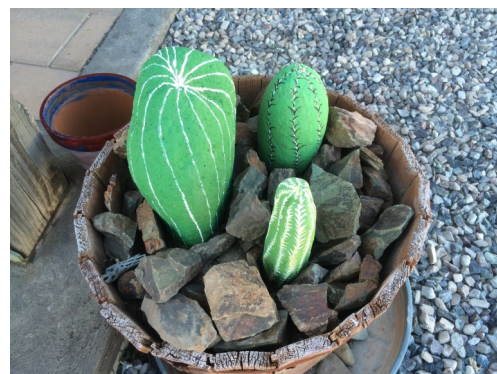
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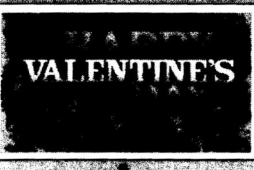

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The Valentines Day event will help support the Mimbres Boosters and the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site Education Fund.

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Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen

The vibrant, hipster, and friendly streets of downtown Tucson, Arizona welcomed seventeen brilliant, rural, open-minded pupils from Bayard, New Mexico on January 19, 2018. These students were on a field trip for young entrepreneurs. Tucson, a city over 225 times larger than the town of Bayard, can be intimidating for young teens who have never seen skyscrapers, taxis whizzing by, or homeless people yelling and begging for money. But this was no ordinary group of students.

These curious, fresh-eyed, young middle schoolers, were not only enthralled by their surroundings, but they also interacted with the people in an excited, nonjudgmental manner. Without pity, they sympathized with less fortunate people. Without discrimination, they greeted and waved to as many people as they could. Without shame, they spoke to the ignored, disregarded homeless population.

Not only were they able to speak to a homeless person, who most people ignore, fear, or regard with disgust, but

the students gave him their uneaten food and spare change without a second thought. I, like most Americans, ignore the homeless, view them as a problem, and even fear them. These kids simply saw a person underneath the unkempt facade.

Are they brave? No, because they weren't afraid to begin with. Are they kind? No, because they felt no pity. Are these teens any different from the rest of Americans? No, we all have the capability to do what they did, but many of us choose not to take action. They are simply humans, interacting with another human without self-interest.

People born and raised in the hustle and bustle of the big city are often numb. America, it's time to open your eyes and un-numb yourself. It's time to follow the lead of the youth and change our perspective. They are the future. As they lead by example, they will pave the way for humane change.

TERRIFIC KID AWARDS



The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for December at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The program "honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship". The club has formed a partnership with 9 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies for them and their parents.

Back Row: Cheyanne Medrano, Dayton Bizzell, Riley Ybarra, and Ixayane Alcorta.

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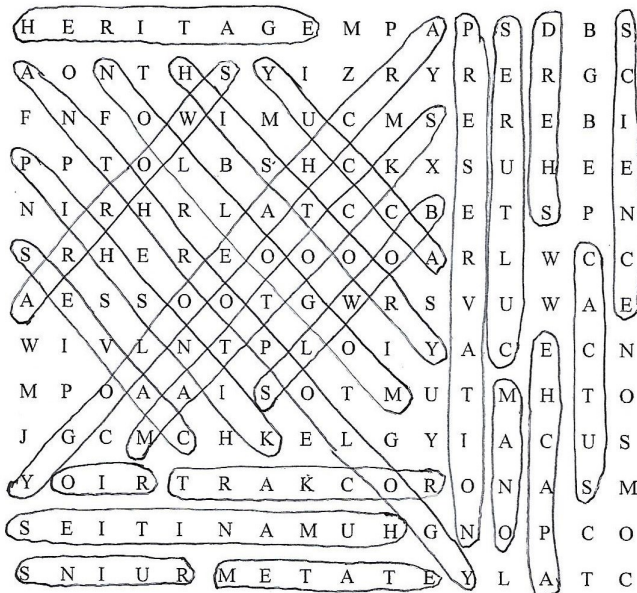
WEDNESDAY, February 14 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin-Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME.

WEDNESDAY, February 21 - 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.

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