

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

January and February Combo edition 2019

# MIMBRES MESSENGER



TAXES, TAXES, TAXES and MORE TAXES  
THERE IS MUCH THAT IS NEW THIS YEAR



As volunteers for the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation, we are starting to get calls and questions regarding 2018 taxes. YES, we are going to be preparing tax returns this year, and NO we don't have all of the answers yet!

### SOME OF THE CHANGES

One thing we do know for sure is that they **HAVE NOT** simplified the tax return. Upon finishing the first tax return on my qualifying certification test (required for all who volunteer for AARP Tax-Aide), it was a mere 61 pages long! And, there was nothing unusual about the return. Everyone will now file a new version of the 1040 (but not as short as the 1040 EZ which has been eliminated), but they have added new schedules (#1 - #6) that need to go with the 1040 this year.

The other thing we do know for sure is that there are a few changes that will affect most everyone who is filing a federal return. The **three most important changes** that will affect most taxpayers are:

- All low and most moderate-income taxpayers will now have **no need to itemize deductions**, so all those receipts you have been saving you probably will not be able to use. Your qualified receipts would have to add up to \$12,000 for single, \$18,000 for Head of Household (HOH), and \$24,000 for married filing jointly before it would be worthwhile to itemize deductions. Also, a lot of the items you may have used in the past, no longer qualify. Tax preparation fees, safety deposit boxes, moving expenses, and investment fee expenses for example.
- However, **don't throw away those medical and drug receipts**, because they may help you on your NM State Taxes – be sure and bring them when you get your tax returns done even if you can't itemize.
- All Personal Exemptions** (\$4,050 for each taxpayer and for over 65 and blind) **have been eliminated**. If you are

over 65 or blind, it has been replaced with a \$1,600 additional standard deduction for single or (HOH) and \$1,300 for married filing jointly.

- New Tax Rates:** Basically, the lowest rate at the 10% level remains the same as last year, the middle brackets have been lowered between 0% and 3% and the highest tax bracket was lowered from 39.6% to 37%.

Rate	For Unmarried Individuals, Taxable Income Over	For Married Individuals Filing Joint Returns, Taxable Income Over	For Heads of Households, Taxable Income Over
10%	\$0	\$0	\$0
12%	\$9,525	\$19,050	\$13,600
22%	\$38,700	\$77,400	\$51,800
24%	\$82,500	\$165,000	\$82,500
32%	\$157,500	\$315,000	\$157,500
35%	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$200,000
37%	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$500,000

Unless you are in a high tax bracket, most of the other changes will not affect your tax return.

### GETTING YOUR TAX RETURN PREPARED IN GRANT COUNTY

Volunteers, in conjunction with the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation and the IRS, will be preparing tax returns in your area. Starting in the beginning of February through April 11 you can get your tax return prepared for FREE in Grant County at three locations: **Mimbres Senior Center** on Mondays from 9 am to 12 noon; **Bayard Public Library** on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm; and **Watt's Hall in Silver City** from 9 am to 2 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. But, to get your returns prepared for FREE, you **MUST** have an appointment.

If you want your returns prepared in Mimbres or at the Bayard Public Library, you will need to call Anna or

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

There was no January issue of *The Messenger* this year. We apologize for that lack, but it was another facet of too much to do and too little time during the holidays. At the end of December, when the January issue would have been being readied for publication, there were not enough volunteers ambulatory and present to get the job done. We determined that the best we could do was combine the January and February issues and publish in mid-January. So here it is.

As we are all volunteers, we look for help from additional volunteers in times of need. We are vastly experienced at recruiting (begging) for volunteer help in the Valley. Fortunately, potential volunteers abound in the Valley in almost every possible venue. We are ordinarily able to plan projects, recruit additional assistance and face little serious disruption in our schedule. Not so much in December.

This past holiday season was not so easy. Countless folks were travelling (not unusual) and even more fell victim to broken bones or the local winter crud: a flu-like, cold-like hard core winter malady which flourished in the Valley.

It seemed like everyone had some illness or complaint somewhere along the way. Factor in ordinary holiday chaos (and that's what it was in 2018!) and volunteers who regularly were able to fill in and were familiar with the process were in short supply or out of town.

There are many people in the Valley who are willing and able to lend a helping hand when the need arises and make life easier for each other in uncountable generous ways. These are the friends and neighbors who lend a hand not only when it is convenient for them, but who will adjust their own schedules to be able to provide a helping hand. That is when the real volunteers shine – generous and unselfish – and we are fortunate to have quite a few of those folks.

By Anna Willhite



Then the holiday weather – as usual a bit of snow around Christmas Eve or Day – not exactly on schedule this past season, and colder and wetter than normal. More gray skies than sunny. Not that we do not appreciate the moisture, which was sparse up until the holidays, it was the scheduling that put us in a quandary. But all of the scheduled events and celebrations were able to take place, some in somewhat damp circumstances but not eliminated. We made it through the holidays and included a New Years' Day Brunch.

In addition to holiday demands in December, the beginning of the 2018 tax return season started to gear up, with training sessions in Albuquerque and all sorts of bureaucratic chores to be done. What with all the changes in tax law for the upcoming filing season, there is still lot to be done (see page 1 article). There are several volunteers already on board, but there is room for more. It is possible to volunteer without having to actually prepare returns, but to assist taxpayers getting their documents in line and answering those everlasting questions. If you would like more information give me a call.

Hopefully you have forgiven us for reorganizing our publication schedule last month, and will not forget that there were actually a few months last fall when we published early! No promises for the future just yet though. Happy 2019 from all of us at *The Messenger*.

By the way, have you noticed that it is still light out at 6:00 pm these days? That is great news.

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Mary at 575-536-9323. Please don't call on Monday morning, or Wednesdays and Thursdays because we are busy doing taxes and cannot answer the phone!!! Call at other times between 10 am and 8 pm. **Please DO NOT call the Bayard Public Library.**

If you want to have your returns prepared in Silver City, you must go to the Silver City Public Library or the Silver City Senior Center and sign up. Someone will return your call and make your appointment.

This year there are 11 volunteers which are all certified by the IRS, and eight of which are trained to do returns. Even though we give preference to seniors, and the AARP Tax Aide Foundation funds and operates this program, ***you do not have to be a member of AARP or a senior*** to take advantage of this service. If you are not a senior, your income should be less than \$75,000. If you have a small business, your expenses will have to be less than \$25,000 for the year. Or, if you have very complicated returns we ask that you see a paid preparer.

As some of the tax laws are still up in the air, and many of the tax computer programs are not ready, just look for the flyers that will be posted around town for the starting dates.

**WHY WE DO IT**

All of our preparers are very dedicated and conscientious unpaid volunteers, who donate a lot of time to provide this service to the community. Many people ask us why we do it? Even though written by a 17 year old, the following article pretty much sums up the way we all feel.

**From a high school student's college essay  
in the NY Times:**

This coming year will be my third volunteering every Saturday during tax season with AARP's Tax-Aide Program. In the basement of the Morningside Heights Library in Manhattan, we help the elderly and low-income individuals file their taxes. During my first season, I handled organizational tasks and assisted intake counselors with the initial interview process.

When I told the AARP manager that I wanted to return the following season and do actual tax preparation, she was skeptical, especially since the next youngest tax preparer at my location was 37. That, however, did not

deter me: Though I would be just 16 before the start of the season, I diligently studied the material and passed the advanced I.R.S. qualification test.

As a volunteer, my goal is to help my clients obtain every credit they are entitled to and place vitally needed money in their pockets. To do this, I need much more than just technical knowledge. It is also essential to connect on a human level. I make it a point to put each person at ease by actively listening to his or her story.

For example, the young woman, who is a recently minted United States citizen and barely speaks English, mentions that her disabled grandmother lives with her. Her story allows me to determine she can claim a dependent care credit for her grandmother and a \$1,000 earned income credit. These credits represent approximately 20 percent of her income and will go toward buying her grandmother's medications and other necessities.

I am saddened at times by the palpable stress of those living on the edge of economic subsistence. Basic necessities such as sneakers and dental care, which I had never thought twice about, are out of reach for many. I vividly remember the single mom from Queens who works at Target and spent \$400 (a week's paycheck) at H&R Block last year. By not having to pay for tax preparation this year and the credits she can claim, she confided she will be able to buy her son, who is my age, new shoes for track and hopefully see a dentist for a tooth that has been throbbing for months.

As a volunteer, I have learned the importance of empathizing, listening and communicating complex and technical matters simply. Making my clients feel at ease allows them to understand my explanation of how their money is being taxed. I have also gained insight into how tax policy affects the financial and physical health of the working poor and elderly. While I have not changed the tax system (though someday I plan to), I have changed how my clients interact with it.

Beyond Benjamin Franklin's two certainties in life of death and taxes, I would add a third: the enduring power of the human spirit. I remember an octogenarian man with a cane who waited two hours in line on a bone-chillingly rainy Saturday in February. He is somehow able to survive in Manhattan on \$15,000 of Social Security earnings a year. Even though his income is below the filing requirement, together we claim \$77 of school tax and rent credits, which translates into two weeks of groceries.

When we finish, he says to me, "See you next year." It is at that moment I know I have made a tangible difference.

## MEET JANIE VARGAS - Keeping the Mimbres Healthy

By Katie Dumm

Janie Vargas, HMS Mimbres' new Nurse Practitioner, is thrilled to be working here in our little valley and plans to stay with us till she retires.

Janie grew up in Las Cruces and worked as a nurse at Memorial Medical Center for 28 years before returning to school to become a Nurse Practitioner. She loves working for HMS and is hoping to get approval from the board of directors to keep the clinic open another day - wouldn't that be nice? Three days a week when 'The Doctor Is In'!

Besides being a wonderful addition to the clinic Janie loves restoring classic cars. She and her husband are restoring a '53 Buick that belonged to her mother, and have refurbished a 1967 VW Beetle, which they painted to match their motor home. They tow the Bug behind the motor home when they travel and she said they get compliments all over the country regarding how adorable the matching VW and motor home are.

Speaking of cool cars, Janie had a 2004 Thunderbird that was her automotive pride and joy. She hardly ever

drove it because it was so special she didn't want to risk it getting hit or scratched just tooling around town and running errands, but one day not long ago when her everyday car was in the shop she decided what the heck and drove the Thunderbird to work here in Mimbres (Janie lives in Silver City). On her way in that morning a deer jumped out of the brush and there was nothing she could do not to hit it and it totaled her favorite car! This was pretty recently, because as we know she hasn't been with us in Mimbres very long yet, and it still makes her sad to think of her beautiful Thunderbird.

In spite of the terrible commute that morning Janie is excited about being here and absolutely loves living in Silver City. She moved there from Las Cruces because Las Cruces was getting too big for her taste and said that Silver City suits her and her husband perfectly.

We are so glad to have Janie here in the HMS Mimbres clinic, and on behalf of the entire community I welcome her and want to let her know how much we love having her here.

Thanks Janie!



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## A GREAT BEGINNING TO THE NEW YEAR!

By Mary Willhite

On New Year's Day, the Mimbres Booster Club hosted a New Year's Day Brunch at the Roundup Lodge for the community. It was a smashing success! For those of us who had been watching the weather forecast for the last week in December, it was a nail biter. Everyone was forecasting snow for the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, so the Boosters were expecting the worse, but hoping for the best.

As most everyone knows, the Roundup Lodge is in dire need of updated electrical, heating and air conditioning. The Boosters have been saving money for the past seven years for these improvements and we are pleased to announce that we are closing in on our goal. But as everyone knows, the cost of all these things just keeps going up, so the Boosters have to work even harder every year.

In order to hold the brunch, Booster members diligently manned the heating system (which will only stay on for 6 hours at a time) for three nights prior to the event so the pipes wouldn't freeze, and spent New Year's Eve trying to configure the roasters, grills, coffee pots, and crock pots so they wouldn't blow fuses during the event. As you can well imagine, it is hard to cook for 100+ people under these conditions.



We were hoping that this brunch would help us raise needed funds for these improvements and we wanted to thank the community for supporting our goals. Our efforts weren't in vain. The weather cooperated, and the community turned out, the Lodge was full. All the guests ap-

peared to have a really good time, and everyone was very complimentary about the food.

The menu consisted of pancakes, (grilled to perfection by Les Rogers), scrambled eggs, and link sausage (prepared by Ken Cox), hash brown patties, muffins, cinnamon rolls, ham and black-eyed peas, cornbread, homemade salsa, and menudo which was expertly cooked by Teri Hupp. Then, if you hadn't had enough, there were the desserts. Most of the desserts were homemade by the Booster members, but some of the guests brought desserts too. I don't think anyone went away hungry, but there wasn't much left over!

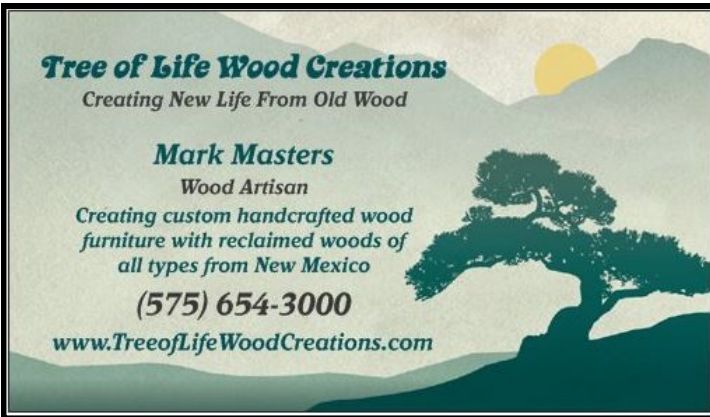


Paula Holguin won the 50/50 Raffle. It was only fitting because she worked very hard on the brunch as did all the Booster members. As everyone knows, we are all volunteers and donate our time and money to help keep the Roundup Lodge available for public and private usage at a very affordable price. Next time you see one of the Booster Club members, be sure and thank them. Better yet, come and join us in our efforts—we love new members.



Happy Chefs, Kathleen Clinton and Kenny Cox

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## NEWS FROM

MIMBRES  
CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE



### Mimbres Culture Heritage Site Looking Back and to the New Year

by Kathy Hill

The Imogen F Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site had a good 2018. Our guestbook registered over 1200 visitors to the museum last year. That number does not reflect people who visit when we're closed, who just walk the interpretive trail, or who forget to sign in while visiting. It also doesn't reflect the total number of people on field trips in 2018.

Visitors represented 40 different states and five different countries including France, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and Canada.

We picked up some new volunteers and sadly we lost our wonderful volunteer JoAnn Ayala.

The July annual Hummingbird Festival was a success - the poor weather didn't start until we were tearing down on Sunday.

We have raised over half the funding we need to replace the roof on the 1882 Granville Wood House which is on the National and NM state historic register.

We hope to do even better in 2019. Since education is our priority we will continue to host field trips for students of all ages. The annual hummingbird festival will be July 27 and 28, 2019.

We have updated our website [www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org](http://www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org) with information including hours of operation, important dates and contacts, and contact information. Our gift shop is well stocked with gifts for visitors and locals alike.

Visitors add to the local economy benefiting our local businesses. We are proud of our successes and hope you are too.

If you have not had a chance to visit us, please come. Take a tour the first Saturday of each month at 1 o'clock. If you have guests and we are closed, call at least a week in advance and we will gladly open if we can. We are located at 12 Sage Dr. between mile marker three and four on Highway 35.

We have a wish list for 2019. It includes donations of old weathered wood to repair some outbuildings, some enthusiastic new people to join our wonderful volunteers, donations to help us replace the roof on the Wood house, donations of old area mining equipment and farm implements and family histories from the valley including photos, just to mention a few wishes.

We have added to the local economy and are proud of our hard work and successes. We hope you are too.

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### Fund Drive

The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation is having a fund drive to raise money for a new roof on the 1882 Territorial Adobe style house. We also need old weathered wood boards. If you do have wood to donate, you can drop it off at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site in back by the old coops or call Kathy @ 307.640.3012 and let us know where we can pick up the old wood.

### Volunteers needed

Do you have four or more hours a month and are looking for an important and rewarding volunteer position? We are always looking for enthusiastic people who like history! Become a volunteer at the Mimbres Culture Heritage site. Call Kathy @ 575.536.3161 or 307.640.3012 for more information.

### 2019 Membership Drive

Our 2019 membership drive is on also! On our website [www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org](http://www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org), you can see the different levels and donate, or stop by the museum at 12 Sage Drive and donate in person.

We take cash, credit card, or personal checks. We hope you will join us in our drive to maintain and make repairs. We continue to educate students and visitors at the site.



Even the horse wants to volunteer!





Our Grief Support Group is starting again!

**Tuesday, January 8th - April 2nd from 6-8 p.m**

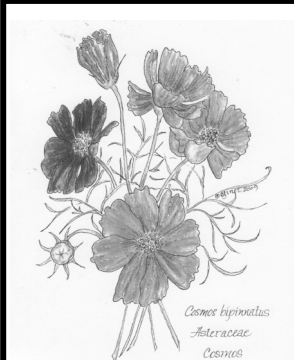
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

**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 - February 21 - (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - February 20 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm** - Roundup Lodge  
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**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, February 14** 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) - Wednesday, February 13** - (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. February 7 - 5:30 pm** (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - Sunday, February 10 - 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 14.

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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, February 13 - 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.

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**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE -Thursday, February 21**

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**CHOCOLATE FANTASIA - Saturday, February 9 - Silver City.** 11 am to 4 pm (see Page 16)

**CLAY FESTIVAL POKER TOURNAMENT - Saturday, January 26 - Silver City -** 3 pm to 11 pm (see Page 16)

**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, February 20 - (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM** Meetings will be held from October through April in Silver City. No pot-luck this month. February speaker will be Greg Conlin on prehistoric culture of Peru. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, February 14 - (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, February 16 - 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](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 -** 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.

**Friday, February 1, 4 pm to 6 pm - Reception open to the public** for the opening of the new exhibit *Ranching in Grant County* which will be on display until December 2019. (see page 16)



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**SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, February 7 - (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](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 - No time or date available, Call 860-670-4543 for information - Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan Street in Silver City.** Meetings are free, but donations to help out our host venue are appreciated.

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

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY -Monday, February 11. Sign in at 10:30 am -** (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church . Our presenter is Linda Locklar, Cowboy Poetry with original poems. 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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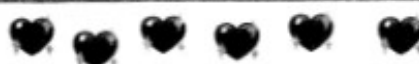


# SENIOR CENTER MENU

## REMAINDER OF JANUARY 2019

<b>21</b> <b>SENIOR CENTERS CLOSED</b> 	<b>22</b> Pork Posole...508a Calabacitas Flour Tortilla Toss Salad w/dressing Pudding	<b>23</b> Chicken, corn and Green Chile Casserole...147 Pinto Beans Flour Tortilla Spinach w/Margarine Orange	<b>24</b> Sloppy Joe...192 Toss Salad w/dressing Green Beans French Fries Applesauce	<b>25</b> Chicken Fajita...504 Onions, Peppers, & Cheese Lettuce and Tomato Pinto Beans Apple
<b>28</b> Green Chile Cheeseburger...144 Let., Tom., Onion, & Pickle Peas & Carrots Applesauce OatmealCookie	<b>29</b> Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce...9 Italian Vegetables Toss Salad w/dressing Garlic Bread Orange	<b>30</b> Chicken Adovado...146 Pinto Beans Spinach w/Margarine Flour Tortilla Rice Pudding	<b>31</b> Beef Stew...166 Steamed Cabbage Fruit Salad Cornbread	<b>HMS Senior Centers</b> Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990

## FEBRUARY 2019



**MILK IS SERVED DAILY**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>HMS Senior Centers</b> Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990			<b>1</b> Gr Ch Chick Enchilada . 213 Lettuce/Tomato Pinto Beans Fruit in Jello
<b>4</b> Hawaiian Pork. . . 305 Tossed Salad Whole Wheat Bread Strawberries Vanilla Pudding	<b>5</b> Chicken Tenders. . . 119 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Carrots Dinner Roll Cookie	<b>6</b> Beef Stew . . . 166 Steamed Cabbage Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	<b>7</b> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce 425 Spinach Salad Breadstick Spice Cake	<b>8</b> Egg Salad Sandwich . .DS Potato Chips Carrots & Celery Cookie
<b>11</b> Chicken Tetrazini . . . 139 California Blend Veggies Breadstick Warm Cinnamon Apples	<b>12</b> Chicken Fried Steak . . .122 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Slice Bread Strawberries & Vanilla Wafers	<b>13</b> Pork Posole . . .508a Garden Salad/ Dressing Calabacitas Flour Tortilla Cookie	<b>14</b> Tuna & Noodles . . . 410 Tossed Salad Crackers Sliced Pears Orange	<b>15</b> Beef Tacos . . . 506 Lettuce/Tomato Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Fruit Cocktail
<b>18</b> Chicken, Cheese, & Macaroni Casserole Broccoli Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding 408	<b>19</b> Bean Burrito . . 501 Spanish Rice Cucumber/Tomato Salad Orange	<b>20</b> Green Chile Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tomato/Onion/Pickle Mexicorn Applesauce 143	<b>21</b> BBQ Pulled Pork . . .505 Peas & carrots Salad w/ Dressing WW Roll Peaches	<b>22</b> Turkey Sandwich . . .DS Lettuce / Tomato Baked Chips Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apple
<b>25</b> Cajun Baked Fish . . .403 Rice Pilaf Cauliflower & Broccoli Biscuit Yogurt	<b>26</b> BBQ Chicken . . .220 Baked Beans Potato Salad Cornbread Grapes	<b>27</b> Sweet & Sour Pork . .306 Steamed Rice Carrots Slice Bread Orange	<b>28</b> Meatloaf . . .135 Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Wheat Roll Peaches	

Please call your Senior Center before 10am or make reservations the day before the meal. Suggested donations for seniors 60 years of age or older is \$2.00. All donations of any amount are accepted and appreciated.  
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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

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## THINGS TO DO



The Silver City Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, entitled *Ranching in Grant County*. This exhibit explores the history, art, social organizations, sports,

and culture that surround this rural lifestyle.

The museum will host an opening reception on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free; donations greatly appreciated. The exhibit will be on display through December of 2019.

People have raised livestock in Grant County since long before the county's founding in 1868, and to this day ranching continues to play an important role in the economy and culture of the region. The exhibit *Ranching in Grant County*, presents historical photographs, artifacts, and family histories to tell the story of this place and how ranching in Grant County and surroundings has changed over time.

Ranching families immigrating to Grant County brought a diversity of practices, and traditions from Mexico, Texas, California, and the Great Plains, which they combined and adapted to create a ranching culture unique to southwestern New Mexico. Ranching families have been active and creative in expressing their culture and in contributing to their community. The exhibit will showcase distinctive Grant County expressions including the outdoor sport of cowboy polo, local Western musicians, ranch management education and community charity programs.

## Chocolate Fantasia 2019: Children's Storybook Fantasia

The Mimbres Region Arts Council is planning a literary CHOCOLATE FANTASIA in Silver City, NM on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

A variety of wonderful chocolate confections will be offered at dozens of Chocolate Stops in and around the town's historic district. Tasting tickets are \$25 for 20 samples of different chocolate confections.

Over 30 downtown merchants and galleries will participate in distributing chocolates and offering our hospitality. Many shops will decorate in keeping with our **Children's Storybook Fantasia** theme, opening the event to a wide variety of possibilities

This year's event will start at 11:00 am and will last until 4:00 pm. Event maps and empty candy boxes (\$2.00 each for collecting your chocolates so you can save some for later!) will be available at **Chocolate Fantasia Headquarters**, The Family Karate Center, at 416 N. Bullard Street. Headquarters will open at 11 am.

Chocolate Fantasia is a wonderful mid-winter activity for lovers and for families. We invite you to join us February 9: Shop at our wonderful galleries, enjoy an excellent coffee, and enjoy Silver City's great restaurants. Stay the weekend. You'll be most welcome.

For more information or to buy tickets, call MRAC at 575-538-2505, or visit <http://www.chocolatefantasia.org/home> or <http://mimbresarts.org/>.

## January 26 - POKER TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER FOR THE 2019 CLAY FESTIVAL



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WHEN: January 26, 2019 from 3 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: The Ballroom of the Old Elk's Lodge  
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## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

The holidays were full of activities and events at the Lodge, starting just after Thanksgiving when the creative Boosters decorated the Lodge for Christmas. As always, they did a beautiful job which was enjoyed throughout the holidays. The annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 12<sup>th</sup> was a popular stop off for holiday and other shoppers. The Booster Club bakers (some seriously good cooks) outdid themselves as usual. Holiday Bingo was a sell-out, enjoyed by everyone.

Throughout the month, various holiday parties and private celebrations kept the lights on more often than usual at the Lodge.

During the month the Booster Club members engaged in what is probably our favorite annual project- assembling gift bags for San



Lorenzo Elementary School students who attend our favorite AAAA elementary school. Individual shoppers branched out and those who were traveling shopped "out of town". Throughout the year, Bingo players had brought individual toys to add to the gifts, in return for an additional bingo card. This year, family and friends of members from the east coast upon hearing about the stunning achievements of San Lorenzo Elementary made substantial donations to the cause.

And once again during its own retail holiday frenzy, Walgreens very generously provided shopping bags for delivery of gifts. Our heartfelt thanks to Manager, Derek Ratcliff.

The Booster Club then sorted, assigned, supplemented and prepared the gifts for delivery. All in one amazingly organized day, the crew assembled at the Lodge and wrapped an enormous number of presents. (I wish I had actually counted the number of packages, just out of curiosity.) The wrappers also recruited some of their own families and friends to the project. It is al-



ways a happy job and everyone has a great time. And everything got to the school on time.

Christmas came and went, visitors did too and then came New Years Eve. I have no idea what that was all about. Then came New Years' Day and the free Community Brunch. Food was plentiful and varied, breakfast and lunch goodies. Donations were gladly accepted and the large crowd that gathered went away well-fed and happy. No cooking on New Years' Day!

As the new year moves along, our electrical service enhancement and search for new heating and air conditioning equipment is progressing. It has been a long



process and lots of hard work, but the light is on at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train!

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## Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

### Memories of my Childhood Pets

My wooden door shuts behind me with a bang. Armed with a carrot, my plump pup and I make the trek up to Val's corral. It's a short walk, but we begin to feel the strain as we round the top of my Everest like driveway. "Hurry up, Sammy!" I call out to my overweight dog. His arthritis stricken joints seem to creak under his weight, but nonetheless he bounds up the driveway in pursuit of my carrot. His eyes lock on and he tries to take a big slobbery bite, but I whip the carrot away just in time. "You just ate, silly," I remind him, "this is for Valley Girl." I bop him gently on the nose with the end of the carrot and smile. He glances up at me unamused.

Val whinnies for us from her corral. "We're coming girl. Be patient," I yell back. As I reach her



fence, she trots up to me gallantly. Quickly, I shove the carrot behind my back and into the rim of my pants. She gives me a big kiss with her muzzle and steps back. She looks at my empty hands and gives me a big puff of disappointment. "Sorry girl," I say, "I don't have anything for you." Skeptical, she signals for me to step closer. As I climb into her pen, she gives me a proper pat down with the tip of her pink velvet nose. Her

sniffing becomes louder and heavier as she approaches the carrot and she begins nibbling on my shirt. "Hey!" I exclaim, "that's unladylike." Giggling, I present the carrot to her. She carefully snips it out of my hands and munches on it gleefully with Sammy below her mouth, cleaning up any of the scraps that may fall.

For Sammy (1998-2013) and Valley Girl, who passed away November 2018.

### TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for December and January 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 10 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Besides getting a certificate, each child is given a packet of terrific kids gear for them and their parents.

December Honorees



Those honored are: front, Arazella Palomarez, Anna Alcorta, and Aliyana De La Torre.

Back, Simon Medrano, Cheyanne Johnson, Dayton Bizzell, Elijah Gavaldon, Claire Biebel, and Dezia Crumbley.

January Honorees



Those honored are: back, Simon Medrano, Delilah Romo, Brody Richter, and Cooper Zimmerman. Front, Xamani Torres, Lydia Gavaldon, and Sheridan Lynch. Not pictured are preschoolers Sadie Gavaldon, and James Gulick.





## **New Mexico's National Parks and Monuments**

**By Marilyn Markel**

Did you know that New Mexico has fifteen National Parks, Monuments, and Cultural-Historic Sites, places that make our state unique? In 2019, Conejo Mimbrenño, the preservation rabbit, is taking a road trip and will visit the amazing monuments, parks, and forests across New Mexico—starting with our near-by Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument.



Can you find Conejo Mimbrenño, in these two photos taken at the Gila Cliff Dwellings?



President Teddy Roosevelt declared the Cliff Dwellings a national monument in 1907, one of the first archaeological sites to be preserved, a place where all Americans can visit and learn about the past. The Dwellings, built in the late A.D. 1200s in caves high above the West Fork of the Gila River, were homes of Mogollon Indians. These people were farmers, grew corn on mesa tops, and made a beautiful black and white pottery. The Mogollon people left the area in the 1300s, leaving behind evidence of their time in the Gila—the dwellings, artifacts, and other footprints of the past for us to discover, enjoy, wonder at, and take care of.



## **National Parks and Monuments Preservation Word Search**



Preservation has a long history in America. Far-sighted leaders like Teddy Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold recognized the need to protect our wonderful and amazing archaeological sites and to save rivers and forests for present day and future generations.

Search for these words that inspire us to preserve special places like the Gila and Mimbres Rivers, the Gila Cliff Dwellings, historic sites, and all the other amazing and important sites that we, as Americans, all have ownership in.

Pride History Remember  
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(answers page 20)

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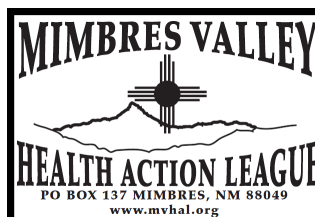
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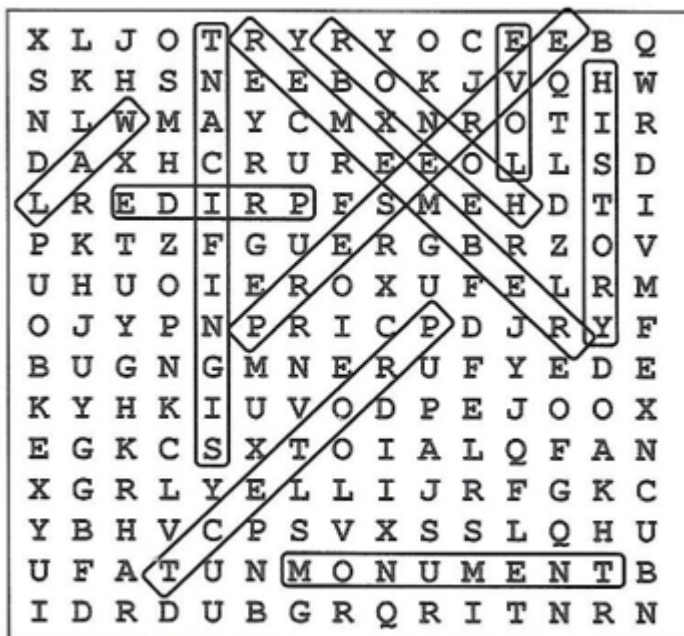
**WEDNESDAY - February 20—5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** MVHAL.  
Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**WEDNESDAY, February 20 - 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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Looking for H.S. students that live in the Mimbres Valley and attend any high school or are home schooled in Grant County, NM



Do you actively participate in an interscholastic sport that is not supported by your school?

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) is  
Awarding three small monetary grants to support your  
participation in your sport

Please call Chris DeBolt at 575-956-3225  
for more information

Deadline for submission of applications is March 30, 2019  
Do not wait, apply as soon as you can.

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