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MIMBRES MESSENGER



Indian Springs Ranch

Even though it is in your backyard, you may never have heard of it,
but you should

Still in its infancy, the Indian Springs Ranch is a haven for Veterans. Owner and operator, Bill Mize, usually referred to as "Sheriff Billy" around the Mimbres, had a vision and a purpose that is slowly becoming reality.

Bill is a Navy veteran who spent 13 ½ months in the middle east during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He got out of the service in 1993 and admits he had a hard time readjusting after he returned to civilian life. He went from being in charge of 40 million-dollar planes on aircraft carriers to not being able to get a job "flipping burgers". He can empathize with returning veterans and wanted to help them. Hence, Indian Springs Ranch was conceived.

Bill had his eye on a piece of property off Forest Road 150 in the Mimbres. He had written to the owners and had never received a response. As luck would have it, he responded to a call in his official capacity with the Grant County Sheriff's Department at the very piece of property he had inquired about. During that call, Bill encountered friends of the owners who had been given permission to change the locks on the premises that had been vacant for 13 years. While meeting with Bill, the couple spotted a Bible in his unit, and they asked him why he carried it. He responded "You never know when you might need it. It is the law I live by." One thing led to another, and he walked away with a lease on the very property he had wanted for so long.

The Indian Springs Ranch sits on 80 acres surrounded by forest. It is specifically designed for veterans utilizing equine therapy methods and scenic beauty to soothe the mind, body, and soul. The Ranch provides the guests with a wonderful horseback adventure into the Gila National Forest/Wilderness which is all inclusive. Activities at the ranch include horseback riding, horse grooming, hiking, horseshoe games and many other outdoor activities. Guests stay in 12' x 17' Montana Canvas Tents

equipped with old-style army cots and a wood burning stove for colder months. The campsite is surrounded by Ponderosa pines, longhorn cattle, and occasionally wild turkeys, elk, deer, and a multitude of birds. There is one rustic outhouse, so it is not exactly the Hilton, but that is the point. It is a place to get back to their roots. What Indian Springs Ranch **does not** have is a cell phone signal, internet or WiFi signal, and there is no



traffic. However, there is an outdoor pavilion with picnic tables and there is a great fire pit for the nightly campfires and there is wonderful wildlife to listen to and observe.

Indian Springs Ranch is a family affair. Bill manages the ranch; his wife, DaLue does the cooking; and his sons, Brandan and Walker are wranglers. All 4 have been a big part of the upgrades and maintenance that has been done in the past 3 years, as well as many volunteer family and friends. They stay on-site in a small dry cabin on the property when a group is at the ranch.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Remember all those things I have recently said about the joy of welcoming warmer, spring weather? Well, I take it all back. Current local weather has not been a joy of any sort. It has been chilly (cold), damp (but no rain) and windy. Sadly, we are not the only area in the country where the weather has been less than perfect.

Friends on the west coast have lamented the damp, rainy conditions. And they feel they have had more than ample rain lately. In the northeast, other friends’ weather comments run from “planting spring flowers” after they have spent 3 or 4 nights indoors (the flowers, not the friends). One day in May, finally came when one could put on a pair of shorts and go out for a walk. That same week, there was snow in Catron County.

Friends and family in Oklahoma bid May farewell amid seriously intense, deadly tornadoes. These storms spread into Missouri, and other neighboring states, along with flooding and other destructive menaces. To my direct knowledge, there have fortunately not been any weather-related deaths in our area. That is unless you count the loss of young fruit in local orchards and around homes fortunate enough to have apple, peach, apricot, and pear trees. Hummingbirds came back early this year, and quickly resumed their usual volume of visitors to the feeders, although it is a wonder they didn’t freeze in the early days. The wind has consistently blown them about and spilled the nectar on the outside walls close to where they are located. So in addition to cleaning up spills that happen on the way to hang them up, we now get to hose off the front of the house.....

The one thing that all of us are entitled to complain about and dislike intensely is the seemingly constant and ener-

By Anna Willhite



vating wind. All those allergy sufferers who were walloped by the early onset of juniper pollen are still suffering. The more timely arrival of other pollens has not really helped.

Wind is a pernicious, ephemeral pest. In the nighttime it howls around corners and creates enough noise to disturb your sleep – and that of your pets. The same thing occurs during the daytime but doesn’t usually disturb your sleep. Leave the garage door open and the dust and other undesirables blow in. Try to work outside and the wind will beat you to death with its sporadic and constant pounding. Delay outside work and the northern half of your barn blows down, the actual damage can be seen at my house.

As I write this, the forecast was that the wind would calm down at 7:00 pm. It is 7:08 and the trees are still blowing a gale.

Off the subject of weather, The **Grant County Community Concert Association** is one of the best things in Silver City and is a don’t miss if you enjoy live performances. They have been entertaining Silver City and the surrounding area for over 60 years. Until June 30th you can take advantage of a Season Subscription for the low Early Bird price of \$45 for six concerts. That is only \$7.50 per concert. (Normally \$20 per concert) Children under 17 are free when accompanied by a ticket holder.

I have never been to a concert that wasn’t excellent. From country and western to the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra. This year’s lineup is sure not to disappoint.

Alina Kiryayeva - Modern Piano
Burlap to Cashmere - Folk Music Revival
The Maxwell Quartet - Scotland’s finest
Dan Miller’s Cowboy Music Review
Sons of Serendip - harp, piano, cello, voice
Savannah Jack - Motown, country, pop and rock

For more information and to purchase subscriptions online www.gccconcerts.org or call 575-538-5862

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All of this is **FREE** for veterans. Their spouses are welcome to come free of charge as well. However, Indian Springs Ranch is open to the public and everyone is welcome. The cost for non-veterans is \$320 per day with a two-day minimum. All money from non-veterans goes back to the ranch. They take reservations for individuals or groups. The Indian Springs Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and relies on sponsorships and donations to support the ranch and fund the veterans' adventures. What happens when there is no money in the coffer to fund the veterans' adventures or pay the bills? You guessed it, Bill and DaLue fund them out of their own pocket!

The Indian Springs Ranch has hosted veterans and guests from all over New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Georgia and even the Carolinas. How does all this help veterans make the transition from military to civilian life? Equine therapy methods are designed to reconnect families, help the veteran decompress and help prevent suicide. They do this by providing a welcoming and safe place where the veterans can talk freely and share experiences with each other. The typical adventure is a maximum of 5-6 people.

DAY 1 is an Intro to Horsemanship. Bill says approximately 85% of the veterans have had no experience with horses.

DAY 2 is Communication with Horses. Learning to communicate with the horse helps them translate these communication skills to everyday life.

DAY 3 is Trust. More adventures out riding helps the rider trust his horse and work as one unit. This translates to dealing with people as well.



The veterans are very grateful for their experiences at the Ranch, and Bill says he can usually see a change in their stress levels. "When you see the amount of decompression and how emotional they get, then you know you did a good job."

Indian Springs Ranch is planning on being around for a long, long time. They are committed to their mission and to the men and women veterans they host. As money permits, their plan is to build a nice lodge and some cabins for their guests to enjoy sleeping and eating indoors. They would also like to build a shower house so their guests can clean-up and relax before bed. There will always be plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy.

There are many ways you can help. You can become a corporate sponsor.

You can sponsor a veteran adventure for \$320 a day.

You can sponsor a horse for six months for \$800 or for 12 months for \$1,500. Horses are expensive to feed, outfit, and then there are the veterinarian bills!

Or you can just donate any amount of money that is within your budget.

To contact the Indian Springs Ranch:

PO Box 232
Mimbres, NM 88049
575-313-2422
IndianSpringsRanch69@gmail.com

Website: www.IndianSpringsRanchNM.org

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Bill says "Any veterans who want to come out, please contact them."

The Indian Springs Ranch is a great way to help veterans and your donations will stay local!

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MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE

By Kathy Hill

BIG THANK YOU

The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site wants to thank the many people who so generously donated to Give Grandly on May 11th. You gave from the heart and we are so appreciative. Most of the donations will go to our education programs, our maintenance and our Dr. Granville Wood house roof fund.

WANT LIST

We still have a want list. Some of the items on the list are:
Stories and photographs from families who have lived in the valley for a long time
Old mining and farming equipment
Old weathered wood that is in usable shape
and VOLUNTEERS

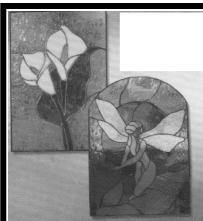


MCHS volunteers who have been with us since the beginning 4 years ago are top L to R: Charlene Scott, Jenny Horner, Pete Crum Bottom L to R: Barbara Wright, Deb Amann and Edie Cates. Not pictured: Dorothy Bullock and Kathy Hill

We would also love to have more volunteers for our daily operations. We could use 4 hours a month or more of your time each month. Maybe you love history and would want to be a tour guide. Maybe you would want to meet and greet visitors, or maybe you have a special interest like gardening or you love to paint. We would welcome your help. Call Kathy or stop by the museum to find out more about us.

HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

Planning for the 2019 Hummingbird Festival is in full swing. If you would like to help, we would welcome you to our team. There is plenty to do before July 26-28. Call Bill @ 575.536.3092 or Kathy @ 307.640.3012 for more information and to volunteer.



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Hurley Students Visit Mimbres

By Marilyn Markel and photos by Charlene Scott

5th Graders from Hurley Elementary spent a day of outdoor fun and education at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. The students visited the Mattocks Ruin Archaeological Site and listened to presentations by Aldo Leopold Charter School Archaeology Crew students about preservation, and about natural resource use by the Indians that once lived in the Mimbres Valley.



The 5th graders flagged and sketched potsherds. Potsherds are pieces of broken pottery left behind by the Mimbres Indians a thousand and more years ago.

The students used a metate and mano to grind corn, whirled bullroarers to call in the rain, watched an atlatl-spear-throwing demonstration, learned to drill holes with a pump drill, and made pots with clay.

Demonstrating the atlatl-spear throwing, grinding corn, and drilling holes with a pump drill

They hiked to the river, ate pizza for lunch, learned about the endangered fish and frog species, and had some good old-fashioned fun in the water, including a game of tug-of-war.



Back at school, the Hurley students wrote about their day in Mimbres and created a bulletin board to share their day of fun experiences with the rest of the school - and to say "Thank you" to volunteers and the ALCS students at MHS.





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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

May was a busy month at the Roundup Lodge. Not only in Mimbres, but all over the Valley and into Silver City there were events scheduled and held on what seemed like a daily basis. They overlapped and presented challenges to keep one's calendar up to date. One such challenge occurred when the dance originally scheduled for May 25th at the Lodge had to be cancelled because of illness in the band.

That dance was rescheduled to June 1st, and by the time you read *the Messenger* will have already taken place. Hopefully the notices reached everyone and a good time was had by all.

June will follow along with meetings, gatherings and events for everyone. The Mimbres Booster Club will meet on Thursday, June 6th at 5:30 with pot luck to start followed by a business meeting.

June Bingo will take place on Sunday, June 9th. We hoped we could make it coincide with Father's Day, but the calendar did not cooperate. So why not bring dad to the Lodge on June 9th for an early Father's Day gift, and an afternoon of relaxing fun.

MVHAL will begin its monthly Harvest Festival meetings on Sunday, June 2nd. There is a seemingly shorter time to plan this year, and the group would be more than happy

to welcome some new and enthusiastic committee members to the planning group.

PLANNING MEETING FOR THE 14TH MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, June 2nd at 4:00 pm
At the Roundup Lodge

Join us and share you ideas!
If you have questions, call Grace at 536-3678

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

It may seem early, but once again it is time to submit your photographs for the **Harvest Festival Calendar for 2020**. Photos must be submitted **absolutely no later than August 15th** (as I will be gone a good part of the summer and early fall).

Photos should be representative of the Mimbres Valley, and will be selected with that criteria in mind. Please email your photos to willhite200@aol.com or if you have any questions or want to submit your photos in another way, just email me with your name and phone number and I will get back to you.

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

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - June 20th- (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - June 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 CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), New Summer Hours -Open daily from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-9337 or 575-536-3333 at least a week in advance.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, June 13 - 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, June 12 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (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. June 6 - 5:30 pm (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - June 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 \$75

DANCE - Saturday, June 1 - 7:00 pm to 10 pm - Dance to the Dave Morgan Band. \$5.00 per person. Children Free. Refreshments available.

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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SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 24 - (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950. Election of Advisory Council officers.

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Mimbres Culture Heritage Site joins other museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museum Program which provides FREE admission to active-duty military personnel and their families. The 2019 program began on May 18th (Armed Forces Day) and will end on September 2 (Labor Day). www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums have the complete list of all participating museums. Military ID holders and up to five family members are eligible. The ID holder can be either active duty service or other dependent family members with an appropriate ID card. The active duty member does not have to be present for family member to use the program. Bring your DD Form 1173 ID Card or DD Form 1173-1 ID card, for active military families.

COUNTY CALENDAR

575-574-7069.

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, June 5 - First Wednesday of the month. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

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

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 and THE AMERICAN LEGION 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, June 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 Swan - 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. 1112 Central Avenue, Bayard. 575-537-6244

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE -Thursday, June 20

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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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, June 19 - (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM Meetings will be held from May to September at the Roundup Lodge in Mimbres Pot-luck dinner. Speaker will be Dr. Karen Schollmeyer from the University of Arizona and Archaeology "The Cliff Valley in the 14th Century. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, June 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 rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com
Field trip Saturday, June 15 - 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.

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.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, June 6 - (Usually 1st Thursday of the month)-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.

SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop for information about any event.

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


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

WILD WILD WEST PRO RODEO - Wednesday to Saturday, June 12 - 15. Gates open at 6:30 pm. Mutton Bustin' at 7:30 pm and the PRCA Rodeo performance at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate. Tickets go on sale June 3 at the Circle Heart Western Wear, Lawley Dodge, First New Mexico Bank in Silver City and Deming and the Circle S western Emporium in Deming. **THURSDAY is Family night** - buy three tickets and get one free! Good only on Thursday.

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3	4	5	6	7
Tater Tot Casserole...DS California Veggies Garden Salad/Dressing Dinner Roll/Marg Grapes	Red Enchiladas...503 Pinto Beans Broccoli Banana Ice Cream	Meatloaf...135 Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Orange Dinner Roll	Sweet & Sour Pork...306 Steamed Rice Salad w/ Dressing Mixed Veggies WW Bread Orange	Baked Dill Fish...404 Mexicorn Breadstick Pear Yogurt
10	11	12	13	14
Taco Salad...505 Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Squash/Marg Saltine Crackers Orange	Pepper Steak...106 Steamed Rice Sliced Tomatoes WW Bread/Marg Yogurt	Baked Chicken Breast...205 Egg Noodles w/ Alfredo Sauce Squash & Zucchini WW Roll/Marg Grapes	Pig-in-a-Blanket...DS Spinach Salad Chuckwagon Corn Fruit Cocktail Ice Cream	BBQ Pulled Pork...505 Sandwich Peas & Carrots Salad/Dressing WW Roll/Marg Orange Happy Father's Day Weekend!
17	18	19	20	21
Pizza...DS13 Italian Blend Vegetables Garden Salad / Dressing Fresh Pear	Chicken Fajita...504 Flour Tortilla Cauliflower/Marg Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookie	Chile Beans/Cheese...170 Garden Salad/Dressing Cornbread/Marg Strawberries/Ice Cream	Chicken Salad...222 WW Bread Cucumber & Onion Salad Graham Crackers Pineapple/Orange Salad	Green Chile Cheese Burger...143 Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle/ Onion Mexicorn Applesauce Oatmeal Cookie
24	25	26	27	28
Green Chile Meat Burrito ...SL9 Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Mandarin Oranges	Cajun Baked Fish...403 Rice Pilaf Cauliflower & Broccoli Biscuit/Marg Yogurt	Chicken Corn Casserole...147 Pinto Beans Spinach/Marg Tortilla Orange	Hawaiian Pork...305 Tossed Salad/Dressing WW Bread/Marg Strawberries w/ Vanilla Pudding	Oven Fried Chicken...512 Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Spinach Salad WW Bread/Marg Banana Pudding

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San Lorenzo Elementary Fish Release/ Annual Day on the Sapillo

Story and Photo by Marilyn Markel

Once again, the students at San Lorenzo Elementary successfully raised and re-released Gila Trout, a “threatened” species of fish native to southwest New Mexico. Dustin Myers, Forest Service biologist, thanked the students for doing an “awesome” job raising the fish. This year, the students raised four fish, carefully nurturing those fish along with about two hundred “fry”, the size of minnows, that the students watched hatch from eggs. “From eggs to fish in the lake,” says Mr. Koury, “How awesome is that.”



home in the wild. There are now plenty of Gila trout to catch at the Aldo Leopold Fishing Derby on June 1st—a free fishing day for all ages.

Mrs. Ross’s students wrote about their experience with raising and releasing the fish. Mary Galvaldon’s poem was selected to be read during the fish release.



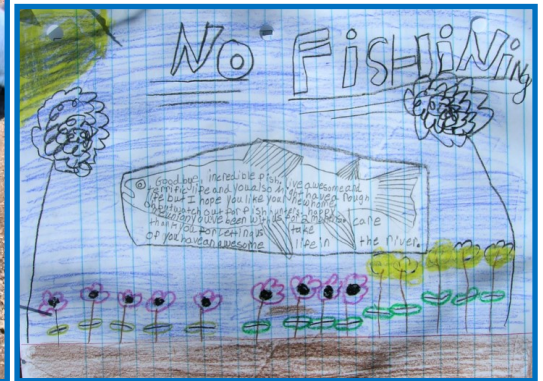
Mary reading her poem

The older students camped out the night before and told scary stories around the campfire. Mr. Koury “pranked” the campers by howling like a coyote causing kids to run for their tents! “Everyone got scared and screamed like a girl—especially the girls,” said one 6th grader. It was a night and a next day of fun-- creating never-to-be-forgotten memories for all.

After an early morning hike to Sapillo Creek and releasing the San Lorenzo fish, the older kids rode the bus back up the Sapillo to Lake Roberts, joining the rest of the school at the boat ramp area. There the students rotated to learning stations,



Releasing the fish



Mary’s Poem



Getting help from the younger students

listening to presentations about the watershed, packing into the forest with mules, the ecosystem, and more. Then a U.S. Fish and Wildlife truck arrived, full of big fish from the hatchery. All the kids, little ones helped by the big kids, carried buckets with trout down to the water’s edge, gently tipping their buckets, letting the fish swim into their new

NO FISHING

Goodbye, incredible fish. Live awesome and terrific life and you also might have a rough life but I hope you like your new home.

Oh, but watch out for fish hunters. Happy reunion you’ve been with us for 2 months. Thank you for letting us take care of you. Have an awesome life in the river.

San Lorenzo School Celebrates the end of the school year and Our Amazing Kids

Story and Photos by Marilyn Markel

Mr. Koury, the Principal of San Lorenzo Elementary, began the awards ceremony and 6th grade graduation on May 23rd by telling students, parents, teachers, staff, and guests, how proud he is of everyone for all the hard work and dedication it takes for the amazing success the school has achieved. The students were all recognized and received certificates for progress made and goals reached in reading and other academic skills. They each got to pick a well-earned prize-- most were outdoor activity toys to encourage parents to "Get your kids outside."



The Graduating Class

Ms. Alcorta, 6th grade teacher, read a poem to her students:
 "I'm so proud I was your teacher.
 I've watched you learn and grow.
 We worked so hard and had such fun.
 How fast the year did go.
 We had so many special times, but now it's time to part.
 Just know that you will always have a special place within my heart!
 Make us proud!!!"

Trying not to cry, Ms. Alcorta said, "They are not just my students they are my kids."

The program included a message from Dr. Seuss:

*"You have brains in your head
 and feet in your shoes
 You can steer yourself
 Any direction you choose.
 You're on your own and
 You know what you know
 And you are the one
 Who'll decide where to go."*

and a message from e. e. cummings: *"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."*



It was a very emotional day for both teachers and students

Five 6th graders are moving up to Middle School. **The graduating class of 2019: Elijah Gavaldon, Cheyanne Medrano, Samantha Peterson, Brody Richter, and Isaac Younger-Titus**

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Bayard Public Library Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories" kicks-off **Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM** with the Wonders on Wheels, a traveling museum. WoW is coming to the library with A Galaxy of Wonders, their new exhibition designed by the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo. Children will enjoy learning New Mexico's unique relationship to space and space history.

Registration for the summer reading program will take place at that time, but is not required. **Program activities will be from June 5th to June 28th from 1:00 to 2:00 PM, Tuesdays through Fridays. Ages 5 and up, attendance is free of charge. 1112 Central Ave., Bayard, NM 575-537-6244.**

Conejo Mimbrenño Visits Carlsbad Caverns National Monument

The fifth in our series highlighting New Mexico National Parks and Monuments

Story by Marilyn Markel

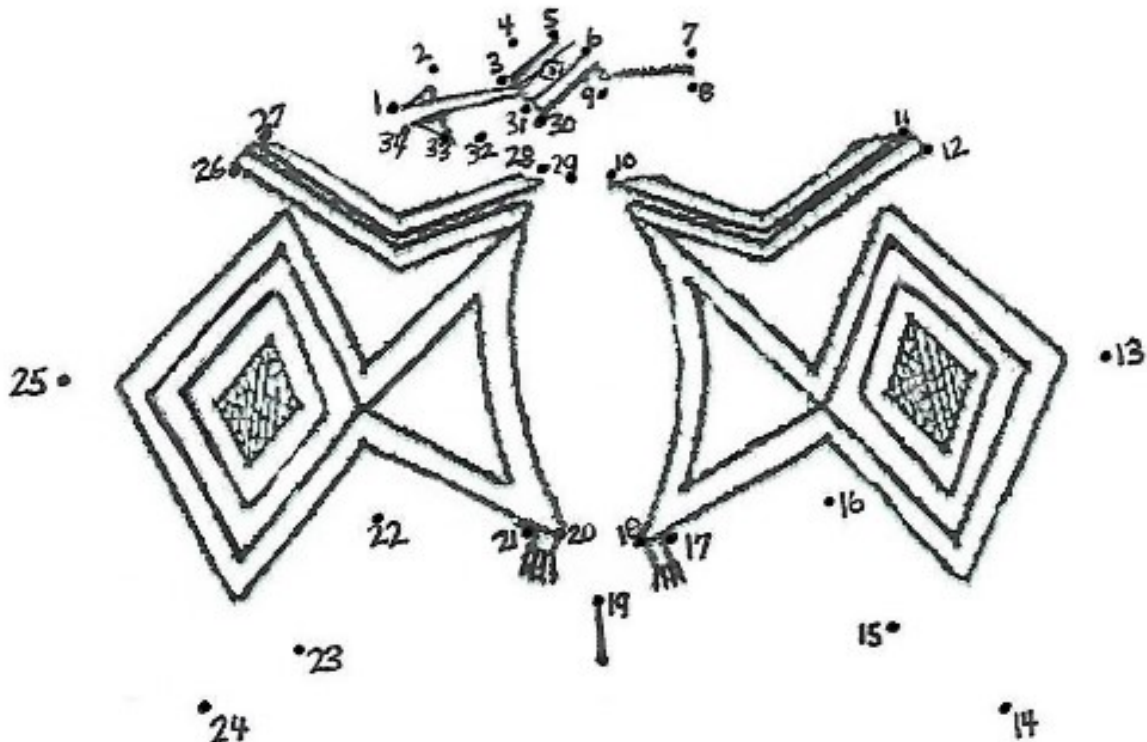
Carlsbad Caverns was declared a National Monument in 1930 and is world renowned for its huge caves with limestone formations. Large colonies of Mexican free-tailed bats live inside the caves, which are dark, stay a constant temperature, providing a perfect place for them to roost. At night when the bats fly out of the caverns it is a spectacular sight to see. Each bat eats hundreds of insects in one night, a great help to farmers.



Mimbres Bats

The Mimbres Indians left behind several painted pottery bowls with images of bats, one of which was found at the Mattocks Site, now the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, by archaeologists from the Logan Museum, Beloit, Wisconsin in 1930.

Mexican Free-tail bats are often seen in the Mimbres Valley flying the summer night skies in search of insects. The ancient Mimbrenño farmers undoubtedly appreciated the bats and their appetite for pests that harm crops.



Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen



Summer has dawned and sweet, warm rays of light wrap around me to welcome me home. I have missed you dear friend. It has been a long hard winter, and I was beginning to wilt. The frost's infectious beauty began to tickle my toes and feather my face. At first, it glistened, glittered, and glided around my silly head. It brought me such joy. But soon the giggles turned to clouds in the frigid air and floated away without a sound. It was frighteningly still. Eager to break the silence, I drew in a breath. But the air, the cold air, pierced my body. She seeped into my lungs, and spread through my bloodstream. As she encrusted my heart with each chilling crystal, I thought time stood still. It was as beautiful, as it was painful. But as the summer sun rose, my dear friend, the light cradled my cheek in a benevolent grasp, melting the ice from behind my eyes. Oh my, it is so good to see you.

Photo by Katrina Esterado



TERRIFIC KID AWARDS—April and May

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for May 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.



Those honored are: back, Yallexi Valdez, Samantha Peterson, and Delilah Romo. Front, Aliana Galaz, Aliyana de la Torre, Samaiyah Vega, and Carly Close. Not pictured are Ayanna Rosales and Trinton Palomarez. Not pictured are Ayanna Rosales and Trinton Palomarez.



Those honored are: back, Jesse Novacek, James Hazen, Lexi Silva, and Barrett Diedrich. Front, Rayden Maynes and Zellana Moulton. Not pictured are Armando Mendez, Isaac Titus and Aliyana De La Torre.

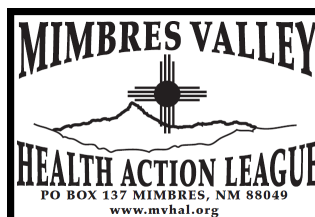
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WEDNESDAY, June 19 - Noon to 2 pm

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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.

NO CHARGE FOR VENDORS AT THE LOCAL MIMBRES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Beginning June 15, a farmers' market will be held every Saturday at Valle Mimbres Market (aka Frankie's, 2739 Highway 35) from 10 AM until noon. The market will feature local growers selling fresh locally grown produce. If you are a Mimbres Valley grower, please consider selling your produce at our market. The Mimbres Valley Health Action League has kindly agreed to pay for the membership of our market in the New Mexico and Farmers' Market Association and to pay for liability insurance, so there will be no charge to sell your produce. Please come out every Saturday morning 10 am to Noon to support agriculture in the Mimbres Valley!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Mimbres Valley Health Action League** is offering two (2) academic scholarships for the regular 2019-2020 school year and other program class schedules during that time. Applicants must be either currently enrolled in college/certification programs, or graduating from a public high school or an accredited homeschooling high school program. The focus of these scholarships is the pursuit of a healthcare profession or related occupation.

- * The amount of \$750 will be awarded to support tuition related expenses.
- * The amount of \$250 will be awarded to support materials/supplies for classwork.

The application period is open from May 1 to June 15, 2019.

The students must reside within the boundaries of the Mimbres Valley defined as residences off HWY 61 and 35 within the length of the Mimbres Valley.

Please contact Chris DeBolt at 956-3225 or cdebolt52@gmail.com with any questions regarding eligibility and to apply for one of the scholarships.



FREE Kid's Archaeology Camp at MCHS

Kids age 4th to 8th grade interested in learning about archaeology and the history of the Mimbres Valley are invited to come to a two-day

overnight archaeology camp at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site June 24-25. **The camp is free!** Tents, sleeping bags, water bottles, food, hats, and all other supplies will be provided. Kids just need to bring personal items and clothes. Come learn about the Mimbres people that lived in the Valley a thousand and more years ago by exploring the Mattocks Ruin archaeological site. Work with a team of archaeologists and help map the Cottonwood Site and document artifacts.

For information and applications call Marilyn Markel 575-536-9337 or e-mail

mmarkelmimbres@gmail.com. Hurry! Applications are due by June 7. Funding for the camp is provided by MCHS through a grant from the Grant County Community Foundation and by the Grant County Archaeological Society.