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MIMBRES MESSENGER

Valentines for 70 years!

On January 21, Darwin and Evon Bleak of Mimbres celebrated one of the biggest milestones of their married life – their **70th wedding anniversary**.

Darwin and Evon met in Silver City in the late winter of 1949. Twenty-year old soldier Darwin Bleak, who was stationed at the White Sands Proving Ground, came to Silver City to visit his friends Don and Mildred Billings and their family. Don was friends with E. E. Ridling (aka Buttermilk) who owned a chain of service stations. Mr. Ridling had worked at the T & M Dairy in Hanover and he got the nickname Buttermilk. You will still see a Buttermilk service in Bayard.

Darwin needed gas, so he stopped at a Buttermilk service station (that is no longer there) but was someplace between JD Feed and the Chinese Fast food on Route 180 in Silver City.

And there she was, 16-year-old Evon Ridling was pumping gas -- the rest is history.

When asked if he asked her for a date on that trip, Darwin said, "No, it wasn't until he came back to Silver". He thinks that in the meantime there was a little scheming going on between his friends and Evon's family. When asked what attracted him to Evon, he said, "I was 20 and she was beautiful!"

Evon was originally from Mill Creek in the Ardmore/Tishomingo area of Oklahoma. Her family moved to Silver City in 1939. Evon attended school in Hanover where she was on the basketball



Their wedding photo 1950



On their 69th Anniversary - Standing on the steps of the Church where they were married

Photo courtesy of Elyse Weissberger

team. A picture of Evon with the basketball team is still on display in Dr. Arizaga's office in Silver City. Then she attended high school in Silver City.

Darwin was originally from Arizona. His stepfather was with the Forestry Service and they moved to the Tyrone area when he was in high school. He attended Silver City High School for his junior and senior years.

In 1946, there was a draft in the U.S. Fearing that he was going to be drafted, he persuaded his mother to sign the papers so he could enlist. If you enlisted, you could request what branch of the service you would be assigned and request where you would like to be sent overseas. Darwin selected the Army and requested Alaska.

So, as is the Army's custom, he was sent to Guam! He was assigned to Army Ordnance and became a small weapons mechanic. He can still remember his MOS# (Military Occupation Serial Number).

Evon and Darwin were married on January 21, 1950, at the Baptist Church in Hanover before 20 or 30 of their friends and relatives. The Church was a little east of what used to be the Manhattan Bar. All that is left of the church are some stone steps.

Darwin had many different professions over the years. He was a cowboy (the job he preferred if he could have made a living at it), mechanic, mine worker, fence builder, and well driller. He worked for Porter Oil in Bayard for 30 years. Darwin attended night school at WNMU and received a degree in Fine Arts. Then he went

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LETTER FROM THE TEMP EDITOR

It surprises me that as old as I am, I still learn something new every day. Thanks to the internet, I don't even have to leave my house and go to school. Every day I realize how little I know about many things. Of course, you should be wary of everything you read on the internet—anyone can write anything—true or not.

For example, this week I learned that there is a specific name for the fur that grows inside of a cat's ear. They are called cat furnishings. Not to be confused with the "ear tufts" that grow from the top of cat's ears, these are sometimes called "lynx tipping."

As you may have been able to tell, I enjoy unusual words, humor, and puns. I love learning about the quirky nuances of the English language.


My husband recently gave me a birthday card and signed it "I will always be uxorious towards you." I thought that was very sweet, particularly since not that long before when he was annoying me, I told him he was very loquacious. You can look these up in a dictionary if necessary. Do people still have dictionaries anymore? I love mine and still use it all the time—mostly because I am terrible at spelling.

Did you know that there is a word for the smell of rain? Me either. It is "Petricher." [PEH-truh-kohr] I doubt if this is one I will ever use!

I was so happy to be able to report on Darwin and Evon Bleak's 70th wedding anniversary. What a feat! I thought this was a great story for our Valentine's month issue. We would all like to know their secret. Darwin joked that "he always gave 110%". A friend of mine who got married for the first time in his 70's always jokes that "a happy wife is a happy life."

I am glad that it is finally sunny again. I hope it stays that way for a while. I was

By Mary Willhite



beginning to think that I was back on the East Coast with all the gloomy weather we had in January.

Don't forget to bring your sweetheart to the Valentine's Day Dance at the Roundup Lodge. (See page 9.)


A couple of things you might interest you.

UPCOMING CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The Silver Rooks Chess Club is sponsoring Chess Tournaments in Silver City. If you are interested in chess, please go to www.silverrooks.blogspot.com to sign up for the mailings regarding the upcoming tourneys.

The tournaments are scheduled for February 8, March 14, April 4, and May 9. The run from 10 am—2 pm at the Silver City Public Library. Tournament formats and other info is at the blogsite listed above.

PRESENTION ON WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT



Mimbres Roundup Lodge

February 22, 2020

3 pm—4 pm

You are welcome to attend a public meeting and presentation on the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act , sponsored by the Catron County Government -San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District.

Presentation on the content and language of the act. Learn how this act will affect you, your community and the next generation.

Q and A period as time permits. Refreshments will be served.

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on to get his Masters in Secondary Education. He was a teacher of Art and English in the Cobre School System for 25 years. He taught many of the people who are still in the valley today, Billy Lee, the Ebys, the Bounds, the Roybals, the Montoyas, etc. He retired in 1991.

Around 1958 Darwin and Evon moved north for a couple of years and Evon attended Cosmetology School. Evon was a beautician and ran her own beauty salon at 402 Poplar street in Bayard for 50 years.

The couple has two children. A son, Danny, who now lives in Phoenix after retiring from Freeport-McMoRan. Their daughter, Denise, lives in Canyon County, California. They have eight grandchildren and two great – grandchildren



A beautiful photo of this amazing couple
Photo courtesy of Denise Weissberger

In 1980 they purchased their son's home (who had to relocate due to the closing of the mine) and fixed it up before moving in permanently in 2007. Prior to that, they spent many years in Bayard.

The Bleak's celebrated their 70th anniversary very quietly. The church recognized this auspicious occasion with a cake, and on the day of their anniversary some family came by with cake and well wishes. Then the next day, Darwin's brother came out and took them to lunch at Jalisco's in Silver City.

Everyone in the Mimbres would like to congratulate Evon and Darwin on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Many people don't even live to be 70 much less be married to the same person for 70 years!

We look forward to reporting your 75th Anniversary.

Editor's Note: It was my pleasure to be able to interview Darwin about him and Evon's 70 years of marriage. I wish I had more space to report all of his wonderful stories. He is very proud of his children and grandchildren, and after listing to some of this stories, he has good reason to be proud. If you know Darwin, please encourage him to give me more great stories to print in the *Messenger*.



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MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE

By Kathy Hill



We, at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, want to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020. We have had plenty of visitors in 2019 - an impressive 1500 visitors signed our guest book. That number doesn't include the visitors who didn't sign in or the people who came after hours to walk the trail. We had visitors from Mexico, Canada, Japan, Germany, France, Ethiopia, and Malaysia! Many people were repeat visitors, locals who brought their company and their family. Some came from far away to revisit the site. All these people appreciate the history and beauty of the Mimbres Valley just as we do! If you haven't visited us yet, put it on your bucket list for 2020 and come on over. We are open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through March. In April we will be open daily. 11 AM - 3 PM. Special tours can be arranged by calling at least a week in advance. Call one of us to schedule: Kathy @ 307.640.3012, Bill at 575.536.303092 or Marilyn @ 575.536.9337.

We are now a part of Harvest Hosts which means if Harvest Host members need a place to RV camp overnight, our parking lot is available. Check out that website- harvesthosts.com for more information.

A few schools have already scheduled field trips for this spring. Our hands-on activities and learning centers are very popular with teachers. If you are an interested educator, call Marilyn @ 575.536.9337. We welcome volunteers to help with the student centers. It is very rewarding!

We are planning the 2020 Hummingbird Festival for July 25 and 26th. Watch for more information coming soon.

Officers for 2020 are the same as last year: Kathy Hill, President; Bill Hudson, Vice-President; Chris DeBolt, Treasurer and Marilyn Markel, Secretary.

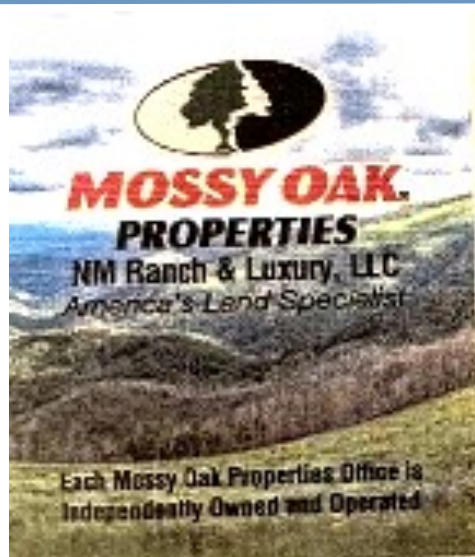
We are always looking for new volunteers who are interested in giving a few hours a month to the museum and site. If you love history and would like to be a docent or greeter, let us know. We also have some special volunteers who do projects and could use some help. Maintaining the trails, gardening and yard maintenance are always needed to keep our site clean and operational.

Other items on our want and need list are:

- old wooden boards in good to fair condition
- computer copy paper
- 4' or 5' gates, metal or wooden
- Gardening tools - rakes, shovels, hand tools
- Sugar (any size)
- Old mining apparatus like ore carts, tools, etc
- Old farming implements for display
- An old wood frame windmill
- Mimbres Valley family history photos and stories
- Cat food and litter for Smokey

Our gift shop is loaded with wonderful items. From handmade cards to books about our region, to t-shirts and hummingbird socks and scarves, come in and look around, visit with our wonderful volunteers. Your purchases help us maintain the museum, the grounds and much of the funds go in our Wood House roof fund. You can see us on FACEBOOK under the Imogen F Wilson Education Foundation or the *Mimbres Culture Heritage Site*.

Thank you all for your support!



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AARP TAX-AIDE FOUNDATION IS BACK TO TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF FILING YOUR TAX RETURNS

By Mary Willhite

Once again, locally trained and IRS certified volunteers of the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation are here to help you file your federal and/or New Mexico state income tax returns for FREE. Sounds too good to be true. Well, it's not! AARP has over 5,000 locations in the U.S. helping people file their returns.

Unfortunately, this year, due to lack of staff in this area and new security regulations from AARP, the volunteers can no longer prepare tax returns at the Mimbres location. Taxpayers who used the Mimbres location last year are encouraged to make an appointment at the Bayard or the

Silver City location.

There have been other changes since last year. There is now a new automated appointment system available on-line where you can book your own appointment (see instructions below).

Four of the local volunteers did not return this year. One retired after 12 years, two because of illness, and one who moved to Las Cruces to attend school. However, they have been replaced with four very capable new volunteers.

This year, tax returns will be prepared **by appointment only** at the following locations, dates and times.

Bayard Public Library

1112 Central Avenue

Wednesday and Thursdays

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Staffed with 4 volunteers

If you have questions or can't make an appointment on-line,

call 575-519-5988* and leave a message

Silver City at Watt's Hall

500 East 18th Street ~ Hwy 180 and Swan

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

9:30 am to 2:30 p.m.

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call 575-342-1892 *and leave a message

**** Please note that the phone numbers are different for each site. Phone messages will be returned within two days.**

To make an appointment with our new automated appointment system, which we encourage. It is very simple, and it saves the volunteers time that they can be spending with more clients.

Make an appointment on-line at aarp.org/taxaide

Select Find a location
Enter your zip code (your zip code)
Select Either Bayard or Silver City
Select Make an appointment
Answer the questions and select a date and time

Record your confirmation #

If you have entered your email, you will get a reminder the day before your appointment

Or, if you don't have access to a computer or long distance on your phone, you can drop by one of the locations on a day that tax returns are being prepared and make a future appointment.

The volunteers can prepare most tax returns. There is no age or income limit and you do NOT have to be a

member of AARP. Volunteers are unable to file complex tax returns such as married filing separately, rental property (except for land), or if you have a small business with expenses over \$25,000, or you have a Health Insurance Savings Plan. You will need to see a paid preparer to help you with these matters.

Even if you do not need to file a tax return, you may be able to get a rebate from the State of New Mexico. You should probably make an appointment if you fall into one of the two categories below.

If you made less than \$22,000 in 2019, you would probably receive between \$20 to \$120 + depending on your filing status and income.

Also, if you were 65 years of age or older in 2019, and you made less than \$16,000 in 2019, you may receive an additional property tax or rent rebate up to \$350 depending on the amount of your taxes or rent.

The AARP volunteers are looking forward to serving you this tax season. Remember this service is free and the volunteers CANNOT accept donations or tips!



FOREST SERVICE NEWS



TRASH PICKUP SUSPENDED

The Gila National Forest, Wilderness Ranger District has suspended the trash service at the Sapillo Campground for the winter season. The dumpster has been removed and visitors are being asked to not dispose of trash in the fire rings or leave it in the campground area. This action will be reevaluated in the spring when seasonal recreational staff may be available to assist with trash pick-up.

“For the past number of years, the Wilderness Ranger District has provided trash service at the Sapillo Campground” said District Ranger Rachelle Huddleston-Lorton. “Due to financial and staffing constraints we are unable to continue that through the winter. I am asking our visitors to please “pack it in and pack it out” so that we can keep the campground open through the winter.”

CAMPGROUND CLOSURES

The Gila National Forest, Silver City Ranger District has temporarily closed three campgrounds, **effective immediately**.

The following campgrounds are temporarily closed:

- ♦ Iron Creek Campground, located in the Black Range Mountains off NM State Highway 152
- ♦ Cherry Creek Campground, located off NM State Highway 15
- ♦ McMillan Campground, located off NM State Highway 15

“We have had to close these campgrounds due to safety concerns due to previous inclement weather. We encourage forest visitors to check weather and road conditions prior to heading out on the Forest” said Beth Ihle, District Ranger. Visitors should also be mindful of hazards that can be present during the colder months, such as sudden weather and temperature changes and falling trees due to windy and/or snowy conditions. To find out about the roads that are typically closed during the winter season or more information about any of the campgrounds, please contact the local ranger district.

GILA FORESTS DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Notice of Availability which marks the official release of the Gila National Forest’s draft revised management plan and draft environmental impact statement will be published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2020. The Notice of Availability will also identify the date the official comment period ends. Documents and instructions on how to comment are available on the Plan Revision website: <http://go.usa.gov/h88k>. Paper copies will be available to review at all Gila NF offices and at the following community locations. CD copies will also be available for distribution in our area at the Silver City Library, WNMU Miller Library, all six Gila National Forest Ranger Districts.

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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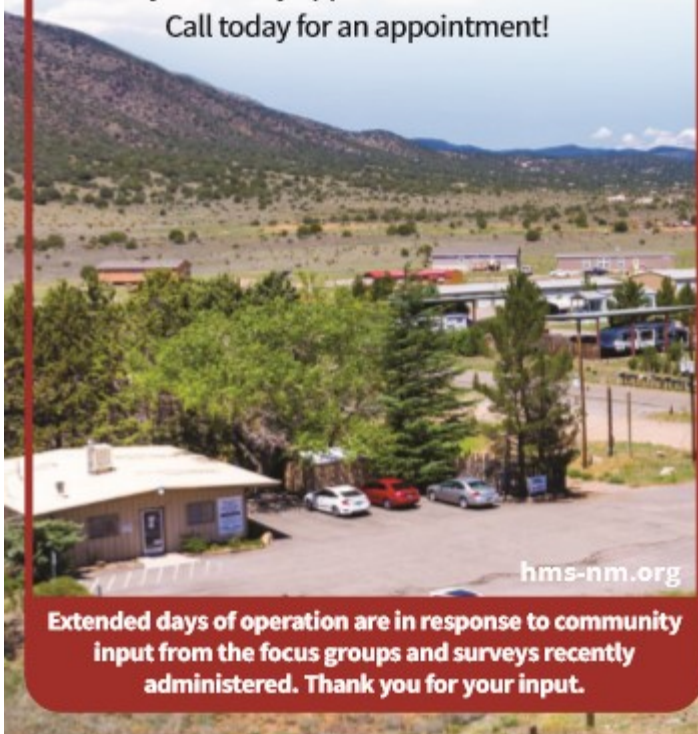


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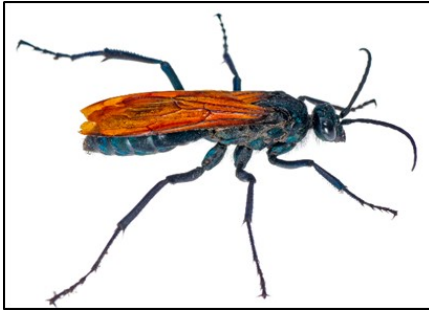


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**Extended days of operation are in response to community
input from the focus groups and surveys recently
administered. Thank you for your input.**

Tarantula Hawks

By "The Bugman"



Did you know that New Mexico has an official state insect? Do you know what it is? It's a species of tarantula hawk known as *Pepsis grossa*. Tarantula

hawks belong to a larger group of wasps called 'spider wasps'. Adult spider wasps are vegetarians and can often be observed during the summer feeding on nectar from flowers or sugars from fruits. However, their maggot-like young (known as larvae, singular larva) are carnivores and feed on spiders. Tarantula hawk larvae feed on tarantulas, the largest spiders found in our area. Tarantula hawk females fly low over the ground to locate tarantula burrows, and when a burrow is found, the wasp carefully enters, which provokes the tarantula to exit. Once outside, the tarantula raises its front legs, exposing its fangs in preparation for a fight. The wasp quickly jumps onto the tarantula, inserts her stinger and injects a venom. The venom rapidly paralyzes, but does not kill, the tarantula. The wasp then drags the large spider back to its burrow, lays a single egg on the tarantula and then covers the burrow en-

trance with soil. Fertilized eggs become females and unfertilized eggs become males. A larva emerges from the egg, burrows into the abdomen of the tarantula and begins feeding, avoiding vital organs until dessert time so that the tarantula remains alive and fresh until the larva is fully grown. The larva then transforms into a pupa, from which an adult will emerge in 2-3 weeks.

Pepsis grossa, the state insect pictured above, is quite common in the Valley and has two color forms, one with orange wings and the second with black wings. Both forms have black bodies, antennae and legs. In my experience, the orange-winged form is more common in our area. Female *Pepsis grossa* can reach 2 inches in length, while males are somewhat smaller, attaining a length of about 1.5 inches.

Be careful around tarantula hawks! Only females sting and they are not highly aggressive, but if you do get stung, the pain has been described as "*Blinding, fierce, and shockingly electric. A running hair dryer has been dropped into your bubble bath. A bolt out of the heavens. Lie down and scream*" by Justin Schmidt, an entomologist at the USDA Bee Research Center in Tucson, Arizona. With such a powerful sting, it's not surprising that tarantula hawks have very few enemies, one of the few being the roadrunner, which just happens to be New Mexico's state bird.

TEACHER, CINDY LEE, WINS TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau awarded science teacher, Cindy Lee, its Teacher of the Year Award. Though technically not an Ag Teacher, in her 26 years of teaching science at the Cobre Middle School in Bayard, she has always championed the field of agriculture in her science classroom. A lot of this she does through hands-on practical assignments that involve agriculture. Her students are presently raising chickens and have a greenhouse where they raise strawberries. The chicken coop and greenhouse were obtained from grants she wrote and received.

Cindy always takes advantage of any agricultural opportunities where her students can participate. She takes them to the Grant County Fair, the Southern New Mexico State Fair in Las Cruces, and Ag Career events at NMSU. Over the years, she has attended many Ag in the Classroom workshops, one of which included a trip to Mexico and the National Ag in the Classroom Workshop in Albuquerque.

It is quite an honor to be named Teacher of the Year

out of your field. Cindy may be a science teacher, but obviously, the Farm Bureau recognizes the contributions she has made over the years to agriculture.

Everyone in the valley knows that Cindy Lee is no stranger to winning awards and deserving all of them. Her award winnings have been reported in the *Messenger* so many times that I was almost afraid to include another one for fear the readers might think I was making them up! Once again, it is an honor to be able to report her accomplishments. Congratulations to a remarkable teacher.



Cindy and some of her students

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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

The Booster Club is happy to report that the New Year's Day Brunch was a HUGE success. It was so successful that we need to apologize to the people who arrived after 12 o'clock and there wasn't much food left. The Boosters served approximately 125 people in the first 45 minutes after opening. By the 2:00 p.m. closing time we were almost cleaned up and ready to lock the door. This was double the number of people we served last year. Although we planned for more people, we didn't plan for the 150 people who showed up. We will do better next year!

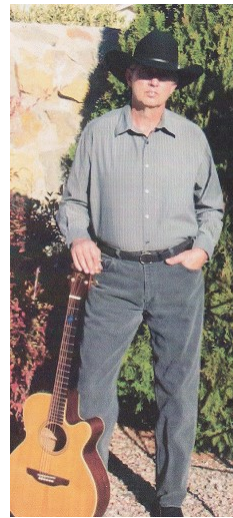
For another month in a row, the Lodge was used for a record number of days in January. Uses included community meetings, association meetings, birthday parties and many other types of activities. To support these groups we clearly need a reliable heating system. It is wonderful to see the Lodge being used as it was intended, but the Booster members have been working overtime. And, although we have a lot of fun, we would love to share the "fun" with some new members. If you have any free time, please consider helping your community by giving us a helping hand.

Once again, we are planning another community event. This time it will be a Valentine's Day Dance and Free Dinner. The dinner will be from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Then, starting at 6:30 pm Mark Coker from Las Cruces will entertain everyone with his country and western music. The dance will continue until 9:30. Even if you don't dance, just stay and listen to the great music. If you don't have a dance partner, no worries. There are always lots of singles to dance with. Admission is \$10 per person for the dance and includes a free lasagna dinner (meat and vegetarian) with salad, garlic bread, dessert, drinks, and maybe a few surprises! Children are free. We hope everyone can come and enjoy another fun Booster Club activity. Where else can you take your Valentine to a dinner and dance for \$10!

Valentine's Day Dance



ROUNDUP LODGE
Friday, February 14



Dance to country and western music by Mark Coker from Las Cruces.

Admission: \$10 per person
Children Free

Entertainment from
6:30 pm until 9:30 pm

*Bring your Valentine and
Dance, Dance, Dance*

Or, select one from the many singles who come!

There will be a Free Lasagna Dinner
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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 20 - (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - February 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
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at www.liveauctioneers.com

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - *Clinic Hours and Days have been **CHANGED*** - Now open **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 5 pm**. 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

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LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm. Mimbres' Award Winning Winery. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252

MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), New Winter hours starting November 1. Friday - Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-9337 at least a week in advance.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - February 13 - Monthly meetings 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 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 - Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road - Calendar of events.

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. February 6 - 5:30 pm (First Thursday of the month) Pot luck followed by the meeting. Everyone welcome.

BINGO - February 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]

VALENTINE DAY DANCE - February 14 - 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Admission \$10 per person, children Free - **5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** Free lasagna dinner .

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 15 for daily menu.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - See Page 15

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

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COUNTY CALENDAR

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

AL-ANON WEDNESDAY EVENING 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 575-313-7891

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 - February 12 (usually the 2nd WEDNESDAYS of the month) at 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.

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - - Wednesday, February 19 - (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM Meetings will be held from October to April at the Club House on Memory Lane in Silver City. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, February 13 - (2nd Thursday), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. **NEW MEETING PLACE and CONTACT INFO:** 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City and the new contact phone number is 575-654-4424

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Field trip Saturday, February 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 575-313-7891

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.

MY LITTLE LEATHER VALENTINE - Saturday, February 1, 1pm-3pm, Museum Annex - Share your love with someone special by using leatherwork to make a personalized valentine that will last a lot longer than paper or candy.

TERRITORIAL CHARTER DAY: Saturday, February 15 - Join us in celebrating the events that make us the oldest unincorporated town in New Mexico and the only one still operating under a territorial charter.

WOMEN IN RANCHING: A PANEL DISCUSSION—Saturday, February 22, 10:30am-11:30am, The Silco Theatre - Prominent ranching women discuss the hard work and business savvy that early Grant County women used to safeguard the well-being of their families and expand roles for women throughout society.

For more information, please contact the museum at (575) 538-5921 education@silvercitymuseum.org, or visit the museum's website: www.silvercitymuseum.org volunteercoordinator@silvercitymuseum.org or 575-597-0229.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, February 6 - (Usually 1st Thursday of the month) NEW Meeting Site: The Conference Center at 3031 US-180, Silver City - Reminder that you should register online.

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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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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.

SILVER ROOKS CHESS CLUB - Chess Tournaments, February 8, March 14, April 4, and May 9. 10 am to 2 pm Anyone interested in chess, go to www.silverrooks.blogspot.com for details and to sign up.

TOPS in SILVER CITY #0280, Every Thursday, Weigh-in 5 pm - 5:30 pm. Meeting at 5:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 1915 North Swan. For more information, call Jan Bever 303-902-8236

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 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. Speaker will be Sandra Peters who speak on an American Living in France. For information call 575-537-3643

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 575-313-7891

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MILK IS SERVED DAILY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Baked Chicken w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Spinach Carrots Dinner Roll Peanut Butter Cookie	Beef Stew Steamed Cabbage Cornbread Peaches	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy California Blend Vegetables Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	Fideos Con Carne Mixed Squash Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Apple	Pigs In A Blanket Spinach Salad Corn Salsa Oatmeal Cookie
10	11	12	13	14
Pork Posole Calabacitas Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Spice Cake	Meatloaf Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Peaches	Chicken, Cheese & Macaroni Casserole Broccoli Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding	BBQ Pulled Pork Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad French Fries Peaches	Baked Fish Corn & Peppers Breadstick Yogurt Pears
17	18	19	20	21
Bean Burrito Enchilada Style Spanish Rice Cucumber/Tomato Salad Fruit Cocktail	Tater Tot Casserole California Vegetables Tossed Salad Dinner Roll Grapes	Green Chile Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Buttered Peas & Carrots Oven Fries Applesauce	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Slice Bread Vanilla Wafers Strawberries	Beef Taco Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Apple
24	25	26	27	28
Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Squash Tossed Salad Cottage Cheese Pineapple	Red Chile Cheese Enchiladas Pinto Beans Broccoli Banana	Sweet & Sour Pork Steamed Rice Carrots Mixed Vegetables Slice Bread Apple	Egg Salad Sandwich Baked Chips Carrots & Celery Peanut Butter Cookie	Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Fruit Cocktail
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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

There is no charge for any of the listed activities

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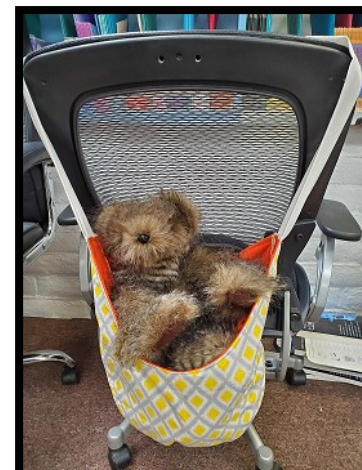
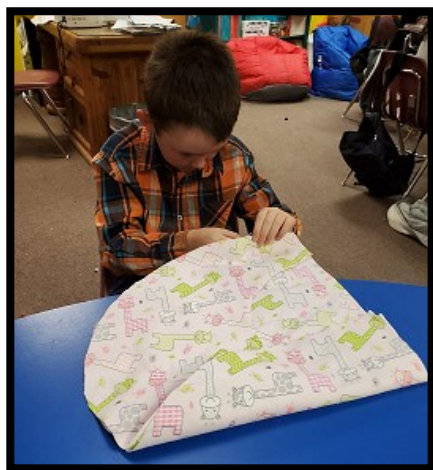
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San Lorenzo Students Began Two Projects in January

Stories and Photos by Erin Trujillo

The Australia Project.

The kids decided they wanted to do something to help the animals who have been displaced by the fires in Australia. Fabric was purchased and with the help of some great staff members and volunteers, the kids have begun cutting out and sewing - both by hand and by taking turns on a sewing machine - pouches for wallabies and kangaroos. The pouches are for both day and night and allow the animals to hang safely in the rescue centers. The project is being done by the 3rd through 6th graders.



The 2019-2020 Gila Trout Project

Just like past years, all of the students are participating in the project to some degree. The older kids (3rd-6th) will be responsible for the feeding and monitoring of the water and chemicals in the tank. Often, they buddy up with the younger kids to allowed shared feedings. All of the kids will use the project for their science lessons. Ten small Gila Trout were delivered from the Mora Fish Hatchery on January 15th, and were put in the pre-prepared tank. The baby trout will grow over the next couple of months, and will be released into Lake Roberts before school is out.



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

By Marilyn Markel

The Monument, Gran Quivira, Abo, and Quarai, includes three locations in the foothills of the Manzano Mountains in an area known as the Estancia Basin, and preserves three Pueblo Indian ruin sites and four Spanish missions. The basin, in central New Mexico, was once a lake that dried up and left good soil for the Pueblo Indians to cultivate crops like corn, beans and squash. The name, “Salinas”, comes from a series of salt lakes in the basin. Salt was an important trade item in prehistoric and historic times. The area was also known for its large herds of pronghorns, commonly called antelopes. Indians hunted the animals for their meat and hides. The hides became an important export item for the Spaniards. The pueblos and



Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument Activity

Read the article about Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument. Find and circle the picture of the animal that was hunted for its meat and hide by the Indians that once lived in the Estancia basin. Bonus activity: look for the underlined word and find four letters for the other important trade item found in the Estancia basin.



Answers on Page 19

TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

San Lorenzo elementary school students were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Silver City in January for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Silver City. Each student receives a certificate and a bag of goodies including a bumper sticker, pencil, book mark, etc.



Back Row: Aliyana De La Torre, Armando Mendez, Simon Medrano, Brandon Hickman, Brady Ybarra Front Row: Brinley Shields, Ethan Rico Single Photo: Gemma Pinkerton Last Photo: Nevaeh Fischer



ANSWER TO PAGE 18 ACTIVITY

Answers to Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument activity: Circled animal picture- **antelope**. Underlined word- **antelopes**- find the letters for the other important trade item- **salt**.



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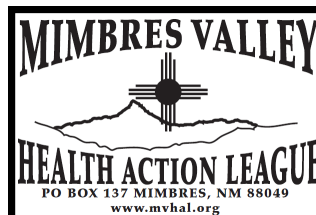
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WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 12 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
MVHAL. Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY, Wednesday, February 19- 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.

Dawn Gray will be collecting donations of art books and videos for the lending library being formed by the Grant County Art Guild. Donations can be brought to the Art Guild Gallery in the Hester House building in Silver City. She will also accept them at commodities distribution on the third Wednesday of the month or at the Mimbres Booster Club meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 (both at the Roundup Lodge). The Grant Co. Art Guild is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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