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MIMBRES MESSENGER

SAN LORENZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NAMED TO SECRETARY'S SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

We are accustomed to reading in *The Messenger* that San Lorenzo Elementary School has been recognized for one or another academic achievements. Most everyone in the Valley recognizes what a special thing we have going on at San Lorenzo. Apparently, the New Mexico Board of Education agrees. The school has garnered numerous awards and recognitions, including four straight A's and its teachers were deemed "exceptional instructors". The most recent recognition of quality and achievement by San Lorenzo Elementary is its inclusion on last year's Education "Secretary's School Honor Roll". Of all the schools in the state, only ten are named on this list, and San Lorenzo is one.

When notified of the honor roll award, Principal Michael Koury said, "I have had the privilege of serving as principal of San Lorenzo for the past five years. We have just received an unbelievable honor being placed on a list of the top ten best schools in the state of New Mexico. I would like to congratulate the students, staff and families for their hard work and dedication over the years."

At the end of 2018, outgoing Secretary of Education Christopher Ruszkowski announced the first-ever "Secretary's School Honor Roll" highlighting schools from across the state for everyone to celebrate, visit and study further. The Secretary of Education visited all 89 school districts and hundreds of schools and classrooms across the state. Evaluations were based on multiple years of school performance, the degree to which the school serves students from low income communities and the innovative and evidence-based practices observed by the Secretary during his visits. The hope is that this evaluation practice will become a tradition, with an annual honor roll and that such schools

will become open-door labs of learning and innovation – places that fundamentally change the collective consciousness around what is possible for all students, regardless of background.

San Lorenzo Elementary is in good company on the honor roll list. Each of the selected schools earned an "A" in the most recent school year. San Lorenzo and Mission Achievement and Success in Albuquerque have each earned four consecutive "A" ratings. The vast majority of the schools on the list serve communities that are

over 80% low-income. We should also note that Jose Barrios in Silver City also made the list, and guess who was the principal there for twelve years before coming to San Lorenzo? Our own Michael Koury.

Outgoing Education Secretary Ruszkowski supports the continuation of this evaluation process and naming annual honor rolls and hopes that his successors visit the schools, celebrate and champion our state's best schools and classrooms through a combination of reviewing student achievement data and on-site observation. Secretary Ruszkowski said "We should learn from the best and design for excellence. This collection of schools is often beating the odds, are the most innovative, and are proving that demographics do not define our students' educational and life outcomes. Once you visit one of these schools you will be forever transformed. And once you see students' academics and trajectories and lives being fundamentally changed in one school, you inevitably ask yourself the question: Why doesn't every school do what these schools are doing?"

We are proud of our local school, its principal, teachers, staff and students. All of them work hard for our Valley kids, and we appreciate and congratulate them.



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Anna Willhite



It feels like the new year has just started, and here it is March already! We hope that our combination January/February issue was a one-of-a-kind event, and we thank our readers for their understanding and tolerance. Hopefully we are now back on our regular schedule for publication.

We thought that the first few weeks of the year were more cold and damp than usual. Then came the snow-loved by some and intensely disliked by others. As this is being written, we actually have some of the white stuff still on the ground. No doubt it will not be around all that long, no matter how you feel about it. But it has been a strange winter so far. Many in the Valley have had some sort of flu or as we call it here “crud” that seems to be everywhere. Then there was the early blooming of junipers, those misery-making trees, which was first observed a few weeks ago! Is it too early to wish for spring? Oh well, as long as we don’t have to measure our snowfall in feet rather than inches, I think we can manage.

This month’s cover article about

San Lorenzo Elementary School’s inclusion on the Education Secretary’s School Honor Roll should have been published in January, as the announcement occurred at the end of December, 2018. Unfortunately, the chaos surrounding getting the January issue of *The Messenger* out and the subsequent combining of January and February into one issue prevented that from happening. We are very seriously proud of our local school, the principal, faculty, staff and students and wanted to give the story the space it deserves. We are so very fortunate that San Lorenzo Elementary School is located right here in the Valley.

The AARP Tax Foundation’s Tax Aide program is in full swing. Free tax return preparation for seniors and low to middle income taxpayers is under way in Mimbres (Monday at the Senior Center) in Bayard (at the Public Library Wednesdays and Thursdays) and in Silver City (at Watts Hall Tuesdays and Wednesdays). **You must have an appointment.** See page 17 for details.

Hope you are staying warm and that the sun shines more and more as March comes along – although we could easily do without the famous March Winds this time around!



Meg Streams – Talent Personified

and she has the awards to prove it!

by Mary Willhite

The Wertz Gourd Farm in Casa Grande, Arizona hosted the 16th Annual Running of the Gourds Competition and Festival on February 8th through the 10th. The festival brings visitors and competitors from all around the United States and Canada. Not only are there tons of gourds entered in the competitions, there is great food and music as well as gourds galore and supplies for the artists. The festival is well worth the drive to Casa Grande. Meg Streams attended this year's festival and came away a big winner.

Meg has always been a very talented artist, she has only been using gourds as a medium for the past six years. However, she is already at the Masters Level. Meg entered three pieces and everything she entered won top honors in the Masters Division.

Meg's pride and joy this year is the "Party Bug" which was inspired by Meg's friend Mary Bailey. Mary has rescued more than 24 dogs and one cat, and she owns a 1973 Beetle! The "Party Bug" is filled with nine dogs and one cat going on a joy ride. When you look at the intricacy of the piece,



it is not hard to imagine that it took a year to complete, and in Meg's own words, "It was a labor of friendship, love and gourds!" There should be no doubt in anyone's mind why this gorgeous piece won two awards, **Best of the Masters Division** as well as the **Peoples Choice** (which is the hardest category to win). If you want to get a first hand look at the beautiful piece, you will have to take a ride to Sierra Vista, Arizona and to go to *Grandma's Kennel* where the "Party Bug" now resides.



Her other two entries also took top honors. "Rattled" which took **1st Place on the Master Division in the Wildlife Class**.

Then there is "It's a Dry Heat" – the Jack Rabbit Welcoming Committee. This took **1st Place in the Arizona Theme Masters Division**

If all these awards weren't enough, last year Meg's entry was a "Trio of Lionfish" which won **Best of Show**. That qualified for an entry into the **National Best of Show** competition where the entries were all Best of Show winners nationwide. Not surprisingly, Meg won the **American Gourd Society Artisan Award!**



What's next? Meg confessed that after the festival and working on these award-winning projects for the past year, she was at a loss for what to do next. Then she remembered a project she started when her children were babies (they are now in college) which she had never finished and hasn't worked on in years. Besides being a master gourd craftsman, she is also a very talented wood carver. She started carving a full-size carousel horse. One of her goals now is to finish the horse.

Her other goal is to start an online Etsy Shop and to find a local gallery to display her artwork. Meg is very prolific and always has beautiful items for sale and to display.



She was also made an honorary member of The Southwest Gourd Association and she plans to help at next year's festival and perhaps judge. Then in her spare time, as always, she will be helping Dale with his vet work in the valley. Meg is not only one talented lady, she is one very busy lady.

FOREST SERVICE NEWS



Tommyknocker Mountain Bike Race to be held on Fort Bayard Trail Systems

The Tommyknocker 10-hour mountain bike race will be held on the Gila National Forest's Fort Bayard Trails system on Saturday, March 9, starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. The event officially opens to campers and participants on Friday, March 8.

The bike race will utilize 122 - 15 miles of designated Forest Service trails in the Fort Bayard area, excluding the Dragonfly Loop. Don't wish to ride? Other trail opportunities can be found at signal peak, Gomez Peak, and the Burro Mountain trails systems. The event is north of U.S. Highway 180 through the Fort Bayard area to the Servis Corral Trailhead.

For more information on the race, contact Brian Martinez at 575-388-8301

Free Wood Chips available

The Gila National Forest, Wilderness Ranger District is pleased to announce that wood chips are available again

this year. The wood chips are a residue from the Gatton's Park Collaborative Forest Restoration Program.

The wood chips are free and you do not need a permit. We recommend loading during daylight hours. **You must be able to load your own chips and please remember to cover the load.** They are available at the Celebrations site. The chips are adjacent to FSR 4078U, off of the west side of NM Hwy 35 (between mile post 17 and 18).

Catwalk Recreation Area is temporarily closed

The Gila National Forest, Glenwood Ranger District is reporting that the Catwalk Recreation Area is temporarily closed. Due to rain there is debris and the road crossings are flooded.

New Mexico Department of Transportation has been notified and are scheduled to clean up the debris during the week of February 25. Please call before you go to make sure the clean-up is done.

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/ or follow us on Twitter @GilaNForest.



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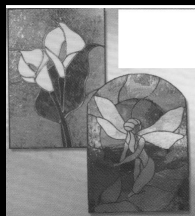


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The Gila, a Wild and Scenic River

By Marilyn Markel

"The Gila River is a crown jewel of the Southwest and one of the last remaining free-flowing rivers in the United States. The river provides amazing opportunities for recreation, wildlife habitat protection, and has unique historic value." -----Senator Tom Udall



Photo by Jay Hemphill

"In my corner of the Land of Enchantment, the Gila River is the state's last free-flowing river. It draws in visitors and residents that support our local economy." ----- Lt. Governor Howie Morales

Many people living here in southwest New Mexico are concerned about the future of the Gila River. River advocates are supporting a campaign to designate the Gila as a Wild and Scenic River.

economy. Designation as "Wild and Scenic" would not change existing water rights or irrigation systems, nor would the designation limit access to public lands, or open access to private land. Hunting and fishing regulations would not change.

- ◆ The "Wild and Scenic" designation is a way to give voice to New Mexicans that want to protect places that contain the best scenery, fish and wildlife habitat, and historic treasures.

Did you know that 14 native fish live in the Gila River basin, including four that live nowhere else in the world? The Gila is prized for its wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities, including world-class elk, mule deer, Coues deer (white-tail), and wild turkey. Locals and visitors alike enjoy camping, rafting, backpacking, hiking, hunting, fishing, birding, horseback riding, and soaking in hot springs. The headwaters of the Gila begin in America's, and the world's, first Wilderness Area. People from all over can enjoy the river and the surrounding natural beauty of the forest.

To learn more about efforts to keep the Gila River wild and free visit wildgilariver.org

What does such a designation mean?

The following is from wildgilariver.org and from the *Keep the Gila Wild and Scenic The Way It's always Been* pamphlet:

- ◆ The Gila River is the lifeblood of New Mexico-the last free-flowing major river in the state.
- ◆ Area farmers depend on clean water and a healthy river for their crops and for their traditions and livelihoods.
- ◆ The Gila is unmatched for outdoor activities hiking, hunting and fishing; a place where people can go to enjoy the beauty of nature.
- ◆ The Gila is a witness to the history of New Mexico: its canyons, cliffs, and cottonwood groves are home to historic native American and early pioneer sites.
- ◆ The Gila is a source of jobs and revenues, supporting tourism and outdoor recreation as a foundation of the local



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MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE PRESENTS SUPPORT for SPORTS Scholarship AWARDS

In the fall of 2018 the Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board of Directors came up with an idea to reach out to local students who participate in extracurricular sports not supported by the local school systems. We became aware that there are students who are residents of the valley who practice & train, attend distant competitive events, and pay entry fees for these events with no assistance except from their families. So the 2018-19 Support for Sports program was created.

MVHAL ran announcements for the scholarships in multiple issues of the Mimbres Messenger. We were very pleased to have three recipients this year, Uriel Gelbart and Amy and Clair Biebelle.

Uriel is a mountain biker who has been participating with the Gila Composite Mountain Biking Team made up of high school students in Grant County. The team participated in bike races in Arizona as a part of their Interscholastic Cycling League since there is no league in New Mexico. He is a strong competitor and is planning on competing in the annual Tour of the Divide Mountain bike race from Canada to Antelope Wells, NM this summer. We wish him much success.



Amy and Clair Biebelle and MVHAL member
Chris DeBolt

Just this past week, we awarded Amy and Clair Biebelle each a scholarship to support their rodeo sports and athletics and we were so happy to do this! Even at young ages, they have competed and won events in the Southwest Horseman's Youth Rodeo, Mimbres Valley Junior Rodeo Association, Hidalgo Youth Rodeo Association and others. They both compete in barrels, poles, flags and goat tying...fearless girls who are rocking rodeo!

Clair, age 9, said in her essay "...rodeo has given me confidence" and "thank you for considering me for this scholarship so I can continue doing what I love."



Uriel Gelbart participating in a bike race

Amy, age 6, says "...my favorite event is poles and I have to practice a lot so I can get faster" and "My horse's name is Rosie, she is a paint horse" and she has been riding since she was 3!

It was so much fun to award these scholarships. We learned a lot this year and the Board is talking about ways to continue it next school year. So stay tuned to see what happens next with MVHAL's Support for Sports scholarships.

The MVHAL Board of Directors

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **Mimbres Local Chapter of the Farm Bureau** is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who are planning on pursuing a degree in the agricultural field and will be attending an agricultural school in the fall. These scholarships are also open to college students who are already enrolled in an agricultural program.

To apply for a scholarship, contact either George Trip at 575-536-3683 or Mary Willhite at 575-536-9323. It is free to apply for the scholarship.

Look for more information in the *Messenger* next month regarding the deadline for applications.



Our Grief Support Group is starting again!

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

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We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE.**

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That's LOVE.**

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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 - April 18 - (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - March 20 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge
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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

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours and Days have been **changed - NEW TEMPORARY HOURS Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 5 pm.** 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

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MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, March 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, March 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. March 7 - 5:30 pm (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - Sunday, March 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.

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

SENIOR CENTER THRIFT STORE - open to everyone 9 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday. Great bargains by donation. There is also a free book lending area.

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - March 26 - (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950. Election of Advisory Council officers.

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March 10 - 45th Anniversary Celebration. (See Page 16).

GRIEF SHARE - Tuesdays, through April 2 . 6 - 8 pm

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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, March 6 - 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, March 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.

BAYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEW HOURS - Monday - noon to 5 pm, Tuesday through Friday - 9 am to 5 pm CLOSED on Saturday and Sunday.

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE -Thursday, March 21

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

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

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - - Wednesday, March 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. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, March 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
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Field trip Saturday, March 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 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.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, March 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 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.

WALGREENS - Tuesday, March 5 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY -Monday, March 11. Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church . Entertainment by Ella May and Billy Burns. 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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4 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Spinach Dinner Roll Banana Pudding #517	5 TACO SALAD Spanish Rice Squash 6 Saltine Crackers Apple #505	6 BAKED FISH Rice Pilaf Broccoli & Cauliflower Breadstick Sliced Pears & Yogurt #403	7 TATER TOT CASSEROLE California Veg. Garden Salad Dinner Roll Peaches #DS	9 BEAN BURRITO Enchilada Style Spanish Rice Cucumber Tomato Salad 6 Graham Crackers Orange #501
11 SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE Steamed Broccoli Carrots Breadstick Spice Cake #425	12 CHICKEN FAJITAS W/Flour Tortilla Cauliflower Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookie #504	13 MEATLOAF Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veg. Roll & Peaches #130	14 PEPPERONI PIZZA Mixed Squash Garden Salad Pineapple w/Cottage Cheese #DS13	15 TUNA SALAD SANDWICH Cucumber Tomato Salad Graham Crackers Orange #414
18 BAKED CHICKEN Zucchini Broccoli w/cheese Roll Banana #110	19 PAPRIKA BAKED FISH Corn & Peppers Breadstick Yogurt Pears #406	20 PIG IN A BLANKET Spinach Salad Corn Salsa Oatmeal Cookie #DS	21 GREEN CHILI CHEESE BURGER Lettuce/tomato/onion/pickle Peas and Carrots Applesauce #170	22 CHILE BEANS W/CHEESE Garden Salad/Dressing Cornbread Strawberries in Ice Cream #DS2
25 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas & Carrots Roll Apple #107	26 GR. CHILI CHICKEN ENCHILADAS Lettuce & tomatoes Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Peaches #214	27 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP Lima Beans & Corn Biscuit Mandarin Oranges #213	28 LASAGNA Garden Salad Mixed Veg. Bread Stick Sliced Pears #116	29 EGG SALAD SANDWICH Potato Chips Carrot & Celery Sticks Peanut Butter Cookie #402

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

MILK SERVED DAILY

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

There is no charge for any of the listed activities

LUNCH IS SERVED DAILY (Monday through Friday) 12:00 NOON

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45th Anniversary Celebration

March 10th

Dear Family and Friends of Rio Mimbres Baptist Church,

We will be having a special service on March 10th, 2019 celebrating the 45th anniversary of Rio Mimbres Baptist Church incorporating as an independent congregation affiliated with the Baptist Convention of New Mexico and the Southern Baptist Convention. We are inviting both current and former members along with anyone connected to Rio Mimbres Baptist Church for this special event. The schedule for the day follows as such:

- 9:45-10:45 A.M.-There will be a coffee and donut fellowship during the Sunday School Hour
- 11 A.M. Worship Service-Dr. Joseph Bunce, the Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico will be preaching.
- Following the 11 A.M. Service.-Lunch on grounds. (Please contact to let us know if you are planning on coming to plan for amount of food to provide-contact info provided at end of letter).
- 2:00 P.M.- Afternoon service with the band JERICO playing, questions for charter members of church, recognition of previous pastors and staff, history of the church, and prayer for the future of the congregation.
- All babies are welcome in the celebration services.

For any questions about the event or to let us know you are coming, contact the present pastor, Jeremy Butler at 580-379-2576 or jeremyryanbutler@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

Rio Mimbres Baptist Church
29 Mimbres Cactus Drive
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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

The Booster Club has some good news to report and many people to thank as we start the new year.

One of our newest members, **Lester Rogers**, was single-handedly instrumental in obtaining an exceptionally generous donation from the **Copper Ridge Fellowship** in Arenas Valley. This is a wonderful group of neighbors who don't live in our valley or even use our facility. We thank them for their kindness and generosity!

After our New Years Day brunch, we received a Very generous donation from Mimbres resident **Susie Sidentop**. She originally asked to remain anonymous, but subsequently graciously decided to allow us to name her in the hope that it would inspire others in the valley to support our efforts. At the Brunch, **Grace Williams** gave a very nice donation. We thank both of you very much for your generous donations.

The beautiful gas fireplace insert now in the Lodge's stone fireplace was very generously donated by **Cheryl Howard**. The fireplace was previously unsafe to use and had to be covered to keep out the wind. The repairs and installation of the new fireplace were completed by **Barry Gray** and **David Aguirre of Calis Plumbing** in Bayard. Barry made a beautiful surround for the insert and sealed the fireplace,

David installed the new gas lines. Both donated their time and expertise to this job. A special thank you to all three of these people. The new fireplace not only produces a little added heat, but the ambience is great and makes the Lodge look more open and so much bigger.

Booster member, **Barry Gray**, needs a special thank you from all of us. We can't even list all of the things that he has done, donated or fixed at the Lodge. A couple of weeks ago our "gentle" breezes blew down our sign. Within thirty minutes, it was fixed and upright again, thanks to Barry – who just "happened" to be nearby with his welder on his truck! Our septic system needed some attention. Once again, it was Barry to the rescue. Thank you, Barry, we seriously appreciate all you do!

Stay tuned for reports on some of the major projects that are currently on the verge of being started or completed. We are looking forward to some serious improvements in the near future.

There has been some serious discussion about trying to resurrect dancing at the Roundup Lodge. Several people have indicated that they would be happy to see an occasional dance in the neighborhood. Stay tuned.



Volunteers from the AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will prepare income tax returns for FREE for seniors and low to middle income taxpayers. Services are available in Mimbres (on Mondays), Bayard (on Wednesdays and Thursdays), and Silver City (on Tuesdays and Wednesdays), but you **must have an appointment**. To have your tax return prepared in Mimbres or Bayard, call Anna or Mary at 575-536-9323 for an appointment. To have your tax return prepared in Silver City, you must go to the Silver City Public Library or the Silver City Senior Center to sign up and someone will call you back. Last days for an appointment will be April 10th (in Silver) and April 11th (in Bayard), so call sooner rather than later, because the appointments fill up fast at the end!



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El Malpaís National Monument

The second in our series highlighting New Mexico National Parks and Monuments
Story and photos by Marilyn Markel



Conejo Mimbrenño Visits

El Malpaís National Monument

El Malpaís National Monument, south of Grants, is called the “badlands” of New Mexico. The area is very dry and the soil is volcanic and rocky. There are amazing land formations that resulted from volcanic activity.



Ancient trails used by Native Americans cross the landscape through rough terrain-lava flows and lava tubes are mixed with stands of ponderosa pines and scenic views. There are signs of past human habitation, such as prehistoric ruins and homestead sites.

(See the word scramble on page 19 and reference this article.)

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Protecting Prehistoric Rock Art Sites

Appeal from the National Forest Service

Gila National Forest is home to over 200 recorded prehistoric rock art sites. Rock art is extremely fragile, once damaged the site can never be repaired to its original condition. Visitors to the rock art sites across the Gila National Forest may notice that these places have not always been respected. Damaging rock art sites reflects the disrespect of a few for a cultural history that belongs to us all—a history that the Gila National Forest is mandated to protect.

Rock art sites are considered sacred by many people. There are two types of rock art: petroglyphs (motifs that are pecked, ground, incised, abraded, or scratched on the rock surface) and pictographs (paintings or drawings in one or more colors using mineral pigments and plant dyes on the rock surface). The patterns and motifs may be similar, but are never quite the same. Styles vary from place to place, and from culture to culture.

Each of us has the opportunity to do our part to protect this heritage for future generations. Please follow the rock art etiquette guidelines below when visiting rock art sites.

Rock Art Etiquette

- Avoid touching the rock art or surfaces around it. Surprising as it may seem, the oils in a single handprint can chemically affect the rock surface.

- Do not apply any substance to the rock art surface, including water or any other fluids.
- Although you may think that you are helping others to see the rock art, do not trace images with sticks, stones, chalk, or other substances.
- We appreciate your care and concern for rock art sites, but do not attempt to remove graffiti, chalking, lichen, bird droppings, or anything else from rock art. Site repair can be made more difficult by the good intentions of those without technical expertise.
- Do not collect or disturb artifacts or features at rock art sites.
- Speak out to prevent damage to rock art and report new rock art destruction.

Archaeological sites are fragile, irreplaceable, and protected by law. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 protects sites for the benefit of all. This law states that it is illegal to collect or disturb archaeological materials on public land without a permit issued from the appropriate land managing agency, and this includes collecting arrowheads or other isolated finds. Violators will be subject to civil and criminal penalties, including 10 years in prison, a maximum fine of \$250,000.00 and confiscation of vehicles and equipment used in committing the crime.

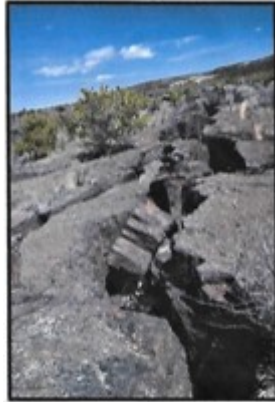
We thank you for appreciating and respecting these very special places and for helping others do the same.

El Malpaís Word Scramble

Look for the underlined letters in the **Conejo Mimbrenño Visits El Malpaís National Monument** article on page 18. Unscramble the underlined letters to get a 2-word description of this scenic wonder of our state. Each word has 8 letters.



See page 20 for the answers.



Report from Mimbres

By Atilyn Diedrich

Happenings at the San Lorenzo Elementary School

In Bayard at the Cobre High the elementary schools are doing a play called, Aladdin. We are practicing and working hard.

The play will take place sometime in April. Only some of the kids in Central, Hurley, Bayard and San Lorenzo are participating in this play. Our directors, Buck, Lauara Brown, and Monique, are putting time and dedication for this performance. I am excited to perform and participate in this play. Hopefully, you will be one of those sitting in the seats watching us.

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.

Those honored are front; Zellana Moulton, Brinley Shields, Brandon Hickman, and Josephine Lente. Back; James Hazen, Delilah Romo, Cheyanne Medrano, Cooper Zimmerma, and Angelica Ice

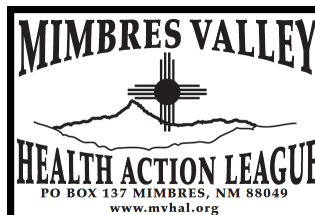
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WEDNESDAY - MARCH 13—5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. MVHAL. Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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.



**MIMBRES
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HERITAGE SITE**

By Kathy Hill

Planning for the 2019 Hummingbird Festival on July 27-28 has begun. We are looking for musicians who would come and play or perform in the afternoons of the festival. Do you play a guitar or other musical instrument? Or sing? Do you have a group who are willing to help us out? Are you looking for a practice ground? If interested, please call Kathy Hill @575.536.3161 or cell 307.640.3012 for questions or more information.



2019 OFFICERS: Board officers for the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site 2019, are L to R

Marilyn Markel, Secretary; Chris DeBolt, Treasurer; Bill Hudson, Vice-President and Kathy Hill, President.

Stop in the museum and say hello. We are still in our winter hours of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 AM- 3 PM. If you

have a group needing a tour, please call us a week at least in advance to schedule. 575.536.3333 or Kathy at 307.640.3012.

GIFT SHOP: We have new items in the gift shop if you are looking for Mimbres style gifts. We have some new jewelry and we even have Easter cards with a Mimbres theme. We also have handmade, one-of-a-kind cards for all occasions or just blank for your needs. We have really nice hummingbird items and a good variety of books including kids' books. Our children's items are interesting and educational.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: We are always looking for volunteers. If you have 4 or more hours a month to share with us and visitors from all over, please stop and pick up a volunteer application. You will learn a lot about history and meet some really nice people.

ROOF FUND DRIVE: Our fund drive is still in full speed to raise funds for the new roof on the Dr. Granville Wood house. Donations are welcomed.

Check us out on FACEBOOK - The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation and/or visit our web site
www.mimbrescultureheritagesite.org.

Word Search Answer from page 19: Volcanic
Badlands