

A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MIMBRES MESSENGER

Meet Your Neighbors--- Scott and Peggy Hulet

By Marilyn Markel

If you have driven up the Mimbres Valley on your way to the post office or beyond, you have probably noticed the new business, *The Little Shop of Hoarders*, now open on Sage Road – on the turn-off to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. The owners, Scott and Peggy Hulet, moved here a few months ago from South Dakota. Meeting Scott and Peggy, the first thing that caught my attention is their wonderful sense of humor, certainly evident in the name of their shop, but also in their plans for the business, the names of their animals, the items for sale in the shop, their artwork, it all brought a smile to my face and the desire to know more about this creative couple.

When the Hulets decided to move away from the Black Hills they made a choice—Alaska? or New Mexico? They visited New Mexico, looked at Lordsburg and Silver City and when the real estate agent showed them the property in Mimbres at night, in the dark, they liked what they saw. Scott and Peggy are both interested in the Old West and Native American history and culture and they were excited that the property was down the road from the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. And, of course, even in the dark, they were struck by the beauty of the Mimbres Valley.

Scott grew up in South Dakota, got an education in geology (his love of rocks and minerals is on display inside and outside the shop), and has moved here and there across the west. He worked as a geologist but also spent time in New Mexico working in a fly fishing shop in Santa Fe, finding Santa Fe “a little too artsy and too

cold.” He lived in Tombstone, Arizona for awhile, and as a re-enactor, took part in gun fights at the OK Corral. He eventually returned to South Dakota to care for his aging mother. Scott is a writer, currently working on six books. “All at the same time!” says Peggy. Scott writes western fiction and has had articles published in western magazines. But one of the novels he’s working on is about Key

West, Florida, and pirates.

Peggy is from Key West, where she grew up, her knowledge of that area, so different from the dry southwest, undoubtedly helped spark Scott’s imagination and interest in tales of piracy on the high seas. Scott has created a character he named *Prickly Pear Pete*, that comes up with witty western sayings. Be on the lookout for *Prickly Pear Pete* in the Mimbres Messenger!

Peggy, an artist, says she has been interested in art since childhood. She took art classes

at a community college but is mainly self-taught. Her Dad was in the military in Florida, but each summer the family spent time in South Dakota, in the Black Hills, “it was the best of both worlds” says Peggy. She moved to South Dakota eleven years ago and met Scott at an art gallery in Custer. Peggy quickly realized she, “wasn’t in Florida anymore” and her art changed to reflect the change in place and circumstance. She helped paint a buffalo—buffaloes are a big deal in South Dakota—Custer hosts the annual Buffalo Stampede, an art fair, and a buffalo chile cook-off. Much of her artwork now reflects her interest in the West, but some still retains a touch of her Key West upbringing. Scott



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

Now that spring is officially here, the tourist season cannot be far behind. Already the weekend parade of RV's and campers has picked up. Several of the campgrounds in the upper valley have opened. Fort Bayard has expanded its hours for walking tours. Things are blooming here and there, and the yen to work outside is only thwarted by the days of serious wind. There is even the occasional tendency toward spring cleaning, but that can be avoided by sitting down in a quiet place for a few minutes until the feeling goes away.

One of the down sides of the arrival of spring has been a high incidence of allergies. It seems as if everyone you meet is sneezy or watery-eyed, explaining that they are not contagious, just allergic. Apparently the generous amount of winter moisture we received has produced an abundance of those pesky pollens and other unwelcome biologicals. Rumor has it that the allergy season will abate "sometime soon". Let us hope.

The Messenger staff is delighted with recent positive responses to our pleas for material from new and varied sources. Our ultimate goal is to stockpile articles and notes of interest so that we are not scrambling at the last minute for material to fill our pages. So if you have been intending to submit an article, comment or observation, please do so. We have dis-

covered an almost endless variety of interests and personalities in the Valley who make for interesting and varied reading. We also always welcome comments from our readers, particularly suggestions for future articles or features.

You may have noticed the increased incidence of political news and advertisements in the media. As the season moves along, you will notice the occasional political ad in *The Messenger*. The appearance of such ads does not in any way reflect endorsement or support by *The Messenger* of any candidate for any office. As you know, our advertising produces revenue which helps us provide this newsletter free of charge. All political ads you will see here are paid advertisements.

The tax return filing season is almost over, now only weeks remain instead of months! The AARP Tax Aide volunteers remind you to take advantage of free tax return preparation available in Silver City, Mimbres and Bayard until mid April. See ad in this issue.

The Messenger staff is still actively searching for volunteers, not only for contribution of articles and notes, but for actual physical assistance – help printing and delivering finished copies. Please consider donating some time once or twice a month to this worthwhile and satisfying endeavor. We will be extremely grateful.



"THE TEACHER TOLD US TO BRING A PENCIL TO CLASS TOMORROW. WHAT'S A PENCIL?"



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says Peggy is a great cook—she admittedly makes up her own recipes. And already has cooked up some Mimbres Valley Chili— made with chocolate!

Both Peggy and Scott expressed their appreciation in the “welcome to the community” they have received here in Mimbres. To their surprise and delight, members of the Rio Mimbres Baptist Church, driving by and noticing the moving van, helped them unload their belongings.

The Hulets also brought lots of animals with them, a true menagerie. They own two horses, Lazy Daisy, a pinto, and Sybil, the palomino, “A horse with multiple personalities”, says Peggy. They have three dogs-- Leroy Brown, a chocolate Lab/ sharpei mix; Boots, a Chihuahua/ mini pinscher; and Vinnie, an Italian greyhound. Multiple cats and Pandora the Double yellow headed Amazon parrot that can imitate Peggy’s laugh as well as talking non-stop when she wants to, rounds out the family.

“It’s been wonderful”, say the Hulets, when talking about becoming part of the community. So far, they have participated in a rock painting class at the Roundup Lodge, attended the Valentine’s Dinner, gotten to know the local veterinarian because of a sick horse, and are looking forward to enjoying all that it means to be a Mimbrenño.



The Little Shop of Hoarders, inside and out, reflects the Hulet’s interests- in art, rocks, geology, and the Old West. The shop, located at #2 Sage Road, on the corner of Sage and Highway 35, is open mostly every day except Sunday mornings, when they are at church. “If the car is here we’re open.”

Future plans include building a *Whatasaurus*, made of bones they have been collecting-- cow bones, horse head, leg bones, rib bones. The Idea to build a “dinosaur” came to them while still in Custer, and now they live in just the place to build it. They have started on another project, a miniature “ghost town” that they’ve named Dry Gulch, NM. When you get a chance, stop by and meet Peggy and Scott, I’ve no doubt you’ll leave with a smile.



FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Silver City Ranger District opens campgrounds

Silver City Ranger District personnel opened four campgrounds for the season on Friday, March 25. The campgrounds are:

- Iron Creek Campground, in the Black Range off N.M. State Highway 152
- Railroad Canyon Campground, in the Black Range off N.M. State Highway 152
- Upper Gallinas Campground, in the Black Range off N.M. State Highway 152
- Cherry Creek Campground, off N.M. State Hwy 15

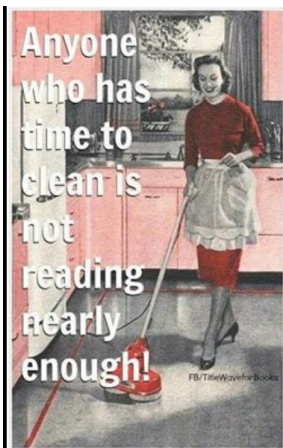
District personnel are working to open Lower Gallinas and McMillan campgrounds in the near future. Gila National Forest officials remind visitors that weather and conditions can change suddenly in the high country and to be aware of potential hazards in campgrounds and on forest roads.

Always practice fire safety and follow these campfire guidelines:

- Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of five feet in all directions,
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out,
- Have a responsible person in attendance at all times,
- Never leave your campfire unattended,
- Do not make a campfire during the windy part of the day,
- To make sure your campfire is out, drown with water and stir with dirt, making sure all burned materials are extinguished. Feel with your hand to make sure it’s out cold,
- Every campfire will be put **DEAD OUT** before leaving it.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

MISSOULA by Jon Krakauer



During an office party, police arrive to talk to Allison. Her dad is also there and the police inform dad and daughter that Beau Donaldson has been arrested and is in jail. Beau and Allison had grown up together in Missoula and had been close friends since childhood, but not romantic.

Football is a major activity in Missoula, a town of 70,000, in

western Montana where the University of Montana "Griz" play in the Big Sky conference. Like many other small college towns it is hard to exaggerate how football is exalted.

In late 2010 it is alleged that four Grizzly football players gang raped a female student when she was too drunk to resist. The players alleged that the sex was consensual and were not charged with rape.

The next year, in 2011 three Grizzly football players sexually assaulted two female students after rugging them. These players were also not charged.

These events motivated the president of the university to appoint a female juror to investigate. The investigation brought to light 9 sexual assaults, although not all were committed by football players. This in turn, led to national attention and investigations by the University and the US Department of Justice, and the branding of Missoula as the "Rape Capital" of America.

Beau Donaldson had raped Allison while she was asleep. She pretended to remain asleep to avoid sexual violence.

Jon Krakauer has written several books that I have enjoyed, *Into Thin Air*; *Into the Wild*; and *Under the Banner of Heaven*. I have read these books and consider Krakauer a great writer.

I also learned something about rape. It is estimated that 110,000 women of age 18-24 are raped yearly. In 2011 the CDC estimated that 19.3 % of all women have been raped in their lifetimes.

Mamas, don't let your babies go up to Missoula!

Beau Donaldson is in prison in Montana for 10-30 years

A "HIGH FIVE" TO David and Esperanza Gurule of the LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD AND WINERY



La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery recently took top honors at the New Mexico Wine Education Conference in Albuquerque. The conference was exclusively for all 42 New Mexico wineries. Each winemaker was invited to enter their wines in seven categories. Dry red wine, sweet red wine, dry white wine, sweet white wine, rose wine, sparkling wine, and port wine. Only one wine was picked in each category.

The winners were selected by the winemakers attending the conference. Even though La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery is the 3rd smallest winery in New Mexico, they won the **Gold Medal in the sweet red wine category** with their "**Dolcetto**" dessert wine!

There is no greater honor than those bestowed by your fellow colleagues and we are very proud of our local winery. If you haven't tried the Dolcetto because you don't care for sweet wines, try it. A glass of Dolcetto with some nice chocolate after a meal will make you a convert!

Snippets from the Silver City Enterprise Submitted by Mary Daniels

December 30, 1892

Wm. Taylor, who resides on the Mimbres, seems to have a veritable graveyard on his place. He can go out anytime and before breakfast unearth one or two of these ancient citizens. They are all found with an earthen bowl over their heads. A great many flint arrowheads and stone implements are found with the skeletons.

October 26, 1893

Two pumpkins raised on the Franks' ranch on the Mimbres were shipped to Deming Wednesday to be placed on exhibition at the irrigation convention. The smaller of the two weighed 130 pounds and measured 72x84 inches, the larger one weighed 157 pounds and measured 92x105 inches.



San Lorenzo School Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Stories and photos By Marilyn Markel



On March 2nd Dr. Seuss would have been 112 years old. Theodor Seuss Geisel died in 1991, but he will always live in the hearts of countless children (and adults). San Lorenzo Elementary, like other schools across America and the world, celebrated the birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading one of his many, fantastic, fabulous, much-loved books. The students of San Lorenzo got an extra-special treat—a visit from The Cat in the Hat!



They also ate some special cupcakes, baked and decorated by Debbie Dominguez and her helpers. The cupcakes looked like Thing One and Thing Two, characters from *The Cat in the Hat* book.

While the kids enjoyed the cupcakes, Mrs. Carpenter, school Librarian, read the book *Oh, The Places You'll Go*.

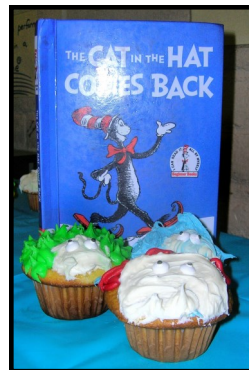


Here are a few quotes from Dr. Seuss:

Today you are you! That's truer than true. There is no one alive that is you-er than you!

The more you read, the more you will know. The more you know, the more places you'll go.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.



Archaeology Day at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS)

Saturday April 2nd 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Join Dr. Eric Blinman of the Office of Archaeological Studies, Santa Fe, and MCHS volunteers for day of archaeology fun; learn about use of natural resources and adaptation by the early inhabitants of the Mimbres Valley. Children of all ages are welcome!

Learn how to make cordage out of yucca

Use a an atlatl (a spear thrower)

Make a clay pot

Grind corn on a metate

Whirl a lightning stick

Go on a tour of the Mattocks Ruin

And much more!!!

Teen Ink- by Ajalaa Claussen

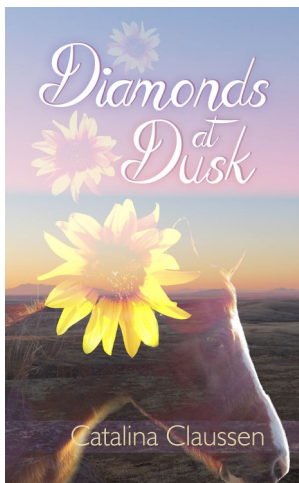


RELEASE PARTY AND

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Hello friends, family, and readers of the *Mimbres Messenger*! I invite you all to my photography show. It will be hung May 18 through 25 at Javalina Coffee House located at 117 West Market Street in Silver City. The opening of my show and the release party for Catalina Claussen's young adult novel *Diamonds at Dusk* will be held on Saturday the 21st at 4 p.m. There will be a dramatic reading from the book and a reception. Door prizes include 3 signed copies of the novel and a set of 3 cards. These items will also be for available for purchase. The full size images featured in the show and those featured on the novel cover will also be for sale. The

This is the final cover for *Diamonds at Dusk*, constructed from my photos. Three images were layered to make this cover. The horse, the sunflower, and the landscape will be sold separately at the show.



coffeehouse will be open if you'd like to purchase food or drinks. I will be so pleased to see you all there.

Here is the purchase information for *Diamonds at Dusk*. It will be released by Progressive Rising Phoenix Press and available on their website and Amazon.com by May 1st. There is a giveaway of 1 of 10 signed copies available on Goodreads.com. The giveaway ends on April 24.

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<https://catalinaclaussen.wordpress.com/>

DINOSAUR WORLDS

By Don Lessem



They were the tallest and heaviest animals that lived when our earth was young.

They lived on the land, in the sea, and in the air. They ate plants and stones (!) and sometimes each other! They lived in deserts, forests, swamps, and lagoons on land from the Arctic to the South Pole.

They are still being discovered and studied. At the present the longest dinosaur discovered was a 100+ft., 40+ ton seismosaurus (earth-shaker lizard) found here in New Mexico! Their names are almost as long as their bodies and present a fun challenge to pronounce and spell...a good practice if you are studying for a spelling contest.

All of these interesting details and more can be found in this book which contains amazing color illustrations, almost as exciting as digging up the real thing!

Aunt Mary

Available at Bayard Public Library

Red-Tailed Hawk

With its reddish brown tail, this large hawk is commonly seen in open country along roads, perching on telephone poles, fence posts, and flying high above the Mimbres Valley. It feeds mainly on mice, rabbits, insects and snakes and plays an important role in controlling rodent populations. The red-tailed hawk nests in trees or cliffs, and courts its mate by soaring and making high-pitched cries. Males bring most of the food to the young and the mother tears it into small pieces for them until they are 4-5 weeks old. Like all hawks and owls, the red-tailed hawk is completely protected by law from hunting or harassment.

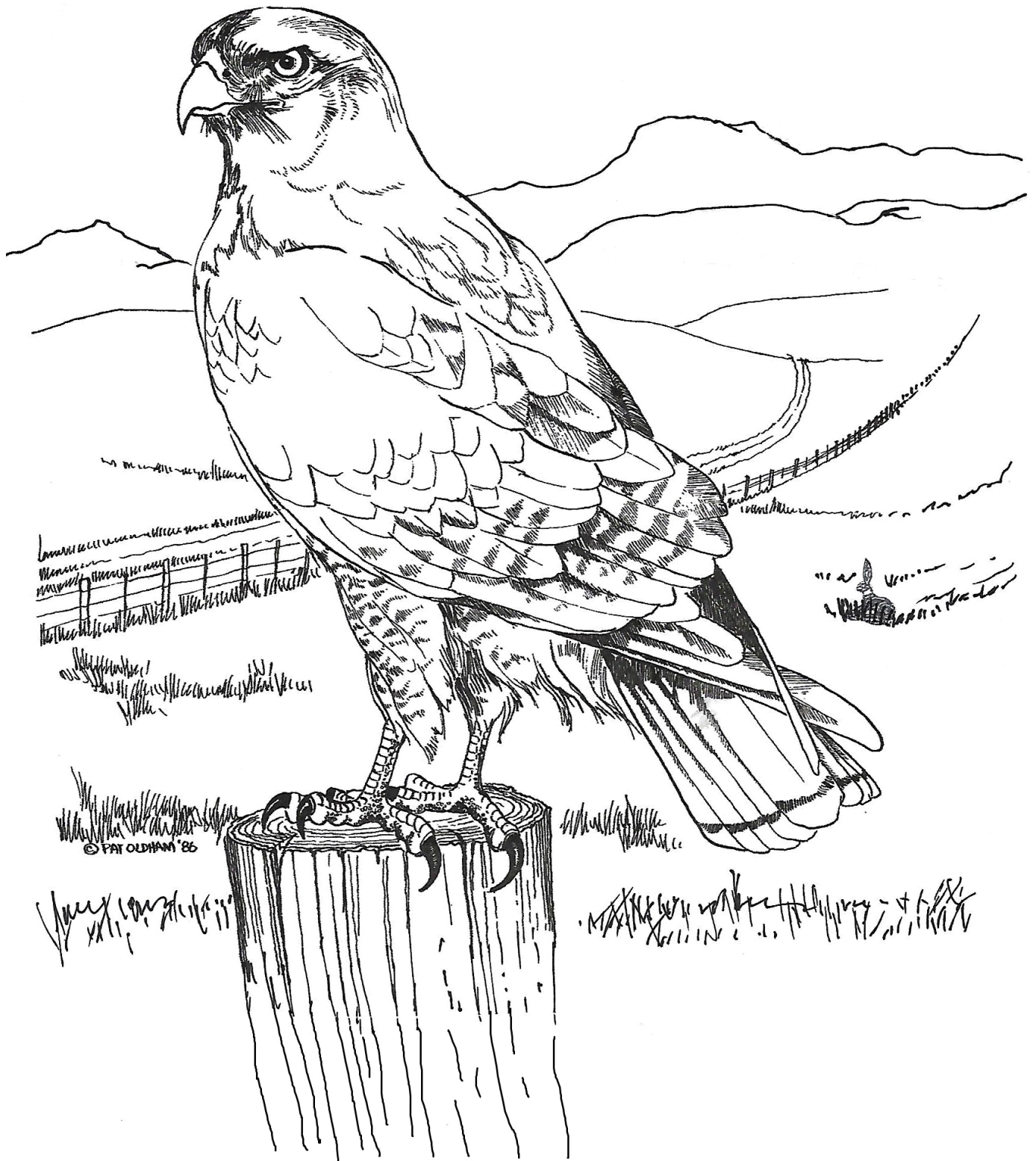
Conejo Mimbrenño in March





Last month I saw my roadrunner friend catch a big, fat lizard to eat. The roadrunner is the state bird of New Mexico and there are lots of roadrunners running along roads in Mimbres. Did you know Mimbres artist Marilyn Gendron created the black-and-white Mimbres roadrunner logo for the Mimbres Messenger? Roadrunners are funny birds, and fun to watch. They can run very fast, but not as fast as a jackrabbit!

Conejo Mimbrenño. Can You Find Him?

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SENIOR CENTER MENU

| <div>  <h2>April 2016</h2>  </div> | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Menu Subject to Change!!!! Silver 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Mimbres 536-9990 Gila 535-2888 Menu Subject to Change!!!! | 8 oz Milk Served Daily  | Please Call A Day In Advance For Reservations!! |  | 1 Sloppy Joe Tossed Salad Salad Dressing Green Beans Vanilla Ice Cream # 192 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Hot Dog Baked Beans Sauerkraut Salad W/ Dressing Yogurt # 516 | Baked Mac & Cheese Brussels Sprouts W/ Marg Dinner Roll W/ Marg Chocolate Pudding # 408 | Red Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Slice WW Bread Fruit Cocktail #503 | Oven Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli W/ Marg Slice French Bread W/ Marg Cherry Cobbler W/ Vanilla Ice Cream # 215 | Tuna Salad Cucumber Salad Graham Crackers Whole Wheat Bread Orange #SL12 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Turnip Greens Dinner Roll W/ Marg Banana Pudding #517 | Baked Pork Chop W/ Diced Tomato Baked Potato Mixed Veggies Wheat Roll W/ Marg Peaches # 513 | Chicken Wrap Tortilla Lettuce & Tomato w/ Dressing Cucumber Salad Apple # SL8 | Gr Chile Hamburger Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slice Pickle & Onion Butter Beans Carrots & Peppers Chocolate Pudding #143 | Egg Salad Sandwich Potato Chips Carrots & Celery Whole Wheat Bread Peanut Butter Cookies SL10 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Beef Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Cantaloupe # 506 | Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Cornbread Strawberry Shortcake #118 | Gr Chile Chicken Enchilada Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Ice Cream W/ Strawberries #214 | Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Carrot Raisin Salad Wheat Roll Strawberries Tapioca Pudding # 130 | Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Tossed Salad Crackers W/ Peanut Butter Watermelon # 501 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Spinach Dinner Roll Oatmeal Cookie, Tangerine # 120 | Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Slice Tomato Slice Black Eyed Peas, Carrots Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries # 144 | Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Applesauce Cake #425 | Open Faced Turkey Sandwich French Fries Peas Peaches # 430 | Taco Salad Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange # 505 |

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SENIOR MOBILE FOOD PANTRY The third Wednesday of every month, the Gospel Mission in Silver City will distribute food at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1301 North Swan Street from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you are 55 years of age or older, live in Grant County and you need help with food, you are welcome to come by. Please bring your own box or bag to put food in. Help carrying will be available if you need it. If you would like to lend a hand in helping to set up or carrying boxes to cars, please show up at around 12:30 p.m.

Mimbres Farms Greenhouse & Nursery Opening for the Season Friday April 22nd

Greenhouse full of LOCALLY grown vegetable, herb and flower bedding plants – Artichoke to Zucchini, Alyssum to Zinnia, and a lot in-between.

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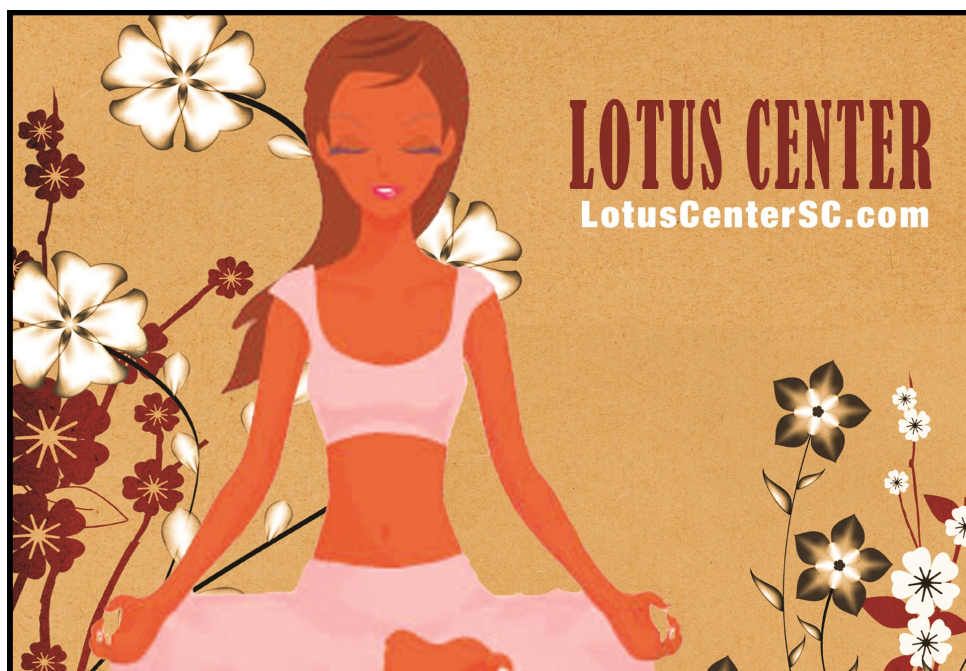
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

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 **575-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.**

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets April 21 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - April 13 (second 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 - Auction - Friday, April 1 & 29, Saturday, April 2 & 30, Sunday, April 3 & May 1 - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at desertwest@desertwestauction.com or call 575-536-9353. Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At www.liveauctioneers.com or www.lcollector.com.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours have been cut to two days. Monday and Wednesday 8:30 am to 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - NEW HOURS - 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 - 14 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new winter schedule Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-3161 at least a week in advance.

MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Monday, April 10th - 5:30 pm. (second Monday of the month) EMS Building on the airstrip. Community meeting for brainstorming and recruitment. Open to everyone. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information or just show up at the meeting.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, April 14th Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE - MVHAL Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 13th - 5:30 pm Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. Thursday, April 7th - 5:30 pm - first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - April 10th - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50 cash.

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

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday - 10:00 am Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - EVERY MONDAY Starts February 1st - April 11th. Must make an appointment. Call Mary or Anna at 575-536-9323

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center April 28th (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MASSAGES - Tuesdays and Saturdays - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm - 2739 Highway 35.
For appointments call 575-574-7069

NATIVE FLOW YOGA - Monday - Friday 11:00 am to Noon and 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm - Saturday, VINASA FLOW 11 am - noon
Beginning and intermediate levels. All ages welcome. Gentle Vinasa Flow and Restorative Yoga. \$8 per class or \$50 unlimited monthly. For more information contact Camille at 575-313-0728

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Local meetings every week. “Just for the health of it.” For more information call Paula Norero at 536-9433 or email at paula@gilanet.com.

VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - TUESDAY to SATURDAY 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; - 2739 Highway 35. Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Credit, debit, EBT, or local checks, we even take cash. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. 575-574-7069

COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - April 6th - First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - April 13th - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm Gila Regional Conference Room. Subject to

change. Please call first. 575-574-2888

BAYARD AL-ANON - WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM - Bayard Housing Authority - 100 Runnels Drive, (near Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Bayard)

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, April 21 (There will be no bookmobile in June-so plan ahead!)

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| Mimbres - NEW LOCATION - 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 |

COOPER COWBELLS - Shindigo - Fiesta de Mayo - Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction - April 30th. Doors open at 6 pm. Yarbrough Band 7 pm to 11 pm. Advance Tickets \$30, \$35 at the door. Cash bar. No one under 21 admitted.

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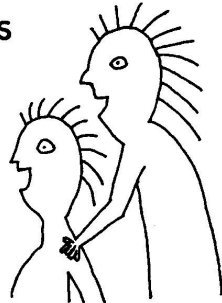


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Meet Elmo and Ellie, not your typical pets, but working animals. However, since Elmo, at 35, has retired from his packing career and Ellie, at 33, has cut back to semi-retired status, they can be considered pets for their personalities alone. They have actually retired twice. When Elmo was 8 and Ellie 6 Cynthia purchased them from a Hollywood movie stunt coordinator who wanted red mules for his string. So they retired from the movies, where they had appeared as "extras".

Cynthia trained them to ride and to pack and in their new careers they were anything but extra. They have packed into the wilderness on numerous wildlife projects, water quality monitoring projects, fish release projects and for numerous outfitters.

They were first in New Mexico in the winter of 1995-96, when they were the only working animals Cynthia had and she discovered the Gila Wilderness with them. They now share her and her projects with another mule and two horses.

Elmo and Ellie have seen more of this country and the wilderness than most people. They have visited seven states and a large section of Canada. They traveled from New Mexico to Alaska one summer where they worked for an outfitter in back country Alaska. If their trailer travel could be counted as frequent-flyer miles, they could travel the globe for many years. They have packed in the Teton Wilderness to the most remote spot in the US – the farthest point in the country from any roads.

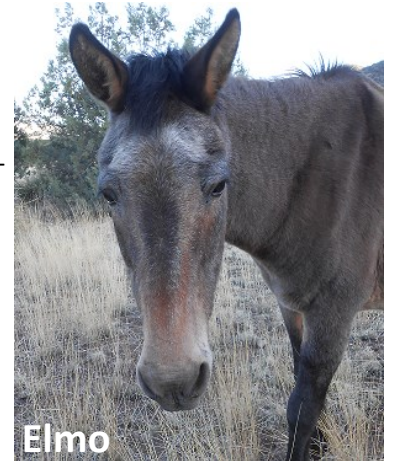
These mules have had multiple experiences over the years in addition to packing for wilderness projects, they have packed on forest fires, private excursions for adults and children and educational programs. They have given packing



demonstrations for Expand Your Horizons, Leave No Trace and other educational projects for adults and children. They have performed at several parades and Ellie participated in Bishop Mule Days, a Bishop, California competition in trail class and halter. They are accomplished in many areas, and Elmo is a

self-taught master of gate opening, very Houdini-like.

They have packed many things over the years, camping gear, food and the like, but they have also hauled some unusual items. Probably the most unusual "cargo" was a cat which they packed in its carrier for 30 miles for volunteers in the back woods. They have also packed timber for use in wilderness trail maintenance and building. Cynthia's 9 year old god-daughter was introduced to and transported into the wilderness with the mules. Several other youngsters have been introduced to wilderness riding and camping with their help.



Children are drawn to Elmo and Ellie, despite the fact that they are quite large animals. One of the first things Cynthia tells a youngster (or an adult) first meeting them is that if they back up to you, they are not going to kick – they like to have their butts scratched, and are quite shameless about requesting this particular attention (see photo above). They are outgoing, sociable and respond to attention and affection. In addition to their preference for butt-scratching, they like to have their ears scratched and they are particularly fond of apples and carrots. Plain old pats are also welcome.

Elmo and Ellie have been with Cynthia for half of her life, they are clearly like family. She has observed that "kids grow up, but mules just grow old". These two may be old, but they are prized and cared for and loved like the magnificent creatures that they are.




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PRODUCE OF THE MONTH ~ By Frankie at Valle Mimbres

CARROT (*Daucus carota sativus*)

The carrot was originally domesticated from the wild carrot which was used for its seeds and leaves in Eastern Europe and Persia, then selectively bred to increase sweetness and minimize the woody core of its taproot. The root is now grown throughout the world, most are orange colored but can be purple, white, and yellow. Close relatives grown for their leaves and/or seeds are cumin, dill, fennel and parsley.

Selecting and Storing: Choose roots that are crisp and without soft or black spots. Carrots can be stored for several months in the refrigerator or in a moist, cool place. For long term storage, unwashed carrots can be placed in a bucket between layers of sand. Young carrot greens are sometimes used as a leafy vegetable but may cause allergies in young adults.

Nutrients: The carrot gets its characteristic orange color from B-carotene which is metabolized into vitamin A. But only 3% of the B-carotene is released from raw carrots vs 40% when they are cooked, steamed or juiced. Carrots are also a good source of vitamin B6 and K, as well as Lutein and Zeaxanthin.

Serving Suggestions: Raw, this versatile vegetable can be grated in salad with raisins and a mustard dressing or juiced with cucumber and ginger. They can also be

steamed, braised, roasted alongside beets, turnips and/or parsnips, stir-fried with onion, celery, and zucchini, glazed with honey, candied, pureed, or made into cake or pudding. They are a great addition to soups and stews especially with lentils. Pineapple, coconut, ginger, cilantro, dill and parsley are great compliments to carrots.

Recipe: Thai Carrot Soup

In a thick bottomed pan, warm up 1/2 Tbsp coconut oil or 1 tsp toasted sesame oil and sauté 1 small onion till translucent. Add 1 lb. carrots, scrubbed and cut into 1 inch slices, 1 quart water or veggie stock, 3/4 cup cashews, 1/2 cup coconut flakes and 1 tsp to 2 Tbsp spicy Thai seasoning* (to taste). Bring to a boil, and remove from heat. Blend mix until pureed. Serve hot, topped with finely chopped cilantro or Italian parsley.

*Spicy Thai seasoning: a spicy paste or dry mix. When using all fresh ingredients, the sauce will be a paste or when using dried vegetables and spices, the mix can last for months in a covered jar. Blend the following: 6 to 12 fresh whole de-stemmed or 1 Tbsp ground Thai hot pepper or Serrano chile; 6 scallions or 1 Tbsp flakes onion; 3 fresh cloves or 1/2 tsp dried garlic; 1 walnut-sized fresh chunk or 1 tsp powder ginger, 1 stalk lemon grass and a few kaffir leaves or 3 Tbsp juice and 1 Tbsp zest of lemon or lime; 1 Tbsp paprika; 2 Tbsp black or white pepper; 1 1/2 Tbsp ground coriander seeds.

Bon Appetit

Third Annual Valle Mimbres Youth Art Show 2016


Valle Mimbres Market is inviting school-age students residing in the Mimbres Valley and attending schools in San Lorenzo, Bayard, Silver City or at home, to participate in a juried contest for the Third Annual Youth Art Show in May 2016.

The art show's opening day's reception is May 10th, 2016, at 4:00 pm at the Valle Mimbres Market Showroom located at 2739 Highway 35 (575-574-7069). The show will last until May 29th, 2016.

This year's theme is "Life". Artwork and entry forms must be delivered to the Valle Mimbres Market by May 1st 2016, ready to install. Only visual art in any 2 and/or 3 dimensional media will be accepted, such as paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, ceramics and/or mixed media. Artwork must have been executed solely by the young artist, created within the year, and never exhibited previously. Each participant may enter up to 2 items.

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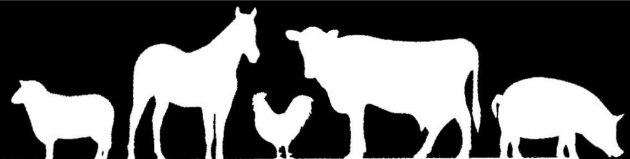


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Volunteering with Mike Stewart

Interview by Rebecca Hazen

Mike has been with Lower Mimbres Volunteer Fire Department (LMVFD) since 2006. When I asked if I could publish his age he said "Sure, I think the public should know how old we are. . ." He said that he was 70 years old this year and that it's never too late to volunteer. He has volunteered in other states, in other jobs, and on fires in other places. He can often be found at Faywood station, maintaining the fire trucks and mentoring new members.



"Why do you volunteer?"

I really think it's important, just to help out. I've volunteered with hospice and other VFDs. We really need people, it's neighbors helping neighbors."

"What do you do for LMVFD?"

"Show up!" Mike laughs "It's everything." He is also Battalion Chief at the Faywood substation. He cuts the weeds and checks on the trucks. "That's what you get to do when you get a title" he says.

"Anything else?"

"I appreciate my neighbors and the people in the valley. It's a really nice place to live . . . when the wind's not blowing."

"How did you come to join LMVFD?"

"I moved here. . ." **"and just strolled into a (fire department) meeting?"** "No, no, Dickie and Bill ganged up on me."

ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Along with somewhat warmer days, the schedule of private parties at the Lodge (birthdays predominate) has increased. Happy occasions at the Lodge are a long-standing valley tradition. Many party guests fondly recall happy memories of past celebrations there – birthdays, anniversaries, christenings and wedding receptions.

In March there was the quarterly swap meet. Lots of vendors were there, and everyone reported having a very profitable day!

The nice weather really helps, because Bingo was

very well attended as well.

Booster Club members have been busy working toward and planning for improvements to the Lodge, hoping to extend and augment the old community center to make it more comfortable and accessible for future celebrations for many years to come.

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