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MIMBRES MESSENGER

AGAVE in BLOOM

BY Anna Willhite

This is the season when the canyons along the Mimbres River and Sapillo Creek (such as Georgetown, Bear and Anchetta canyons) are decorated with flowering agave.

One rarely overcast morning recently, Marilyn Markel (our treasured and consistent premiere contributing writer) happened upon this stunning example in an enchanting setting. Ever striving for the perfect view, she diligently returned to the spot and took several photos before finding “just the right one”. It is that devotion to quality in her work that characterizes Marilyn’s contributions to *the Messenger* and the myriad other archaeological and educational pursuits that occupy her time and talents. We are grateful to have her.

The agave (sometimes known as the century plant) unlike some of its relatives such as the yucca and sotols, blooms only once between the ages of 8 and 30 years – not a century – after which it dies.

Production of the flower stalk and eventual emergence of the flowers occurs in June and July. This final reproductive act of the agave takes place very rapidly, the stalks sometimes growing 3 to 6 inches a day. The tree-like flower stalks can reach 12 to 15 feet. With the candelabra-like flower clusters in full bloom, the agave is, in my opinion, the most stunning example of this perennial succulent. The fact that it grows in a variety

of inhospitable conditions (high altitude, rocky or sandy soil and often with little or no water, it stores moisture in its rigid leaves) makes this giant succulent even more remarkable.

Agave has been around since prehistoric times and has been variously harvested and cultivated for numerous purposes: food, fermented beverages (think mescal and tequila) and fibers.



Photo courtesy of Marilyn Markel

There was an erudite and fascinating article about the agave in the June, 2014 issue of the *Messenger*. It was written by our good friend, the late Nancy Coinman, who was a treasured and consistent source of wonderful contributions to this publication, and we miss her. Log onto Blackrange.org for the June, 2014 issue and this article, which is insightful, informative and fascinating. You will learn way more about agave than I am qualified to describe.

On a personal note, my first encounter with the wondrous agave occurred while house-hunting in the area some years ago. One house I saw had a dried agave stalk which had been decorated as a Christmas tree and for “other occasions”. However, nothing can compare with the blooming agave present at this time of year.



Nectar-filled yellow flowers.
Photo by N. Coinman

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

It is summer at last, although the temperatures in June might encourage the belief that it has been summer for several weeks recently. The staghorn cholla have bloomed and faded, but despite many dry days, they were exceptionally beautiful this year – from afar of course. The wild Mexican bird of paradise along the highways is likewise spectacular this year. There is always something beautiful in the Mimbres, and we never know what is going to be particularly eye-catching. (See the agave on page 1.)

The recent cloudy mornings heralding much anticipated monsoon rains offer a few tantalizing previews of what we hope will be a beneficial and non-destructive monsoon season. As I have been reading lately, lightning strikes, high winds, flash floods and dust storms, all elements of monsoon season, must still be considered. So, continue to be aware, keep the grass mowed and other flammables away from your house – always a good idea. And keep your fingers crossed for beneficial rains.

Gardens assume a primary spot in our thinking and activities this time of year. In this area where one can grow just about anything, given enough water, we eagerly look forward to the rains, just not the other elements. Farmers' Markets will benefit as will those of us who

shop for fresh, locally-grown fruits and vegetables.

There will be lots of outdoor fun and activities on the 4th of July, always evoking anticipation of picnics, cook-outs, watermelon and fireworks. As of this writing, I am not aware of any fireworks displays having been cancelled, but it would not be surprising to learn that some may have been cancelled because of the fire hazard associated with dryness. Check local news.

Summer always seems to be the season for travel. In fact, half of the *Messenger* team is away, and we have put together this issue by long distance, via the internet. While every care has been taken to assure accuracy and coherence, if you happen upon something out of the ordinary, put it down to our newly-found method of producing via remote control! Obviously, we haven't used this method before, but hope to have broken new ground for future publication and travel. For example, when I was ready to send this off to be arranged in the *Messenger*, our e-mail account was down for an entire day....

As I look out over the Black Range where the closest hills are in sunshine and the farthest back are shaded and cloudy, I marvel as always at the variety of natural wonders that surround us here.

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What else do you need to know about the 4th of July?
Probably nothing, but you might be interested in some of these tidbits.



The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as the day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (most of the 56 signers representing 13 colonies did that on August 2, 1776).

So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes. July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.). It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new

nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered. Only two people actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th—John Hancock and Charles Thomas.

- * Congress declared July 4th as an official holiday in 1870. In 1938, Congress reaffirmed the holiday to make sure workers received full pay.
- * The average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest at 70 and Edward Rutledge was the youngest at 26.
- * Three Presidents have died on July 4th. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died within hours of each other in 1826 (the 50th Anniversary). James Monroe died in 1831.
- * Calvin Collidge was born in 1872 on July 4th.
- * In 1776 about 2.5 million people lived in the United States versus 311.7 million in 2011.
- * An estimated 155 million hot dogs are consumed on the 4th of July.
- * In 1801, Thomas Jefferson was the first president to hold a 4th of July celebration at the White House.
- * The Pennsylvania Evening Star was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence.
- * The Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1846 due to concerns about cracking. Instead, the bell is tapped 13 times on the 4th of July.
- * The American Pyrotechnics Association estimates that more than 14,000 fireworks displays light up US skies on July 4th.
- * In 1946, the Philippines gained Independence **from the United States** on July 4th.



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All the Light We Cannot See

**By Anthony Doerr
and**

The Book Thief

By Marcus Zusak

These two books were 'gifted' to me almost simultaneously. I read them one after the other and now to complete the pattern offer a dual review.

The similarities continue: in 2014 "All the Light..." was awarded the Pulitzer Prize. Nine years earlier "The Book Thief" earned 11 awards as a "young adult" novel.

Still more likenesses: both stories are set in the early years of WW II in France and Germany. We see the progression of the main characters grow from children into teen-agers....a blind girl and an illiterate orphan.

Now the story lines diverge... in "All the Light" we learn how Marie Laure in France living with her fa-

ther learns to read Braille and how that ultimately brings some comfort to her, now orphaned and living with a great uncle as well as to air-raid shelter victims during the incessant bombings of Saint Malo. It also forces an encounter with the enemy. Werner Pfennig a teen-age German soldier whose talented mechanical ability reveals hidden radios (whose operators broadcast enemy weapons positions to the approaching Allies) becomes trapped in the basement of the house where Marie Laure is hiding in a secret room which also contains a vintage but still functional radio. From this she reads from her Braille version of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" each evening to those who can listen. Following the radio signals, Werner discovers the room. Without weapons, Marie Laure and Werner now face each other.....

The Book Thief

Newly orphaned and abandoned, young Liesel is placed with foster parents, Hans and Rosa Huberman in the German village of Molching during the early years of the Nazi regime. She arrived clutching her first stolen book, "The Grave Diggers Handbook" which

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10 tips
Nutrition
Education Series

choosing healthy meals as you get older



10 healthy eating tips for people age 65+

Making healthy food choices is a smart thing to do—no matter how old you are! Your body changes through your 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond. Food provides nutrients you need as you age. Use these tips to choose foods for better health at each stage of life.

1 drink plenty of liquids

With age, you may lose some of your sense of thirst. Drink water often. Low-fat or fat-free milk or 100% juice also helps you stay hydrated. Limit beverages that have lots of added sugars or salt. **Learn which liquids are better choices.**



2 make eating a social event

Meals are more enjoyable when you eat with others. Invite a friend to join you or take part in a potluck at least twice a week. A senior center or place of worship may offer meals that are shared with others. There are many ways to **make mealtimes pleasing.**



3 plan healthy meals

Find trusted nutrition information from **ChooseMyPlate.gov** and the **National Institute on Aging**. Get advice on what to eat, how much to eat, and which foods to choose, all based on the **Dietary Guidelines for Americans**. Find **sensible, flexible ways to choose and prepare tasty meals** so you can eat foods you need.

4 know how much to eat

Learn to recognize **how much to eat** so you can control portion size. MyPlate's **SuperTracker** shows amounts of food you need. When eating out, pack part of your meal to eat later. One restaurant dish might be enough for two meals or more.

5 vary your vegetables

Include a variety of **different colored vegetables to brighten your plate**. Most vegetables are a low-calorie source of nutrients. Vegetables are also a good source of fiber.



6 eat for your teeth and gums

Many people find that their **teeth and gums** change as they age. People with dental problems sometimes find it hard to chew fruits, vegetables, or meats. Don't miss out on needed nutrients! Eating softer foods can help. Try cooked or canned foods like unsweetened fruit, low-sodium soups, or canned tuna.

7 use herbs and spices

Foods may seem to lose their flavor as you age. If favorite dishes taste different, it may not be the cook! **Maybe your sense of smell, sense of taste, or both have changed.** Medicines may also change how foods taste. Add flavor to your meals with herbs and spices.



8 keep food safe

Don't take a chance with your health. A food-related illness can be life threatening for an older person. Throw out food that might not be safe. **Avoid certain foods** that are always risky for an older person, such as unpasteurized dairy foods. Other foods can be harmful to you when they are raw or undercooked, such as eggs, sprouts, fish, shellfish, meat, or poultry.

9 read the Nutrition Facts label

Make the right choices when buying food. Pay attention to **important nutrients to know** as well as calories, fats, sodium, and the rest of the **Nutrition Facts label**. Ask your doctor if there are ingredients and nutrients you might need to limit or to increase.

Nutrition Facts	
Amount Per Serving	
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat	10g
Sodium	200mg
Total Carbohydrate	30g
Dietary Fiber	5g
Sugars	10g
Protein	10g

10 ask your doctor about vitamins or supplements

Food is the best way to get nutrients you need. **Should you take vitamins or other pills or powders with herbs and minerals?** These are called dietary supplements. Your doctor will know if you need them. More may not be better. Some can interfere with your medicines or affect your medical conditions.

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proved to be her testing ground for learning to read and for increasing her desire for more books, acquired by stealing, mainly from the library of the mayor and his wife. They were recent supporters of the rising Nazi party and its chilling effect on the townspeople, especially the Jews, formerly accepted as contributing members of society; now shunned, persecuted and imprisoned. Her foster family takes a bold step and hides a Jew in the basement. A stark account of his enforced captivity is balanced by the warmth of a developing friendship with Liesel. As the bombing of the town begins, her reading skill is admired and welcomed as she reads to air-raid shelter occupants during bombings. Terrifying circumstances, strong characterizations and bold action are the earmarks of this compelling story as it moves towards a satisfactory if not 'happy' ending.

Neither title was a slap-dash creation. Ten years in the writing, "All the Light" reflects the ability of the author to not just 'tell' a story but to allow the reader to 'feel' it through a poetic, lyrical style.

A 3-year composition, "The Book Thief" reflects a more lively description of events and characterization; no "reluctant" reader will remain so once embedded in this story.

Finally, each story contributes to the reader's rediscovery and reinforcement of the power of the indomitable spirit of perseverance and human kindness.

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Both titles available at Bayard Public Library and Silver City Public Library

New Pottery Exhibit Now Open at MCHS: Mattocks Ruin; Images from the Past.

By Kathy Kill and Marilyn Markel

Gourd replica pottery by Master Gourd Artist Pierre Nichols is now on permanent display in the museum at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site on Sage Drive in Mimbres.

The Mimbres painted pottery images from pottery found at the Mattocks Ruin by archaeologists is featured in the new exhibit. If you have not seen the new exhibit of painted gourds at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site Museum, plan a visit.



Photo by Kathy Hill ~ Pierre Nichols with his "pottery"

Pierre Nichols, artist of the new display of painted gourds, was on hand Saturday, June 18th and shared some of the challenges he encountered in trying to duplicate designs found at the Mattocks Ruin.

The Grant County Archaeology Society contracted Nichols to make the replicas so locals and the many people coming from all over the world can have a look at the images. "The gourds are extraordinary." I cannot believe they are not real clay," and "He did an outstanding job," were some of the comments heard Saturday. This is a permanent exhibit.

The "real" pottery from the Mattocks Ruin is at the Logan Museum in Beloit Wisconsin and the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

The Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS) is open daily from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Call 575-536-3333 or Kathy Hill at 536-3161 for info. Visitors and volunteers are always welcome! Bring the family, bring friends and experience Mimbres history *right here in the Mimbres*.



Photo by Marilyn Markel

HARVEST FESTIVAL CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Plans are in the works for the yearly Harvest Festival Calendar. We would like any photographer, amateur or professional, to submit their photos to be considered for the 2017 calendar. As usual, the only compensation is the joy of seeing your work in print for a year! All photos to be used will be selected by a small committee based on representation of the Mimbres Valley and the month. Please send your submissions to Mary Willhite at willhite200@aol.com Deadline August 25th



SENIOR CENTER MENU

JULY 2016				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Silver 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Mimbres 536-9990 Gila 535-2888 Please Call A Day Ahead For Reservations IIII		Menu Subject To Change 	 8 OZ MILK Served Daily	1 Sloppy Joe Tossed Salad Salad Dressing Green Beans Ice Cream
4  Closed for 4th of July Holiday	5 Baked Mac & Cheese Brussel Sprouts W/ Marg Dinner Roll Pudding	6 Red Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Slice of WW Bread Fruit Cocktail	7 Oven Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli W/ Marg Slice French Bread W/ Marg Cherry Cobbler W/Vanilla Ice Cream	8 Tuna Salad Cucumber Salad Graham Crackers WW Bread Orange
11 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Turnip Greens Dinner Roll W/ Marg Pudding	12 Baked Pork Chop W/Diced Tomato Baked Potato Mixed Veggies WW Roll Peaches	13 Chicken Wrap Tortilla Lettuce & Tomato W/ Dressing Cucumber Salad Apple	14 Gr Chile Hamburger Lettuce Leaf & Tomato Slice Pickle & Onion Butter Beans Carrots & Peppers, Pudding	15 Egg Salad Sandwich Potato Chips Carrots & Celery WW Bread Peanut Butter Cookie
18 Beef Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Cantaloupe	19 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Cornbread Strawberry Shortcake	20 Gr.Chile Chicken Enchilada Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Ice Cream W/ Strawberries	21 Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Carrot Raisin Salad Wheat Roll Strawberries Pudding	22 Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Tossed Salad Crackers W/Peanut Butter Watermelon
25 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Spinach Dinner Roll Oatmeal Cookie, Tangerine	26 Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Slice Black Eyed Peas, Carrots Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	27 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Applesauce Cake	28 Open Face Turkey Sandwich French Fries Peas Peaches	29 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange

SAN LORENZO FOOD PANTRY

San Lorenzo had a very successful first Food Pantry in May. There was lots of good produce and non-perishable items given away to many families. The Food Pantry will NOT be open during July but will start again in August. Please call the school at 536-9348 for more information.

Have a Great Summer!

Principal Michael Koury and
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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.

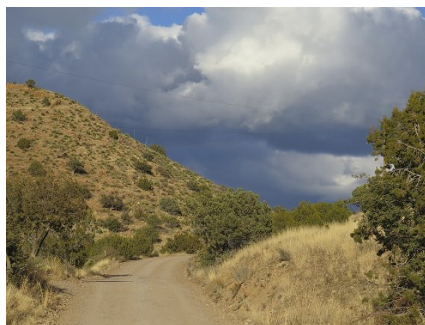
Where is Conejo Mimbrenño? Sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society



Teen Ink- by Ajalaa Claussen



I have a new found love for New Mexico. I love to fly to tropical paradises, sail to other countries, and drive through unknown lands, but nothing can compare to my home state. New Mexico's sacred waters, magical landscapes, and diverse people have created such a unique environment from any other place I have been. When I travel and describe my home to others it has made me realize there is no place better than home. Silver City has enlightened me. The Mimbres raised me.



For the last month I have been interning at an organic lettuce farm in Hawaii. While describing my hometown to a girl my age who lives in Hawaii I discovered how incredible New Mexico is. I described how precious our water is and the beauty of the desert land when it rains. I told her about the festivals and gatherings that Silver City puts on for the people. I have come to admire my town and the people in it. I began to appreciate the land. I fell in love with New Mexico from afar.

Bayard Public Library is hosting **ZOO TO YOU** brought to us by the ABQ BioPark at the Bayard Community Center, 290 Hurley Ave., on Tuesday, July 12th. This is a free indoor educational program that includes wildlife conservation, hands on biofacts such as animal bones, pelts, hide and feathers and many other interesting animal items, some that can be touched by participants.

Admission is free and open to the public. Only small groups will be allowed in at a time, so it would be best to call ahead and secure a time slot to accommodate groups. 575-537-6244.

Abert's Squirrel



This large, tassel-eared squirrel has a bushy whitish tail and lives in forests of ponderosa pine--like the Gila National Forest. Ponderosas are their main

source of food—the inner bark, seeds, twigs, buds and cones. In the summer the squirrels will also eat mushrooms and insects. They gnaw on bones and antlers to get needed minerals. Their nests, made of bunches of twigs, are constructed high in the trees and are lined with dry grass or other soft materials. They usually don't store their food and are active all winter. The main predators for Abert's squirrels are raptors like the red-tailed hawk.

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Each month, Marilyn Markel, gives us the color page, the featured animal and Conejo Mimbrenño.

Thank you Marilyn!

### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Free lunch for all between 1 - 18 years old



Starting June 13  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Served daily Monday—Thursday  
on the Grounds of the  
San Lorenzo Mission

This program is not affiliated with the Catholic Church  
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### Conejo Mimbrenño in June

Last month I spotted a collared lizard in some rocks along the river. Did you know the Mimbres Indians painted many kinds of lizards on their pottery- Lizards like collared lizards and spiny lizards and horned lizards? Lots of lizards can be found here in the Mimbres Valley-- I just watched a roadrunner run by with a lizard in its mouth! I'm glad rabbits do not eat lizards!



# 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 July 21 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - July 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 - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Friday, Saturday and Sunday—July 22, 23, and 24.**

Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) or call 575-536-9353. Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) or [www.lcollector.com](http://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.

**Saturday, August 6th - The Vineyard's 7th Anniversary Celebration** - Entertainment, food and wine.

**MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE** - 14 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new summer schedule: Open daily 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) - Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.** Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information.

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, July 14** 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 - Wednesday, July 13 - 6:00 pm** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - Saturday, July 9th, 4:00 pm Roundup Lodge** - Interested parties welcome

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

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

**BINGO - July 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

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center - July 25th** (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

**MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES** - 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](mailto: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 - July 6th - First Wednesday.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - July 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, July 21st**

**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

**FORT BAYARD WALKING TOURS -** Expanded Tour and times from Now – September 24. The Museum open Saturdays, 9:15 am to noon and Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm. Private tours for family and friends visiting the area. Call 575-965-3294 or 575-388-9123 or 575-574-8779

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - July 20th - 3rd WEDS of the month -** July meeting at a private residence in Silver City. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - July 14th - (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm -** Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. Silver City Senior Center - 204 W. Victoria Street in Silver City 575-536-1393 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com) **Field trip Saturday, July 16th the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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**SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH MEETING - Thursday, July 7th -** 11:45 am Sunset Room of the WNMU Student Cafeteria located on the second floor of the Student Memorial Building at 1000 West College Avenue in Silver City. Meeting free, \$15 charge for lunch. Speaker will be Matt Schultz, a forest planner for the Gila National Forest. He will be discussing the Forest Management Plan and answering questions. For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events** contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.com](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.com) for information about any event.

**JULY 4TH -** The Coop and Market will be open July 4th from 9 am to 7 pm. Come by for free fruit samples while you watch the parade.

**COMMUNITY FORUM - No Kill and the Humane Society** with Heidi Ogas - **Thursday, July 7th - noon to 1 pm** Community room at 614 N. Bullard St.

**ARTISAN MARKET - Double your fun! Saturday, July 9th and Saturday July 23rd -** 9 am to 2 pm. Handcrafted unique items. The Community Room at the Market Café 614 N Bullard St. Interested in selling your wares? Call Charmaine at 388-2343 or email [charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop](mailto:charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop)

**MUD PIE CONTEST - Saturday, July 30th - 10 am --** In collaboration with the Clay Festivals 4th annual edible mud pie contest at the Silver City Farmers' Market. Bring your pie before 10 am to enter (for free). Judging and tastings begin at 10 am. Mud pies will be awarded based on taste, presentation and creativity with prizes given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Spectators are welcome to a sample of the entries after the judging.

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**WALGREENS - Tuesday, July 5th (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT -** 20% off of items not on sale.

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, July 11th - Sign in at 10:30 am -** (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church (formerly Glad Tidings Church) 11600 Hwy 180 E. The Silver Stompers will dance. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.





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## San Lorenzo Students Gila Cliff Dwellings Art Project 2016

San Lorenzo Elementary students celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Parks by painting pictures using photos of the Cliff Dwellings as their inspiration.

Artwork created by San Lorenzo Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> graders is now on display at the Gila Cliff Dwellings. Visit the Dwellings and take a look at the artwork-- enjoy seeing one of the special places in our part of New Mexico through the eyes of our children.

This spring, teacher Pat Ross and the art teacher, Leslie Crumbley, worked with volunteers from the Grant County Archaeological Society and the Gila Cliff Dwellings, to give students the opportunity to learn about the Cliff Dwellings National Monument.

Photos from an earlier student photo project inspired this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to create their own paintings and drawings. The photos, taken by San Lorenzo students in 2007, were part of an award-winning project that celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cliff Dwellings National Monument. Both the photos from 2007 and the present day student's artwork are now on exhibit!

### Cliff Dwellings Art Project-- San Lorenzo Students talk about their artwork:

**Angelica** "I used chalk and drew adobe houses with pots, you can see the sunset, and how the stairs go up to the houses, some have ladders and you can see trees and what they planted."

**Jordan** "I drew a pueblo with ladders, and a coyote and trees, like looking out of the cave. I used chalk and markers, and used shading to make lighter and darker areas."

**Cheyenne** "I added a coyote to make it seem like I was there and I used colors to make the picture bright. The

The San Lorenzo Art Exhibit at the  
Gila Cliff Dwellings Trail Head

### Opened June 1st

This is a great time to see the students' artwork and to revisit the Cliff Dwellings. Remember free admission to 4th graders with an Every Kid in a Park Pass - get yours on-line at [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov)

coyote represents living in the mountains."

**Regan** "I liked the photo of the river--the trees and flow-ers and blue sky. The moon is shining and a wolf is howling. And wild roses are in the picture."

**Dottii** "I thought about looking out at the trees and mountains, and I drew the houses inside the cave. I rubbed chalk and dabbed a little paint."

**Ariana** "I drew the cliff dwellings with pots, each pot is different. I put trees outside and a wolf. I used colored pencils."

**John** "My picture is inside the cliff dwellings looking outside at the grass and trees."

**Ronald** "I drew pottery and the houses and staircase and the blue sky."

**Elijah** "I like animals, like wolves and colorful stuff. I drew the houses."

**Ryan** "I liked the photo that showed lots of rocks in the walls of their houses. I used the natural colors like brown and gray that I saw in the photo."

**Kaissa** "I liked the blue sky in the picture of the river."



And I liked the picture of inside the cliff dwellings looking out."

**Brody** "I put spears for hunting birds in my picture, and the houses and pottery. If you are in the cave looking out you see bushes and trees and grass."

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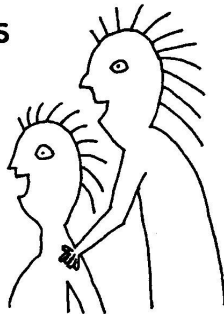
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From its first days, more than 60 years ago, the Roundup Lodge has been built, improved and maintained almost exclusively by volunteers. In recent years, as the venerable old building began to show its age and need upgrades and repairs, volunteers stepped up their efforts and accomplished many improvements. Currently, with ever-increasing usage of the Lodge, the resultant wear and tear became more prevalent and new concerns are arising.

As always, the responsibility for addressing and meeting these concerns falls directly on the Booster Club volunteers. Funding for *everything* that pertains to the Lodge is obtained exclusively through donations and fund-raising events. The latter represent a prodigious amount of volunteer time and effort.

The increased costs of operating the Lodge (insurance, utilities, supplies and repairs) have required increased efforts by all of the hard-working volunteers. The Lodge is not a "business", it is a valuable community amenity (the only such facility in the Valley) for the benefit and enjoyment of our neighbors, possible only because of the volunteers.

In the midst of all the responsibilities and concerns involved in running the Lodge, we sometimes do not take the time to thank all the many women and men who do the work. An objective view of the cadre of volunteers will show that the hundreds of hours of volunteer time and hands-on effort involved is enormous.

For The Record: the Roundup Lodge and the Mimbres Booster Club are valuable assets of the community and deserve the heartfelt thanks of the numerous Valley residents who benefit from the volunteer time and effort that perpetuate its existence.

As always, there are plans and a perpetual "wish list" of many desirable and needed improvements and amendments to the Lodge. Also, as always, the volunteers soldier on to achieve tangible results of their continued efforts. Again, many thanks.

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## San Lorenzo School *Day in the Woods*

A long tradition, San Lorenzo Elementary School celebrates the end of each school year with a day of fun and education in the Gila National Forest. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the students, school staff and volunteers gathered at the Sapillo Campground for the annual "Day in the Woods".

First, the students built nests and houses out of piles of pine needles, and then they all rotated to outdoor classrooms. Jason Quimby from the Forest Service gave presentations about recreation and handed out Smokey Bear bags full of fun stuff.



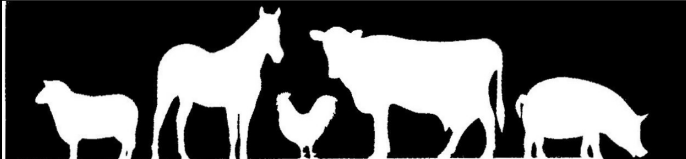
Volunteers from the Grant county Archaeological Society showed the kids how to flintknape using stone and antler tools, students threw a spear using an atlatl, and made

fiber out of yucca. The younger kids made nature sculptures with clay, and listened to a story about rocks.

After enjoying a picnic lunch featuring grilled hamburgers, and more fun in the forest, everyone returned to school. It was another great day in the woods!

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Have a good idea or want to help before or during the Festival? Attend the next planning meeting on July 9th at 4:00pm at the Roundup Lodge. Or call Grace Williams the Festival chairperson and volunteer.

Things that are in the works that you may or may not see at the festival: Fresian Horses ~ Herding Dogs ~ Horseshoe Tournament ~ Activities for Kids ~ Cow Bingo ~ Corn Pool ~ Mimbres residents tractor/truck/old car show ~ Pie contest ~ Local Growers ~ Food and Craft Vendors ~ Raffle~

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### **PICK YOUR AREA AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Set up on Friday evening, September 30
- \_\_\_\_\_ Place signs on Friday afternoon, September 30
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help Vendors set up on Friday night, September 30
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Children's Activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help at the Information Booth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help sell tickets for the raffle prior to the festival
- \_\_\_\_\_ Give breaks to Vendors on Saturday, October 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver large packages to vehicles on Saturday, October 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with cleanup and breakdown on Sunday morning, October 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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No registrations will be accepted after Sept 24, 2016!

## Vendor Registration Form for the Eleventh Annual!

2016 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival

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**Out of Grant County Artisans:** All of the above requirements apply and in addition please call the vendor chair before sending an application to determine if there is space available

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**Grant County Non-Profit Organization:** Register for a table space to distribute information. Please include your space requirements.

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form **by September 20** to: **Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival c/o MVHAL, PO Box 137, Mimbres, NM 88049.**

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## BULLETIN BOARD

**Wednesday, July 13th – 6:00 pm** Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY, July 13th - 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.

## FARMERS' MARKET

The Mimbres Valley Farmers' Market will continue every Thursday until September 29. The Farmers' Market will be open from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm, weather permitting. The location is the same as last year, the Valle Mimbres Market parking lot (2739 Hwy. 35). This year we will continue to accept WIC checks and have added an EBT machine so we can accept SNAP benefits. In addition, a program called **Double Up Food Bucks** is being offered which will double the amount of the SNAP benefit for all fresh fruits and vegetables (including food producing starter plants). Our vendors are looking for a more favorable growing season and hope you come to support locally grown produce. We hope to see you there. For further information contact Ken Barr, the market manager, at 575-313-3020.



## FOREST SERVICE NEWS

The Travel Management Rule (TMR) will go into effect across four districts of the Gila National Forest on July 1. The TMR is mandated across all national forests and prohibits motor vehicle use off designated routes and roads. The four districts where TMR will begin are Quemado, Reserve, Wilderness and Black Range.

TMR will not occur on the Glenwood and Silver City Ranger Districts in 2016. These districts are working to complete resource surveys and obtain concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office before TMR will go into effect. The motor vehicle use map (MVUM) is the legal document displaying the roads, trails, and areas open to motor vehicle use on the forest. The MVUM is free of charge and will be available at Gila National Forest offices.

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Check out the wonderful photography, historical information and informative articles and view the *Mimbres Messenger* in color!

Physical MVUM maps are now available in person at all Gila National Forest Ranger stations or digitally online. To access and download the most current MVUM for the forest or grassland of interest, go to

[http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gis/USFS\\_Southwestern\\_Region\\_MVUM\\_Repository.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gis/USFS_Southwestern_Region_MVUM_Repository.html)