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Meet Your Neighbors - Stefanie and Damon Shirk at Faywood Hot Springs

By Marilyn Markel

Faywood Hot Springs, on the lower Mimbres, is near the City of Rocks State Park. Owners, Damon and Stefanie Shirk, and family, have lived at the hot springs for four years, and have long-term, ambitious plans for this special place in the Mimbres.

Stefanie grew up a "campground brat." Her family, was in the campground industry, and traveled around a lot. Stefanie and Damon met in Colorado. Damon, from Wyoming, studied biology and chemistry,

worked for Wyoming State Forestry, and at state and city parks. Both have camping, parks, and love of the outdoors in their blood. Stephanie's Dad discovered the hot springs for sale on-line. It's a family enterprise. The Shirks have two sons, Hunter, 17, is a junior at Aldo Leopold High School, and Keegan, 7, goes to Calvary Christian school.

Since reopening the hot springs in 2012, the Shirk family has made "slow and steady" progress --with upgrades and improvements. The visitor's center is open and has a convenience store and gift shop. There are hot pools where clothing is required and areas that are





clothing optional. The facility offers cabins, RV and tent camping, hiking, bird watching, star-gazing, and, of course, relaxing soaks in soothing, natural mineral pools. Plans for the future include a restaurant, spa services, conference center, a "cool" pool, a golf course, a putt putt and kid's recreation area. Stefanie says, "We are children friendly", and they encourage families to visit the hot springs. They have a clubhouse, weddings and wedding receptions have been held, and, "Once the restaurant is open", says Stefanie, "We can have more events." They offer

locals a "free Soak" on their birthday—what a nice way to end a special day—a hot soak under a night sky that Stefanie describes as "phenomenal."



Damon and Stefanie describe Faywood Hot Springs as an "oasis", "magical", and feel their family is "blessed" to be the caretakers of the springs. It is quite an art form to maintain the pools, monitor the water, and do all the other never-ending chores to keep a hospitality business op-

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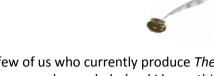
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

It's June – school is out and summer officially begins on June 20th.

The Farmer's Market opens on June 9th. Flag Day is June 14th and Father's Day is June 19th. In between, there will be many interesting and entertaining events going on in the Valley. Browse through the *Messenger* and make notes on your calendar. While you are browsing, take note of all the wonderful things that are happening with and for our children around here.

Many thanks to our loyal advertisers for their consistent support and considerable patience with our recently erratic billing efforts. Regular billing has been very difficult to achieve when it has to be scheduled around actually producing the newsletter in a timely manner along with other volunteer projects all of us are committed to. Our advertisers provide the basis of our ability to provide the *Messenger* at no cost to our readers. Their response to our recent major efforts to bring billing current has been tolerant, understanding and gratifying. Support them, please!



Those few of us who currently produce *The Messenger* need more help (and I know this is a familiar plea!) in the person of a billing volunteer. This is the most opportune time for someone to take over this important job. The records and billing are totally up to date and thoroughly organized. Future billing will likely require an hour or two per month to keep up. Please consider volunteering for this important responsibility. It will be vastly appreciated and a most worthwhile contribution to *The Messenger*. Contact us via e-mail, snail mail (both addresses on Page 20) or call me at 536-9323.

We continue to welcome submissions for inclusion in future issues, also suggestions for articles and information to pass along to our readers. We always welcome comments, pro or con, on existing content. Forward your comments, suggestions or articles to us. Be sure to include your name and contact information in case we have questions. We will not consider anonymous submissions, pro or con.

Finally, our overdue thanks to R.J. Nelson, whose assumption of printing responsibilities has quite likely saved our lives! We are thoroughly grateful!

FARMERS' MARKET OPENS THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH

The Mimbres Valley Farmers' Market will begin June 9 and 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.

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erating and doing well. But the Shirk family found what they were looking for-- a magical oasis in the desert.

A bit of history about Faywood Hot Springs:

Faywood Hot Springs are a rare type of hot springs—the water is hot because of a geothermal vent that is 5,000 feet deep. A tufa dome, created by the flow of mineral waters over the desert floor, on the hill above the soaking pools, is the site of the water storage tanks the hot water is collected then piped down to the soaking

pools. Though full of minerals, the hot springs do not have sulfur, so no stinky smell.



The springs were known about and used by Indians for thousands of years. Mimbres Indians left behind artifacts that suggest use for ceremonial purposes. The Apaches also recognized the springs as a special place.

Known about by early Spanish explorers, by the mid 1800s, after the Mexican-American War, Faywood became a stop for westbound travelers. In 1870, Colonel Richard Hudson purchased the property and built the 50 room Hudson Hotel. The resort was known as Hudson Hot Springs. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1892. In

1894, Andrew Graham purchased the property and built the 60-room Casa de Consuelo (House of Comfort) Hotel. In the 1900s, T.C. McDermott purchased the property with

> partners J.C. **Fay** and William Lock**wood** (that's where the name "Faywood" comes from).

A water bottling plant was open in the late 1800s- early 1900s. The water from the hot springs was bottled and shipped overseas as a healing agent, thought to remedy ulcers and other maladies. Pieces of broken glass, bottles and dishes, from bygone eras can still be found, as well as the remains of earlier bathhouse structures.

In the 1920s, A.G. Spaulding, owner of the Chicago White Stockings (White Sox) sent his baseball team to Faywood Hot Springs for spring training.

In 1966, Kennecott Copper acquired the hot springs. In 1993, Elon Yurwit and Wanda Fuselier purchased the property, rebuilt, renovated, and opened the hot springs to the public.

In 2011, Faywood Hot Springs was purchased by the Shirk Family, renovation continues and many upgrades are planned. For more info: 575-536-9663. www.faywood.com

Editors Note: Formerly, the Faywood Hot Springs was often thought of as a nudist colony. These days, while

there are areas where "clothing is optional", this area is totally separate from the "clothing required" area.
The Faywood Hot Springs is a family



and child friendly place.



For Sale By Owner 575-534-4529

XX Red Eagle Trail, Mimbres Mountain Ranch
Mimbres Valley

20 acre tract of a 1,700 acre Eco-Ranch \$80,000

Road, underground power, and phone line to tract line. Access to entire ranch. Forever views. Basic covenants

FLAG DAY and THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By Mary Willhite

While penciling in my appointments on my "Harvest Festival" calendar I noticed "Flag Day". I realized that this was an observance that I never thought much about and did not know anything about. Then, around the same time, I read a short article in the *Smithsonian Magazine* about the unusual origin of the Pledge of Allegiance—something else I never thought about. Thinking that other people might be similarly uninformed, I decided to do a little research—this is what I found.

Even though both Flag Day and the Pledge of Allegiance have separate origins, both of their histories revolve around educators and students.

FLAG DAY

It is believed that the idea of having an annual day to celebrate the flag first began in 1885. B. J. Cigrand was a schoolteacher with the Fredonia, Wis-

consin Public Schools, and he decided his pupils should observe the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes on June 14th as the Flags Birthday. Over the next few years, Cigrand enthusiastically promoted his idea in numerous magazines, newspapers, and at public addresses. His idea seemed to catch on.

In 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, held ceremonies on June 14th with his school children. The State Board of Education of New York later adopted his ideas. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held ceremonies, and in 1982 the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day.

In 1893, Colonel J. Granville Leach, a historian, recommended all persons in authority and private citizens display the flag on June 14th and that the day should be known as Flag Day and that the school children should be assembled and sing patriotic songs and carry small flags.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14th as Flag Day. In August of 1949 National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. It is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Credit for the Pledge of Allegiance is attributed to Francis Bellamy, an educator and Baptist minister. Prior to that time, Colonel George Balch (same as above) had written a pledge. We give our heads and hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag! [1] The Balch Pledge predates Bellamy's



Francis Bellamy

Pledge by five years, and existed parallel to the Bellamy version until the 1923 National Flag conference, a fact which is often overlooked when researching the history of the Pledge.

Bellamy's Pledge was first published in 1892 in a popular Boston-based children's magazine The Youth's Companion. Bellamy worked for the magazine's promotions department and was asked by either James B. Upham, a marketer for the magazine or the magazine's owner Daniel S. Ford (depending on whose version you read) to compose a pledge to be recited by school children. The introduction of the Pledge was to coincide with the Columbus Day celebration honoring the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the New World. It was the culmination of a two-year PR gimmick that offered U.S. flags to readers who sold subscriptions, and a campaign to sell flags to public schools to help underwrite Ford's magazine. The plan was to raise the Flag over every public school in America and salute it with an oath. The program was so successful that 25,000 schools acquired flags in the first year.

The first version of Bellamy's pledge was: I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Bellamy considered adding the word equality, but decided against it because the states' superintendents of education were against equality for women and African Americans. [2] Bellamy's hope was that the oath could be used by any country for any flag.

Recitation of the Pledge was accompanied by a salute. Adopted in 1887, the **Balch Salute** instructed students to stand with their right hand outstretched toward the flag, the fingers of which are then brought to the fore-

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head, followed by being placed flat over the heart, and finally falling to the side. ^[1] In 1892, Bellamy created the **Bellamy Salute**. It started with the right arm stiffly outstretched forward, angling straight upward with the palm down. Look familiar?



Southington, CT school children pledge their allegiance to the flag in May 1942.

Because of the similarity to the Nazi Heil Hitler salute (even though it was adopted later), this did not sit well with most Americans. Removal of the Bellamy salute occurred in 1942 when Congress amended the Flag Code and the salute was changed to the right hand over the heart.

There have been three changes to the oath since the first version in 1892, the most controversial being the last: one Nation under God. Bellamy's grandchildren claim that even though he was an ordained minister he would not have approved of this change.

Changes are bolded and underlined

1892 (first version) "I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1892 - 1923 (second version) "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and \underline{to} the Republic for which it standsuuuuuujn n, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

1923 - 1954 (third version) "I pledge allegiance to <u>the</u> Flag <u>of the United States of America</u> and to the Republic for which it stands, one, nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

1954 (current version) "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one <u>N</u>ation <u>under God</u>, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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On March 21, the 15th Annual Finger Lakes International Wine Competition was held.

The competition is open to all commercial wineries from all wine-producing countries in the **world.** 942 wineries, representing 27 countries, six Canadian Provinces and all 50 United States entered a record 3,709 different wines. Once again, La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery is putting the Mimbres Valley on the map. La Esperanza Winery submitted three wines and won three medals!

The La Esperanza Cabernet Sauvignon won a Silver medal and the Montepulciano and Merlot each took a Bronze medal.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The competition benefits Camp Good Days and Special Times in New York. It is a non-profit dedicated to helping children and their families who are affected by cancer and other life challenges. It has helped more than 45,000 campers from 22 states and 31 countries.

SUMMER IS ALL ABOUT KIDS!



Do not miss the Aldo Leopold Kid's Fishing Derby at Lake Roberts

The date is near and preparations are in place for a great day at the Aldo Leopold Kid's Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 4 at Lake Roberts.

This may be the year for a World Record Gila trout on the end of your line! Mora National Fish hatchery will stock retired Gila trout broodstock for the event and a certified scale will be onsite in case a record fish is caught.

Besides a great day of fishing, kids can get in some practice at the casting station, explore the bug identification and collecting station, try some fly-tying and check out the archery range. They can also hear Smokey Bear's fire

safety message and learn about wildlife, and living rivers at various display stations.

The derby will coincide with New Mexico Free Fishing day and National Fishing and Boating week. The event would not be possible without the support and cooperation of many agencies, organizations and businesses. Sponsors of the event include: Copper Country Shooting Sports, First National Bank, Gila National Forest, Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, Mora National Fish Hatchery, Morningstar Outdoors, National Wildlife Turkey Federation, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Registration for the event is at 9:00 a.m. Saturday and awards are at 1:30 p.m.

Check out the event on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/1728977667391533 See you at the Derby!

WHAT ARE YOU READING?



Worms for Breakfast......

By Helaine Becker

..... but only if you are a white-headed buffalo weaver bird. Or for a tasty treat try "Gorilla Gobble-em' Ups", a cookie made with carrots, oatmeal, egg, wheat germ, monkey chow and ANTS!

This is just a sample of some recipes that zoos make to feed their animals to keep them healthy and happy. You will learn about different ways the animals are fed and what a zoo kitchen needs to feed all the different varieties of animals.

A hot summer is coming but you can keep cool by making a "Predator Popsicle" that lasts all day long by using water and a bone!! Tasty!!!
(if you are a tiger).

Available at Book West Bookmobile and Silver City Public Library

Aunt Mary

San Lorenzo 5th and 6th Graders Hike to the Dragonfly

In May, the San Lorenzo 5th and 6th graders hiked to the Dragonfly Petroglyph Site on the Fort Bayard Game Refuge. Ms. Alcorta and her students took part in an education program developed by the Aldo Leopold High School Youth Conservation Corps archaeology crew, and helped by volunteers from the Grant County Archaeological Society. The San Lorenzo students measured and sketched a check dam built across an arroyo by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. They visited a small Mimbres pueblo ruin inhabited about a thousand years ago, learned about the natural resources along Twin Sisters Creek, and looked for and sketched the petroglyphs pecked into the cliff face and boulders by the long-ago Mimbres People.



Teen Ink- by Ajalaa Claussen

GROWING UP IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY



Growing up in the Mimbres Valley was an adventure. The first memories I had exploring the Mimbres were with my big brother. I never left him alone. Of course the job of a little sister is to shadow her older brother. We hiked cactus littered mountains, built treetop forts, and drank root beer by our swing set. We were downright country kids, eating fennel or

what we called "candy plant" as a treat as we scoured our backyard hills and creeks for fool's gold. Our childhood revolved around adventure. He would push me to



my limits, but he was always there if I fell. He was the brother that knew when to test your boundaries and still protect you. Our adventures were dangerous and thrilling, but he knew that I needed to step outside of my comfort zone. He showed me the value of living for the adventure. He taught me to be unafraid. He gave me the power over my fears. The

Mimbres Valley was our own little adventure together and now apart, we venture off into the world.

Bayard Public Library to Host Summer Events for Kids Jump into Summer

"On your Mark, Get Set, READ" is the theme for the Children's Summer Reading Program at the Bayard Public Library. Children of all ages are welcome! Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.



Starting June 1st and running through June 30th, Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to noon, the Bayard Public library will be hosting special events for children. Programs and local guest presenters, performers and storytellers will be ongoing throughout the month. There will be some program during the month that will appeal to any child's interest, and it will be worth the drive from Mimbres. There is no charge for any of the events.

Here are just a few of the events the Bayard Public Library will be hosting.

 Wednesday, June 1 ~Jump into Summer kick-off day will feature a jumping balloon and a piñata filled with goodies

- ◆ Tuesday, June 7th ~ Entertainer Indiana Bones will put on a show
- ♦ Friday, June 17th ~ features Zoology with Cindy Lee
- ♦ Thursday. June 30th ~ Archeology of the Southwest
- On Tuesdays, there will be snack making demonstrations with April from Cooperative Extension Services
- Each Day there will be craft making activities, physical movement demonstrations and/or previews from a new collection of books
- Saturday, June 11th a SPECIAL EVENT at the Cobre
 High School parking lot. The library will host the BMX
 StuntMasters. Everyone is invited!

Bayard Public Library - 1112 Central Avenue, Bayard

After attending the events, your child can enjoy a free lunch at the Bayard Community Center Park Monday through Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30 at the **Bayard Summer Lunch Program.**

San Lorenzo Elementary Has "Thank You" Day for Volunteers

In May, community members who are volunteers at San Lorenzo Elementary were invited to a special get-to-gether at the school. Mr. Koury, school principal, and the school staff, greeted the volunteers, inviting their guests to enjoy all of the great desserts and other treats prepared by teachers and support staff. The volunteers

were thanked for their help and support and Mr. Koury brought everyone's attention to the thank you cards created by the students, shaped like their hands, with artwork and messages. The volunteers also received gifts made by students—tea

candle lanterns. Continued on Page 8 - Volunteer Days

Animal Reports

by San Lorenzo Academic Support Class

Parents, school staff and community members attended a special event at San Lorenzo Elementary. Students in Rosella Escobedo's Academic Support class gave reports on some of their favorite animals that they had been researching. The students also wrote poems about the animals and had an art exhibit. Cheyanne Medrano, (first place picture) Elijah Gavaldon, Whalyn Fink (first place poem) Natalia Betancourt, Trinton Palamarez (second place picture) and Canyon Fink all gave wonderfully informative presentations.

1st Place Poem by Whalyn Fink:

Brave Buffalo

Head horn hoof
Stomping stampeding
Brown huge strong
He is so scary





Collared Lizard

The collared lizard, 8 to 14 inches long, has double dark "collars" around its neck, and looks a little like a miniature dinosaur with its large, broad head and wide mouth. Adult males sometimes have a bright yellow head. They can be defensive if disturbed and can bite hard. They live in hilly, rocky areas and eat grasshoppers as well as beetles, ants, and small-



er lizards. Collared lizards mate in spring and lay eggs in mid-summer and go into hibernation around the end of August. Continued from page 7—Volunteer Day

The school kids all stopped by for few minutes, to say hello to the volunteers, and give a few hugs. Volunteers read to and tutor children, they help with art and music projects, help with events and field trips, work in the nature garden, and help out in countless other ways. Thank You! A few of the Thank You cards made by students.



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

Will be opening June 1st

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 online at www.everykidinapark.gov

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 or any other religious organization

Conejo Mimbreño in May

In May, I spotted a bright blue bird flying through the juniper trees. It was a Western Bluebird. Bluebirds eat



spiders and insects and berries. The ancient Mimbres People were birdwatchers and painted lots of birds on their Black-and white pottery. Maybe they were painting a bluebird!



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 June 16 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.
- **COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION June 8 (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—June 24 26. 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.liveauctioneers.com or <a href="www.liveauct
- **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, June 11th Summer Art and Wine Extravaganza 11:00 am to 6:00 pm Art, Music, Food and Wine Sunday, June 12th The Copper Cruisers Car Show Starts at 1:00 pm
- 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, June 9th** 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, June 8 6:00 pm Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.
 - HARVEST FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday, June 18 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, June 2 5:30 pm first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.
 - SWAP MEET June 11th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Tables available \$6 Call Charlene Waide at 575-536-3395
 - **BINGO June 12- 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 5:36-2899
 - SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting at the Center June 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 June 1 First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.
- BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN June 8 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 cancelled for June**

Mimbres - NEW LOCATION - Living Harvest Bakery 9:45 am - 10:45 am 11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lake Roberts - Sapillo Creek Fire Station 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 575-388-9123or 575-574-8779
- GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY June 15th- 3rd WEDS of the month Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Potluck at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm followed by a program on the Mimbres Foundation and Archaeology in the Mimbres Valley in the 1970's. For more information, call Marilyn Markel 536-9337.
- GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY June 9 (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 Field trip Saturday, June 18th 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 Silver City area restaurants. New members with Multiple Sclerosis are welcome. Email huseworld@yahoo.com for the location.
- SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH MEETING Thursday, June 2 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. Speakers: Lee Gruber, Silver City Visitors Center will speak about the Clay Festival and a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Bettison, Director WNMU Museum. 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 for information on any event.

COMMUNITY FORUM - GOAT RANCHING - Thursday, June 9th - noon to 1 pm Farm and Ranch Bureau will discuss goat ranching. Community room at 614 N. Bullard St.

INDOOR ARTISAN MARKET - Saturday, June 11th - 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 Charmeine at 388-2343 or email charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop.com

JUMP INTO SUMMER - Saturday, June 11th - 11 am to 3 pm - Gough Park. Come check out the fun Co-op booth and make a yummy snack.

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET - Saturday, June 25th - 9 am - 2 pm - Held monthly in the backyard of The Market Café 614 N. Bullard, adjacent to the Farmers' Market. Find or sell a treasure. Great opportunity to sell your wares—no need to promote your own sale. The Co-op will do it for you! Call Charmeine or email her at Charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop.com POPCORN FRIDAYS! Enjoy Free Organic Popcorn and Food Samples at the Silver City Food Co-op 520 North Bullard

- WALGREENS Tuesday, June 7 and June 21 (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month) SENIOR DISCOUNT 20% off of items not
- WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY Monday, June 13th 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. Marty and Don Trammel will talk about Bridge Community. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Ahead For	Mimbres 536-9990	Corn & Peppers	Salad W/Dressing	Macaroni Salad
Reservations!!	Gila 535-2888	Breadstick	Mixed Veggies	Crackers
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Chicken & Noodles	Hamburger	Baked Ham	Chicken on a Bun	Pork Burrito
Steamed Cauliflower	Pasta Salad	Rice	Peas	Buttered Corn
Caesar Salad W/ Dressing	Baked Beans	Garden Salad W/ Dressing	Carrots W/ Marg	Crackers
WW Roll	Ice Cream Sundae	Green Beans	Angel Food Cake	Orange
Fruit Cocktail		Yogurt W/ Mandarin Oranges	W/ Strawberries	
Rice Pudding # 138	H M #6	# 4	#144	#502
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Chicken Fried Steak	Turkey Wrap	Red Enchilada	Fried Chicken	Frito Pie
Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy	Pasta Salad	Beans	Green Beans & Potaoes	Pinto Beans
Green Beans	Granola Bar	Lettuce & Tomato	Braised Onions, Carrot Raisin Salad	Lettuce / Tomato
WW Roll W/ Marg	Apricots	WW Bread	WW Bread	Onions
Apple Cobbler		Fruit Cocktail	Peanut Butter Cookie	Angel Food Cake
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Taco Salad	Pork Chop W/Tomatoes	Meatloaf	BBQ Chicken	Chicken Pasta Salad
Spanish Rice	Baked Potatoe	Mashed Potato	Potato Salad	Crackers
Squash W/ Marg	Mixed Veggies	Mixed Vegetables	Garden Salad W/ Dressing	Granola Bars
Crackers	WW Roll W/Marg	Dinner Roll	Cornbread	Honey Dew
Peaches	Peaches	Orange	Apple Pie	Watermelon
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27	28	29	30	
Chicken Breast	Salisbury Steak	Macaroni & Cheese	Beef Tacos	8 oz
Spinach	Sliced Red Pepper	Black Beans	Lettuce & Tomato	Milk
California Veggies	WW Roll W/Marg	Salad W/Dressing	Spanish Rice	Served
Biscuit Peach Crien	Pumpkin Bread	Dinner Roll Banana	Pinto Beans Cantaloupe	Daily milk
Peach Crisp				Dully
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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 June and 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 San Lorenzo Elementary School Staff



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.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

11TH ANNUAL MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

Valley resident, Grace Williams will chair the Harvest Festival committee again this year. The organizing committee will meet monthly over the summer, then as often as needed in September to prepare for this year's festival. If you would like to participate with the festival please give her a call at 536-3687. We have jobs big and small and are always looking for new ideas.

- Just a few details
- Live music throughout the day.
- Variety of food vendors
- The Fantastic Raffle will go on as Paula Norero mentors her grand-daughter, Marla to be her successor.
- We will have artisans and craft vendors selling their handmade items
- Structured games and activities for children

- There are signs that this will be a great season for all kinds of fruits and garden goodies from our local growers
- Plans this year include a Mimbres Valley tractor show
- Horseshoes and huaches (washers) games for adults
- And more to come...



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Goodbye Number 5



Volunteer Fire Departments help each other - so when Upper Mimbres VFD bought new wildland engines, they offered one of their old vehicles to Santa Rita VFD. Santa Rita's district lies between the Mimbres Valley and the towns around Silver, so you often see them in the valley aiding Upper Mimbres and Lower Mimbres VFDs. The truck from Upper Mimbres - an excellent 1993 Ford - was refitted to replace Santa Rita's 1974 Dodge Service Truck #5.

But that doesn't mean the old #5 will be junked. On May 21st, Santa Rita turned it over to the Monticello VFD. While Santa Rita was happy to replace a truck as old as a 1974 model, Monticello was happy to get a truck as new as a 1974 - especially one as well maintained as old #5. Thanks to Upper Mimbres, two other departments have benefited.

Goodbye Number Five. We hope you'll serve Monticello as well as you served us.

Monticello VFD picks up Santa Rita VFD's old Service Truck #5.

Upper Mimbres VFD recently purchased new wildland trucks and passed one of their old trucks on to Santa Rita - who pays it forward by giving their old service truck plus some excess equipment to Monticello.



Left to right: Matthew Orosco, Chief MVFD; Mark Standard, Chief - SRVFD; Eric Schoenberg, Assistant Chief SRVFD; Dave Toll - Captain SRVFD; Chantal Orosco - Secretary MVFD; Kathy London - Secretary SRVFD



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Mimbreño Pets ~ Sugar - Dawn and Barry's Special Dog

By Dawn Gray

A few years ago we needed a dog to help with herding cows. I am partial to the stock dog breeds because they are very smart and easy to train. However, not all dogs bred this way will "watch" a cow. We had a couple of dogs already, but had done the good neighbor thing and trained them to leave cows strictly alone. Things had changed, though.

There are groups on Facebook dedicated to buying, selling and training working stock dogs. After spending days staring into the computer, I found a post for two litters of puppies - 13 in all - whose breeding looked interesting to me. One litter was Cataheeler (Red Heeler and Catahoula Hound), and another was 1/2 Red Heeler, 1/4 Catahoula with 1/4 Great Pyrenees added (I dubbed them Catapeelers). I became very interested in the second litter's breeding, so I picked out two pups before they even had their eyes open. They weren't too far away in Sugar City, Colorado. Eight weeks later I headed north to get the new "kids".

Now anyone who has been to Sugar City knows that it isn't exactly a metropolis. The family I had gotten the pups from had done a very, very good job of finding homes for that many puppies. One even went to Montana. I wrote the check, and just thought I'd ask how many pups were left. The answer was three. Well what the heck. Three puppies can't take up too much more room than two, and Barry loves dogs anyway. I figured he wouldn't say much. I impulsively asked, "Which one of the three left is the best"? About that time a little yellow

puppy came running around the corner with his ears just a flopping. The man says "That one". I said "I'll take him too". So off I head for home with three little puppies caged up in the back seat.

We named that little yellow puppy Sugar. The other two will



help with the cows. Sugar avoids them at all cost. If I holler at the other two, he runs for me and sticks his head between my legs. He has never given us the slightest problem, other than getting car sick. It's as though he appreciates being chosen. He's two years old now, and not so little anymore. There was never a more affectionate dog. I don't have the heart to break him of slobbering all over me when I come home. The other two don't do that. When I am reclining in my recliner, he carefully jumps right up and stretches out right alongside me. What could be more peaceful than being cuddled up with a good husband or a good dog? He'll go out front in the dog yard and play with his favorite ball which has a rope through it. He tosses it in the air, and runs to catch it, then runs around in circles like a fool. We always get a good laugh at that. My husband Barry wouldn't give up Sugar for the world, let alone the other two.

All impulsiveness should have such a happy ending.









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 new 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





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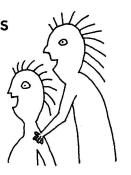
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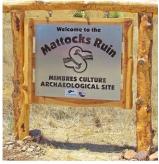
The ever-active Mimbres Booster Club held its 2nd annual plant and garden sale three days in May. Thanks to donations of house and garden plants, containers and garden art, there was an attractive and extensive selection. Thanks to all the volunteers and shoppers who made the plant sale a success.

A quarterly Swap Meet will be on Saturday, June 11th from 9 am to 3 pm. Anyone interested in reserving a table can contact Charlene Waid at 536-3395. Large tables - \$6 and small tables \$3. There will still be some plants available to purchase—at a discount!

Bingo will be on June 12th. Bring Dad to Bingo and get an early start on Father's Day the following week (June 19th). Bring a child's toy (value approximately \$10) appropriate for children ages 3 to 12 years and receive a free Bingo card with your purchase of the 3-card package. We are starting to collect gifts for the San Lorenzo Elementary children's Christmas.

Until further notice call Anna at 536-9323 to reserve the Lodge for your private party or other events.

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During the month of June, archeologists from all over will be staying at the Culture Heritage Site. Look for their colorful tents.

The Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS) is open every day during the summer from 11 am to 3 pm. Located at 12 Sage Drive, just off Highway 35 between mile markers 3 and 4.

Mimbres Roundup Lodge

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Swap Meet

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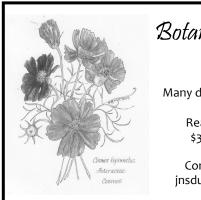
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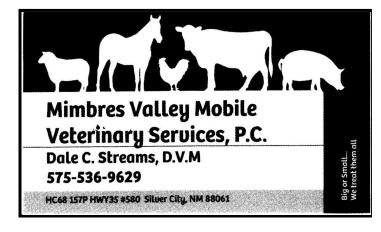
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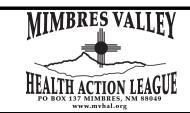
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BULLETIN BOARD

Wednesday, June 8th – 6:00 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, June 8th - 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.

ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN

The Journals of Mary Todd By Jim Fergus

This book is not new, but I had never heard of the book. Although admittedly a book of fiction, the author claims it is based on a true story, but I could find no evidence of this. However, it was supposedly a covert government operation, so who knows.



As a young woman, Mary Todd was committed to an insane asylum by her family for the sin of loving and having children with a man beneath her station. She remained there for a year before an opportunity came for her release. She could participate in a secret government program where women from mental institutions, prisons, volunteers, etc. from the civilized world could travel to the West and become the brides of Cheyenne warriors in an attempt to help assimilate them into the white man's world.

Mary Todd's journal is the story of this journey. It is a quick read, very well done, very interesting and very descriptive.

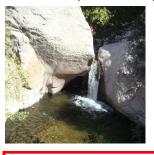
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FOREST SERVICE NEWS

THE CATWALK IS REOPENING

The Catwalk in Glenwood will be opening on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited! If you have never been to the Catwalk, it is wonderful! Hopefully the new version is even better. Handicap accessible (wheelchair) for the first 1/2 mile.





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Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, puts the *Mimbres Messenger* online each month at http://www.blackrange.org, his nonprofit website. The website is dedicated to the National History and Human Culture of the Black Range.

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