

A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MIMBRES MESSENGER

ONE DOOR CLOSSES ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

That is the sentiment now posted on the door of the Mimbres Café

By Mary Willhite

After a quarter of a century, Laura and David Mancha will be closing the door on the Mimbres Café and opening a new door in their life. After 25 years of hard work and dedication, April 3rd will be their last day of business and the start of their well-deserved retirement. It will be a sad day for the Mimbres Valley, and a bitter-sweet day for them. They will miss their customers, employees and the fun they have had over the years. They will not miss the early mornings or late nights!

Laura grew up in Southern California and David in El Paso. They have been married for 31 years and have two children and one grandson. Both worked in the aerospace industry, where they met. Laura and David moved to Mimbres and took over the Mimbres Café from David's sister and have been serving the residents and tourists of the Mimbres Valley since 1991.

Both of their children, Dean and Lindsey, grew up working in the restaurant. Lindsey went to San Lorenzo Elementary, and both she and Dean went to Snell Middle School and graduated from Cobre High School. Lindsey is a Staff Sergeant in the Marines. She did two tours in Iraq and is now stationed in Hawaii. Dean graduated from Arizona State University and worked at the University for 18 years. He is now with the Ticketmaster organization. Their grandson "Little Dean", who is seven, comes from Hawaii to visit his grandparents for a month at a time and he "would rather be in New Mexico than Disneyland"!

For 18 years the Mimbres Café was open 7 days a week. Laura did all of the day-to-day running of the restaurant. David did the books, repairs and remodeling while also working for 21 years as an EMT for the Gila Regional Medical Center. David retired from that

job on January 31st, this year. It is only in the last few years, when the economy took a dive, that the Café hours changed to five days a week.

The Mimbres Café was always a great help to the Mimbres economy and I would venture a guess that it was the largest employer in the Valley. They usually employed about 15 or 16 people from the area. Many a high school student started working at the restaurant and worked their way through college with the help of Laura and David.



After speaking with many employees, both past and present, there was nothing but glowing reviews about this couple. "The nicest people you would ever want to work for." Laura "is a ball of fire and can work rings around me!" "They have helped so many young people in the Valley attend college." "Truly wonderful people." "They were very nice to work for. If you ever needed time off or a schedule

change, they were very accommodating." Laura contributes her success to "always working as a team." Everyone works together and helps each other any way they can.

Laura and David wanted to especially recognize one employee, Joyce Biebelle. Joyce has been at the Mimbres Café for 31 years! Longer than Laura and David have owned the Café. She started working for David's sister in March of 1984. She has worked as a waitress, cook, and is still making those delicious pies that are famous throughout the Valley. Joyce was



Joyce at her "pie station"

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



All of a sudden, it is March already. There are many interesting and noteworthy things about March. The birthstone for March is aquamarine, which denotes water and sailors, and is believed to provide protection for sailors at sea.

Easter is March 26th, this year, although it usually seems to arrive in April. In fact, Easter has fallen in March only 6 times since 1997. As I child, it always seemed that Easter was in the spring, despite the fact that there was usually a cold spell or truly winter weather. I recollect spring Easter bonnets, worn with winter coats!

March 17th brings us St Patrick’s Day, and depending on where you are located, lesser or greater celebrations. In Ireland, St Patrick’s Day is a religious holiday similar to Christmas and Easter. Interestingly, the first St Patrick’s Day parade was not held in Ireland, but in Boston in 1737. The largest parade in the US, which has been held since 1762, is in New York, where currently more than a million spectators attend each year. Over 100 US cities hold annual St Patrick’s Day parades, some of the other largest ones are in Chicago and Savannah, Georgia. The shortest St Patrick’s Day parade is held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on Bridge Street, which at 98 feet has been deemed the shortest street in the world by Ripley’s Believe it or Not.

Harry S. Truman was the first President to attend a St Patrick’s Day parade, in 1948. Nineteen US Presidents claim Irish heritage, including George Washington. There are 33.7 million US residents of Irish ancestry, almost nine times the population of Ireland.

While March 17th is generally a festive and joyous day for celebration, even Shakespeare opined that one should beware the Ides of March – March 15th. The unfortunate association with bad things

and March 15th began with the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. Since then, numerous unfortunate events have helped to maintain the wariness we are advised to maintain concerning that date. I won’t bore you with the complete list, but here are a few highlights.

In 1889, there was a cyclone in Samoa which killed more than 200 German and American sailors who were on site, preparatory to somehow further their own country’s interests in the annexation of Samoa. It is widely believed that the catastrophic cyclone prevented a war over the issue.

Czar Nicholas II abdicated the Russian throne in 1917, ending a 304-year royal dynasty and facilitating the rise of Bolshevik rule. He and his family were soon thereafter captured and executed before a firing squad. In 1939 Germany occupied Czechoslovakia.

In 1941 a deadly blizzard struck the northern great plains leaving 60 dead in North Dakota and Minnesota and 6 more in Canada.

The world’s record rainfall occurred on March 15th, 1952 on the Indian Ocean island of La Reunion. It rained harder than anyone had ever before observed and in 24 hours a record 73.62 inches fell. The record stands unbroken.

Enough with the frivolous celebrations and the horrendous events of March. (See what happens when a grain of curiosity sends you looking up “facts”). There are many good and interesting things coming up in March in our Valley, things to look forward to and to appreciate when they occur.

Oh, by the way, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13th.

Valentine's Dinner at the Roundup Lodge

by Marilyn Markel

The Mimbres Booster Club invited everyone to a free spaghetti and lasagna dinner on February 13 to celebrate Valentine's Day at the Roundup Lodge.



The Booster Club members served about one hundred dinners. The Boosters and other community members donated all the tasty desserts. Yum! About a dozen take-out dinners were delivered to a Veteran's group.

The Boosters decorated the Lodge with festive hearts and gave away donated door prizes. A silent auction raised funds for building maintenance and improvements.

When asked how she was going to celebrate Valentine's Day, Fran Stevens from Mimbres said, "By coming here—I like watching the people, it's more fun than a bag of monkeys!"



People were excited to hear their names called out by Booster Kenny Cox when the drawings were held for door prizes.

Chris DeBolt, Booster Club member, said, "It's great to see members of the community come together and enjoy each other's company, and share wonderful food. Come join the Booster Club—this is what we do."



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going to retire in January, but she will be there until the end, so go have one last piece of pie!

The entire Valley will miss having a convenient restaurant in the area. Everyone has their favorite menu item. My personal favorite--the Wednesday night Japanese Special. Yummy! You can't get anything like that in Silver City, maybe not even Albuquerque.

The restaurant is for sale, but Laura and David wanted to go ahead and retire now instead of waiting for the restaurant to sell. For the past 25 years they have not been on a vacation, and their family time has suffered. Laura's mother is 89 years old and they would like to spend some time with her as well as the rest of their family.

Even though everyone is sad to see the restaurant close, all of their customers and the *Mimbres Messenger* wish Laura and David all the best and hope they enjoy their well-deserved retirement and hope they get to take a nice long vacation!

Both Laura and David would to thank everyone for their years of support and friendship. Even though they are closing the restaurant, they will still be familiar faces in the Valley. Thankfully, they are not planning to move out of the area. As Laura says, "you never know what will happen" if they get too bored with retirement, they might just be back and open yet another door.

FREE WELL WATER TESTING

Private well owners in Grant County can stop by the Cooperative Extension Office at 2610 N. Silver in Silver City and pick up a free water sampling kit from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The kit includes an instruction sheet explaining how to collect your sample and submit it for free testing.

The samples are shipped to a commercial laboratory in Albuquerque and tested for the presence of coliform, fluoride, arsenic and other contaminants. Results are provided to property owners within three weeks.

The service is part of a research project conducted by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and the state Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) at New Mexico State University.

For more information, contact the Grant County Extension Office at 575-388-1559.

ZIKA VIRUS

(COMPILED FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL)

Zika virus is spread to people through mosquito bites. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting from several days to a week. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon.

In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil. The outbreak in Brazil led to reports of Guillain-Barre syndrome and pregnant women giving birth to babies with birth defects and poor pregnancy outcomes.

In response, CDC has issued a [travel alert \(Level 2- Practice Enhanced Precautions\)](#) for people traveling to regions and certain countries where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.

Prevention

- Prevent Zika by avoiding mosquito bites (see below).
- Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime.
- Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus also spread dengue and chikungunya viruses.

When traveling to countries where Zika virus or other viruses spread by mosquitoes are found, take the following steps:

- Use insect repellents
- When used as directed, insect repellents are safe and effective for everyone, including pregnant and nursing women.
- Most insect repellents can be used on children. Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus in children under the age of three years.
- Repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, and some oil of lemon eucalyptus and para-menthane-diol products provide long lasting protection.

- If you use both sunscreen and insect repellent, apply the sunscreen first and then the repellent.
- Do not spray insect repellent on the skin under your clothing.
- Treat clothing with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing.
- Always follow the label instructions when using insect repellent or sunscreen.
- When weather permits, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use air conditioning or window/door screens to keep mosquitoes outside. If you are not able to protect yourself from mosquitoes inside your home or hotel, sleep under a mosquito bed net.
- Help reduce the number of mosquitoes inside and outside your home or hotel room by emptying standing water from containers such as flowerpots or buckets.






If you have Zika, protect others from getting sick

- During the first week of infection, Zika virus can be found in the blood and passed from an infected person to another mosquito through mosquito bites. An infected mosquito can then spread the virus to other people. To help prevent others from getting sick, avoid mosquito bites during the first week of illness.



FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION - NOT JUST FOR SENIORS

AARP, in cooperation with the IRS, will prepare and file Federal and/or New Mexico income tax returns for taxpayers with low to moderate income (under \$60,000) or for seniors at NO CHARGE. Three certified tax preparers will be at the Mimbres Senior Center on Mondays until April 11th, and at the Bayard Public Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays until April 16th. You **MUST** have an appointment. To make an appointment, call Mary or Anna at 575-536-9323.

 <h1>March 2016</h1> 				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SILVER CITY 388-2545 SANTA CLARA 537-5254 MIMBRES 536-9990 GILA 535-2888 PLEASE CALL A DAY IN ADVANCE FOR RESERVATIONS	1 Taco Salad 4 oz Spanish Rice 4 oz Squash W/ Marg Low Sodium Crackers 1 Orange	3 oz Oven Fried Chicken 4 oz Squash 1 Slice WW Bread 4 oz Pineapple Chunks	5 oz Lasagna 8 oz Garden Salad 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 Slice French Bread 4 oz Apple Cobbler	3 oz Bean Burrito 1 oz Cheese, 1 Flour Tortilla 3 oz Spanish Rice 4 oz Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz Crackers W/ Peanut Butter 4 oz Apricots
7 Sloppy Joe 8 oz Tossed Salad 2 T Salad Dressing 4 oz Green Beans 4 oz Vanilla Ice Cream	8 5 oz Oven Baked Chicken 4 oz Rice Pilaf 4 oz Broccoli W/ Marg 1 Slice French Bread 4 oz Cherry Cobbler W/ 2 oz Vanilla Ice Cream	9 1 Slice Pepperoni Pizza 4 oz Spinach Salad W/2 T Italian Dressing 4 oz Pineapple Chunks 1 Peanut Butter Cookie	10 8 oz Gr Chile Pork Stew 4 oz Mexicorn 8 oz Salad W/ 2 T Dressing 1 Slice Cornbread 4 oz Warm Cinnamon Apples	11 6 oz Gr Chile Chicken Enchilada 2 oz Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Spanish Rice 4 oz Ice Cream W/ 2 oz Strawberries
14 6 oz Spaghetti & Meat Sauce 8 oz Steamed Broccoli W/1 Tsp Marg. 1 Slice Garlic Bread 4 oz Fruit Cocktail W/ 4 oz Yogurt	15 1 oz Lean Sausage 4 oz Wild Rice 4 oz Spinach 1 WW Dinner Roll 4 oz Applesauce	16 1 Chicken Salad Sandwich 4 oz Chicken Salad 2 Slices WW Bread 4 oz Macaroni Salad 4 oz Apricots	17 3 oz Corned Beef  4 oz Cabbage 4 oz Carrots 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 4 oz Peaches	18 3 oz Dill Baked Fish 8 oz Corn & Peppers 1 Breadstick W/ Margarine Yogurt 4 oz Pears
21 5 oz Baked Mac & Cheese 4 oz Carrots 1 Dinner Roll W/ Marg 4 oz Banana Pudding	22 Salisbury Steak..2 3 oz Salisbury W/2 T Mushroom Gravy 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Steamed Squash 1 Dinner Roll W/ Marg 4 oz Tropical Fruit Salad	23 3 oz Chicken Patty on a Bun 1 oz American Cheese 1 Tomato Slice 4 oz Peas & Carrots W/ Marg 1 Slice Pineapple Upside down Cake	24 3 oz Baked Ham 4 oz Scalloped Potatoes 4 oz Green Beans 4 oz Stewed Tomatoes 1 WW Roll 4 oz Apricots	25 Closed for Spring Holiday 
28 3 oz Gr. Chile Hamburger 1 lettuce Leaf, 1 Tomato Slice 1 Onion Slice, 1 Pickle 4 oz Carrots & Peppers 4 oz Butter Beans 4 oz Chocolate Pudding	29 2 Chicken Tacos 3 oz Chicken, 1 oz Cheese, 2 C. Tortillas 4 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 4 oz Calabitas W/ Gr. Chile 4 oz Tapioca Pudding	30 3 oz Meatloaf 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Broccoli W/ Cheese 1 Dinner Roll W/ Marg 4 oz Yogurt	31 3 oz Braised Pork Chop 1/4 C 3-Bean Salad 4 oz Peas 1 WW Roll 4 oz Baked Apple Slices	MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE 8 OZ MILK SERVED DAILY 

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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.

Teen Ink- by Ajalaa Claussen



Being a teen is an experience many people have gone through, and may have wanted to forget. It's one of the best and worst times in life. As teens, we are testing the waters of our newfound freedom while still dependent on our parents. And we face a lot of social problems. For example, the struggle to fit in clashes with my need to express myself freely. The irony of this is that the only way to be happy is to be yourself. Teens today, including myself, worry about meaningless vanities and are self-



conscious. The desires to be one of the best at everything and fit in well are some of the most important cravings we have other than, of course, food, fun, and *boys*! Our minds are so filled with these desires that education can be a little hard to manage. Not to say that it isn't important to my friends and me, but we'd much rather be checking out the cute British college guys next door than studying for a test, if you know what I mean.

Photo courtesy of Katrina Estrada

The Roadrunner New Mexico's State Bird

The roadrunner is the state bird of New Mexico and a member of the cuckoo family. Although it can fly short distances, the roadrunner is most often seen running across roads and along fence lines. This fast bird can reach speeds of up to 20 miles per hour. They like to eat snakes, lizards, insects, scorpions, tarantulas, eggs and young of other birds. Roadrunners mate for life and live in their same territory year round. They build shallow nests, usually off the ground in trees or cactus, made of twigs, leaves, feathers, grass, snakeskin, or just about anything else they might find. 3 to 5 eggs are laid from May to August. The eggs hatch in 20 days and the young birds can catch food on the ground in as little as 3 weeks. Roadrunners are "noisy" – they can coo like a dove, crow, cackle, and make clicking and crackling sounds. But on cold mornings they can sometimes be seen standing quietly warming their bodies with their backs to the sun.



Conejo Mimbrenño in February

Have you ever seen a bighorn sheep? They are majestic animals (and so are rabbits!). Long ago, when the Mimbres Indians lived in the Mimbres Valley there were probably bighorns living along the cliffs and rocky hills and mountains surrounding the Valley. The Mimbres Indians painted lots of images of bighorn sheep on their pottery. Hunters are pictured with their bows and arrows hunting



the sheep. The last of the bighorns were killed by more modern-day hunters with guns but some have now been reintroduced and can once again be found in a few mountainous areas of southwest New Mexico.

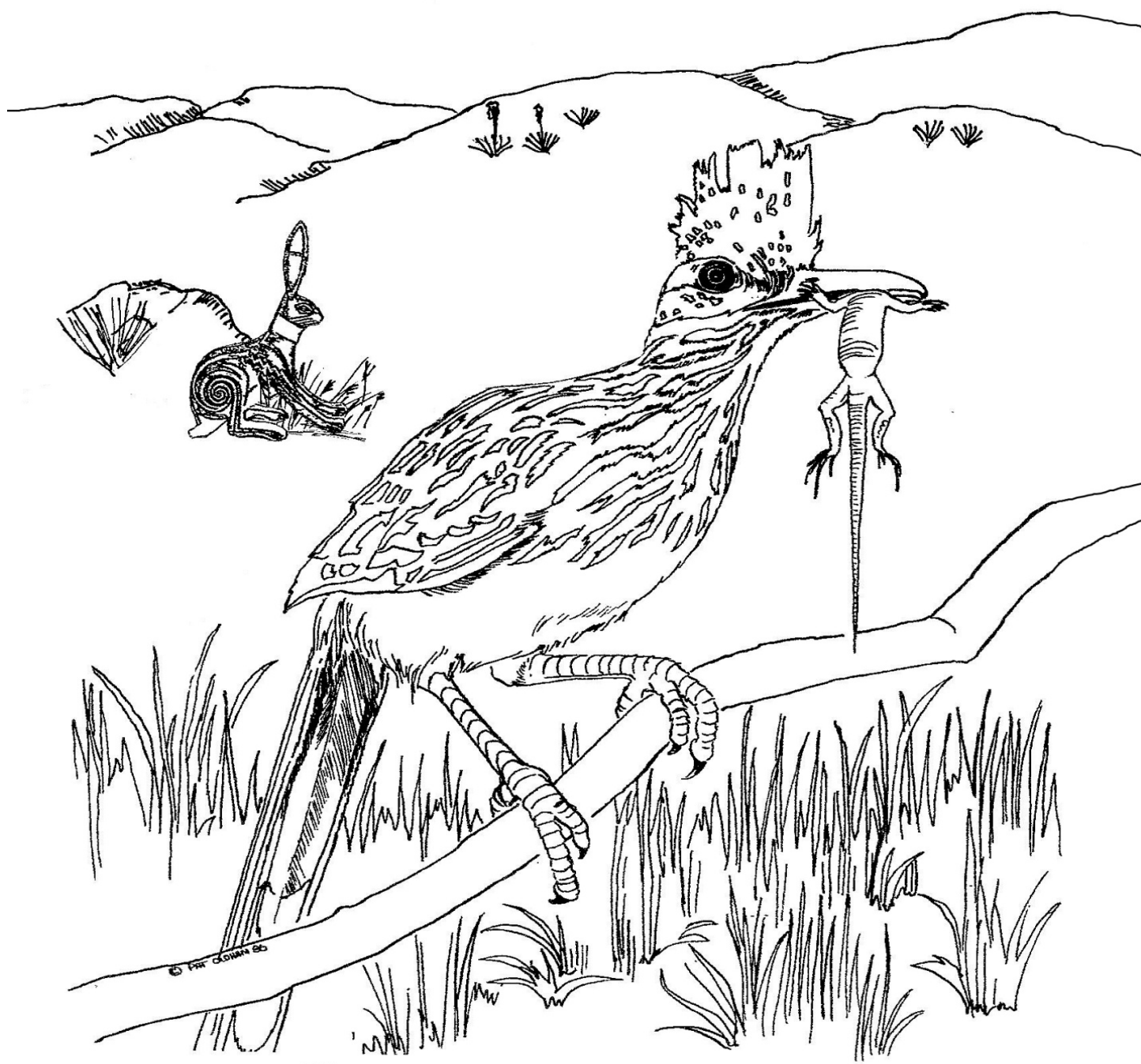


From the San Lorenzo Elementary School. In front is Payton Law, Barrett Diedrich, Adrian Mendez, John Roybal, and Dezia Crumbley. Back row includes Ixayana Alcorta, Alexander Oriz, Chance Medrano, and Shae Madrid.



TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for January at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The program honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship. The club has formed a partnership with 8 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year.



Conejo Mimbrenño. Can You Find Him?

Sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

LITTLE KIDS FIRST BOOK OF WHO

By Jill Esbaum

Isabella Bird Tenzig Norgay
Malala Yousafzai Cesar Chavez Jane Goodall King Tut

How many of these people do you know? Many are still living and all are famous because of what they did. Some were explorers, rulers, artists, scientists...all of them wanted to discover new ideas and ways to improve the ways people work and live with each other.

Who was the first woman pilot to fly alone across both

the Atlantic and Pacific oceans?

Who lived with chimpanzees for 40 years?

Who was the first to reach the North Pole in 1909?

You will find the answers to these and learn many more interesting facts about the people who did hard and brave things to make life better, in this colorful book. Maybe someday when another book is written about famous people an answer to Who?.. will beYOU!!!

Aunt Mary

Available at the Bayard Public Library

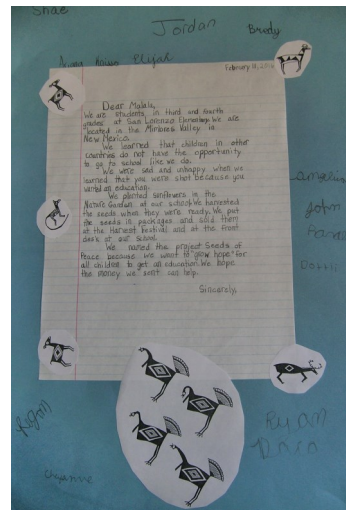


Seeds of Peace Will Grow Hope

The last two springs the San Lorenzo students helped plant sunflowers in the garden behind the school. Other members of the Mimbres Community also grew sunflowers and donated the dried flowers to the project. The sunflower seeds were harvested, mixed with wild birdseed, packaged, then sold at the Harvest Festival, at the school, and at other events in Mimbres. The students learned about Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani woman that was shot in the head by the Taliban for advocating education for girls. Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. The money raised by selling the "Seeds of Peace", \$143.00, has now been sent to the Malala Fund, an organization that funds education in troubled parts of



the world. The school kids "grew hope" as well as beautiful flowers. Mrs. Ross' class wrote a letter to Malala. The San Lorenzo students are hopeful that their efforts will enable other children to receive an education.



Dear Malala,

We are students in third and fourth grades at San Lorenzo Elementary. We are located in the Mimbres Valley in New Mexico.

We learned that children in other countries do not have the opportunity to go to school like we do.

We were sad and unhappy when we learned that you were shot because you wanted an education.

We planted sunflowers in the Nature Garden at our school. We harvested the seeds when they

were ready. We put the seeds in packages and sold them at the Harvest Festival and at the front desk at our school.

We named the project Seeds of Peace because we wanted to "grow hope" for all children to get an education. We hope the money we sent can help.

Sincerely



SECOND ROCK PAINTING CLASS

Saturday, March 26th at 1:00

The first rock painting class was so much fun, everyone wanted more.... So, the Roundup Lodge will host a second rock painting class. The class in March will be on a

Saturday, March 26, as requested by some attendees at the last class. If attendees would like to try to have a class sooner than that, please contact Sally Ginet at 505-360-1583, and she will see if the Lodge is available.




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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 March 17 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - March 9 (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, March 4, Saturday, March 5 & Sunday, March 6th - 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.
St.Patty's weekend special—see ad page 14. 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, March 14 - 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, March 10th 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, March 9th - 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, March 3rd - 5:30 pm - first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

SWAP MEET - Saturday, March 12th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Vendor tables \$6 - Contact Charlene Waid at 575-536-3395

BINGO - March 13- 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 (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.

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 - March 2nd - First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - 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, March 17th

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

GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - March 16 - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm. Silver City Woman's Club. Business meeting at 6:00. Program at 7:00 pm. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - March 10th - (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, March 19th 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, March 3. The meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Sunset Room of the WNMU Student Cafeteria. The cafeteria is located on the second floor of the Student Memorial Building at 1000 West College Avenue in Silver City. There is a \$15 charge for attendees wanting to eat lunch. There is no fee for people who want to attend without enjoying a meal. 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.

NM ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE ROUNDUP - Thursday, March 10 noon to 1 pm The Food Co-op sponsored three community members to attend the conference on Organic Farming. Come to this Community Forum and learn what they have to share about the conference.

INDOOR ARTISAN MARKET - Saturday, March 12 - 9 am to 2 pm. Find a unique gift for St. Paddy's Day. The Community Room at the Market Café 614 N Bullard St. Interested in selling your wares? Call Charmeine at 388-2343

GO MAD! Member Appreciation Day Fun Day Saturday, March 19 - 9 am to 3 pm Member Appreciation Days are offered to member/owners four times a year and get up to 20% off your groceries. The Food Co-op 520 N. Bullard Street.

COMMUNITY INDOOR FLEA MARKET - Saturday, March 26 - 9 am - 2 pm - Come Hunt for a Bargain. Think "indoor yard sale" The Market Café 614 N. Bullard. Call Charmeine or email her at Charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop.com

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WALGREENS - Tuesday, March 1st and 15th (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, March 14 - 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. Sign in at 10:30 am. Speaker is Nina Altamirano from the State Capitol in Santa Fe Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.

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Two backgrounds will be available, Spring or Nature. ALL PROCEEDS will go to the MIMBRES MUSEUM, Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation, a 501c3. Family, children, pets, graduation, anniversary, engagement pictures are important to family histories, so call to set up your appointment today. You may call

Kim @ 575.313.6336 or email kcrumbley23@gmail.com. Also, you can phone Kathy Hill's cell 307.640.3012 or 536.3161. (If we are not available, please leave a message and we will get back to you to schedule a time). We are scheduling in 30 minute increments.

The photo package includes 3 photos for \$35.00. CDs may be made and more options are available and can be requested at the time of the photo shoot for an additional cost.

To see Kim's wonderful photography, you can visit her website at Kim Crumbley Photography, <https://www.facebook.com/kimcrumbleyphotography/>. We will see you soon!



Sunday
March 27



CATHOLIC SERVICES

San Lorenzo Mission
Every Sunday at 9:30 am

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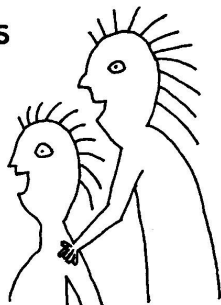


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The scruffy little white Lhasa Apso-terrier mix, who was maybe nine months when she arrived, was in heat and had kennel cough—but was lovable. Without enumerating all the faults of that puppy terrier, let's just say that Nina is naughty and funny. Like all puppies, Nina loved to chew. Not long after she arrived, she chewed two very expensive rugs. When Brenda is asked why she would want to keep such a destructive little creature, she replies "she makes me laugh"!

Nina is vivacious and affectionate. She loves people and expects they will respond in kind—with pats.



Because Nina is a good hunter it takes good fencing to keep her from roaming the hills to chase critters. Early on, she perfected the art of escape by digging out, going over the top and other more sophisticated techniques some of which are still secret. She once caught the attention of a six-point buck that frequents the deer trail behind the house, and then she feverishly jumped a high wall to chase him. But to her surprise he turned and chased her. Since then the buck comes to the fence and waits for her to come out—maybe for her company or maybe just to annoy her, as she goes wild when he is near.

Nina is a terrific traveler, and has made many trips to California and usually takes weekly trips to Silver City. Nina loves to ride, so the car is actually one place where she is very well behaved. All you have to do is say "go to your room" and she hops in the backseat and lies down.

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If you are ready for a healthier life style come join us. It doesn't cost anything for your first visit. NM 0354 San Lorenzo Chapter of TOPS meets every Monday at 2210 NM 61, San Juan (3 miles from NM 152). Time for the meeting is 9:00-10:00 am. For further information contact Paula Norero at 575-536-9433 or email paula@gilanet.com.

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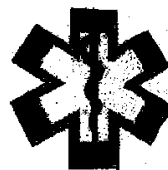
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Third Annual Valle Mimbres Youth Art Show 2016

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.

Entry forms are available at the Valle Mimbres Market, the San Lorenzo Elementary School, and the following Post Offices: Faywood, Mimbres and San Lorenzo. There are no entry fees.

Mystery at MCHS

It's a mystery! Someone generously donated a piece of what we think is a piece of mining equipment to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS). We think it may be a slusher bucket. If anyone knows for sure what it is, and who donated it, please call 536-3333 or Kathy Hill 536-3161. We'd like to say "Thanks!" If you haven't visited MCHS yet, please stop by, take a look at the historic houses or take a walk on the interpretive trail through the Mattocks Ruin. Everyone is always welcome and volunteers are greatly appreciated. And take a look at the mystery item!



What do you think it is?

Mimbres Culture Heritage Site winter hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



A "HIGH FIVE" TO THE COFFEY FAMILY

Mimbres Munchery Mentioned

In celebration of Restaurant Week, the February issue of *New Mexico Magazine* featured restaurants around the state. On page 54, the 3 Questions Café was voted in the Readers' Poll as "worth a drive" in the voter-recommended eating establishments in Silver City.

"In this former church in Mimbres, ladle some green chile stew over scrambled eggs at the \$6.50 buffet and make sure you add baked goods made on the premises from flour freshly stone-ground." When folks in the north country come and sample the buffet and cinnamon rolls, locals better come early to get a parking space. Open 7 am to noon, Tuesday through Saturday.

Gone But Not Forgotten

By Mary Daniels and Harry Baca - photo by Gene Daniels

This traditional epitaph is an appropriate description of recent improvements made in the old cemetery at San Jose church in Faywood.

For many years it was hard to distinguish this part of land adjacent to the mission from a plot of grasses, rocks, weeds, old wood and other pieces of debris collected over time.

The story of its 'resurrection' is here told by Harry Baca, a life-long resident of the area and acknowledged historian.

San Jose church was built in 1883 on land donated by Trinidad Andazola who also built the adobe church. After its completion he designated a plot of ground adjacent to the mission as a cemetery for the community. His daughter, Sara Andazola, had an admirer whose affection for her must have been an example of undying love, for he carved her tombstone from a 3 ft. piece of native stone, with the initials S.A. In the center of the stone bowl at the top, a large wooden cross was erected. The entire assembly was placed in the middle of the cemetery. Time passed and apparently so did the affection between Sarah and her suitor. The young man left. Sarah moved to California where she died, leaving her tombstone behind.

In 1966 Father Sierra arrived at the mission and requested that Sarah's tombstone be brought into the church to serve as a baptismal font. With great effort (and undoubtedly many prayers) but without the wooden cross, this was accomplished. It remains there today.

In 1898 Father Augustin Morin, pastor of the newly established Catholic church, Saint Vincent de Paul, in Silver City, also served as itinerant pastor to the three mission churches in the Mimbres valley. At that time it was required that each pastor submit an annual inventory of parish holdings. So in 1898 Father Morin recorded the

creation of a graveyard, fenced. In 1908 the inventory noted: "1 fenced lot for private burying. But burying is forbidden now." Perhaps the small cemetery had been filled, however this seemed to be the common explanation. Two brothers were among those who helped build the church. When one of the brothers died, the priest would not allow him to be buried in the existing cemetery because he had not attended church regularly. Father said he would

have to be buried "over there." That was on land donated by Frank Pipper. It was located some distance west of the church. There, the brother was buried and after that other parishioners were also interred. So it became the new San Jose cemetery in use today.



During the summer of 2015 the Baca family cleaned and restored graves at the historic site. Now, carefully constructed mounds of rocks and a painted white wooden cross adorned with a flower mark each grave. A tall metal cross surrounded by new plantings of cactus, atop steps leading to the plot identifies the original cemetery.

What is not seen but felt, is the sincere appreciation and admiration for those individuals who portrayed respect and devotion, still evident by this visible example of care and affection.

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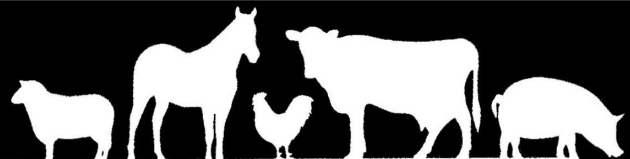


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If you were not one of the hundred or so folks who attended the Valentine's Day Eve Italian Dinner at the Lodge last month, you missed not only wonderful food, but great door prizes, a silent auction and raffle. The weather cooperated, and it was a lovely mild day. The Mimbres Booster Club was delighted with the large turnout, and reviews have been consistently positive. We thank the community for its interest and support.

The campaign to finance some major renovations and update the electrical, heating and other systems goes on, and the generous donations received at the Italian Dinner were vastly appreciated.

While the Lodge (like all of us) continues to age, the aging process produces increased needs for upkeep and repair. Currently the Lodge is in use more consistently than it has been in a long while, and the wear shows. We all

appreciate the convenience and availability of the Lodge for community events and meetings, and are determined to keep it as a viable and active venue for Valley residents.

On March 12th, the quarterly Swap Meet is scheduled, and we hope to see lively participation, as people emerge from winter hibernation to come out and shop, swap and socialize. As of this writing, there are still a few tables available. If you would like to reserve one, call Charlene Waid at 536-3395.

The Lodge is available for birthday, anniversary and other private parties and functions as well as community meetings. If you want to make a reservation, call Brenda Franks at 536-2482 for details. As always, it is also available for funeral receptions at no charge.

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	The San Lorenzo
	Children's Garden

BULLETIN BOARD

Wednesday, March 9 - 5:30 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, March 9 - 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.

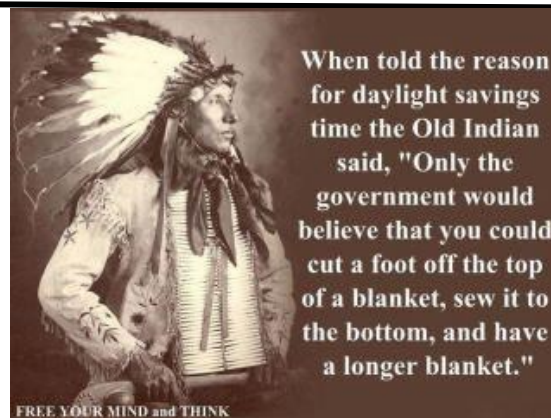
Ghost Towns of New Mexico

By Ray E. Rink
Lake Roberts

You see them everywhere,
On eastern plains and beneath the mountain peaks,
Collapsing heaps of sunbleached boards,
Where once folks lived and worked and laughed,
And loved, in soft lamplight when work was done,
And often wept, when hopes and dreams were gone.

None left now, the young are off to brighter lights
Of cities where the laughter never stops
And the smartphones glow and the young
Know there no fear of dark and lonely nights,
While the old, out beneath their weathered crosses
Are forgotten, but they weep no more.

Though they sometimes wander in, it seems,
To stand above, on hilltops, in their dusty clothes,
To watch the cities burn, to pray, and then
To turn and slowly wander out again,
Back to their timeless watch, for the dawn
Of the light of the world to come.



View the *MESSENGER* online!

Thanks to Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, *The Messenger* can now be viewed online at <http://www.blackrange.org>, including back issues from April, 2014 to the present. Often the *Messenger* is available online before hard copies have reached the Valley. Check it out online, view the photographs in color, print off more coloring pages for your children and enjoy the wealth of other local features available there.

The *Messenger* is included on Bob's excellent website which also includes *The Monticello Messenger*, *Hillsboro Historical Society Newsletter*, *Black Range Rag Newsletter* and myriad photographs, historical and current events, nature and the works of numerous authors – just to name a few of the attractions available here.