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Saint Patrick's Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick

(Irish: *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick")

A cultural and religious celebration held on March 17th

Who was St. Patrick?

St Patrick is the beloved patron saint of Ireland. The Irish are famous for spinning exaggerated tales, so despite the infamous stories traditionally attributed to St. Patrick, quite little is actually known about his life. We do know that St. Patrick was born in Britain and that at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. He was transported to Ireland where he was held captive for six years and lived a lonely, solitary life as a shepherd. It was during this time that he became a devout Christian, embracing his religion for solace.

From his own writings, we know that a voice, which he believed to be that of God, spoke to him in a dream, urging him to leave Ireland. Walking nearly 200 miles, Patrick escaped to Britain and undertook serious religious training. After 15 years of study, Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. His mission was to minister to Christians and to convert the Irish, then predominantly pagans, to Christianity. Because Patrick was familiar with the Irish language and culture from his year of captivity, he chose to incorporate Irish ritual and symbols into his teachings rather than to eradicate Irish beliefs. Thus was born the Celtic cross. Patrick superimposed the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the traditional Christian cross so that the result would seem more natural to the Irish.

Tradition holds that St. Patrick died on March 17th and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the centuries, many

legends grew up around Patrick. One where he drove the "snakes" out of Ireland (Ireland never had any snakes) and he has become Ireland's foremost saint.

What is the history of St. Patrick's Day?



St. Patrick depicted in a stained glass window at Saint Benin's Church in Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. Every year on March 17th, the Irish and Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

Where was the very first St. Patrick's Day Parade?

The first recorded St. Patrick's Day parade was held not in Ireland but in New York City in 1762. With the dramatic increase in Irish immigrants to the United States in the mid-19th century, the March 17th celebration became widespread.

Why do we wear green and shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

It is customary to wear shamrocks and/or green clothing or accessories (the "wearing of the green") on St. Patrick's Day. St Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish. St. Patrick's revelers thought wearing green made one invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



Suddenly March is here, bringing the resumption of Daylight Saving Time. While a welcome harbinger of the coming of warmer, summer days, the spring forward part of the “spring forward fall back” formula for clock setting, is not my favorite adjustment. Personally, an additional hour of sleep in the fall is my preference.

Historically the onslaught of DST was driven by agricultural motives, so the story goes, to provide farmers and ranchers additional daylight hours for their labors. This never made sense to me because my farm and ranch relatives worked from dawn until dusk – no matter what the clock said. This seems another early tradition that has little practical application to present day life.

All that aside, the time change reminds us that the first day of Spring will be here on March 20th. After all the years I spent in northern climes, Spring remains a much-anticipated arrival of more sun, more green and glorious spring flowers – even if some of them are weeds.

St. Patrick’s Day on March 17th was traditionally a major holiday during my east coast years, with parades and revelry abounding. The tradition continues, but is not confined to the east coast as I have come to realize. In fact, recollections from my Midwestern childhood include the wearing of the green on March 17th in order to avoid being pinched by those suitably sporting something green. No idea where that custom came from.

The only down side of Spring is that it marks the beginning of allergy season for many hapless sufferers. Locally, juniper is seemingly the most prevalent culprit. This year junipers seem to be unusually virulent and the annual “explosion” of their pollen has apparently begun earlier than normal.

A couple of weeks ago, I observed this phenomenon of nature on the hillside opposite my house. On an almost windless sunny day, I saw what I first took to be tan-colored smoke from what could have been a small fire. It disappeared quickly and I realized it was a juniper tree doing its spring thing. As I watched, several more trees followed suit and the resulting “puffs” followed one after the other all the way along the hillside. For several minutes, it was just like a chain reaction setting off huge clouds of pollen, right up the side of the hill. I had seen individual trees put out a cloud of pollen, but nothing like that, which must have involved close to a dozen trees. I thought oh boy, we are really in for it this year.

We at the Messenger are delighted that our neighbor, Pete Crum, has given us permission to publish his delightful short story “The Spirit Trail”. It is an engaging and beautifully written tale, clearly from one who is familiar with the wilderness and the artifacts and historical evidence present generally throughout the area. We are excited to be able to share it with our readers, and we thank Pete for agreeing to let us publish it.

All of you out there take notice. Local writing, whether professional or just for pleasure, is always welcome, and we consistently enjoy sharing new items with our readers. If you would like to give it a try, contact us and we will work with you to arrange the details involved in getting copy ready for print.



The Spirit Trail

By Peter Crum

The dim winter sun was well on its way to the western horizon when the old timer stumbled across the stream bed. The growing fear that he was lost gnawed at him like the numbing cold in his feet as he crossed and re-crossed the icy stream. The evening grew quieter as the snow flurries became thicker, the flakes larger.

"All right, I'm in for it now..." he thought as he rounded another bend in the stream and entered yet another side canyon with no sign of the battered pick-up he longed to see. Although no one would ever know of his predicament his embarrassment almost equaled his apprehension at the thought of spending a freezing night in just the clothes on his back. He had spent the better part of this life exploring this vast Gila Wilderness and realized that another lifetime would not suffice to know all of it like the back of his hand. After all of his traveling he darned sure should have known better than to take a series of side canyons like he had at this time of day and in this season.

But the urge to keep going had been strong. For years he had heard rumors of cliff dwelling as large as those in the famous National Monument; he'd heard they were hidden in some obscure and inaccessible canyon deep in the back country. Supposedly, a helicopter pilot who had also been lost and running from a storm glimpsed them first, but the pilot had never been able



to find them again; he was killed soon afterward in Viet Nam. The old timer was not an archaeologist, nor a pot hunter; he simply had an insatiable desire to visit the undiscovered remains of a culture that he considered to be, in some way, superior to his own. Exactly why he felt this way, he could not explain and he was tired of trying. That was why he usually traveled alone except for the company of his devoted dog, Traven. Traven had been behaving strangely this afternoon. The old timer knew it was illogical, but the dog seemed to have an uncanny ability to sniff

out Indian ruins. Trotting in ever widening arcs from the old timer's path (if there were not rabbits around), the dog had many times led him to the crumbling rock walls of Minbreno outposts. Once there, her coyote-like tail would wave happily in the air and she would commence some "unauthorized digging," only to be sternly

reprimanded by her manger. It was as if she could scent trails a thousand years old...ghost trails.

There had been no signs of game and it was past the time when the dog would normally want to head back to the pickup and food; still she seemed determined to go on deeper and deeper into the labyrinth of unexplored canyons.

The stream now divided again. The left fork entered a particularly forbidding-looking gorge and disappeared into a tangle of brush and twisted junipers. Its entrance was guarded by close-

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looming sandstone cliffs sculptured by time and wind into the shapes of gargoyles from a pharaoh's nightmare. The roar of a waterfall was discernible now, along with a rising wind. The old timer shivered and hesitated, but the dog was already scrambling, half falling, through the junipers and down the side of the waterfall. Shivering again, he took a resolute swig from the dented flask in his backpack and followed.

"Well, at least I'm out of the wind," he muttered as he crawled backwards through the undergrowth. Soon his feet were dangling in space. "This is it; Do or Die! He thought as he lowered himself down.

Hanging on to a tree root, his feet swing wildly, he felt desperately for a toehold. As the root began to give way, and the relentless law of gravity began to take hold, he knew fear, along with irritation at Life's last cruel joke: He couldn't even see where he was going to die. The root cracked with a snap and he began to drop. He closed his eyes.

Abruptly, his boot toes lodged into the narrowest of ledges possible to break the fall. He spread-eagled himself and his gloved fingers almost missed the tiny hand holds. He removed the gloves one at a time with his teeth and now he could use the holds confidently, positioned though they were for someone a little smaller than himself. Gingerly, he began to lower himself down and, sure enough, as soon as he needed them, the foot and the handholds were there, having been patiently pecked into the rock perhaps a thousand years ago.

After a descent of 50 feet or so, he was on solid ground again; his fingers and feet were now thoroughly numb. His dog was there to greet him, soaked to the skin and shivering; she had fallen down the waterfall and fallen in the pool at the bottom. This was getting serious...he would have to find shelter and build a fire.

As he gazed doubtfully at the high canyon walls around him, the clouds which had been obscuring the full moon suddenly blew away and bathed the valley in an eerie glow. And then—barely a hundred yards down the valley to his left—what had been a huge dark shadow was revealed as a tremendous overhang. It revealed a towering,

solid castle of rock and adobe shining within, almost white in the moonlight. The old timer blinked, rubbed his eyes, and stared in disbelief. "Oh, my God," he murmured, "Tavern, old girl, you've done it again."

Making their way slowly and painfully up the narrow, washed out trail that led from the valley floor to the pueblo, the old man and the dog nervously entered the shelter of the overhang. The upright Mimbreno rabbit, outlined in the full moon, looked down at them. Casting his eyes about, the man could see dozens of ollas and smaller pots with intricate and deceptively simple designs on their inner sides. They were strewn around as if left there yesterday.

He was not at all sure that he was alone. He noticed that the only means of getting into the structures was by way of wooden ladders; the ladders looked very old and very brittle, like they would turn to dust at the slightest touch. That was fine with him, he hadn't the courage to disturb dreaming ghosts in the darkness of their innermost keeps.

Forcing himself out of his awestruck trance, he hastily began to gather the dry wood that was scattered about. A fire was imperative. He found a snug little nook near the back

of the overhang that was almost completely surrounded by walls. He removed his pack and fumbled for his matches. Frantic, now, for warmth, he burned his maps to get the fire going. Soon it blazed with a roar and the dog crept close and curled up gratefully. The old timer removed his wet boots and dried his feet. Longingly, he eyed the level of the amber fluid in his flask; plenty for tonight but he'd regret it tomorrow. "Ah, well," he thought philosophically, "Tonight's tonight, tomorrow's tomorrow." He took a long pull. Using his pack as a pillow against the wall he leaned back contentedly. This was the end of his quest and he was going to savor the moment.

He noticed one of the smaller ollas near his elbow and began to idly rummage through it: sand, a few dry corn cobs, and a very strange looking object of carved soapstone that he recognized as a "cloud-blower," or primitive pipe. Little round fish and then stick figures of people were depicted swimming around the bowl. Incredibly,



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some dried pieces of some kind of weed were still in it. Fascinated, he took a burning twig from the fire and lit it.



The fire cracked, found some pitch and roared. He gazed bemusedly, his eyes following the smoke towards the soot-blackened rock of the overhang. He could have sworn he heard the ready notes of a flute being played from far away. The walls of the pueblo, studded with their ancient beams and tiny windows, loomed silent and impassive. As his eyes grew more accustomed to the light, they caught some unnatural-looking little cracks in the side of the overhang. Of course, Petroglyphs—little footprints, turtles, stylized animals, then crude little rounded people—and there was Kokopelli, the hump-backed flute player.

He looked to his fire, added some wood. Traven was growling, the hairs on her back standing up. He thought he caught movement in the corner of his eye and glanced back at the petroglyphs. They seemed to have changed position slightly. He stared, chills going down his spine. They were moving. Towards him! Taking tentative, jerky steps, the antropomorphs moved slowly down the rock



face. Led by Kokopelli, they left the rock, took form and floated in the firelight. The haunting melody of the flute was louder now, along with the beat of a drum. Taking full human form and color, raven-haired men and women were dancing around the fire. The dark, fathomless eyes of Kokopelli stared briefly at the old timer across ages of time; they imparted not fear, but an immense understanding...a recognition...

Outside the overhang, the clouds again covered the moon and the storm settled in with a vengeance. The temperature dropped twenty degrees. By morning the wind howled over the frozen bodies of man and dog. But on the weathered rock of the overhang, two more figures, human and animal, were etched into the wall.

Peter Crum is a Mimbres Valley resident. A retired librarian who loves to hike in the Gila Wilderness. His story, "The Spirit Trail", first appeared in *The Wilderness Outlook*, issue #62. All photographs are courtesy of Peter Crum. They were taken at various places in the Gila Wilderness.

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they could see (anyone not wearing green). People began pinching those who didn't wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers.

Why do we have corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day?

The truth is, most Irish folks don't eat corned beef and cabbage. The traditional St. Patrick's Day meal in Ireland is lamb or bacon. However, corned beef and cabbage has become a tradition that Irish-Americans have readily adopted.

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The students and staff at San Lorenzo Elementary are raising Gila trout and everyone is very excited about these new guests of the school community. "How neat is that," says Mr. Koury, school principal, pointing to the new aquarium in the library area, "to have an endangered species at our school." The 15 small Gila trout arrived at the school a couple of weeks ago. This project is a cooperative effort of the school, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the Gila National Forest to provide amazing educational opportunities for the students and teachers. "I can't think of a better way to learn science", says Mr. Koury. And, actually, Gila trout are no longer endangered; in 2006 the fish was down-listed to "threatened." Which, says Justin Myers, Gila Forest wildlife biologist, allows for Gila trout to be released, not only in protected areas, but also in creeks and lakes where anglers can fish.

The teachers are incorporating the fish-raising experience into the school curriculum and the students are learning about ecosystems and habitat, data collection, and record keeping. The students are using writing skills, expanding their vocabulary, learning all kinds of information about fish and other wildlife, and much more.

Ms. Alcorta's 5th and 6th graders created a colorful background for the fish tank. The students did some research to find out what other creatures share the river habitat with the trout, adding some minnows and a frog to the art work before placing it on the back of the glass tank.

The 3rd and 4th graders, Mrs. Ross' class, are keeping a Gila trout journal/work book. Kathy Hill, substitute teacher and school volunteer, put together a workbook about the fish with pages to color and lots of fish facts.

Students are spending time observing the trout, writing about those observations, testing the water and record-



ing data about the water temperature and chemical balance. The biologists from Gila National Forest,

Justin Myers and Vernon Lente, taught the kids about weighing the fish and how to determine how much food to feed them. Angela James, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, brought the Gila Trout down to Mimbres from a hatchery in northern New Mexico.

The kids are learning about fish behavior and already have stories to tell about the little fish they named George.

Here are a couple examples from the 3rd- 4th Grade Gila Trout journals:

Itzel wrote: Feb. 15, 2017. We got the fish today and we had to measure and see how much they weigh. First we had to see how much food you give them. We had to divide. After we had figured out how much to give the fish we had to see the length and weight. After we did that we released them into the tank. One kept hitting the glass on the tank. Feb. 16. Today the fish are getting used to their home and are spread out. Yesterday they were all together. George keeps going back to his corner, then goes to the other fish. He hasn't eaten much.

Cheyenne wrote: Feb. 15. Today we got the fish. They all gathered in one place when they were released. Two were exploring and we figured out how much they eat. Feb. 16. Today we are feeding the fish. They are all laying on the gravel except for four. There is a fish that is not eating. We named him George.

The trout will live at the school until about the first of May. Then they will be released, probably into Lake Roberts. Hopefully, the school kids will be there to help with the release of their fish and lots of others - the biologists want to have enough trout so every student can hold a fish in their hands then watch as their slippery friend slides into the cold water and swims into the wild.



Mesquite Mill Available Soon for Public Use

By Rita Herbst

The Volunteer Center of Grant County is excited to announce the final installation phases of their commercial quality hammermill for mesquite processing. The mill will be available soon to the Public from throughout the region to grind mesquite pods into flour.

From the Tree to Flour

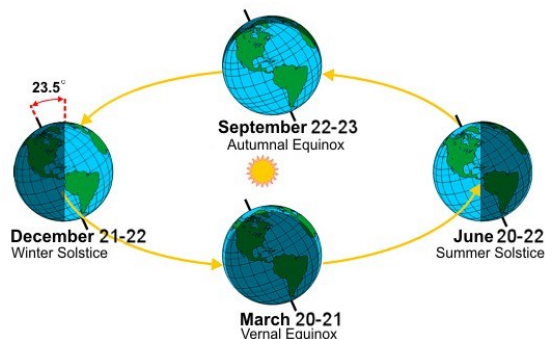
The Honey mesquite (*prosopis glandulosa*) grows throughout Southwest New Mexico at elevations from 3,000 to 5,500 feet. All you need is a bag and a bucket to gather Honey mesquite seed pods! They are easy to pick and it's a free, fun outdoor activity. Five gallons of whole seed pods put through the mill housed at the Volunteer Center will make about 5 pounds of gluten free, high protein mesquite flour. This tasty and nutritious flour can substitute for about 25% of the wheat flour or cornmeal in cornbread, pancakes, tortillas, muffins and other quick breads. The natural sweetness of mesquite flour means that sugar can be greatly reduced or eliminated from most recipes. It's a great choice for those who are managing diabetes, cutting out gluten or simply want more nutrition without extra expense.

Curious About Cooking with Mesquite?

The Mesquitos, an informal group that enjoys harvesting and eating mesquite and other wild harvested food met at the Volunteer Center in Silver City in February. Hopefully, there will be further meetings for the curious.

For more information about The Volunteer Center mesquite hammermill and harvesting and eating mesquite, contact Rita Herbst, The Volunteer Center's Nuevos Comienzos Community Kitchen manager at: 575-388-2988 or rita@tvcgrantcounty.org

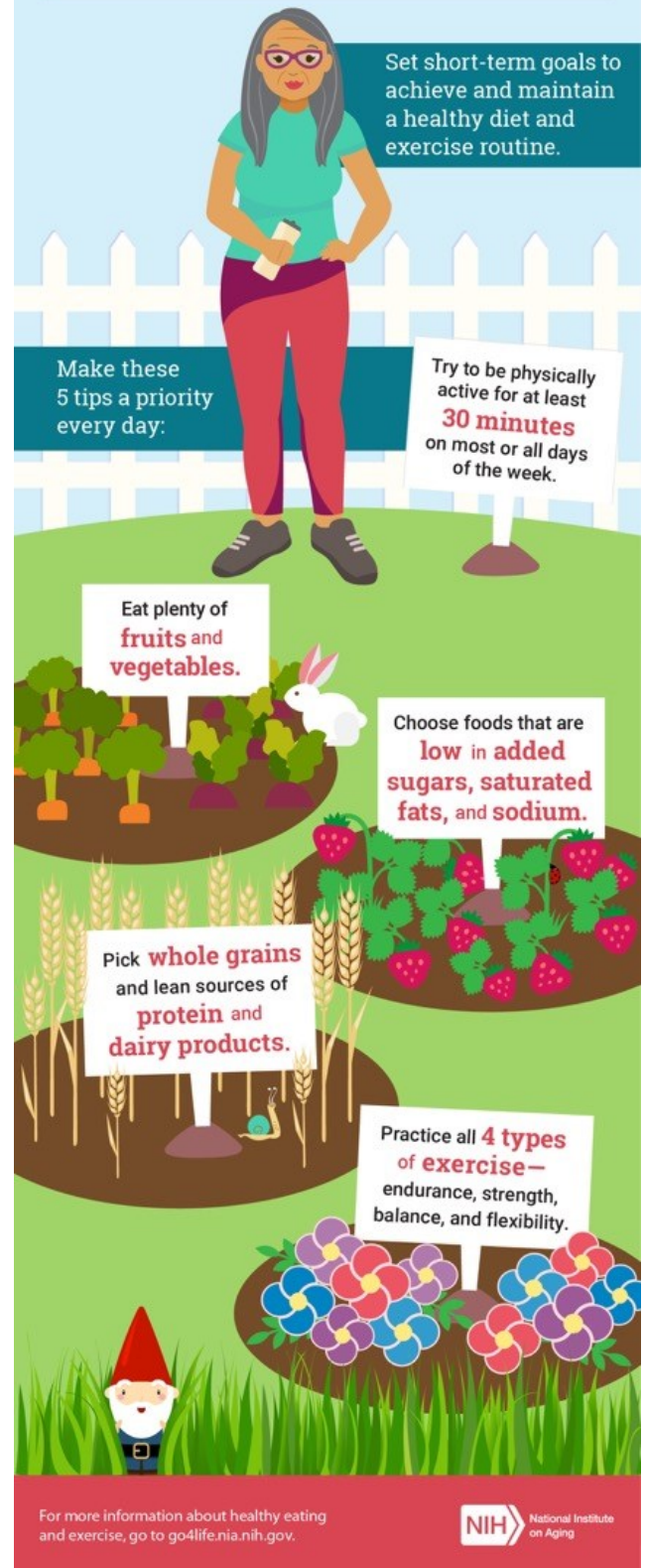
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Choices Today for a Healthier Tomorrow

Eating a healthy diet and exercising often can help control or delay health issues associated with aging, like high blood pressure and diabetes.





FOREST SERVICE NEWS

Prescribed Fires Planned on Wilderness Ranger District

The Wilderness Ranger District will be conducting one prescribed burn between mid-April and early June as conditions allow. This prescribed fire will be a broadcast burn, where fire is applied within well-defined boundaries.

The L-T West Rx Burn is located off Hwy 35 near mile marker 17, east of the Old GOS Ranch, between Lincoln Canyon (FSR 4079T), Terry Canyon (FSR 4079V), McKenna Mesa (FSR 4079C), FSR 4079P and North Star Road (also known as the Wall Lake Road, FSR 150). The project is 5,500 acres and will take several days to complete.

Smoke and flames will be noticeable during days of ignitions and may linger at night and early morning. For firefighter and public safety, Gila National Forest officials remind the public to not enter or park near the project areas and to watch for firefighters and equipment in the described locations.

Prescribed fires are one of the most effective tools available to resource managers for restoring fire-adapted ecosystems. These fires mimic natural fires by reducing forest fuels, recycling nutrients and increasing habitat diversity. The prescribed burns are designed to remove dead forest fuels, provide community protection and promote forest health. Prescribed fires are managed with firefighter and public safety as first priority. Smoke-sensitive individuals and people with respiratory problems are encouraged to take precautionary measures. This project is funded in part by the Secure Rural Schools Act Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, Big Game Enhancement Program.

AARP TAX-AIDE FOUNDATION WILL BE IN YOUR AREA


Once again, AARP Tax Preparation services will be in Mimbres, Bayard and Silver City. This service is **FREE** and **available to anyone of any age** with low-to-moderate income (less than \$75,000).

In Mimbres, returns are prepared at the Mimbres Senior Center on Mondays from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

In Bayard, returns are prepared at the Bayard Public Library on Fridays 9 am to 4 pm. And 1/2 day on Saturdays 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

You must have an appointment for either Mimbres or Bayard. Call Anna or Mary at 575-536-9323. (Please do not call the Library or Senior Center unless you do not have access to long distance.)

In Silver City, returns are prepared at WNMU WATT'S HALL (corner of Hwy 180 and Swan Streets) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30 am to 4 pm. Sign up at the Silver City Public Library or the Silver City Senior Center. An AARP representative will call you and set up an appointment.



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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Business remains brisk at the Lodge, regular meetings and events and additional parties and events are keeping things humming along.

We have been painfully aware of the inadequacies of our heating system during these cold days, and are continuing to focus our efforts on upgrading and improvement. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of Lodge users in our efforts.

Regular events for March include Bingo on March 12th and a quarterly swap meet on March 11th. As of this writing, there are still a few tables left for the swap meet. Call Charlene at 575-574-8823 to reserve a table.

In order to avoid confusion since Daylight Saving Time occurs the **night** of March 11th, Bingo starting at 2:00 on Sunday March 12th will actually be an hour later because of the time change, although the clock will read 2:00. Hopefully everyone putting on Bingo will reset their clocks correctly, but past experience has been that someone will forget (no one will be named!) and the time difference between those two days will further complicate the issue. In any case, we hope to see you at both of those March events.

Mimbres Booster Club has lost several members recently and people have moved, have gone away for the winter, or are only summer residents. We are looking for new members and would like to invite anyone with any interest in joining the Boosters to attend one of our monthly meetings (first Thursday of each month) or to contact any Booster member for more information. The

meetings include a light dinner and the members are all splendid cooks. Booster activities are a valuable asset in the community and are a very satisfying way to join your neighbors for all sorts of interesting and fun activities. Give us a try.

Maintaining the Roundup Lodge for the use of the community is the primary goal of the Mimbres Booster Club. Girl Scouts, Farm Bureau, Archaeological Society, commodities distribution and local meetings of several other groups are possible because of the availability of the Lodge. Look into becoming a part of this worthwhile organization.

As ever, the Lodge is available for rent for private parties and celebrations. To reserve the Lodge for your event, call Sally at 505-360-1583 or Anna at 575-536-9323 to make arrangements. There is never a charge for funeral or memorial receptions.

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Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen



My reflection



In his eyes I see what could be and what has begun
In his eyes I can see his pain and his regrets
In his eyes I see my reflection

In her eyes I can see what I've done
In her eyes I can see what I can do better
In her eyes I see my reflection

In their eyes I feel under attack
In their eyes I feel the love
In their eyes I see my future

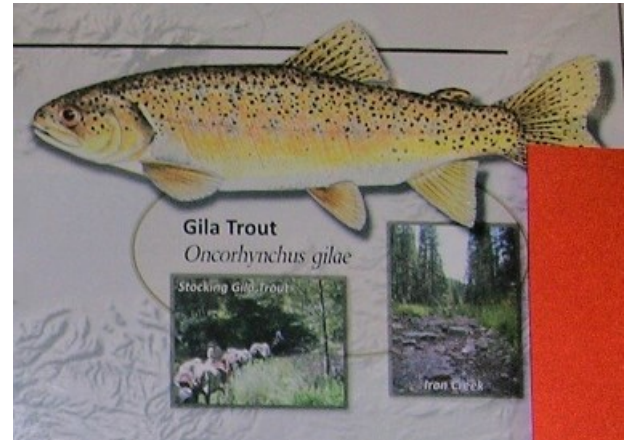
In my own eyes I look too far
In my own eyes I look for my imperfections
In my eyes I feel proud

In His eye I wonder if I'm there
In His eye I seem to be lost
In His eye I do not see myself

In what eye do I look upon to see what I want.
In what eye do I look upon to see what I need
In what eye do I look upon to see me?

Gila Trout

The Gila trout is a cold water fish that lives in clear mountain streams lined with vegetation. The trout are found in the upper Gila River and have been released into Diamond Creek, Willow Creek, and other streams in their historical range. Gila Trout eat aquatic creatures such as mayflies and caddisflies. Inter-breeding with non-native trout, such as rainbow trout, and loss of habitat are factors which led to the disappearance of

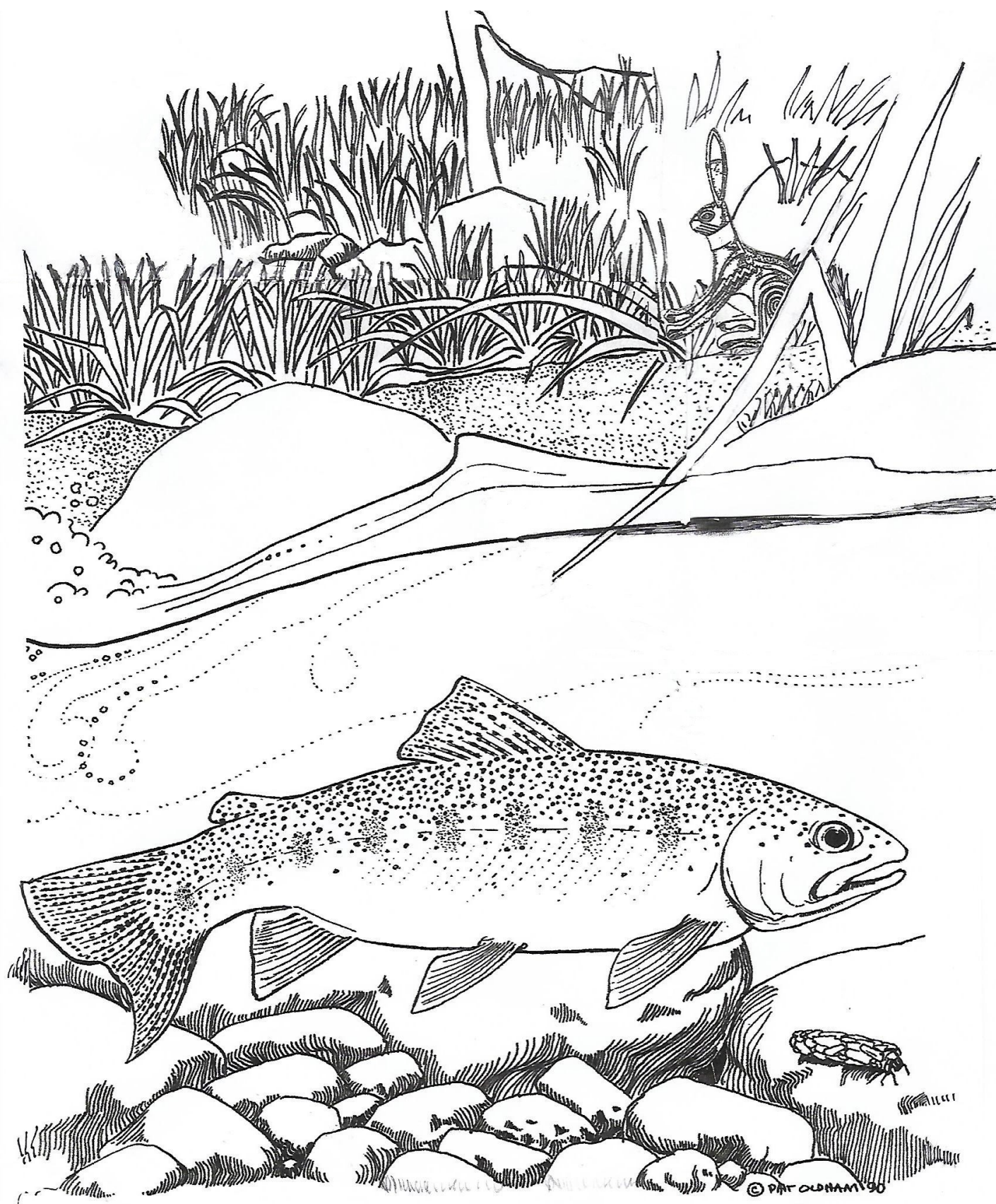


the Gila trout from its former territory. Fires also impact trout. The big Silver Fire in 2013 eradicated fish populations in some locations. Gila trout are federally protected as a threatened species.

Conejo Mimbrenño in February

One night last month when the moon was bright, I saw the glow of eyes on a rocky ledge above the river. It was a night-dwelling ringtail! He looked almost like his cousin the raccoon but more the size of a cat. Do you think a long-ago Mimbres Indian had a ringtail for a pet? It's possible. The Indians did have dogs—many paintings of dogs can be found on Mimbres pottery.





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

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 call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets March 6th and 20th, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10 am at the Mimbres Senior Center. For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets March 16th (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - March 15th (third 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. **Note date change: Commodities will now be distributed the 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. No March dates available. 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.

GIRL SCOUTS OF DESERT SOUTHWEST, TROOP 049, meets at Roundup Lodge on **Mondays at 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm weekly.**
For more information, come to a meeting.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours have been **extended to three days.** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **8:00 am to 5 pm.** 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - NEW HOURS - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm.
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MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 14 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new winter schedule: Open 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.

First Saturday of the month, March 4th, 1 pm Bill Hudson of the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation gives a tour of the Mimbres Site. For information call 536-3333.

MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, March 9th - Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Monthly Board Meeting - March 8th - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm (2nd Wednesday of each month) 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 2nd first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

SWAP MEET – Saturday, March 11 — 9:00 am to 3 pm. Vendor tables still available \$6 - Call Charlene 575-574-8823

BINGO - Sunday, March 12th - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize of \$50 cash.

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

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

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center - Tuesday, March 28th (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES - Tuesdays and Saturdays - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm - 2739 Highway 35.
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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, March 1st First Wednesday of the month. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 of Silver City - meets every **Wednesday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** for coffee and doughnuts for all veterans. 409 West College Avenue, Silver City. For more information contact Ray Davis 575-956-5153

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, March 8th - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - parking on Cactus** enter at NW door.

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, March 23rd

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

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, March 15th ~ 3rd WEDS of the month. Meeting at the Woman's Club in Silver City at 6:00 pm followed by a program. Presentation will be by retired professor, John Stocke who will speak about the Mayan Calendar. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, March 9th - (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 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 City area restaurants. New members with Multiple Sclerosis are welcome. Email huseworld@yahoo.com for the location.

NEW HOPE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - EVERY MONDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church at 20th and Swan, Silver City. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call Jerry 575-534-4866 or Diana 575-574-2311.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH MEETING - Thursday, January 5th - 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. This month's speakers will be Annette Tony on Girl Scout Cookie sales, Scott Terry on the transfer of Fort Bayard to the City of Santa Clara and Jennifer Olson on meeting your business needs on the NM Tourism website. Meeting is free, \$15 charge for lunch. Or \$20 at the door. For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785. Advanced registration is recommended.

SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop for information about any event.

Co-op Explorers Kids Craft NEW Program - Saturday, March 4th - 1:00 pm Plant the Greenhouse and Make an Edible Leprechaun Hat! Kids ages 12 and under are invited to become a card-carrying Co+op Explorer. Kids simply need to bring a parent or supervising adult to a cash register and ask to become a Co+op Explorer. Each child will be issued their very own super official Co+op Explorer Card. Please call Charmaine at the Co-op at 388-2343 to register your child for the craft class. The class is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. At the Market Café, 614 North Bullard Street.

SAVVY SHOPPER TOUR of the FOOD CO-OP - Wednesday, March 8th, 10 am to 11 am. Eating healthy and organically is cheaper than you may think. You don't have to be a member to shop at the co-op and save big on organic foods. 520 North Bullard Street

ARTISAN MARKET - Saturday, March 11th at 10 am at the Market Café - 614 N, Bullard Just in

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PROTEIN WITHOUT POWDERS - Saturday, March 11th at 11: 00 am Come by **520 N Bullard**. Dietitian Bret Sarnquist offers regular tours of the store. Protein is a key nutrient for maintaining muscle mass in vegan and vegetarian diets. Find good quality proteins available at the Co-op.

COMMUNITY FORUM—Wednesday, March 15th - 12 noon to 1 pm 614 N Bullard - The forum will focus on educating the community about CBD oil and its healing powers. Shivani Ma will lead the discussion.

SAMPLING SATURDAY,- March 18th from 11 am to 2 pm Free food samples and recipes. The co-op wants to share samples of great food and show just how good organic tastes. 520 N Bullard.

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MARKET CAFÉ IS OPEN - Monday and Wednesday through Saturday 8:30 am - 7 pm and Sunday, 8:30 am - 5 pm

SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm - free monthly meeting. Portrait photographer, Joe Butts continues sharing his expertise about creating the most flattering portrait, this time with practice photos from club participants. All photographers as well as those interested in photography are welcome. Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan, Silver City 860-670-4543

WALGREENS - Tuesday, March 7th (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - March 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 - The Gleemaids will sing. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.

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LUNCH are LEARN SERIES - FREE Held at WNMU Global Resource Center ABC room, 12th and Kentucky, Silver City.

Wednesday, March 1 - NOON Kathy Whiteman, Director of WNMU's Outdoor Program. Will speak on "Seeing Stars: Environmental Literacy, Education and Sustainability." Bring your lunch, bring a friend, or just bring yourself.



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Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Turnip Greens Dinner Roll W/Marg Pudding	Baked Pork Chop W/Diced Tomatoes Baked Potato Mixed Veggies WW Roll Peaches	Chicken Wrap Tortilla Lettuce & Tomato W/ Dressing Cucumber Salad Apple	Hot Dog Baked Beans Sauerkraut Salad W/Dressing Yogurt	Red Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Slice of WW Bread Fruit Cocktail
Beef Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Cantaloupe	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Cornbread Strawberry Shortcake	Gr Chile Chicken Enchilada Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Ice Cream W/ Fruit	Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Carrot Raisin Salad Wheat Roll Strawberries W/Pudding	Tuna Salad Cucumber Graham Crackers WW Bread Orange
Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Spinach Dinner Roll W/ Marg Oatmeal Cookie Tangerine	Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Slice Black Eyed Peas Carrots Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Applesauce Cake	Taco Salad Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange	Open Faced Turkey Sandwich French Fries Peas Peaches
Braised Pork Chop 3 Bean Salad Peas W/ Marg WW Bread Baked Apple Slices	Lasagna Garden Salad Mixed Veggies French Bread Apple Cobbler	Salisbury Steak Sliced Red Peppers Tortilla Pumpkin Bread	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Biscuit W/ Marg Fresh Fruit	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Low Sodium Crackers Low Sodium Veggie Soup Apricots

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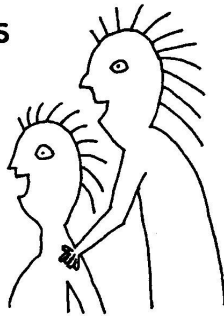
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The River of Doubt Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey

By Candice Millard

Armchair Adventurers Alert ! Here

is an unequaled example of the ultimate adventure story made all the more appealing because it is true. In February 1914, Theodore Roosevelt, trying to recover from his defeat of gaining a 3rd term as President, conceived the idea of a possible last adventure in the Amazon. Other than a leisurely trip along five of the most well-known and 'tame' rivers in Brazil, Roosevelt, instead elected to explore the totally unknown and mysterious river in the Brazilian jungle wilderness, the Rio da Duvida (River of Doubt). Colonel Candido Mariano da Silva Rondon, an admired native son of Brazil experienced in exploring the Amazon wilderness was selected as guide and co-leader. Almost from the beginning of the journey a series of catastrophes including murder and sudden death changed from hardship to tragedy and near-failure. Simultaneously with the human drama unfolding on the river, the reader becomes absorbed in discovering the unique contents of the Amazon jungle: plants, animals, and human life. Throughout the 1000 mile journey the observer becomes the observed, resulting in guarded contacts with a few 'friendly' Indians and total avoidance of the tribes with silent surveillance and poisoned arrows. Was it good fortune or the indomitable spirit of Roosevelt that resulted in a satisfactory end to this ordeal? Perhaps both yet the river today is known as the Rio Roosevelt an honor bestowed by the Brazilian government. At home his ordeal continued as the feat was met with much skepticism and non-belief. This only prolonged Roosevelt's commitment to finally prove the legitimacy of this 1000 mile tributary of the Amazon, so indicated on maps. As a literary diversion in today's swift current of words, "River of Doubt", will surely afford the "read of your life."



NEWS FROM

**MIMBRES
CULTURE
HERITAGE SITE**

May 6th, Give Grandly, is an important day for the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. In that 24 hour period, memberships and donations can be made to help our non-profit museum. All donations, once the minimum \$250 is received, are matched! We will be able to double our donations and use the funds towards accomplishing our goal. This year we are working extremely hard to replace the Wood House roof so we can add to the museum exhibits and activities.

We have a challenge, also. If we can raise at least \$2000, our friend Barb Wright will match the donation to help with the roof replacement! Can't beat that!

More information will be coming in the April Mimbres Messenger. We hope we can rely on all of you readers to get the word out on this important event.

For more information, call Kathy at 575.536.3161.

TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for February 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. Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies for them and their parents. Honorees are: (Back) Karren Diedrich, Atilyn Diedrich, Cheyenne Medrano, and Elijah Gavaldon. (Front) Makayla Lopez, Barrett Diedrich, Elizabeth Powell, and Payton Law.





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Mystery Photo for March

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DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

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BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY, March 8th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, March 15th- 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.

Important announcement

NEW DAY FOR COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

In January 2017, the Commodities Distribution date changed from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month. We hope this change will allow us to provide better service and fresher food to our community. **In March distribution will be on 3/15/17 (3rd Wednesday)**

Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.

—An Irish Toast



MESSENGER ON-LINE ~ BLACK RANGE.org

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

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



The Mimbres Senior Center would like to shout out a great big Thank You to Barry Gray. Barry came to the rescue and cleaned out and hauled away the detritus from the storage shed that had been accumulating for years. **THANK YOU!**