

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## MIMBRES MESSENGER

## THREE STORIES FROM A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

By Linda Carr

My name is Linda Carr and my husband is Bob Carr, who I'm sure everybody knows was regional supervisor for Echo Trucking for many years and now works for Fowler Brothers Construction Co. We have lived in the Mimbres Valley since 1971, except for a brief six years spent in Texas. We have a daughter and a son who have blessed us with wonderful families.

I was an elementary school bus driver for thirty years. I started out in a little town called Smyer, twenty miles west of Lubbock, TX. I drove for two years there and then we moved back home to the Mimbres in 1981 and I started driving for Montoya Transportation in August, 1981. My route was from San Lorenzo Elementary School to the Ponderosa Ranch, one mile this side of Lake Roberts, and back to the school.

Every day was a new day of different events on that bus run. I have herded deer, elk, turkey, cattle, horses, mountain lions, bob cats, chickens and goats with the school bus; and I have braked for many others including coatimundi, javelina, wolves, coyotes, cars, bicycles and people.

One morning I had picked up kids at the Ponderosa Ranch and the GOS Ranch and was starting to pull out of the flat at the GOS, entered the curve there and a young elk jumped off the bluff right in front of the bus. (They have since widened the road there and sloped the bluff.) One little girl who lived at the GOS always sat sideways in the seat, backside to the aisle. We had already had many discussions about how to sit in the seat. Anyway, I slammed on the brakes to keep from hitting the elk and she hit the floor, jumped up and demanded to know why I had done that. When we cleared the elk, I said "If you'd been sitting right, you would have seen the elk jump off in front of us." She exclaimed, "What elk?" We never had to have the dis-

cussion about how to sit in the seat again.

One of the kids had a long-haired, long horned goat that would meet the bus every afternoon, looking for his kids. They all had advanced from elementary school to junior high and high school, so the goat was confused as to which bus he needed to meet. When his kids didn't get off of the bus and I would start to take off, he would get in front of the bus and trot along a few feet, stop, turn and look back at me, go a little way, stop, turn and look back at me again. He would do that all the way to his house, then he'd go into the driveway, stop and wait. I guess he waited for the high school bus. That went on for quite some time until he figured out the right time and right bus.



The high school bus went up to the Ponderosa Ranch about ten minutes ahead of me in the morning. One year a big bull elk would wait for that bus at the cattle guard above Camp Thunderbird. When the bus went across the cattle guard, the elk would bugle and chase the bus. Several years later, I had a young bull elk that would

wait for me at the sharp curve below the Continental Divide above Camp Thunderbird. He would stand in the highway and challenge that big yellow school bus on his road. He would put his head down and paw at the pavement. Driving a bus without a nose on it, I could see him up close and I had several heart-stopping moments. I would squall my air brakes at him and he would really get upset and, of course, I was upset sitting in the middle of a curve. The elk would finally relent and reluctantly move over and I would go around him. That went on every morning for three weeks. The last morning before the elk hunt started, the bull elk was really belligerent. I sat in the curve a good five minutes or more until he moved over far enough that I could go around him. The next morning, he

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

Once again, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the day of the Harvest Festival, was weather perfect. By all accounts, everyone who attended had a great time. The many hard-working volunteers responsible for the annual Harvest Festival once again did a wonderful job of planning and executing an important and enjoyable community event. The dedicated volunteers who worked for months to put together the Harvest Festival are deserving of the heartfelt thanks of everyone who enjoyed the day. Those volunteers exemplify the generosity of time and talent that is thankfully so prevalent in the Mimbres. All funds raised by the Harvest Festival go to support the many worthwhile projects of the Mimbres Valley Health Action League – Farmers' Market, Commodities Distribution, San Lorenzo Children's Garden, Harvest Festival and the *Mimbres Messenger*. Many thanks.

The *Messenger* staff continues to look for ideas, articles, observances, notes of interest, amusing anecdotes and input from our readers. I know that I sound like a broken record, but we firmly believe that there are literally hundreds of untold stories out there which would be enjoyed by our readers. If you have an idea or story to tell, drop us a note, an email or give us a call.

The cover story this month is a perfect example of the sort of article we treasure. Linda Carr responded to our pleas for contributions with her delightful account of just a few of her adventures as an elementary school bus driver – read and enjoy! (We are sure she has many more anecdotes!) Thank you, Linda.

November is upon us and with

it comes the start of the holiday season. *Dia de los Muertos*, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the onslaught of Christmas advertising and decorating all happen in November. But there are some other "holidays" in November of less than universal appeal. Here are a few for your edification: Sandwich Day – the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Saxophone Day – the 6<sup>th</sup>; Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day – the 7<sup>th</sup>; World Kindness Day – the 13<sup>th</sup>; (perhaps worthy of celebration); Homemade Bread Day – the 19<sup>th</sup>; World Hello Day – the 21<sup>st</sup>; National Day of Listening – the 29<sup>th</sup> and Stay At Home Because You Are Well Day – the 30<sup>th</sup>.

As always, there are many worthwhile and interesting things going on in the Valley. We are fortunate that although we live in a relatively small (by population) area, there are so many lively and noteworthy events and happenings most of the time. This is truly a lively community we live in. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at *The Messenger*.



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wasn't there waiting for me. I was relieved, but also sad.

I have driven through snow, fog, fires, smoke and floods, to name a few road perils. I can tell you when the water starts coming off the bluffs between Ewell Ranch and Allie Canyon, you are not going to be able to get up or down Highway 35, because the canyons are going to flood.

One year, we had a new principal and assistant principal at San Lorenzo Elementary. It had rained all night and was still raining the next morning. When I got to the school that morning I didn't unload the kids and I sent one of the older ones into the school to get the principal. He came to the bus and I told him I needed to leave and take the kids back home or I would not be able to get back to Ponderosa Ranch if I waited. This was 7:45 a.m. The principal decided I needed to unload the kids and go with him and the assistant principal to check the roads first. We got in his little Toyota car and made it to Allie Canyon, which had started to flood. He turned around and we barely made it across Shingle Canyon. We got back to the school and the principal called the superintendent and he said we couldn't take kids home until every child's parent had been contacted. The buses didn't leave the school until 10:45 a.m., three hours later. I knew it was too late. I got to Shingle Canyon and it was running three to four feet deep with fast rushing water, boulders and tree limbs. Parents were stuck on the other side and we were stuck on this side. The dad of three of the kids on the bus decided he would try to cross this flood in his pickup. It got hung up and started washing off the road. The dad opened his door and someone threw him a rope, but the pickup hung up again and stopped washing away. The kids on the bus had been excited, but when this all unfolded they got quiet and some started crying. The

dad's kids were screaming and crying. Some scary moments! The Upper Mimbres Fire Chief arrived with the largest fire truck they had and took as many kids as he could fit in the cab and drove across the flood. He came back three times and I had one little boy left that he couldn't fit in the cab, so he stayed with me. The fire chief delivered the fourth load and came back for the last little boy.

The principal showed up, told the Chief that he couldn't take the boy across without parental permission. After much discussion, the Chief finally said, "Watch me!" and loaded the little boy in the fire truck and started across, and almost didn't make it. The water had risen higher. The Chief went on and took kids across to their waiting parents at Allie Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon and Soldiers Canyon and got all the kids safely delivered to their parents. There was not one upset parent. Thank you firemen!

I want to tell one more story from many that I have to tell. One year I was doing three runs a day. The second run was for kindergarten children that got out of school at 11:30 a.m. I had six kindergarteners on the bus and when I got to the Grijalva Cemetery, they were holding a funeral. There were cars parked everywhere and the highway was blocked. A police officer came to the bus and said it would be about twenty minutes or so before the funeral was over. I told the officer I could not wait that long, I had parents waiting for their children and no way to contact them. This was before cell phones and most of the parents were at the stops already waiting for the bus.

The officer said he would see if he could get someone to move enough cars so I could get through. In the meantime, I am trying to explain to the kids about the funeral. I had told them that a man had died and that was where they were burying him. About that time, the military men shot off the first round of a twenty-one gun salute. The kids were standing beside me with one little girl in the seat directly behind

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## A TOUR OF THE 11th MIMBRES VALLEY HARVEST FESTIVAL 2016 ANOTHER GREAT FESTIVAL

Story by Grace Williams

Harvest Festival photos by Ajaala

Saturday, October 1, 2016 could not have been a more beautiful day, as the festival opened with the Health Fair at 9:00 am in the gym of the San Lorenzo Elementary School, where Walgreens gave 231 people flu shots. At the gym, the staff and students of the school were raising funds for field trips and other special activities with a silent auction, a bake sale and their fabulous enchilada plate sale. A reported 450 dinners were sold. Amazing.

On the grounds of the school there was something to interest everyone. There was Cow Pie Bingo with the star, Hamish the Highland Scottish Steer. (He looked like he



needed his bangs cut because you couldn't see his eyes behind all that beautiful red hair!) Nearby, one could join the horseshoe contest and compete with a state champion.

Around back were the ladies of the Information Booth and the Great Raffle Sale, where you could buy a 2017 Mimbres Valley Calendar and of course at least a few raffle tickets. Who could resist trying to win a trailer full of firewood or a plane ride up and down the beautiful Mimbres Valley? The winner of the firewood donated it back, and it was split between two folks who could use it.

If you were hungry you had your choice of green chili burgers, baked goods from Living Harvest Bakery, Fry Bread or a taste of the Philippines. It's a treat to get authentic spring rolls fresh made here in NM. To take full advantage of the wonderful foods available, I had my husband pick up our enchilada plates and put them in a cooler in the car for dinner after the festival so we could spend the day choosing from the food vendors.



The artisan and craft vendors reminded us that gift giving

time is not too far away with their large selection of arts and crafts.

At our informational booths you could learn lots about what's going on in the Valley - be it the U.S. Forest Service, the Grant County Farm & Livestock Bureau- Mimbres Group, Camp Thunderbird, our Volunteer Fire Departments, Grant County Archaeological Society and some of our community churches.



If you didn't work your way to the back of the field you missed seeing the beautiful Friesian horses and the strawberry colored Clydesdale, who was as gentle as he was huge. Also back there, were the sweetest pack mules you have ever met and their handler from the U.S. Forest Service.



If you brought your children or grandchildren you didn't have to worry about them because they were probably at the children's activities staffed by students from Aldo Leopold High School. BikeWorks was there with 6 bicycles which were raffled to children for free. Volunteers who monitored the front gate reported that every child, when asked if they had a good time, said they loved all the activities for kids!

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Continuing around the field one could find the local growers who brought apples, pears,



quince and other produce. There was raspberry jam from a secret local patch. Esperanza Vineyard and Winery offered their wine grape jams and grapes.



Having made the full circle brought you to stage where you could listen to gospel music from the River's Bend Band; then Jessica Juarez entertained with Tejano and Mariachi; later Guitar Greg performed Country and Western and, to end the day, the Big Ditch Crickets gave an around the world tour with their folk dance music.

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) hopes you had a great time at this community event. After festival expenses, all raised funds will be used to support the following MVHAL projects: the Mimbres Messenger, our monthly community newspaper; the Mimbres Farmer's Market; the Children's Garden at San Lorenzo School, the harvest festival and health fair and the monthly commodities distribution at the Roundup Lodge.



To everyone who participated in making this year's Harvest Festival one of the BEST. With SPECIAL THANKS to the following.

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me. At the first round of shots, she fell over in the seat crying and screaming, "And he died!" She sat up, they shot again and she fell over in the seat crying and screaming, "And he died!" and repeated this with the third round of shots. By this time everyone was crying. The officer came to the window, saw the kids and all the tears and said, "I'm trying to get the cars moved, ma'am." It didn't take but a few minutes that time and he had men moving cars out of the way.

I was strict with my school kids. I had to be for their safety. The highway was and is a dangerous road for a busload of kids. There were so many close calls. I have hung out the driver's side window screaming and pounding on the bus to stop vehicles from hitting kids crossing the highway. Apparently some drivers believed the flashing red lights and stop sign means they should pass the bus while children are being unloaded. My advice to parents then and now is be out there to load and unload your children on the buses. You don't realize how dangerous it is - ask a good bus driver, they will tell you.

We have kept bus driving in the family. My husband has driven as a substitute bus driver. Our daughter, Shannon White is still a bus driver. This is her eighteenth year of driving. Our son-in-law Wesley White drove for several years for Montoya Transportation in Silver City. Our son drove a bus transporting prisoners several years ago. I spent thirty years driving a school bus, and what makes it all worthwhile, the 20, 30 and 40 year old kids still come up and give me hugs when they see me. I hope they know I tried very hard to be fair with them. And most of all, I



**Silver City Holiday Market at Vicki's Eatery**  
 Saturday, December 10 from 12 - 8 pm



Quality Juried Vendors, Fine Music, Vicki's will serve food, beer and wine at the Market in the Elks Hall, 615 North Texas St, Silver City and dinner in Vicki's Eatery.

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL WINNERS

### HARVEST FESTIVAL PIE CONTEST WINNERS

**1st Prize** - Best tasting: Pauline Dempster, for apple pie with cheese topping crust.



**2nd Prize** - Sally Ginet, for her cherry pie.

**3rd and 4th Prize** - tied

Dorothy Gonzales, for her apricot pie and Linda Rawson for her chocolate nut pie, which was 1st in the nut category.

Congratulations to these great Mimbres pie bakers!

### HARVEST FESTIVAL HORSESHOES WINNERS

The horseshoes double elimination tournament attracted more teams than last year. Prizes were generously donated by Foxworth-Galbraith, Ace Hardware, Sears and Sun Valley Hardware. The winning team was Bob Swan and Mike Richter. The runners up were Mike Rosen and Mike Madrid.



The tournament was a great way to meet new friends and have fun. We hope to see everyone next year. Rumor has it that Bob Swan is a top player, both state-wide and nationally!







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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

## Gooch Shooting Re-enactment at MCHS



Actors, Harold Markel, Cary Hartman and Michael Barragree

Visitors to MCHS celebrated Archaeology Day on October 15th by watching the re-enactment of the 1902 "Shooting on the Mimbres" and heard the amazing historical account of the life of Benjamin Gooch, an early Mimbres homesteader. Mimbres resident and videographer Mike Barragree filmed the re-enactment. Visitors also went on special tours of the Mattocks Ruin, enjoyed new museum displays, and listened to the River's Bend Band.

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## RAVEN

A Trickster Tale From the Pacific Northwest  
by Gerald Mc Dermott

Ravens are no strangers to those who live in the southwest deserts and if we watch them carefully we know how they play tricks on other animals, people and each other.

In this folk-tale, Raven performs some magic which brings a treasure to the people who lived in the dark, damp, and dreary northwest long ago. It is a story told to native children who live there today. Raven is so important to them, its image is carved on totem poles, and appears on jewelry, baskets, carved bones, and other art work..

The bright, colorful full-page illustrations by the author make this folk-tale even more wonderful to read and enjoy.

Aunt Mary

Available at Bayard Public Library

## WINTER HOURS for MCHS

By Kathy Hill

As we are coming up on colder weather, The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site will be going to our winter hours schedule beginning in November. We will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 AM until 3 PM. As always, tours can be requested by calling the site at least one week in advance. 575.536.3333.

Are you looking for that special Thanksgiving, Autumn or Christmas card that represents the Mimbres? We have a nice selection of one-of-a-kind handmade cards in the gift shop for the holidays, for a special occasions, or just because. We also have a nice selection of one-of a kind gifts such as embroidered bookmarks, painted gourds and Mimbres style jewelry. Our book selection focuses on local history also. So stop in and find that perfect gift for someone you care about this holiday season.

We are located just north of the Mimbres Cafe, 12 Sage Drive.

## Fall Art and Wine Extravaganza a Great Success!



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Activities on the lawn at La Esperanza during the art extravaganza.

the wind cooperated) and everyone had a great time.

18 artists displayed a variety of handmade items that would make perfect Christmas gifts. There were new vendors that had not been at the show before, as well as some of our favorite artists from the valley.



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From left, Denise Powell and Ross Whelan talking with gourd artist Margaret Streams of "Second Nature Artwork"



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Sally Ginet of San Lorenzo with a display of her "Botanical Illustrations" note cards

On a gorgeous Saturday afternoon in October, La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery held its annual Fall Art and Wine Extravaganza. You couldn't ask for a better day. The weather was perfect (even

struments, wine stoppers and fire hydrants! Truly works of art.



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Busy scene in the La Esperanza wine tasting room during the Fall Art & Wine Extravaganza

Artists and customers alike enjoyed sipping on the newly released vintages of La Esperanza wine while enjoying the food prepared by Estela Felix and listening to the music of Teresa Smergut.

In other words, you couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable day. Thanks you La Esperanza Vineyards for bringing this great event to the valley again this year.

A special "Thank You" from the *Messenger* to Photographer, George Plant and Mary Alice Walker of the *Grant County Beat* for sharing their photos. Online <http://www.grantcountybeat.com/>

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David and Esperanza Gurule would like to thank all of the great volunteers who helped harvest this year's crop of wine grapes.

On a normal year we harvest about 7 tons of grapes.

This year we harvested 9.7 tons, the most ever!

We thank everyone who came from Mimbres, Upper Mimbres, San Lorenzo, Hurley, Bayard, Santa Clara, Silver City, Faywood, the Burros Mountains and Deming



## Mimbres Kids Have Fun at the Harvest Festival

The Children's area was a busy place at the Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival. Kids painted a mural of Mimbres



birds, made pots and animal figurines out of clay, rolled pine cones in bird seed for bird feeders, made creations with beads, played games, and enjoyed lots of other

fun activities. The big hit of the day was the "Be a Bird Watcher"—kids looked for pictures of birds at various places around the festival, wrote down a list of the kinds of birds they learned about, then off they went to the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) booth where they spun the Wheel of Fortune and got a prize. Prizes were donated by GCAS, the Gila Cliff Dwellings, the Rolling Stones Rock Club, and the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site.



Kids signed up for the free Bike Raffle and the lucky winners received bikes from the sponsors--Bike Works and Gila Hike and Bike.



Smokey Bear made an appearance and joined the Roadrunner (Trinton Palomarez) for a parade over to the big tent and listened to a story about Coyote and Roadrunner—"Beep! Beep!"—told by Marilyn Markel.

**What a fun day!**



## San Lorenzo Terrific Kid Awards

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City has partnered with nine elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids. The program "honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship". Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies.

### SEPTEMBER HONOREES



Back Row: Ariana Legarda, Brody Richer, Analiza Gavaldon and Itzel Valdez Front Row: Clair Biebelle, Makenzi Gavaldon, Simon Medrano and Terrance Palomarez  
Not Pictured: Samaiyah Vega

### OCTOBER HONOREES



Back Row: Jason Palomarez, Cheyanne Medrano, Chance Medrano, Itzel Valdez Front Row: Yallexi Valdez, John Roybal, Jayda Lopez, Amerlia Fink



## Teen Ink by Ajalaa Claussen



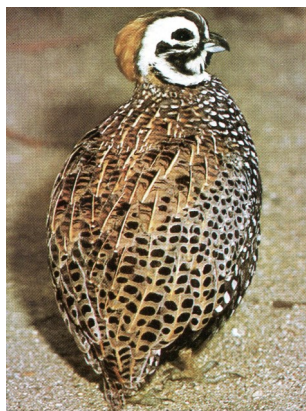
I've always wanted to be this age. I've always wanted to be a part of the real world while still living at home and eating for free. I've always wanted to have this sense of freedom to roam the city or get a job without the survival sense adults have. When I was little I craved this feeling. And now I finally am there. Teens complain about how horrible this age is and they want their full freedom. They don't want to be stuck in the same town going to the same school and having to listen to their parents. But



honestly what's better than getting free food, shelter, and schooling while still getting to have some of the responsibilities of an adult? I talk to my brother and I constantly hear how stressed he is about work and paying for food and his house. I personally am going to enjoy this age as long as I can because before I know it I'll be out of high school and forced to be an adult. Now isn't the scary transitional point?

### CM in October Messenger

Montezuma quail are beautiful and funny birds. In October, I was lucky to see a covey of Montezuma quail. These quail sometimes hide in the tall grass, crouching down instead of running or flying away. The Mimbres Indians painted lots of quail on their black and white pottery. Some of the pictures look just like Montezuma quail! Take a walk in the forest and you might get lucky—and get to see some quail.



### Conejo Mimbrenño in November

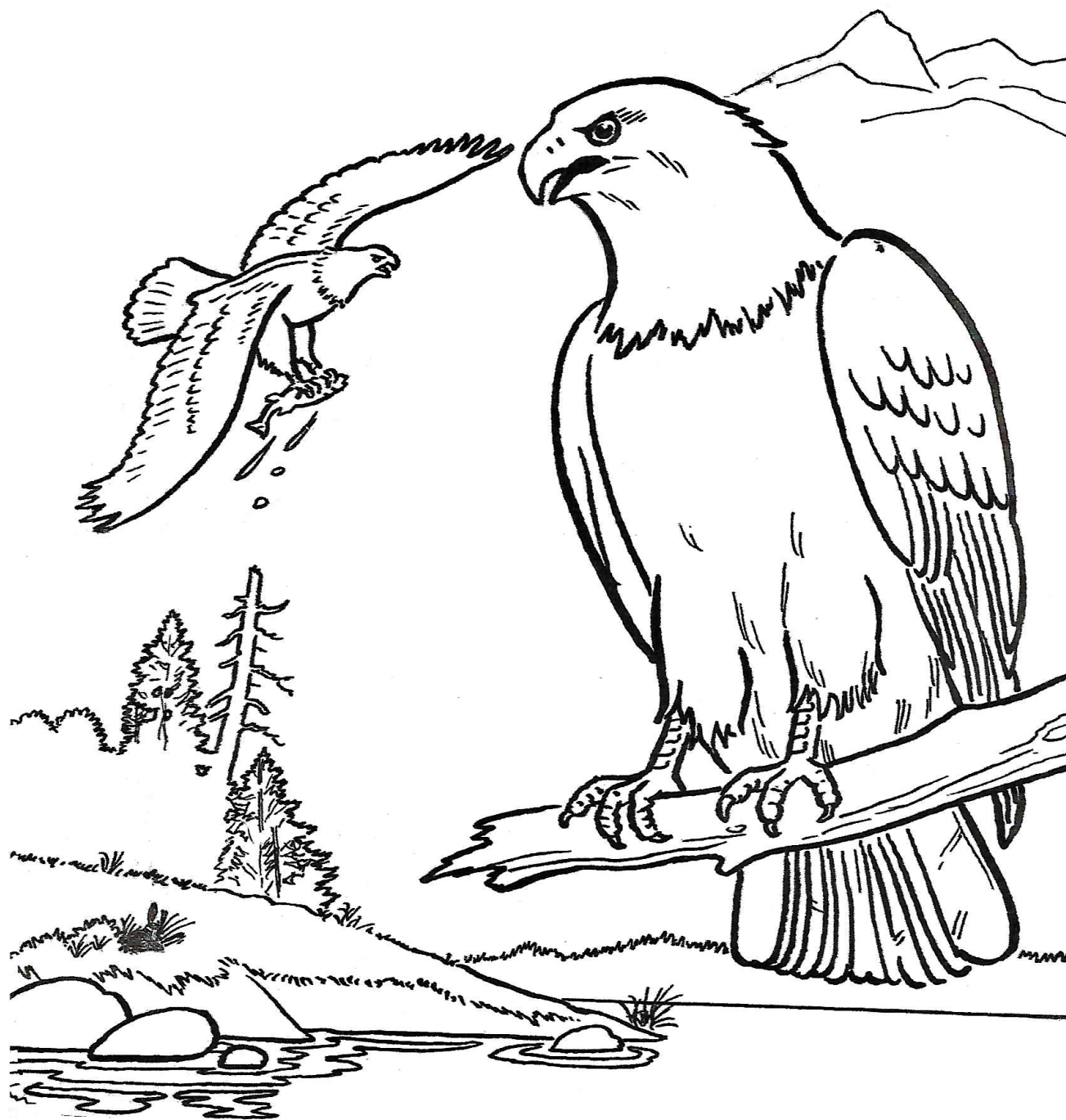
#### Bald Eagle



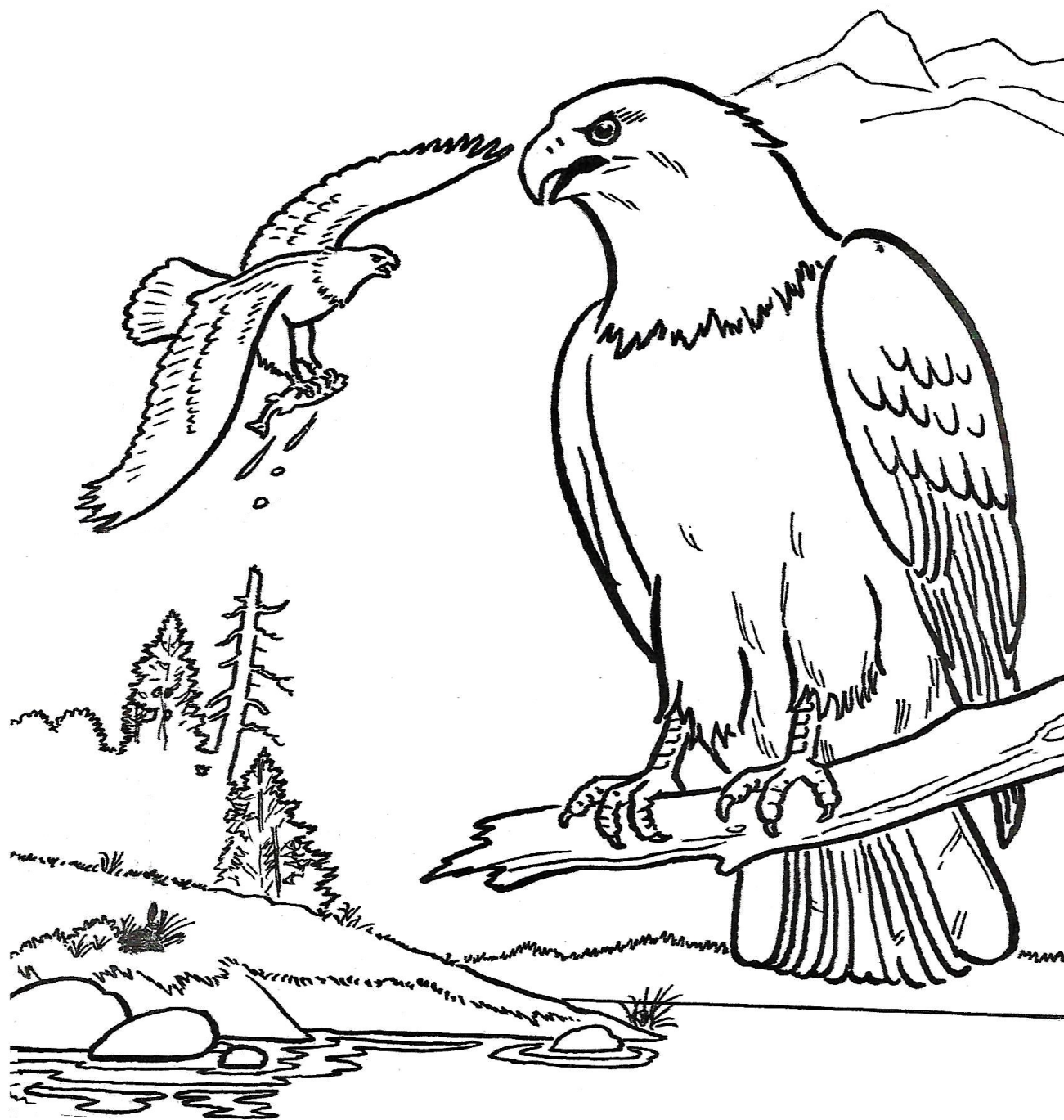
The Majestic bald eagle is a success story for endangered species. The eagle's spectacular recovery from only 417 pairs in 1963 to over 11,000 pairs by 2007 resulted in removal

from the endangered species list. An adult eagle can be easily identified by its striking white head and tail. Wintering bald eagles in New Mexico can be found near rivers and lakes, perching in tall trees that provide look-out sites for prey. Although eagles feed primarily on fish they also eat rabbits, prairie dogs and other small animals, carrion, and waterfowl. Both parents bring food to the nest; tearing into small pieces and feeding it directly to the young. Primary threats to bald eagles include loss of wintering habitat, nest disturbances, poisoning, shooting, and electrocution by power lines.





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



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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**.

**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (not to be confused with the Savvy Caregiver Program)** meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, November 7 and 21 at 10 am at the Mimbres Senior Center. For info call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets November 17 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - November 9 (second Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm** - Roundup Lodge  
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**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.

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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.

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

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, November 10** - 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 - Monthly Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 9th - 5:30 pm** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome. There will be no meeting in December.

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING.** Thursday, November 3 - 5:30 pm - first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - November 13th - 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 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, November 22** (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

**SAVVY ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER PROGRAM - Every Wednesday through November 16 - 9:00 am to 11 am.** For information call Sharon McGrath at 575-536-3950 and Candace at 575-647-3868

**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, November 2nd- First Wednesday.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

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**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, November 17**

**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

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**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, November 16th - 3rd WEDS of the month - Womens Club in Silver City.** Meeting at 6:00 pm and program to follow. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

**GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION - November 5th - 7 pm** Portraits of America starring Las Vegas and Broadway headliner, George Bugati, WNMU Fine Arts Theater.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, November 10 - (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm** - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. Silver City Senior Center - 204 W. Victoria Street in Silver City 575-536-1393 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com)  
**Field trip Saturday, November 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 City area restaurants. New members with Multiple Sclerosis are welcome. Email [huseworld@yahoo.com](mailto:huseworld@yahoo.com) for the location.

**NEW HOPE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - EVERY MONDAY - 12:05 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, November 3rd - 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 speaker will be Stat Treasurer, Tim Eichenberg. Meeting is free, \$15 charge for lunch. 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.com](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.com) for information about any event.

**ARTISAN MARKETS - Do your holiday shopping locally! Double your fun ! Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, November 12 - 10 am to 3 pm.** Handcrafted unique items such as hand-crafted mesquite bowls, quilted bags, jewelry, rag rugs and handmade soap. The Market Café at 614 N Bullard St. Interested in selling your wares? Call Charmeine at 388-2343 or email [charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop](mailto:charmeine@silvercityfoodcoop)

**COMMUNITY FORUM - Thursday, November 10 - 12 noon** **Community Forum, Healthy Holiday Eating.** 614 N. Bullard St. The co-op is collaborating with Registered Dietitian Bret Sarnquist to educate the community about different health issues. Bret will host a discussion in the Community Room of the Market Café. The holidays can be a tough time of year for people trying to maintain good nutritional habits. See what you can do to help preserve quality nutrition between

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Thanksgiving and Christmas. Join Bret for some tips, strategies and recipes.

**POPCORN FRIDAYS!** Enjoy Free Organic Popcorn and Food Samples at the Silver City FoodCo-op 520 North Bullard  
**MARKET CAFÉ IS OPEN** - Monday and Wednesday through Saturday 8:30 am - 7 pm and Sunday, 8:30 am - 5 pm

**SILVER CITY HOLIDAY MARKET AT VICKI'S EATERY, Saturday, December 10, 12 noon to 8 pm. Elks Hall, 615 N. Texas Street.** Juried Vendors, Food, Beer and Wine. Dinner at Vicki's Eatery.

**SILVER CITY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. November 2, 7:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan St. 860-670-4543** Free program features Judy Beard and Jim Collar sharing tips on "*Photographing Moab in a Different Light*". Moab is known for its National Parks and for Dead Horse Point State Park. Judy and Jim will show some of the classic, iconic photographs from these well known places, but describe and illustrate alternate photo opportunities both in and outside the parks—less popular locations, seasons, times of day and weather conditions. Focus will be on locations that are within easy driving distance from town. All photographers as well as those interested in photography and/or travel are welcome.

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

**SILVER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY—TECHNOLOGY SKILL WORKSHOPS - 515 W. College Ave. MICROSOFT POWER POINT -** How to make a slideshow or presentation, **Thursday, November 10, 10 am to 12 noon. ONLINE EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:** How to use the internet for job searching and application completion. **Friday, November 18, 2 pm to 4 pm 575-574-5101**

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, November 14th - 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 - Scott Terry, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce will be our speaker. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.



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# SENIOR CENTER MENU

 <b>November 2016</b> 				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Silver City 388-2545</b> <b>Gila 535-2888</b> <b>Santa Clara 537-5254</b> <b>Mimbres 536-9990</b> <b>Please Call A Day In Advance For Reservations</b>	<b>1</b> Dill Baked Fish Corn & Peppers Breadstick Pears Yogurt	<b>2</b> Fideos Con Carne Salad W/ Dressing Mixed Veggies Tortilla Orange/Pineapple Mix	<b>3</b> Chicken Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Calabacitas W/Gr. Chile Pinto Beans Pudding	<b>4</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Low Sodium Veggie Soup Low Sodium Crackers Apricots
<b>7</b> Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles WW Bread W/ Margarine Watermelon	<b>8</b> BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Biscuit W/ Marg Fresh Fruit	<b>9</b> Lean Sausage Wild Rice Steamed BroccoliW/Marg WW Dinner Roll Apple	<b>10</b> Braised Pork Chop 3-Bean Salad Peas W/ Marg WW Bread Baked Apple Slices	<b>11</b> Closed for Veterans Day!! 
<b>14</b> Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies WW Bread Strawberries W/Vanilla Wafers	<b>15</b> Gr. Chile Chicken Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Jello Apricots	<b>16</b> Beef Sandwich Onion Rings Mixed Veggies Cantaloupe	<b>17</b> Chicken Adovada Pinto Beans Spinach Tortilla Rice Pudding	<b>18</b> Meat & Cheese Burrito Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Sugar Cookies Apricots
<b>21</b> Lasagna Garden Salad Mixed Veggies French Bread Apple Cobbler	<b>22</b> Chicken W/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Turnip Greens Carrots Biscuit Fruit W/ Jello	<b>23</b> Turkey Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Spinach Salad Orange Vanilla Wafers	<b>24</b> Closed For Thanksgiving 	
<b>28</b> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail W/ Yogurt Oatmeal Cookie	<b>29</b> Gr Chile Pork Stew Mexicorn Salad W/ Dressing Flour Tortilla Cinnamon Apples	<b>30</b> Salisbury Steak Sliced Red Peppers Tortilla Pumpkin Bread	<b>8 oz MILK SERVED DAILY</b> 	

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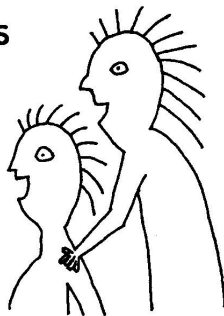
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# ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

November promises to be yet another busy month at the Lodge. In addition to the 22 regularly-scheduled meetings and events, a birthday and other parties are already on the schedule. The numbers of extraordinary events is ever increasing as the end of the year approaches.

There will be a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge. We invite interested vendors to reserve their tables early. The cost for a table is \$6. Contact Charlene at 575-574-8823 to reserve a table. The Bazaar is always a good opportunity to do some local holiday shopping and to support our talented local artists and craftspeople.

November Bingo will be on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Bring a toy to donate to our annual drive for Christmas gifts for San Lorenzo Elementary School students and receive a free Bingo card with the purchase of a package of 3 cards. Gifts should be appropriate for ages 3 to 12 (pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and up to \$10 in value.

**Important Notice:** Beginning January, 2017, monthly Commodities Distribution at the Lodge will be on the third Wednesday of each month. **Make note of the new schedule which will begin in January, 2017.** The November and December, 2016 schedule will continue to be the second Wednesday of the month. We want to be sure that word of the change in schedule reaches everyone – tell your friends.

The Mimbres Booster Club will be doing lots of things in the coming months. Come to a meeting (the first Thursday of each month) and find out what we are all about. We hope that you will consider becoming a member of our congenial group. We enjoy operating the Lodge and

the many other fun community activities that take place there. Come for a light dinner at 5:30 and a meeting to follow. Hope to see you there.

The Lodge continues to be the Valley's preferred venue for private parties and celebrations. To reserve the Lodge for your event, call Anna at 536-9323, until further notice.



December 10th is the  
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## SAVVY CAREGIVER PROGRAM

*Life with Alzheimer's disease is hard. This makes it easier.*

The Alzheimer's Association will offer a FREE seven-week course for persons who care for Alzheimer patients. Every Wednesday now through November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 11 a.m. at the Mimbres Senior Center, 2620 Highway 35, Mimbres.

For more information or to register call Sharon McGrath at 575-536-3950 or Candace at 575-647-3868 or email to [cpthomas@alz.org](mailto:cpthomas@alz.org).

## CHARLOTTE'S WEB

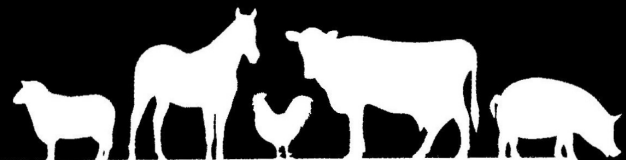


Mimbres Senior Center supporters and regulars recently honored one of their own. Some ten-plus years ago, volunteer Charlotte Organes took over the management and organization of the Thrift Store at the Center. She has kept the store stocked, organized and orderly. In appreciation of her tireless efforts, the thrift store has been officially christened Charlotte's Web. An attractive sign was made for the naming ceremony by Tony Ploeckelmann. Thank you, Tony. Everyone at the Senior Center is grateful for and appreciates Charlotte's many efforts over the years. In addition, two other volunteers who have aided in the success of the thrift store deserve special recognition. Thank you Teri Hupp and Francesca Veltri. Without these dedicated volunteers, the thrift store would not have been nearly so successful.



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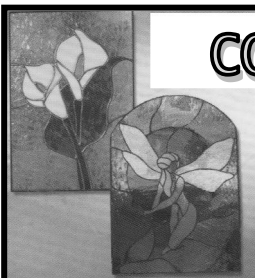


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<p><b>MIMBRES VALLEY</b> <b>HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE</b> PO BOX 137 MIMBRES, NM 88049 <a href="http://www.mvhal.org">www.mvhal.org</a></p>	<p>Mimbres Messenger Farmers' Market Harvest Festival Commodities Distribution The San Lorenzo Children's Garden</p>
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**BULLETIN BOARD**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 9th - 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.

**PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGY**

We would like to extend our sincere apology to Jamie Newton and to everyone who purchased this year's Harvest Festival Calendar. Many of the photos that Jamie submitted did not reproduce as sent.

The day Jamie submitted his photos and they were submitted to the printing company, we were having terrible internet issues. Jamie's photos are always of very high resolution as required for the calendar. Since the other photos that were submitted on other days transmitted correctly, we have to assume the internet issues caused the problem, because from this end, his submissions looked perfect. Since we could not see any problem by looking at the proof we did not know there was a problem until the calendar was printed. Some of his prints came out with very poor resolution, not the high quality that were submitted.

We regret this unfortunate occurrence, and hope everyone understand this is not indicative of Jamie's work, and seemed to be a fluke. We hope this will not keep Jamie from submitting his wonderful photos in the future, or people from purchasing the calendar.

We have lowered the price of this year's calendar and hope everyone will still support our efforts, and we promise to do better next year.

**MYSTERY PHOTO**

Photos by Kathy Hill

Last month's mystery place:  
Bear Canyon Store Sign



November's challenge:

This caballo blanco watches the cars go by every day. Do you know where it is?

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