

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## MIMBRES MESSENGER

## CURRENT TRAVEL DIARY FROM VISITORS TO THE MIMBRES

The author of this letter wishes to remain anonymous

*After the warm reception our travel diary from 1904 received, we began soliciting our readers for other such writings that might be of similar interest. Here is a modern day version which will describe travels to our area and some familiar places. Ed.*

Travelers from Albuquerque write to their friends in the Mimbres: Here are a few notes on our journey to the Gila National Forest and Wilderness in southwest New Mexico that may be of interest.

Monday, March 28, 2016 we drove south on Interstate 25. Near Belen, we saw hundreds of acres of trees with white painted lower trunks. Wonder if they were fruit or nut trees? There was also a very large vineyard.

The winding highway through the Black Range of the Gila reached 8,500' at Emory Pass where we could see Caballo Reservoir on the Ro Grande to the east. A few of the higher north-facing deep canyons had small fields of snow.

At noon we met our friends from the Mimbres Valley for lunch at the Restaurant del Sol in Mimbres. Their home a few miles to the north in Six Shooter Canyon is delightful. Black walnuts, ponderosa pines with vanilla-scented bark and alligator junipers shade their property. Native flowers (including huge masses of columbines) cactus and shrubs are in terraced beds.

Our friends' hospitality is exceptional. The dining area with large windows provides a great view of their many bird feeders, including a finch sock. They remarked that they would soon be seeing hummingbirds. As we were enjoying a delicious brown sugar Bundt cake we looked up and saw a hummingbird at the feeder. This was the first of the season.

They told us of the Living Harvest Bakery, a few miles to the south, operated for 14 years by a local family. Tuesday through Saturday a bountiful buffet breakfast and lunch are served. We sampled a bit of their spelt bread

which had a delicious nutty flavor. The owner brings the nutritious spring wheat from Colorado and grinds the flour. They also use sunflower oil in their baking.

They told us about an impressive Mimbres museum in Deming which shows many pictographs in the surrounding area. Sounds interesting!

We then drove to the Gila Cliff Dwellings visitor center. Our night was spent in the Woody's Corral parking area which is the trailhead for Trail 160.

While waiting for the cliff dwelling tour on Tuesday, we went to the Lower Scorpion camping area to walk to the Trail of the Past two-room cave dwelling and saw the rock art.

The cliff dwellings, reached by walking over a footbridge over the West Fork of the Gila, consisted of five interconnected alcoves that were inhabited in late 1200 AD. Along the trail we saw a large scaled lizard. We took a photo, which our friends later identified as a crevice lizard.

Later we drove to see the Middle Fork and East Fork of the Gila River and their confluence. As we drove the narrow, winding road toward Silver City we stopped at the 1870's Pinos Altos Buckhorn Saloon. Today a 3 star restaurant shares the building.

After a drive through a Silver City residential area, we managed to locate "Dutch" Salmon's High Lonesome Bookstore. That was of great interest. We spent the night in the truck near Pinos Altos where the Continental Divide trail (CDT) crosses the highway.

Wednesday we stopped a few times to inquire about the location of the Western New Mexico University museum. The fine collection of mostly black and white Mimbres pottery often decorated with animals/birds/geometric and associated information was excellent. It was especially interesting to

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



Writing an upbeat letter to our readers is a challenge these days. The catastrophic hurricane season with multiple destructive land falls, the multiple earthquakes south of the border, to name a few headlines, do not promote upbeat. To put a positive spin on the news, we must look to the many stories of unselfish and heroic efforts being made by the hordes of civilians, often afflicted themselves, to rescue, shelter, feed and succor the many affected.

It would not be amiss to be grateful for our peaceful, untouched surroundings here in the Valley. Not only are we surrounded by beauty, but by our neighbors who care about our circumstances and willingly lend a helping hand when needed. Fortunately, our "needs" are not threats to our homes, health and survival as elsewhere – for which we should be especially grateful.

By the time we go to print this month, the Harvest Festival will still be gearing up for its 12<sup>th</sup> annual day of celebration on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Based on past experience, it would not be amiss to describe a successful, fun day enjoyed by all. Look for confirmation of that prediction in next month's issue.

We have secured for this issue another travel diary. This one is contemporary and describes a trip to the Gila National Forest and Wilderness area and other, familiar local attractions. Enjoy.


As fall approaches, folks have been sharing the bounty of their gardens with their non-growing neighbors – another aspect of local life for which we should be grateful – I know I certainly am.

Soon the influx of migrating hummingbirds will be over. The first of October is

the date we are counseled to take in the feeders. Untold pounds of sugar later, I will, nevertheless, be sad to see them leave.

The approaching cooler temps will delight some and dismay others. Whichever position one takes, the virtually daily appearance of sunshine here is another thing deserving of our gratitude.

Let's face it. The Mimbres Valley is a pretty nice place to be.




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learn that their corn ears were only about 4 inches long. Excavations of local sites found burials in which the body was in an upright, crouched position with a bowl placed over the head. The bottoms of bowls were pierced with a sharp object leaving a "kill" hole. It is suggested that having the bowl over the head of the deceased allows the spirit of the deceased to escape. Large fired clay vessels were found that were used to make corn beer.

On the West side of the Gila, we drove through the town of Gila with large green fields irrigated from the Gila River. After more than 8 miles up and then down a very narrow, steep, winding road we reached the Gila River. Huge alligator juniper, live oak and sycamore trees lined the river and we met an Outward Bound group who were completing a 20-day backpack in the Gila. The nearby river had a hot spring. We noticed many thistles and a large paintbrush flower along a cliff.

We had planned to spend more time hiking, but the strong winds with dust changed our minds. The devastating fires and floods of the last three years were evident.

On the way back to Albuquerque we had a chiles rellenos dinner at a Mexican restaurant in Reserve, and were stopped in Socorro by a patrolman because one of the headlights on the truck was out. Fortunately, we only received a warning.

## **NM 152 Hanover ROADWAY CLOSURE Blasting at Chino Mines**

Plan your trips accordingly

### **ROAD ADVISORY CLOSURE- Hanover Area as reported by the DOT**

The Freeport McMoRan Chino Mines will be closing NM 152 at mile post 5 (Turnerville) for haul road blasting.

Traffic will encounter delays for a one hour closure from **11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday.**

Motorists are asked to reduce speed, obey posted signs, use extreme caution, and be cautious of personnel in the area.

## **MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY ADDS 250 NEW WORDS**

By Anna Willhite

In September, it was announced that the Merriam-Webster Dictionary had made its annual addition of new words. (Not all 250 will be listed here!) Many of these additions are from old terms now imbued with political meaning (dog whistle) to newer terms (frogo). Here are a few examples.

"Dog whistle" – Primary definition – a way to call a dog. Secondary definition – "an expression or statement that has a secondary meaning intended to be understood only by a particular group of people".

"Word Salad" – originally "unintelligible speech related to a mental disorder". In September, Merriam-Webster tweeted: "We now enter 'word salad': a string of empty, incoherent, unintelligible or nonsensical words or comments."

"Troll" – the primary definition remains: "a dwarf or giant in Scandinavian folklore inhabiting caves or hills." In 2014 the new secondary definition was an "antagonizing person on the Internet" especially one who keeps "posting inflammatory, irrelevant or offensive comments or other disruptive content". The latest definition says that troll is "the kind of disparaging behavior that happens in real life."

"Alt-right" (new) "a right wing, primarily online political movement or grouping based in the U.S. where members reject mainstream conservative politics and espouse extremist beliefs and policies typically centered on ideas of white nationalism".

"Portmanteau" – traditionally a large trunk or suitcase. Secondary – "word blending the sounds and combining the meanings of 2 others (e.g. motel from motor and hotel).

Also new "frogo" – "frozen yogurt."

"Siracha" (new) "type of hot sauce or chili sauce made from paste of chili peppers, distilled vinegar, garlic, sugar and salt".

"Bibimbap" – "a Korean dish, word literally means 'mixed rice'. Served as a bowl of warm rice topped with *namul* (wild grass or greens) and *gouchujang* (fermented soybean paste) a byproduct of soy sauce production." The national dish of Korea.

There are 243 others – but you will be spared in this publication.

## Cogitations Of An Ostrich

By Ria Bonneamie

Inside my burka, I conceal my fear,  
No smile showing, nor frown, nor shout, nor tear.  
Scared my somber shroud may split and smear,  
Should lust and torture approach from the rear.  
Do you hate my veil when I am so near.

Behind main stream media, again I hide,  
Believing what I am told with blind pride,  
Violence all around, I pick the winning side.  
Then sit home alone near the shifting tide,  
No one can heal me while my time I bide.

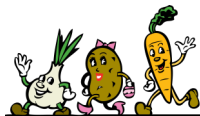
Under shifting sands, I bury my head,  
I cannot see you, pretend I am dead.  
If you do spy me, my flesh do not tread,  
All grief contrived, no longer do spread.  
Nothing have I done, nothing have I said.

## FARMERS' MARKET

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## ANN'S RETIREMENT

By Anna Willhite

On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, one of the mainstays of life in the Mimbres came to an end when the San Lorenzo Post Office closed.

Ann Allison, the post mistress, has retired.

On her last day at the post office, a steady stream of Ann's many friends and customers came to bid her a bon voyage into a well-deserved retirement. There were hugs and tears as well-wishers recalled many years of Ann's sunny disposition, wit and dedication to her customers.



**San Lorenzo's beloved post  
mistress on her last day!**

(Phtoto courtesy of Ana Luisa  
Kishbaugh)

Of her 30 years as a post mistress, at the Black Range Station and then in San Lorenzo, she said that she was "sort of sad" to be retiring, and that she had "loved every minute". We will all miss her and wish her a happy retirement, and fun travels beyond the Mimbres.

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## Hurley Students Learn about Mimbres Pottery and the Ancient Mimbrenños

Story and photo by Marilyn Markel

Marilyn Markel and the Aldo Leopold Charter School archaeology students recently visited Hurley Elementary School and gave a hands-on presentation to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms using the archaeology outreach “trunk” program.



The elementary students made pottery out of clay, whirled a bullroarer, put together potsherd puzzles, sketched artifacts, and more.



Teacher Kelly Hartman, a Mimbres valley resident and volunteer at the Mimbres culture Heritage Site (MCHS) is hoping to bring her students out to

MCHS this school year so the kids can learn more about the long ago Mimbres People, tour the Mattocks Ruin and historic houses and museum, and hike to the Mimbres River—a wonderful opportunity for the Hurley students to get a little taste of what Mimbres kids get to experience and enjoy.

## THANKS TO LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) would like to thank all of the photographers that submitted their photographic works for inclusion in the 2018 Harvest Festival Calendar. There were so many wonderful photographs to choose from, that it was very difficult to make the selections.

This year the cover goes to Mitch Clinton with his wonderful rainbow and lightning photo. Rainbows are a traditional favorite for the front cover, and this photo is great!

The following photographers will be featured in the calendar:

Mike Barragree  
Mitch Clinton  
Dolores Coleman  
Pete Crum  
Veronique De Jaegher  
Steve Douglas  
Bill Hudson  
Peter Kosiorek  
Marilyn Markel  
Jamie Newton  
Meg Streams



If you don't get your calendars at the Harvest Festival this year, call Sonny Johnson at 575-574-7674. The cost of the calendars is \$10, and all profits go to support MVHAL. MVHAL is responsible for the Harvest Festival, Commodities Distribution, the *Mimbres Messenger*, the Farmers' Market, and the Children's Garden.

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## NEWS FROM

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CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE



### A Lot is Happening at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site

#### National Archaeology Day and the Reenactment of the 1902 “Murder on the Mimbres” at MCHS October 14<sup>th</sup>



#### *Everyone is invited*

to celebrate National Archaeology Day and to watch the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual reenactment of the “Murder on the Mimbres”—the Gooch shooting on Saturday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The event will feature a tour of the Mattocks Ruin and the unveiling of new models of the ancient pueblo rooms. There will also be children’s activities, music, popcorn, and more! **The tour of the Mattocks Ruin is scheduled for 11:00 and the reenactment of the shooting at 1:00.**

Please join the volunteers at MCHS for this celebration of the amazing history of the Mimbres Valley.

Story and Photos courtesy of Marilyn Markel

#### Hopi and Japanese Elders and Artists Visit MCHS By Marilyn Markel

Volunteers at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site recently gave a tour of the Mattocks Ruin and the museum to a unique group of visitors. Archaeologist Fumiyasu Arakawa, professor and director of the University Museum at New Mexico State University, is working on a project with artists and elders from Hopi Pueblo and from Japan. The group is studying Mimbres pottery and interpreting images on pots from their own cultural perspectives and visited MCHS to learn about the people that made and painted the world famous pottery. The Hopis and Japanese were quite impressed with what they saw. As they toured MCHS, the visitors were video-taped by Atsunori Ito, PH.D, from Japan’s National Museum of Ethnology. A book is planned at the completion of the project.



Marilyn explaining the history—on the trail and at Bill Hudson’s display



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## FROM MY INBOX

### "A PRAYER"

Author Unknown

Lord, now that I am growing old,  
keep me from the fatal habit of  
thinking that I must say something  
on every subject and on every oc-  
casion.

Release me from the craving to  
straighten out everybody's life.

Make me thoughtful, but not  
moody; helpful, but not bossy.

Keep my mind free from the recit-  
al of endless details; give me wings  
to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and  
pains: they are increasing, and the  
love of rehearsing them is growing  
sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that  
occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet: a sour  
old person is one of the crowning  
works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see beauty  
in unexpected places and splendor  
in unexpected people.

### Heritage Site Museum and Gift Shop is Ready for the Holidays

By Kathy Hill

The Mimbres Museum is ready for fall and the holi-  
days. We have a wonderful selection of hand-made cards  
from everyday messages to Mimbres greetings. Starting  
with Halloween, there are holiday cards featuring ancient  
Mimbres art. Each card is unique. We also have a great  
selection of gifts which represent the valley; jewelry,  
books, decorative plates, humorous items, ornaments,

and so much more are also available.

Bring your family and friends when they visit. We live  
in a very special and wonderful place. The goal of the  
Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation is to educate  
and preserve which we will do with your support. The  
volunteers at the museum will share the valley history  
with you. We are one block off Hwy 35, mm 3.8.  
October is the last month we are open daily from 11-  
3. November-March we begin our winter schedule:  
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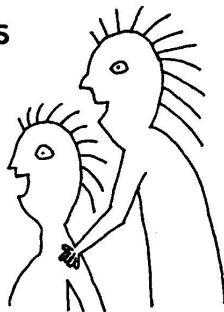
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Dawn Gray will be collecting old t-shirts *in any condition* as long as they are clean. They will be made into rag rugs which will be sold to supplement the income of the ladies who weave them.

Please bring the t-shirts to Dawn's booth at the art show at the Esperanza

Winery, or the Roundup Lodge during Mimbres Booster Club events, or to Commodities Distribution Day at the Roundup Lodge, or to the annual Christmas Bazaar at the Roundup Lodge (see event schedule in this paper).

Do you have old branding irons or images of brands from the Mimbres Valley that we at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site can put on display or copy the images? If so, drop them off at the museum daily between 11 am and 3 pm. You can also call Kathy Hill at 536.3161 or her cell 307.640.3012. Thank you!

## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Unfortunately the monthly meeting of the Mimbres Booster Club has been canceled for October; so many members will be unavailable that it is problematic that regular business can take place. This is a first, and comes even as the Booster Club has welcomed five new members in recent months. Ongoing projects, however, continue.

The Booster Club is actively supporting the San Lorenzo Elementary School Backpack Program. With the start of the new shortened school week, the 3-day weekend when needy children have no access to nutritious lunches is a concern. This important program to provide take-home lunches for the weekends was launched to address this lack.

Fund-raising to support the program has come through grants and donations, including the Volunteer Center's pledge to match funds raised locally up to \$2,000. Our goal is to raise enough to secure these matching funds. We are approaching the half-way mark already, due in large part to the efforts of one of our newest members! She came on board and immediately went to work.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation, which will be most appreciated, and help us secure these matching funds, and effectively double the amount of your donation. Send checks payable to "San Lorenzo Elementary School", in care of the Mimbres Booster Club, P.O. Box 521, Mimbres, NM 88049.

Also, October Bingo will be on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2 pm to 5 pm. Bring a toy (\$5 to \$10 value) appropriate for ages 3 to 12, and receive a free bingo card with the purchase of a 3-card pack. Toys will assist the San Lorenzo Elementary School Christmas Program, run by the Boosters. We are extremely proud of our AAA school and students, and these programs are of enormous help.

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

**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** meets **October 2 & 16 - 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 October 19 (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - October 18 (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.

**DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Every second weekend each month** Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) or call 575-536-9353. Preview starts at 11 am - Auction and On-line bidding at 1 pm Saturday and Sunday. [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) or [www.lcollector.com](http://www.lcollector.com).

**HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours and Days have been changed as of September** Monday, Tuesday and **Thursday 7:00 am to 6 pm.** 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

**LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm.** Mimbres' Award Winning Winery. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252

**FALL ART AND WINE EXTRAVAGANZA - October 21 - 11 am to 5 pm**

**MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new summer schedule:** Open daily 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-3161 at least a week in advance.

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

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, October 12 - Monthly meetings usually 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 HARVEST FESTIVAL - Saturday, September 30 - San Lorenzo Elementary School.** Food, Children's Activities, Raffles, Auctions, Horseshoes, Entertainment, Health Fair, Crafts, Growers, Vendors and lots of Fun!

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Board Meeting Second Wednesday of the month - October 11 - 5:30 pm** .Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Everyone Welcome.

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING.** The meeting for October has been **CANCELLED**. Meeting will resume in November.

**BINGO - Sunday, October 8 - 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.

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**NATIVE FLOW YOGA - Camille, at Native Flow Yoga, is closing her studio in Mimbres as of October 1st.** After 10 years in the Valley, she is relocating to Nevada City, California. There she will continue her work in various phases of yoga and photography, and will offer scheduled courses in Mazatlan, Mexico. See her websites and Facebook for further information. **Nativeflowyoga.com; naturallightphotography.com** and **Healing Trauma Through Yoga**. She can be reached by phone at 575-654-4150. Camille especially wants to thank all of her students from the Mimbres Valley. You will be missed.

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**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

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 and THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY -** meet the second Saturday of every month at the American Legion Post - Breakfast at 9 am followed by a meeting at 10 am

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, October 11 - 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.

**BAYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEW HOURS - Monday - noon to 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday - 9 am to 6 pm CLOSED on Saturday and Sunday.**

**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, October 19**

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**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, October 18 - 3rd WEDS of the month.** Meetings will be back in Silver City at a new location - 2045 Memory Lane (large building on the west side of the street with yellow door). Richard Felger will speak regarding ethno biology. There will be no more pot luck. For information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, October 12 - (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, October 21 - 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 - 12:00 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.

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**SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB** - Will resume its first Wednesday meetings in September. If you are a photographer or just interested in pictures, please join us when we reconvene. The Messenger has no contact information for time, date or speakers.

**WALGREENS - Tuesday, October 3 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT** - 10% off of items not on sale.

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, October 9 - 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 - Speakers Adrienne Dare and Mike Jemin on "Expanding your Horizons" Science conference for 5th-8th grade girls. Angelica Boome will talk about Community Partnership for Children. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.

**WOMEN'S AL-ANON MEETING: WOMEN EMBRACING RECOVERY - Every Friday - 5:30 pm to 6:30pm** - La Clinica Health and Birth Center, 3201 Ridge Loop, Silver City. Closed meeting for women who are family and friends of alcoholics. For information call 575-313-7094 or 575-313-1032




## MYSTERY PHOTO CHALLENGE FOR OCTOBER

Here is October's Mimbres Mystery? Although you are up high in elevation, you won't fly by this place. Do you know where it is?




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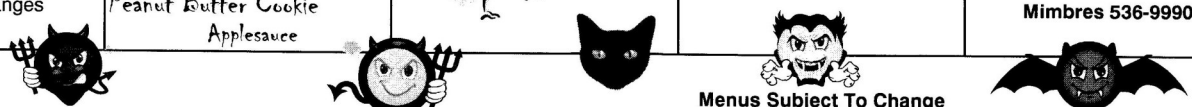
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<b>Baked Chicken...110</b> Sliced Tomatoes Broccoli/Cheese Sauce WW Roll/Margarine Strawberries & Bananas	<b>Grill Cheese Sandwich ds11</b> (on WW Bread) Bean & Ham Soup Garden Salad/Dressing Fresh Apples	<b>Chicken Tacos...507</b> Lettuce/Tomato Calabacitas Pinto Beans Bread Pudding	<b>Gr Chile Beef Stew...508</b> Mexicorn Tossed Salad/Dressing Flour Tortillas Warm Cinnamon Apples	<b>Meatballs/Sauce..179</b> Potato Wedges Zucchini WW Roll/Margarine Tropical Fruit
<b>Beef Enchiladas..ds1</b> Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Jalapeno Salsa Orange	<b>Oven Fried Chicken...517</b> Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Spinach/Romaine Salad/Dressing Dinner Roll/Margarine Banana Pudding	<b>BBQ Pulled Pork...505</b> Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad/Dressing WW Roll/Margarine Mandarin Orange/Lemon Pudding	<b>Gr Ch Chicken Tamale..ds14</b> Garden Salad/Dressing Pinto Beans Flour Tortillas Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Ham/ Cheese Sandwich..ds16</b> (on WW Bread) Lettuce/Tomato/Onion/Pickles Vegetable Soup Peach Yogurt
<b>Chicken Tenders....118</b> Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Oriental Veggies Cornbread/Margarine Strawberry Shortcake	<b>Shepards Pie...191</b> Green Beans Garden Salad/Dressing Dinner Roll/Margarine Orange Vanilla Ice Cream	<b>Pork Posole..505</b> Calabacitas Flour Tortilla Tossed Salad/Dressing Oatmeal Cookie	<b>Baked Chicken...110</b> Sliced Tomato Broccoli/Cheese WW Roll/Margarine Strawberries & Bananas	<b>GC Cheeseburger...170</b> Lettuce/Tomato/Onion/Pickles Oven Fries Macaroni Salad/Veggies Tropical Fruit
<b>Bean Burrito...501</b> (Enchilada Style) Spanish Rice Cucumber/Tomato Salad Mandarin Oranges	<b>Hamburger Mac...ds 9</b> Green Beans Buttered Corn Garden Salad/Dressing Peanut Butter Cookie Applesauce		<b>Milk Is Served Daily</b> Please Call for Meal Reservations By 10:00 A.M.	<b>Grant County Senior Centers</b> Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990
				
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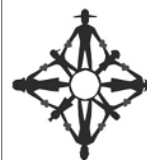
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## TROLLS ON THE BRIDGE

By John Ginét

On a beautiful day in the not too distant past, my wife and I were walking out on the in-trail while volunteering at the Gila Cliff Dwellings.

We met a young girl and her mother on the way in and I told the girl to be careful as there were trolls beneath some of the bridges on the trail. She put her hands on her hips and gave me a lecture about what fourth graders could and could not believe about trolls on the trail and such.



Later, I heard her telling some other kids that there was a troll under one of the bridges.

Still later, Luis Benevides, at the Pink Store in Palomas, heard about the troll, and because I always caution people when going over bridges, began to see trolls under the bridges in Chihuahua.

It is evident that Luis believes that I am a troll and he has begun to see trolls in the Pink Store, especially on those days that I am there.

If you have an opportunity to visit the Pink Store, ask Luis about this. However it is essential that you too, be careful in the presence of trolls. Trolls take many forms.

Fourth graders may know, or at least believe that there are no trolls under the bridges, but I do know, after all I have a MA from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

In any event, keep an eye out while on the trails at the Gila Cliff Dwellings and while in the Pink Store, or loose in Chihuahua. Fourth graders do not know everything in spite of what they think !!

## SAAAN Lorenzo - A Triple A School



Story and  
photos by  
Marilyn  
Markel

SAAAN Lorenzo Elementary School does it again! Three As in a row! Way to go! San Lorenzo school principal, teachers, staff and, of course, the students deserve another "Well Done!" Michael Koury, school principal, says, "It's one thing to make an A, it's much harder to maintain an A. I am extremely proud of our staff- the teachers and students work so hard. And not only did we get another A, we went way up in points."

Student Dottii McDougal said, "I was very nervous thinking we got a bad grade. Then I felt excited when we got a good grade." Other students chimed in saying, "I felt happy", "I felt proud", "I felt successful!". "We worked hard on the test." Mrs. Ross, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, said, "Our kids are amazing." Yes, they are!

Every spring school kids across New Mexico take lots of tests and schools receive a grade based on how the stu-



dents perform, how the school improved (school growth), and how the highest and lowest students performed in math and reading. A school is also rated on the opportunities given to learn; schools get bonus points for reducing truancy, promoting extracurricular activities and engaging parents and students. Most successful schools invite students to be part of a thriving learning culture that uses proven teaching methods - San Lorenzo must be doing just that—**3 As** in three years! WOW!





## Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

A tribute to my friend who would have been celebrating her 15th Birthday today. The last time I saw her she was perfectly happy. Her laughter filled the halls of my elementary school. Her unique smile curled her lips up to wrinkle around her eyes and reveal braces on her teeth. Her mind was filled with scenes from the book Warrior Cats and her imagination brought the words to life. At recess we would pretend we were the warrior cats. She would always want to be the mother cat and so she could care for the young.

She was a kind person and now she's a kind soul. Every time I think of the day I last saw her body, I swell with

tears. Grief curled inside of me and nestled in between my heart and lungs. A parasite that will never go away completely. And in a way I don't want it to. I will always feel that sadness and hopelessness when I think of her, but at least she is still inside me. I embrace the grief to help me overcome it. I write to feel her with me. I write to put her spirit on the page. I write so she can live on through my words. And if your imagination is as good as hers, may my words breathe her life.

### YUCCA

The beautiful yucca is the state Flower of New Mexico and it's also a very useful plant. The leaves of yuccas were used by the ancient Mimbres People for baskets, sandals, twine and rope, and paint brushes to paint their pottery. Yucca flowers are edible, and the roots were used for soap and shampoo. The narrow leaf yucca or palmilla (because the Spaniards thought it looked like a small palm tree) is also called the soap tree yucca. Yuccas are also important to animals- deer eat the blossoms, javelinas eat the leaves, birds and insects make their nests in the plants.

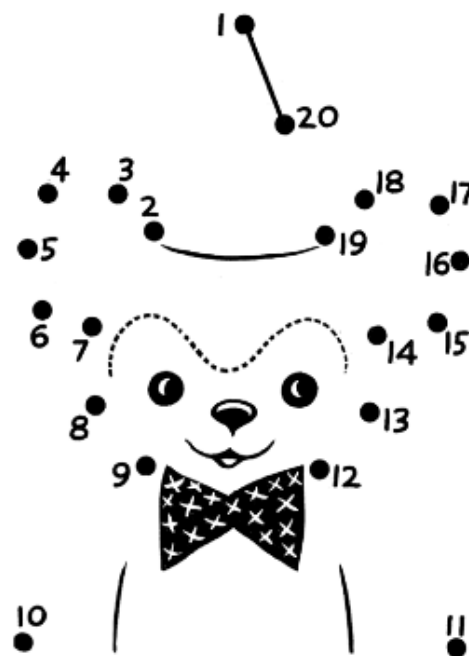


Palmilla Yuccal



Broad-leaf Yucca

Photots by Marilyn Markel

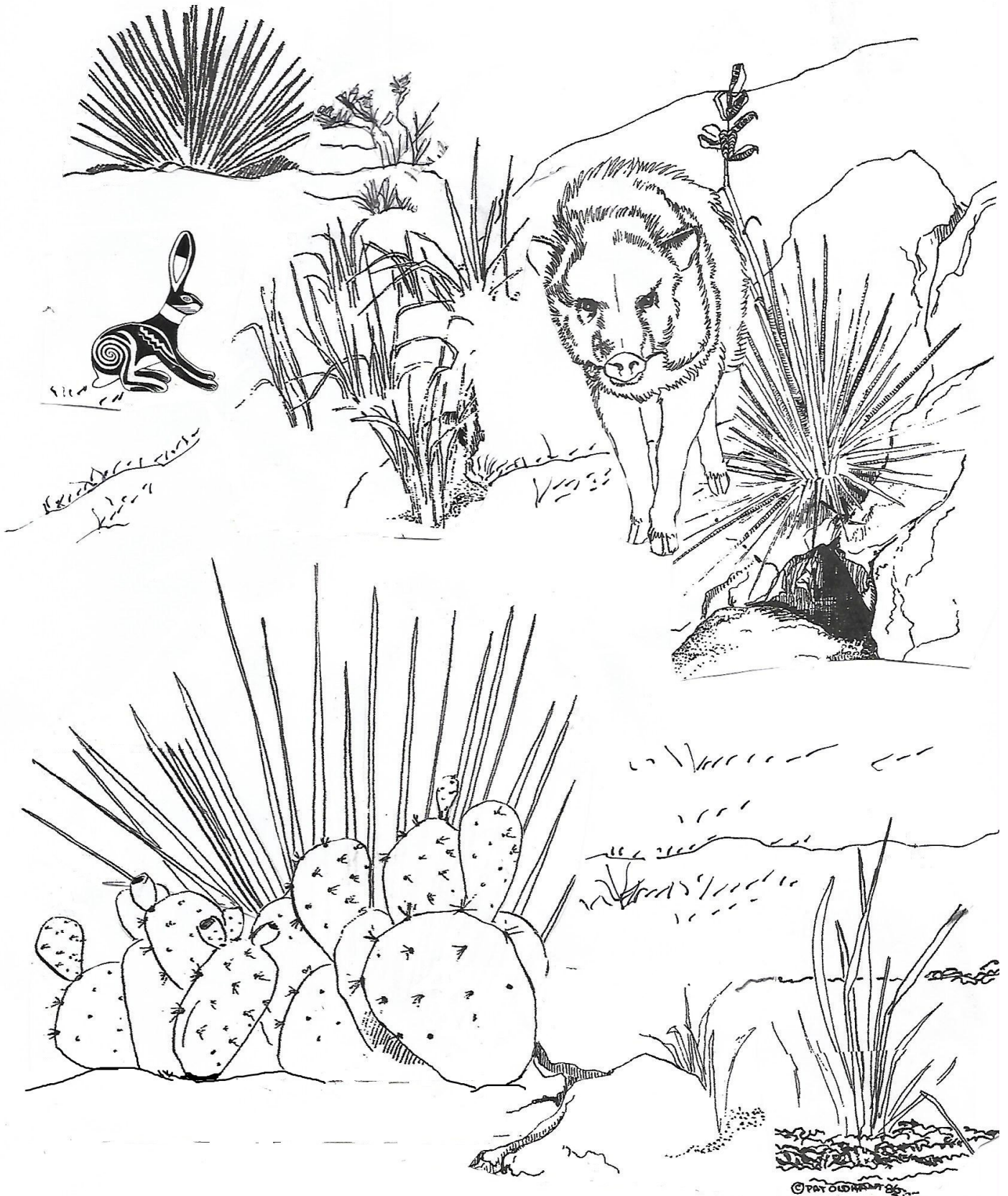


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### Conejo Mimbrenño in September

In September I visited the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS) and learned about plants along the trail with visitors taking part in the Gila River Festival. Volunteers led a tour and talked about all the plants that the long-ago Mimbres People used and ate. I learned that the pulp of buffalo gourd was used for a kind of soap and the dried gourds were used for small containers. Buffalo gourd leaves are stinky!

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





The timing of this year's Harvest Festival is such that we will not be able to report on the happenings at the Festival until the November issue of the *Messenger*. However, we did not want to wait to acknowledge the many people it took to organize and work this Community Event.

## MANZANITA RIDGE STORY UPDATED

By Mary Willhite

Last month we published an article about Manzanita Ridge returning a stolen work of art. We have had an overwhelming response to the article. First of all, everyone wants to know if we have any updates on the story—who did it, etc. I spoke with David at Manzanita Ridge and he told me that there was nothing he could tell me at the moment, but he expected to be able to tell me something in a couple of weeks. So, we may have more to report next month. He also directed me to the most recent article in the *New York Times*, which gives us more information than previously.

The following is a summary of the rather lengthy *New York Times* article. This is what the *Times* reports. The investigators are pursuing several theories. One of which is rather extraordinary and is focused on a retired teacher, Jerome (Jerry) Adler, and his wife, Rita (both deceased), of Cliff, NM and his son, Joseph, of Silver City, who relatives say suffers with mental problems and is presently in the hospital.

Authorities theorize that Mr. Adler engineered the heist, stole the painting with the help of his son, and hung the masterpiece in the bedroom of his own rural NM home, where it remained. In other words, "...they are examining whether he stole a painting now valued at in excess of \$100 million simply so he could enjoy it."

People in Cliff said that the couple largely kept to themselves. They were avid travelers, having visited more than 140 countries on all seven continents, according to a book of fictionalized short stories based on their trips that Mr. Adler self-published in 2011.

"If Mr. Adler had a role in the theft, he may have hidden clues in his writing." In his book, *The Cup and the Lip*, based on the couple's travels, he included two stories about thefts from museums in the United States.

"In one story, *The Eye of the Jaguar*, a grandmother and granddaughter steal a 120-carat emerald from a display case in broad daylight, striking when a guard's attention is focused elsewhere." Adler wrote "having made their escape with no witnesses present, the

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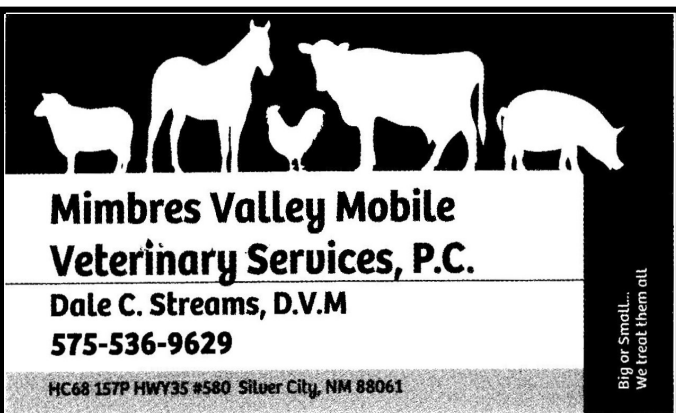
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We will thank all contributors to the Silent Auction in the November *Mimbres Messenger*, so if missed anyone, please let us know!

And to all who helped put this 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Event together and didn't make this list by publication time.  
WE THANK YOU!!!



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**BULLETIN BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, October 11 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm** Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY, October 18 - 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.

**Joke of the Day**

A woman brought a very limp parrot into a veterinary surgeon. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, Polly has passed away."



The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure? I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, shrugged, turned and left the room, returning a few moments later with a beautiful black Labrador. As the bird's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the dead parrot from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet took the dog out, but returned a few moments later with a cat. The cat jumped up and also sniffed delicately at the bird. The cat sat back, shook its head, meowed and ran out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but like I said, your parrot is most definitely 100% certifiably dead." He then turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the

woman. The parrot's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150! she cried, \$150 just to tell me my bird is dead!!"

The vet shrugged. "If you'd taken my word for it the bill would only have been \$20, but what with the Lab report and the Cat scan....."

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thieves left absolutely no clues which the police could use to even begin a search for them!" Adler ends the story with the gem being kept in a hidden display case in the grandmother's home, "several miles from the place where this event transpired."

"And two pairs of eyes, exclusively, are there to see."

Hopefully in the next couple of months, we will find out if law enforcement and the FBI confirm the *New York Times* report or have new suspects.

Secondly, everyone wants to know who wrote the article. So I have to fess up that "I did it". You may have noticed that I have a bad habit of forgetting to put by-lines on many of the stories that I insert into the Messenger. Sorry about that. I am attempting to do better, starting with this issue.

- Mary Willhite