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MIMBRES MESSENGER

Meet Your Neighbors ~ Girl Scout Troop 049

By Grace Williams

One of the things you realize when you work with a community newsletter is that there are wonderful things going on in the valley that many locals don't know about. That is the pleasure of looking for neighbors or a group of neighbors to interview for this column. This writer had no idea there was a Girl Scout troop in the valley until an announcement about the troop was put in the Mimbres Messenger calendar. Having an enormous amount of curiosity, I decided to find out how the Girl Scouts of today compare to my memories of being a Girl Scout. I scheduled a visit and met the troop over at the Roundup Lodge on Monday at their normal meeting time of 5:00 PM.

A little history about how the Girl Scouts got started (from www.girlscout.org) Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 2.8 million girls and adults.

Each meeting begins in a traditional way by everyone in the troop participating in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by the Girl Scout pledge. The troop currently has eleven girls who are members. On the evening I visited, I met the leader of the troop, Pamela Grijalva and her co-leader, Dorothy Grijalva. Also in

start as a Daisy, and then progress through Brownie, Junior, Cadet, and Senior. The troop meets every Monday from September through May, following the school year. The troop has been around for many years but started meeting under its new leaders and at its new location at the Roundup Lodge in September of 2014.



Do Girl Scouts still wear uniforms? I remember my brown cotton shirtwaist dress and beanie cap and couldn't imagine that girls of today would be seen in such a get-up. It turns out that our local troop wear a T-shirt with the familiar Girl Scout faces logo, the same logo you see on the shortbread Girl Scout cookie. They are expected to bring their sashes to each meeting. The sash

hasn't changed much and is still a piece of fabric you drape over one shoulder that you sew your badges onto.

Each of the girls told me about badges they had earned. I found out between all of them there are badges for caroling, sleepovers, math, science, dance, Thinking Day, Cookie selling, and the science of

attendance was a parent of one of the Girl Scouts, Nicole Valencia, who is an adult supporting member. The girls in attendance were Jayme Palmer, Danica Valencia, Angelica Sias, Ariana Legarda and Zayla Madden.

It turns out that any girl from kindergarten up through high school who wants to come to the meetings can join the troop. The levels you work through depend on your age; you

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

With Spring officially upon us, Valley residents are emerging from the winter doldrums to share new and varied articles and notes of interest. We appreciate the ongoing ideas and contributions we are receiving from first-time contributors – keep working on those submissions for future issues.

In this issue, we again focus on the young people in the Valley. Meet Your Neighbors highlights our Girl Scout Troup 049 and their adult sponsors. There is an interesting historical note about Scouting in general and Troup 049 in particular, focusing on their recent and planned activities and pursuits through Girl Scouts. We hope this information will encourage parents to make the effort to get their daughters and granddaughters to the Roundup Lodge for the weekly meetings, so that they may experience the fun and variety of learning experiences available through Scouting.

The *Messenger* has a new intern! Making a first appearance this month is the column *Teen Ink*, by Ajalaa Claussen, a teenager with serious journalistic ambitions, and a good story teller. She introduces

herself and describes the Jordan Hot Springs Adventure which she shared with three companions. We welcome Ajalaa and look forward to future commentary from her point of view.

April will be an eventful month, starting with Easter (early this year) and finishing off with the annual Tour of the Gila bike race. In between, the Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) will hold its annual membership and business meeting (and election of officers and directors), the Upper Mimbres Fire and Rescue will hold its annual fund-raising Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale, and our local Mimbres Farms Greenhouse will open with glorious spring plants. And these are just the highlights. We especially want to invite everyone in the Valley who enjoys the contributions of MVHAL (including the copy of the *Messenger* you are holding) to attend the meeting on April 8th, join or renew membership in MVHAL only (\$10 per family) and become involved in the myriad worthwhile activities and contributions made by the organization. For details concerning what's happening in the Valley, dates and times of local events, read on.

View the *MESSENGER* online!

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

Bob Barnes of Hillsboro has generously included the *Messenger* on his excellent

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

We hope all of our readers will take advantage of the wealth of local information, entertainment and historical notes and enjoy the *Messenger* and the other superb publications featured on the website.

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water. Badges and how you earn them has changed. There are now badge categories and you earn a higher level of that badge depending on what level you are. For example under the category of Financial Literacy, a Daisy works on “Money Manager” while a Senior works on “Financing my Future”. A Scout can work with their leader to create a unique badge that meets a special interest. Girls now have three series of National Leadership Journeys to choose from: It’s Your World – Change It! It’s Your Planet – Love It! and It’s Your Story – Tell It! These are journeys of exploration and learning that integrate everything from how to be a full participant in your community to how to take care of yourself and others.

What has the troop been up to this year? The troop participated in Thinking Day in which different local troops come together and represent a different country. Troop 049 represented the country of Mexico and shared some traditional Mexican food and gifts with the other troops. They also had Girl Scout Cookie sales. The cookie sales were a success. The troop set-up a cookie booth at the end of February outside of La Tienda del Sol. Over the weekend they sold 90 boxes. So you can plan for next year, cookie sales begin the end of January and finish the first week of March. Remember, Girl Scout cookies freeze well.

I wondered what was planned for the rest of the year and found out that the troop will be doing their annual camping trip in a tent this year instead of cabin camping. They have invited another troop to come with them. Everyone is excited about this new adventure. Another outdoor experience will be working on a Geocaching badge. This is like a treasure hunt and using GPS technology to locate and find hidden items.

The Clean-up Badge is earned by the troop annually when they go out and pick up litter. Last time they cleaned up around Lake Roberts. The girls are trained in what is safe to pick up and adults accompany them. Silver City EMS donated rubber gloves for the troop to wear to protect their hands.

As we were coming to the end of my visit, I asked each girl to tell me in one word what being in the Girl Scouts meant to them. Their answers summed up well my understanding of Girl Scouts. They said learning “kindness”, having “fun”, getting to do “activities”, making “friends” and learning “perseverance”. All the girls wanted you to know that they are “strong and caring”.

I then turned to the leaders and parent volunteers who give of their time to make these meetings and activities happen and asked them what they would like the community to know about their troop. First, they want to thank the community for supporting them by buying Girl Scout cookies. Next, they want to thank the Roundup Lodge Booster Club for letting the troop meet at the lodge. They would also like the community to know that they can always use gently used craft and project materials. They emphasized that they “recycle and reuse” so there is no need to buy them something new. What they need right now is a cabinet to store their materials in at the Roundup Lodge. It needs to be lockable. If you have a gently used cabinet you no longer need you can call Dorothy at 575-654-0771. She can talk to you about their needs.

I think Daisy Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts, would be proud that 103 years after her first meeting there are adults who care enough to help guide girls in the Mimbres to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 049 for sharing their story.

FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION

For anyone (of any age) if your income is below \$53,000 or if you are over 60 years old

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers are still in our local community providing free tax return preparation services until April 14.

Trained volunteers will prepare your federal and New Mexico tax returns at no charge and no strings attached.

Tax return preparation will be at the Mimbres Senior Center on Mondays, through April 13th and at the Bayard Public Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays through April 14th. You must have an appointment. **Call Anna or**

Mary at 575-536-9323 to make an appointment.

SAPILLO VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

CALL 911 in an EMERGENCY

Scheduled Fire Events

Brad and Angelina are coming

and a Powers' Breakfast

Yes, there are indeed, such things as scheduled fire events.

Prescribed burns are conducted by forestry personnel to clean out areas in the forest in order to keep the forest healthier and us safer. Barring changes in weather, particularly wind speed, prescribed burns are scheduled.

Then we have your homeowner burns wherein homeowners accidentally burn themselves. No, that's not right. Homeowner burns... Homeowner burns... Oh yeah, now I remember, that's when homeowners burn off piles of debris they have gathered. Some take their debris to Fowlers who are gracious enough to allow free dumping of such debris. But some homeowners prefer to burn the debris on their own property. That is entirely okay as long as they first notify their local fire department 24 hours before such burning as required by law and there are no fire restrictions in place at that time. Read that last part again. "That is en-

tirely okay as long as they first notify their local fire department 24 hours before such burning as required by law and there are no fire restrictions in place at that time." And we almost always offer to have firefighters with a truck on hand at a homeowner's burn.

Another scheduled fire event is taking place on April 8th and 9th at the Grant County Conference Center located next to Ace Hardware on Highway 180. (What a shameless plug for Ace Hardware...)

The two-day summit provides an opportunity for New Mexico's community members, fire specialists, and local government leaders to discuss statewide efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire. This event is collaboratively hosted by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico State Forestry, New Mexico State Land Office, and New Mexico Association of Counties.

The N.M. Association of Counties is sponsoring the 2015 Wildland Urban Interface Summit at the conference

center. Trust me, it's a must-attend affair. Randy Villa, our esteemed Grant County Fire Marshall Officer will be there and, wait for it...Brad and Angelina will be there! (I'm sure someone with the name of Brad and someone with the name of Angelina will attend. The odds are in my favor on this.)

The last scheduled fire event I want to let you in on is the Power(s), pun intended, breakfast. Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire department is putting on a pancake breakfast April 11th at its main station on highway 35 between 8 and 11. (That's in the morning you all, Upper Mimbres is very traditional that way.) I've been to their breakfasts before and, trust me, it is good. They also sell bakery items and if you don't get there before I do, the cookies and brownies will be sold out.

Paul Kenney, Chief
Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire Department



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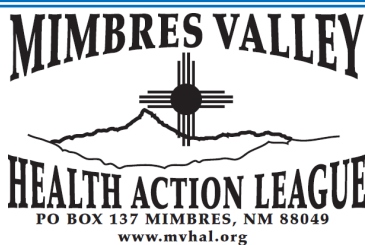
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to the 5th Annual Membership and Business Meeting

April 8 at 6:00 pm ~ Roundup Lodge, San Lorenzo

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a community newsletter

Mimbres Farmers' Market

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and crafts people*

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celebration*

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focused on education*

**you should be a member of
MVHAL.**

As a member you have a voice in these Mimbres focused causes. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit we sponsor these projects with the funds we raise. The Board of Directors also considers proposals for new projects that will contribute to the welfare of those that live in our beautiful valley.

The meeting begins with a meet and greet during which a light supper will be served with desserts to follow the meeting and voting for the new Board of Directors. Due to some resignations over the past two years we are in the unusual position of having all board positions up for election. The Board of Directors

will present a slate of nominees as per our bylaws. If you are a current member of MVHAL you can nominate someone or yourself to run for the Board of Directors. To do this, or if you have any questions, please contact Grace Williams at 536-3687 or grace@mvhal.org. All members can vote for the Board of Director positions. Please come prepared to renew your membership or join at the meeting. This will enable you to vote for the Board positions that are open. Membership is reasonable -- \$10 for you and your immediate family.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing the successes of 2014.

FROM MY INBOX

Before the advent of email, jokes were actually told in person and they usually spread across the US and from country to country sometimes by telephone but mostly by teletype machines (stockbrokers and commodities traders were usually the best source for jokes). It might take a week for a good joke to cross the country.

Once everyone started emailing jokes and information now spreads across the country in nanoseconds, nobody tells jokes anymore! Since many of the folks in the Mimbres don't "do" computers, we thought we would share some of our most recent "pearls of wisdom" and a few laughs.

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

Sometimes my age is very inappropriate for my behavior.

Wouldn't it be nice if the world was flat? That way we could just push off the people we don't like.

I'm not anti-social, I'm just selectively social.

As we grow older we don't lose friends, we just learn who the real ones are.

If people are talking about you behind your back, just fart.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Silver: 388-2545 Santa Clara: 537-5254 Mimbres: 536-9990 Gila: 535-2888	Please Call A Day In Advance for Reservations Menu Subject to Change	1 5 oz. Chicken Fried Steak 4 oz Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 Slice WW Bread 4 oz Strawberries 4 oz Vanilla Wafers	2 1 Hotdog 3 oz Turkey Frank on 1 Hotdog Bun 4 oz Pork & Beans 4 oz Sauerkraut 4 oz Salad W/ 2 T Dressing 4 oz Chocolate Ice Cream	3 Closed For Spring Holiday 
6 Green Chile Hamburger 1 Lettuce Leaf, 1 Tomato Slice 1 Pickle, 1 Onion 4 oz Pork & Beans 4 oz Hominy 4 oz Chocolate Pudding	7 Chicken Patty W/ 2 oz Gravy 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Spinach 4 oz Carrots 1 WW Roll 4 oz Jello W/Fruit	8 Frito Pie...1*** 3 oz Chile Con Carne, 2 oz Corn Chips 1 oz Cheese & Onions 4 oz Mixed Veggies 2 oz Lettuce & Tomato 1 Lemon Crisp Cookie	9 1 Chicken Wrap 4 oz Marinated Chicken, 5 oz Cheese W/ Lettuce, Tomato & Onions 4 oz Salad W/ Dressing 4 oz Peas & Carrots 1 Peanut Butter Cookie	10 1 Gr. Chile Meat & Cheese Burrito 2 oz Meat, 1 oz Cheese & Chile 4 oz Tossed Salad 4 oz Apricots 2 Sugar Cookies
13 1 Chicken Salad Sandwich 4 oz. Chicken Salad 2 Slices WW Bread 4 oz. Macaroni Salad 6 Crackers 4 oz Apricots	14 6 oz. Green Chili Enchilada..4* 2 oz. Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz. Pinto Beans 4 oz. Spanish Rice 4 oz Watermelon	15 3 Oz. Meatloaf 3/4 Garlic Mashed Potatoes 1 C Boccoli & Cauliflower W/ Cheese 1 Dinner Roll W/ Margarine 4 oz Cantaloupe 1/2 C Yogurt	16 3 oz Pork Chop W/ 2 T Diced Tomato 4 oz Baked Potato 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 WW Roll 1 Orange	17 1 Slice Pepperoni Pizza*** Spinach Salad W/2 T Italian Dressing 4 oz. Pineapple 1 Peanut Butter Cookie
20 6 oz. Spaghetti & Sauce..5** 4 oz Steamed Broccoli 1 Slice Garlic Bread 1 Slice Applesauce Cake	21 4 oz Chicken Fajitas 4 oz Chicken, 2 oz Cheese 1 Tortilla 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Tomatoes & Gr. Chile 1 Sugar Cookie	22 Roast Beef...1*** 3 oz. Beef Bottom Roast 4 oz. Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy 4 oz. Green Beans 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 1.5 oz. White Cake	23 3 oz. Bean Burrito 1 oz. Cheese, 1 Flour Tortilla 3 oz. Spanish Rice 4 oz. Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz. Crackers W/ Peanut Butter 4 oz. Apricots	24 Salisbury Steak...2*** 4 oz. Salisbury Steak W/ 2 T Mushroom Gravy 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Steamed Spinach 1 WW Dinner Roll W/Margarine 4 oz Tropical Fruit Salad
27 Ham & Cheese Sandwich..3** 2 oz. Ham, 1 oz. Swiss Cheese 2 Slice WW Bread 1 Lettuce Leaf, 1 Tomato Slice 4 oz Mixed Veggies W/ Marg 4 oz Mandarin Oranges	28 Chili Dog...2 3 oz. Hot Dog on a Bun 1 T Chili & Beans 1 C Baked Potato Wedges 1 C Mixed Veggies 1 Orange	29 BBQ Chicken Thighs 4 oz Winter Mix Salad 1 Dinner Roll 4 oz Peaches 1 Sugar Cookie	30 Lasagna ...1*** 6 oz Lasagna 4 oz Spinach Salad W/Dressing 1 Peanut Butter Cookie 4 oz Pears W/ Cottage Cheese	8 oz. Milk Served Daily!!!! 



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Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



"Teen Ink" is a new column written by Ajalaa Clauseen, a new intern with the *Mimbres Messenger*.

Ajalaa has this to say about herself. "Born and raised a Mimbres girl, I grew up learning from the rich culture and loving land of the Mimbres Valley. I am a 13-year-old photographer, journalist, and writer. As a member of the next generation it is my responsibility to learn and be a part of community, to understand the world I live in and contribute to."

We hope you enjoy her column and we encourage other Mimbres youths to contribute their works and ideas.

Jordan Hot Springs Adventure

The four-mile hike from TJ Corral among the mountains and into Little Bear Canyon leads down to

where the rivers meet. We set up camp where the cliff peaks touch the sky. We were in a spacious area that was confined by the cliffs surrounding us, and the crisp, clear, blue-green water rushing by on each side.

During the day, we hiked through seventeen river crossings to Jordan Hot Springs. The water was light blue and had a small waterfall springing from the roots of a tree surrounding the pool. Since we were crossing the cold river, the warm water was comforting to our chilled feet. As we sunk into the depth, clouds of sediment filled it like the storm brewing above us, making the water a blue-grey. We raced back to camp, hoping that the heavy clouds would wait until we got back. Big, sloppy drops started to fall, chilling us as we crossed the knee-high freezing water. When we returned to camp,

we changed into dry clothes and battled against the rain to keep the fire going. The rain stopped and the clouds cleared just enough to see the stars. That night we stared at the sky in awe. The stars shone so brightly



Left to right: Zach Donnelly, Catalina Clauseen, Ajalaa Claussen, and Michelle Narvaez
Photo courtesy of Brendan Claussen

that they bedazzled the sky. "Being able to hear the water rushing and seeing the stars so clearly was a privilege that you can't get in town," says Michelle Narvaez, a fellow 13-year-old camper.

Coyote the "Trickster"

Found all over New Mexico and North America, the coyote is a member of the "dog family". Coyotes are very adaptable and live in a variety of habitats including towns and even cities. Coyotes can form extended family groups with brothers and sisters taking care of the pups. They will eat mice, berries, fruit, insects, carrion, fawn, occasionally livestock, and especially rabbits. At dawn and at twilight, you may hear a chorus of barks, howls, yelps, and yips.



Many Native Americans groups have folk tales about coyote the "trickster". The Mimbres Indians painted images of coyote-like animals on their pottery bowls and may have told coyote stories to their children.

Conejo Mimbrenño in March



Last month I visited my black-tailed jack rabbit friend and learned more about rabbits of the Mimbres. I wonder, am I a rabbit or a hare? My Motto is

"I go where I want and I do what I dare. I'm Conejo Mimbrenño the Boldface Hare." Did you know that some Mimbres pottery made over a thousand years ago is called Boldface Black and White? It's named boldface because of the bold lines in geometric designs with spirals and squiggly and broad lines.



Where is Conejo Mimbrenño?

Sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society

COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY - 5:30 pm Mimbres Roundup Lodge. Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting - last Tuesday of the month. For more information **575-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.**

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets April 16th (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - April 8th - (second Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge
Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

DESSERT WEST AUCTION—THE BIG RED BARN - Auction Saturday April 18th and Sunday, April 19th - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Doors open at 8 am with off-line auction starting at 9 am. Sunday auction doors open at 9 am. Preview items on Friday, April 16th from 10 am to 3 pm. And a half hour before the auctions start each day. Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at desertwest@desertwestauction.com or call 575-536-9353. Can't be there? Bid on-line starting at 10 am both Saturday and Sunday. At www.liveauctioneers.com or www.lcollector.com.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours have been cut to two days. Monday and Wednesday 8:30 am to 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - Winery open Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sunday, Noon to 7:00 pm. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - April 9th Monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting.

MIMBRES VALLEY GIRL SCOUTS TROUP #049. EVERY MONDAY 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Roundup Lodge. All girls from Kindergarten to High School and home schooled girls are welcome. New and exciting programs and activities. For information, contact Pamela Grijalva at 575-494-3681 or come to a meeting.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE Wednesday, April 8 6:00 pm MVHAL Board Meeting - Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road. Valley Residents Welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club Monthly Meeting. April 2nd - first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

Bingo - April 12th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm - Bingo. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash. Donate a NEW toy (\$10 limit) and receive an extra card when you purchase 3 for \$10.00.

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

Every Tuesday - 10:00 am - Exercise for Seniors - Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

April 28th ~ Senior Center Advisory Council Meeting at the Center (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES - Tuesdays and Fridays - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm - 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069

RIO MIMBRES BAPTIST CHURCH - Food Pantry and Thrift Store - Every Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, 29 Cactus Drive, Mimbres

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Local meetings every week. "Just for the health of it." For more information call Paula Norero at 536-9433 or email at paula@gilanet.com.

VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - TUESDAY to SATURDAY 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; - 2739 Highway 35. Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Credit, debit, EBT, or local checks, we even take cash. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. 575-574-7069

COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - April 1st- First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm Gila Regional Conference Room. Subject to change. Please call first. 575-574-2888

BAYARD AL-ANON - WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM - Bayard Housing Authority - 100 Runnels Drive, (near Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Bayard) .

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd

Mimbres - Mimbres Valley Café	9:45 am - 10:45 am
Lake Roberts - Sapillo Creek Fire Station	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Doc Campbell's Post (near Gila Cliff Dwellings)	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - April 15th - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm At the Women's Club, Silver City. Refreshment and a short business meeting. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

EASTER EGG HUNT FUN AT PENNY PARK - Saturday, April 4th - 9 am to noon, 1305 Grant Street, Silver City. Due to the overwhelming success of last year's event, the number of eggs has doubled to 2000+ this year! Children ages 12 and over will have their hunt at 9 am, ages 10-11 at 9:30am, ages 8-9 at 10 am, ages 6-7 at 10:30 am, ages 4-5 at 11 am, ages 3 and under at 11:30 am. Children are asked to register 30 minutes prior to their hunt time. There will be plastic eggs filled with candy, prize eggs for special gifts, a table for face painting, free children's books and an opportunity to make a clay tile for a new Silver City mural. The Kiwanis giant Easter Bunny will be there, and there will be an opportunity to take home a photo with the Easter Bunny, by FeVa photos, for a \$5 donation to go to Kiwanis Youth projects.

GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION - Thursday, April 16th - 7:00 pm **Gabrielle Fink** Prize-winning violinist Gabrielle Fink returns to Silver City, having garnered audience acclaim here as part of *Ten O'Clock Classics* in 2008. She has performed nationally and internationally with chamber groups and symphony orchestras. She will be accompanied by an award winning pianist. For more information, call 575-538-5862 or go to www.gcconcerts.org

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - April 14th (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, April 18th the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

MIMBRES REGION ARTS COUNCIL - Saturday, April 18, 7:30 pm - Buckhorn Opera House, Pinos Altos - **Singer-songwriter, Slaid Cleaves** will perform the fourth of five performances of the 2014-2015 Folk Series. Tickets for MRAC members \$15 and non-members \$20. www.mimbresarts.org

MS SUPPORT GROUP - First Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch in Silver City. Meetings are held in various Silver City area restaurants. New members with Multiple Sclerosis are welcome. Email huseworld@yahoo.com for the location.

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - meets first Thursday of every month at 11:45 am. Normally meetings are held at the Red Barn Steakhouse in Silver City. There is a \$15 charge for attendees wanting to eat lunch. There is no fee for people who want to attend without enjoying a meal. For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785

SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP BOARD - Tuesday, April 7 - 5:30 pm to 7 pm Little Toad Creek, 200 N. Bullard. Your chance to ask the Board anything!

ARTISAN MARKET - Saturday, April 11 - 10 am to 3 pm. The blue building at 614 N. Bullard. Support local artisans!

COMMUNITY FORUM - Tuesday, and Thursday, April 14 and 16 from noon to 1 pm *Seasonal Eating and Easy Cooking Techniques* with Monica Hoeper. Monica will explain why seasonal eating is good for you and your budget, learn cooking tips and receive some great recipes! The blue building at 614 North Bullard Street.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION - Saturday, April 18 from 10 am to 2 pm Learn to use an old-fashioned apple-peeling machine and enjoy the fruits of your labor!

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FOOD CO-OP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Sunday, April 19 from Noon to 3 pm The Commons, 501 E. 13th Street - meet the board candidates, enjoy lunch, win a door prize, and have fun! Public welcome, become a member at the door.

OTA HEALTH FAIR - Friday, April 24 - 10 am to 2 pm On the campus of WNMU - come and sample our delicious and healthy Grab 'n Go food.

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET - Saturday, April 25 - 9 am to 2 pm - recycle, reuse, repurpose a treasure! The blue building at 614 North Bullard Street.

POPCORN FRIDAYS - every Friday in April at the Food Co-op, 520 Bullard Street. Free Popcorn and other samples.

For information on any of these events - contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or www.silvercityfoodcoop.com

WALGREENS - April 7th and 21st (first and third Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.

WESTERN INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (WILL) - all free of charge.

ONE DAY UNIVERSITY - No tuition, no test and no degree - Friday, April 10 at 9am - WNMU Global Resource Center, 12th and Kentucky. Three lectures: "Protest in the Provinces: Contentious Politics in Russian Company Towns; Protest on Paper: Southwestern Writers View on Art and Political Activism; and Pain at the Pump: How Market Structures May Affect Local Gas Prices. In addition to these three lectures a cookout lunch and a campus tour are also provided. While there is no charge, you must register in advance by contacting Linda McArthur at 575-538-6342 or Linda.McArthur@wnmu.edu

SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN - Friday, April 24 at 5 pm - WNMU Global Resource Center Auditorium, 12th and Kentucky. Retired Senator Jeff Bingaman will speak on "Meeting the World's Energy and Climate Challenges". Senator Bingaman represented New Mexico in the US Senate for 30 years. At the time of his retirement, he was Chairman of the Senate Energy and National Resources Committee. In April of 2013 he began a year as a Distinguished Fellow with the Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance at Stanford Law School. Tickets are free, but required and will be available at several locations. 575-538-6835 or www.will-learning.com or info@will-learning.com

WILL ANNUAL MEETING AND COURSE SIGN-UP - Thursday, April 23 - 5:30 pm. WNMU Light Hall Auditorium on College Avenue. Everyone is invited to the Will combined Annual Meeting and Summer Session Course Sign-up. Find out what's new at WILL, join or renew your membership, and use this first opportunity for members to sign up for the 2015 Summer courses ahead of the online registration that begins at 8:00 pm that evening [575 538-6835](tel:5755386835) or www.will-learning.com or info@will-learning.com

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Saturday	May 3	DAY 4	Downtown Silver City Criterium Races
Sunday	May 4	DAY 5	Gila Monster Road Races **



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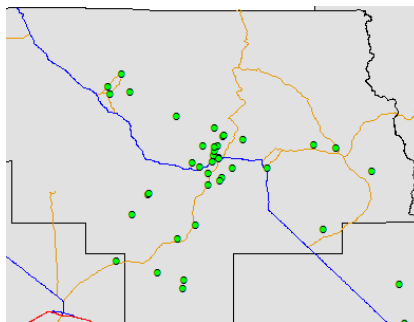
Love Checking your Rain Gauge? - Read on.....



Hi,

My name is Mike Hardiman, and I am a forecaster and Hydrology program manager at the National Weather Service office in Santa Teresa, NM. In my spare time, I have been working with CoCoRaHS, the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow network. CoCoRaHS is a non-profit, grassroots network of "citizen scientists" who measure precipitation and make daily reports online. CoCoRaHS data is then used by meteorologist, hydrologists, and other scientists in the study of rainfall patterns, drought, and floods. For example, the data are used by the USDA in determining drought impacts for the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor, and by the NWS when determining daily Flash Flood Guidance forecasts.

The Mimbres Valley is one of the areas where we are lacking observers (See the map of Northern Grant County).



Right now there is just one observer near San Lorenzo, and another in the Sherman area, and another at a higher elevation site near Hanover. Since it is a volunteer program, there are inevitably days when people cannot report, so the denser the network, the better.

The only cost to participate is that of the rain gauge, which can be purchased online for about \$30 plus S&H. This time of year, I bulk order gauges so I can sell them at cost to prospective observers for \$25. I try to arrange delivery, and usually find myself in Gila once a month or so. Otherwise, I will ship the gauges free of charge.

If you would like more information, feel free to drop me a line at www.cocorahsep@gmail.com. Or you can check out the following sites for more background on the program.

<http://cocorahs.org/Contents.aspx?page=aboutus>
<https://sites.google.com/site/cocorahsep/>



GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

Gila National Forest officials would like to thank the public for participating in Forest Plan Revision Community Conversations that were held in early March. The forest plan is an important document that guides all of their management actions. The end result of the revision process will be a plan that describes the strategic direction for management of forest resources for at least the next 15 years. There will be more opportunities for the public to be involved throughout the process, in-

cluding sharing knowledge, ideas, and data in the Assessment Phase.

Kelly Russell, Gila Forest Supervisor comments, "We truly appreciate your involvement in helping us begin the revisions of the Gila's Forest Plan and look forward to working with you."

For updates and information about next steps, email gilaplan@fs.fed.us call 575-388-8201 or visit the forest website <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671>

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PRODUCE OF THE MONTH

By Frankie at Valle Mimbres Market

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The first "Garden Strawberry" was bred in France from two wild plants, one from North-East America and one from Chile. The fruit is now cultivated world wide. Prior to this, wild strawberries were used for their fruits and medicinal properties throughout Europe and the Americas.

Selecting and Storing: Gathered by hand, strawberries need to remain on the plant to fully ripen as they will not ripen after being picked. The fruit should be bright red and firm, with its stem still attached to it. Prone to mold, any damaged fruit should be discarded at once. The fruits should not be washed until just before use. Strawberries should be refrigerated in a container with holes. To freeze, clean, remove the stem and gently dry the berries, place them on a cookie sheet, no sides touching and freeze until just frozen, then bag and freeze right away. Vegetarians and vegans should be aware that GMO strawberries may contain squid genes.

Nutrients: A low-calorie fruit (without any sugar), strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin C (1

cup = 136% RDA), as well as a good source of manganese (anti-inflammatory), B6, B9 (folate), phenols (antioxidants) and flavonoids (quercetin and kaempferol).

Serving Suggestions: Strawberries are mostly used fresh and raw, by themselves or with cereals, with yoghurt, with cream and honey, with other fruits as a sweet salad or for a not-so-sweet salad with spinach, walnut and a light balsamic vinaigrette. They can be juiced with other fruits, made into smoothies or milk-shakes or added to strawberry shortcakes, tiramisu or pies (a great addition to rhubarb), turned into ice cream or gelato, and they also make great-tasting jam.

Recipe:

Chocolate dipped Strawberries

12 fairly even strawberries with their stems still on, rinsed and dried. In a small double boiler set on medium low, melt 4 oz semi-sweet chocolate (chips or bar). Do not overheat the chocolate. Holding each berry by its stem, dip it into the warm chocolate 2/3 of the way and place it on parchment paper. Can be eaten right away or for a hard coating, refrigerate at least one hour.

2015 Call to Young Artists of the Mimbres Valley

All young artists of the visual arts (2 or 3 dimensional) under 18 years of age are encouraged to submit their work for consideration in the Second Annual Mimbres Youth Art Show.

Exhibition Dates:

May 26th through June 6th, 2015.

Event Details:

Location: Valle Mimbres Market Showroom
2739 Highway 35, San Lorenzo/
Mimbres, NM, 575-574-7069.

This exhibit is open to all school age students living in the Mimbres Valley (San Lorenzo, Mimbres, Lake Roberts, Faywood and East of Hanover), aged up to 18 year olds by May 1st, 2015.

The show will be juried, the chosen artwork will be shown and available for sale to the general public. The artists will receive 30 percent of the sale of their respective artwork. Profits from the sale of the artworks will be donated to benefit the school-age children of the Mimbres Valley, NM.

Entry forms and artwork must be received by May 1st, 2015, at Valle Mimbres Market. Eligibility and Requirements hand-outs as well as Entry Forms will be available at the San Lorenzo Elementary School, the San Lorenzo Post Office and Valle Mimbres Market.



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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

April will be another busy month at the Roundup Lodge. All the usual meetings of the regular groups will take place, along with some special events and private gatherings.

Bingo will be held on Sunday, April 12th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. with the normal 3 cards for \$20 and 1 card for \$5 price for an afternoon of fun. The Booster Club will continue to offer a free bingo card to anyone who purchases the 3-card package AND donates a new toy to our holiday gift drive for the San Lorenzo Elementary School students. Toys should be age appropriate for 3 to 12 year

olds, and valued at up to \$10. We have had a gratifying response to this project so far and will appreciate continued participation.

The Booster Club is already planning for the next quarterly Swap Meet/Crafts Fair which will be held in June. Stay tuned for details.

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The Grant County Community Foundation is sponsoring this event as part of a nation-wide program called Give Local America and MVHAL will benefit from bonus funds available for participating organizations. We hope you will consider supporting us on May 5th!

We will also have a table at Gough Park in Silver City with other local non-profits who are participating from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM that day. Come on down, have some food, listen to some music and check out what local giving looks like. Donations online are made with a credit card. Donations in the park can be cash, check or credit card. See you there!

Your donation will go a long way in helping us fund the Mimbres Messenger, the Mimbres Harvest Festival and our other projects. Plus, gifts given that day will receive a portion of bonus funds - making your dollar go further.



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NM69 AIRFIELD IS AN ICON IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY

Anyone who lives in the Mimbres River Valley know what a beautiful area it is. But seeing it from the ground is nothing compared to seeing from the air. Maybe that is why Mimbres Casas Adobes has become home to a community of pilots. Many pilots have made this their dream retirement community. They use and maintain a private 3400 foot long and 30 foot wide runway, which is designated NM69 on aeronautical charts. This area is home to twenty-one hangars and hangar-homes and several airplanes.



Over the years, NM69 has been (and still is) home to a variety of aircraft. The airfield has been home to factory-built Bonanzas and Cess-



nas. We have seen classic aircraft such as Aeroncas and Pipers. Both home-built and light-sport aircraft have flown from this field. Pilots of many types of airplanes enjoy flying in the area.

In the Fall of 2014, a group of volunteers spent three long weeks on airfield improvements. Several hardy souls worked to prepare the surface of the runway. Then five pilots trekked to Albuquerque to obtain oil. This trip involved three pick-up trucks pulling trailers, a few trailer repairs, purchase of a pump, lots of waiting and many hours of driving.

They then worked for seven days at the dirty job of spreading 2,700 gallons of oil mixture on the full length of the runway.

The latest project was to build an oil distributor. This tank heats the oil, mixes it and then applies the heated oil. The tank was built and is owned by the volunteers. The hope is that the volunteers will do reg-



ular maintenance (applying some rock and oil) each summer.

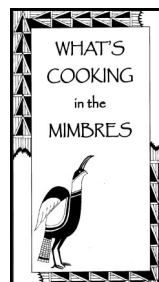
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More powdered sugar

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in a bowl whisk eggs, sugar, flour and lemon juice until frothy. Pour over hot crust. Bake at 350 for another 20-25 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool. Dust with powdered sugar. Cut into bars.




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MIMBRES EMS STILL HAS POTENTIAL

By Rebecca Hazen

I joined the volunteer squad of Mimbres Emergency Medical Service (MEMS) three years ago. This service responded to medical emergencies along Highway 35, Highway 61, and up into the Black Range on Highway 152. It was a group of dedicated volunteers and hospital employees, about 10 people total including dispatchers and drivers. MEMS paid for my training, gave me "jump bags" to respond to scenes without an ambulance, and helped to train me on scene and in the ambulance.

At that time, spring 2012, our coordinators began trying to recruit more emergency responders in response to the hospital's new and more stringent rules on who could and who couldn't help transport patients. We had almost no response to our recruitment efforts, and certainly couldn't meet the minimums for having classes locally. All EMS classes

take a huge commitment of time and effort. The higher you climb the ladder (First Responder to EMT-Basic to Advanced EMT to Paramedic and beyond), the more time you have to spend on classes, clinical training, and continuing education.

Our recruitment efforts failed. We lost over half our members that year. Some retired, others felt that they couldn't contribute due to the hospital's regulations and stopped coming to meetings. By the beginning of 2013, we had 3 members from 2 households. The three of us, due to work and family, were unable to meet the necessary percentage of runs to keep funding from traditional sources. We lost use of the ambulance for that same reason. In 2014, the other household moved out of the valley. So as far as I know, I'm the only member of MEMS left in the valley.

All is not lost though, MEMS still has potential. First, we have a building, and thanks to the generosity of Gila Regional - the lights still work. Second, we have a communications system, some working radios, and a base station just waiting to be installed at the residence of a MEMS dispatcher. Third, recently I've had some interest from residents of the valley in a First Responder class. Also, the EMS Director at Gila Regional is still interested in assisting the (re)formation of MEMS. Lastly, you've still got me. I still respond out of Lower Mimbres Volunteer Fire Department and I've still got those jump bags. I am still interested in helping to run an active, funded, and volunteer based MEMS. So drop me an e-mail with questions, concerns, or to start volunteering: minchumi-na@hotmail.com

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BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY, April 8th - 6 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League 5th Annual Membership & Business Meeting. Roundup Lodge. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, April 8th - Noon to 2 pm - Commodities Pickup ~ Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways targeted to do that are by improving communication and social networks, providing preventive health education, improving access to health and social services, increasing financial and economic stability, increasing recreation opportunities, increasing education opportunities, and promoting a safe and healthy environment.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

A Single Chard **By Linda Sue Parks**

This award-winning book for children will have special meaning for you who live in the Mimbres Valley. You know what a pottery shard is and how important each one can be in learning about the lives of the people who lived here long ago.

In this story, which takes place in Korea over a thousand years ago, an orphaned boy with the unusual name of Tree-ear becomes a helper to the village master potter. How he saved a single chard from a pottery masterpiece that changed his life is a fascinating story.

You will read about growing up poor, the kindness of strangers and old methods of making pottery. Most of all you will learn how fear and shame was changed to gratitude and love.

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Aunt Mary

Wicked Bugs **By Amy Steward**

If you are the kind of person who jumps and goes EEEK when you see a bug crawling across your kitchen floor, this book is not for you.

Those of us a little tougher find *Wicked Bugs* interesting, if a little creepy.

Luckily for us, the most horrific of the bugs are not US citizens.

It is written in a humorous vein and was very enjoyable.

Sally

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