

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## MIMBRES MESSENGER



*Create - Enjoy - Motivate*  
*By Marilyn Markel*



The Mimbres is very lucky to have an “A” school like San Lorenzo Elementary. After reading this article, you will see that there is a good reason it is an “A” school. Special thanks to Principal, Michael Koury, all of the teachers and support staff, as well as all of the local volunteers that help with these special projects. It is not just a 3 “R’s” school! Don’t you wish you were a student at the San Lorenzo Elementary—what fun! — (Ed. Note)

**Ms. Red’s Students Give Presentations  
 About Wild Animals**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, San Lorenzo Elementary, parents and friends were invited to “A Wild Animal” event and presentations at San Lorenzo Elementary. Students in Ms. Red’s (Rosella Escobedo DeBusk) Academic Support Class, researched New Mexico animals to find which animals do or do not hibernate. The students created poems, wrote reports, used new vocabulary, learned animal names in Spanish, AND met Sir Rodly a real hawk that visited the school.



The kids spent many hours learning about a wild animal of their choice and wildlife habitats. They wrote reports and poems. At their event, they shared what they had learned with their guests. Everyone was invited to take part in “An Animal Feast.” The food, including the cake, had to do with animals and the food they eat—meat for carnivores and omnivores, veggies for the plant eaters, nuts, and grains, worms (Gummy) for the fish, and more. It was a true feast!

The motto of Ms. Red’s class is “Create-Enjoy-Motivate!” Paul Moore brought his red-tailed hawk, Sir Rodly, to school and gave the kids the opportunity to learn about raptors up close, as well as a little about falconry, and hawkers and austringers (people that raise and fly



hawks). One of the kids said, “I really liked the hawk. We could see different kinds of feathers.”

The students also created math word problems using addition, subtraction and multiplication. The kids helped create a bulletin board display in the hall so they could share what they were learning with other students and teachers. They had a word wall for new vocabulary including a new word for everyone, even Ms. Red “granivore” - an animal that only eats grain!

When giving their presentations, the students stood in front of a white board full of words like self-esteem, science, math, history, research, re-



spect, career development, and confidence. And they had what Ms. Red calls their “security system”—after a student finished their presentation instead of returning to their desks, they went to a spot at the back of the room, where the next presenter could see them, so they could give a “thumbs up” or the sign to “slow down a little”—to give the speaker support and “security.” David

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



March winds certainly came to the Valley in force, along with the unusually copious pollen and other allergens. (Have you noticed that everyone seems to have “sniffles” of some sort?) This time of year, we schedule morning outdoor activities “before the winds start”, just like the cool summer mornings in summer, to get yard work done before the heat comes. But it could be worse. I have friends in Maine who are still regularly having snow and below-freezing temps. Even with the wind, the New Mexico sunshine hardly ever fails to raise the spirits even when the temperature is not yet high. Let’s hope that April will bring a few showers and less wind, along with warmer weather.

All of those chores and projects postponed during the winter still beckon, hopefully to be accomplished soon. A few more organized folks who seem to always engage in serious spring cleaning have already begun, which reflects badly on those of us not quite so dedicated. A look around outside reminds us though that soon we will need to spend time out of doors. Many rose bushes already have buds, bulb flowers have begun to put forth new growth. Lilacs are in bloom in numerous locations around the valley, and the light green trees along the river grow darker green every day. These are just a few of the many appealing attributes of spring in the Mimbres.

April 15th, long synonymous with income tax return day, heralds the end of tax season. There is still some time left to take advantage of the AARP Tax-Aide program for free tax return preparation. (See note on page 8 for details.) We will all be happy to see the end of tax season this year.

This month, we are heavily reporting on

activities at San Lorenzo Elementary School, and with good cause. Twice ranked as an “A” school for quality and diversity of its programs, teachers and students, San Lorenzo is simply a great school, which we are lucky to have in the Valley. When you read about all of the wonderful and educational experiences being offered to Valley children, you will understand how fortunate we all are to have the school, the faculty and the principal available to offer above-average educational experiences for the students.

Just recently, there have been many interesting and creative programs for the benefit of and including the students. Part of a wild animal event and presentation at the school included a visit from Sir Rodly, a red-tailed hawk and his human, Paul Moore, who taught them about falconry and raptors. Other aspects of the wild animal events included student research on New Mexico animals to determine which do and do not hibernate. The students wrote poems, and gave presentations about their research.

The beginning of this season’s Three Sisters Garden at the school found the students planting seeds that would germinate in the greenhouse and be ready for planting when the weather warms up. They planned the layout of the garden in the Native American style, and learned about the needs and benefits of the Three Sisters style of gardening.

There was a recent Spanish spelling bee held at the school, complete with trophies. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders made a return visit to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site where they had last fall become junior site stewards. They continued their education through activities at the site and their field trip was a continuous and fascinating learning experience.

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DeBusk, a guest at the celebration, said he had attended many past presentations and was struck by how confident and assured these kids were.

The event ended with a piece of "The Pond" cake—decorated to represent one of the many wild animal habitats the students learned about.



Next, the students will be reading about the "Knights of the Round Table" and will be learning about castles, and royalty, and maybe more about falconry, and hawks like Sir Rodly. Did you know some birds were called "Sir" and were considered to be royal?

## Ms. Red's Students' Animal Poems

### *Wild Wolf by Lorena*

Hibernating eating hunting paws teeth grayish  
skinny scary  
Wolves howl a song at the moon.

### *Charming Chipmunk by Natalia*

Eating sleeping jumping claws ears  
stripes brown gray  
Chipmunks are adorable.

### *Maya Mouse by Elijah*

Eating hiding jumping tail nose cute  
fat light brown  
The mouse is cute.

### *Fantastic Fox by Mary*

Hibernating eating napping fur ears fluffy tan awe-  
some  
The fox is a great sleeper.

### *Hunter Hawk by Armando*

Flying swooping hunting beak wings ginormous fluffy  
brown  
The hawk is deadly!

### *Bianca Bunny by Angel*

Hopping playing jumping fur ears orange soft cute  
The bunny is happy!

### *One Snowy Owl by Samuel*

Flying sleeping eating feathers beak white handsome  
cute  
The snowy owl is adorable!

### *Fantastic Turtle By Trinton*

Walking hibernating eating claws shell small old omni-  
vore  
Turtles have camo shell!

### *Horned Lizard by Analiza*

Running hibernating sleeping spikes horns brown  
warmblooded harmless  
A horned lizard lives where it is very warm and dry.

### *Bad Black Bear by Whalyn*

Hibernating eating fishing claws teeth dark big scary-  
The black bear is a great fisherman.

### *OK Owl by Canyon*

Flying eating sleeping  
feathers beak awesome  
clever majestic  
He is a raptor!



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## Students Work On Three Sisters Garden at San Lorenzo School

Aldo Leopold Youth Conservation Corps Archaeology and Garden Crew students worked on getting the Three Sisters Garden ready for planting and helped the San Lorenzo students plant corn and beans.

The students in Pat Ross' third and fourth grade class are planting a "Three Sisters" garden and are growing traditional Native American crops of corn, beans and squash – and will put the plants in the ground as soon as the weather warms up enough and fear of frost is gone. The students are learning about the ancient farming method in which corn, beans and squash are planted together in a "waffle garden."

Marilyn Markel, YCC Garden and Archaeology students, and Amber Shay, PE Teacher, helped the children plant seeds in peat cups which were placed in the greenhouse near the school's nature garden. The Grant County Archaeological Society provided the seeds – Hopi blue corn and Tarahumara beans. On another day, the kids will plant pumpkins (a kind of winter squash).



After the seedlings get a good start, the plants will be placed outside in the garden laid out in a waffle-like grid, a technique used by puebloan peoples to conserve moisture. Corn, beans and squash are all planted inside each square of the waffle. This method of planting takes advantage of the structures of the three plants which complement one another. Once the plants are established the leaves of the squash will shade the roots of the plants, so the soil near the plants will stay a bit moister, and the bean vines will climb the corn stocks.



In addition to working together structurally, corn and beans form a complete protein, making both plants an important part of the pueblo diet. The beans also put needed nitrogen back into the soil.



Farming has a long tradition in the Mimbres valley, a tradition continued by the students. School staff and volunteers will help make sure the Three Sisters waffle garden gets enough water and, in the fall, the kids can harvest their crop.



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## Spanish Spelling Bee Held at San Lorenzo Elementary



**THE WINNER  
ANALIZA  
GAVALDON**

Five trophies were awarded to San Lorenzo Students in a Spanish Spelling Bee held in the school library. The judges for the contest included Mrs. Davis, Principal at Bayard Elementary, and Jeanne Pierce, retired San Lo teacher.



All the kids that participated were great spellers, but after many rounds of competition the five trophy winners were announced. Analiza Gavalidon took first place!



"Congratulations and Well Done" to all the students!

## San Lorenzo 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Make a Return Visit to the Mattocks Ruin

Last fall, Pat Ross' class at San Lorenzo took part in a program to become Junior Site Stewards at the Mattocks Ruin (Mimbres Culture Heritage Site). The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders visited the archaeological site, filled out preservation handbooks, and received certificates and site steward ID cards.

On a bright, sunny day in March, the San Lorenzo students returned to the Heritage Site to learn more about the ancient Mimbres People and how we can take care of our Mimbrenño heritage. Under the guidance of Aldo Leopold Charter School Youth Conservation Corps Archaeology students and Grant County Archaeological Society and MCHS volunteers, the San Lo students located and sketched artifacts at the Mattocks Ruin.



Bill Hudson, Kathy Hill, and Barb Wright took photos watched as the grade schoolers and the Aldo crew did a "site survey" – the students lined up and walked across a part of the Ruin, looking for any changes due to animal or human-caused damage to the site. They flagged artifacts and sketched some of the potsherds.



The fieldtrip ended with a walk down the hill for a quick visit to the Mimbres River, where the students learned about the Chiricahua leopard frog and the Chihuahua chub,

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two endangered species that live in the river. The kids did not see any fish or frogs; the water flow was pretty fast. But they did get to step on to some highly water-saturated sand at the water's edge – it felt like – jiggled

like- “Jello” beneath their feet! It was a fun learning adventure.



### Don't forget San Lorenzo students'

#### “Give Change to Make a Change” Program

Students at San Lorenzo Elementary School are collecting change—in the hopes they can raise enough money to donate to the K.I.N.D. Fund (Kids in Need of Desks), a UNICEF organization. The goal of UNICEF is to make the world better for children.

Students in Pat Ross' class learned about Malawi this past year. Many of the children in Malawi do not have desks at their schools. They sit on the floor. And a simple desk can make all the difference—a desk where children can write and learn. So the students at San Lorenzo will do a kind deed and help make a change in the life of a child or two. Please help the San Lorenzo students be K.I.N.D. and give some change to make a change. Thanks!

## San Lorenzo Elementary Gila Trout Report: Follow up on last month's article

How are the Gila Trout doing? “Great”, says teacher Pat Ross. “Fantastic”, says Mr. Koury, school principal. The school is raising Gila Trout, a threatened species of fish. All the students, even the 3 and 4 year olds, are helping with the project. “This is the way science should be taught”, says Mr. Koury.

The students take turns feeding the fish; they have charts and record data about the fish. Recently, Dustin Myers, Gila National Forest biologist, and his helper, came to the school to check on the trout. The students watched Myers measure and weigh the fish—so the students can calculate how much food the fish need. The kids have been concerned about the littlest fish, George, afraid he was not eating enough. But, according to Myers, George is doing fine. Mr. Koury says the whole project is such a “Positive experience for all the kids, the older kids mentor the younger ones.” Mr. Koury watched one day as some 3 and 4 year olds were feeding the trout, helped by some



older students and says, “There was lots of laughing and giggling going on.”

When kids are having fun while learning they are motivated to learn more! What a great project!



The students will help release the fish into Lake Roberts in May during the school's annual field day of fun on the Sapillo.



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Last month, the students observed the Gila National Forest biologist and his helper checking up on the Gila Trout that are being raised at the school, and continued to learn more about the feeding and other needs of the trout – which are doing just fine. Mr. Koury, the principal, reports that the project is captivating and enjoyed enormously by the students.

These are but a few of recent educational experiences offered to the San Lorenzo children, all of which almost make me wish I was back in elementary school – in my era, we did not have the benefit of such varied and fascinating experiences. And by the way, San Lorenzo students are also learning reading, math and all those basics, in an environment highly conducive to learning.

There are many activities and events coming up in the neighborhood. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is Earth Day, there will be a plant sale at the Valle Mimbres Market, featuring potted plants from local growers. (See Community Calendar.)

And, as always, there are many events and activities in Silver City which attract those of us from the Valley.

We are still in the market for contributions from our readers. There are so many fascinating stories among the residents in this area, it seems we should be able to attract more articles and comments from them to share with all of us. So, if you have been “thinking about” doing a piece for the Messenger, please give in to the temptation and share with us. We will help with editing and any other assistance required, just let us know. Also, if you have read a good book lately, write a book review for *The Messenger*.

And, finally, all Best Wishes for a Happy Easter.



## MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE



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!

## PLANT SALE IN THE MIMBRES

**Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day)**

Valle Mimbres Market Parking Lot  
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Potential growers should contact  
Frankie at the Market



Annual Copper CowBelles  
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Beef Brisket dinner will be served from 6 pm to 7 pm  
The Silent Auction will be held from 6 to 8:30 pm, past silent auction items have included western prints and furniture, wildlife décor, iron work, handmade crafts and gift baskets.  
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Proceeds from this event help fund scholarships, beef education and promotion.  
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## FOREST SERVICE NEWS

### Construction on three bridges on Forest Road 150 beginning March 22

The Gila National Forest, Wilderness Ranger District wishes to notify the public that bridge work will begin on Forest Road 150 on March 22.

This project will replace two aging bridge structures on Forest Road 150; one at Indian Creek, the second at a small tributary to Black Canyon; and the third bridge, which will be rehabilitated, is the main bridge at Black Canyon.

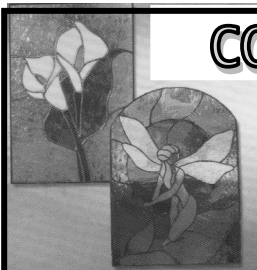
Contractors will be mobilizing equipment, begin prepping the sites and working on the road surface. Detours around the bridges will be made available and will be 14' wide. The road will be signed to alert drivers to the construction work. **The public is urged to exercise caution on the road and comply with traffic controls.** Delays of up to 15 minutes should be expected. The construction work is expected to go through September 2017.

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/](http://www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/) or follow us on Twitter

### FREE TAX SERVICE

The 2016 tax preparation season is winding down. The free tax service will be ending on Monday, April 10th at the Mimbres Senior Center, and on Saturday, April 8th at the Bayard Public Library. (Closed next Friday and Saturday for Easter.)

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



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### April 15th

#### The most hated day of the year

I am ready to do my taxes. Oh, but first I really need to clean my garage.

Ok, now I can get started. But I won't be able to find my tax information until I go through all of this mail. Yep, that was fun. Now I can sit down at a clean desk and get to work.


Oh no, I need to make myself a cup of tea. I just can't work without a nice hot cup of tea. Got my tea, waiting for my computer to boot up. Oh, there goes the phone. It was a telemarketer, but a nice relief from doing taxes.

Now I am ready to start. I look up. Oh my, the ceiling needs to be painted (why hadn't I noticed this before now?).

I'm back. Now the walls look dingy next to the nice clean ceiling. OK, OK, I know that will have to wait until I get the taxes done!

I really need to start, but the dog wants to play fetch.

Oh well, there is always an extension!



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## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

As we (hopefully) emerge from cooler weather and into Spring, activities at the Lodge are beginning to increase. Our regular meetings and events continue, and private parties and functions are starting to pick up, too. The lilacs at the front door are breaking into bloom, too.

The Booster Club has begun planning for upcoming projects and fund-raising events at the Lodge. Several suggestions are in the works, and should become finalized shortly. If there is a particular type of event that you would like to see at the Lodge, or a past event that you enjoyed, please let us know. Talk to any one of the Booster members, or drop a note c/o The Messenger at the address on page 20.

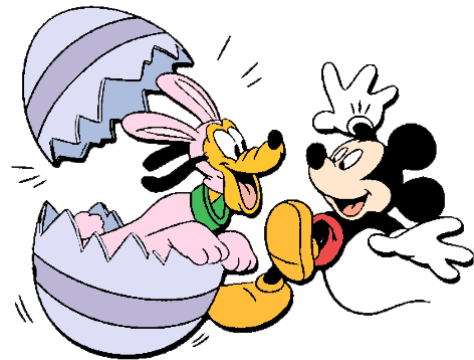
We are still inviting new members to the Booster Club. This month the meeting will be on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for a light supper and brief business meeting to find out what good things are going on at the Lodge, and consider joining us in our efforts to keep the community center active and viable. It is a resource which benefits so many, it needs help to maintain its place in the Valley.

Bingo will be held on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and is always a fun time.

There are always many things going on in the Mimbres in addition to the many meetings and events at the Lodge. We will not be having a plant sale this year, but do not despair. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day, there will be a plant sale at the Valle Mimbres Market on Highway 35, featuring potted plants from local growers.

The Roundup Lodge has a long and illustrious past and is an integral part of Mimbres Valley life. The Boosters and others continue to work to improve, renovate and maintain the Lodge in comfortable and useful condition. Age has not been totally kind to the building, but it is a sound old thing that can maintain its useful and continuous life for many years to come. All of us appreciate the years of devotion to this cause by the many predecessors of the Boosters and previous organizations charged with maintaining the building, and want to continue on in that tradition for the future. Please consider joining us.

Our venerable old building is a multi-purpose structure, and can accommodate large or small gatherings. Rental for private parties and functions is very reasonable, especially for large groups. There is seating for slightly over 100, with kitchen facilities for those wishing to bring their own edibles; and, with the Boosters' help, the tables and other areas can be decorated for various events. There is never a charge for funeral receptions or memorials. To reserve use of the Lodge, call Sally at 505-360-1583 or Anna at 575-536-9323.



### Mimbres Roundup Lodge

Your Community Center

**Sunday, April 9th**  
**2 pm to 5 pm**

# Bingo

**Come join the fun!**

**CARDS**  
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**\$10 FOR 3**  
**Plus More Money Games**  
**And new prizes!**

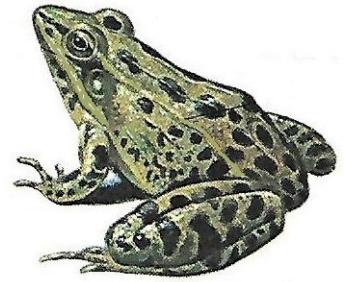
**\$50 Grand Prize**

# Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



## Canyon Tree Frog



This small frog lives in rocky canyons that have massive boulders and scattered rocky pools. The canyon tree frog has tiny round pads on the tips of its fingers and toes that let it climb up smooth surfaces easily. This frog is hard to find unless you know exactly where to look for it. Its protective coloring blends in perfectly with its habitat and it feeds on beetles, true bugs, worms, and caterpillars.

## One-way Mirror



I remember about two years ago when I wrote my very first article for the *Messenger*. I was scared and excited when this wonderful opportunity came knocking at my door. I remember being so nervous about what to write, how to write it, and who was going to read it. And now I feel as if this

monthly article is my diary. I have no clue who is reading it. I have let go of most of my formalities and just let myself write without looking back. I feel as if I've been acting out a whole play without realizing there is an audience. Or like I have been making funny faces in the mirror without realizing it's a window. All I see when I write are my words reflecting back as me. Not realizing you've been there reading the whole time. You've been observing me making a fool of myself and I don't know who you are. But I don't mind.

## Conejo Mimbrenño March

In March, I stopped by San Lorenzo Elementary School to take a look at the Gila Trout the students are raising. What beautiful fish! The kids are learning about the



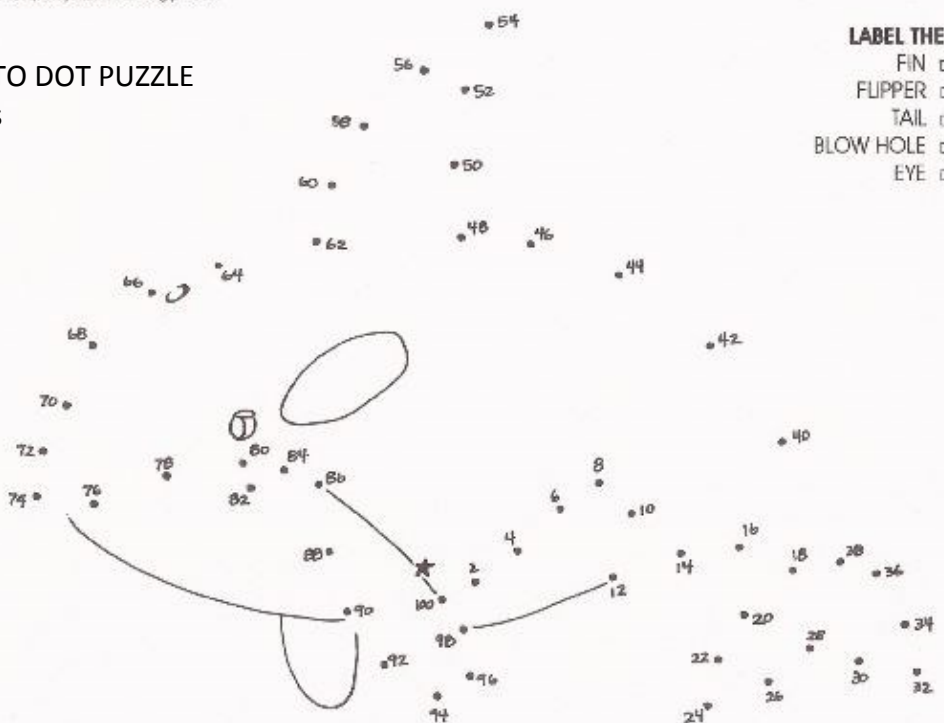
habitat of the fish and how to take care of them. I hope I will be at Lake Roberts in May-- the kids plan to release the fish into the lake. I want to watch the trout find a home in the wild.



## DOT TO DOT PUZZLE

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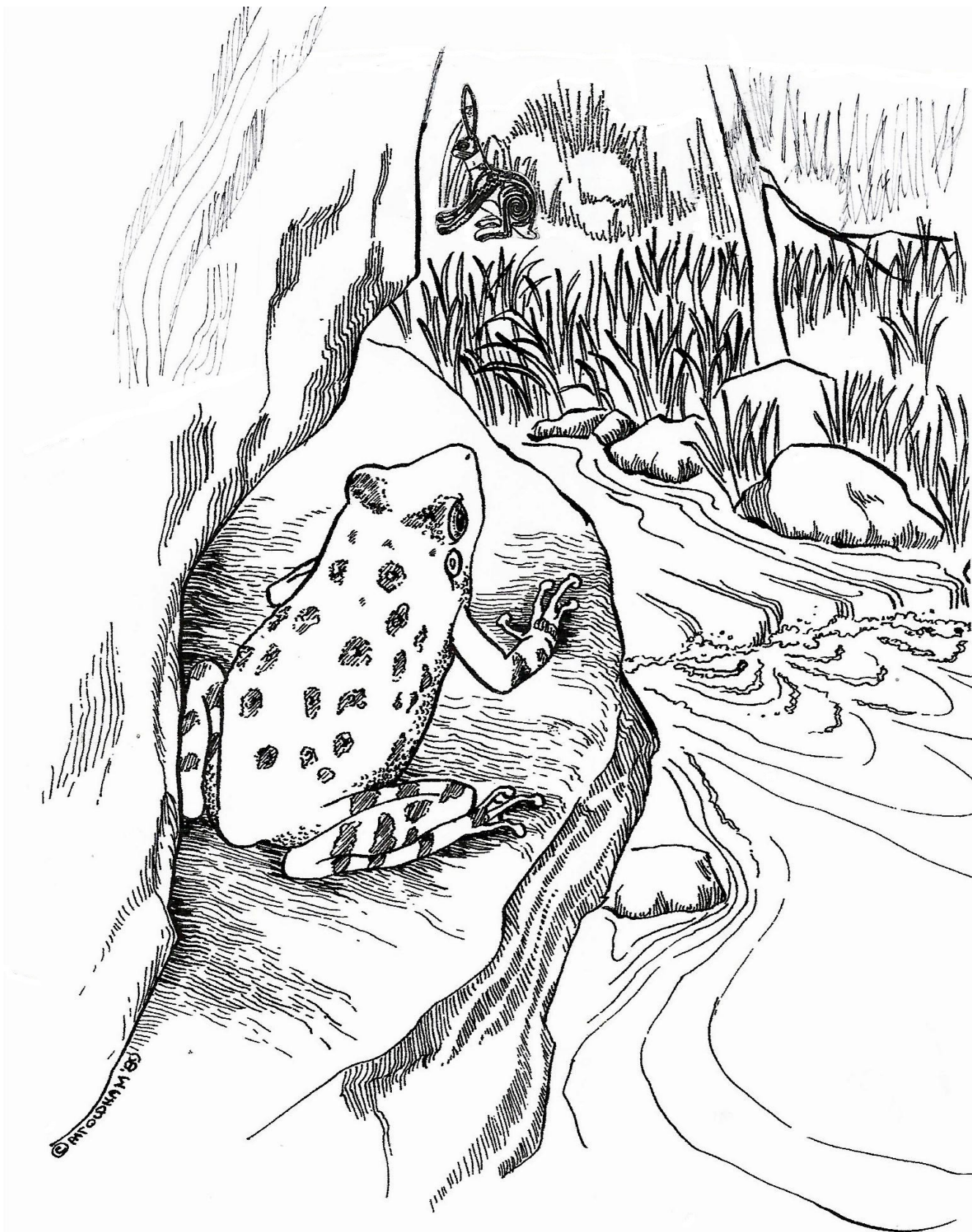
## ANIMAL JOKES



You Quack me up

- Q : What do you call a sleeping bull?  
A: A bull-dozer.
- Q: Why are fish so smart?  
A: Because they live in schools.
- Q: What do you call a cow that won't give milk?  
A: A milk dud.
- Q: How does a lion greet the other animals in the field?  
A: Pleased to eat you.





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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY - 5:30 pm** Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month. For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** meets April 3rd and 17th, 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 April 20th (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - April 19th (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge**  
Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed. **Note date change: Commodities will now be distributed the 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

**DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. No April dates available.** Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) or call 575-536-9353. Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) or [www.lcollector.com](http://www.lcollector.com).

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, April 13th - Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.** Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Monthly Board Meeting - April 12th - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** (2nd Wednesday of each month) Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING.** Thursday, April 6th first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - Sunday, April 9th - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Second Sunday of each month.** Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize of \$50 cash.

**MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY— Monday - Friday 11:30** Reservations are requested one day in advance.  
**EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 am** Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center - Tuesday, April 25th** (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

**MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES - Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays - 2739 Highway 35.** For appointments call 575-574-7069

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**PLANT SALE IN THE MIMBRES - April 22nd (Earth Day):** Potted plants from local growers. In the parking lot of the Valle Mimbres Market 2937 Highway 35. Potential growers should contact Frankie at the Market.



# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, April 5th First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

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

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, April 12th - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm** Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - parking on Cactus** enter at NW door.

**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, April 20th**

**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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**COPPER COWBELLS SHINDIG - Saturday, April 22 - Doors open at 6pm - Beef Brisket dinner 6 pm to 7 pm - Yarbrough Band 7 pm to 11 pm.** Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction. Proceeds benefit scholarships and beef education promotions.

**FORT BAYARD WALKING TOURS** - Private tours for family and friends visiting the area. Call 575-388-9123 or 575-574-8779

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, April 19th ~ 3rd WEDS of the month.** Meeting at the Woman's Club in Silver City at 6:00 pm followed by a program. Presentation will be by Dr. Robert Stokes, archaeologist for New Mexico State Parks will speak. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, April 13th - (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, April 15th 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.

**PUPPY DOG RANCH RESCUE AND SANCTUARY** - Open by appointment Tuesday– Friday 10 am to 5 pm Grant County's only private, no kill, no cage rescue. 27 Twin Sisters Creek Road, Arenas Valley 575-313-7232

**SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP LUNCH MEETING - Thursday, April 6th- 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. During the meeting the newly amended Chamber of Commerce Bylaws will be presented for approval. Meeting is free, \$15 charge for lunch. Or \$20 at the door. For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785. Advanced registration is recommended.

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events** contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop) for information about any event.

**Co-op Explorers Kids Craft NEW Program - Saturday, April 1st - 1:00 pm to 2 pm Make Organic Ladybug Apple Treats.**

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class. The class is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. At the Market Café, 614 North Bullard Street.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Sunday, April 2 3pm to 5:30 pm.** Aspace Gallery, 110 West 7th Street

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**SAMPLING SATURDAY,- April 15th from 11 am to 2 pm** Free food samples and recipes. The co-op wants to share samples of great food and show just how good organic tastes. 520 N Bullard.

**SILVER CITY FOOD COOP BOARD MEETING - April 19th, 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm** 614 North Bullard St

**EARTH DAY FAIR, Saturday, April 22nd - 10 am to 2 pm** Come to Gough Park and make a recycled bottle cap magnet.

**POPCORN FRIDAYS!** Enjoy Free Organic Popcorn and Food Samples at the Silver City Food Co-op 520 North Bullard St.

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

**SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm** - free monthly meeting. WNMU photography professor James Pendergast talks about using High Dynamic Range (HDR) imaging. This software, no freely available, allows you to make pictures with a greater range of luminosity or to make hyper-realistic images.. All photographers as well as those interested in photography are welcome. Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan, Silver City 860-670-4543

**WALGREENS - Tuesday, April 4th (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.**

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - April 10th - 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 - Janine and Gary Jenks will talk about their trip to China. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.



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# SENIOR CENTER MENU

 <b>April 2017</b> 				
MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
<b>Chicken Tacos</b> Lettuce & Tomatoes Calabacitas W/ Gr Chile Pinto Beans Pudding	<b>Cheeseburger</b> Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slice Pickles & Onions Butter Beans Carrots & Peppers Jello W/ Fruit	<b>Bean Burrito</b> Spanish Rice Tossed Salad Crackers W/ Peanut Butter Watermelon	<b>Chicken Fried Steak</b> Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy Mixed Veggies WW Bread Strawberries Vanilla Wafers	<b>Red Enchilada (No Meat)</b> Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomatoes Slice of WW Bread Fruit Cocktail
10	11	12	13	14
<b>Chicken Strips</b> Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Broccoli Carrots WW Roll W/ Margarine Oatmeal Cookie	<b>RC Beef &amp; Potatoes</b> Pinto Beans Tortilla Apple Pie Ice Cream	<b>Chile Dog</b> Baked Potato Wedges Mixed Veggies Peaches	<b>Tuna Salad Sandwich</b> WW Bread Cucumber Salad Graham Crackers Mandarin Oranges	<b>Closed for Spring Holiday</b> 
17	18	19	20	21
<b>Meatloaf</b> Garlic Mashed Potatoes Broccoli/Cauliflower W/ Cheese Dinner Roll W/Margarine Cantaloupe Yogurt	<b>BBQ Chicken</b> Baked Beans Potato Salad Biscuit W/ Marg Fresh Fruit	<b>Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce</b> Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail Oatmeal Cookie	<b>Oven Baked Chicken</b> Rice Pilaf Broccoli French Bread W/ Marg Cherry Cobbler Vanilla Ice Cream	<b>Sloppy Joe</b> Tossed Salad Salad Dressing Green Beans Ice Cream
24	25	26	27	28
<b>Chicken Adovada</b> Pinto Beans Spinach Tortilla Rice Pudding	<b>Roast Beef</b> Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Green Beans WW Roll W/ Marg White Cake	<b>Pepperoni Pizza</b> Spinach Salad Mixed Veggies Pineapple Sugar Cookie	<b>Taco Salad</b> Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange Slices	<b>Egg Salad Sandwich</b> Potato Chips Carrots & Celery WW Bread Peanut Butter Cookie
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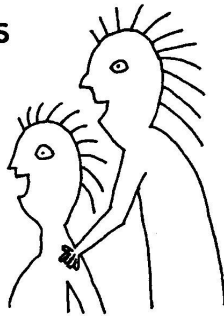
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The fruit is best used raw to keep all of its nutrients intact. To prevent short term oxidation, it can be sprinkled with lemon or lime juice. Its own pit should be kept in the unused half of the fruit, or the middle of a bowl of guacamole, or inside any other raw preparation and refrigerated until ready to use. If keeping avocados in the fridge, smooth the surface and cover with a plastic wrap or a thick oil film to slow down oxidation.



## NEWS FROM

By Katie Hill

**MIMBRES  
CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE**

### Happy Anniversary to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site!

It was 2 years ago the museum opened its doors to visitors after several years without leadership and organization. The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation has progressed and grown, now offering much to see and experience on a visit.

This summer, we will host the Hummingbird Festival, so stay tuned for information as we plan for this exciting event.

A new exhibit is the Mimbres Ranch brands. Come see if your brand is here and if not, we will add it to the collection.

The gift shop has local art and Mimbres style gifts, cards and books. Our dedicated volunteers will be glad to help you pick out something nice. Most of our volunteers have been with us since we opened the doors in April 2015. We are always looking for more help, so if you are interested, come by or call Kathy Hill at 536.3161.

Starting April first we will be open daily from 11 AM to 3 pm. Please, stop by and visit.

### Give Grandly

Over the past three years, more than a quarter million dollars was raised for Grant County non-profit organizations, working together for a single huge day of philanthropy. Join us at the Silver City Farmers Market from 9:30 to 2:30 to donate to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Our foundation is non-profit, 501(c)3. Your donations keep our doors open and the lights on. Freeport McMoRan will make a donation to each non-profit that raises at least \$250. Local resident and board member Barbara Wright will match \$2000 for replacement of the leaking roof on the Wood House at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site!

So send those pledges in on **MAY 6, 2017**. For more information, phone Pete at 575. 519.0971 or Kathy at 575.536.3161. On May 6th, you can call, come by the Farmer's Market downtown Silver City, or donate by emailing your pledges to [www.grantcountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.grantcountycommunityfoundation.org). This site gives information on Give Grandly, 2017. Thank you all for helping and supporting this worthwhile project.

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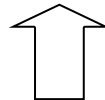
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<p><b>MIMBRES VALLEY</b> <b>HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE</b> PO BOX 137 MIMBRES, NM 88049 www.mvhal.org</p>	Mimbres Messenger
	Farmers' Market
	Harvest Festival
	Commodities Distribution
	The San Lorenzo
	Children's Garden

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, April 12th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm** Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY, April 19th - 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.

The Road Runner and the Hare  
(a New Mexico Fable)  
by Ria Bonneamie

"Let's go play on the road" said Swift Road Runner to Brash Jack Rabbit in particular.  
They both went jogging on a wide dirt lane.  
Runner liked to wait, reckon and refrain,  
Calculate her odds, distances and speed,  
Her goal forever to test and succeed;  
While Jack lived to run further and further  
Zigzagging from one side to the other.  
The young hare challenged her to a contest  
"I am sleek and fast, I will be the best,  
You are fast but old so you go ahead  
Across the road, but I'll gallop instead,  
And see if the iron beast can keep up."  
Runner did cross twice and checked the setup.  
Jack took off running, showing off his pace,  
So certain was he that he'd win the race  
Runner stood still waiting by the roadside.  
As a plume of sand announced the ride.  
Panting Jack was back, ready for action,  
The loud metal brute triggered the reaction,  
Runner crossed once and traversed back again,  
While Jack ran for a mile and felt no pain.  
That evening, Road Runner fed her whole brood  
A stew of Jack Rabbit for supper food.

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

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

**Important announcement****NEW DAY FOR COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION**

In January 2017, the Commodities Distribution date changed from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month. We hope this change will allow us to provide better service and fresher food to our community. **In April distribution will be on 4/19/17 (3rd Wednesday)**

Sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.