

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

## Mimbrenño Pets ~ Meg Streams and Birdie

By Marilyn Markel

Meg and Dale Streams have lots of pets, a real menagerie of dogs, horses, chickens, and more—including Birdie a Congo African Gray parrot. Birdie is a soft gray with a bright rosy red tail. She is twenty-two years old. Meg has had her since the bird was only a year and a half old. Meg is a little concerned that Birdie will outlive her owner, and Meg plans to be around for a long time but parrots can live to about eighty years old!

In the wild, African Grays live in tree top groups with up to one thousand birds in a flock. These parrots are one of the smartest birds, “They are brilliant”, says Meg, “But they are a ton of work. They need to be kept busy, and they pull out their feathers if they get nervous—they’ll pick themselves naked—and any change can do it, like when we move the Christmas tree in or we change a picture on the wall. Birdie has lots of toys. She likes bells and loves to tear apart pieces of string and toilet paper rolls. She makes a big mess in her cage and elsewhere!

Birdie is a *powdered feather* bird- she has white fluff feathers and sheds a powder that’s like falling snow. Birdie eats dark green vegetables like Swiss chard, mashed up egg shells for calcium, and apples. “When she wants an apple Birdie says ‘Want an apple, yummy, yummy.’ She also likes spaghetti and hard-boiled eggs. Once in a blue moon I make Birdie cake—cornmeal mix with added eggshells, calcium and dandelion greens. Once I had the cake cooling on the counter and Dale came in and ate a piece! He said it tasted great.”



Meg and Birdie ~ photo by Marilyn Markel



The incredible Birdie - Photo by Meg Streams

“These parrots need high humidity”, continues Meg, “I was a little worried how she would do here in New Mexico, but she is thriving. She is very shy. Her wings are not clipped but she was not taught to fly. She has free rein in the house and we leave her cage open. She likes to play in the dog’s water bowl. We think she is a she, but we are not sure. In Twenty-two years you’d think she would have laid an egg. These birds do not make good pets. My rule is—never put her on your shoulder—she might take your ear off!”

“Birdie mimics whistles and knows how to whistle songs like *Happy Trails*, and the *Sleigh Ride* song and *Pop Goes the Weasel*. She yells ‘Dale’ in my voice”, says Meg, “and calls the dogs- she knows all their names. I don’t know how she does that—birds have no lips, so how does she say Patsy”, questions Meg. “She likes to be tickled and she will say, ‘likes to be tickled’. She whistles the theme from *Star Wars*—she heard it on the TV. Birdie moos like a cow and clucks like a chicken and when she poops she says ‘What a mess!’ and when I’m working in the kitchen”, says Meg, “she dings like the microwave.”

When Meg’s friend Mary had a missing dog, “The bird heard us yelling the dog’s name ‘Tuffy, Tuffy’ so she learned that, too. But she doesn’t say curse words, which is amazing because I know I said a lot of those words when the girls were young!”

What an entertaining Mimbrenño Pet!

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

March winds have blown us right into April. Let us hope that April showers follow on time.

As spring and summer approach, activity in the Valley picks up and there are many things of interest going on in April. Our contributors have come through in full force this month with a variety of stories about upcoming events of interest to everyone.

Check out the articles about the Tour of the Gila, the San Lorenzo Elementary School's second trout project, gardening in the Mimbres and other items of local interest. There are a lot of things happening around here.

Spring flowers and flowering trees have begun to do their thing, and the bright colors increasingly in evidence are a welcome addition to our still mostly-brown landscape. The urge to get outside and dig in the dirt is almost overwhelming.

The official April flower is either Daisy or Sweet Pea. Easter usually occurs in April, this year on the first. There are an astonishing number of National Days – whether or not observed formally – in the month of April. Here are a few of the less familiar for your consideration:

1<sup>st</sup> April Fools Day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peanutbutter and Jelly Day. 4<sup>th</sup> Walk Around Things Day. 5<sup>th</sup> National Dandelion Day. 6<sup>th</sup> National Walk to Work Day (probably not observed in large metropolitan areas).

7<sup>th</sup> National Beer Day and No Homework Day (perhaps related somehow?). 11<sup>th</sup> National Submarine Day. This year, the first Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of the year.

15<sup>th</sup> income taxes due most years. 15<sup>th</sup> That Sucks Day – clearly a reference to tax returns.

17<sup>th</sup> National Cheesecake Day. 19<sup>th</sup> National Garlic Day. 25<sup>th</sup> World Penguin Day. 26<sup>th</sup> National Pretzel Day. 30<sup>th</sup> Hairstyle Appreciation Day.

It seems from the foregoing partial list of less than familiar holidays that many folks aren't terribly bothered by weighty and critical issues. There are many other strange "Days", but I will spare you the experience this time.

Until next time.

Ed.Note: Although we try to proofread diligently for errors in writing The Messenger, unfortunately on too many occasions mistakes do get by us. On a positive note, we are usually able to spot errors. On a more negative note, these discoveries too often occur **after** we print. While it is embarrassing to admit, we want our readers to know we are aware.

How did you like last month's article "Internal Revenue Service SCAM ALBERT" describing current IRS scams?

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**The Mimbres Valley Health Action League  
(MVHAL) Annual Business & Membership  
Meeting Wednesday April 18, 5:30 pm  
Round Up Lodge in San Lorenzo  
By Grace Williams**



## **GIVE GRANDLY!!**

A local day of giving  
By Grace Williams

Now in its eighteenth year, MVHAL is proud to be holding its ninth annual business and membership meeting. This is a time to see old friends and make some new ones. Come and sign up for the year, dues are \$10 per family. All paid members can vote for the new slate of directors.

**The** only requirements for membership are that you are a resident of the Mimbres area, which we define by living on NM highways 152, 35 & 61 and are 21 years of age or older.

This year, we have four vacancies on our Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets monthly except in December, makes decisions about what projects will be funded, guides expenditure of MVHAL funds, abides by our mission statement and by-laws, seeks grants and other fundraising opportunities and supports the projects and their managers.

At the meeting the Board of Directors will present a slate of 2 candidates. Members present at the business meeting can nominate additional people who are current members of MVHAL to run for the 2 open Board positions. Once we have our slate of candidates, there is a majority vote. Those elected to the Board then elect the officers. Terms run for two years from May until the end of April.

**After the business meeting please join us for supper.  
Visit and eat with us.**

MVHAL is an all volunteer non-profit that provides seed money and annual support to the Harvest Festival, the Mimbres Farmer's Market, the Mimbres Messenger-our community newsletter, the Commodities (Food) Distribution monthly at the Roundup Lodge, and the Greenhouse and Garden at San Lorenzo Elementary School.

MVHAL members provide support for our various projects, can suggest new projects, run for the Board of Directors, and also nominate and elect the members of the MVHAL Board. Do you have an idea for adding to the quality of life for the residents of the valley?

The MVHAL Board of Directors - Sonny Johnson, Wendy Ratcliff, RJ Nelson, Franz Raiter, Grace Williams and Chris DeBolt hope to see you on April 18.

For twenty-four hours, beginning at midnight on 5/5/2018, donations made to the Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) will be matched by the Grant County Community Foundation. This means that a ten-dollar donation becomes effectively twenty dollars, and a twenty-dollar donation becomes effectively forty. There are two caveats—there has to be a total of at least \$250 received and only a maximum of \$500 will be matched. For MVHAL, this amounts to up to \$1000 in operating funds for the coming year.

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the program and this year about fifty charitable organizations in the county are participating. On the 'big day,' we (and all the others) will have a table at the Farmers' Market in Silver City from 8.30 am – 2 pm where donations can be made by cash, check or credit card. It will be a fun morning for all with music and food and a running tally of donations that are received. If you can't make it, donations can be made by credit card online at: [GiveGrandly.org](http://GiveGrandly.org). Be sure to earmark your donation for MVHAL and to make your donation between 12.00 am and 11.59 pm.

Your donations go a long way in supporting MVHAL's initiatives, such as the production of this *Messenger*, the Harvest Festival, the monthly commodities' distribution and the kids' garden at the school. A little goes a long way, especially when it's matched. So, mark the date on your calendar and we'll see you in person or online on 5/5.

## **Mimbres Farms Greenhouse Closed to the Public**

Plants available at Valle Mimbres Market  
Plant Sale 2739 Highway 35  
April 28th - 2:00 p.m.  
and  
Silver City Farmers' Market  
Opening in May

## GARDENING IN THE MIMBRES

By Aleada Siragusa

APRIL 19 - APRIL 22



Continuing from last month with Aleada's gardening blog from her website.

Our garden has several varieties of sage, two varieties are a blue-green color and two are red sage. The red sage are dark green with red flowers which the humming birds love. I believe that natural plant nectar is healthier than sugar water for hummingbirds and insects.

The Bird of Paradise is a great Mimbres plant. It reseeds itself to form nice groups and looks spectacular when it blooms. We have several in the front yard and Guy marks new ones with a flag along with the other plants we are caring for so we can identify them for special watering while they are young.



Bird of Paradise Bloom

Cactus is a natural for this area, and there are many beautiful species.

I bought a beaver tail which is a cactus I learned about from visiting the gardens in New Mexico State Parks. I like this plant because of its distinct pad pattern and small size.

We were given some large fish hook barrel cactus from a neighbor who needed to remove them and we also found some small ones of a different variety in our yard. In February I started seeds to propagate inside the house and we will plant them in spring after the frost.



Beaver Tail Cactus



Small Barrel Cactus in Bloom

Aleada now has a new website [www.aleadasiragusa.com](http://www.aleadasiragusa.com) click on the blog section to see other photos from her garden. Her new website features her artwork, much of which is inspired from her garden.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

Mimbres Valley residents can expect to see bicycle riders on NM 35 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. NM 15 will be closed from the intersection of NM 15 and NM 35 to Pinos Altos from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

Mimbres Valley Residents can expect to see bicycle riders on NM 35 from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm. NM 15 will be closed from the intersection of NM 15 and NM 35 to Pinos Altos from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

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By Kathy Hill and Marilyn Markel

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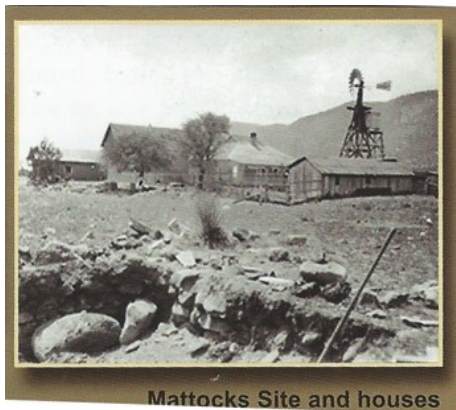
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We are always looking for new volunteers of all ages. Need to do a school project? A scout project? We can help with that, too.

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Come visit us and Smokey soon. For tours or other questions, call Kathy @ 307.640.3012.

### ***MCHS Smokey Report April 2018***

Visitors from Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and other faraway places stopped by MCHS in March; some greatly enjoyed spending time with Smokey the Mattocks cat. One couple, Eric and Shae from Phoenix had their photo taken with the cat in the gift shop. As Smokey came in the front door with them, Shae said, "What a beautiful cat." Smokey jumped into the woman's lap as soon as she sat down, causing Shae to tell Eric, "I think I'm in love."

Smokey followed as they toured the museum, jumping up on the model of the Mattocks Ruin. "Look at that cat", said Shae, "He's cracking me up." As she pet the cat, Shae said, "I am so glad we saw the sign on the highway. We had no idea this was here." Smokey purred in agreement- he loves for people to drop in and thinks everyone comes to pet and admire the resident cat.



Smokey with new friends Shae and Eric



Smokey sleeping through Heritage Site Meeting

## Local Gourd Artist Meg Streams Wins 'Best in Show' Award

By Marilyn Markel

Each year there are hundreds of gourds entered in the "Running of the Gourds" art show in Casa Grande Arizona. This year Mimbres area artist Meg Streams entered three of her incredibly detailed and beautiful pieces of gourd art. Her *Tropical Fish* creation received the top prize- 'Best in Show' and her *Polar Bear on Ice Flow* won the 'Sponsor's Choice' award! Meg says, "This is the first time all the judges were in unanimous agreement" as to who the top award should go to. Last year Meg's *Gila Trout* gourd art piece won first place in the intermediate division, which meant that she moved up into the advanced division this year. For her *Tropical Fish* piece Meg asserts that she "stuck with her strengths"- for many years Meg created wood carvings with fish as her inspiration, once taking the "Best in World" prize at a show in Georgia.

How do you turn gourds into tropical fish? Well, Meg used small banana gourds for the fish bodies, with cut, ground down, wood-burned- for- detail strips of gourd for fins. Spiral slices of gourd painted green became kelp. The stem and top of a small gourd was carved to look just like a starfish. The fish are held together and attached by wires that can't be seen. It's amazing!

Meg is already planning her next creations. Last year, she made a whimsical *Ring-Tailed Cat* with a curly-shaped gourd tail, "Which sold just like that", says Meg with a snap of her fingers. Now she has a half-dozen or so orders for gourd replicas of people's cats! Also envisioned is a



BEST IN SHOW  
Photo by Mitch Clinton



SPONSOR'S CHOICE  
Photo by Mitch Clinton

"Phoenix Rising" with the bird's wings made in the same fashion as the fins of her tropical fish and a fun piece --her friend Mary's yellow VW Beetle--with Mary and her menagerie of dogs inside the bug!

Congratulations to Meg! In April, Meg's gourd art will be featured at *The Place* art gallery in Silver City and the Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center will soon be selling her gourds made to look just like ancient pottery. You can always find Meg's beautiful art gourds in the gift shop at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site.

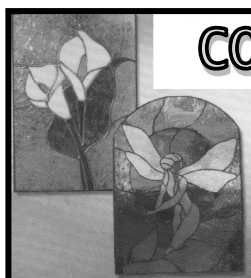


RINGED TAIL CAT  
Photo by Meg Streams

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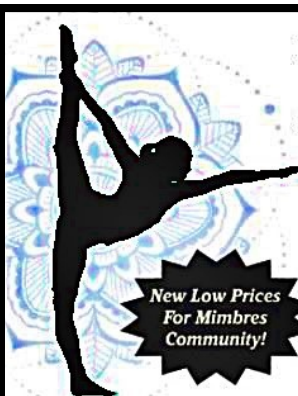
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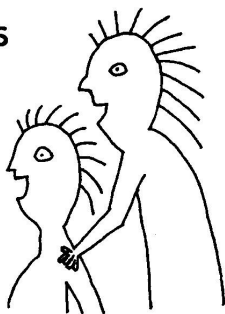
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## OPEN BURNS

By Sherry Simpson

If you're planning to burn debris on your property this spring, keep in mind these guidelines from the Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department:

**Grant County doesn't require a burn permit for grass or brush, but burning trash is a violation of county ordinances.**

Check for local burn bans beforehand with County Fire Management Officer Randy Villa at 575-313-3460 or [rvilla@grantcountynm.com](mailto:rvilla@grantcountynm.com). See <https://firerestrictions.us/nm/> and <https://nmfireinfo.com> for other restrictions on county, state, or federal lands.

- Pay close attention to weather forecasts. Remember that relative humidity is usually at its highest early in the morning.
- If high winds, gusts, shifting winds, or dangerously dry conditions are predicted, postpone burning or haul your brush to the burn site provided courtesy of John Fowler near the Elk Crossing Café at about Mile 11.
- **Notify Central Dispatch of your plans in advance at 575-388-8840.** This helps prevent false alarms. Alerting your neighbors is a good idea, too.
- Place the burn site a safe distance from buildings, tree branches, fences, overhead lines, awnings, and other potential fire hazards.
- Clear the ground to bare soil for at least five feet around a burn barrel and proportionately wider around debris piles.
- Cover burn barrels with a screen or metal grid to contain flaming material.

- Keep open burn piles small and manageable.
- Be prepared to stop a spreading fire with a garden hose, shovel, rake, water buckets, and/or a fire extinguisher. Keep a phone handy in case you need help.
- Never let a fire burn unattended, and make sure it is completely extinguished before leaving.
- Questions? Contact UMVFRD at [umvfr@gilanet.com](mailto:umvfr@gilanet.com) or leave a message at 536-2811.

## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

There will be business as usual at the Lodge in April, a few private and public events and hopefully some planning for future events.

The monthly Boosters meeting will be on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. We have welcomed several new members and continue to invite anyone interested to attend the Boosters meeting and join us as we plan new and productive projects and events. A light dinner will be served, followed by a business meeting.

We are looking forward to future improvements and projects at the Lodge, and will welcome suggestions and input from the community.

Bingo will be Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00, with regular bingo games, money games and the grand prize of \$50. It is always a fun and congenial afternoon. Join us.

The Lodge remains available for special events, private parties and other community gatherings. Call Sally for reservations and information at 505-360-1583.

We have been having great Money Games - sometimes even more money than the grand prize.

The more people that come, the higher the pot!

See you there!

**Mimbres Roundup Lodge**  
Your Community Center  
**Sunday, April 8**  
**2 pm to 5 pm**  
**Bingo**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

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

**ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** - For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets April 19 - (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - April 18 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm** - Roundup Lodge Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

**DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Third Sunday of every month** Off Line and On Line Auction email: [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) web: [www.desertwestauction.com](http://www.desertwestauction.com) phone: [575-536-9353](tel:575-536-9353) On Line at [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.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. No meetings when school is not in session.

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**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, April 12** - Monthly meetings usually are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Wednesday, April 11 - First Harvest Festival Planning Meeting - 5:00 pm** .Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Everyone Welcome. Pot luck. (See page 5)

**MVHAL Annual Business and Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 pm.** Mimbres Roundup Lodge . Everyone welcome! Join us for supper after the meeting. (See page 3)

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. April 5 -** (Usually First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - Sunday, April 8 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand Prize of \$50

**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 THRIFT STORE - open to everyone 9 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday.** Great bargains by donation. There is also a free book lending area.

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - April 24 -** (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

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# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, April 4 - First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Every Wednesday - 6 pm to 7 pm -** Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Race Track Road, Arenas Valley. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call 575-313-7094 or 575-654-1643

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

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

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, April 11 - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm** Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - parking on Cactus** enter at NW door.

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

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

**Mimbres -** 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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**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 18 - 3rd WEDS of the month. 6:00 PM** The Mary Margaret Soule Building 2045 Memory Lane (large building on the west side of the street with yellow door) in Silver City. For information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, April 12 - (2nd Thursday), 6:00 pm -** Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. **NEW MEETING PLACE and CONTACT INFO:** 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City and the new contact phone number is 575-654-4424 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com)

**Field trip Saturday, April 21 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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

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

**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 LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, April 5 - WNMU Student Cafeteria,** Sunset Room, Student Memorial Building, 100 College Avenue. Guest speaker will be Silver City Mayor, Ken Ladner. There will be a Q and A session after his presentation. **Reminder that you should register online.** Cost is \$15 for full lunch. See [silvercity.org](http://silvercity.org) for detailed information or email [info@silvercity.org](mailto:info@silvercity.org) or call GCCC at 575-538-3785.

**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.

**SPECIAL EVENT - SUNDAY, MAY 6 - Gomez Peak Picnic Area.** Food, music, horseshoe tournament, meet coop venders, local artisans and more!

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

**SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m** Photo Club features Japanese photographer, Ryo Inuzuka. Ryo came here from Japan to study with Master Photographer, Joe Butts, for one year. Ryo will share his experiences in the USA, Joe's impact on his photography, and more in his talk, "A Japanese Student's Photographic Journey in America." **Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan Street in Silver City. 860-670-4543**

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

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, April 9 - Sign in at 10:30 am -** (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church (formerly Glad Tidings Church) 11600 Hwy 18 E Guest speaker will be Ellen Brown from the Forest Service - Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. For information call 575-437-3643.

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

**MYSTERY**

## MYSTERY PHOTO CHALLENGE FOR MARCH

April Mystery Photo:



March Mystery photo location.

The large wooden carving of a man waving can be found in front of the Elk Crossing restaurant. Did you recognize it?

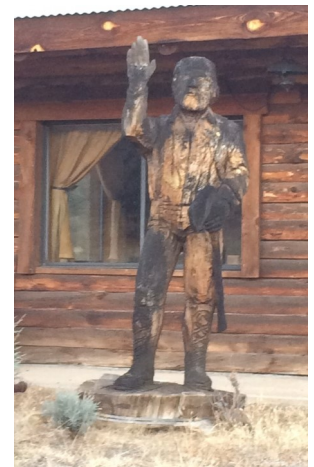


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## SENIOR CENTER MENU

HMS Senior Centers April 2018 Menu					MILK IS SERVED DAILY
MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6	
Grill Cheese Sandwich... DS (on WW Bread) Bean & Ham Soup Garden Salad/Dressing 1 Medium Apple	Chicken Wrap...223 Salad w/ Dressing Peas & Carrots Peanut Butter Cookie	Taco Salad... 505 Spanish Rice Squash w/ Margarine Crackers Orange	Baked Fish Baked Mac and Cheese...408 Broccoli & Cauliflower Dinner Roll w/ margarine Chilled Pineapple	Chicken Fajita...504 Onions, Peppers, & Cheese Lettuce/Tomato Pinto Beans Apples in Red Jell-o	
9	10	11	12	13	
Spaghetti... pasta 425 w/ meat sauce Steamed Broccoli & Carrots Breadstick w/ margarine Applesauce Cake	Chicken, Corn, and Green Chili Casserole...147 Pinto Beans Spinach w/ margarine Tortilla Orange	Baked Chicken Breast...205 Egg Noodles w/ Alfredo Squash & Zucchini WW Roll w/ margarine Grapes	Hawaiian Pork...305 Green Beans w/ Onions WW Bread w/ margarine Strawberries in Pudding	Chicken Tetrazzini...139 w/ Noodles Capri Blend Veggies WW Roll w/ margarine Pears Yogurt	
16	17	18	19	20	
Egg Salad Sandwich...402 Potato Salad Carrots & Celery Peanut Butter Cookie	Beef Enchiladas... 503 Broccoli w/ margarine Banana Apple Spice Cake	Baked Chicken...110 Rice Pilaf Spinach Salad w/ Dressing WW Roll/Margaine Fruit Cocktail	Dill Baked Fish...404 Buttered Noodles Corn and Peppers Breadstick w/ margarine Pears Yogurt	Chicken Sandwich...144 w/cheese on HB Bun let/tom/onion/pickle Green Beans Peaches	
23	24	25	26	27	
Bean Burrito...501 (Enchilada Style) Spanish Rice Cucumber/tomato Salad 1 Medium Orange	Sloppy Joe... 192 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing Green Beans Vanilla Ice Cream	Chicken Tacos...507 Lettuce & Tomato Calabacitas w/ Green Chili Pinto Beans Mandarine Orange	BBQ Chicken...220 Baked Beans Potato Salad WW Roll w/ margarine 1 Banana	Green Chile Stew...508 Tossed Salad w/ Dressing WW Roll w/ margarine Warm Cinnamon Apples	
30					
Gr Ch Cheese Burger...144 lettuce/tom/onion Buttered Peas & Carrots Applesauce	<b>HMS Senior Centers</b> Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990	Please call your Senior Center before 10am or make reservations the day before the meal. Suggested donations for seniors 60 years of age or older is \$2.00. All donations of any amount are accepted			

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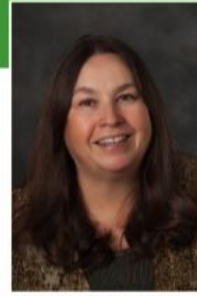
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## FOREST SERVICE NEWS



Every campfire should be put **DEAD OUT** before leaving it. Remember, Smokey says "Only you can prevent wildfires"

"Fire safety is everyone's responsibility," said Gabe Holguin, Gila NF Fire Management Officer. He added, "Please be extremely cautious with any activity that may cause a wildfire." Follow these guidelines and you will keep your forest and public lands safer:

- Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of five (5) feet in all directions
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out
- Never leave your campfire unattended and put it out at night
- Avoid making a campfire during the windy part of the day
- To make sure your campfire is out, drown with water and stir with dirt, making sure all burned materials are

extinguished. Put your hand in the ashes to make sure it's cold. If it's too hot to touch it needs more water and more stirring.

The Gila National Forest, Silver City Ranger District personnel will be opening five campgrounds for the season on Thursday, March 29. The campgrounds are:

- ♦ Iron Creek Campground, located in the Black Range Mountains off NM State Highway 152
- ♦ Upper Gallinas Campground, located in the Black Range Mountains off NM State Highway 152
- ♦ Railroad Canyon Campground, located in the Black Range Mountains off NM State Highway 152
- ♦ Cherry Creek Campground, located off NM State Highway 15
- ♦ McMillan Campground, located off NM State Highway 15

Gila National Forest officials remind visitors that weather and conditions can change suddenly in the high country and to be aware of potential hazards in campgrounds and on forest roads.

### STARTING IN APRIL

everyone on Medicare will be receiving new Medicare Cards.

The Social Security Administration will issue everyone with Medicare a new card. The mailings will begin in April and will be staggered in 6 groups depending on the state where you live. New Mexico resident mailings are presently scheduled to begin in June.

The new cards will no longer have your Social Security Number printed on them. This is being done for identity theft protection. It is a move to protect seniors, but it is having unintended consequences. It is creating another venue for fraud calls asking you to update your social security number. Instead of a Social Security Number, everyone will now get an HICN (Health Insurance Claim Number).

Since most people have their social security checks directly deposited into their bank accounts, the Social Security Administration urges everyone to make sure their mailing address is up-to-date so you will receive your new card. You may call the social security at 1-800-772-1213 or go to your on-line account at [ssa.gov/myaccount](http://ssa.gov/myaccount) to update your address before the mailing starts.



**PROBLEM:** Tick or Fleas on Cat or Dog  
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## Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

On Sunday I laughed, free of worry. I sang and danced, giggled gleefully, filled with love and joy. The calm before the storm. On Monday the ground shook, waves of sorrow bellowed to me through the phone late at night. Threats of loss circled my head in a dizzying spell, slipping me into a tearful sleep. On Tuesday my world cracked. The weight of last night hung above my eyes and sank into my skin. Calls of reassurance came my way and the peace was restored. Until the night. My love, my rock, my companion of 3 years, kissed me goodbye.



On Wednesday I collapsed. My world unraveled. No "good morning" text to rise the sun and no "goodnight" set it. No more "I love you". No more surprises. No more him. Three years of memories engraved on my brain, once so happy, now tinted with sadness. Only a reminder of what I lost. On Thursday hearts across the globe broke with me. An old friend, only 14, passed away. Tragedy struck once again, in a community all too familiar with it. And on and on went day after day. Each day breaking my heart just a little more.

But who knows what tomorrow will bring.



### TERRIFIC KID AWARDS for MARCH

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for December at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The program "honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship". The club has formed a partnership with 9 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies for them and their parents.

Those honored are: back, Brandon Hickman, Riley Ybarra, Elijah Gavaldon, Ixayanna Alcorta, and Itzel Valdez. Front, Gabriel Rodriguez, Alice Crumbley, Esperanza Alcorta, and Ryan Hickman.



### Gila Trout Are Back At San Lorenzo Elementary By Marilyn Markel

Last year's trout raising project was so successful the students and staff at San Lorenzo Elementary have once again taken on the challenge.

The Gila trout arrived a few of weeks ago and found a temporary home in a tank in the school library. The fish project is a cooperative effort of the school, the Gila National Forest, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and provides engaging and fun educational opportunities for the kids. The fish project is incorporated into the school curriculum and students learn about habitats and ecosystems, data collection, and record keeping. The students use writing skills and expand their vocabulary--while learning all kinds of information about this special species of trout. Students spend time observing the fish, writing about those obser-



Gila Trout

ventions, testing the water and recording data about the water temperature and chemical balance. Justin Myers, a biologist with the Gila

National Forest, is heading up the project. He and his helpers teach the kids about weighing the fish and how to determine how much food to feed them. Ms. Alcorta, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, says, "The fish are a little bigger this year, they are eating more, and pooping more, so we are having to change the water more often, so that the nitrate level will stay low."

The trout will live at the school until the middle of May. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the students will release the trout into Sapillo Creek, giving their fish a new home in the wild.



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**WEDNESDAY, April 11 - 5:00** MVHAL. First Harvest Festival Planning Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME. Pot Luck after meeting (see Page 5)

**WEDNESDAY, April 18 - Noon to 2 pm**

**Commodities Pickup** - Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.

**WEDNESDAY, April 18, 5:30 pm** Annual Business and Membership Meeting, Roundup Lodge, dinner following meeting. (See Page 3)

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.

### Answers to Puzzle on Page 19

◆ ANIMAL TRACKING ANSWER SHEET ◆

**DEER**  
MOUSE  
(Note tail track)  
Wide ranging.

**CRICKET**  
Lightweight insects leave very shallow tracks, a good clue for identification.

**CENTIPEDE**  
Parallel lines.

**EARTHWORM**  
Warts won't come from handling toads. Toad tracks can be very confusing to decipher.

**RED SPOTTED TOAD**  
Warts won't come from handling toads. Toad tracks can be very confusing to decipher.

**BEETLE**  
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**POCKET GOPHER**  
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**ROAD RUNNER**  
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**ROCK SQUIRREL**  
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**DEER**  
MOUSE  
(Note tail track)  
Wide ranging.

**STRIPED SKUNK**  
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**COYOTE**  
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**BOBCAT**  
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Special Size Ads

Monthly	\$10	1/4 Page	\$20
3 Months	\$28	1/3 Page	\$25
6 Months	\$55	1/2 Page	\$30
12 Months	\$110	Full Page Ads	\$50

Dawn Gray will be collecting old t-shirts **in any condition** as long as they are clean. They will be made into rag rugs which will be sold to supplement the income of the ladies who weave them.



Also, there is a need for: interior or exterior house paint, as long as it is still good and hasn't been frozen or almost empty

No Clothing needed at this time except for young Children's clothes.

Please bring the items to Commodities Distribution Day at the Roundup Lodge