

A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
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MIMBRES MESSENGER

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR - SANTA CLAUS

*A/K/A Papá Noel, St. Nicholas, Sinter Klaas, Father Christmas,
Old Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, Père Noël*

(As summarized from a National Geographic article by Brian Handwerk
and from a HistoryChannel.com article)



Ask any San Lorenzo student and they can tell you that Santa Claus lives at the North Pole—not Mimbres. But every December 24th, this fat guy dressed in a red suit visits the Mimbres Valley. Where did he come from and why does he do it? His historical journey is even longer and more fantastic than his annual, one-night circumnavigation of the globe.

Santa Claus's origins can be traced back to around 280 A.D. to a monk named St. Nicholas. He was much admired for his piety and kindness and it is said he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. About 1200 A.D., his popularity had spread, and by the Renaissance, St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe. He became the unchallenged bringer of gifts, and the protector of children and sailors. He took on some aspects of earlier European deities, like the Norse Odin, who appeared as a white-bearded man and had magical powers like flight. He also ensured that kids toed the line by saying their prayers and practicing good behavior.

Around 1500 A.D. after the Protestant Reformation, saints like Nicholas fell out of favor, and St. Nicholas was no exception, except in the Netherlands where people simply refused to give up

St. Nicholas as a gift giver, and brought his legends with them to the New World colonies. The name Santa Claus evolved from St. Nicholas' Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas.

In early America, Christmas did not resemble the modern holiday. The holiday was shunned by the Puritans in New England, but was celebrated in other parts of the country as a rowdy, outdoor, community "blowout" with no shortage of alcohol. There was no magical gift bringer.

During the early 19th century, all that changed due to a series of poets and writers who helped to make Christmas a family celebration and helped to remake the image of St. Nicholas. In 1822,



Clement Clarke Moore, an Episcopal minister, wrote a Christmas poem for his three daughters entitled "An account of a Visit from St. Nicholas". Due to the frivolous nature of the subject it was originally published anonymously. In modern day vernacular, "it went viral". This poem, known today as "Twas the Night Before Christmas", is largely

responsible for our modern image of Santa Claus as a portly figure with the ability to ascend a chimney with a mere nod of his head, who flies from house to house on Christmas Eve in a miniature sleigh led by eight flying reindeer and leaves presents for deserving children.

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A LETTER FROM THE “EDITOR”

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November brought our first taste of wintry temperatures in the Mimbres Valley. But the reliable old sun broke through often enough for us to enjoy the brisk, sunny fall days now upon us. Freezing overnight temperatures have, however, sent gardeners scurrying to rescue their green tomatoes and other edible plants from ruin, and to bring the potted plants indoors. We are so much more fortunate than other parts of the country which have already been battling serious snow and cold. The Mimbres Valley is certainly a good place to be.

Our format is a bit different this month. We have featured many of the activities that the students at San Lorenzo Elementary have been enjoying lately, including an archaeological field trip, their Veterans Day celebration and performance and the Harvest Festival.

This month's "Neighbor" everyone is anxious to meet is none other than Santa Claus himself, complete with his evolving historical background.

He has been around in one form or another for centuries, and continues to be a favorite of us all

There is also no sustainability article this month. The editor who writes those articles has been curiously scarce during the month of November. There have been serious rumors that perhaps he has been incapacitated by extreme altitude and cold. But word has begun to filter back that he has been working at a real job and trying to maintain a semblance of a normal existence. (Whatever that is.) Look for his triumphant return in future issues.

As we close out 2014 with the 9th issue of the *Messenger* under the current team, all of us associated with this publication are very grateful for the warm reception we have received and the interest of all our readers. We will welcome any suggestions or ideas for future articles or features. Write or e-mail us at the addresses on Page 20.

We wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas, and a New Year of peace, health, happiness and many good days.

MESSENGER NOW ONLINE!

Thanks to the kind offer and good work by Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, the *Mimbres Messenger* is now accessible online – including back issues from April, 2014 to the current November issue.

Mr. Barnes produces The Black Range Rag and the Black Range website, which includes *The Monticello Messenger*, *Hillsboro Historical Society Newsletter*, *Black Range Rag Newsletter* and a wealth of history, current events, nature, authors, photographs – the list goes on and on.

The Mimbres Messenger is privileged to be included on this superb website and we hope all our readers will take advantage of the wealth of local information, entertainment and items of current and historical interest. Our thanks to Mr. Barnes!

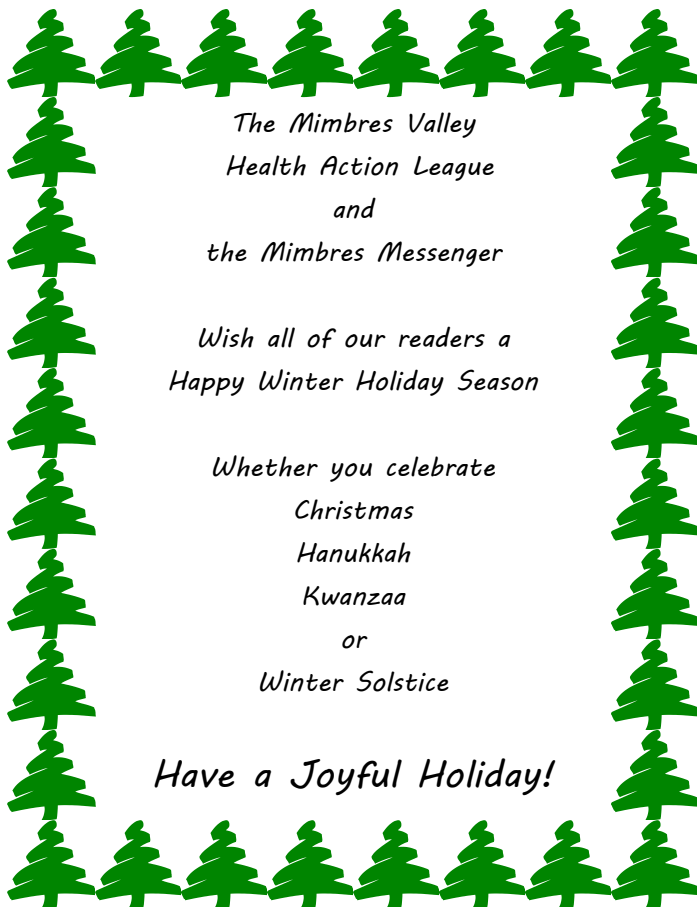
Sign on to <http://www.blackrange.org> to get to the website. Page down the list on the left side of the page to find *The Messenger*. Happy reading.

The *Messenger* will usually be available online before you can pick it up in hard copy! So save a tree!

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After becoming firmly established in North American, Santa then underwent a kind of reverse migration to Europe, adopting local names like Père Noël in France and Father Christmas in Great Britain. No matter what they call him, children all over the world try to stay awake on Christmas Eve to catch him putting presents under the tree. They have also been known to leave Santa gifts of cookies and cocoa, to thank him for their presents.

***“Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good night.”***



34th Annual
Mimbres Hot Springs Ranch
Studio Sale
December 6 & 7 10 am - 5 pm

- Stoneware, Terra Cotta & Porcelain Pottery
- Flame Worked And Fused Glass • Demos
 - Chair Massage • Photography
 - Knitted & Woven Accessories
- Mimbres T-shirts • Forged tools • Wool toys
- Block Printed Linens • Hand Painted Clothing
- Wreaths • Herbal Products • Drawings
- Tile Tables • Watercolor & Oil Paintings
- Notecards • Gourmet Lunch • Kid's Art
- Metal, Stone & Mixed Media Jewelry

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| Saturday noon- Fortnightly Bathing & Glee 1 pm- Glee Maiden 2 pm- Bayou Seco | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Live Music</div> | Sunday 1 pm- Jessie Tallman Keyboard 2 pm- TBA |
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Free Refreshments • Door Prizes Need not be present to win

DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 152 to the Mimbres, 61 South to Royal John Mine Rd (between MM 19 & 20). Follow signs 2 1/2 miles to MHSR. No pets, please.

www.studiosalemimbres.com

Valle Mimbres Youth Art Show Winners

There are many talented young artists in the Mimbres Valley. Of the juried submissions, 18 pieces of art were entered into the show.

First Prize Winners

Quinn Fine for his “Blue Water with Boat and All the Fish” (colored pencils on white paper) 5 to 8 year olds

Tiger Lily Warner for her “Coral Reef Sunset” (dyed silk) 9 to 12 year olds

Aryana Tallman for her “Intriguing Company” (markers, pencils, charcoal on paper) 13 to 18 year olds.

Of the art work sold, 50% of the proceeds went to purchase healthy snacks, to be distributed through the San Lorenzo Elementary School in December. The Second Annual Valle Mimbres Youth Art Show will be held in May next year.

Celebrating Harvest Time and Fall Fun on the Mimbres

Here in the Mimbres valley, people have been celebrating harvest time for a very long time. About 2000 years ago, the first Mimbrenos, the Mimbres People, began growing corn to supplement the wild foods they gathered. By the Mimbres pueblo time period (1000-1150 AD), they were dependent on the crops they grew along the rivers and smaller watercourses, and next to springs, and on some mesa tops. The People cleared land for fields and may have had irrigation canals. They built check dams to catch and hold the precious water. They introduced new crops to the valley and made pottery—to store and cook the food they grew.

The People left behind the remains of their pithouse and pueblo homes and beautiful painted pottery with images of the past. Mimbres artists painted pictures of corn fields, and garden pests (like rabbits and gophers and insects), and dancers, and what look like celebrations.

The Mimbres People depended on the rain, as any of us with a garden still do. And the People, as do the Pueblo Indians, who still live in northern New Mexico, undoubtedly held special ceremonies and prayed for rain. In Mimbres villages, just as in those northern pueblos today, a sound was heard—the sound of a storm moving in, the rumble of the thunder and rush of the wind—the sound of a bullroarer or lightning stick moving through the air, calling in the needed rain. A Mimbres pot, found at a site in the Valley, shows a man whirling a bullroarer.

Does the sound of the bullroarer bring the rain? Well.... Not too long ago, students from San Lorenzo school visited a Mimbres pueblo ruin and whirled bullroarers. And the rain came!

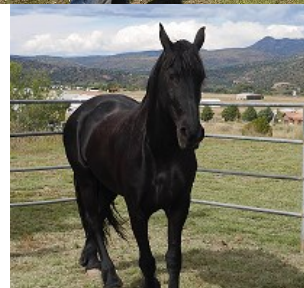
HARVEST FESTIVAL KIDS

About 45 children participated in Conejo Mimbrenos's Quest for Dark Treasure— kids were given treasure maps and clues. The Grant County Archaeological Society, the Forest Service, the HF Info Booth, the 3 Q Coffeehouse, Dale Streams, and the ALHS YCC Students helped with the treasure hunt activity. The kids followed clues, got some prizes and chocolate treats, and learned a little, too. (Of course, the true treasure was the fun, and community spirit of the Harvest Festival and the Mimbrenos).

Young artists painted a mural, the Faces of Mimbres. Children made and whirled bullroarers and joined in the storytelling at the Entertain-

ment Tent, and learned about past harvest times in Mimbres. Kids had fun with clay and made clay pots and clay sculptures, made bead creations at the Bead Table, colored pictures, and made creations out of wood.

THANK you to Harvest Festival Volunteers who helped with the Kid's Area activities and set-up and take down. Five Students (Kim Medin, Jasper Lane, Ian Ocheltree, Anels Estrada, and Teddy Muniz) from Aldo Leopold High School worked at the Children's Area. Alexis Ratcliff and Nana Tallman helped kids at the clay table.



Friesian Horse

Kids having fun with the Bullroarers at the October Harvest Festival



All photos courtesy of Peter Crum.



ALHS student, Jasper Lane, helping kids make bullroarers



"Faces of Mimbres" mural painted by the kids at the Harvest Festival

Veterans Day at San Lorenzo School



Honoring our Veterans is a long-standing tradition at San Lorenzo Elementary School. Veterans were once again invited to a special luncheon followed by a patriotic performance by the students. The Veterans each received a Thank You card and a flag pin.



San Lorenzo students performing for the Veterans.



Patriotic 3 year old

All photos courtesy of Marilyn Markel



Waving the flag



Saying the Pledge of Allegiance



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GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS



Silver City Ranger District Implements Seasonal Closures

With winter approaching, the Silver City Ranger District on the Gila National Forest will be implementing seasonal closures for some campgrounds from November 12 to March 31, 2015.

Temporarily closed for the winter:

- **Iron Creek Campground**, located in the Black Range Mountains off N.M. 152
- **Lower Gallinas Campground**, located in the Black Range Mountains off N.M. 152
- **Upper Gallinas Campground**, located in the Black Range Mountains off N.M. 152
- **Railroad Canyon Campground**, located in the Black Range Mts. off N.M. 152
- **Cherry Creek Campground**, located off N.M. 15
- **McMillan Campground**, located off N.M. 15

Please note that there are dispersed camping opportunities in the Black Range area along FR4087, FR4087A, FR4204X off of State Highway 152 and past the Forest Service boundary along Grant County Road 3-77 and FR 886 – commonly referred to as the Royal John Mine Road.

Visitors are reminded to be aware of weather conditions and the potential for flooding in areas across the forest. Always follow “Leave No Trace” principles, dispose of waste properly and leave the campsite clean for the next forest visitor. Please always practice campfire safety:

- Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of 5 feet in all directions.
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out.
- Have a responsible person in attendance at all times.
- Never leave your campfire unattended!
- 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. Feel with

your hand to make sure it's out cold.

- Every campfire will be put **DEAD OUT** before leaving it.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Silver City Ranger District at (575) 388-8201.

Christmas Tree Permit Sales Began Nov. 24

Christmas tree permits went on sale at Gila National Forest offices starting Monday, Nov. 24, 2014.

This year, the public could start purchasing the permits four days earlier than normal. By providing the additional service, families could obtain the permit and cut their Christmas tree during the Thanksgiving holiday along with any visiting family or friends and avoid the after Thanksgiving Day rush.

Permits sell for \$5.00 each with a limit of one permit per household, or free permits are available for the aromatic piñon trees. Any tree species up to 10' high may be cut.

A Christmas tree tag, an information sheet on cutting regulations, and maps of designated cutting sites are included with the permits. To protect forest resources, tree cutting activities are not allowed within wilderness areas, riparian (river and stream) areas, and within 200 feet of paved roads and developed recreation sites.

It is advisable for harvesters to check with local Ranger Districts for road and weather conditions prior to traveling on the forest. During this time of year, the weather can be unpredictable with rain or snowstorms making dirt roads muddy, snow packed, or impassable. Forest users are also asked to respect forest and private lands, dispose of litter in trash cans or “pack it out”, and close all forest gates after passing through them. For further information on Christmas tree cutting, please call 575-388-8201 or contact one of the Gila National Forest offices at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/about-forest/offices>.

FOREST SERVICE OFFICE
CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY

SAPILLO VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

CALL 911 in an EMERGENCY

Such a SAVINGS DEAL we have for you!!!

Hi readers. This is the season when everyone is looking for bargains. And everyone is offering bargains. From Target to Wal-Mart and throughout the world of the internet, everyone is offering bargains, sales, coupons, etc., in order to entice you to save on stuff during your shopping for the upcoming holiday seasons.

Not wanting to be left behind in this "savings" frenzy, Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire department is making you an offer we hope you can't refuse. We will come to your residence and assess your home for fire safety. **FREE!*** That's right, you read that correctly. **FREE!***

Such a deal we offer to you!

We will come to your home and make recommendations for you to stay safe from wildland fires. If you provide coffee and cookies, we may even suggest local people to help you execute our recommendations.

Just think of it, going through fire season with the smallest of worries.

But wait! If you take advantage of this offer in the next two days, we'll double your order! That's right, double your order. We'll come twice! No shipping or handling fees will apply.

Now where else can you find a bargain like this?

But wait! If you are among the 1st dozen residents to take advantage of this offer, we will give you – absolutely free – a brand spanking new... (Are you ready for this?)... SMOKE DETECTOR!

YEAH!

That rights folks. Be among the first twelve residents to place your order and we'll give you a new smoke detector.

But wait! Drop everything you're doing and call 536-3100 right now and we'll even include BATTERIES with the smoke detector. And new batteries at that.

Now I know what you're thinking. "How can they do this? It's too good to be true. What's the catch?"

Well, we are just a small rural volunteer department. But we look at it like this. If you take advantage of this SPECTACULAR OFFER, you're actually saving us! That's right we won't have to drag out a bunch of hoses filled with water (they're a lot heavier with water in them you know) and spray down your place. It's actually in both of our self-interests to take advantage of this SPECTACULAR OFFER!

Don't be caught without one this season. Get your free assessment and free smoke alarm today! Just call the number on your screen. No,

that's not right. Call the number below!

Be the first one in your block to take advantage of this offer, and I'll guarantee you, you'll make your neighbors jealous.

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*Terms and Conditions

Residents must be of legal age. Home must be within our fire district boundaries which are roughly from the Cliff Dwellings to the Continental Divide on Highway 35 and down from the Cliff Dwellings on Highway 15 to Wild Horse Mesa. Offer is not good outside the U.S. This offer is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with, the NFL. Residents understand that they are providing their information to the Promoter and not to NFL. The information which the residents provide will only be used for the purposes outlined in these Terms and Conditions.

Paul Kenney, Chief

Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire Department



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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

November was a busy month at the Lodge, with the usual meetings and events, and a baby shower! December also promises to be an active, festive time at the Lodge.

Although it has not occurred as this is being written, we know that the free community Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Lodge was well attended. The dinner served was assuredly delicious and enjoyed by all. Producing this meal is a prodigious undertaking, and the Booster Club and the many volunteers involved thank Peggy Platonos for organizing and implementing yet another great Thanksgiving dinner.

Sadly, this was the last such dinner that Peggy will run for the Lodge. She has abandoned us for the lower altitude, sun and heat of Florida. At a recent Bon Voyage Tea Party, the Booster Club and many friends gathered to wish her safe travel and health and happiness in her new Florida home. She will be missed.

On Saturday, December 13th, the annual Christmas Bazaar/Swap

Meet will be held at the Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Holiday gift-appropriate wares will be offered by local artists and craftspeople. It will be a relaxing opportunity to do some holiday shopping. The Mimbres Senior Center will have a bake sale at the Bazaar to support the Center. Food and snacks will be available, too. Don't miss this one.

Relax on Sunday, December 14th with a congenial afternoon of Bingo from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Come by to play and visit with your neighbors and, maybe win an addition to your holiday budget! Snack bar opens at 1:30.

It has been a busy year at the Lodge. Several new groups and organizations have begun holding their regular meetings there. And, as always, the Lodge has provided a venue for private parties and other community events. As we look forward to another successful year in 2015, all of us associated with the Roundup Lodge wish you a very happy holiday season.

LOCAL CHURCHES

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Alternate Saturdays at 3:30 pm

For information regarding San Juan and San Jose services call 537-3691

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Mimbres Cactus Drive, Mimbres, NM
575-536-9543

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Mimbres Roundup Lodge

Your Community Center

Saturday, December 13th ~ 9am to 3pm

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR





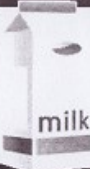
SWAP MEET



BAKE SALE

Vendor tables may still be available. Call Anna or Mary at 575-536-9323 or email Willhite200@aol.com ~ Tables \$6

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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| MONDAY 1 | TUESDAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 3 | THURSDAY 4 | FRIDAY 5 |
| 3 oz Chicken Strips 8 oz Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy 4 oz Broccoli 4 oz Carrots 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 1 Oatmeal Cookie 8 | 4 oz Salmon Patty ** 1 Small Baked Potato 4 oz Spinach 1 Slice WW Bread 1/2 Chocolate Pudding 9 | 6 oz Fidelos Con Carne 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 Tortilla 4 oz Pineapple, Orange Mix 10 Minature Marshmallows 10 | 3 oz BBQ Chicken Thighs 1 C Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrot Salad 3/4 C Peaches 1 Dinner Roll 1 Sugar Cookie 11 | 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 12 |
| 1 Sloppy Joe 8 oz Tossed Salad 2 T Salad Dressing 4 oz Green Beans 4 oz Vanilla Ice Cream 15 | 3 oz Chicken Breast W/ Bun 1 oz American Cheese 1 Slice Tomato 1 C Peas 1 C Steamed Carrots W/ Marg 1 Slice Angel Food Cake W/Strawberries 16 | 4 oz Gr Chili Enchilada ** 2 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Spanish Rice 5 oz Canned Apricots 17 | 2/3 C Baked Mac & Cheese 1/2 C Brussel Sprouts W/1 tsp Margarine 1 Dinner Roll 3/4 C Chocolate Pudding 18 | 3 oz Meatloaf 1/2 C Mashed Potatoes 1 C Broccoli & Cauliflower W/ Cheese 1 Dinner Roll W/ Margarine 1 C Cantaloupe 1/2 C Yogurt 19 |
| 3 oz Philly Steak Sandwich 1/2 C French Fries 4 oz Broccoli 1/2 C Cantaloupe 22 | 3 oz Oven Fried Chicken 6 oz Acorn Squash 1 Slice WW Bread 4 oz Peach Crisp 23 | Roast Beef 1*** 3 oz Beef Bottom Roast 4 oz Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy 6 oz Green Beans 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 1.5 oz White Cake 26 | Chicken Pasta Salad 3 oz Chicken, 4 oz Pasta 6 Crackers 8 oz Melon 1 Chewy Granola Bar 26 | 1 Meat & Cheese Burrito 2 oz Ground Beef, 1 oz Cheese 1 oz Gr. Chile, 1 Tortilla 4 oz Tossed Salad 4 oz Apricots 2 Sugar Cookies 26 |
| 3 oz Pork Chop w/ 2 oz Diced Tomatoes 4 oz Baked Potato 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 Wheat Roll 4 oz Peaches 29 | Baked Chicken Nuggets** 6 oz Baked Chicken Nuggets 2 oz each Honey Mustard & BBQ Sauce 4 oz Baked Potato Wedges w/ Ketchup 6 oz Broccoli W/ Cheese 4 oz Fruit Cocktail 30 | C I O S E D  | 1 oz Lean Sausage*** 3/4 C Wild Rice 1 C Steamed Broccoli W/1 tsp Margarine 1 WW Dinner Roll Applesauce | |
| Hamburger*** 2 oz Lettuce & Tomato 2 oz Onions, Pickles, Gr. Chile 4 oz French Fries 4 oz Peaches 4 oz Cottage Cheese | 3 oz Bean Burrito 1 oz Cheese, 1 Flour Tortilla 3 oz Spanish Rice 4 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 4 oz Crackers W/Peanut Butter 4 oz Apricots | Closed For New Years Holiday  | Silver 388-2545 Mimbres 536-9990 Gila 535-2888 Santa Clara 537-5254 Please Call a Day Ahead for Reservations!! |  8 oz. Milk Served Daily  |

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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 December 18th (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - December 10th (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.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours have been cut to two days. Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - December 13th 11 am to 3 pm ~ Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$20 Gift Certificates. 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 - December 11th - 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

December 8th (Monday) - 5:30 pm MVHAL Board Meeting - 3 Questions Café ., Highway 35. Members Welcome

MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB

December 5th, FRIDAY - 5:30 pm - Please note date change. Normally meets first Thursday of each month. Roundup Lodge Booster Club monthly meeting. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

December 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Bazaar ~ Swap Meet ~ Bake Sale. Lots of great Christmas ideas. The next Swap Meet will not be until March. Vendor tables \$6. Call Anna or Mary 536-9323 or Willhite200@aol.com

December 14th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm - Bingo. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash.

MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - December 13th, Saturday The Senior Center will have a **Bake Sale** table at the Roundup Lodge Christmas Bazaar.

LUNCH DAILY Reservations are requested one day in advance. **Monday - Friday 11:30 Lunch**

December 22nd ~ Senior Center Advisory Council Meeting at the Center (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

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Mimbres - Mimbres Valley Café 9:45 am - 11:00 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 - December 17th - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm at the Mimbres Roundup Lodge ~ Annual Christmas Party. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - December 11th (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck. 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 trips the **3rd Saturday of the month**. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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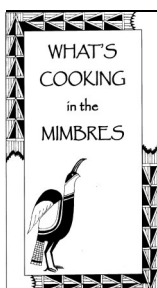
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You've read this today and that's the first move. Weigh in with us next week, and then let us prove that losing with TOPS can be a real treat.

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San Lorenzo Students Visit an Archaeological Site

San Lorenzo 2nd and 3rd graders went on a field trip to a Mimbres Archaeological Site here in the Mimbres Valley. Students from Aldo Leopold High School taught the San Lo kids about the Mimbres Indians, showed them how to grind corn using a mano and metate, let them whirl bull-roarers, and helped them sketch pieces of pottery. The children learned about preservation and just what an amazing prehistoric people lived in the Mimbres Valley long ago.



Students learning and having fun on an archaeological field trip.

Article and photos courtesy of Marilyn Markel

Conejo Mimbrenño in November

Mimbres Apples are the best! Did you guess where I was in last month's color page? I stopped by the WW Orchard to nibble on some delicious apples. I also learned some Mimbres Valley history. Did you know that the WW Orchard building was



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PRODUCE OF THE MONTH

By Frankie at Valle Mimbres Market

SPINACH (*Spinacia Oleracea*)

A cold-season leafy crop originating from Syria or Persia, it was called the "Prince of Vegetables". It belongs to the *Chenopodiaceae* family which includes beets, chard and quinoa.

Selecting and Storing: Spinach comes with either savoy (wrinkled) or smooth leaves. Choose dark green crisp leaves. It can be stored for one week in a bag in the refrigerator. Spinach should be thoroughly washed in cold water before use. Best used raw or very lightly cooked to preserve its nutrients. When cooked, spinach volume will reduce to one quarter of its raw size.

Nutrients: Low in calories and fat but high in fiber, it is rich in iron, iodine, vitamin A, B-1, B-6, C and K and other anti-oxidants such as lutein, zeaxanthin and beta carotene, as well as potassium, manganese, copper and zinc. Due to its high amount of vitamin K, it should be avoided by people using anti-coagulant medicine. It also contains high amount of oxalic acid, which could crystallize as stones in the urinary track of susceptible people.

Serving Suggestions: Best eaten raw in salad, as a sandwich topping, juiced, or blended into a dip with lemon juice, plain yogurt and shallots. In India it is popular as "palak" mixed with cheese, potato, fried rice or chicken. The versatile spinach can also be creamed, sautéed, steamed, or added to soup, casserole, stir-fry. It goes well with avocado, tomato, mango, garlic, corn, cheese, pasta, egg and fish.

Recipe: Spinach Pie (Spanakopita)

This spinach filling can be baked in phyllo sheets, puff pastry, calzone pastry or in a savory pie crust. The filling: 2 Tbsp olive oil; 3/4 cup minced shallots or 1 1/2 cup chopped onions; 2 cloves garlic, minced; 1 1/2 lb. baby spinach, rinsed, dried; 1/2 cup water; 1 cup crumbled feta cheese or ricotta or cottage; 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese; 1/2 cup chopped walnut, pecan or piñon nuts; 2 eggs, lightly beaten; 1/2 tsp ground black pepper; 1/4 tsp sea salt; 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg; 1 cup Italian parsley, chopped; (optional: 2 Tbsp minced mint leaves or 2 Tbsp minced chives); 1 Tbsp softened butter.

In a large heavy-bottom pan, sauté the shallots or onions in the olive oil until translucent. Remove from pan and place into a large bowl. In same pan, add water and spinach. Cover and gently steam until just wilted. Drain spinach and squeeze out most liquid. Add cooled spinach to onion bowl. Gently incorporate cheese, nuts, eggs, herbs and spices. Stuff chosen pastry. Brush top of pastry with melted butter and bake at 375* F until filling has set and top is golden brown. Allow to cool and serve at room temp.

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34th Annual Studio Sale Dec 6 & 7 at Mimbres Hot Springs By: Kate Brown

The organizers of the Studio Sale at Mimbres Hot Springs were feeling quite smug about the longevity of their annual Studio Sale, now in its thirty-fourth year, until someone mentioned an annual fair in Tuscany that has taken place for the past 1200 years. They then reminded themselves that it is nevertheless an achievement to have established a tradition in this day and age. People who came and were delighted as children are now bringing their own children to share in the beauty of the Mimbres and the festivities that accompany the annual invitation from the Mimbres Hot Springs community. They shop for the holidays, eat wonderful food, hear live music and possibly win a door prize.

For thirty-four years, on the first weekend of December, community members share their hacienda building and courtyard with area artists and craftspeople. One room in the hacienda, known as the Big House, is reserved for budding artist/entrepreneurs: the **Kid's Room** is another long-standing tradition that sets this show apart from others. Entertaining elementary, middle and high schoolers sell a variety of hand-made items. Patrons are encouraged to visit and support these displays.

Artists at the Studio Sale will represent many fine art and craft media.

Clay: Romaine Begay, Kate Brown, Dayna Griego, Robin Parsons, Sarah Pineda.

Jewelry: Bill Lindenau, Cedar Smith, Daria Tallman, Ginny Wolf

Fiber Arts: Chamomile Connection, Marilyn Gendron, Pam Gibson, Chris McDaniel, Palomas Oil Cloth Designs, Tina Salmon, Blythe Whiteley, Prairie Small



Susan Porter admiring artist,
Marilyn Gendron's, work
Photo courtesy of Joseph Gendron

Glass: Wayne Mostellor, Isaac Clodfelter, Dayna Griego, Blythe Whiteley

Body Care & Remedies: Desert Woman, Lizard Dreaming, Laura Ramnarace

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The live music for Saturday will include two *a cappella* singing groups: **The Fort-nightly Bathing and Glee** at noon and **Glee Maidens** at 1 pm. Jeannie McCleary and Ken Keppeler's chile gumbo duo, **Bayou Seco** will play from 2-4 pm.

On Sunday, **Jesi Tallman**, Keyboards at 1 pm and Canadian singer/songwriter **Awna Teixeira** performs at 2 pm.

A gourmet lunch will be available from Chef **Brenna Brown**. **Fred Pineda** will offer chair massages.

The Studio Sale runs from 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. The door prize drawing takes place at 4 pm on both days.

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BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 5:30 PM - Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting ~ Three Questions Café, Highway 35. Members Welcome

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 12 NOON - 2:00 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?

If you hear or say, "**Read me a story**" at your house, this bi-generational book will surely please both.

Knots on a Counting Rope

By Bill Martin Jr. and
John Archambault

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Mary Daniels

Available at the Bayard Public Library.

Room

By Emma Donoghue

Room is written from the point of view of a five year old boy. It soon becomes clear that the room encompasses his entire world.

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How the mother manages to raise and teach the boy a sense of normalcy in that setting makes for a really good read.

Then, of course, they escape.

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The newest book by the same author is called ***Frog Music***. It is based on the story of a prosti-

tute in San Francisco during the days of the gold rush. Not your everyday story, but the author uses true documents and sources to flesh out her adventure.

*Sally Ginert*

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