



## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

## Meet the Month of December

a month of significance to many of the world's religions

By Grace Williams

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah are probably familiar greetings to you at this time of the year. It is quite possible that the majority of readers of the Mimbres Messenger celebrate the Christian observance of Christmas. The people who publish this paper are a curious lot and went exploring to find out what other religious observances and cultural celebrations happen in the United States in the month of December.

Let's begin with December 6 the first Sunday of Advent. **Advent** is a series of Christian observances leading up to Christmas. It is a time of waiting and anticipating. The Advent wreath, which has German origins, is probably the most recognized Advent custom. It is a wreath of evergreens made into a circle. It symbolizes the many years from Adam to Christ in which the Christian world waited for a Redeemer. The wreath holds four equally spaced candles, the three purple ones lit on the Sundays before Christmas and a pink one lit on Christmas Day. Did you know the Roman Catholic Church forbids marriages during Advent? Some Roman Catholics refrain from eating meat on Wednesdays and Fridays during Advent. We can't forget the Advent calendar with a window to open for each day in December all the way to the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Buddhists celebrate **Bodhi Day** (a.k.a. Rohatsu) on December 8, or on the

Sunday immediately preceding. It recalls the day in 596 BCE ("before the common era") when the Buddha sat beneath a Bodhi tree -- a type of fig tree -- and is believed to have achieved enlightenment, thus escaping the repeating cycle of reincarnation: involving birth, life, death and rebirth. A descendent of the original tree is the most important of four holy sites of Buddhism. Did you know we have some practicing Buddhists in the valley?

Happy Holidays!

Christians in the West celebrate **Christmas** on December 25, as the day when the Yeshua of Nazareth (a.k.a. Jesus Christ) was born. He is regarded by Christians as the son of God and savior of humanity. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on December 25 according to the Julian Calendar which translates to January 7 in the more popular Gregorian Calendar. Most theologians and biblical scholars estimate from evidence within the Bible that Jesus was born in the fall of a year, sometime between 7 and 4 BCE.

The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends. December 6th is celebrated as his feast day, and in many countries this is the day he arrives with his presents and punishments. Each child puts out a shoe the night before St. Nicholas Day in hope that the kind bishop with his miter, staff, and bag of gifts will pay a visit. The name Santa Claus comes from the Dutch words "Sinter Klaas". The red suited jolly old elf we know as Santa Claus is modeled after St. Nicholas, but commercialism has embellished the original story. Many families give gifts on both Dec. 6 and Christmas.

Jews celebrate **Hanukkah** or the "Festival of Lights" in December. It is an 8 day observance which recalls a miracle in the Jerusalem temple during a war fought by the Maccabees in the cause of religious freedom. The temple lamps only had enough oil to burn for one day. Yet they burned for 8 days. Jews light candles on a menorah over the 8 day observance. The first day

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

December promises to be a busy month, with a lot of good things happening in the Valley. The Messenger staff congratulates the Mimbres Hot Springs Ranch on their 35<sup>th</sup> annual studio sale, to be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-five years! This sale is an event not to be missed. The annual Christmas Bazaar at the Roundup Lodge will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, but it has a much shorter history.

Both of these annual events provide wonderful opportunities to shop locally and to find a wide variety of handcrafted items

created by local artists. So, shop locally for unique gifts, meet your friends and neighbors, enjoy the music and food and go into the holidays stress free and ready to enjoy the many seasonal events to come.

This year’s San Lorenzo Elementary School Christmas Program promises to be another superb production when the children present “A Charlie Brown Christmas” on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season to all our readers.



A few historical facts about Christmas

By Anna Willhite

Mid-winter celebrations and festivals around the world have long existed. Early Europeans celebrated light and birth during the darkest days of winter centuries before the birth of Jesus.

In most European areas, cattle were slaughtered around the winter solstice so that they would not have to be fed through the winter. Temperatures were cool and allowed for maintaining fresh meat. Most beer and wine made during the year was fermented and ready to drink. Conditions were conducive to winter pagan celebrations.

In Scandinavia the Norse celebrated **Yule** from the winter solstice through January. Large logs were brought in and burned continuously; the celebration continued until the logs burned out. Sparks from the burning logs were believed to represent the number of pigs and calves that would be born in the coming year.

Rome celebrated **Saturnalia** in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. Starting the week before winter solstice, the celebration continued for a full month; food and drink were plentiful and the Roman

social order was reversed. Slaves could become masters and peasants had command of the city. Businesses and schools were closed so everyone could celebrate.

Also around winter solstice, Rome observed **Juvenalia** – a feast honoring the children of Rome. Upper classes celebrated the birthday of Mithra – the god of the unquenchable sun. Mithra’s birthday was the most sacred day of the year for some Romans.

In early Christianity, Jesus’ birth was not celebrated. Easter was the main religious holiday. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries, Christians disagreed about the appropriateness of birthday celebrations. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century church leaders in Rome designated the birth of Jesus an official church holiday. (There is no Biblical record of the date Jesus was born and estimates differ from fall to even spring; no definite year has been ascertained from Biblical records.) Pope Julius I is credited by some with designating December 25<sup>th</sup> as the official date for Christmas celebration.

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## San Lorenzo Kids Go On A Fishing Adventure

On a sunny November day, the students of San Lorenzo Elementary took a trip to Bear Canyon Dam Lake for a fishing adventure. The kindergarten through sixth grade classes spent the day fishing, having fun, and learning about the lake ecosystem, and the animals and other “critters” that live there. Casey Harthorn, with New Mexico Game and Fish, provided the students with fishing poles and bait. The day before the trip, “Mr. Casey”, as the kids called him, visited the school, taught the kids how to put the fishing poles together, how to attach the reels, tie on the hooks, and about the art of casting. All the students listened intently, even the youngest, as he explained the skills needed to be successful at the sport.



When asked to describe the fishing trip the kids, and their teachers, all said it was “Fun.”

Ms. Davis said, “The kids loved the experience. This was the first time the little kids got to go. They got to try things independently; it was so good for them. Mr. Casey explained everything in the classroom the day before and we were able to tie what we learned into the curriculum- letters and words. It was awesome. A great hands-on learning opportunity, things we can’t do in the classroom.”

Ms. Hartman said one her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders “showed the most perseverance, reeling the line in and casting over and over again and was the last one out there.”

Ms. Ross said, “Dodging hooks was interesting. It’s always good to be out doing something different.”

Ms. Carpenter, the librarian, was impressed at the patience shown by the students and by “Mr. Casey.” The

kids listened to Mr. Harthorn “because they wanted to get it right”—to learn the correct way to tie on the hooks, bait the hooks and cast. “The kids were excited, not bored, even the little ones, it was a good experience for everyone.” The trip was a special treat for Mrs. Carpenter because her grandson is in the kindergarten class and she got to share the fun day with him.

Ms. Alcorta said some of the students collected water samples and looked at the samples under special microscopes.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders:

Trenton said “It was fun but I didn’t catch a fish.”

Jason said. “I caught a rainbow trout, but it didn’t have much color.”

Alex said, “I saw pinchers” of crawdads and had fun reaching for dead fish with sticks he found in the “stick pile.” “Kids had fun climbing a tree”, he said. “That was OK because part of the tree went down to the ground.”



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders:

Ryan said, “I accidentally put a hook on wrong, but then I threw it in and waited and waited, then caught a fish, then waited and waited and waited. I learned that you have to wait. I saw a big fish jump out of the water. A

kid named Michael caught four fish! We saw a whole family of deer drinking water.” He was happy he got to spend time during the day with his Mom, Mrs. Davis, the kindergarten teacher.

Ryan’s twin sister, Regan, said, “I had fun playing and laughing. I saw kids catching fish and I saw seaweed and a crawdad claw and crawdads that kids were holding and I saw a bunch of deer eating grass in the meadow.”

John said, “I had fun learning to cast and I saw a fish by the bank, not dead, and I caught it by the tail. I think it was a trout.”

Brianna also tried catching fish with

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## A Bit of History-- Harvard on the Mimbres

by Marilyn Markel

The story of Harriet (Hattie) and C. Burton (Burt) Cosgrove is an amazing tale of archaeology adventures, research, and long-lasting contributions to what is known about the ancient Mimbrenños, their lifestyle and their remarkably beautiful pottery. Burt Cosgrove grew up in New Mexico. The Cosgrove family owned a hardware store located on Bullard Street. Hattie met Burt when they attended the same high school in Kansas. Burt and his mother moved to Kansas after his father died in 1899. Hattie grew up in a wealthy family in Kansas and married Burt in 1901 when she was 24. Their only child, Burt Jr., was born in 1906 and they moved to Silver City the following year. They were soon exploring the prehistoric ruins in the region, hiking, camping, and collecting artifacts.



The Cosgroves started as amateurs but turned into professional archaeologists. They dug at several sites, including Treasure Hill near Silver City, a site they purchased to excavate. Burt and Hattie were fascinated by the remains of the pithouses, pueblos, and artifacts they discovered. But they soon realized they, and others, were destroying the sites and the information about the prehistoric Mimbres people that was being lost through their activities. The Cosgroves became members of the Santa Fe Archaeological Society, and visited sites that were being scientifically excavated. They became friends with well known archaeologists like Alfred Kidder

(Harvard), Neil JUDGE (University of NM), Wesley Bradford (Museum of NM) and others. The Cosgroves excavated at the Swartz Ruin in the 1920s under the auspices of the Peabody Museum. The pottery and artifacts from Treasure Hill are at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff and everything from Swartz is at the Peabody Museum at Harvard.



The Swartz excavation is considered to be "quite impressive" by more recent archaeologists because of the quality methods and techniques used by the Cosgroves. The Swartz was the first of many sites to be excavated during the 1920s and 1930s, during what has been called the "golden age" of Mimbres Archaeology. Archaeologists were still interested in acquiring pots and other artifacts for museum collections but major research questions were being worked on—questions concerning site chronology and the evolution of house forms and ceramics.



Swartz Ruin. Center of South House looking north. 1927.

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Also of great concern was the huge amount of vandalism and looting of sites and the need for site protection and preservation. Hattie made sketches of pottery from looters' collections as well as pots from university and museum collections. The Cosgroves brought professional interest to the area and were instrumental in finding sites for other archaeologists to excavate—sites like the Mattocks Ruin that was dug by Paul Nesbitt from the Logan Museum of Beloit College, Wisconsin.

In her book, *Treasured Earth*, Carolyn O'Bagy Davis writes about Hattie Cosgrove, saying, "Hattie gave up a life of comfort, and endured the rough, dirty, hard-working life of an archaeologist, and she loved every minute of her work." Hattie was forty years old when she became an archaeologist and Davis writes, "Instead of a comfortable home with servants to cook and clean for her, Hattie slept in a tent and cooked meals over a campfire. She spent long

hours digging under the relentless New Mexico sun, struggling with ferocious winds that blew dirt into her eyes and skin and hair. She rode and hiked into remote canyons in the vast Gila Wilderness, she climbed improvised pine tree ladders into cave shelters, and she swung from a rope held by a cowboy as she was lowered down over a sheer mountain wall to explore a cliff dwelling. She washed, sorted, and catalogued hundreds of thousands of potsherds; drew thousands of bowls, potsherds, petroglyphs, and pictographs."

Hattie Cosgrove greatly enjoyed her time camping, excavating, and exploring and making discoveries in the Mimbres Valley. And just like the ancient Mimbrenos, Hattie, and her husband Burt, will long be remembered.

Photos courtesy Carolyn O'Bagy Davis from *Treasured Earth; Hattie Cosgrove's Mimbres Archaeology In The American Southwest*.

## FROM MY INBOX

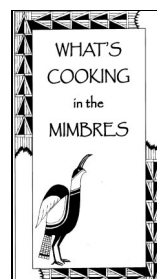
### You Might Be A Mimbrenño If...

- \* You never take down your Christmas Lights.
- \* Your main decision when you eat at a restaurant is to have red or green.
- \* Your Christmas decorations include a cubic yard of sand and 1,000 paper bags.
- \* You roast chiles instead of chestnuts at Christmas.
- \* You hated Texans until Arizonans, Californians and New Yorkers started moving here (we've learned to tolerate them all, kind of).
- \* You remember when Santa Fe wasn't like San Francisco.
- \* Your coffee is flavored with piñon.
- \* You buy salsa by the quart.
- \* You think a getting an inch of snow is a big snowstorm.
- \* You use the expression, "I'll cross that bridge when they build it."
- \* The restaurants and stores you go to have the first name of "La" or "El."
- \* You buy roasted chile in big, black garbage bags.
- \* You think six tons of crushed rock and a few yucca makes a beautiful yard.
- \* All your out-of-state friends and relatives come to visit in October, "it's time for the Harvest Festival."

### Orange Spiced Pecans

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| 2 c. pecan halves        | 1 tsp. cinnamon   |
| 1 c. sugar               | ¼ c frozen orange |
| ¼ tsp salt               | juice concentrate |
| 1/8 tsp. cream of tartar |                   |

Toast pecans on a tray at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Combine all but pecans and cook over medium heat to soft ball stage. Add pecans and stir gently until mixture starts to sugar. Immediately pour onto large piece of waxed paper and separate with forks.



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of Hanukkah typically falls between November 30 and December 26. My daughter-in-law is a Jew and our family gathers for both Christmas and Hanukkah.

The **Winter Solstice** is celebrated by many Atheists and Native Americans in the United States. Wiccans refer to this day as "Yule". This is the day of the year when the nighttime is longest, and the daytime shortest. Lately, it has been falling on December 21 or 22. However it can be as early as December 20 and as late as December 23.

Native Americans who observe the **Winter Solstice** associate different beliefs and rituals with it. For example, the Hopi tribe celebrations are "...dedicated to giving aid and direction to the sun which is ready to 'return' and give strength to budding life." Their ceremony is called Soyal. It lasts 20 days and includes "prayer stick making, purification, rituals and a concluding rabbit hunt, feast and blessing..."

The following is a Cultural Celebration held in the month of December.

**Kwanza** is a week-long celebration which starts on December 26. It is a recently developed cultural holiday celebrating African-American heritage that has been an annual tradition since 1966. "Kwanza" is derived from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "the first fruits of the harvest". Each day focuses on one of the seven principles of Kwanza: unity, self-determination, collective work, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

We have discovered that December is a month of many celebrations in addition to Christmas. We have also discovered that Christmas can be celebrated in different ways and on different days. We wish all of our readers a blessed holiday season whatever you celebrate.

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<b>2/3 C Baked Mac &amp; Cheese</b> 4 oz. Broccoli Sprouts W/ 1 tsp Marg 1 Dinner Roll W/ Margarine 1/4 C Chocolate Pudding	<b>Red Beef Enchilada ***</b> 4 oz. Salsa Con 3 oz. Lettuce, 2 oz. Tomatoes 1 oz. Chopped Onions Salsa Dressing 4 oz. Apple Cobbler	<b>3 oz. Chicken Patty W/ Bun</b> 1 oz. American Cheese, 1 Slice Tomato 4 oz. Peas 4 oz. Steamed Carrots W/ Margarine 1 Slice Angel Food Cake W/ 1/4 C Strawberries	<b>8 oz. Spaghetti &amp; Sauce ***</b> 3 oz. Lettuce & Tomatoes 1 oz. Salad Dressing 4 oz. Green Beans 1 WW Roll 4 oz. Fruit Cocktail	<b>3 oz. Chicken W/ 2 oz Gravy</b> 4 oz. Sweet Potatoes 4 oz. Spinach 4 oz. Squash W/ Steamed Tomatoes 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 4 oz. Applesauce
<b>4 oz. Meatloaf</b> 4 oz. Au Gratin Potatoes 4 oz. Mixed Veggies 1 Dinner Roll 1 Orange	<b>6 oz. Chicken Adovada</b> 1/2 C Pinto Beans 1/2 C Spinach 1 Tortilla 4 oz. Banana Pudding	<b>3 oz. Roast Beef</b> 4 oz. Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy 4 oz. Baby Carrots 1 Dinner Roll W/ 1T Margarine 1 Chocolate Brownie	<b>Tuna Salad Sandwich</b> 1/2 C Tuna Salad on 2 WW slices of Bread 4 oz. Cucumber Salad 4 Graham Crackers 1 Orange	<b>1 Sloppy Joe on a Bun</b> 3 oz. Ground Beef 4 oz. Bell Pepper, Onion & Tomato Sauce 8 oz. Tossed Salad W/ Dressing 4 oz. Green Beans 4 oz. Vanilla Pudding
<b>3 oz. Green Chili Hamburger</b> 1 Lettuce Leaf, 1 Tomato Slice 1 Pickle, 1 Onion Slice 1/2 C Butter Beans 4 oz. Carrots & Peppers 1/2 C Chocolate Pudding	<b>1 oz. Chicken Strips</b> 4 oz. Mashed Potatoes 3 oz. Gravy 4 oz. Broccoli, 4 oz. Carrots 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 1 Oatmeal Cookie	<b>6 oz. Ground Beef Stroganoff</b> 4 oz. Egg Noodles 1 Slice WW Bread W/ Margarine 4 oz. Apples		
<b>1 Chicken Wrap</b> 4 oz. Chicken, 1/2 oz. Cheese 4 oz. Lettuce, Tomato & Onions 6 oz. Salad W/ 1 T Dressing 4 oz. Peas & Carrots 1 Peanut Butter Cookie	<b>Chili Dog 2 **</b> 3 oz. Hot Dog on a Bun 1 T Chiles & Beans 4 oz. Baked Potato Wedges 4 oz. Mixed Veggies 4 oz. Mandarin Oranges	<b>3 oz. Bean Burrito</b> 1 oz. Cheese, 1 1/2" Flour Tortilla 3 oz. Spanish Rice 4 oz. Beans W/ Butter 4 Crackers W/ Peanut Butter 4 oz. Apples	<b>Closed for New Years Holiday</b> 	
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## Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



### Sweet Chaos

Leaves fall like rush hour in the big city. Colors: green, yellow, orange, red float gently, continuously to the ground in ordered chaos. Summer stalls at a stoplight. Green, yellow, and red emerge slowly, until they let go in a flurry, leaving barren branches and an empty grey town. The busyness



dies down and the colors fade, becoming more and more grey each day. Winter comes like dawn. It is welcomed by some, but others curl under the blankets. Slowly, steadily the leaves bed down and flakes fall, covering the land in a blanket of its own. The chill seeps deep into our bones. We become languid, coming to a gradual stop. Seconds before the new year, we halt.

### San Lorenzo Christmas Program: A Charlie Brown Christmas



Don't miss this year's Christmas program at San Lorenzo Elementary School—A Charlie Brown Christmas.

Each year the school staff chooses a theme for the program and this year something amazing happened! Serendipity! Retired teacher Jeanne Pierce called the school looking for a home for some Christmas yard decorations that her husband John made several years ago for their daughter, now in a different house with no yard space for the decorations. And what were the decorations? asked Mrs. Galaz, school secretary. Charlie Brown Christmas! So this year, the school has wonderful, colorfully painted, full-size cut-outs of the peanuts characters and Snoopy's doghouse and all the other decorations needed to make this year's program extra-special. Thanks to the Pierce family!

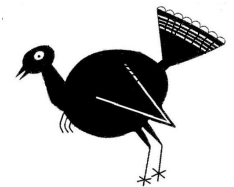


### Conejo Mimbrenño in November



#### THE WILD TURKEY

Did you know wild turkeys live in the forest? Many people eat turkey at Thanksgiving time. Did you? Most people get their turkey from the grocery store - those turkey are big, fat birds raised on farms. Wild turkeys are beautiful birds with colorful feathers. The Mimbres Indians may have raised turkeys—they used the feathers to make blankets and cloaks. A feather blanket would be nice and warm on a cold, winter night in Mimbres.



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# *Happy Holidays*

from Conejo Mimbrenño and 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 **575-313-4693 or 888-388-1802**.

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets December 17 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - December 9 (second Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm** - Roundup Lodge  
Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

**DESSERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - Auction - Saturday, December 12 & Sunday, December 13 - 3870 Hwy 35,** Mimbres. Doors open at 8:30 am with off-line auction starting at 9:30 am. Sunday auction doors open at 9:30 am. Preview items on Friday, December 11 from 11 am to 3 pm. And a half hour before the auctions start each day. Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) or call 575-536-9353. Can't be there? 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).

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

**LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - NEW HOURS - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday Noon to 6:00 pm.**  
*December Special:* 20% off any case of wine (mix or match). Saturday, December 12, the Ugly Sweater Contest. Noon to 3pm winners announced at 3:30 pm. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252.

**MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE** - 14 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new winter schedule Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-3161 at least a week in advance.

**MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Monday, December 14 - 5 pm.** (second Monday of the month) EMS Building on the airstrip. Community meeting for brainstorming and recruitment. Open to everyone. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information or just show up at the meeting.

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - no meeting in December** Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE - MVHAL Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 9 - 5:30 pm** 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. December 3** - first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm New members welcome. Light dinner served.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR - December 12 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm - Roundup Lodge - Just in time for the Holidays!** New Craft items from local artisans.

**BINGO - December 13 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm** - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize for December \$100.00 cash.

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

**EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday - 10:00 am** Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

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# COUNTY CALENDAR

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

**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, December 17th**

<b>Mimbres - NEW LOCATION</b> - Living Harvest Bakery	9:45 am - 10:45 am
<b>Lake Roberts</b> - Sapillo Creek Fire Station	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
<b>Doc Campbell's Post</b> (near Gila Cliff Dwellings)	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - December 16 - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm.** Silver City Woman's Club. Business meeting at 6:00. Program at 7:00 pm. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - December 10 - (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, December 19 the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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

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

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

**FREE DEMONSTRATION OF BISBEE SOAP AND SUNDRY -** Saturday, December 5 - 11 am to 2 pm. Help support southwest producers and artisans. The Market Café at 614 N. Bullard

**COMMUNITY FORUM -** Thursday, December 10 - Noon to 1 pm. **Cookie Exchange!** Bring several dozen of your favorite holiday cookies and copies of the recipes to share and go home with a plate of many more types of cookies and recipes Free. The Market Café at 614 N. Bullard Street.

**ORGANIC BALSAMIC VINEGAR TASTINGS - Saturday, December 12 - 11 am - 2 pm** - Steve and Jane Darland grow their own Roman white grapes to make this very special organic product from Monticello, NM. The Market Café 614 N. Bullard

**TWO-DAY ARTISAN MARKET -** December 12 and 13 - 9 am to 3 pm—Just in time for Holiday Shopping. Local artisans with quality crafts. Community room at the Market Cafe 614 N. Bullard. Support your local artisans!

**FREE COTTON TOTE GIFT BAG WITH \$25 PURCHASE -** Saturday, December 19 - 9 am to 3 pm. Take the stress out of gift shopping. They will help you make up a themed gift bag for at coffee or tea drinker, a chef, or child. Market Café 614 N. Bullard.

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

**WALGREENS - Tuesday, December 1 & 15 (first & third Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT -** 20% off of items not on sale.

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**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, December 14 - Sign in at 10:30 am -** (second Monday of each month) Glad Tidings Church, 11600 Highway 180 E. Speaker is Susie Kee from KISS (Kids in need of Support Services). Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.



There will be a  
**Celebration of Life Memorial for Glenn Baxter** at the Mimbres United Methodist Church on Friday December 11th from 4pm to 7pm. This event will be potluck, so please bring a dish to share.



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## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Saturday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ~ 10am-2pm**

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## CATHOLIC SERVICES

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### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday 5:30 PM

*"Two or more meet together in my name, I will be there also."*

## San Lorenzo School Honors Our Veterans

Each year, a long-standing tradition, students and staff of San Lorenzo Elementary, helped by community volunteers, provide a special lunch for veterans followed by a program of patriotic songs and speeches. The school was decorated with flags and banners—all meant to convey a heartfelt “Thanks” to our veterans and their families.



The program began with the presentation of flags by an Honor Guard. Next, the students, led by volunteer Clista Knight, sang the songs from each of the military services. The youngest students, 3 and 4 year old pre-schoolers, and the Kindergarten class, presented area veterans with a letters of thanks, written and decorated by all the students, along with a small gift to show appreciation of our veterans for their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Then each class took turns singing



songs from different eras in our nation's history-- *Grand Old Flag*, *This Land is Your Land*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *The Battle of New Orleans*. The last song, sung by all the children, was *Thank You Soldiers*.

To end this special event, Veterans and other guests were served pie or cake by the six graders.



**Mimbres Emergency  
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Recruiting for a First Responder  
class in the fall.

*"If not you then who?"*



**December meeting:**  
**Monday the 14th**  
**at 5pm**

in our EMS building on the airstrip



## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

### The Humpbacked Fluteplayer

By Sharman Apt Russell

This figure is a familiar one to you who live in the Mimbres Valley and have discovered the rock art left by the "old ones" who lived here. No one has discovered the real story of this figure....however.

In this story, the fluteplayer appears to have some magical ability as it transports 12-year old May and her friend Evan to another world inhabited by six different tribes of people, each with special powers. None of the groups get along with each other until all are threatened by a stronger tribe. With the help

of the children and Wren, an outcast from the groups, peace is achieved and the magic of the fluteplayer returns May and Evan to their world.



The author wrote this story when she and her family lived here in the Valley along the Mimbres River. Perhaps you are a "rock writer" too and have stories about the drawings you have discovered. If so, send them to the *Mimbres Messenger*, we would all enjoy reading them.

Aunt Mary

Available at the Bayard Public Library.

**Bayard Public Library** will have holiday craft design and gift making for children, as well as Storytime with Beth, on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. All materials will be provided and free of charge.

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## GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

### Christmas Tree Permit Sales Start November 23, 2015

Christmas tree permits will be available for purchase at Gila National Forest offices starting Monday, Nov. 23 and continuing until Dec. 24, 2015. Permits sell for \$5.00 each with a limit of one permit per household. Free permits are available for the aromatic pinon trees. Any tree species up to 10 feet may be cut.

As part of the *Every Kid in a Park* initiative, fourth graders may receive a free Christmas tree permit upon presenting a valid Fourth Grade Pass. The fourth grader must be present at time of receiving the Christmas tree permit. For more information about this initiative and how to obtain a pass, please visit [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov).

A Christmas tree tag, an information sheet on cutting regulations and maps of designated cutting sites are provided to the customer. 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 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>

### New Mexico State Highway 159 Closure

New Mexico State Highway 159 (Bursum Road) will be closed for the winter beginning Friday, Nov. 20. Gates will be locked just north of Mogollon and on the Bear Wallow Lookout Road 153S. Until the closure is lifted in the spring, travelers will need to go through Reserve to get to Willow Creek or Snow Lake.

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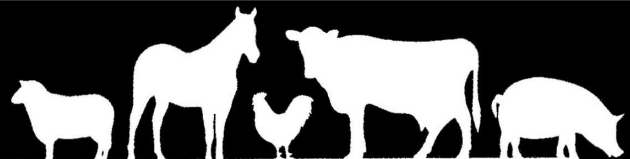


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The first Christmas celebration was the **Feast of the Nativity** which spread to Egypt by 432, to England by the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> century and to Scandinavia by the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Many agree that December 25<sup>th</sup> was selected for Christmas because it coincided with Saturnalia, which was a major pagan festival.

The Catholic church gradually embraced Christmas. By the Middle Ages, Christianity had mostly replaced pagan religions. In an apparent holdover from Pagan celebrations near the winter solstice, on Christmas, Christians attended church then celebrated in a raucous, drunken, carnival-like atmosphere (similar to Mardi Gras today).

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century reform-minded Protestants considered Christmas little better than Paganism. In England under Oliver Cromwell, Christmas and other saints days were banned. For about 25 years in Puritan New England, during the 1600's, it was illegal to celebrate Christmas.

The gift exchange tradition began in the Victorian era in the 1800's. In 1841 Queen Victoria gave Albert a miniature portrait of herself as a child and he gave her a book of poetry by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

There are those today who believe that current rampant commercialism is the new equivalent of early Christmas celebrations involving drunken, raucous behavior in a carnival-like atmosphere. That is something which could be debated long into and beyond the Christmas season!

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Just in time for the Holidays.

The Mimbres Booster Club has just received a new shipment (2nd printing—the first printing having sold out) of **What's Cooking in the Mimbres** which will be available to purchase at the Christmas Bazaar.



For \$10 you can have a great Christmas gift and help support the building and maintenance fund for the Roundup Lodge.

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## Another Great Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of the businesses, groups and individuals who made the 10th Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival a fun and successful event.

Putting on a festival is like a barn raising. It takes a lot of help. The Harvest Festival is an annual project of the Mimbres Valley Health Action League or MVHAL. We provide the structure and initiate the committee of volunteers who put on the festival.

We depend on community businesses that donate at the overall event level which is \$1,000 and at the \$500 level to provide the musical performers, publicity and transportation. These are festival sponsors in those areas. Festival Donors are those that contribute from \$250 - \$499. Friends of the festival are anyone who donates up to \$249.

Another extremely valuable form of donation we receive is that of products, labor and time. The labor of individuals that show up on the day before, the day of and the day after the festival to do anything we need done. These volunteers do anything from working as a team to put up the BIG tent and the dining tent, feeding the volunteers, helping vendors set-up, to breaking everything down after the festival and hauling it to storage.

One other very important group of helpers and volunteers is the staff and students of the San Lorenzo Elementary School on whose grounds we hold the festival.

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**BULLETIN BOARD**

**Wednesday, December 9 - 5:30 pm** Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY, December 9 - 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.

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her hands, "But it got away. Mr. Casey put a pole together, put on a reel, and showed us how to cast. We got to practice. My friend Elijah showed me a crawdad and we got to look in the microscope at a baby dragonfly."

Ms. Alcorta's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders said they had fun watching the younger kids, "They were holding some dead fish-one in each hand and one of the little kids got hooked in the pant legs. And one kid was trying to cast and the pole came apart." Some of the older students spent time helping untangling lines and unhooking hooks. But they also had fun fishing, putting "squiggly" worms on hooks, trying to catch "slippery" fish with their hands. They saw trout swimming up to the water's surface, a "flat fish", probably a crappie, maybe a turtle (it could have been a rock), and deer.

All in all it was a very special day, one that will be long remembered by the students and teachers.

**TWO DON'T MISS SCHOOL EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

San Lorenzo Elementary School Dance Program December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM at Cobre High School Performing Arts Center. All Grades- 3 year old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

San Lorenzo Elementary Christmas Program  
**A Charlie Brown Christmas** Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

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