

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

## Meet Your Neighbor -- Paul Kenney

by Marilyn Markel

Messenger readers already know a little about Paul Kenney—that he is the Fire Chief of the Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire Department and he has a great sense of humor. Each month, Paul writes an article for the Messenger about fire prevention and related topics.

Paul and his dog, Buddy, live in a log cabin near Lake Roberts. Originally from Wisconsin, Paul says he came to Lake Roberts in 2003 to “Do something I always dreamed of doing, getting a little place up in the boonies near a wilderness.”

Admittedly a “reorganizer and fixer”, Paul had several different careers before retiring—he spent a few years in the ministry, worked in the health care industry in hospital management, and ended up in criminal justice, working for the prosecutor’s office in Milwaukee. On summer vacations, Paul often took trips to the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana where he caught the wilderness bug—the pristine beauty and quiet of the forest captured Paul’s imagination and heart. So, when looking for a place to retire, far away from the long Wisconsin winters, Paul traveled around the West, checking out places near a wilderness. While in Arizona, he and a friend decided to drive to Silver City to take a look around the Gila Wilderness. It did not take long

for Paul to decide he had found what he had been looking for. While driving up Highway 15, just a few miles outside of Pinos Altos, Paul, surprising his friend, said, “This is it.” His friend said, “But there’s nothing here.” That “nothing” was everything to Paul.



*Photo Courtesy of Paul Kenney*

Renting a small house in Silver City, Paul soon discovered the Sapillo Valley. He heard about some horses for sale near Lake Roberts. Area resident Barb Dawdy had a Berkshire Curly and a paint trail horse for sale. Paul says the paint chose him—while exercising the Curly the other horse, on its own, joined in and Paul knew he had found the horse he wanted and,

before long, was out exploring the rugged and majestic Gila Wilderness. Barb and husband Dave introduced Paul to the Lake Roberts community, where Paul soon learned that newcomers are welcomed and embraced.

Paul, “Looking for property with room for horses without lots of acreage”, purchased the cabin once owned by Mimbres old-timers Joan and Charles McCargish, who now live in Reserve. Paul rapidly became part of the fabric of the community, joined the volunteer fire department, eventually becoming the head of the organization.

Recently, Paul researched the history of the Sapillo Fire Department, with a goal in mind – to create a plaque inscribed with names of the first volunteers, including not only a list of firefighters but also the community members that held bake sales and rummage sales and raffles to raise money, and those that helped with all the other jobs necessary in creating a volunteer fire department. Paul learned that the first building was given to the fire department by the Whiskey Creek department in Arenas valley. The building was dismantled, hauled to Lake Roberts and reconstructed

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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



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As we transition from January to February, still enjoying "winter" weather, there are several local events and activities coming up to take our minds off the chilly weather.

One thing which appeals to me is the fact that the Girl Scouts are gearing up to sell Girl Scout Cookies – an annual opportunity to indulge in our favorite variety and to contribute to a worthwhile organization. Track down your favorite Girl Scout in case she hasn't already notified you and browse these pages to find other intriguing events and activities in the area.

February also gives us Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Mardi Gras (if you happen to celebrate Louisiana's official holiday), Ash Wednesday, and Groundhog Day, among others.

On a rather more somber note, the tax return season opens and will run through April 15th. See the article below for information about free tax return preparation – a very worthwhile thing!

Enjoy our moderate winter weather – be thankful, as am I, that you do not live in New England this month.

The volunteer staff at the Messenger is still actively looking for articles of interest, book reviews, silly commentary or just plain historical facts to include in our monthly publication. A couple of people have actually begun the process of consulting with us for future articles, and we are looking forward to working with them to bring their ideas to our readers.

Please e-mail ideas, articles, observations, etc. to [Willhite200@aol.com](mailto:Willhite200@aol.com) or call Anna or Mary at 536-9323 or mail to Box 137, Mimbres, NM 88049. If you mail or e-mail, please include your name and contact information so that we can get in touch with you with questions. You can specify whether you want a by-line for your submission or not.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION

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

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will be providing free tax return preparation in our local community beginning February 2 through April 14.

AARP Foundation Tax Aide is working for you, to get all the tax credits and deductions you deserve. All volunteers are trained each year to make sure their knowledge is up to date; they are certified by the IRS. We are the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation program – neighbors helping neighbors. No strings attached. There is no fee and no sales pitch for other services.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers concentrate on the needs of low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. They understand the needs

of this category of taxpayers, especially as the U.S. tax code has become more and more complicated. At a tax preparation site, you do not have to stand in line or go online. You have a specific appointment for your return preparation. You get personal attention from a real person until your taxes are completed. We even transmit your returns directly to the IRS, and provide you with a copy.

Tax return preparation will be at the Mimbres Senior Center on Mondays, through April 13th and at the Bayard Public Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays through April 14th. You must have an appointment. Call Anna or Mary at 575-536-9323 to make an appointment.

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next to Sapillo Creek. Years later, the present day home for the fire trucks and equipment was built— partly funded by grants. Once again, the community came together to accomplish a task.

Paul says he feels lucky to live where people worked together to create a fire department. People saw a need and did what needed doing. He's glad to call Lake Roberts home-- a community where people help each other, welcome newcomers, and share a special place on the edge of the wilderness.

*(Note: Mimbres old-timers were quick to notice a mistake in the November Meet Your Neighbor about Donnie Forman—Donnie opened the Rio Mimbres Lodge and Café in 1970 not 1990! Sorry about the typo. M.M.)*

VALENTINE'S DAY



BECAUSE LOVE ISN'T QUITE  
COMPLICATED ENOUGH AS IT IS.

## 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 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. The Messenger will usually be available online before you can pick it up in hard copy! So save a tree! You will also get to see all of the pictures in color, and you can print off more coloring pages for your children.

## GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grant County Rolling stones has been providing funds for scholarships at the Western New Mexico University for geology minors for many years. This supports the basic purpose of the Society, which is the exchange of information & furtherance of the knowledge of mineralogy, gem cutting, geology, and to stimulate interest in the development of these studies.

Mr. Jamey Shepard and Mr. Isaih Reynolds are the Rolling Stones Gem and Mineral society Scholarship recipients for 2014-2015.

Jamey, a previous recipient of the scholarship, is a senior majoring in Forestry & Wildlife with a geology minor and expects to graduate in May. Jamey is an army veteran, who has worked in many areas of the west before returning to school to pursue a degree. He is currently looking for a

career job, but has not ruled out the possibility of additional education once he graduates

Isaih is a junior also majoring in Forestry & Wildlife with a geology minor. A native of Hawaii, Isaih's principal interest is in wildlife, but he is also very interested in volcanology.

The two scholarship to WNMU of \$750 each, a continuing fund to help with field trips for students taking Geology classes at WNMU, a \$500 donation to the Grant County Search and Rescue, a \$500 donation to the Gila Conservation Education Center, and a \$1000 donation to The New Mexico Mineral Symposium are only some of the activities funded by the Grant County Rolling Stones from money raised by the annual Gem and Mineral Show.

## SAPILLO VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

### CALL 911 in an EMERGENCY

### Such a SAVINGS DEAL we have for you!!!

As many of our faithful readers are aware, in December we had some distribution problems with the *Messenger*. Distribution was almost non-existent in the Sapillo. Since the December article dealt with the Sapillo area, we are re-printing the article, and hopefully it will get to your area this time! Don't worry, these FREE!\* offers are still good.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Just call 536-3100. That's 536-3100 for your very own assessment and free smoke detector.\*

#### \*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





## SILVER CITY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WELCOMES

# BOBOUTIQUE AIR

In January, Boutique Air started their flight service between Silver City and Albuquerque, and we have heard nothing but good reports.

Boutique Air's return service is through the E gates at the Albuquerque Sunport, and with four convenient daily flights during the week and two on weekends, it is very easy to catch connecting flights. Their typical flight time is scheduled for one hour from gate to gate, but some flights have taken as little as 35 minutes depending on the winds and conditions.

Boutique Air's ticket prices start at \$59 one-way, but can go all the way up to \$149 for the last remaining seat. This should encourage travelers to book early which they can do by visiting the airline's web-

site at <http://www.BoutiqueAir.com> or by calling 415-449-0505.

Boutique Air has a fleet of Swiss engineered and manufactured Pilatus PC-12 aircraft with 8 leather seats and an executive style configuration.



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terminal before boarding. If flights are delayed or cancelled, passengers will be contacted and advised of any flight changes. Boutique Air will do what it takes to offer the best experience they can.

Last week, my neighbor, who was returning from Alaska, flew from Albuquerque. He not only reported a great experience and his appreciation for having this new service, but, they didn't even charge him for his cat! NOW THAT IS SERVICE.

Grant County residents are very happy to have this new service. So the next time you need to go to Albuquerque to visit family or friends, go a doctor's appointment, take a flight elsewhere, or you just want to avoid the five hour drive over "the pass" why not give Boutique Air a try.

## Silver City is the #1 Place to Retire in New Mexico!

A new study from SmartAsst ranked the 10 best places to retire in New Mexico, and Silver City took top honors.

The study considered four main factors.

Taxes, the number of doctors' offices, and the opportunity for recreation and social life.

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4. Ruidoso

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8. Las Cruces
9. Aztec
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## ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

After the busy holiday season, Lodge activities resumed a more normal pace in January. The appearance of our local version of winter weather kept many folks indoors, trying to stay by the fire to keep warm. Recent news of the blizzards on the east coast have reminded us how fortunate we are that our winter weather is nothing like the extreme cold and snow other parts of the country endure in January.

The Booster Club took a holiday in January, but the regular monthly meetings will resume on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will have a light supper and then the business meeting. Also, as always, we will welcome guests.

Bingo will be held at the Lodge on the second Sunday of the month, February 8<sup>th</sup> with lots of new prizes plus regular and money games for

an afternoon of fun. The next Swap Meet will be held in March.

The Roundup Lodge has become a regular meeting place for many organizations and activities. Despite the fact that we have a pretty full schedule of events every month, the Lodge is still available for private parties and gatherings. We are fortunate as a community to have a facility that can accommodate a wide variety of events and we thank the Mimbres community for recognizing and taking advantage of this facility which is wholly administered by volunteers from the community.

To schedule an event or to reserve the Lodge for a private function, contact Paula at 536-9433 or e-mail her at [www.paula@gilanet.com](mailto:www.paula@gilanet.com).

### Mimbres Roundup Lodge

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# SENIOR CENTER MENU

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| 2 MONDAY   | 3 TUESDAY  | 4 WEDNESDAY  | 5 THURSDAY   | 6 FRIDAY   |
| <b>3 oz Chicken Strips</b><br>4 oz Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy<br>4 oz Carrots<br>1 WW Roll W/Margarine<br>1 Oatmeal Cookie<br>9                                    | <b>4 oz Salmon Patty ***</b><br>1 Small Baked Potato<br>4 oz Spinach<br>1 Slice WW Bread<br>4 oz Chocolate Pudding<br>10                             | <b>4 oz Fidelos Con Carne</b><br>4 oz Mixed Veggies<br>1 Flour Tortilla<br>4 oz Pineapple, Orange Mix<br>10 Minute Marshmallows<br>11  | <b>3 oz BBQ Chicken Thighs</b><br>4 oz Broccoli, Cauliflower<br>& Carrot Salad<br>1 Dinner Roll<br>4 oz Peaches, 1 Sugar Cookie<br>12                          | <b>Chili Dog...2 **</b><br>3 oz Hot dog On a Bun<br>1 T Chili & Beans<br>4 oz Baked Potato Wedges<br>4 oz Mixed Veggies, 1 Orange<br>13                  |
| <b>4 oz Baked Mac &amp; Cheese</b><br>4 oz Brussel Sprouts<br>W/1 tsp Margarine<br>1 Dinner Roll<br>4 oz Chocolate Pudding<br>16                                 | <b>1 Sloppy Joe</b><br>3 oz Beef, 3 oz Pepper, Onion & Sauce<br>4 oz Tossed Salad W/2 T Dressing<br>4 oz Green Beans<br>4 oz Vanilla Ice Cream<br>17 | <b>4 oz Gr Chili Enchilada***</b><br>2 oz Lettuce & Tomato<br>4 oz Pinto Beans<br>4 oz Spanish Rice<br>4 oz Apricots<br>18             | <b>3 oz Chicken Breast W/Bun</b><br>1 oz American Cheese<br>1 Slice Tomato<br>4 oz Peas & Carrots W/ Marg<br>1 Slice Angel Food Cake W/Strawberries<br>19      | <b>3 oz Meatloaf</b><br>4oz Mashed Potatoes<br>4 oz Broccoli & Cauliflower W/Cheese<br>1 Dinner Roll w/ Margarine<br>4 oz Cantaloupe, 1/2 C Yogurt<br>20 |
| <b>3 oz Oven Fried Chicken</b><br>4 oz Squash<br>1 Slice WW Bread<br>4 oz Peach Crisp<br>23  | <b>3 oz Philly Steak Sandwich</b><br>4oz French Fries<br>4 oz Broccoli<br>4 oz Cantaloupe<br>24  | <b>Chicken Pasta Salad</b><br>3 oz Chicken, 4 oz Pasta<br>1 WW Roll<br>4 oz Melon<br>1 Chewy Granola Bar<br>25                         | <b>Roast Beef 1 ***</b><br>3 oz Beef Bottom Roast<br>4 oz Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy<br>4 oz Green Beans, 1 WW Roll<br>1.5 oz White Cake<br>26                   | <b>3 oz Pork Chop</b><br>W/2 oz Diced Tomatoes<br>4 oz Baked Potato<br>4 oz Mixed Veggies, 1 WW Roll<br>4 oz Peaches<br>27                               |
| <b>1 Meat &amp; Cheese Burrito</b><br>2 oz Ground Beef, 1 oz Cheese<br>1 oz Gr, Chile, 1 Flour Tortilla<br>4 oz Tossed Salad<br>4 oz Apricots<br>2 Sugar Cookies | <b>1 oz Lean Sausage***</b><br>4 oz Wild Rice<br>4 oz Steamed Broccoli<br>W/ 1 tsp Margarine<br>1 WW Dinner Roll<br>4 oz Applesauce                  | <b>Hamburger***</b><br>2 oz Lettuce & Tomato<br>2 oz Onions, Pickles & Gr Chile<br>4 oz French Fries<br>4 oz Peaches W/ Cottage Cheese | <b>6 oz Baked Chicken Nuggets</b><br>2 oz Honey Mustard & BBQ Sauce<br>4 oz Baked Potato Wedges<br>W/ Ketchup<br>4 oz Broccoli W/Cheese<br>4 oz Fruit Cocktail | <b>1 Tuna Salad Sandwich**</b><br>2 Slices WW Bread,<br>1 Cheese Slice<br>4 oz Low Sodium Veggie Soup<br>5 Saltine Crackers<br>4 oz Apricots             |
| <b>8 oz Milk</b><br><b>Served</b><br><b>Daily !!!</b><br>                     | Santa Clara 537-5254<br>Mimbres 536-9990<br>Silver City 388-2545<br>Gila 535-2888  |   |    | <b>Please Call A</b><br><b>Day Ahead</b><br><b>For Reservations</b><br>Menu Subject to Change  |



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## San Lorenzo Students Fieldtrip to TNC Mimbres Preserve

Last Fall, San Lorenzo Students went on a field trip to The Nature Conservancy's Mimbres River Preserve. The Gila Conservation Center, partnering with The Nature Conservancy and San Lorenzo Elementary, hosted the event and provided outreach "trunks" programs. The students listened to presentations then hiked along the river's edge. Volunteers Meg and Dale Streams, and Marilyn Markel talked to the students about animal skulls and predators. The kids took notes in their field notebooks, looked for animal tracks, learned about endangered fish and frogs, listened to the sounds of nature, and wrote about what they saw.



"The running river, the shining sun, all the leaves on the ground, what a beautiful sight to be seen." Kaylee

"I always feel calm when I come down to the river. I love the soft sound of the water flowing over the rocks, and its beautiful sparkle. I love the smell of leaves and grass that is always here." Adrienne

"I feel calm and I see rocks and trees. The river is very pretty. I see beautiful mountains. I see the bubbles popping. I see leaves falling from the trees." Paige

"At the river I saw mud and rocks. I wondered if fish lived there. I guess I'll never know. I also found parts of dams that beavers could have lived in. I had an awesome field trip. I can't wait to come back." Sarah

"I saw tracks and flowing water, lots of colors like brown, green. Blue." Aaliyah

When I went to the river it was stinky, sandy, green and brown and mossy, cold, and animals were there." Ryan.

"The water is muddy. The water is sandy. The water has rocks and sticks. I think the water has worms. I like the river because at the river I saw footprints." Elijah

At this field trip we felt the crunchy leafs and the wet mud. I also felt the soft grass, and I saw a beautiful tree. The water was so cold and beautiful. And I see water running fast as a bunny. I see the bubbles popping in the water." Isa



Thanks to Peter Crum and Meg Streams for field trip photos.

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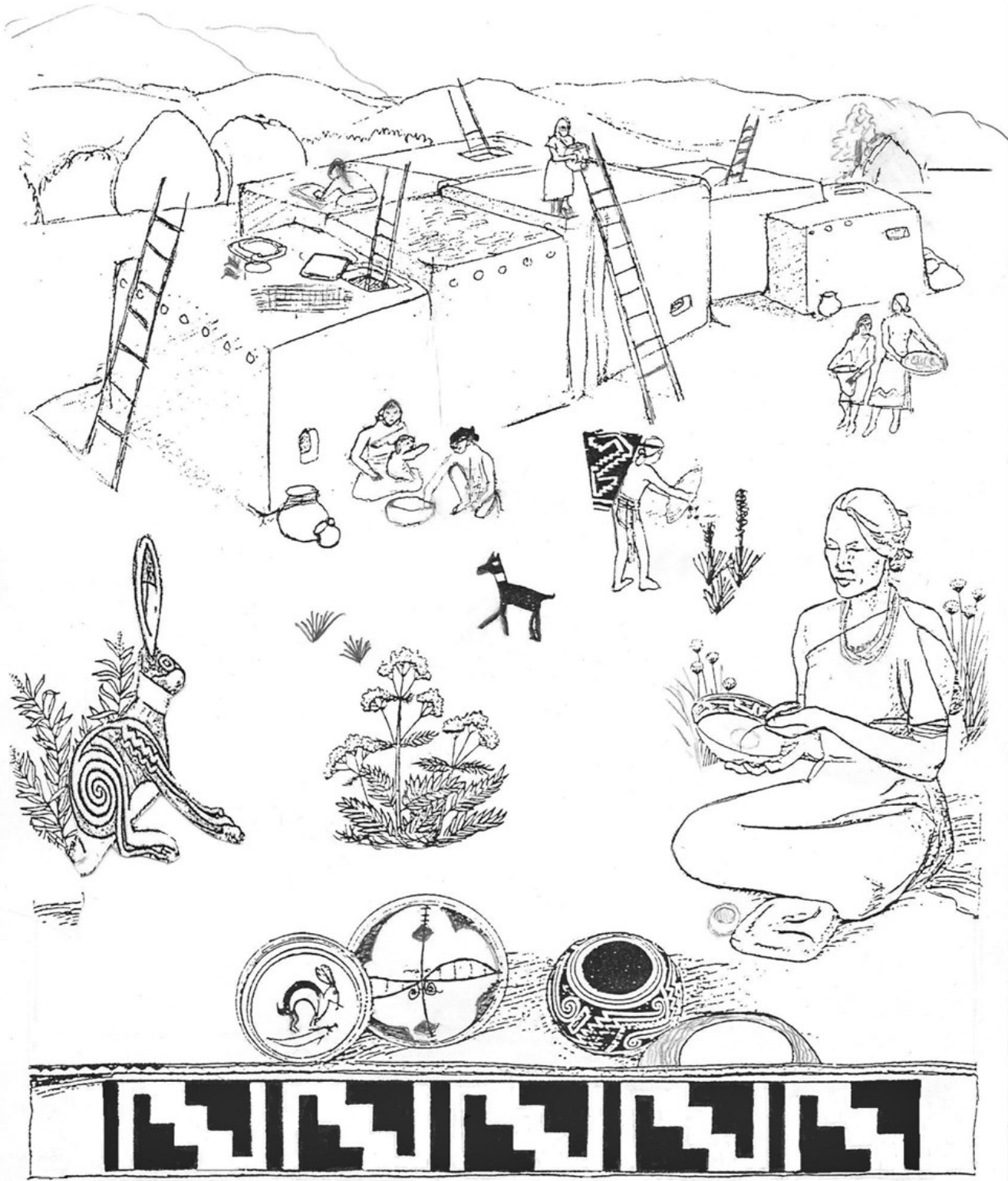
## Conejo Mimbrenño in January

In January I visited San Lorenzo School. I had a great time looking at all the creative artwork displayed in the library and on the walls of the halls. And the kids gave me some "warm hugs"!





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



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

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

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets February 19th (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - February 11th - (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, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th** - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Doors open at 8 am with off-line auction starting at 9 am. Sunday auction doors open at 9 am. Preview items on Friday, January 9th. 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 10 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 10 am to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

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

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - February 12th** - 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 -February 4th (Wednesday) - 5:30 pm MVHAL Board Meeting** - Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road. Members Welcome

## **MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB**

**Booster Club Monthly Meeting. February 5 th - first Thursday of each month.** New members welcome. Light dinner served.

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**BINGO - February 8th - 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 - LUNCH DAILY Monday - Friday 11:30** Reservations are requested one day in advance.

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# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - February 4th - First Wednesday.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

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

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**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, February 19th**

**Mimbres** - Mimbres Valley Café 9:45 am - 10:45 am

**Lake Roberts** - Sapillo Creek Fire Station 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

**Doc Campbell's Post** (near Gila Cliff Dwellings) 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - February 18th - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm** At the Women's Club, Silver City. Pot-Luck supper , short business meeting. Presentation on rock art by Ike Eastbold. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

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**MS SUPORT 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

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### **PARAPROSDOKIANS**

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- ◆ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ◆ The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
- ◆ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◆ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ◆ War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- ◆ Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- ◆ They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- ◆ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ◆ I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted paychecks.
- ◆ In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put "DOCTOR."
- ◆ I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- ◆ Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street ... with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- ◆ Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- ◆ A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
- ◆ You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- ◆ Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with
- ◆ There's a fine line between cuddling and ... holding someone down so they can't get away.
- ◆ I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- ◆ You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- ◆ To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- ◆ Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- ◆ Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- ◆ Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- ◆ I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

### **FUN FACTS ABOUT FEBRUARY**

The most popular February holiday (if you ignore the Super Bowl, Groundhog Day, well you get the idea) is Valentine's Day. Officially V. Day is the celebration of romantic love. It is not the celebration of the approximately 190 million cards sent on this day. If you include cards given at school and handmade cards the total goes up to almost 1 billion. Teachers get the most Valentines. 85% of Valentines are purchased by women; 73% of flowers are purchased by men. The holiday goes back for centuries

and has a history too extensive to include here.

Presidents' Day is officially Washington's birthday. Lincoln's February birthday is also celebrated around this time.

February is Black History Month, American Heart Month, National Bird Feeding Month, Chocolate Lovers' Month and National Dental Month. (There is probably some correlation between those last two.)



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## PRODUCE OF THE MONTH

By Frankie at Valle Mimbres Market

### SWEET POTATO (Ipomoea batatas)

This root crop of a leafy vine originally native to Peru, dates as far back as 8,000 BC and was domesticated in Central America 5,000 years ago. It is a member of the morning glory family, different from yams which are related to lilies. In the US, it is grown during fall and early winter and keeps well until the warm months.

**Selecting and Storing:** Sweet potatoes come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors. The skin and flesh can range from yellow to purple, most of them in shades of orange. Roots with paler flesh are usually not as sweet or moist as the darker ones. Select firm roots free of soft spots. Store in a cool dark place in paper or cardboard.

**Nutrients:** These fat-free sweet roots are high in vitamins A, B5, B6, carotenoids and manganese and also rich in vitamins B1, B2, B3 and E, as well as magnesium, phosphorus and potassium, they contain powerful disease-fighting antioxidants. Their starch has a low glycemic index (sugar is slowly released into the bloodstream). Steaming or baking rather than boiling will improve the availability of the beta-carotene and other beneficial compounds. The root should be peeled just before cooking to prevent oxidation.

**Serving Suggestions:** This versatile vegetable can be used instead of potatoes and baked, grilled or steamed. Cut like fries, bake them with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast them with lime juice, chipotle powder and

minced shallots. Bake them, cut them in half the long way and serve with seasoned sour cream, and/or parmesan cheese; or for a sweet and spicy treat serve them covered with mango salsa; or for a one-dish meal stuff them with curried lamb or with shrimp and hot salsa. Steam and mash them with maple syrup, cinnamon and orange zest. Bake, slice and top them with dry-toasted nuts and coconut flakes. As k-bobs, steam them 10 minutes, cut into bite-sized cubes, toss in coconut oil and seasoned plain yogurt, skewer and grill them until crispy. Steam or bake and blend them into a pudding or a sweet and spicy dip or as a pie filling with ginger, nutmeg and toasted nuts or coconut flakes. Also great in soups or in salads. Pureed sweet potatoes are the ideal first solid food for infants.

**Recipe:** Curried Sweet Potato Soup. In a 3-quart heavy bottom saucepan, sauté 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots in 1 Tbsp coconut oil. Add 4 cups vegetable or chicken broth. Add 4 cups peeled and cubed sweet potatoes, 1 cup sliced carrots, 1 cup cubed apple, 1/2 cup raisins or dried currants, 1/4 cup coconut flakes, 1 Tbsp curry powder, 1 Tbsp grated ginger, 1/2 tsp black pepper, 1/2 tsp cardamom, 1/4 tsp sea salt and a pinch of nutmeg. Slowly bring to a boil. Simmer for 30 minutes, covered. Blend half of the soup to a fine purée. Blend the other half to a coarse purée. Return to pan and simmer another 15 minutes. Optional: garnish with 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or Italian parsley, and/or a dollop of cream. Serve hot with toasted bread.

### 2015 Call to Young Artists of the Mimbres Valley

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

**Exhibition Dates:**

May 26th through June 6th, 2015.

**Event Details:**

**Location:** Valle Mimbres Market Showroom

2739 Highway 35, San Lorenzo/Mimbres, NM, 575-574-7069.

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

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

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



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You must bring these items to your appointment: Social Security card (yours, your spouse's and any dependents) or ITIN card or SSA-1099 statement. Photo I.D. for all adults. You must have one of these government-issued cards and proper ID in order for us to prepare your tax returns.

Other things to bring: W-2 forms; SSA-1099 form (if you had SS benefits NOT the letter describing benefits); 1099 if you have a pension or annuity; any 1099 form (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-MISC, etc.); unemployment compensation forms; any forms indicating taxes paid; dependent care provider information (name, address and Social Security number); all receipts or checks if itemizing deductions; if you are 65 or over, your property tax bill or cancelled payment check; your last year's tax returns; form 1095-A or other health-care information; a blank check if using direct deposit or withdrawal. If you are filing a joint return, both spouses need to be present.



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## Chocolate Fantasia 2015 Silver City, New Mexico

### *Lights! Camera! Chocolate!* Saturday, February 7, 2015

The Mimbres Region Arts Council is pleased to announce this year's theme—***Lights! Camera! Chocolate!***—for its annual pre-Valentine's Day chocolate extravaganza.

#### CHOCOLATE FANTASIA.

Stroll Silver City's historic district while sampling 20 gourmet chocolates. Tickets are \$20 for 20 individual pieces of chocolate from over 30 Chocolate Stops in and around downtown. Merchants and galleries will decorate in keeping with the Hollywood theme. There will be free music, site-specific events, games, and other children's activities throughout the tasting area.

This year chocolate events start at 11 a.m. and will last until 4:00 p.m. Chocolate Stop maps and empty candy boxes (\$2.00 each for collecting your chocolates) will be available at ***Chocolate Fantasia Headquarters*** (HQ), The Family Karate Center,

at 416 N. Bullard Street. Don't forget to check out the Chocolate Fantasia merchandise also available at HQ.

Throughout the day the chocolates and host sites will be judged by a distinguished panel of judges in a number of categories and awards will be given out at a ceremony at 4:30 pm at Little Toad Creek Brewery, 200 N Bullard, following the event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the awards event.

Chocolate Fantasia is a delicious way to spend a day with your sweetheart or family! Come for the day or stay the weekend. We guarantee a truly delectable visit. Tickets make great Valentine's Day gifts! Contact the MRAC office. Chocolate Fantasia tickets traditionally sell out so purchase yours early.

For more information, tickets for the day's events, call MRAC at 575-538-2505, or visit [www.mimbresarts.org](http://www.mimbresarts.org).

**About the Mimbres Region Arts Council** *The Mimbres Region Arts Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality visual, performing, and youth arts programs that serve and strengthen our community.. MRAC is consistently ranked as one of the top-rated arts councils in New Mexico.*

#### ARROZ CON POLLO (Chicken with Rice)

2 T. butter  
2 T. olive oil  
Serving-size pieces of chicken for 6 persons  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 (3.5 oz) jar Spanish capers with juice  
1 sm. Jar Spanish olives, drained  
1 onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, chopped  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 ½ c, raw rice  
3 c. hot chicken broth  
1 (8 oz) can tomato paste

In 6-qt pot that can be used in oven, heat butter and oil. Brown chicken and season with salt and pepper. Remove from pot. In the same oil,

cook capers with juice, onion, garlic, green peppers and Spanish olives. When vegetables are cooked, add raw rice and brown. While chicken broth is heating, add tomato sauce. Place browned chicken over browned rice, pour liquid over chicken and rice. Cover tightly with cover or aluminum foil; bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

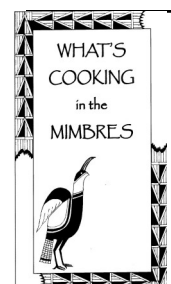
#### DUTCH OVEN STEW

2-3 lbs. stew meat, cut into 1 ½ inch cubes  
5-6 potatoes, cut in chunks  
5-6 carrots, cut in 1 ½ inch pieces  
1 lg. onion, chopped  
3-4 beef bouillon cubes  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Dash or two of garlic powder  
Salt and pepper meat and roll in flour.


Brown in hot oil in Dutch oven, drain. Add enough water to simmer, then add bouillon cubes. Simmer about 2 hours or until meat is tender. Add potatoes, carrots, onions and garlic powder. Continue simmering until vegetables are done and flavors are well blended.

*What's Cooking in the Mimbres* is available for purchase at Hupp's Hardware and Grocery, La Esperanza Winery and the Elk X-ing Café or contact any member of the Booster Club.

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## **HOLLYWOOD COMES TO NEW MEXICO**

### NEW MEXICO BASED MOVIES and MOVIE MAKERS

In the September issue of the *Messenger*, we introduced you to Mike Barragree and Glenn Tolhurst, the founders of Mimbres Film, LLC, a film location, scouting and logistics support company. Their aim is to bring southern New Mexico, and its many attributes, to the attention of filmmakers, and to attract them to this spectacular corner of our state. They are putting together a database to display properties available to filmmakers along with names and contact information for people in the area who can provide particular services (electricians, carpenters, extras and more).

Shortly after a recent article about Mimbres Film, LLC appeared in the *Las Cruces Bulletin*, they were contacted by PRC Productions, which has resulted in location selection for their next film which is currently in produc-

tion. The work of PRC Productions exemplifies the fine work being produced by independent filmmakers living and working in southern New Mexico. Their first commercial feature film, "TRUTH", is set for limited release with a premiere screening in Las Cruces at the Rio Grande Theatre on North Main Street on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a second premiere screening in Silver City at Light Hall Auditorium on the WNMU campus on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. For more details, visit [www.WhatIsTheTruth.com](http://www.WhatIsTheTruth.com).

TRUTH was shot primarily in Silver City by PRC Productions, and features a script by actor/director Michael J. Cramer (*Weird Science*, *Summer Camp Nightmare*) and starring William McNamara (*Dream a Little Dream*, *Copycat*) along with local actors Johnny Tabor, Sabrina Gomez, Rob Dean, Marcelle Bowman, Jack Lutz, Adam Ostland,

Eric Young and many others. It is a science fiction, Horror/thriller set in local sites.

PRC Productions is a Las Cruces-based, full-service production company. Since it was formed in June, 2010 it has produced several short films, award-winning documentaries and commercials and nearly 50 aired television programs. PRC has produced and assisted in several feature films including *Day of the Mummy* with Danny Glover. It is currently in pre-production on the horror film HIDEOUS, scheduled to begin filming throughout southern New Mexico in early 2015.

Look for additional articles and reports on the efforts of Mimbres Film, LLC in future editions. They are working hard to bring movie-making to our neck of the woods.



*TOPS Club, Inc.* is the original, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization.

*TOPS* is an acronym for Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

*TOPS' mission* is to support our members (about 170,000 worldwide) as they take off and keep off pounds sensibly.

*TOPS' philosophy* is that the desire to change comes from within the individual – and the most effective way to sustain change is to provide a supporting environment. TOPS provides a caring, friendly environment inside and outside meetings for members.

*TOPS is different* from commercial weight-loss organizations. We help people meet their individual needs through group support. Members consult with their personal healthcare provider to obtain appropriate plans for nutrition

and exercise. TOPS provides support, encouragement and recognition for their efforts to achieve their goals.

*TOPS' members are encouraged* to achieve KOPS status by reaching and maintaining their goal weight. (KOPS is an acronym for Keep Off Pounds Sensibly.)

*TOPS advocates involvement* of the members' physicians or licensed healthcare providers and has established ties to the medical community. Members consult with their personal healthcare provider to determine a realistic weight goal and timetable appropriate to their individual situation.

*TOPS is a leading supporter of obesity research.* We have donated over \$8 million to fund this support through the Medical College of Wisconsin.

*TOPS is as effective* as commercial groups such as Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig. The Institute of Medicine defines success-

ful, long-term weight loss as losing at least 5% of body weight and keeping it off for at least one year. According to a research study published by Dr. Nia S. Mitchell in 2010 in the official journal of the Obesity Society, TOPS participants who renew their annual membership consecutively over a period of one to three years lose between 5.9% and 7.1% of their initial weight. Those who remain in the program lose 6% of initial weight in the first year and maintain that loss for up to three years.

*TOPS is affordable*, with low annual fees and weekly chapter dues.

*TOPS invites* interested individuals to try us risk-free. They are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge before joining. Detailed information can be found online at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or by calling 800-932-8677.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 5:30 PM - Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting ~ Roundup Lodge. Members Welcome**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH— NOON - 2:00 PM**  
**Commodities Pickup ~ Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.**

**We're on the web**  
**www.mvhal.org**  
**www.mimbresharvestfest.com**  
**www.blackrange.org**



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?*****When Clay Sings*****by Byrd Baylor**

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Byrd Baylor lives in the desert in Arizona and has written many books about the people, plants and animals that live there. As a desert dweller yourself you might enjoy these books: "Desert Voices", "The Desert is Theirs", "Hawk, I'm Your Brother:.. All of them have won awards for the illustrations.

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A fast-paced thriller, great escape reading.

Young attorney and Supreme Court Clerk, Michael Fiske, broke the law when he took Rufus Harms' prison letter of Appeal from the Supreme Court. But he also sealed his own fate. Suddenly everyone who has anything to do with Harms or his appeal mysteriously dies. Now Michael's brother John, a cop turned attorney, comes to Washington to find out why his brother was murdered – and what it had to do with a crime that Harms committed twenty-five years before. But the one man who can help John, the one man who knows what really happened more than two decades ago – and why – has escaped from prison and is running for his life.

Anonymous

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