



A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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MIMBRES MESSENGER

50 YEARS AGO...

As we move into 2015, here is a look at 1965 – 50 years ago. For some it will be a history lesson, for others, it will be a nostalgic reminiscence.

HEADLINES

First US Troops Land in Vietnam
Malcolm X is Assassinated in Harlem

Medicare Bill Passes

Voting Rights Act of 1965 Passes

HUD is Created

Supreme Court Strikes Down
Compulsory Anti-Birth Control Laws

3,200 Make a 54-Mile "Freedom March" From Selma to Montgomery Alabama

34 Die in Watts Ghetto Riots

25,000 in Washington D.C. March to Protest War

LBJ Stops Bombing and Offers Peace

STATISTICS

Population - 194,302,963
Dow Jones: high – 969, low – 867
Federal Spending - 118.23 billion
Federal Debt - 322.3 billion
Minimum Wage - \$1.25 an hour
Average yearly income- \$5,942
U.S. physicians – 297,000
Dentists – 109,000
Hospital beds – 1,703,000
President - Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice Pres. - Hubert Humphrey

THE COST OF THINGS

Avg. Cost of New Home- \$13,600
Avg. Rent per month - \$118
First Class Postage - 5¢
Pay Phone/local call - 5¢
Impala® Station Wagon - \$2,909
Regular Gas per gallon - 31¢
Dozen Eggs - 53¢
Gallon of Milk - 95¢
Loaf of Bread - 21¢
Ground Beef per # - 45¢
Fast Food Hamburger - 20¢
Tide® Laundry Soap - 59¢
Movie Ticket - \$1
Daily Newspaper - 5¢
Sunday Newspaper - 15¢

BIRTHS

Charlie Sheen
Sarah Jessica Parker
J. K. Rowling
Reggie Lewis
Carrot Top
Rodney King
Kyra Sedgwick
Alan Cumming
Brook Shields

DEATHS

Winston Churchill
Nat "King" Cole
T.S. Eliot
Felix Frankfurter
Stan Laurel
Edward R. Murrow
Albert Schweitzer
Adlai E. Stevenson

TELEVISION

NBC became the first network to present early evening, 30-minute news. Forty new shows, the highest number in TV history, appeared in the fall. For the first time, all the top shows were in color.

NEILSEN'S TOP 10 SHOWS

"Bonanza"
"Gomer Pyle, USMC"
"The Lucy Show"
"The Red Skelton Hour"
"Batman"
"The Andy Griffith Show"
"Bewitched"
"The Beverly Hillbillies"
"Hogan's Heroes"
"Green Acres"

EMMY AWARDS

"The Fugitive" (drama)
"Andy Williams Show" (variety)
"The Dick Van Dyke Show" (comedy)
Bill Cosby (actor - "I Spy")
Dick Van Dyke (comedic actor – "The Dick Van Dyke Show")
Barbara Stanwyck (actress – "The Big Valley")
Mary Tyler Moore (comedic actress – "The Dick Van Dyke Show")

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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The volunteer staff of the *Messenger* sends all best wishes to our readers for a happy, healthy new year.

We also offer our apologies for the somewhat chaotic state of the December issue. The majority of our volunteers were traveling and otherwise away from the Mimbres during most of the month. Getting the articles written, submitted in a timely fashion, laid out for printing, printing and distributing was a significant challenge. As will happen in times of chaos, mis-direction and mis-information resulted in several venues receiving their copies late or, in some cases, not at all! We apologize for the haphazard availability of the December issue, and will endeavor to avoid similar problems in the future. The volunteers will not, however, vow to avoid personal and business travel perpetually in the future! (Thank goodness that we are online at Blackrange.org!)

As you can imagine, there are numerous challenges involved in the all-volunteer production of a publication each and every month. We are fortunate to have some very able and conscientious volunteers. Those of us who participate in producing the *Messenger* have very high standards and strive for as close to perfection as possible each month. We would also like to have some personal time for ourselves occasionally.

We want to continue to publish the *Messenger* in a timely manner, with interesting and varied content. We are not proud: consider this a plea for additional volunteers, whom we will welcome warmly! **We**

need more contributors. There are many, many folks out there who have expertise in varied and interesting areas. Many of you are aware of and participate in events, projects and community activities that are unknown to those of us who write and assemble news for the *Messenger*. Please consider submitting articles, observations, photographs, funny stories, instructional articles or just plain comments or reports about life in the Mimbres. Here are some suggestions:

(Do not offer the excuse that you are “not a writer” – that is what we have editors for, we can spend more time “polishing” submissions if we don’t have to come up with them in the first place.)

Do you know someone who would be an interesting Neighbor for “Meet Your Neighbor”? If you don’t want to do the writing, tell us whom we should contact for an interview (you can even remain anonymous if you want). Would YOU like to be the Neighbor for that front-page article? Let us know.

Have you visited an unusual or interesting place lately? Have you met an interesting person? Did you see a 7-point buck pass through your yard? Have you had an unusual or interesting visitor? What are you reading? (I know that item already exists, but there are literally millions of books out there available for comment.) Do you have a fabulous recipe to share? Did your child or grandchild receive an award or special recognition? What is on your mind? (No political commentary, please.) What brought you to the Mimbres, if you are not a native? Have

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you embarked on a new or unusual personal endeavor that others might be interested in learning about?

Please e-mail ideas, articles, observations, etc. to 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. The possibilities are endless.

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. 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! You will also get to see all of the pictures in color, and you can print off more coloring pages for your children.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU! HEALTH & WELLNESS, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

from www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary

Health: the condition of being sound in body, mind, or spirit; *especially* : freedom from physical disease or pain

Wellness: the quality or state of being in good health especially as an actively sought goal - lifestyles that promote *wellness*

The working committee behind the Mimbres Messenger would like to introduce a new column in 2015. We want to explore what it means to be healthy and how it helps you be well. We have many working and retired health professionals living in the valley. We would like to hear from you. If you are a writer we have come up with some guidelines for the articles you submit to the editors. If you don't write but have a recommendation for a good book in the area of health and wellness, chat with the editors. All articles will be accompanied by a disclaimer in which MVHAL does not endorse any suggested prescriptive remedies.

Guidelines for articles submitted to the Mimbres Messenger:

1. The editors will consider articles on health and wellness, including an integrative approach, which considers a combination of treatment options. This would include Western medicine and other global healing traditions.
2. Article length is limited to 500 to 750 words and publication is limited to space available.
3. While MVHAL feels it is important for its readers to be informed on choices in the area of health and wellness, it does not endorse any specific prescriptive remedies. Nor does it wish to become an advertising vehicle for any specific prescriptive remedies.
4. Authors should provide name and contact information (for the editors only) and the area of practice set forth in the article.
5. Submit articles to willhite200@aol.com no later than the 15th of the month.

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MOVIES

OPENINGS

The Sound of Music - Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer

Cat Ballou - Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin

Dr. Zhivago - Julie Christie, Omar Sharif, Alec Guinness

Help! - The Beatles

ACADEMY AWARDS

Best Picture: *The Sound of Music*;

Best Director - Robert Wise (*The Sound of Music*);

Best Actress - Julie Christie (*Darling*);

Best Actor - Lee Marvin (*Cat Ballou*).

TOP BOX OFFICE STARS

Sean Connery,
John Wayne,
Doris Day,
Julie Andrews
Jack Lemmon
Elvis Presley
Cary Grant
James Stewart
Elizabeth Taylor
Richard Burton

POP MUSIC

Hit songs and singles

"Goldfinger"

"It's Not Unusual"

"Help!"

"Mr. Tambourine Man"

"Red Roses for a Blue Lady"

"I Can't Get No Satisfaction"

"What's New Pussycat?"

"Make the World Go Away"

BOOKS

Best Sellers - Fiction:

The Source, James A. Michener;
Herzog, Saul Bellow;
The Green Berets, Robin Moore;
The Man With the Golden Gun,
Ian Fleming

Best Sellers - Non Fiction:

Games People Play, Eric Berne,
MD;
Happiness is a Dry Martini,
Johnny Carson; *Kennedy*,
Theodore C. Sorensen;
The Making of the President,
1964, Theodore H. White.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

This was a banner year for space travel.

Virgil Grissom and John Young, the first U.S. two-man crew, use orbital maneuvering system on Gemini III mission.

Edward White walked in space and used a personal propulsion system on his mission with James McDivitt on Gemini IV.

Gordon Cooper and Charles Conrad, on Gemini V, make 120 orbits in eight days, demonstrating the human physiologic feasibility of a lunar mission.

Frank Borman and James Lovell make 206 orbits on Gemini VII.

Walter Shirra and Thomas Stafford, on Gemini VIA accomplish the first docking in space and come within six feet of Gemini VII.

Mariner IV transmitted 21 photos of Mars.

The world's first commercial satellite, Early Bird, is put into orbit by COMSAT; it relayed transatlantic telephone and TV. This was the first year that miniscule

integrated circuits on semiconductor material (silicon) were marketed.

WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING

Unemployment was the lowest in 8 years, 4.2 per cent.

The Medicaid rider to the Medicare Bill provided funds to states for care of the poor

The Voting Rights Act, eliminating literacy tests and authorizing federal supervision of voting procedures, stimulated an increase in black voting registration from 29 percent to 52 percent.

"Clad" coins were introduced, which eliminated 90 percent of silver in dollars, half dollars, quarters and dimes.

Over \$60 million was spent for prescription drugs to lose weight, twice the amount spent in 1960.

Ralph Nader, who left his job with the Department of Labor, intensified his crusade for consumer protection and published *Unsafe at Any Speed*, concerning auto safety.

The Clean Air Act allowed for federal regulation of auto emissions; the Water Quality act required that states set antipollution standards for interstate waters.

Urged by Lady Bird Johnson, Congress appropriated funds to beautify U.S. highways and remove their large number of billboards.

Respirators replaced the iron lung in the US.

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LBJ signed a bill to require a health warning to be printed on all cigarette packs.

FUN FACTS of 1965

The Beatles played a live concert to 55,000 fans at Shea Stadium.

Kellogg's Pop-Tarts® were created.

Cassius Clay became Muhammad Ali.

25% of all milk was delivered to homes by a milkman.

John Lennon passed his driving test.

At a cost of \$20,000 the outer Astro-dome ceiling was painted because of sun glare. This caused the grass to die.

A patent was issued for Pampers® disposable diapers.

The first Spaghetti 'O® were sold.

The Grateful Dead played their first concert in San Francisco with Lead Guitarist Jerry Garcia.

The editors take no responsibility for the accuracy of these "facts"—as most of it come off of the internet (where else)?

LUMINARIA or Farolito (little lanterns)

If you happened to take a ride to San Lorenzo on Christmas Eve night, then you were lucky. There was a gorgeous Luminaria display for everyone to enjoy. The bridges, intersection of Galaz & San Francisco, and the San Lorenzo Mission were all glowing in the night. A special "Thank You" to the persons responsible for this lovely tradition. We would thank you by name, but we don't know who you are (at lease the editors of the Messenger don't know)!



Traditionally, luminarias are made from brown paper bags weighted down with sand and illuminated from within by a lit candle. The tradition of luminarias came into existence through Spain, where bonfires were lit on roadsides and churchyards on Christmas Eve so that people could find their way to midnight mass.

Through Spain, the tradition reached Mexico and parts of America. Luminarias are typically arranged in rows to create large and elaborate displays. The southwest United States, particularly Santa Fe and Albuquerque, are well known for their impressive Christmas Eve luminaria displays.



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Living history
Tour guide

ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Happy New Year from the Mimbres Booster Club and the Roundup Lodge. We saw the old year out with our usual frenzy of activities and events at the Lodge.

The December Christmas Bazaar/Swap Meet was a festive and successful event for vendors and the Lodge. Holiday shoppers took advantage of the many unusual and hand-made gift items offered for sale. The Lodge kitchen did a brisk business with delectable goodies with a holiday theme. The Bake Sale table run by the Mimbres Senior Center offered a vast array of holiday baked goods and was a popular stop for shoppers.

December Bingo brought out a large crowd, largely hoping to take advantage of the second grand prize of \$50 for a second "blackout" game which was added through the generosity of La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery, which donated the additional prize. Our thanks to La Esperanza

za Winery for their thoughtful and generous donation.

The Booster Club members were busy during the month, helping Santa arrange for and deliver gifts to the San Lorenzo School children for the holidays.

There were several Christmas parties held in place of regular meetings by Lodge-users and a couple of private holiday celebrations, too.

There are already reservations for events in January and we look forward to another busy year at the Lodge. As always, private parties, community events and other functions are welcome to take advantage of the facilities at the Lodge. If you want to rent the Lodge for an event or party or reserve time for a community event, please contact Paula Norero at 536-9433 or via e-mail at paula@gilanet.com.

LOCAL CHURCHES

MIMBRES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2622 Highway 35 in Mimbres

(Next to the Senior Citizen's Center)

Pastor Michael Brunk
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San Jose Mission
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Alternate Saturdays at 3:30 pm

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Mimbres Roundup Lodge

Your Community Center

Sunday, JANUARY 11th ~ 2 pm to 5pm

BINGO

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Plus Money Games

**Snack Bar Opens
At 1:30 pm**

SENIOR CENTER MENU

<div>  <h1>January 2015</h1>  </div>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance Thank You!!!	Silver 388-2545 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990 Santa Clara 537-5254	 8 oz Milk Served Daily	Closed For New Years 	Frito Pie...1*** 3 oz Chile con Carne, 2 oz Corn Chips 1 oz Cheese & Onions 4 oz Mixed Veggies 2 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 1 Lemon Crisp Cookie
5	6	7	8	9
3 oz Chicken Breast W/Bun 1 oz American Cheese 1 Slice Tomato 1 C Corn 1 C Steamed Carrots W/Marg 1 slice Angel Food Cake w/ Strawberries	Lasagna ...1*** 6 oz Lasagna, 6 oz Spinach Salad W/ Dressing 1 Peanut Butter Cookie 6 oz Pears 4 oz Cottage Cheese	Grilled Turkey & Cheese Sandwich.4 2 oz Cheese, 1 oz Turkey 2 Slices WW Bread 3/4 C Sautéed Potatoes & Gr. Peppers 1/2 C Vegetable Soup 1/2 Pears	1 Gr.Chile, Meat & Cheese Burrito 2 oz . Meat, 1 oz Cheese & Chile 4 oz Tossed Salad 4 oz Apricots 2 Sugar Cookies	3 oz Braised Pork Chop 1/4 C 3-Bean Salad 1 C Peas 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 1/2 C Baked Apple Slices
12	13	14	15	16
Salisbury Steak...2*** 3 oz Salisbury Steak W/ 2 T Gravy 1/2 C Mashed Potatoes 1/2 C Steamed Spinach 1 WW Dinner Roll W/Marg 1/2 C Tropical Fruit Salad	Spaghetti & Sauce...4** 4 oz Pasta, 3 oz Meat Sauce W/1 T Grated Parmesan Cheese 1 C Steamed Broccoli W/Cheese 1 Slice Garlic Bread 3/4 C Sliced Peaches	7 oz Chicken Fajitas...2** 1 Flour Tortilla 2 oz Cheese, 7 oz Chicken 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Tomatoes & Gr. Chile 1 Pumpkin Spice Cookie	6 oz Meatloaf 2 oz Brown Gravy, 4 oz Green Beans 4 oz Scalloped Potatoes 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 1 Slice Angel Food Cake 4 oz Strawberries W/ Topping	6 oz Chicken Nuggets 2 oz Honey Mustard & BBQ Sauce 4 oz Baked Potato Wedges W/Catsup 6 oz Carrots 4 oz Fruit Cocktail
19	20	21	22	23
Closed for Martin Luther King Day 	1 Ham & Cheese Sandwich** 2 oz Ham, 1 Slice Cheese On WW Bread 4 oz 3-Bean Salad 2 oz Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz Peaches 1 Sugar Cookie	5 oz Chicken Fried Steak 1/2 C Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy 1/2 C Mixed Veggies 1 Slice WW Bread 6 oz Strawberries 4 oz Vanilla Wafers	4 oz Hamburger on a Bun 1 oz. Lettuce & tomato 1 oz. Cheese, 1/2 oz Onion 8 oz Peas & Carrots 8 oz Macaroni Salad cooks choice dessert	1 Chicken Wrap 4 oz Marinated Chicken Breast, 5 oz Cheese 4 oz Lettuce, Tomato & Onions 8 oz Salad W/ Dressing 4 oz Peas & Carrots 1 Peanut Butter Cookie
26	27	28	29	30
1 Slice Sausage Pizza*** Spinach Salad W/2 T Italian Dressing 6 oz. Pineapple 1 Peanut Butter Cookie	6 oz. Red Enchilada 4 oz. Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz. Pinto Beans 4 oz. Spanish Rice 4 oz. Apple Crisp	1 Egg Salad Sandwich 1/3 C Egg Salad on 2 Slices Rye Bread 3/4 C Baked Potato Wedges 1 C Steamed Broccoli W/1 tsp Marg 1 Orange, 1/4 C Vanilla Ice Cream	3 oz Baked Chicken 4 oz Sliced Tomato 5 oz Broccoli W/ Cheese 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 4 oz Strawberries & Bananas	3 oz. Bean Burrito 1 oz. Cheese, 1 Flour Tortilla 3 oz. Spanish Rice 4 oz. Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz. Crackers W/ Peanut Butter 4 oz. Apricots



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1. TOPS stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly.
We encourage wellness through a healthy lifestyle that includes a balanced diet, exercise and on-going encouragement and support

2. TOPS provides support for all stages of the journey.
Getting started on the road to wellness through weight loss is hard. Staying there can be harder. Whether members have made it to goal or need help maintaining, thousands of TOPS chapters worldwide provide support whenever and wherever needed.

3. TOPS understands that weight loss is more than just a number.
Losing weight isn't just about counting calories or what the scale reports. TOPS provides on-going support and up-to-date wellness information through the TOPS website, the membership magazine, *TOPS News*, and *The Choice is Mine* membership guide.

4. TOPS chapter meetings encourage members.
In addition to a weekly weigh-in, chapter meetings include programs that address various wellness topics such as nutrition, movement, dealing with stress, and other issues to support members' commitment to positive lifestyle changes.

5. TOPS celebrates achievement.
TOPS members are encouraged every step of the way as they work towards their goal weight. Special celebrations mark achieving this goal as well as maintaining it.

6. KOPS are TOPS with staying power.
TOPS members who reach their goal Keep Off Pounds Sensibly and graduate to KOPS status. KOPS often serve as inspiration and mentors to TOPS members focused on achieving their weight-loss goals.

7. TOPS supports obesity research.
TOPS has funded more than \$6 million in the clinical study and research into obesity, metabolic reactions and related problems.

8. TOPS does not set goal weights.
Members meet with their healthcare professional to set a realistic and appropriate goal weight. TOPS does not impose standard weight chart guidelines on its members.

9. TOPS is nonprofit.
TOPS is committed to providing long-term support for people seeking long-term weight loss. Annual membership fees are sensible, too, plus nominal weekly dues.

10. TOPS was first.
TOPS was founded in 1948 with the philosophy that the best way to lose weight, achieve wellness, and maintain a healthy lifestyle is by incorporating a balanced diet, regular exercise, and continued support and encouragement.



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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Or visit the TOPS website at
www.tops.org

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Conejo Mimbrenño in December

Do you like to have fun in the snow? My Friends and I sure do! We like to celebrate the first snow each winter. We build a snowman and enjoy the beauty of the season. Have you built a snowman this winter? Or caught a snowflake on your tongue? Have some winter fun!

Conejo Mimbrenño's Christmas Adventure

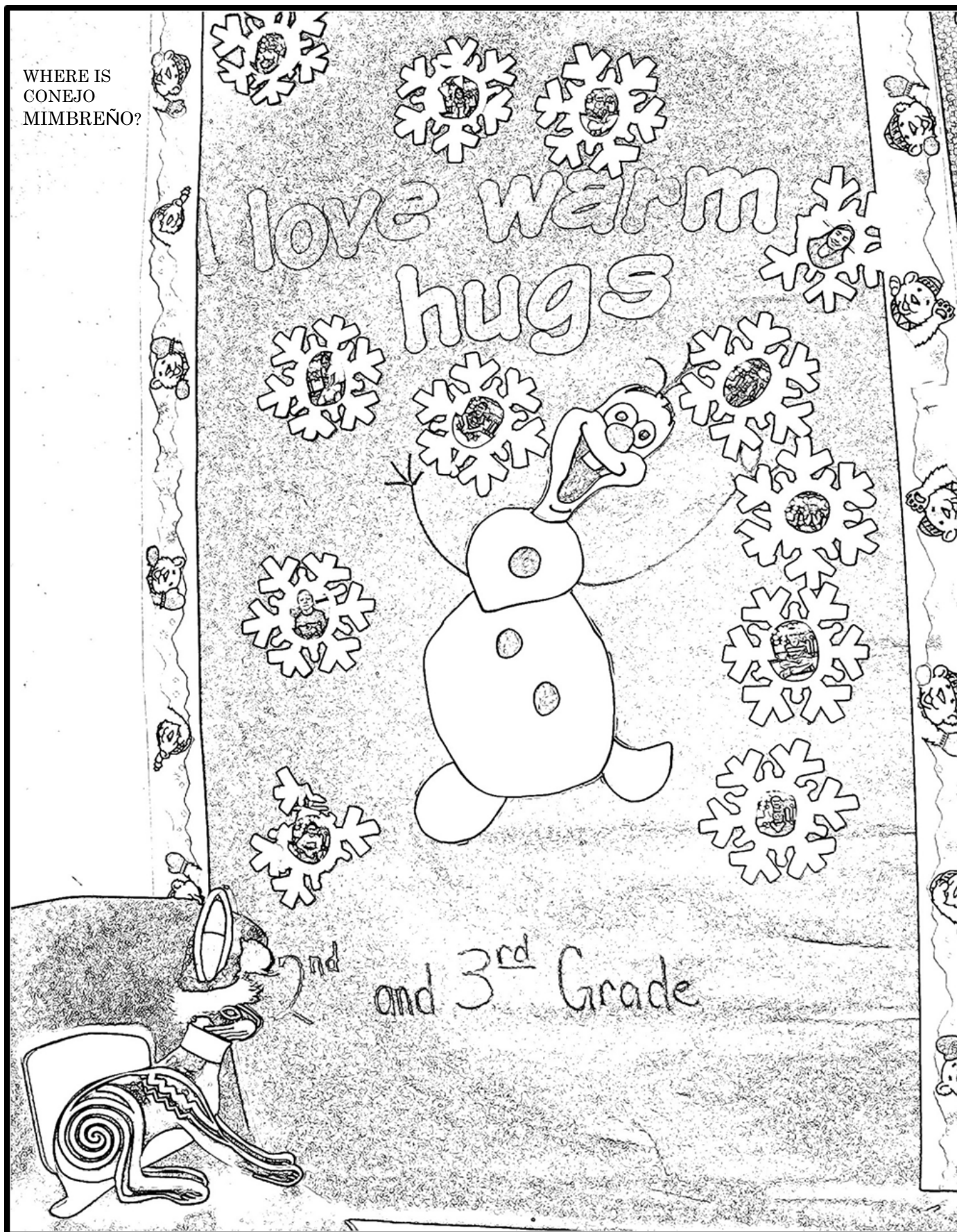
Conejo Mimbrenño went an exciting adventure. On Christmas Eve, the Mimbres Rabbit hopped on board Santa's sleigh and rode with the jolly man in red as he zoomed south from the Mimbres Valley. The Rabbit helped deliver gifts to good children between Mimbres and the tip of South America before Santa dropped him off on a snowy glacier in Argentina. There the Rabbit happily met up with friends from Mimbres, Grace Williams and Jim York, and hitched a ride home. Grace took lots of photos of the extraordinary lake and glacier district of Argentina and plans to talk to the students at San Lorenzo Elementary School about her trip--- and Conejo Mimbrenño's, as well.



Lake and glacier district of Argentina



Photos courtesy of Grace Williams



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

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - January 14th - (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, January 10th and Sunday January 11th - 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 or call 575-536-9353. Can't be there? Bid on-line starting at 10 am both Saturday and Sunday. At www.liveauctioneers.com or 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 - January 8th - 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 -January 12th (Monday) - 5:30 pm MVHAL Board Meeting - 3 Questions Café ., Highway 35. Members Welcome

MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB

There will NOT be a Booster Club Meeting in January. Normally meets first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

Next Swap Meet will be in March . Vendor tables \$6. Call Paula at 536-9433 or email Paul@gilanet.com or call Anna or Mary 536-9323 or email Willhite200@aol.com

January 11th - 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 Reservations are requested one day in advance. **Monday - Friday 11:30**
January 26th ~ Senior Center Advisory Council Meeting at the Center (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES - Tuesdays and Fridays - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm - 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069

RIO MIMBRES BAPTIST CHURCH - February 21st starting at 6 pm - Free concert - The Country Gospel Band New Desert Reign - 29 Cactus Drive, Mimbres. Sharon Myers 575-313-0797

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Local meetings every week. "Just for the health of it." For more information call Paula Norero at 536-9433 or email at paula@gilanet.com.

VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - NEW HOURS - TUESDAY to FRIDAY - 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; SATURDAY 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - 2739 Highway 35 Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more . Credit, debit or EBT- Every Wednesday 5% off for Seniors. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce to everyone. 575-574-7069

COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - January 7th - 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

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, January 22nd

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

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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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COUNTY CALENDAR - continued

ALBERTSONS - January 7th - 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

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

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Greg's Green Chili Stew

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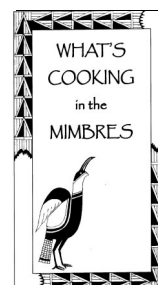
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1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cumin
3 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
3 qt. chicken broth
4 stalks celery, chopped
3 onions quartered
1 bunch cilantro leaves
2 tsp. oregano
2 cloves crushed garlic
2 tsp. cumin
2 c. sliced spinach

For the meatballs: mix ground beef, rice, salt and 3 cloves garlic and form into 1.5 tbsp. size meatballs. Bring broth to boil, lower to simmer and add meatballs, cook 20 minutes; add remaining veggies except spinach

and simmer 1.5 hours, stirring occasionally; add spinach simmer for 15 minutes. Serve with warm flour tortillas.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE IRS

2014 TAX RETURNS ARE COMING UP

Not to introduce a sour note into our best wishes for a Happy New Year, the days for planning for the tax return season are also upon us. The AARP Tax Aide Foundation is, as usual, gearing up for the tax season, which officially starts around the first of February.

As usual, the IRS has instituted some changes in the requirements for reporting income and filing returns. The big change this year is the reporting requirements imposed as the result of the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. So, in addition to the usual documents you need to gather for tax return preparation, there may now be additional documentation to be assembled.

The Affordable Care Act reforms the existing health insurance market and prohibits insurers from denying coverage or charging higher premiums because of preexisting conditions. It also requires most taxpayers to obtain Minimum Essential Coverage, provides for particular exemptions from this requirement and created the Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace is defined as the entity where one can find information about insurance options, purchase health insurance and, if eligible, obtain help paying for premiums and out-of-pocket costs through a new tax credit, which is available only to those who purchase insurance through The Marketplace.

In general, all U.S. taxpayers

must have Minimum Essential Coverage for each month of the year, qualify for a coverage exemption or make a payment when filing his or her federal income tax return (Shared Responsibility Payment). Some coverage exemptions are granted only by The Marketplace, some exemptions can be claimed only on a tax return, and some exemptions may be granted by the Marketplace OR claimed on a return.

The Good News is that most taxpayers who had health insurance throughout 2014, either through private insurance plans, Medicare Part A and Part C, most Medicaid programs, CHIPS, most TRICARE programs, employer-sponsored coverage under a group health plan and comprehensive health care coverage of veterans will need only to check the “yes” box on their tax returns.

Individual health insurance purchased through The Marketplace or directly from an insurance company fills the requirement, too, and is easily reported. If taxpayers have health insurance purchased through The Marketplace, they will receive a statement (they say by the end of January) providing all the information necessary for filing of a tax return. ***This is IRS form 1095-A.*** So if you purchased insurance through The Marketplace, be on the lookout for this form when you start receiving W-2's, pension 1099's and other year-end income reports for tax purposes.

As is customary with IRS rules and regulations, there are many exceptions and additional requirements to the rules when calculating and reporting health insurance information on a tax return. When assembling documents and information for preparation of your tax return, be aware that any change in status of anyone included on your insurance plan (marriage, divorce, emancipation of a dependent, etc.) may have an impact on your reporting requirements and needs to be disclosed to your tax preparer.

Also, if your insurance coverage was not the same throughout 2014, if you had periods of no insurance, or participated in more than one insurance plan during the year, you will need to disclose the status of your coverage for each individual month of the year. The tax return form has provided for entry of this information, so it isn't quite as onerous as it sounds. It is a little more work than usual, though!

If you have managed to plow through all of this so far, take heart, there is hope. The AARP Tax Aide Foundation preparers will be ready to guide you through this process during tax season.

Free tax return preparation will again be available this year for seniors and low to middle income taxpayers (income under \$52,000) at the following

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San Lorenzo Students Give Two Holiday Performances “Frozen” and Caroling for the Seniors

On December 17th, before a full house, the students of San Lorenzo Elementary School gave a performance of their adaptation of Walt Disney's *Frozen*. The scenery was spectacular. All of the students performed beautifully with lots of singing and dancing.

The performance was followed by Santa passing out candy filled canes and a reception of cookies and refreshments. Kudos to the teachers and staff for organizing such a great holiday event.

Not wanting to waste all of that practice and talent, the next morning, all of the students took a brisk morning hike to the Senior Center to perform their holiday songs.



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UPPER MIMBRES VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

By: Eileen Benner

Holiday Greetings from the volunteers of Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire and Rescue. We want to thank the community for making 2014 a very "quiet" year for firefighters and for supporting the department's fund raising breakfasts and visiting with us at the Harvest Festival.

As a reminder, our meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Main Station on Hwy 35, near the Post Office. Meetings are always open. Drop by sometime to get a taste of what it takes to shape 20+ community volunteers into an organized and skilled firefighting team. Better yet, take a shot at becoming a member of the team.

Although all the volunteer fire

departments provide backup service to each other, our territory basically covers the upper Mimbres Valley area along Highway 35, and nearby areas of Highway 152. In addition to the main station which houses 4 engines, we have the Thunderbird sub-station where there are 3 engines and a personnel transport vehicle.

We're happy to announce that for the 2015 year, Marty Mize will continue on as our Chief. Also returning to their current offices are Main Station Battalion Chief Ed Powers and Thunderbird Battalion Chief Will McConaha and Thunderbird 1st Lt. John Navakas. Wayne Wood will become the 1st Lt. at Main and Tim Fiore the 2nd Lt. while George Tripp will be the 2nd Lt. at Thunderbird. Returning as Secretary is Eileen Benner

and as Treasurer is Freda Powers. Our sincere thanks go to Gail Zimmerman who in recent years held the positions of Chief and Battalion Chief and next year gets to slow down a little as others serve in those positions. If there is an emergency, one should always call 911 which will then dispatch the appropriate emergency responders. There are phones in both stations for non-emergency calls.

Please note the number in the phone books is incorrect for the Main station. The correct numbers are: Main Station - 575-536-2811 and Thunderbird - 575-536-9365.

Have a happy and prosperous new year.



GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

The Gila National Forest will be conducting an orientation and training session for the Gila Southwest Firefighter (SWFF) recruitment program for the 2015 wildland fire season. To be accepted into the program, candidates must meet all of the attendance requirements, successfully complete a 40-hour training course and pass a Work Capacity Test.

To qualify for the SWFF recruitment program, candidates must attend the Introductory Session on Jan. 7 or Jan. 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Grant County Conference Center, 1400 Highway 180, Silver City, NM. Candidates must also attend all of the 40-hour class Feb. 23 - 27, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., also at the Grant

County Conference Center. A Refresher class for returning firefighters will be held Feb. 23, 2015.

Candidates must bring the following documents to the Introductory meeting to be accepted into the training session: two forms of personal identification, one of which must have a picture. Personal identification can be current state issued driver's license, current passport, or social security card. Additionally, candidates must bring their bank account routing information for direct deposit purposes.

Application packets will be available at the Gila National Forest Supervisors' Office in Silver City beginning Monday, Dec. 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is strongly advised to have applications completed

prior to the Introductory meeting. Background checks and drug testing may be applied.

Candidates must also pass the Work Capacity Test, which involves walking three miles with a 45-pound pack in 46 minutes. A Work Capacity Test will be administered at Fox Field, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. for all Southwest Firefighter candidates. Health Screening Questionnaires must be completed and returned no later than Jan. 14, 2015 to participate in the Work Capacity Test.

For further information, please contact Gabe Holguin, Gila National Forest Fire Staff Officer, at 575-388-8233, or Leroy Holguin, Forest Fire Planner at 575-388-8450.

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BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH 5:30 PM - Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting ~ Three Questions Café, Highway 35. Members Welcome

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH— 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?

Cadillac Desert **by Marc Reisner**

No matter what your ideological affiliation, this book will cause you to question "the system". Reisner exposes blatant contradictions and hypocrisy throughout the history of the West – which is also the history of water and it being reined in. As I was reading, I found myself agreeing page after page with the author's point of view. As I read and agreed with the author, I was swimming in, showing in, watering my lawn with, and drinking the very water he condemned. If that wasn't bad enough, I reflected on my former years when I worked every summer on the family farm which was sustained by CAP and reclamation water. Ouch!

Reading the book was like being slapped in the face and scolded by Reisner as I sat unable to de-

fend myself. His examples are virtually impossible to argue against. Irrational decisions made by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers are examples. Likewise the hypocrisy perpetuated by so-called "ideological purists" which comes from both sides of the aisle. Reisner said it best when he said that when it comes to water, there are no Republicans or Democrats, and there are no liberals or conservatives.

A San Lorenzo Resident

Soldier Girls **by Helen Thorpe**

Three women deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and how their military service affected their personal lives, their friendships and their families

Ghost Hawk **by Susan Cooper** **(for ages 10-14)**

A tale of contact and conflict between natives and Pilgrims in the 1600's. A native boy and a pilgrim boy make a contact that creates a friendship that has lasting effect even as the circumstances tear relationships apart. Many early figures in US history, Miles Standish, Roger Williams, Massasoit, are characterized in the book.

This column, we hope, will inspire you to read and share your favorites books, both recent books or old favorites. It doesn't have to be a full-blown "school assignment" book report. It can be a book note describing a favorite read by title, identifying the author. Please include your contact information (in case we have questions). Access books online at www.littlefreelibrary.org and www.bookcrossing.com. E-mail or mail your contributions to the *Messenger* at the addresses above.

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