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MIMBRES MESSENGER

Meet Your Neighbors - An Archaeology Family By Marilyn Markel

Renewing a long tradition, a large "family" of archaeologists stayed at the "old Mattocks place", the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS), during the month of June. Archaeologists from New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, California, and Texas, helped by volunteers from the Grant County Archaeological Society, worked at a Mimbres ruin on the Gila National Forest. An arroyo is cutting through the ruin and exposing and destroying the walls of the ancient pueblo. The archaeologists are excavating the rooms of the pueblo that lie next to the arroyo recovering information and artifacts, making maps, and taking photographs, before the monsoon rains cause the water to rush down the arroyo and wash "history" away.



Archaeologists at work
Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Markel

Way back in 1929 and 1930, archaeologists from Beloit College, Wisconsin, camped at what is now MCHS while they excavated part of the Mattocks

Ruin. For several field seasons in the 1970s, archaeologists from the Mimbres Foundation stayed at MCHS while they conducted research at a number of Mimbres sites in Grant County. The Mimbres Foundation raised the funds needed to purchase the Mattocks property in order to preserve and protect the Mattocks

Ruin. Almost all the other large Mimbres archaeological sites were bulldozed and destroyed by looters. The archaeologists envisioned the "old Mattocks place" becoming a research and education center

and over the years many archaeologists and their students lived in the historic adobe houses at MCHS or pitched tents on the property.

When driving by MCHS Mimbres residents can't help but notice the colorful "tent village" that appears when the archaeologists are here living and working in the valley. This June, the archaeologists were all volunteers, all members of the large, extended "archaeology family" that comes together to work as a team in an effort to gain more knowledge about the ancient Mimbreños and preserve the

remains of their villages. Many members of this archaeology family have worked in Mimbres for many years, making friends along the way, and who feel like they are coming home when they arrive back in Mimbres for another field season.



On the Porch - Gooch House Bob, Darrell, Denise, Chris, Barb, Ashley and Danielle Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Markel

Here are a few members of the archaeology family:

Barbara Roth, known to friends as "Barb", is the chair of the Anthropology Department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and has brought dozens of her field school students to Mimbres over the years. Barb recently received an award from the Archaeological Society of New Mexico for her contributions to Mimbres archaeology and for sharing her knowledge with others.

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite

There are a lot of interesting and new things going on in the Valley lately. Last month, the Model T show, held at La Esperanza Winery, was a fun and informative exhibition of beautifully maintained and restored Model T automobiles. It was a fascinating bit of automotive history. See the article and photos for details.

Incidentally, also note announcement of the 6th Anniversary of LaEsperanza Winery and Vineyards – Congratulations to David and Esperanza!

Club 24's annual house tour this year was very well attended and reports are that the homes and facilities on the tour were beautiful, fascinating and provided a great boost to the Club's scholarship program.

This month's Meet Your Neighbors show-cases more PhD's than have been present in the Valley for some time. They are the archaeologists who were joined by volunteers and members of the Grant County Archaeology Society in continuing exploration of a Mimbres ruin in the Gila National Forest. They have worked hard in the sometimes blazing sun to add to knowledge about the Mimbres people who lived here many, many years ago.

If you have driven along Route 35 recently on a Saturday, you may have noticed signs at the Mimbres Valley Self Storage facility announcing the new home of Mimbres Valley Artisan Mercado. This is an exciting

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ART OUTSIDE THE LINES

COME LEARN ABOUT ART AND CREATE ART

A Series of free workshops where various artists and their work are introduced and used as inspiration for students to create their own art

WHEN:

Wednesdays 2 - 4 pm June 3 - August 5 (no classes July 15 & 22) WHERE:

Classes will be held at Valle Mimbres Market 2739 Hwy 35, San Lorenzo

WHO:

Any student of school age

INSTRUCTORS:

Joe & Rebecca Campos (Possible field trips and guest artists)

Donations for materials are welcome

Classes limited to 12-15 students sign up early to ensure your spot **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Rebecca Campos 626-260-4535 or Valle Mimbres Market 575-574-7069

SAMPLE OF CLASSES:

Prehistoric Cave Painting
Fabric Painting
Murals/Street Art
Lettering
Clay/Pottery
Found Objects
Cultural Traditions
Famous Artists and Techniques

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Darrell Creel worked at the NAN Ranch Ruin in the 1980s as a field school student and crew chief and has done extensive research at many other Mimbres sites like the Old Town Ruin. Darrell taught at the University of Texas



lives in Texas, but can be found in Mimbres whenever there is an opportunity to help other archaeologists with their projects.

Val Ezzo, Marley and Jacob Photo courtesy of Marilyn Markel

Bob Stokes attended

Eastern New Mexico University and did an archaeological survey of the Sapillo Valley in the early 1990s. Bob helped excavate the Lake Roberts Vista Site, did research at other sites in the upper Mimbres and went on to get his doctorate at the University of Oklahoma. Bob is now the archaeologist for New Mexico State Parks.

Katie Baustian, Bio-Archaeologist and a forensic specialist, first came to Mimbres as Barb Roth's student and worked on the Harris Pithouse Village Site, as did Denise Ruzicka. Denise comes to Mimbres from Los Angeles to help on important projects.

Chris Turnbow, an archaeologist working for New Mexico Gas Co., was previously at the Laboratory of Anthropology in Santa Fe. Chris has long been interested in the Mimbres area and has greatly contributed to what we know about the Mimbres Indians.

Val Ezzo, a teacher from Tucson, accompanied by her two children, Marley and Jacob, has come to Mimbres several times to cook for Barb Roth's field schools.

Ashley Lauzon and Danielle Romero are finishing their studies at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and attended field school in Mimbres, learning about the Pithouse time period at the Harris Site. Both have spent hundreds of hours looking at and analyzing artifacts.

Included in the archaeology family are members of the Grant County Archaeological Society like Greg Conlin,

Kyle Meredith, Josh Reeves, Judy and Carroll Welch, Nancy Coinman, and others that have volunteered countless hours on excavations, or washing, sorting, and documenting artifacts, all in an effort to gain further knowledge about the ancient Mimbreños. Also in the family are the Forest Service archaeologists-- Wendy Sutton, Chris Adams, Erin Knolls, Matt Talliaferro, and Elizabeth Toney. Both Matt and Elizabeth, as archaeology students, camped at the MCHS in years past.

Next summer, if you drive by the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, and you see lots of tents and activity, stop in and say "Hi" to old and new members of the Mimbres archaeology family. Maybe you will want to join us and have fun learning about the past.



At the dig site.

Photo by Marilyn Markel

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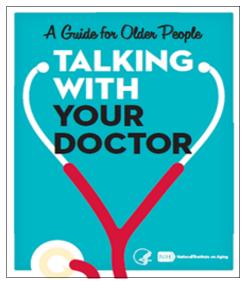


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healthcare providers, to solve your medical problems and keep you healthy.
Clear communication is vital to helping you make the most of your doctor's visit.
Here are some tips you can use:

- Make a list of your health concerns and put the most important ones at the top. Don't rely on your memory—write it down and take it with you.
- Write a list of your current medications, vitamins and supplements with the dosage information. It is very important if more than one doctor prescribes medication.
- Don't forget to bring your glasses or hearing aids!

Ask questions if the doctor's explanations or instructions are unclear, bringing up problems even if the doctor doesn't ask, and letting the doctor know if you have concerns about a particular treatment or

change in your daily life. Taking an active role in your health care puts the responsibility for good communication on both you and your doctor.

All of this is true at any age. But, when you're older, it becomes even more important to talk often and comfortably with your doctor. That's partly because you may have more health conditions and treatments to discuss. It's also because your health has a big impact on other parts of your life, and that needs to be talked about too.

The Mimbres Messenger does not endorse or recommend any of the health information contained in the articles that are submitted to the Messenger. These articles are published for your edification and enjoyment.

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new venture by local artists described in the article in this issue. Read about it and check it out on a Saturday.

July is the mid-point in the summer and a month when many folks are off on vacation or entertaining vacationers who have come to the Valley. There are plenty of fun and diverting activities available for all ages. The July 4th celebrations, both public and private, are always good fun as we celebrate the birthday of the USA. Have a safe, happy 4th of July!

From everyone at the

Mimbres

Messenger



View the MESSENGER online!

Thanks to Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, *The Messenger* can now be viewed online at http://www.blackrange.org, including back issues from April, 2014 to the present. Often the *Messenger* is available online before hard copies have reached the Valley. Check it out online, view the photographs in color, print off more coloring pages for your children and enjoy the wealth of other local features available there.

The Messenger is included on Bob's excellent website which also includes The Monticello Messenger, Hillsboro Historical Society Newsletter, Black Range Rag Newsletter and myriad photographs, historical and current events, nature and the works of numerous authors – just to name a few of the attractions available here.



GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

GILA NATIONAL FOREST SUPPERVISOR SELECTED

Adam Mendonca has been selected as the Forest Supervisor for the Gila National Forest. He is scheduled to begin his new job July 13, 2015.

Mendonca began his Forest Service career working as a seasonal firefighter on the Gila National Forest while completing a Forestry degree at Northern Arizona University. After graduation he obtained his first permanent position within the Forest Service as an Assistant Engine Foreman. From there, he transitioned into planning and later became a District Ranger on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in western Wyoming. He currently serves as the Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Rio Grande National Forest in southern Colorado where his duties include the management and oversight of timber, minerals, watershed health, recreation, lands, administration, budget, planning, engineering, wildlife and range. As a result of these duties, he has had the opportunity to work closely with communities, employees and stakeholders on the many challenges associated with forest management.

"I look forward to the experiences I will gain in my new position as the Forest Supervisor for the Gila National Forest. I believe new experiences provide great opportunities to learn, to build new relationships and improve the mark we leave on the land." He adds, "I am very excited to move back to the Silver City area and eager to work with the people in and around the Gila National Forest."

Mendonca and his family enjoy getting outdoors, hiking, fishing and camping. Please join the Gila in welcoming Adam Mendonca to the Forest.



FARMERS MARKET IS NOW OPEN

The Mimbres Valley Farmers Market returned again this year to the Valle Mimbres Market parking lot. There are already wonderful veggies, farm fresh eggs, home cooked goodies and much more. Shop on Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm from now until the Mimbres Harvest Festival. Come take advantage of this great Mimbres out-door market.

FROM MY INBOX

Dogs

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - Anonymous

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. - Will Rogers

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. - Ann Landers

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than they love

themselves. - Josh Billings

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. - M. Acklam

If your dog is fat, YOU aren't getting enough exercise. - Unknown

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? We come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! - Anne Tyler You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My goodness, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' - Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they do make our lives whole. -Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them. - Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good of a person as my dog already thinks I am. -Tming



If you are like the rest of us, you probably have old T-shirts that no longer fit or are so tattered and stained they are no longer wearable. They should not go to waste. WE NEED THEM.

The lady artisans of the Palomas Cooperative support themselves and their families by making beautiful rag rugs from old T-shirts. The T-shirts can be in any color or condition as long as they are clean and 100% cotton.

Dawn Gray has volunteered to collect the T-shirts and see that they get to the artisans. You may get in touch with Dawn at 575-519-9190, or you may drop off your T-shirts on Saturday at the Mimbres Valley Artisan Mercado at the Mimbres Self-Storage units on Route 35 (right before mile marker 2). You may also drop off the T-shirts at the Mimbres Roundup Lodge anytime there is someone there.



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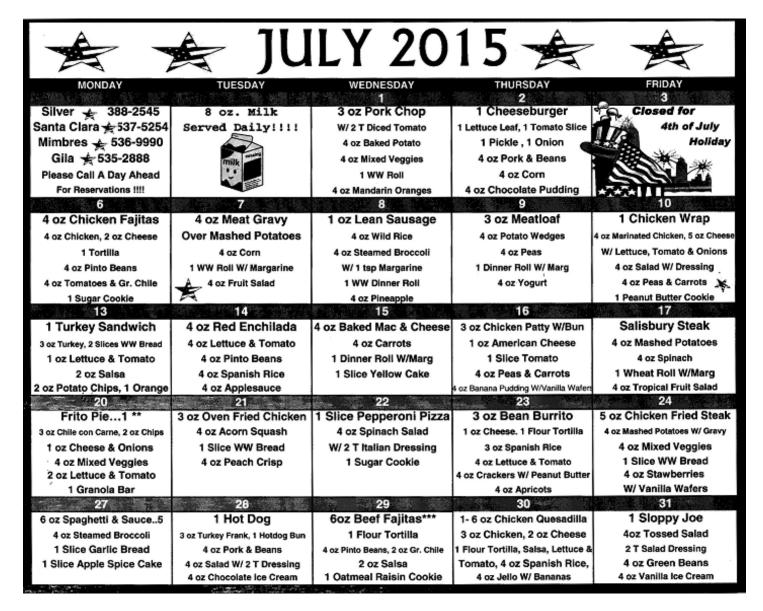
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Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



New Mexico Rain

New Mexico rain is like no other rain. It's like a birthday. Once a year with little drops of presents giving new life to the ever so dry land. The sweet moisture clouds the streets in puddles and mist. The wind smells rich, sweeter than honey, kissing the land with awakening

drops. Crystal clear drops give the earth a bath, washing away any pain. It relieves the land from its sunburnt skin and feeds it as it soaks into the ground. We feel the water rush through our veins and grip our souls because our



thirst for life will never be quenched. We breathe the scent of rain. The smell of a fresh start and new life.

Short-horned Lizards

Short-horned lizards are the most wide-spread species of horned lizards or "horny-toads" in New Mexico. Horned lizards eat beetles and grasshoppers but ants make up as much as 85 percent of their diet. To escape predators they can quickly burrow into the soil, swell up their body and make threatening poses. Predators of these prehistoric-looking lizards include hawks and roadrunners. All horned lizards are protected from collecting and make poor pets. Litters of 6 to 31 baby horny toads are born alive during July and August.



Conejo Mimbreño in June

In June, I went up the Mimbres River into the Gila Forest and got to know a family of Black Bear—a ma-



ma bear and her two cubs. Did you know bears like to eat insects? Yuck! Rabbits like to eat grass.

The Second Annual Valle Mimbres Youth Art Show ran from June 13 till June 27.

This juried exhibit for children of the Mimbres Valley, offered a wide variety of excellent artwork and was well attended. The show benefits the children of the valley with 30% of the sale going to the artists and 60% for healthy treats for all the valley's children to be distributed at the Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival.

The following young artists are especially recognized:

Category A (5 to 8 years old)

First prize to Robert Garaldon for "Eagle" (multi-media)

Second prize to Kane Gomez for "Man" (watercolor)

Third prize to Adelina Castillo for "People" (watercolor)

Category B (9 to 15 years old)

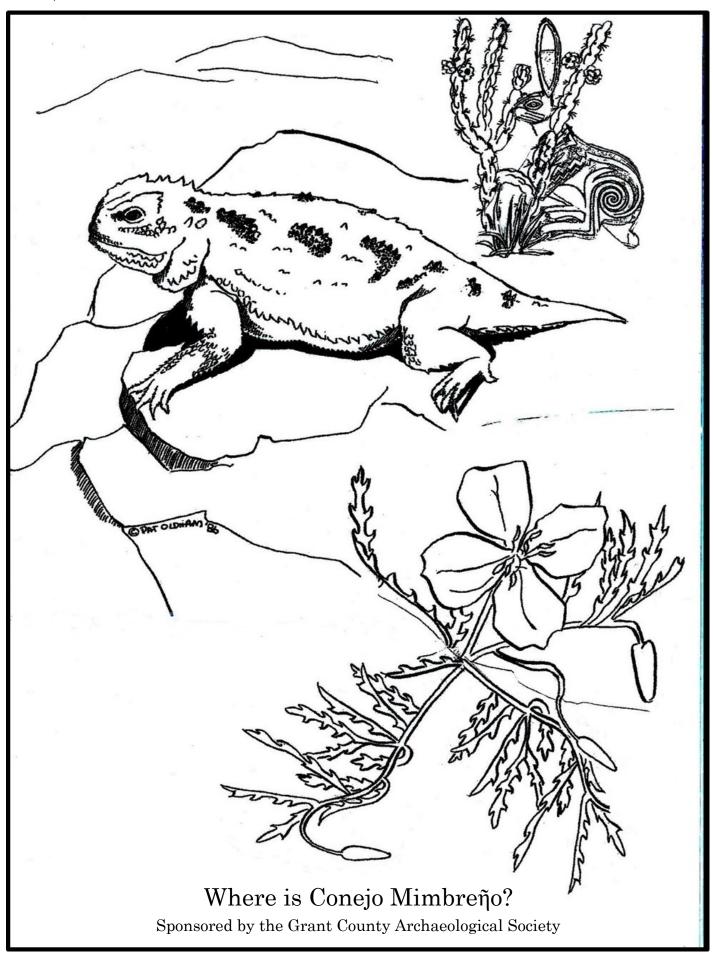
First prize to Tigerlily Warner for "Rain/Epilogue" (poetry on cloth)

Second prize to Cinda Laney for "The Hunter Games" (3-D cloth)

Third prize to Uriel Gelbart for "Focus" (photograph)

Our valley is blessed with talented children.















Many thanks to:

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Gene Daniels **

Mary Willhite *

For the use of their photos

MODEL T SHOW ENTERTAINED ALL at La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery By Mary Willhite

If you missed the Model T exhibit at La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery last month, you missed a roaring good time!

Twelve Model T Fords, all in beautiful condition, were on display for everyone to see. The owners (members of the Model T Club of Albuquerque) were there in period costume to answer questions and explain the intricacies of these classic automobiles.

The Model T, known as the "Tin Lizzie" changed the way Americans lived, worked and traveled. It was the first car to be affordable for most Americans. In 1908, the Model T cost \$850, but due to the use of assembly line production, by 1925 the cost of the car was less than \$300. By 1918, half of all cars in the US were Model T's.

Most models had a hand-crank starter and could reach speeds between 40-45 MPH. There are two forward gears and one reverse and a 10 gallon fuel tank located under the front seat. Because gasoline was fed to the engine only by gravity and because the reverse gear was more powerful, frequently the Model T had to be driven up steep hills backwards.

Deficiencies like this plus the less than comfortable ride at higher speeds and the constant rattling, made the model T the brunt of many jokes. (Henry Ford was laughing all the way to the bank.) The Model T was not considered a "luxury" vehicle, but it could do something that even the luxury vehicles of today don't do— it could have your lunch cooked and ready for you when you arrived at your destination!

With the use of a "Clear Lake Manifold Cooker and Bake", the owners of the 1926 Roadster cooked lunch while driving from Silver City to the Winery. Barbeque brisket was hot upon arrival and made into sandwiches which were enjoyed by the owners. (See pictures to the right.)













USDA LOW INCOME HOME LOAN PROGRAM By Dawn Gray

On June 25th, I attended a ground-breaking and dedication ceremony in Silver City given by the United States Department of Agriculture. One home will be built for a veteran and another is in progress for a single mother. During the ceremony, I was made aware of the USDA Low Income Home Loan Program and the fact that loans and grants are available to low income families to buy, build, improve, repair or rehabilitate the applicant's permanent residence. During the ceremony, it was announced that a single parent working at Burger King would be able to qualify for a loan. The USDA is looking for ways to increase awareness of this program and I thought it would be really great to see people in the Mimbres take advantage of these affordable loans.

I was able to tour a house which is close to completion and talk with the future homeowner.

She indicated to me that she had had a mentor who walked her through the whole process. He had been a great help to her since she had never before owned her own home.

There are apparently some boundary limits for each county, and I do not know what such boundaries are for Grant County. Hopefully, these limits will take in as much of the Mimbres Valley as possible, and that we can find good mentors to help people to apply. (Editors Note: All rural areas of Grant County are eligible.)

For more information contact:

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- **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 July 16th (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge.
- **COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION July 8th (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, July 18th & Sunday, July 19th 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Doors open at 8 am with off-line auction starting at 9 am. Sunday auction doors open at 9:30 am. Preview items on Friday, July 17th 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 or call 575-536-9353. Can't be there? Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At www.liveauctioneers.com or www.licollector.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 .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.

 LA ESPERANZA 6TH ANNIVERSAY CELEBRATON August 1st 11 am to 6 pm Wine, food and entertainment
- MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) Monday, July 13th 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 JULY Normally, 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 ARTISANS MERCADO Every Saturday and holidays. 9 am to 2 pm Mimbres Valley Self Storage—Highway 35 (just before mile marker 2 on the right).
- MIMBRES VALLEY FARMERS MARKET July 2nd October 9th 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Valley Mimbres Market parking lot. Fresh locally grown produce. 2739 Highway 35. Local Venders \$3
- 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. Weekly meetings will resume when school starts.
- MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE Calendar of Events

MVHAL Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 8th - 5:30 pm Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE - Saturday, July 25th - 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, July 26th 9 am to 2 pm BARGAIN DAY. Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo.

Donations accepted Friday, July 18th 4 to 6 pm and Wednesday July 11 - Noon to 2 pm Roundup Lodge.

HARVEST FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING - July 19 at 4 pm Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo.

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. July 2nd - first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - JULY 12h - 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 PM - Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash. Donate a NEW toy (\$10 limit) and receive an extra card when you purchase 3 for \$10.00.

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

Every Tuesday - 10:00 am - Exercise for Seniors - Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

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

- **MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MASSAGES -** Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:30 am 5:30 pm 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069
- RIO MIMBRES BAPTIST CHURCH Food Pantry and Thrift Store Every Friday 10:00 am 3:00 pm, 29 Cactus Drive, Mimbres
- **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 TUESDAY to SATURDAY 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm; 2739 Highway 35. Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Credit, debit, EBT, or local checks, we even take cash. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. 575-574-7069

ART OUTSIDE THE LINES - NOW UNTIL - AUGUST 5TH - WEDNESDAYS 2 - 4 PM - - a FREE art workshop for all schoolage children of the Valley. Sign up early, limited space.

COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - June 3rd - 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, July 23rd

Mimbres - NEW LOCATION - Living Harvest Bakery9:45 am - 10:45 amLake Roberts - Sapillo Creek Fire Station11:45 am - 12:45 pmDoc Campbell's Post (near Gila Cliff Dwellings)2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

4th OF JULY - SILVER CITY

FIREWORKS - Will be at dusk (apx 9 pm) Best view from Highway 90 before you get to town or Highway 180.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 11 am to 4 pm - Silver City Museum - 312 Broadway

PARADE - 9 am to 11am - View from anywhere downtown - best stop is shady side of Bullard Street

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG - 9 am to 4 pm - Gough Park - Food crafts and fun.

- FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL July 17 18 10 am to 5 pm Grant County Conference Center. www.fiberartscollective.org for more information.
- **GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY July 15th 3rd WEDS 6:00 pm**. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. Pot Luck at 6:00 pm followed by a short business meeting. Program begins at 7:15 pm. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.
- GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY July 9th (2nd THRUSDAY), 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 Field trip Saturday, July18th 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.org/huseworld

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 CLAY FESTIVAL - July 27 - August 2 - A multitude of activities. For more information go to www.clayfestival.com

SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or www.silvercityfoodcoop.com for any events.

WALGREENS - July 7th and July 21st (first and 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 - July 13th - 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Glad Tidings Church, 11600 Highway 180 E. Speaker will be Randy Salars from the Gospel Mission. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.







TOPS stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, and we have people that have 10 pounds to over 100 pounds to get rid of for a healthier life style. The group provides a judgment-free zone where real people learn how they can make changes and get the support they need to reach their goals. At the meetings members have a chance to share challenges, successes, or goals if they want to. Members learn to eat better, move more, and stay motivated through engaging educational programs at our weekly meetings. Members discover that ongoing support and accountability are the keys to lifelong health. If you are ready for a healthier life style come join us. It doesn't cost anything for your first visit. NM 0354 San Lorenzo Chapter of Tops meets eve-

ry Thursday at 2210 NM 61, San Lorenzo. Time for the meeting is 5:00-6:00 pm. For further information contact Paula Norero at 575-536-9433 or email paula@gilanet.com Looking forward to you joining us.

Mimbres Valley Artisan Mercado

By Narrie Toole

The Artisan Mercado is a concept initiated by artist Cheryl Copperstone of Lake Roberts. She has long entertained the idea of promoting artisans of the Mimbres Valley, making the Mimbres an actual destination art place, and eventually establishing a cooperative artisan store.

As the owner of the Mimbres Valley Self Storage, and in pursuit of fulfilling the concept of Mimbres as an actual "art place" destination, she has been able to effect utilization of the storage spaces as individual artists' studio storage and open air vending, thus creating a 'market' or 'Mercado'! Artists can now rent

monthly, at a very reasonable rate, or on a periodic weekend basis. Other non-artist vendors can also apply for Saturday vendor spaces.

The Mercado is still in the growth phase. Sign-

age and marketing are being implemented, and vendor presence is already established on Saturdays and holidays. The generous offer by Cheryl and Tim Copperstone can make the Mimbres a weekend art tour destination thus provide a venue to artists' for their business promotions. Artist participants ("think tanks") have discussed creating 'Discover the Mimbres', which could include promotions, brochures and the like focusing not only on the Artisan Mercado but additional points of interest and activities available in the Mimbres on a weekend...all is possible.

Saturdays



Please come by, ask questions, share ideas, shop! The Mimbres Valley Mercado is open 9-2 on all Saturdays and holidays. Feel free to direct questions to artisans below.



Sample of artisans creations



All photos courtesy of Narrie Toole



Cheryl Copperstone (520) 404-5485 celticknotetc@earthlink.net

Narrie Toole (575) 313-7390 narrie@narrietoole.com

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24 Club Home Tour a Great Success

By Mary Willhite

This year, Club 24 selected the beautiful Mimbres Valley as their Home Tour location, and what a great decision it was. I must confess, it was not my first choice for something to do an a very hot summer Saturday afternoon (I envision it as being something close to house hunting), but I was wrong. I am so glad I went!

The Club did an excellent job of choosing the properties for this tour. There were eight very different locations, and each one had a unique beauty, story and history. The private homes all had the most beautiful gardens. A couple of the homes were built or remodel by the owners themselves. I was quite envious and seeing their accomplishments made me feel very inadequate and lazy!

Even though I was familiar with the San Lorenzo Catholic Church, I was unaware that the Historic El Santuario in back of the church even existed. The volunteer at that location was very knowledgeable. There is one mystery. In the Santuario, there is a doll in a bed representing the

Baby Jesus. It is frequently dressed in new garments, and always has a clean blanket. Now one knows who is responsible.

The Faywood Hot Springs was another surprise. They offer lots more than just soaking tubs. They have a great history. Did you know that there was a bottling plant there and they sold the water all over the world? Or, that the Chicago White Stocking (White Sox) use to train there? More about that in the next issue of the *Messenger*.

Even if the Wilson Road location didn't have a wonderful Bed and Breakfast, the view alone was worth the trip there. Amazing!

At La Esperanza Winery and Vineyard, we enjoyed home cooked cowboy beans and cornbread provided by Club 24. YUM! Congratulations Club 24 for an excellent job, and for your good works all year.

ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

It was a busy time at the Roundup Lodge Last month. In addition to regular meetings and monthly Bingo, it was the quarterly swap meet/crafts market and later in the month the first run of the "Plant Extravaganza." With lots of help and participation from many sources, the Lodge was a veritable garden of plants, cuttings, outdoor art and growing accessories. Private gardeners were generous with their "extra" fledgling flowers and some vegetables, and there were beautiful cut-flower bou-

quets from local gardens. While we did not sell out entirely on the weekend, we were later able to offer plants at the Mimbres Farmers' Market, which put us way over the top.



Although it was a lot of work, as a fund-raiser it was a great success. The current plan is to try it again next year, but to start earlier in the season, add more vegetables and avoid the hot days of June! Thank you to everyone who helped and especially those who came by and left with a plant, or two or ten. We especially want to thank Ace Hardware and the Pink Store in Palomas for their generous donations to the plant sale.

In addition to the regularly-held monthly meetings at the Lodge, the Mimbres Harvest Festival planning committee is meeting monthly and working hard to produce yet another successful Harvest Festival. Volunteers and help are always welcome. Check the Calendar for meeting dates. They will be happy to see you.

Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) will hold its annual rummage sale at the Lodge, July 25th and 26th . MVHAL members will be at the Lodge on July 18th and July 22nd to accept donations. We ask that you not leave donations on the porch at the Lodge unless someone is present to receive them. (See the ad in the Messenger for dates and alternative arrangements for dropping off donations.) This is the only rummage sale that will be held at the Lodge this summer, so bring your donations, and attend the sale for bargains and other assorted treasures.

As always, the Roundup Lodge is available for private parties and functions. Various Booster Club members will be away periodically during July. If you want to reserve the Lodge and cannot reach Paula as usual (536-9433) try Anna at 536-9323or Tillie at 536-3205.



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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

HILLERMAN COUNTRY
By Barney Hillerman

Somehow, Hillerman Country, a book of photos of the Southwest by Barney Hillerman with commentary by his brother Tony, ended up on my lap one evening. Lots of nice pictures of the country we love here in the Southwest.

This encouraged me to get and read *Seldom Disappointed*, an autobiogrphy by Tony Hillerman. Tony's life surprised me some. In Europe in WWII Tony received two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and a Silver Star. This is not your average GI. Later in life he and his wife adopted several interracial kids. There is more to Tony Hillerman than Jim Chee and Leaphorn.

Next I read "Finding Moon" a fictional story of Moon Mathias finding his dead brother's child in Viet Nam at the time the US was being expulsed. After that it was easy to continue with The Dark Wind, Coyote Waits, and The Blessing Way, the stories of Jim Chee, and Lt. Leaphorn solving the crimes in Navaho Land (The Dine in Dinetah) They are all good stories, easy to read and able to be read again in 5 years.

Hozhogo nasha do (Walk in Beauty !)

John

THE WIVES OF LOS ALOMOS by Tarashea Nesbit

Secrets.....there were many secrets but only the men knew them. They were too important to be shared, even with a wife.

And that is the story, how a select group of men and their wives lived on the remote Hill during the development of the atomic bomb. A more poignant story develops in the telling of relationships formed and broken, the activities and social networks created in the constant effort to resist boredom and unknowing.

The intimate writing style of this first time author engages the reader immediately as details of a fascinating piece of history are revealed.

Available at Bookwest Bookmobile and Silver City Public Library Mary Daniels

THE OUTERMOST HOUSE
A Year of Life on the Great
Beach of Cape Cod
By Henry Beston (1888 – 1968)

Originally published in 1928, *Outermost House* has been reprinted untold times and the copyright was renewed for the fourth time in 1988.

This delightful book, essentially a chronicle of a solitary year spent in a cottage on a Cape Cod beach, has long been considered a classic of American nature writing. Although Henry Beston was not a naturalist, his meticulous descriptions and observations of the ever-changing beach landscape, wildlife and weather-induced phenomena is poetic.

The title house was a cottage built for use as a summer dwelling, for short visits to the beach. He originally planned a two-week stay in his new seaside home, but was so captivated by the mysterious beauty of his surroundings that he "could not go". He spent a year writing in longhand at his kitchen table.

"The Outermost House is one of the most indispensable nature books in our literature, and in it we find the wonders of life itself: the migration of seabirds, the rhythms of the tide, the windblown dunes and the scatter of stars in the changing summer sky."

Beston was honored throughout his literary life with honorary doctorates and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences awarded him a medal for distinguished service in

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************** TERRIFIC KID AWARDS



Terrific Kids are ready for summer vacation at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The Kiwanis Club of Silver City sponsors the Terrific Kids program that honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship. The club has formed a partnership with 8 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Back from left are: Adrienne Wilmes, Zayla Madden, and Analiza Gavaldon. Front are: Ariana Legarda, Savannah Alcorta, Ronald Hyde, Clair Biebelle, and Travis Hyde. Not pictured is Aiden Woods.



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Come take a look......

Saturday, July 25 - 9 am to 4 pm Bargain day Sunday, July 26 - 9 am to 2 pm

All proceeds support the 2015 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival An annual project of MVHAL

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE AT THE ROUNDUP LODGE

Friday, July 18 - 4 until 6 pm
Wednesday, July 22 - 12 noon to 2 pm
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What In The World Does The Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) Do??

Hello there!

This home grown member organization that does so much good work right here in the Mimbres Valley has been working right in our midst for quite some time.

Let me tell you:

If you're reading this in the July Mimbres Messenger or if you've ever read an issue, MVHAL does that!

If you've ever read about, helped with or gone to the Mimbres Harvest Festival, MVHAL does that! *And, this is our 10 year anniversary!*

If you've ever been a customer or farmer vendor at the Mimbres Farmers Market during the summer, MVHAL does that too!

And, MVHAL organizes the monthly Commodities that help so many families; we help support the Community Garden at San Lorenzo Elementary and work with the Mimbres Boosters Club on projects. We're always looking for ideas from you that will make things better for those of us who in live in this beautiful and sometimes hard place so...tell us, we listen and appreciate what everyone has to say and your help.

You might ask, how does MVHAL pull all of this off? Where does the money come from? And, believe me, it does take money and people power to do this work. The Harvest Festival is our biggest fundraiser every year, we look for donations and grants to support the Farmers Market work. Every project we do has a set annual budget. The Mimbres Messenger alone can eat up a lot of the annual budget even with precious volunteers doing all of the work getting ads, writing and asking for articles, layout, printing and distribution.

Members and volunteers are the heart and soul of this thing called the Mimbres Valley Health Action League and we want you too! Come join us, bring your own energy, skills (you know you have them!) and shared love of this place. We'd love to meet you!

Call Sonny at 574-7674 or Chris at 956-3225 for more information and have a good summer in the Valley!

Best.

Chris DeBolt
MVHAL Board Member

WHAT'S

COOKING

in the

MIMBRES

Double Mint Barley Tabbouleh

1 c. pearl barley
1 1/2 c. fresh mint leaves
1/2 c. chopped onions or scallions
1/3 c. olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
2c. Parsley leaves or cilantro leaves
3/4 c. salted, toasted, coarsechopped pistachios
1/2 c. roasted red peppers, chopped
1 T. lemon juice

In medium saucepan, bring to boil 2 c. water and 1/2 tsp salt—add barley, cover and reduce heat to low. Cook until water is absorbed, about 1

hr. Fluff with fork, spread on a cookie sheet to cool. While barley is cooking, puree 1/2 c. of the mint, olive oil, garlic, and lemon juice in blender. Set aside. Finely chop 1 c. mint and parsley, put in large bowl. Toss with cooled barley, add diced onions, pistachios, and roasted peppers. Add mint dressing, season with salt and pepper,

if desired. Cover and refrigerate to chill and blend flavors.

Note: If you like cucumbers you can add 1 peeled and chopped cucumber to the salad, it is

a nice addition.

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

The \$10 purchase price goes to maintain and improve the Mimbres Roundup Lodge - Your Community Center

HELPFUL COOKING TIP

To prevent pasta from boiling over, place a wooden spoon or fork across the top of the pot while the pasta is boiling.

Vendor Registration Form

2015 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival 10am - 4pm Saturday, October 10, 2015

| Registration Information: | |
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| Business Name | |
| Contact Person | |
| Address | |
| Phone (am) (pm) Email | |
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| Grant County And You are invited to display and sell your handmade arts and Booth space is 10' by 10'. Medium of work (for example: weaving, pottery, embroidery) | ·): |
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| Fees: \$30 Vendor puts up/takes down their own screened te \$50 Vendor puts up/takes down MVHAL screened ten \$60 for a 10x20 space | |
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Mimbres Messenger
Farmers' Market
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BULLETIN BOARD

Wednesday, July 8th - 5:30 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, July 8th - 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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literature. That honor previously was awarded only to Robert Frost and T.S. Eliot. Rachel Carson declared that *Outermost House* was the only book that influenced her writings. The Cape Cod house was proclaimed a National Literary Landmark in 1964. Sadly, it was destroyed by the massive winter storm known locally as "the Blizzard of 1978".

A meticulous writing style and wonderful images permeate Beston's words. His descriptions of human relationship to nature are stunning. Written in 1928, his descriptions of the juxtaposition of "modern life" and nature are an eerie forecast of current conditions.

This is the best book I have read in years. A friend loaned me her copy and before I had finished reading it, I knew that I had to have my own copy. Fortunately, it is available on Amazon.com. I will read it again and again, and I recommend it without reservation.

Anna

These are two of my favorite "history" books about of the Gila - Mimbres area:

Black Range Tales, first published in 1936, now published by Silver City's High-Lonesome Press, James A. McKenna tells of his first-hand experiences as a miner and homesteader in the Gila/ Black Range country in the 1880s and 1890s.

In the *Days of Victorio*, written by Eve Ball, narrator James Kaywayla presents a vivid picture of the Warm Springs Apache people, also known as the Mimbres and Mogollon Apache. Kaywaykla was a young boy during the Apache wars of the 1880s, was taken as a prisoner to Florida, sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, later returning to New Mexico to live out his life on the Mescalero Apache reservation near Ruidoso.

Marilyn Markel

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