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San Lorenzo School's Annual day in the Woods; Students Release Gila Trout into the Wild

By Marilyn Markel



A long-awaited special day for the San Lorenzo students began early on a Friday morning in May with a bus ride up the Mimbres Valley and over to the Sapillo to a trail-head near Sapillo Creek. The kids and teachers watched as the Gila trout raised at the school were placed into metal panniers and loaded onto a mule.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service biologists, kids and teachers, Mr. Koury, school principal, and a few lucky volunteers, followed the mule carrying the precious cargo of fish across a meadow and into the trees. The trail led to a small pond on the creek. One by one, as they took turns getting as close as they could to the water, each student was handed a net with a fish from a pannier and carefully released the fish into the water, watching as the trout swam into the shadows. Some "went for a ride" in the shallow rapids.

The previous day, the biologists picked up the Gila trout from the school. The kids were excited but also sad to

say goodbye to the fish they fostered for months. Biologist Dustin Meyers told the students that only about one in one hundred fish that hatch survive in the wild, saying, "Most fish do not make it through the most critical stage, you got these fish through that, and now they can live free, and do their thing." The students watched and took notes, as the trout were measured and weighed for the last time.

The project was a great success. Only one fish died and the others thrived.

On Friday, after releasing the trout into Sapillo



Creek, the students piled back in the bus and headed to Lake Roberts to meet up with the rest of the San Lorenzo kids and students from Silver City - José Barrios Elementary. All the students, teachers, parents, volunteers, and Biologists and others from the Forest Service and other agencies gathered together and listened to Angela James, U. S. Fish and Wildlife biologist, talk about the success of this extraordinary fish-raising and release project. Then the excitement began! Gila trout were brought to Lake Roberts from the hatchery near Mora, N.M. — enough fish for every student to release a fish into the lake. Parents and teachers helped the little ones—the 3

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**By: Anna Willhite**

While summer is not official until June 21st, it feels as though it arrived by the end of May. We welcome the warmer weather which makes it more appealing to venture outside and tend to outdoor needs – gardens and flowers. Unfortunately, we are still contending with the winds, although so far they haven't seemed quite so fierce as earlier.

School is out and the San Lorenzo Elementary students ended the academic year with some fun (and educational) outdoor and other activities. They celebrated the San Lorenzo Elementary School annual day in the woods, where students released Gila rout into the wild. The 5th and 6th graders visited the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Mrs. Red's class celebrated Kings and Princesses for a Day. All of these activities, with pictures, are described here in *The Messenger*.

This year local summer lunch programs will be held, first at San Lorenzo Catholic Mission and then at San Lorenzo Elementary School, during the summer school program. Both involve free lunches for all children in the community, ages 1 to 18. See Page 20 for details.

Summer Community events are coming up soon, both in the Valley and other local areas. As usual, there is no lack of interesting and fun opportunities available to all of us. The Nan Ranch Tour on Sunday, June 4th and the La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery Summer Art and Wine Extravaganza on Saturday, June 11th are but two major upcoming events.

We have had consistently positive response to the travel diary from 1902 published in last month's issue. The current installment picks up where the travelers stopped in Mimbres. Their travels on up to the "Gila Springs" include many local places and attractions that will be

familiar even after more than 100 years and can easily be compared to the present day.

The feedback we have had from readers of the first installment has been very positive and indicates considerable interest in historical recollections. There are many local residents whose personal and family history are all around us. We would welcome the opportunity to share with our readers personal accounts of earlier life in and around the Valley. Make notes, write an article or contact us for help recording recollections. As I have said in earlier pleas for contributions from our readers, we will help those who (probably erroneously) don't see themselves as writers. Let us hear from you!

Looking ahead to the fall, we are very pleased to announce that there will be a Harvest Festival this year on September 30th! Future issues will describe how you can become involved in this year's event, which is always a very worthwhile and entertaining experience for both participants and attendees. Stay tuned.



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and 4 year olds lined up first, each carried a bucket to the water's edge, carefully tipped the fish into the lake. Everyone cheered and clapped as the trout swam into



the wild. Bucket after bucket, fish after fish, until the truck was empty.

After the last fish went into the lake, the students were herded back into groups and spent the rest of the morning rotating to outdoor classroom stations. The kids learned about taking care of the watershed, about the benefits of fire to the ecosystem, and much more. They painted a fish and learned about the Mimbres Indian pottery pictures of fish painted about a thousand years ago.



Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch before more education and fun. The San Lorenzo students got to end the day at Sapillo Campground-- with some free time just to have some fun in the woods.



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FOREST SERVICE NEWS

6th Annual Aldo Leopold Fishing Derby Coming June 3

Summer is almost here and so is the 6th Annual Aldo Leopold Kids' Fishing Derby which is on for Saturday, June 3 at Lake Roberts, north of Silver City, NM. The event is sponsored by the Wilderness District of the Gila National Forest, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mora National Fish Hatchery, and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Co-sponsors of the event include Trout Unlimited, New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, J and J signs, Morn-ingstar Sports, 1st New Mexico Bank, National Wild Turkey Federation, and other local businesses.

Mora National Fish Hatchery is planning on stocking re-tired Gila trout for the event. This may be the year for a world record Gila trout on the end of your line!! Certi-fied scales will be on site to officially weigh your trophy. The derby will coincide with New Mexico's Free Fishing Day. There will be display booths, demonstrations, priz-es and tons of interactive fun for the kids. Let's go fish-ing!!!

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/ or follow us on Twitter @GilaNForest.

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1902 Trip to New Mexico ~ Continued from the May Issue

In the first installment of this diary of a 1902 trip to New Mexico by two cousins from Kansas, we left them just as they had arrived in Mimbres, where they spent the night.

Next morning we started early for we had an all days trip before us and such a trip as it was. "Uphill both ways", cousin Jim said. Some places the axles would strike against the big rocks, the mules would stop. Jim would let them rest a while then pull to one side to get over the rock and go on again. By the side of the road was a dead cow leaning against a stump. Cousin Jim's eyes twinkled and he said (1) "They live mostly on scenery and mountain air, (2) and are such rustlers they cannot take time to lay down to die". This one seemed to have died that way for her head was up like she had looked as long as she could. Suppose that's the same as "dying with ones boots on." We soon crossed the Continental Divide and came to fallen timber, the long needled pine. The timber was thicker here too. The old Juniper trees looked like old apple trees and had little green berries on them, and some bunches of mistletoe on the branches.

We passed the Carpenter and G.D.S. Ranches and soon came to an old well on the Sappella (Sapillo) River. There used to be a house by the well but now only a log barn and corral are there. We stopped long enough to water the feed the mules and eat our lunch and rest awhile, then on for the thirty mile trip over the worst road of all. So steep the mules would stop often to rest and we would try to up hill but the light air soon tired us so we had to ride. We were about eight thousand feet high. Once we saw a little lizard. Alta threw a rock at it but the rock fell in front of it so it turned and ran towards her then she was frightened until Jim laughed and told her it would not hurt her.

Soon we came to where the road is on top of a high narrow ridge and we could look down on the Gila (Hela) River winding through the Canyon on one side and the Alum Mines in the distance, the sides of the mountains looking dull red and yellow where the alum is. On the other side of the road is the Black Canyon covered with pines and evergreen oaks and such a dark purple haze hangs over all that it has a gloomy look that gives it the name "Black Canyon". Now the "Gila Springs" are in sight far down the valley in front of us and the houses, barn and green alfalfa fields. We girls thought we would be there in a few minutes, but there was two hours travel on a steep

winding road before Cousin Jim said "now we are home."

The sun was almost down and Cousin Spencer was getting the supper ready. They had four boarders so there was eight of us altogether and we three did our share when we came to the supper table for the mountain ride gave us good appetites. After the supper we went to the Hot Springs and had a bath. The hot water bubbles out of the rocks and the boys have blasted out some of the rocks, build a bath house and piped the water into it and have the metal bath tubs. There is one little room for a steam bath, it is farther back in the rocks and the hot water runs down the walls and over the floor. With the door closed one is soon perspiring freely and can only stay in a few minutes. The next morning we saw the sunshine, creeping down the mountain side west of the house. The high cliff on the East side kept it from shining on us from the East side. The mocking birds were singing in the big Pine trees near the house and clouds were hanging over the Hot Springs. The morning was cool and frosty but after a while the sun warmed the air, the clouds drifts away and we had a beautiful day.

When Jim went to "Grandma Sandibals" for corn, we girls went with him and while he was measuring the corn and cleaning out the chaff we were in the house. It was neat and clean, the dirt floor packed hard and animal hides spread down for the baby granddaughter to play on. She was about eight months old, quite fair with dark hair and eyes. Her name was Blacetto. They brought each of us a glass of milk, first throwing away the flowers and emptying the water they had in the glasses. They showed us the little flower garden and the water mill where they ground corn for their bread. It had two big stones lying flat. The lower one stationary and hollowed to hold the corn, the upper one curved to fit in it and connected to a wooden wheel in the water below the floor by an upright poke that passed through the center of the stationary wheel. The meal is very coarse but made good mush or corn bread.

Our next ride was to the Alum Mines about three miles down the river, and we crossed the river twenty-three times before reaching the mines. Then we climbed up about forty feet to the tunnels that were about six feet high and

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one hundred and fifty feet back into the mountains. We lighted our torches and found the tunnel filled with big bluebottle flies that buzzed around us like a swarm of bees. The Alum oozes through the rock and is about two inches thick, we pulled it off the rocks in large bunches and could tear it apart very much as one can the moss from old trees. It was pretty and white, sparkling in the torch light and tastes like pure alum but is only sixty percent pure.

In a few days Jim took us to see the Cliff Dwellings about four miles up the west fork of the Gila River. In the Magollon Mountains "The Main Cliff is about six or eight hundred feet in length, having a perpendicular face averaging about one hundred and fifty feet in height in which are natural caves of considerable size." There are three large caves in the Cliff, each divided into rooms by walls built of small flat stones and a white mud or mortar. The little doors and low ceilings indicate there were a small people. In the dust was tiny corn cobs, pumpkin seeds and stems, bits of braided bear grass, beads and pieces of broken pottery. Our cousins found a mummy wrapped in a coarse kind of cloth woven from the fiber of plants. The Smithsonian Institute now has the mummy.

One of the Mexicans living near there found a metab made of a stone about fourteen inches long and two inches wide. One side was raised by two little legs, that was the side next to the worker who crushed the corn by rubbing downward with a stone about six inches long and three inches through the meal falling to the lower edge of the metab where a ridge in the stone held it. The metab was hollowed out so it would hold about a quart of meal but the hollow might have been caused from usage for the Mexican still used it to grind the corn for his family.

Coming back we stopped at the Indian Paintings. In a smooth side of the Canyon the Indians have made odd pictures of people, tents, and marks that look like turkey tracks, and garden rakes without the handles. I copied those that were plainest and here they are:
(Unfortunately, the copies of the paintings were not included with the typed version of the diary we now have.
Ed.note)

They used a red paint that is still quiet bright, and Cousin Jim told us they were there twenty year ago when he first came. Geronimo (Geronimo) used to come through there with his men, killing the settlers and destroying their homes and property. Our Cousins were with the settlers that helped the soldiers drive them out. They were not in any

fight with him, but often came so close the campfires were still burning where the Indians had camped.

That night it rained and the next morning we girls saw the mountain tops above the clouds that were drifting up and down, trying to get away it seemed to us. Finally they lifted above the mountain tops, floated away, the sun came out, everything looked so fresh and pure, the air so clear and the odor of the Pines everywhere.

Busy days came now the Cousins putting up the alfalfa hay, lots of people coming and going so we girls did not go riding often only short trips up the Canyons near the house. One pretty place we often visited was Little Creek. It empties into the Gila River about a quarter of a mile above the house. About a mile up the Canyon are the falls. They are fed by a spring the upper one falls about fifteen feet on a pretty grassy step about ten feet wide then down again about twenty feet to the creek. Moss and Ferns grow close to the water and yellow columbine, snapdragons and little blue-bells were where the water splashed over them keeping them cool and fresh, and moss covered the big rocks that lay on the bank where it ran into the creek.

The sides of the Canyon were high and rocky and the farther up the canyon we went the narrower it grew until in places we would put out our hands and touch the great rocky walls each side of us and look up about three hundred feet. In some of the crevices were large cactus plants growing even better than those we had seen in the sand.

The gray squirrels scolded at us from the tops of rocks. They do not sound like the fox squirrels at home and at first we thought it was a bird: they make a peculiar twilling whistling sound.

People were coming in from fishing trips now bringing baskets of fine trout. That gave us the fishing fever so a small party of us took a (.....?), bedding, provisions and cooking utensils and went up the west fork of the Gila River fifteen miles and camped two days. Caught all the fish we could use, climbed mountains, sat around the campfire at night and told stories until it was about ten o'clock when it was time for "lights out" and all were soon asleep. Such good health-giving sleep as one finds only in the pure air of the mountains. Morning came clear and cold and we gathered

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around the campfire to keep warm, ate an early breakfast and were soon out fishing again.

The place we camped at is called the "Rock Quarry" and the rocks so smooth and even, they looked like books stacked in the book case. We pulled one out and it was about two inches thick, twelve inches wide and ten feet long. Others were wider for our table was made of small rocks stacked up and a big slab laid on top, making it the size of an ordinary dining table.

We caught a goodly number of the speckled beauties, and after dinner we packed our outfit and went home happy.

To be continued next month.

1902 TRIP TO NM Historical Notes by M. Markel

The people and places mentioned in the article are real - the women travel past the Kneeling Nun (*Kneeling Jesus*); the GDS is the GOS Ranch that was headquartered on the Sapillo/Lake Roberts area. The Hicks homestead is on the Mimbres near today's La Paloma Realty and was purchased by Ralph Mattocks from the Hicks. Longtime Mimbres Store

owner Ena Mattocks Osborn was born at the Old Hicks place. The cousins the women, Mary Jane and Alta, visit at Gila Hot Springs are James and Spencer Hill, owners of the homestead that is now owned by the Campbells - Doc Campbell's Post.

James and Spencer Hill came to the Gila Hot Springs country from Kansas in the 1870s. They homesteaded and provided beef and wild game to the soldiers at Ft. Bayard and the miners at Pinos Altos and Georgetown. The Hill brothers built bath houses using the water from the hot springs and they provided a place for visitors to the hot springs to stay.

Sam Hill, a third brother, homesteaded on the Sapillo near what is now Lake Roberts and ran a thousand head of Angora goats. In 1895 Sam was convicted of killing livestock. The trial was held in Socorro and the judge refused to give Sam any sentence—it was well known that Sam killed his neighbor's cow when the cow was caught destroying Sam's vegetable garden. In 1902, as reported in the Silver City newspaper, Spence got into a fight with George Ferguson of the XSX Ranch. Jim died of pneumonia in 1903. Spence sold the Gila Hot Springs property to Tom Lyon in 1904. Spence lived at the Hot Springs until he left N.M. in 1935.



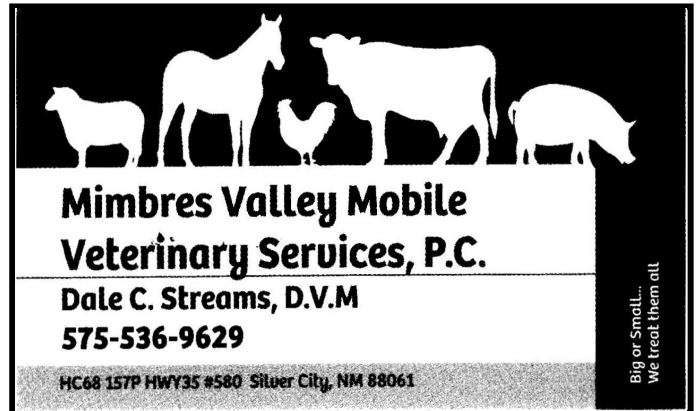
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The Roundup Lodge continues to see parties and events as we go into summer – graduations, birthdays and other celebrations have not slowed down. With the close of school, the Girl Scouts, who meet every Monday, have ended their season. So, until school starts, rental of the Lodge on Mondays will be available.

Our sign, which fell victim to recent howling winds, cannot be usefully repaired. So we are moving ahead with plans for a new sign. Any sign painters who would like to volunteer some time for this project, please let us know.

The Booster Club is looking ahead to summer events, but will try to wait out Mother Nature so that we can do some outdoor events without blowing away. There will also not be a swap meet in June as originally planned. We will continue to evaluate interest by vendors and attendees for future planning.

On Saturday, June 10, the members of the Booster Club will be at the Summer Art and Wine Extravaganza at the La Esperanza Vineyards and Winery from 11 am to 5 pm. They will be serving Italian Cuisine and desserts. By the generosity of the vineyard owners, all proceeds from this event will benefit the Roundup Lodge.

Mother's Day Bingo was a well-attended and fun (if sometimes hectic) afternoon. June Bingo will be on Sunday, June 11th from 2:00 to 5:00 as always.

The Booster Club has begun collection of toys and gifts for the San Lorenzo Elementary School students' Christ-

mas project. Bring an age-appropriate gift (3 and 4 years through grade 6), value approximately \$10 and receive a free Bingo card with the purchase of 3 cards for \$10. It may seem early to be planning for Christmas, but this large project is very worthwhile and most appreciated by the students and the school.

The Booster Club continues to invite prospective members to come to a meeting, have a light dinner and find out what we are all about. The next meeting is June 1st (short notice) but if you miss that date, contact one of the members who are all your neighbors, for more information.

If you want to schedule a meeting or rent the Lodge for a party or other event, please call Anna at 575-536-9323 until further notice.



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Summer Reading Program at the Bayard Public Library

The Bayard Public Library is gearing up for its 2017 Summer Reading Program. Kick off day is Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. with a performance by Jamie O'Hara, the Magic Guy. That same afternoon, children are invited back at 2:00 p.m. for a musical instrument demonstration. Many special performers are lined up including Wonders on Wheels, a traveling dinosaur exhibit; Amazing Arthropods, a traveling natural science show; Luke Renner, The YoYo Man; and Curious Chris, a puppet and ventriloquist entertainer. Program activities will focus on "Building a Better World" through architecture, arts, agriculture, and adventures with one another, and the world. There is no charge to attend the program or special events.

Program dates will be June 6 through June 30, Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration is encouraged but not required. Ages 4 and above are welcome to participate. For children under age 4,

there is a children's room available where parents and youngsters can play and read.

Activities will also include building models, robots, cities, and a community garden plot. The library is asking the community for donations of cinder blocks and potting soil. These can be dropped off at the library courtyard.

Awards and prizes will be given for completing reading logs, creativity, innovation, attendance, helping others, cleaning up, and overall exuberance. "Mrs. Raven Rooney will lead the program again this summer and there is no limit to her enthusiasm and imagination when it comes to leading programs of this sort," said Sonya Dixon, Director. "The kids really admire her and that makes for a wonderful, successful month ahead."

The library is at 1112 Central Ave., Bayard, NM or contact us at 575-537-6244. Visit us on Facebook for calendar of events and added activities.

Bayard Public Library Summer Reading Program

June 6 to
June 30
Tuesday
through
Friday

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
We are continuing to add events and performers as this goes to print, so stay tuned!	Call with any questions 537-6244	1 NO PROGRAM	2 NO PROGRAM
6 SRP KICK OFF! Jaime O'Hara the Magic Guy! @ 11:00 MAGIC SHOW 2:00 MUSIC DEMO	7 SET UP BUILDING SITES: robots, cities, legos, motors, planting & more!	8 WONDERS ON WHEELS, TRAVELING DINOSAUR EXHIBIT 10:30 - 12:00	9 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00
13 SPECIAL GUESTS TO BE ANNOUNCED!	14 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) & SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00	15 AMAZING ARTHROPODS! Traveling natural science show @ 11:00	16 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00
20 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) & SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00	21 FINISH BUILDING PROJECTS AT WORK STATIONS Cast your votes!	22 Luke Renner THE YOYO MAN! Live @ 11:00	23 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00
27 Curious Chris PUPPETS, VENTRILLOQUIST SHOW @ 11:00	28 OUTDOOR ACTIVITY (1st) & SRP LEADER'S CHOICE! 10:30 - 12:00	29 ARCHEOLOGY OF THE SOUTHWEST DEMO & HANDS ON-STEP BACK IN TIME... @10:30	30 LAST DAY PARTY PRIZES! AWARDS! PRIZES! AWARDS!

Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen



Simple Battles

Signatures scrawled in the backs of doodle filled journals

A fish

An elf

An opened mouthed elephant

A man saved by the fulfillment of the word "creatine"

The remnants of school

My journals, soaked in knowledge and covered in

Duct tape

Pen

Honey comb

Stapled scraps of paper poke out of the edges

Lined paper to guide and separate. Separate.

The tensions build

Politics, gender, and religion called into question

Every statement made is offensive

My left versus my right

May the best man win

Or is that offensive to say? "man"

What happened to

Freedom of speech?

Freedom of the Press?

Freedom to express?

Maybe it became buried under a virtual battle field

A useless war

Partly battled online, the left versus the right

The ignorant versus the angry

The bored versus the involved

The useless war versus the real fight

Partly battled in the street of Ferguson, Missouri

White men erasing the lives of black men

Violence

Hate

Power

The simple versus the complex

In school,

The only dead men, black and white, hang from graphite constructed games

The only battles were fought in the lunch lines for first pick

The only segregations are the lines on my papers.

The black and white versus the conglomerate of color

Kit/Swift Foxes



These small, large-eared foxes are very closely related and move by night. The kit fox has slightly bigger ears and lives in the western and southern part of New Mexico. The swift fox general-

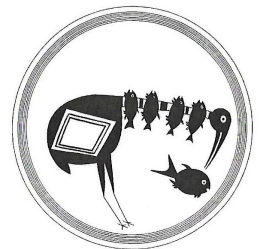
ly lives in the eastern part of the state, but the two foxes are almost identical; both kinds have pale, rust-gray fur with a white belly, and a black-tipped tail. Their diet consists of mostly rabbits, hares, and rodents but also birds, lizards, and insects. During the day they usually stay in dens, which can have as many as 25 entrances! In the dens are separate chambers for sleeping and storing food. These foxes play an important role as predators on small animals.

Where was Conejo Mimbrenño in May



In May, I saw a great blue heron flying gracefully above the Mimbres River. As I watched, the big bird landed in the river, and slowly moved through the water searching for its prey. Did

the bird catch a fish? Maybe it caught a Chihuahua chub, a fish found only in the Mimbres!





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY - 5:30 pm Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month. For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets **June 5 and 19, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10 am** at the Mimbres Senior Center. For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets June 15 (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - June 21 (third 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. **Note date change: Commodities will now be distributed the 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. No June dates available. Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at desertwest@desertwestauction.com or call 575-536-9353. Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At www.liveauctioneers.com or www.lcollector.com.

GIRL SCOUTS OF DESERT SOUTHWEST, TROOP 049 No summer meetings. Meetings will resume when school starts in the fall.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours have been extended to three days. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday **8:00 am to 5 pm.** 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - NEW HOURS - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm. Mimbres' Award Winning Winery. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252

CLUB 24 ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR FEATURING THE NAN RANCH Sunday, June 4 11 am to 3 pm - will be selling wine at the Nan Ranch

SUMMER ART AND WINE EXTRAVAGANZA June 10 - 11 am to 5 pm - Artists, wine and Italian cuisine

MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has a new summer schedule: Open daily 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-3161 at least a week in advance.

First Saturday of the month, June 3 - 1 pm Bill Hudson of the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation gives a tour of the Mimbres Site. For information call 536-3333.

MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, June 8 - Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Board Meeting - June 14 - 6 pm .Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Everyone Welcome.

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. Thursday, June 1 first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - Sunday, June 11 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize of \$50 cash.

SUMMER ART AND WINE EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, June 10 - 11 am to 5 pm at La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery See the Boosters there! Will be serving Italian food and desserts.

MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY— Monday - Friday 11:30 Reservations are requested one day in advance. **EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday and Thursday - 10:00 am** Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

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SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center - Tuesday, June 27 (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES - Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays - 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069

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RIO MIMBRES BAPTIST CHURCH - Free Community Hamburger Cookout - Saturday, June 17 - 2 pm to 5 pm 29 Cactus Drive. (See Page 3.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-Sunday, June 18 to Friday, June 23 - 6 pm to 9 pm Kindergarten to High School. 29 Cactus Drive. (See Page 19.)

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM at the San Lorenzo Catholic Church - June 12 - June 26 11:30 to 12:30 pm FREE Lunch to anyone aged 1 to 18 yrs. Parents may purchase lunch. For more information, contact Alma Grijalva at 575-537-4055**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM at the San Lorenzo Elementary School - June 27th - July 28. 12 noon to 12:30 pm** FREE Lunch to anyone aged 1 to 18 yrs. Parents may purchase lunch. For more information, check with the school 575-537-4070**VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - NEW HOURS ~ TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 11am to 6 pm;**

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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, June 7 - First Wednesday of the month. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Every Wednesday - 6 pm to 7 pm - Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Race Track Road, Arenas Valley.** Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call 575-313-7094 or 575-654-1643**AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 of Silver City - meets every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** for coffee and doughnuts for all veterans. 409 West College Avenue, Silver City. For more information contact Ray Davis 575-956-5153**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, June 14 - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm** Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - parking on Cactus** enter at NW door.**BAYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY - NEW HOURS - Monday - noon to 6 pm, Tuesday through Friday - 9 am to 6 pm CLOSED on Saturday and Sunday.**

SUMMER READING PROGRAM begins June 6, 2017 with the theme, "Build a Better World". This summer's program will emphasize building strong communities and relationships by working together. (See page 9.) Come by the Library to sign up, call or email: **1112 Central Ave., Bayard, NM, 575-537-6244** sdixon@cityofbayardnm.com

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, June 22

Mimbres - NEW LOCATION - Living Harvest Bakery 9:45 am - 10:45 am

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

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CLUB 24 ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR Sunday, June 4 11 am to 3 pm First Public Tour of the Nan Ranch. Proceeds from the Tour help provide scholarships for two women at attend WNMU. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery. For every glass of wine sold, \$1 will be donated to the scholarship fund.**FORT BAYARD WALKING TOURS - Private tours for family and friends visiting the area.** Call 575-388-9123 or 575-574-8779**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, June 23 ~ 3rd WEDS of the month.** Meetings will be back at the Roundup Lodge in Mimbres for the summer. Pot Luck at 6 pm followed by a program at 7 pm. The guest speaker will be Dr. Barbara Roth presenting a program on research and excavation in the Mimbres valley. For information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.****GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, June 8 - (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw.** Bring your own service ware and dish to share. Silver City

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Senior Center - 204 W. Victoria Street in Silver City 575-536-1393 rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com

Field trip Saturday, June 17 the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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

NEW HOPE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - EVERY MONDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church at 20th and Swan, Silver City. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call Jerry 575-534-4866 or Diana 575-574-2311.

FIRST NEW MEXICO BANK WILD WILD WEST PRO RODEO - THURSDAY, JUNE 1 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 3 at the Southwest Horseman's Arena, Highway 180 just east of Silver City. Gates open at 6:30 pm with the mutton busting getting underway at 7:30 pm and the rodeo performances start at 8 pm. Stay after for a kids dance on the slab and an adult "Dance in the Dirt" featuring the Yarbrough Band. Tickets available at First New Mexico Bank, Circle Heart Western Wear, Lawley Dodge. \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate. www.silvercityprorodeo.com or find us on Facebook

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SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP LUNCH MEETING - Thursday, June 1 - 11:45 am Sunset Room of the WNMU Student Cafeteria located on the second floor of the Student Memorial Building at 1000 West College Avenue in Silver City. Matt Geisel, NM Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Economic Development will be the guest speaker. Cost will be \$20 per person. Seating will be limited For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785. Advanced registration is recommended.

SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop for information about any event.

Co-op Explorers Kids Craft NEW Program - Saturday, June 3 - 1:00 pm to 2 pm Learn about seasonal produce and make Stuffed Strawberries! Kids ages 12 and under are invited to become a card-carrying Co-op Explorer. Kids simply need to bring a parent or supervising adult to a cash register and ask to become a Co-op Explorer. Each child will be issued their very own super official Co-op Explorer Card. Please call Charmeine at the Co-op at 388-2343 to register your child for the craft class. The class is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. At the Market Café, 614 North Bullard Street.

JUMP INTO SUMMER - Saturday, June 10 - 9am to 3 pm Gough Park Stop by our booth. Make recycled Bottle Cap magnets and bean bag toss.

SAVVY SHOPPER TOUR of the FOOD CO-OP - Wednesday, June 14, 10 am to 12 noon. Get the inside scoop and a goodie bag! 520 North Bullard Street

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ROUNDUP DONATION PROGRAM - The April recipient of the Roundup Donation Program was The Gila Regional Information Project (\$1,460) The May recipient will be the Bikeworks.

SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - Will resume its first Wednesday meetings in September. If you are a photographer or just interested in pictures, please join us when we reconvene. This fall, check for speakers and location in this publication. Enjoy your summer.

WALGREENS - Tuesday, June 6 (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - June 12 - Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church (formerly Glad Tidings Church) 11600 Hwy 180 E - Judy O'Laughlin will talk about Easy Eating. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.

WOMEN'S AL-ANON MEETING: WOMEN EMBRACING RECOVERY - Every Friday - 5:30 pm to 6:30pm - La Clinica Health and Birth Center, 3201 Ridge Loop, Silver City. Closed meeting for women who are family and friends of alcoholics. For information call 575-313-7094 or 575-313-1032

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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12 Braised Pork Chop 3-Bean Salad Peas W/ Marg WW Bread Baked Apple Slices	13 Red Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce, Tomato Slice of WW Bread Fruit Cocktail	14 Chicken & Noodles Steamed Cauliflower Caesar Salad W/Dressing WW Roll Fruit Cocktail	15 Turkey Wrap Pasta Salad Granola Bar Apricots	16 Sloppy Joe Tossed Salad Salad Dressing Green Beans Ice Cream
19 Gr. Chicken Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Jello Apricots	20 Lasagna Garden Salad Mixed Veggies French Bread Apple Cobbler	21 Chicken Pasta Salad Crackers Granola Bars Honey Dew Watermelon First Day of Summer	22 Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheese Slice Black Eyed Peas Carrots Angel Food Cake w/ Strawberries	23 Frito Pie Pinto Beans Lettuce / Tomato Onions Angel Food Cake Apricots
26 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Green Beans WW Roll W/ Marg Apple Cobbler	27 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Biscuit W/ Marg Fresh Fruit	28 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange	29 Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Lettuce & Tomato Peanut Butter Crackers Apricots	30 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges

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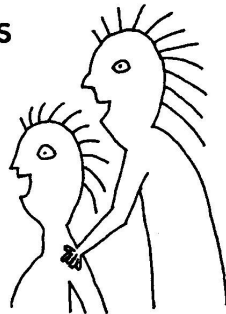
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San Lorenzo 5th and 6th Grade Visit MCHS

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Mrs. Red's Class

Kings and Princesses for a Day!

Mrs. Red's (Rosella Escobedo DeBusk) -- Academic Support Class read six books with a math/literature connection in a series named 'Sir Cumference and the Math Adventures.' The students and teachers each made a "coat of arms" and displayed the artwork on a bulletin board. The kids learned geometry, and about the tradition, in medieval days, of royalty giving gifts to the common people. On Thursday, May 18th, Mrs. Red helped her students dress in their finery before a parade of Royals began. The kings wore capes and held swords; the princesses, already in pretty dresses, carried a big pink rose. All the royalty wore crowns. The king's crowns—representing three kingdoms (Snake, Jewels, and Stars) were made by school librarian, Mrs. Carpenter. The San Lorenzo Royalty celebrated spring and the coming of summer by visited the all the classrooms, handing out treats to the other students, teachers, and any other lucky adult present at the school. Everyone was wished a "Happy Spring."



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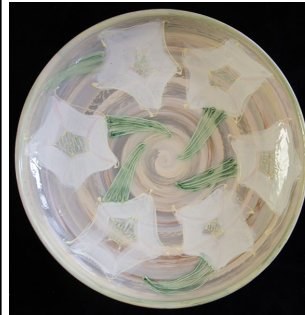


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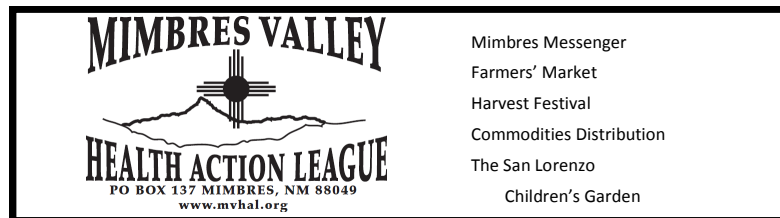
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WEDNESDAY, June 14 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, June 21 - 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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