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2017 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival – Maybe?

By Grace Williams

As a new resident in our beautiful Mimbres Valley I attended my first Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival back in 2011. I loved the way the community came together at the local San Lorenzo Elementary School. I remember first walking into the free Health Fair in the school's gym. I had my blood pressure and my breathing capacity checked. I got a skin cancer screening from a local dermatologist, and I think I got a free flu shot. As I moved outside to the back of the school I walked up to the information tent and was greeted by an energetic older woman named Paula who made sure I bought plenty of raffle tickets. As I continued to walk through the grounds I had my choice of green chili stew, quesadillas, Indian fry bread, and Asian food. There was also fresh baked bread, heavenly cinnamon rolls, and other baked goodies from the local Living Harvest Bakery. There were rows of artisan and craft vendors selling their beautifully made items. Then I discovered the harvest in this festival. At the far end of the field were the growers. I don't remember if 2011 was a good year for apples or not, but I know I left with valley-grown produce of some kind. As I wandered around I took time to enjoy the live music coming from the stage, the children's activities, and made a visit to the Children's Garden at the very back of the school grounds.

Out of curiosity, I began to ask around trying to find out who organized the festival and at that point met Kate Brown, who was selling her beautifully made pottery. I

found out she was the President of a non-profit group called MVHAL or Mimbres Valley Health Action League. MVHAL was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. It is this mission that drives the projects they support.



I was also curious about the extensive garden and pond behind the elementary school and found out it was created in 1998 as the

Mimbres Valley Community Nature Garden. To quote from the pictorial history I was loaned, "the building of the pond, the trail, the amphitheater and planning trees and shrubs. Parents came and helped, as did forest service personnel. Children from 4th and 5th grade classes did lots of the work. What pride we all felt upon completion." It turns out that over the years since 1998 there have been many volunteers who have worked with the



school to use the garden as a learning center for the students. The greenhouse was added in 2011. Over the past three years school staff have kept the program going with parent volunteers and project grants from MVHAL.

As I left my first Harvest Festival, I had no idea I would become the Chair of the 2014, 2015 and the 2016 festivals but that's what happened. As Chair you depend on the people of the valley stepping forward as volunteers to take on the many jobs that make a project like the fes-

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

One of our neighbors came into possession of a transcript of a travel diary written 115 years ago. It chronicles a trip taken by two intrepid, presumably young, women from El Dorado, Kansas to New Mexico. Obviously someone typed the original transcript, quaint spelling, grammar and all, and it has been copied and shared at least several times. People are mostly referred to by first names, but many locations mentioned are familiar.

It is a fairly lengthy diary and we felt it would be a fascinating series for our readers. We make no claims regarding authorship, or provenance, but share it for its obvious historical and local interest. Enjoy.

As summer approaches, hopefully bringing warmer days, future activities and summer events are in the planning stages. Volunteers are being solicited in order to produce the beloved Harvest Festival (see page 1). The Harvest Festival is an enormous undertaking and requires the efforts and participation of many. Come to the MVHAL meeting on May 10th at the Roundup Lodge and learn what MVHAL is all about. Try to set aside some time to help plan and implement Valley events this summer. The Harvest Festival and Farmers' Market need you!

Another harbinger of summer is the almost irresistible urge to start flower or vegetable gardens. As usual, just when you think it is safe to put a tomato plant in the ground, the warm, sunny days revert to cool, crisp nights. As I write this, there is talk of cold and snow up in the Albuquerque area. Forecast high temperatures are not all that high. Hopefully this cold front keeps right on going, and none of the tender plants suffer frost-

bite. Since I have yet to plant a single thing, I have no personal anxiety, but I see flowers in bloom and even roses already blooming and I hope they are winter hardy.

Everyone is ready for the arrival of warmer days. Two weeks before the first of April, I was buzzed by a hummingbird in front of the usual feeder spot at my house. Taking the hint, and feeling sorry for the chilly little creatures, I put out a solitary feeder. Sure enough, in the following days a single hummer could regularly be seen at the feeder. On April 1st, the morning we had snow flurries at my house, I looked out to see a hummer hunkered down at the feeder in the snow. These little guys are not only long-distance travelers, but apparently very resilient. Fortunately, the flurries did not last too long that day. We are up to two feeders now.

Speaking of humming birds, be on the lookout for the hummingbird festival that will this year take place at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, right in our own back yard. It promises to be a fantastic day.

Looking forward to May, we will see Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, the end of the school year and then Memorial Day. If it flashes by as quickly as April did, it will be gone before we know it.

Happy Mother's Day



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tival come together. There are generous and dedicated volunteers in this valley, and I have had the honor of working with them over the past three years.

The festival is the primary fund raising event for MVHAL and I had joined the Board. We needed to continue our funding of the Mimbres Valley Farmer's Market, the Mimbres Messenger, to support the monthly commodities food give-away in collaboration with NM Food Pantries and to give grants for worthwhile projects like the Mimbres Valley Community Nature Garden and classroom at the school and in the future the EMS program. Even more important to me was the role the Harvest Festival plays in community building. Last year we welcomed the Mimbres Farm Bureau to join us in expanding our agricultural based booths and activities.


This year I am not able to continue as the Chair of the Harvest Festival but I am holding the first meeting to form a committee to create a 2017 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival. If you have any interest in seeing this annual community event continue please attend on **Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 PM at the Roundup Lodge**. If you want to participate but are not able to come to the meeting please call me at 536-3687 and leave your name and contact information and you will be contacted after the meeting.

MVHAL recognizes that agriculture has played a major role in community building in the Mimbres Valley in southwestern New Mexico since the Classic Period Mimbres Indians, living in large pueblos along the Mimbres River between A.D. 1000 and 1150, cultivated extensive irrigated fields. Agriculture continued with the Apache Indians when they migrated to the valley sometime after 1600. In 1780 a Spanish Military expe-

dition, led by New Mexico Governor Don Juan Bautista de Anza, reported extensive Apache farms or *rancherías*, along the banks of the upper Mimbres River.

In 1848 the United States took possession of New Mexico from Mexico and in 1852 established Fort Webster across from the present day San Lorenzo. The following spring the soldiers planted large fields of vegetables, corn and grains. With the discovery of gold, silver and copper in the 1800s came the need for a sustainable supply of food to feed the rapid growth of area communities. In the coming years small towns began to develop around *acequias* (community irrigation ditches), which supplied water for agriculture, starting on the lower Mimbres and continuing up the river for 35 miles. This tradition of agriculture and community in the Mimbres Valley continues today in the many small communities of Dwyer, Faywood, San Juan, San Lorenzo and Mimbres.

We hope to continue celebrating the long history of agriculture and artistic creation in our valley. Thank you for reading the Mimbres Messenger and for supporting community building in the Mimbres Valley.-----
Grace Williams



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1902 Trip to New Mexico – Mary Jane White (Aunt Jennie) and Cousin “Alta”

Our cousins living near Silver City, New Mexico wrote for Cousin Alta and I to spend the Summer with them, an invitation we were glad to accept for we had long wished to see the Land of Sunshine and Silver.

(We started from Eldorado, Kansas the twentieth of May, traveled two days and nights and the morning of the third day were in Silver City.)

The second morning on the train we were awake by four o'clock and the country had changed from the level prairie home to rough rocky foothills and purple shadowed mountains in the west and southwest.

We came to La Junta at seven o'clock and they told us that those “Shadow Mountains” were Pikes Peak, the Green Horn Range and the Spanish Peaks.

We had an hour to wait so put in the time asking questions, seeing what we could and saw our first Mexicans and they looked very much like we had read and seen pictures of them.

La Junta (pronounced La Hunta) is of Spanish origin and signifies a junction or meeting place where roads meet and diverge to the mountain passes or wide plains. In December, 1875 La Junta was founded as the temporary halting place of the Santa Fe railroad and the terminus of a branch of the Kansas Pacific from Kit Carson. It was the forwarding point for the New Mexico, Arizona and South-western trade and was started by the big commercial firms who handled the bulk of that business.

Just across the tracks in front of the Depot were the Santa Fe machine shops and yards. But we could not see all for they called “All aboard” and we were soon rushing on toward the Mountains. As we neared the New Mexico line we could see the ice covered tops of the Spanish Peaks, soon we were among the mountains gradually climbing higher until about three o'clock we passed through a tunnel near Raton, New Mexico and were 7622 feet above sea level. They had four engines, two in front and two back. The road down was steep and winding sometimes we could look out and see the rear Engines not far from our window, then in a little while we would see the head Engines near us.

The scenery was grand, line after line of the noble peak were each side of us, some places we would look down hundreds of feet into the rocky walled Canyons, and soon we would be in a Canyon where we could only look up past the rocky walls at a bit of blue sky above.

The air was as light our voices sounded far away as we talked. All day long we rode among the mountains passing many little villages with their odd little adobe houses and at the places we stopped the Mexicans and Indians would stand staring at us and jabbering to one another the women with black shawls over their heads the sun shining on their faces so their eyes were squinted and some were smoking cigarettes. Night came with bright moonlight it seemed clearer than at home. We could see the green leaves, the great rocky mountain-sides and the twinkling lights of the villages as we passed.

We changed cars at Albuquerque at ten o'clock, waited an hour then our train came and we were soon settled and sleeping soundly.

Next morning found we were in the edge of the Llana Estacado or staked Plains (a treeless and waterless grassy plateau of 44,000 square miles nearly 5,000 feet above the sea) so called from the resemblance the boles, of the Yucca plant has to stakes driven in the sand. The plants are from four to eight feet high with a tuft of long green blade on top. Each years growth dries and turns down along the stalk. The Yucca and a few varieties of cacti was all the vegetation we could see. The mountains were each side of us in the distance. Half past six we were in Deming and changed cars for Silver City. The wind was blowing hard driving the sand inside the car and give us plenty of grit for the rest of our journey. We traveled slow, the engine ran off the track once delaying us an hour. It is one hundred miles from Deming to Silver City and the end of that line, it being a branch from the main line. Lots of dead cattle were lying around as it had been an unusually dry season and they wandered into the desert hunting the cacti for food and having no water they perished.

We reached Silver City half past eleven and Cousin Jim was waiting for us and took us to dinner. John Chinaman does the cooking at all the Hotels and restaurants and waits on the tables. We would not tell what they said any better than we could tell what was in the dishes but we were hungry and all tasted good.

After dinner, we waited at the Palace Hotel until Jim drove up with the wagon and four mules. We climbed up beside him and left Silver City for the “Gila Hot Springs” on the “Upper Gila” about 45 miles north west of S.C. At first the road was level and sandy and the mules trotted along easily until we passed Central, the first little village on our route. Then the road was rough and rocky

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FOREST SERVICE NEWS

14-Day Stay Limit at National Forests Campgrounds and Dispersed Areas

The Gila National Forest would like to advise all our visitors that there has been a change to the camping stay limit. It is now a **14-day stay limit** while camping on all ranger districts (Black Range, Glenwood, Quemado, Reserve, Silver City and Wilderness Ranger Districts) per *Order 6-354, Gila National Forest Special Restrictions for Occupancy and Use, March 31, 2017*.

"Camping or overnight occupancy in any areas by any person or group for more than fourteen (14) cumulative days within a 30-day period is prohibited. For purposes of the order, camping is defined as: "the temporary use of National Forest System Lands for the purpose of overnight occupancy without a permanently-fixed structure." *36 CFR 261.2*

The 14-day stay limit also applies to camping equipment. Camping equipment may not remain in place longer than the stay limit, even if used by a different person or group. *36 CFR 261.16 (i)*

While camping on National Forest System lands, please follow the Leave No Trace Principles.

The Leave No Trace Seven Principles

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Before you leave, clean your camping area and hopefully

leave it better than you found it. Leaving camping equipment in place in order to reserve your spot or to minimize hauling it home puts a burden upon other camping visitors to the Forest. Please plan around the 14-day stay limit accordingly. #ItsAllYours so we request that everyone be respectful of fellow visitors and adhere to the 14-day stay limit.

DEAD OUT!

Spring is here and visitation is beginning to increase on the forest. Gila National Forest officials remind visitors to always practice fire safety. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Please be extremely cautious with any activity that may cause a wildfire.

Please follow these campfire guidelines:

- Clear all flammable material away from the fire for a minimum of five feet in all directions.
- Make a fire only if you have a shovel and sufficient water to put it out.
- Have a responsible person in attendance at all times.
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Avoid making a campfire during the windy part of the day.

To make sure your campfire is out, drown with water and stir with dirt, making sure all burned materials are extinguished. Feel with your hand to make sure it's out cold. Every campfire will be put **DEAD OUT** before leaving it.

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with occasionally a smooth bit of road. About four o'clock we passed a rock the Mexicans call the kneeling Jesus, because it resembles a person kneeling in prayer.

At sundown we had traveled fifteen miles and were at "Old Man Earnests place". It used to be a flourishing Hotel when there was lots of miners at Santa Rita, but now has only an old Bachelor there to are for the house and the chickens. There was one boarder, the Overseer of the mines. Old Mr. Earnest had moved into Santa Rita to run a Saloon. There is a large platform in front of the Hotel made of boards turned edgeways, making a very solid floor. They had had a dance a short time before and had waxed the floor with tallow candles cut fine and sprinkled over it.

This was our first night in New Mexico and we had been told the nights were cold and when we found thirteen blankets, a sheet and counterpane on our bed, we thought the nights must be very cold if we needed so many covers. But we only used four of them and were comfortable. There was ice and a big frost next morning and we wore our heavy wraps until ten o'clock when it was warm again. We passed through Santa Rita and saw the buildings where they were smelting the ore, for they have gold, silver and copper mines there. The silver Mines are among the best in the United States – yielding thirty dollars to the ton. We passed the old round Fort the Mexicans had built years ago to defend themselves from the Indians. It is built of adobe, no windows only small openings to shoot through. It is about thirty feet high and fifty feet wide.

We drove north-east to Georgetown, the road getting rougher the farther we went and the little Oak Pine and Juniper trees were thick now along the mountain sides. Just before reaching Georgetown we pass through the "Georgetown Gate", two large Pine trees arching over the road, resembling a gate way.

Georgetown is almost deserted, only two families living there, keeping a little general merchandise store and a Post Office. When the price of silver ore went down they closed the mines and the miners moved away to find work elsewhere. Jim called for the mail for himself and neighbors, for its the rule to bring your neighbors mail whenever you are in any of the Post Offices.

We went northwest from Georgetown along the mountain-side where the Muscal (stunted cedar and pinon trees) grew thick, the old bloom stalks of the Muscal were standing in some of the plants. The Mexicans use them in the roofs of their houses to be covered with dirt, and for wood. We soon came to Mimbres, a little village in the valley of

the lower Mimbres River. This is far as "Uncle Sam" carries the mail. We asked for the mail there too, then on again the road leading down the valley now and smoother than we had been raveling. Pretty little farms were on each side of the road fruit trees of all kinds, corn was about four inches high but looked yellow because the spring was late and cold. We stayed all night with Mr. and Mrs. Hicks an old couple who had lived on their little farm about twenty years. They had a beautiful home with all kinds of fruit, a garden, flowers, a fine stock and poultry. Seemed very much like an eastern home.

(To be Continued next month!)

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by
Gary Paulsen



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GOOD FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES

By Frankie B

Keeping Eggs Fresh

Commercial eggs, organic or not, have been scrubbed clean and possibly washed with a bleach solution. Farm fresh eggs usually have not. The local eggs may have been rinsed in warm water. But if not, they were probably picked clean from raised nests covered with hay, straw or shavings.

Egg shells are porous and naturally covered with a "bloom", a thin coating that keeps air and bacteria from going inside the shell and damaging the white and yolk. When the egg is washed with cold water or soap or a bleach solution, that thin membrane is destroyed and bacteria may be able to invade the egg. A dirty egg should be gently scrubbed dry. Small sand-like particles may be incorporated in the shell and should not be scrubbed off. These are just excess calcium that the hen ate to strengthen the shell. Eggs can be washed with warm water just before being used (especially if the cook often drops eggshells in the batter).

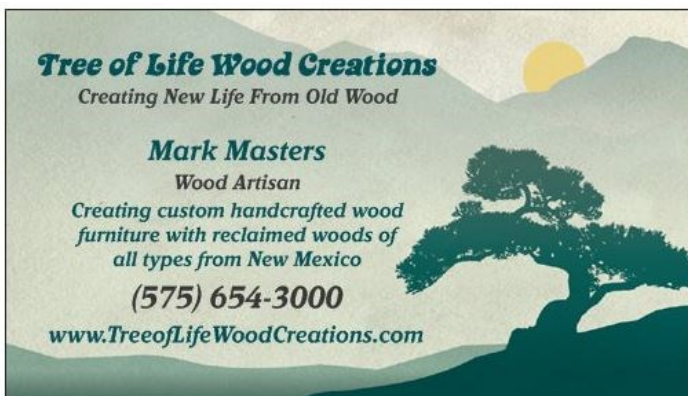
Any egg with a crack, no matter how small should be discarded (or fed to pets who normally have much tougher stomachs than their humans).

If the eggs are just picked and will be eaten within a week or even two, they do not need refrigeration, just a cool dry dark spot, the way most people on the planet handles them. If they must be kept fresh for a longer time, they should be refrigerated, still in the shell, pointy side down (to keep the yolk centered and away from the air sac on the blunt end), preferably in a sealed container at a temperature between 35 and 40°F. Unwashed, local, especially fertile eggs will keep under refrigeration for more than a couple of months.

Fresh eggs can also be frozen for the cold months when the chickens will hardly lay (their butts get cold, too) if

handled in the following manner: Immediately after purchase, crack the eggs, discard the shell, stir and place the insides in a waterproof sealed freezer container. Yolks and whites can be segregated into separate containers, if preferred. Either way, the containers must be labeled with the date of processing. They will keep in the freezer for up to six months. When ready to be used, they should be thawed in the fridge.

2 1/2 to 3 Tbsp of blended eggs equals 1 egg in recipes.

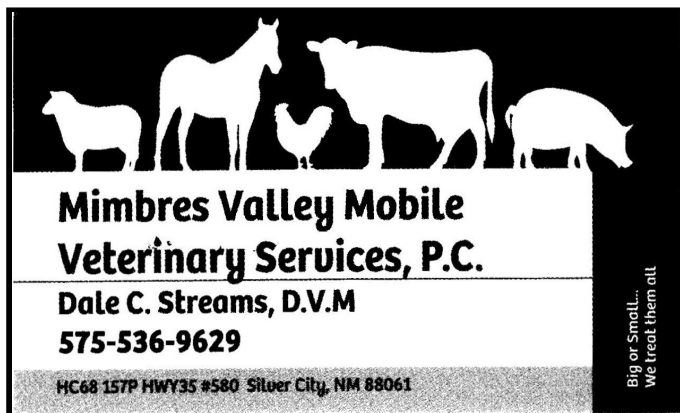


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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

Driving up Acklin Hill Road heading to Rte 152, you may have noticed a change in the landscape along the way. Thanks to the ferocious winds we have experienced lately, the Roundup Lodge sign has been blown down and sustained some damage. As yet, the extent of the damage is unknown, but the need to add this to the list of Booster Club "projects" is obvious.

The sign was mounted on a substantial metal frame, and the wind gust(s) which took it down must have been considerable. It is hard to refrain from complaining about the wind lately.

Sign or not, activities at the Lodge have picked up considerably with the coming of Spring (at least on the calendar) and there are more on the horizon. We have already had a shower, a couple of birthday parties and assorted other festivities in addition to our full schedule of meetings.

In response to several inquiries, it is true that there will not be a plant sale at the Lodge this spring. Too few people available to do the huge amount of work required. Look for plants at the Valle Mimbres Market on Saturday, May 13th, there will be a nice variety available then.

May Bingo will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, May 14th, which is also Mother's Day. Bring Mom to Bingo, there may well be some surprises in store.

There are several other Booster Club activities in the planning stages. We are hoping to have some outdoor

events, but it is hard to determine exactly when these devilish winds will abate. Stay tuned for announcements as plans are implemented.

The Booster Club meets on the first Thursday of each month, and we invite anyone with curiosity (or an appetite) to join us. A light dinner is served followed by a business meeting. Come find out what the Boosters do and consider joining us.

If you want to reserve the Lodge for your event, contact Sally at 505-360-1583 or Anna at 575-536-9323 for details.

Happy Mother's Day

Feliz
Cinco de Mayo!

MESSANGER ON-LINE ~ BLACK RANGE.org

Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, puts the *Mimbres Messenger* on-line each month at <http://www.blackrange.org>, his non-profit website. The website is dedicated to the National History and Human Culture of the Black Range.

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Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



Digital technology has impacted society in both negative and positive ways. Although communication through social media has made connecting with others very easy, face-to-face communication has become limited. However, social media and digital technology have propelled the photography world. Because of smartphones and social media, anyone can be a photographer and share their work instantly. This has opened a whole new playing field. One no longer needs to know about shutter speed, ISO or film speed, and aperture.

Just one click and boom you have a pretty picture. And if it doesn't suit your liking, there are plenty of filters to choose from. Because it is so easy to take a picture and edit it, people have made it a daily competition to see who has the best photos, the most followers, or the best page theme aesthetic. These short cuts and filters distort the reality of the picture and made the challenge of creating real art meaningless. Photography was an art form prized for displaying many outlooks on reality. However, social media photography is not an art; it is a photo-shopped reality.




TERRIFIC KID AWARDS



The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids for April at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The program "honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship," a news release stated. The club has formed a partnership with 8 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies for them and their parents. Pictured are: back, Michael Dominguez, Dotti McDougal, Itzel Valdez, Ariana Legarda. Front, Yalevi Valdez, Esmiah Roybal, Jayrin Tarenner, and Lydia Gavaldon.



Great Blue Heron

A photograph of a Great Blue Heron standing in tall, green grass. The heron is facing right, with its long neck extended upwards. It has a long, straight, greyish-blue beak. Its plumage is primarily greyish-blue with some darker, almost black, feathers on its wings and back. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass.


In the summer, you might see a Great Blue Heron flying up the Mimbres Valley, above the river. The stately bird is known for slowly stalking its prey along the edge of lakes, ponds and rivers. It is a patient hunter, standing still for long periods of time, until an unwary frog or fish gets close to the water's surface. Its sharp beak is its tool for the hunt, enabling this water bird to eat small fish, water insects, frogs, reptiles, snakes, small birds and crayfish. During the heron's breeding season, in some places, more than a hundred pairs may be found nesting together in a colony called a heron 'rookery.' The female lays three to seven eggs in April or May, preferring to nest in old-growth cottonwoods.

Where was Conejo Mimbrenño in April

Did you know that 'Sapillo' means 'little toad or little frog'? Sometimes, if you are near rocky places along Sapillo Creek, especially in the summer after the rains



come, and you listen closely, you can hear the plop, plop, plop of little frogs jumping into pools of water. And a special frog, the Chiricahua Leopard Frog, lives in the Mimbres River. It's an endangered species!


 A detailed illustration of a Chiricahua Leopard Frog, showing its green body with dark spots and a lighter-colored throat. The frog is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.



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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

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

ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets **May 1st and 15th, 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 May 18th (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

CASAS ADOBES MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE - Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 2 pm. Casas Adobes, Route 35 in Mimbres.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - May 17th (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 May 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, meets at Roundup Lodge on **Mondays at 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm weekly.** For more information, come to a meeting.

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. See them at the Las Cruces Wine Festival **May 27th - May 29th.**

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, May 6th - 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, May 11th - 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) - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MAY 10th - 6 pm Brief meeting and side dish and dessert potluck. BBQ provided. Come find out what MVHAL is all about and socialize with your neighbors. (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, May 4th first Thursday of each month. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day) - 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.

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

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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, May 3rd First Wednesday of the month. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

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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. Jamie O'Hara the Magic Guy will kick off the event Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The program will run from June 6 to June 30, Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Registration is encouraged and open for ages 4-14. Children age 6 and under must have an adult in attendance throughout the event. Prizes will be given at the end of the program for attendance, attaining reading goals, helping others, leadership and participation. Come by the Library to sign up, call or email: **1112 Central Ave., Bayard, NM, 575-537-6244**
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BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, May 18th

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

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, May 17th ~ 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. Come and see what the Archaeological Society is all about—field trips, programs and education. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, May 11th - (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. Silver City Senior Center - 204 W. Victoria Street in Silver City 575-536-1393 rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com

Field trip Saturday, May 20th the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

HI LO SILVERS SPRING CONCERT - FRIDAY, May 12th at 7 pm and Sunday, May 14th at 3 pm will include spirituals, standards and songs from Broadway and film. The chorus is directed by Nada Dates and accompanied by Rhonda Gorog on piano and Bill Baldwin on bass violin. Free Concert will be in the First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N. Swan Street in Silver City.

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.

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SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP LUNCH MEETING - Thursday, May 4th- 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. Freeport-McMoRan will announce the 2017 Community Investment Fund Grant winner and present their checks. Meeting is free, \$15 charge for lunch. Or \$20 at the door. 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, May 6 - 1:00 pm to 2 pm Make Fruit Burritos. 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.

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ROUNDUP DONATION PROGRAM - The March recipient of the Roundup Donation Program was The Gila Mimbres Community Radio. They received \$1,751.51 in donations.

WALGREENS - Tuesday, May 2nd (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 20% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - May 8th - 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 - Bettye Fell will talk about the history of Widowed Persons. Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles welcome For information, call 575-537-3643.



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8 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies WW Bread French Bread Apple Cobbler	9 Meat & Cheese Burrito Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Sugar Cookies Apricots	10 Open Faced Turkey Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Spinach Salad Orange Vanilla Wafers	11 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy Cornbread Strawberry Shortcake	12 Baked Mac & Cheese Brussel Sprouts W/ Marg Dinner Roll Pudding
15 Spaghetti W/ Meat Sauce Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail W/Yogurt Oatmeal Cookie	16 Chicken Wrap Tortilla Lettuce & Tomato W/ Dressing Cucumber Salad Apple	17 Red Enchilada Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Slice of WW Bread Fruit Cocktail	18 Hot Dog Baked Beans Sauerkraut Salad W/Dressing Yogurt	19 Egg Salad Sandwich Potato Chips Carrots & Celery WW Bread Peanut Butter Cookie
22 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Squash W/ Marg Crackers Orange	23 Tuna Salad Sandwich Cucumber Salad Graham Crackers Orange	24 Baked Pork Chop W/Diced Tomato Baked Potato Mixed Veggies WW roll Peaches	25 Dill Baked Fish Corn & Peppers Breadstick Pears Yogurt	26 Pepperoni Pizza Spinach Salad Mixed Veggies Pineapple Sugar Cookie
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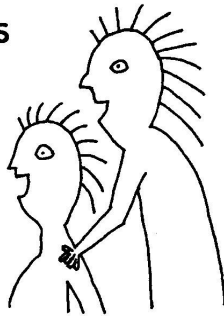
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Hurley Students Visit Mimbres

During a day of discovery and fun, over fifty third and fifth grade students from Hurley Elementary experienced lots of hands-on education at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Volunteer educators and the Aldo Leopold Charter School Youth Conservation Corps Archaeology Crew led the kids from Hurley to four outdoor classroom areas where they learned about the historic houses, looked at museum displays, toured the Mattocks Ruin Archaeological Site, and hiked down to the river.

The students walked the Mattocks Ruin interpretive trail, measured the Great Wall, pin flagged artifacts, used a metate and mano to grind corn, whirled a bullroarer, learned about prehistoric agriculture, natural resources, and endangered species that live in the river. When asked if they had a fun one student smiled, nodded his head, and said, "This place is awesome!" And he's right—Mimbres and the Heritage Site are truly awesome!



Aldo Leopold Charter School Mid-Schoolers Spend at Day of Service at MCHS

During a day of service and fun at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, ALCS middle school students pulled weeds, placed rocks along the interpretive trail, cleaned, painted, and helped site volunteers with a variety of chores. The students also got to look at museum displays, listened to the history of the historic houses and the exciting story of Ben Gooch and the "Murder on the Mimbres." They learned about of the Mattocks Ruin and the ancient Mimbres People and ended the day with a hike to the river. It was a great day – lots of work but also lots of learning and fun!



NEWS FROM

By Katie Hill

**MIMBRES
CULTURE
HERITAGE SITE**

Pass the Sugar, Please

The first weekend in August, the annual Hummingbird Festival will be at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Little Toad has passed the event on. The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation, a 501(c)3, has much to do to get ready for the big event. Sugar water are two frequently heard words around the museum now.

There will be hummingbird banding (placing little bracelets around the hummingbirds' legs) early in the morning, speakers, watching hummingbirds under the old homestead's wrap-around porch, eating ice cream, taking tours, visiting the museum exhibits, and more "in the works." And don't forget VENDORS! We are giving Mimbres Valley folk first chance to reserve a spot. Vendors, if you are interested in reserving a space, please call Bill @ 575. 536.3092 or Kathy @ 575.536.3161.

If you are interested in being a speaker at the festival or know of someone you would like to hear, please let Kathy know at the number above or the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site phone number, 575.536.3333.

When you support the Hummingbird Festival, you are helping the Mimbres Museum "keep the lights on" for another year. So put August 5th and 6th on your calendars. Look for more information in future *Messengers*.

Do you have old branding irons or images of brands from the Mimbres Valley that we at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site can put on display or copy the images? If so, drop them off at the museum daily between 11 am and 3 pm. You can also call Kathy Hill at 536.3161 or her cell 307.640.3012. Thank you!



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BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY, May 10th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

WEDNESDAY, May 17th - 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.

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Do you like reading the Mimbres Messenger every month? Free? Have you been to the Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival any time during its 11 year history in our valley? How about going to the Farmers Market during the summers when fresh, delicious homegrown goodies can be had? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, or even if you can't, the Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL) is the group of volunteer members who make all of these and so many other things happen for us, right here at home. It's time for the group's Annual Meeting and here's the scoop:

WHAT: The Mimbres Valley Health Action League 2017 Annual Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 10th at the Mimbres Roundup Lodge

TIME: 6 PM Brief meeting and dinner!

We'll be cooking BBQ for you all! This is also a potluckso bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors. This is our time to tell you all what's happened during the past year, have elections (we welcome any budding leaders out there!), listen to your thoughts and concerns, renew memberships and hopefully get new members too!

*****AN ADDITIONAL NOTE: The Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival has enjoyed 11 years as the valley's celebration and there is a worry that IF we can't recruit enough help to get the 12th festival planning underway soon, there is the possibility that a Harvest Festival will not happen this coming fall.

There will be a "SAVE THE HARVEST FESTIVAL" meeting on Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 pm at the Roundup Lodge. We all know it's a ton of work, but many hands make light work; and every year we all enjoy the fruits of all of that hard labor in the fall.....help make it happen again this year!!****