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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Conejo Mimbrenño and Friends

By Marilyn Markel

Conejo Mimbrenño first lived on the lower Mimbres at the Hot Springs Ranch. He is descended from a long line of rabbits that have made their home in the Gila country. He now lives at the Cooney on the upper Mimbres with friends. The Mimbres Rabbit likes to go on adventures and visit his favorite places in the Mimbres Valley and surrounding area. Some of his favorite places are the Gila Wilderness, the Mimbres River, Bear Canyon Lake, Lake Roberts, the Cliff Dwellings, and the Community Nature Garden behind San Lorenzo School.

He appears in the Messenger each month on a page to color. Where is Conejo Mimbrenño? Try to guess which of his favorite spots he is visiting. The rabbit visits archaeological and historic sites in the Mimbres area along with other places of interest. Conejo Mimbrenño says he is helping students at San Lorenzo School connect the past and the present, promoting a greater understanding of the past

and an enjoyment of the history of the special place we all call home. The Mimbres rabbit has become well known to the children of the Mimbres Valley and each month they look forward to the next Mimbres Messenger and ask, "Where is Conejo Mimbrenño?"



Conejo Mimbrenño says his adventures will continue. The rabbit is excited about an upcoming celebration – the Gila Forest is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness. All of Conejo Mimbrenño's friends are celebrating, too. "Come celebrate with us" says the rabbit. "You may catch a glimpse of me and my friends at some of the events on the Gila."

Note: Conejo Mimbrenño was painted by Mimbres artist Marilyn Gendron in 2009, one of

many rabbits created for a fundraiser for the Southwest Branch of The International Dyslexia Association. Artists across New Mexico received wooden rabbits to paint. Marilyn Gendron painted her rabbit in the style of the famous Mimbres Black-and-White pottery made by the Mimbres Indians. Gendron named her art piece Conejo Mimbrenño. The Conejo Mimbrenño Education Project is a volunteer community project, sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) and the Mimbres Messenger. The goal of the project is to teach Mimbres area school children about the history of the Mimbres Valley, and about respecting the past and preserving archaeological and historical sites. Each month, a line drawing "page to color", appears in the Mimbres Messenger newsletter along with an article about where the Mimbres Rabbit had his photo taken the previous month.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

BY FRANZ RAITER

This week I attended a *New Mexico First* town hall meeting in Albuquerque. Because I am a student at WNMU, I was offered this opportunity in the form of a scholarship that paid for the two-day seminar, some food and my hotel room as well. The Mimbres Valley Health Action League also kicked down some gas money because they felt it was a good chance to give me some experience and possibly bring a little attention to The Valley. I think I did both. I didn't break anything that can't be easily repaired and the police say that most of the charges will likely be dropped. Nobody said it had to be *positive* attention, right?

When I moved back to Grant County twelve years ago, I moved to The Mimbres Valley because of my perception that it was a beautiful place and there was plenty of room to do what I wanted to; all within a short stroll of one of the biggest national forests in the Lower 48. I had no intention of joining a 'community' or having 'friends' but it seems like both of those things have occurred and I welcome that. As an 'adult student' (term is used loosely) at WNMU, one of my most interesting classes was a Rural Sociology class; don't laugh. In this class I learned that, by moving to a rural area, I was doing the exact *opposite* of what young people with families are doing all over the country. Fleeing talent, dwindling

resources, crumbling or non-existent infrastructure and an aging population characterize Rural America. I think, as a community, we can change that here if we want. That is why, as I attended the New Mexico First town hall meeting, I advocated for local thinning projects and a trail up the entire length of the Mimbres River. Whether anything will come of it remains to be seen. My Sustainability column this month is a recap of what I attempted to do up there, call it 'social sustainability', if you will.



THE ARTISANS OF THE MIMBRES

The Artisans of the Mimbres met April 6th to discuss future involvement in the Harvest Festival and to share their work and inspiration. A member brought her young granddaughter, Olivia, to share the art work she is doing and others of the group brought pieces they are currently working on to share. Several people in the group are putting a booth together in Silver City to sell their work at The Marketplace, others are doing shows. We discussed bringing art to the public via classes. It has been decided that we will help to host the craft

section of the Harvest Festival. Vendor forms will be available closer to the October date. The group meets the 1st Sunday of the month at the Roundup Lodge. Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting will be June 1st at 2:00 pm. Please feel free to contact Lynnae at Lmconaha@aol.com or 575-536-9845 or Dawn at graydawn23@yahoo.com with any questions.

ARTISANS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Artisans of the Mimbres, joined together believing that art should be shared. Our purpose is to promote art; to assist each other in the marketing and the promotion of our art; and to provide an environment where artists and community can be nurtured

NOTES FROM THE MESSENGER STAFF

Please accept our apology for the mistakes and errors that appeared in the April Messenger. Some of the errors were "technical" problems that we are working to correct. Most were human error and inexperience, although we think that "Winderness" was a typographical prophesy! The technical problems will probably get worked out. The human errors are probably here to stay, we just hope there are fewer.

ATTENTION CONTRIBUTORS & ADVERTISERS

The firm deadline for submission of articles, community and other announcements and advertising is the 15th of the month preceding publication, e.g. June deadline is May 15th. In order to publish and deliver the Messenger by the first of each month, your cooperation is vital and will be most appreciated.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING - by Franz Raiter

Bright Lights, Big City & Way Too Much Coffee

"Compromise is not a dirty word."

*-Ryan Flynn,
Cabinet Secretary
NM Environmental Department*

New Mexico First describes itself this way: "Co-founded in 1986 by retired senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Dominici, the public policy organization offers unique town halls and forums that bring together people from all walks of life to develop their best ideas for policymakers and the public." It is intended to be a non-partisan event where all ideas are heard and given equal weight. I found this to be true. There were farmers and policy wonks, ranchers and Native Americans, land managers and politicians and even the occasional famous TV news personality in the form of Sam Donaldson. I'm not exactly sure what 'walk of life' I am supposed to be from, but there is always room for the unimportant and barely educated, apparently.

Senator Martin Heinrich gave an inspiring opening speech and was followed by speakers from the New Mexico Environmental Department, The Nature Conservancy, The Department of Agriculture and the New Mexico Energy as well as the Minerals and Natural Resources Department.

I don't view farmers and ranchers as using water, I view farmers and ranchers as making water nutritious"

*-Jeff Witte
Cabinet Secretary,
NM Department of Agriculture*

After the opening speeches, the three hundred member audience broke off into eight different groups in order to come up with 'strong statements' to be delivered to governmental entities throughout the state for the purpose of helping to form future water and land management policies. As a participant, I was placed into the 'Watersheds and Environment' group. This was my first choice because of my limited reclamation work, study of rangelands and my seasonal association with the Fire Cache. I felt like I might have something to contribute, but I had no real game plan. In my group were some ranchers, a member of the NM Forestry Association, NM Forest Industry Association, a NM Acequia Association representative, some UNM graduate students and other heads of organizations too numerous to mention. One of the most notable characteristics shared by almost all of these people, aside from their important credentials, was their residency in the northern or central part of the state. I think I was the only one from this southwestern area, and it was evident that most of the focus was elsewhere, although there were the

usual 'Oohs' and 'Ahhs' when the Gila National Forest was brought up. I found most of these people to be very receptive to what I had to say, even though I was obviously painfully under qualified by comparison.

As we began to discuss what our big message was going to be coming out of this, I was able to find common ground with some of the ranchers and others concerned with Forest Management. As a participant in one of the biggest Dog and Pony shows that occurs every summer right here in our backyard, down at the Hurley airport, I am a witness to the huge amount of effort and expense that goes into fighting wildfires in our state, eastern Arizona and Western Texas. As the summer wears on, the buzz of activity only increases, as fire camps spring up all over the region to fight the increasingly catastrophic fires that occur every summer. Slurry bombers take off with their expensive loads of fire retardant to complete hazardous missions. Other firefighters parachute, rappel from helicopters, hike or drive into situations that frighten most of us mere mortals. While many welcome the employment opportunities that these fires bring; and almost all recognize the need to control the onslaught that decimates our public lands on a regular basis, I have always wondered why more was

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CINCO de MAYO

Historical Notes by John Ginét

In 1862, Mexico was embroiled in turmoil between the conservatives (the wealthy landowners, the church) and the liberals (the middle class, the mixed bloods and the Indians). The economy was in ruins and the nation was unable to pay its debts to England, Spain and France. The United States was sympathetic to the liberal cause, but was totally occupied with the Civil War and unable to come to the aid of Mexico.

Napoleon, III of France had been led to believe that the Mexican people would welcome a European monarch and sent 6,000 French troops to Vera Cruz. Napoleon wanted to add to the French Empire and also help the cause of the American Confederacy by selling arms to them.

Mexico was not receptive to a European monarch. On the Fifth of May, 1862, four thousand disorganized and poorly-armed Mexican militia met and defeated the French

at Puebla, southeast of the capital, and pushed them back to Vera Cruz on the coast.

Napoleon was outraged at this humiliating defeat since the French military was one of the strongest in the world. Without the support of the French people, in 1864 Napoleon sent another 28,000 French troops to Mexico. These troops were successful in taking central Mexico and establishing Maximilian and Carlotta, European Hapsburgs, as emperor and empress of Mexico.

Benito Juarez, who was the legitimate, liberal president, was forced into exile and continued to resist the French for three more years. When the US Civil War ended and the United States began to provide Juarez with arms and sent US Navy ships to the Gulf coast, the French withdrew, leaving Maximilian without support. Maximilian was captured, and in 1867 was executed.

There are several interesting cultural remnants of the short-

lived Maximilian reign. One example is *mariachi*, from the French word *mariage* (marriage). Maximilian liked to have this music at court weddings.

Cinco de Mayo, the date of the improbable initial ouster of the French by outnumbered and poorly-armed Mexicans, marked the beginning of continued strife which restored Mexico to governance by its own people and is celebrated in Puebla and along the US Border States as a demonstration of Mexican culture and pride.

Mexican Independence Day, which celebrates Mexican independence from Spain was on September 16, 1821.

As you will note, much of this issue is devoted to the children of the Mimbres Valley Area. They are our real sustainable commodity, and we should nurture them.

*Sunday, May 4th
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Cuatro de Mayo*

Yes, we know it is supposed to be on Monday the 5th, but we wanted people who work to be able to celebrate, too!

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CINCO de MAYO

By John Ginet with Translation by Ana Kishbaugh

En el año 1862, México estaba envuelto en una turbulencia entre los conservadores y los liberales. Los liberales eran la gente de la clase trabajadora, de diferentes razas y la gente indígena. La gente afluente con terreno y la iglesia son los conservadores. La economía estaba en las ruinas y el país no podía pagar las deudas a Inglaterra, España, y Francia. Los Estados Unidos eran simpáticos a la causa liberal pero en este tiempo estaban ocupados con la guerra civil y no pudieron ayudar.

Napoleón III de Francia había pensado que la gente mexicana iba a aceptar a un monarca europeo and mando 6,000 soldados a Veracruz. Él quiso agregarle al monarca francés y al mismo tiempo ayudar a los Estados Confederados de América con la venta de las armas.

México resistió el monarca europeo. En el Cinco de Mayo, 1862, cuatro mil guerrille-

ros mexicanos con muy pocas armas e igual de organización, se juntaron para vencer al ejército francés en la ciudad de Puebla y los empujaron hasta la ciudad costal de Veracruz.

Napoleón fue humillado por esta derrota porque el ejército francés se suponía ser uno de los más fuertes del mundo. En 1864, Napoleón mando 28,000 tropas más para México. Esto lo hizo sin el respaldo de la gente francés. Esta vez, los soldados franceses captaron al centro México y establecieron a Maximiliano y Carlota como emperadores de México.

Benito Juárez, el legítimo presidente liberal, escapó y siguió resistiendo a los franceses por tres años. Cuando se acabó la guerra civil americana, los Estados Unidos empezó a proveer armas a los Juarenses y mando barcos de la armada de los Estados Unidos al Golfo de México. Esto hizo que los franceses se fueran y dejaran a Maximiliano sin ayuda. El fue capturado y ejecutado en 1867.

Aunque Maximiliano estuvo en poder poco tiempo, él dejó su estampa cultural en México. Por ejemplo, la palabra mariachi es un derivativo de la palabra francés *mariage* (matrimonio). Maximiliano le gustaba tener esta música cuando había bodas en su corte.

El Cinco de Mayo, el día de la milagrosa victoria sobre los franceses, empezó una era continua de lucha y dificultad para la gente mexicana. Pero en fin, México recobró el gobierno de su gente y el Cinco de Mayo es celebrado en Puebla and en los estados que bordan los Estados Unidos como una demostración de cultura y orgullo mexicano.

El día de independencia mexicano es celebrado en Septiembre 16 cuando México se separó de España en Septiembre 16, 1821.

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

-e.e. cummings

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MIMBRES PEOPLE THEN AND NOW - SAN LORENZO SCHOOL MAP PROJECT

BY MARILYN MARKEL



The map and artwork is back on display in the school library after being exhibited at the Archaeological Society of New Mexico's State Meeting held in Silver City April 11-13. Conference participants admired the map, many took photos. Some of the students' art will be featured in the Mimbres Messenger each month. See samples below.

In April, the students of San Lorenzo Elementary School, helped by members of the Grant County Archaeological Society, participated in a map and art project. The students learned about the people of the Mimbres Valley – then and now-- Indians who lived along the Mimbres River long ago, and the people of the Mimbres community today. The map shows important places in the Mimbres Valley—like the San Lorenzo School, the Post Office, and the Wilderness District Ranger Station. The map also shows some of the places where the ancient Mimbres people built their pithouse and pueblo villages.

The students drew pictures of themselves and their families to add to the map of the valley and the river, placing themselves in the landscape. Some students drew self-portraits.



FROM THE GILA NATIONAL FOREST....

Celebrating 50 Years of American Wilderness



"A wilderness, in contrast to those areas where man and his works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."



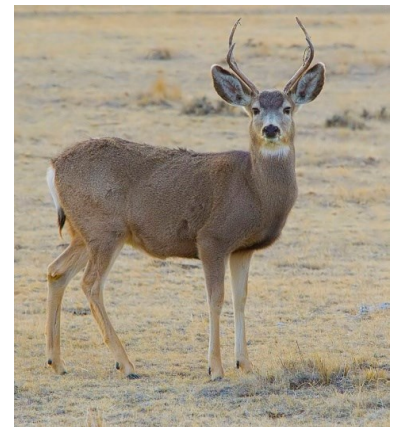
Gila Coyote

With those words, the Wilderness Act of 1964 established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS), and designated the first 54 wildernesses: 9.1 million acres in 13 states. There are now 757 wildernesses totaling more than 109 million acres in 44 states and Puerto Rico. The Gila Wilderness was the first designated wilderness.

The Wilderness Act became law on September 3, 1964. 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of this conservation and public policy milestone—an opportunity to reflect, celebrate, inform, and engage in wilderness stewardship. A coalition of non-profit organizations, academic institutions, federal agencies, and other wilderness stakeholders, *Wilderness50*, is leading efforts to commemorate at national, regional, and local levels. Find out more and get involved at www.wilderness50th.org.

Celebrations in the Gila National Forest begin on May 25 at the Celebration Site near Lake Roberts. In coordination with the

Silver City Museum, the Gila is planning to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the 90th Anniversary of the Gila National Forest with an exhibit, photos, artifacts, timelines, and interactive displays. Call the Silver City Museum or the Gila National Forest for more info.



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not done to prevent the damage that these fires cause. Why does it seem that reaction is our only, or at least most prominent, answer? Doesn't protecting these forests through thinning and the re-establishment of a natural fire regime make sense? Can it bring a steady source of income into our region?

It was this type of thinking that led me to try to steer the conversation towards the subject of creating a priority for a smarter thinning policy. Another thought that I had was that this forest restoration money be spread out to local firms if at all possible, giving a boost to regional economies.

"If you don't have water, you don't have anything; end of story."

-Richard Luarkie, Governor of Laguna Pueblo describing the fight for water rights and the safe development of water resources in his corner of the state.

Typing this, I look out over The Black Range and the thousands upon thousands of acres of torched woodlands and scorched ground that dramatically highlight a hundred years of aggressive wildfire suppression; I can't help but imagine what an intelligent forest policy might have done to change that. Can it be changed in time? As twenty-five important individuals from across the state each came forward with well thought out ideas, very few of which dealt with the management of the upper watershed, I realized what a difficult task lay before me. Even though it seemed like everyone agreed with me, different agendas were obviously taking priority. By the time the first day ended, I felt the 'strong statement' we were supposed to come out with, had become a muddy jumble of loaded words that looked like a 'legal-ese' press release from a law firm regarding watershed health, future priorities etc. In fact, our statement left me with a low-level headache and a sense that this 'consensus' way of doing things was producing something so diluted that it made very little sense.

"There's so many things going through my head right now, I almost can't wait to hear what I have to say."

-Jeff Witte



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On the second day, I looked at our statement and realized that it said nothing specific about thinning, or the need to spend the money locally. However, as the meeting started back up again and I got my turn to talk, I advocated for forest thinning and a comprehensive upper watershed policy and several of the other people around the table agreed that specific thinning language was necessary and we crafted a more direct statement that read something like this, "Implement long term collaborative, comprehensive watershed scale restoration projects to foster healthy ecosystem function and resilience, including thinning and wildfire protection plans."

"When the going gets tough, the weird turn pro."

-H.S. Thompson

After some banter, the Watershed group voted to accept the statement, we were each allowed to put forward one more idea that the entire group could quickly vote on to bring to the general assembly. After two days of indoor meetings and about eight gallons of coffee, the only thing that came to mind was how cool it would be to ride my bike along the entire length of the Mimbres river, so that was what I suggested; I know it's a pipe dream, but how great would it be to be able to walk, run, horseback ride, bike and/or enjoy wildlife along the river that has been a focus of human life in this valley for the last nine thousand or so years? Alas, I was the only one in the group to vote on this option, but the important thing is that it was logged into the permanent record for the Town Hall. I don't know if it's ever going to be a possibility, even for a just a section of the river, but this may be the kind of idea that could attract some positive attention and revenue to our valley.

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The only non-profit representing the Mimbres Valley is the Mimbres Valley Health Action League (MVHAL). Please consider directing your (tax deductible) donation to MVHAL which helps provide many important services which enrich the quality of life, health, education and well-being of Mimbres Valley residents.



TOPS - TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

TOPS STATE RECOGNITION DAYS (SRD) were held in Las Cruces on April 3rd, 4th and 5th, at Hotel Encanto on Telshor, with over 150 attendees from all over the state. On Thursday there were workshops and hospitality. On Friday there were guest speakers, motivational programs, chapter recognition, and a program presented by our Regional Director who came from Stevens Point, WI. On Friday night we had a fun night with many skits, songs and parades. Saturday

we had KOPS graduation, past royalty parade and many other awards followed by division winners and this year's State Royalty. Our King, David Millner from Rio Rancho lost 60 lbs. Our Queen, Sharon Gonzalez from Santa Clara lost 119 lbs. They will be going to Milwaukee in July to represent the state. For more information about TOPS, contact Paula Norero 575-536-9433 or e-mail paula@gilanet.com



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COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - May 14th (second Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 PM - Roundup Lodge Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8-5, Wednesday 10-5. On Friday the clinic is closed.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - MAY 8TH - Monthly meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE - MAY 12th - 5:30 pm Board of Directors monthly meeting. Three Questions Café, Highway 35. Members welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB

MAY 1 - 5:30 p.m. Monthly meeting. Roundup Lodge. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

MAY 4 - 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm Cinco de Mayo dinner . Traditional Mexican cuisine. Free.

MAY 10th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Swap Meet. Vendors table \$6 call Paula 536-9433

MAY 11th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bingo. \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash.

MIMBRES THERAPEUTIC HEALING MASSEAGES - Mondays and Thursdays. For appointments call 575-574-7069

MIMBRES VALLEY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - May 18th - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Roundup Lodge - Sponsored by Grant County Food Policy Council and the Volunteer Center.

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@gilnet.com.

VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM - 2739 Highway 35 Fresh organic produce and more 575-574-7069. Every Saturday get 10% off all fresh produce. Every Wednesday Seniors get 5% off

CALLING ALL KIDS and TEENS

Have a great summer vacation! While you are off for the summer with nothing to do (yuh, right), we would like to encourage you to read the *Messenger* and to submit articles on things that interest you. We would also like to have your suggestions on what you would like to see in future issues. Just email you articles and ideas to mvmnsngr@yahoo.com No email? Just call 536-9323 and give us your ideas, or we can arrange to get your article .

COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBRTSONS - MAY 7th - First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - 2nd WEDS—6:00 p.m. Gila Regional Conference Room. Subject to change. Please call first. 575-574-2888

BAYARD PUBLIC LIBRARY - 1112 Central Ave - FRIDAY, MAY 30th - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM - The Asombro Institute for Science Education and the Bayard Public Library present *AMAZING ARTHROPODS!* Program made possible through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences. For more information call the library at 575-537-6244

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, MAY 22

Mimbres - Mimbres Valley Café 9:45 am - 11:00 am

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

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

GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - 3rd WEDS—6:00 p.m. Either at Women's Club (Hwy 180 and Yucca St) in Silver City or for summer at the Roundup Lodge for a pot-luck supper. Interesting programs follow meetings. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

GRANT COUNTY ART GUILD - Annual Members Only Show opens the season at the Guild's Pinos Altos Art Gallery in the historic Hearst Church with an Artists Reception at **5:30 pm on MAY 2**. Ribbons awarded and refreshments served. Public is invited. The show will be available for viewing from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through May 11.

HI LO SILVERS MAY 9 at 7 pm and MAY 11 at 3 PM presents their Spring Concert at the First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N. Swan Street, Silver City. Directed by Valdeen Wooton and accompanied by Virginia Robertson on piano and Bill Baldwin on string bass, the chorus will sing old favorites, spirituals, and songs from Broadway and film. Free.

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OPENING OF THE 1939 NEW DEAL THEATER AND CONCERT AT FORT BAYARD

FRIDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

Gleemaiden, a woman's quartet (Elizabeth DeMoss, Maria Casier, Wind Markhan and Kori Wilken from Silver City) singing unaccompanied will present traditional music, gospel and patriotic songs with a rich blend of vocal harmonies. The concert is free, but your generous donations will help support ongoing maintenance and restoration projects at the Fort Bayard Historical Landmark. Come early and take a walk or visit the Fort Bayard National Cemetery before the concert begins. FBHPS is a non-profit organization and dedicated to preserving Old Fort Bayard and its rich history.

Fort Bayard is located 6 miles east of Silver City across from the Village of Santa Clara on highway - 180. For more information, call 575-388-4477.

MAY 2014 MENU FOR GRANT COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS

- May 1 Braised Pork Chop, 3 Bean Salad, Peas w/margarine, WW Roll w/margarine, Baked Apple Slices
- May 2 Frito Pie, Chile con Carne, cheese, corn chips, onions, lettuce & tomato, Mixed veggies, Lemon Cookies
- May 5 Chicken Tacos, chicken, cheese, corn tortilla, lettuce & tomatoes Calabacitas w/Green Chile, Pinto Beans, Bread Pudding
- May 6 Liver & Onions, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, sliced cucumbers, WW roll, Strawberries & Peaches
- May 7 Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies, slice WW bread, Strawberries, Vanilla Wafers
- May 8 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, 2 slices WW bread, 1 slice cheese, Low Sodium Veggie Soup, saltine crackers, Apricots
- May 9 Hawaiian Pork, 1 c tossed green salad, Ranch dressing, slice WW bread, Sliced Strawberries, Vanilla Pudding
- May 12 Gr. Chile Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, Butter Beans, Carrots & Peppers, Chocolate Pudding
- May 13 Chicken Strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Broccoli, Carrots, WW roll w/margarine, Oatmeal Cookie
- May 14 Tuna Salad Sandwich on 2 slices WW bread, Cucumber Salad, Graham Crackers, Orange
- May 15 Enchilada Casserole, Broccoli w/ margarine, banana, Apple Spice Cake
- May 16 Chili Dog, Hot Dog on a Bun, Chili & Beans, Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Veggies, Orange
- May 19 Beef Fajitas, flour tortilla, pickle, onion, Butter beans, Carrots & Peppers, Chocolate Pudding
- May 20 Green Chili Enchilada, lettuce & tomato; Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Apricots
- May 21 Meatloaf, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower w/cheese, Dinner roll w/margarine, cantaloupe, yogurt
- May 22 1 Slice Sausage Pizza, Spinach Salad w/Italian dressing, Pineapple, Peanut Butter Cookie
- May 23 2 Beef Tacos, cheese, corn tortillas, lettuce & tomatoes, Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Veggies, Orange
- May 26 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- May 27 Chicken Breast w/Bun, American Cheese, sliced tomato, Blackeyed Peas, Steamed carrots, Angel Food cake w/strawberries
- May 28 Spaghetti & Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Slice Garlic Bread, Applesauce Cake
- May 29 Roast Beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, Green Beans, WW roll w/margarine, White Cake
- May 30 Bean Burrito, cheese, flour tortilla, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Crackers w/peanut butter, Apricots

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GREETINGS FROM THE ROUNDUP LODGE

May activities at the Roundup Lodge begin with a Cinco de Mayo Dinner Sunday, May 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The meal will include traditional Mexican fare: enchiladas, posole, rice, beans, salad, etc. and dessert. There will be no charge for the dinner, though donations will be welcome.

The annual Rummage Sale at the Roundup Lodge will be held in June this year, from Friday, June 20, through Sunday, June 22. Donations of items for the sale will be accepted beginning Saturday, June 7th. We will be publishing a full schedule of dates and times when the Lodge will be open and a Booster Club member will be on hand to accept donations, with our thanks. Look for the schedule in the June Messenger which will also include telephone numbers of volunteers to contact to arrange additional specific times, if necessary. Please do not leave donated items on the Lodge porch. We ask that all donated items be clean, in good condition and, if mechanical, in good working order. We will not take computers and related items.

There will be a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale. There are some mighty fine cooks in this valley, who always come through with a wide variety of deliciously decadent goodies for this

sale. Breakfast, lunch and snack items will also be available for purchase throughout the Rummage Sale.

The Rummage Sale has traditionally been one of the main annual fund-raising events sponsored by the Booster Club, the volunteers who have responsibility for maintaining and operating the Roundup Lodge as a community center for Mimbres Valley residents. All the funds necessary to cover operating expenses and upkeep, are raised by the Booster Club through regular events (Bingo and Swap Meet), periodic activities such as the Cinco de Mayo and other dinners, and rental fees for use of the Lodge for private parties and other functions.

Our "What's Cooking in the Mimbres" cookbook has been a very successful fund-raising project the past year. Copies of this attractive, spiral-bound cookbook are still available at the Lodge and at Hupp's store or purchase a copy at the monthly Swap Meet. It contains nearly 200 favorite recipes from some of the same fine Mimbres Valley cooks who donate homemade items to our Bake Sale and other events. The book costs \$10. For more information, call Mary or Anna Willhite at 536-9323.

The Roundup Lodge is a valuable community resource. With seating for up to 100, it is the largest commu-

nity gathering place in the Valley. In addition to many community and not-for-profit events, it is available for private parties, reunions and other celebrations for a nominal rental of \$50. There is never a charge for funeral receptions or Memorial luncheons. In April a wedding and reception was held at the Lodge. In February, it was the site of a "Zombie Party" to celebrate the birthdays of two local youngsters who are best friends. For rental scheduling and information, contact Peggy Platonos at 536-2997.

Regular monthly events continue at the Lodge: Swap Meets on the second Saturday of the month and Bingo on the second Sunday each month. See our ads below for current details.

In addition to our fund-raising activities, Swap Meets are primarily offered as a service to the community. Local artists are provided a location near home in which to sell their handcrafted creations without having to travel to distant markets. Local residents who wish to sell good-quality used merchandise also benefit from a convenient, nearby venue. Customers benefit from the availability of a place to shop for essential or simply beautiful merchandise at reasonable prices – without a long drive into town. We need both more vendors and shoppers. Customers, simply drop in during Swap Meet hours. Food is available all day. To be a vendor, contact Paula Norero at paula@gilanet.com or call 536-9433. Join us and help support Your Community Center.



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Your Community Center

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San Lorenzo School Pottery Project



One Monday this spring, students of San Lorenzo Elementary School learned about how the Mimbres Indians of a thousand years ago made and fired their pottery. The kids made pinch and coil and scrape pots. Some of them created little animal figurines like turtles, coyotes, and snakes.

After drying for several days, the pottery was fired in an outdoor kiln built by volunteers from



the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) and Aldo Leopold High School Students.

The San Lorenzo Students watched as their pottery pieces

were placed in the hot coals, then smothered with juniper bark. The fire burned down and was covered by sheets of metal and rocks and dirt and the pottery was left to cool completely.

The next Monday, the students returned to the kiln to watch as the pottery was removed from the ashes. Some of the



kids' pottery and artwork was displayed at the Archaeological Society of New Mexico Annual Meeting held in April in Silver City. Meeting participants were given tiny pots or an animal figurine made by a student—the visiting archaeologists each took a little piece of Mimbres home with them. They also learned about the San Lorenzo school pottery project and other archaeology education programs sponsored by GCAS—like Conejo Mimbrenño.

Conejo Mimbrenño in April 2014

Where should the Mimbres Rabbit visit next? Conejo Mimbrenño has adventured up and down and around, the Mimbres Valley. He is always looking for another special place to discover. In April, the Rabbit visited his friend Rusty the horse. Rusty lives in a field on Palomino Trail.



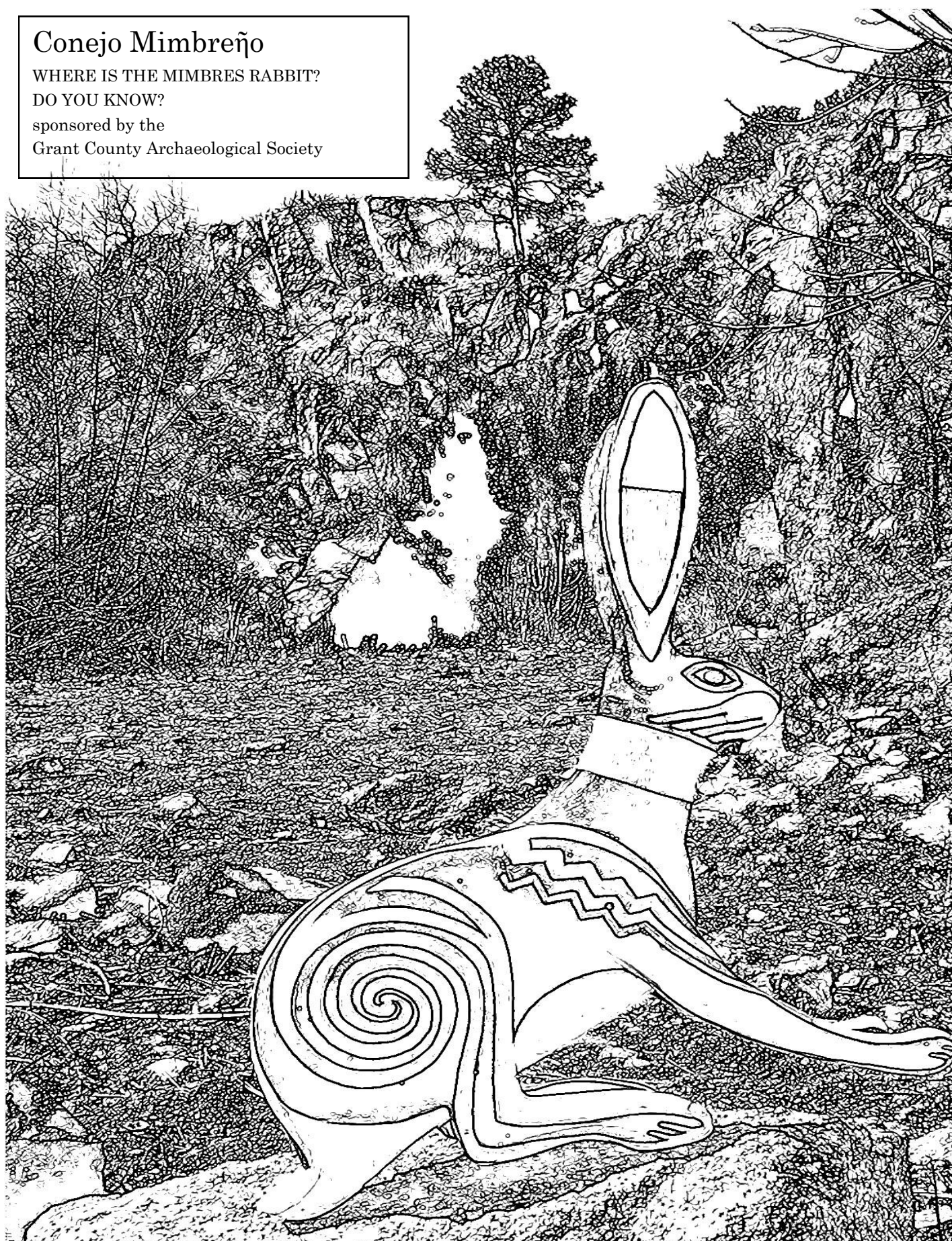
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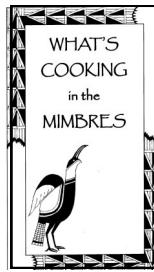
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1 tsp. salt
Topping: 2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup cinnamon.

Cream sugar and lard, add eggs, anise seed and wine. Cream again until fluffy. Mix with sifted flour, baking powder and salt. Roll out to 1/4 inch on floured board. Cut into shapes. Place on ungreased cookie sheet, bake at 400° about 10 minutes or until light brown. Remove from cookie sheet with spatula, place cookies in cinnamon sugar mixture, coat both sides, and set on rack to cool.

What's Cooking in the Mimbres is still available for purchase at Hupp's Grocery, La Esperanza Vineyard, Elk X-ing Café, or at the Roundup Lodge monthly Swap Meet. For \$10 you will not only be able to enjoy the delicious recipes, but you will help provide funds to maintain and improve the Roundup Lodge.

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What?

The Mimbres Valley Community Conversation is a way to

- Share our experiences, hopes, and needs. Define Community priorities.
- Speak up about the challenges and opportunities of the present.
- Paint the future we want for our community

Where?

Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Sunday, May 18, 4:00 to 6:00 pm


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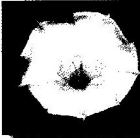
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In our department we have a microcosm of our eclectic little valley community.

We have a retired trucker, ex fire chief who lives with his school teaching wife. Both helped start our department along with her father and mother. Yes, we still have founding members.

Then there are a couple of nurses who really are a couple. She's bright and grounded.

He's also an attorney and now he's also a fireman. Who knows what he wants to be when he grows up.

We have an ex-linewoman and hummingbird expert married to a MacGyver type who can fix anything except, of course, me.

My next door neighbor served 20 years in the Navy, then served a hitch as our fire chief for 15 years. When he gets home from working for Bill McKay Construction, he greets his wife who is our long standing treasurer. Guess who balances the checkbook in that family.

We have two computer geeks who actually speak English most of the time. Talk about rare! They have horses, dogs, cats, chickens, and well, each other.

Our assistant chief spends time with mules, horses, dogs, cats, grandchildren and still finds some time to spend with his wife. They're on horseback in the Gila Wilderness more often than they at our department. And, by the way, that's the way it should be.

We have two members who live part-time in Las Cruces. But they rarely miss a meeting or training. Since they are here in Lake Roberts when most of our tourists are here, they seldom miss most of our emergency calls.

One of our newer members is in a wheelchair. Yes, you read that

correctly. He's proven to be so good at dispatching that our head dispatcher is jealous as hell.

One of our members just retired from dispatching. She was also a part of our EMS service. We won't let her completely retire because without her famous green chile chicken enchilada casserole at our annual Christmas party, no one would show up.

Then there are the Zs. They own a business out here close to the fire department. They have proven invaluable.

Some of these members are trained only for wildland firefighting. Some are trained for both structure firefighting and wildland firefighting. Some just drive our tankers to the fire. Some stay exclusively to dispatching. Some stick to feeding us goodies. But everyone contributes to the whole.

They work together, they train together, they eat together, and they share their good humor. Not a bad gig, even if there's no money in it.

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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.



SCABIES

AS COMPILED FROM THE CENTERS OF DISEASE CONTROL WEBSITE

Human scabies is caused by an infestation of the skin by the human itch mite (*Sarcoptes scabiei* var. *hominis*). The microscopic scabies mite burrows into the upper layer of the skin where it lives and lays its eggs. The most common symptoms of scabies are intense itching and a pimple-like skin rash. The scabies mite usually is spread by direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with a person who has scabies.

Scabies occurs worldwide and affects people of all races and social classes. Scabies can spread rapidly under crowded conditions where close body contact is frequent. Institutions such as nursing homes, extended-care facilities, and prisons are often sites of scabies outbreaks.


Diagnosis of a scabies infestation usually is made based upon the customary appearance and distribution of the rash and the presence of burrows. It is important to remember that the first time a person gets scabies they usually have no symptoms during the first 2 to 6 weeks they are infested; however they can still spread scabies during this time. Whenever possible, the diagnosis of

scabies should be confirmed by identifying the mite or mite eggs or fecal matter (scybala). This can be done by carefully removing the mite from the end of its burrow using the tip of a needle or by obtaining a skin scraping to examine under a microscope for mites, eggs, or mite fecal matter (scybala). However, a person can still be infested even if mites, eggs, or fecal matter cannot be found; fewer than 10-15 mites may be present on an infested person who is otherwise healthy.

Products used to treat scabies are called *scabicides* because they kill scabies mites; some also kill mite eggs. Scabicides used to treat human scabies are available only with a doctor's prescription. No "over-the-counter" (non-prescription) products have been tested and approved to treat scabies. The instructions contained in the box or printed on the label always should be followed carefully. Always contact a doctor or pharmacist if unsure how to use a particular medicine.

In addition to the infested person, treatment also is recommended for household

members and sexual contacts, particularly those who have had prolonged direct skin-to-skin contact with the infested person. Both sexual and close personal contacts who have had direct prolonged skin-to-skin contact with an infested person within the preceding month should be examined and treated. All persons should be treated at the same time to prevent reinfestation.

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