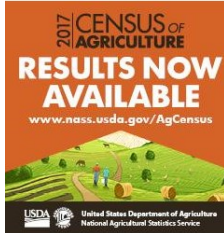


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# MIMBRES MESSENGER



The Results of the 2017 Census of Agriculture  
shows the Face of the American Farmer

## It Found Old White People

However, New Mexico is doing better than most states in many areas

In April, the Agriculture Department released the 2017 Census of Agriculture. The census comes out every five years and is the most accurate and detailed look at agriculture in America today. This 820 page document is full of graphs, tables and statistics and is not only used by those who serve farmers and rural communities, but it also shows who farms and what challenges they face.

The data does not paint a rosy picture, although there are pockets of growth. All categories of midsize farms declined over the past five years. The number of farms dropped 3.2 percent to 2.04 million. Nationwide, total acreage farmed dropped 1.6 percent while the average farm size increased by the same percentage to 442 acres.

Almost as a backlash to the get-big-or-get-out trend, this census revealed a surge in the number of farms below nine acres. These small farms increased about 22 percent from 2012 to 2017 and number about 273,000 farms.

There were some areas of real growth in the census. Organic farmers went from about 14,000 to 18,000 and

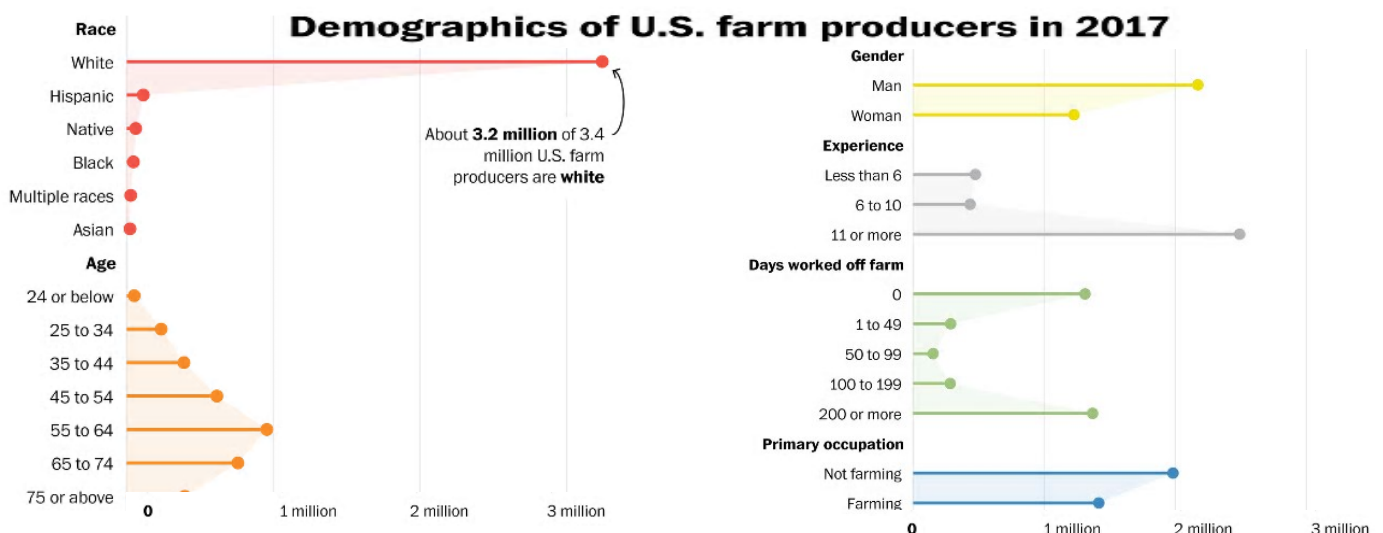
total sales of domestic organic product more than doubled.

New Mexico is one of the few states where the number of farms are increasing. According to New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture, Jeff Witte, "New Mexico had 15,170 farms in 2012 and in 2017 there were 25,044. Female producers play an important role in the state's family farms. Female producers accounted for 41% of the producers in New Mexico in 2017."

The number of farmers and ranchers below the age of 35 is also up, rising 11 percent to about 385,000. Young producers are those age 35 years or younger and beginning farmers and ranchers are those with 10 years or fewer on any farm. New Mexico had 10,628 new and beginning producers which was 26 percent of the states total number of 40,850 producers.

However, nationwide, young producers are still outnumbered by the 396,000 producers aged 75 and older, leaving questions about what happens when they age out.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hummingbirds started looking in our windows the last full week of March. It is always a pleasure to see them peering through the windows telling us that they are looking for nectar. They always know where to start looking, and they are now up to more than one feeder a day.

One of our good neighbors, Elsie G. Roman, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 18<sup>th</sup>. She wants us to thank everyone who called and sent cards and letters. She especially wants to thank the students for their "beautiful cards". As befits such an auspicious occasion, she also had many visitors – from Arizona and California and many locals. She is an inspiration to all of us.

The volunteer staff at the *Mimbres Messenger* wants to send our thanks to the surprisingly large number of readers who have been so generous with their laudatory messages recently received by us. We have received notes from our readers, both from our print and on-line editions, as well as more people contributing articles. It is always inspiring to have positive and complimentary feedback. We like to hear what articles people enjoy reading.

From February through April this year, roughly one-third of the staff was occupied with volunteering to prepare income tax returns for seniors and low-income taxpayers. Because of the chaos that resulted in the changes in the tax laws for 2018 and the changes needed to make the computer sites compatible with (most) of the changes, it was a rather hectic and strenuous season. Getting the *Messenger* finished in time for distribution on the first of the month, meeting deadlines, and last-minute editing and additions were the rule of most days. It often seemed like we should petition for yet another day to produce the print-ready copy.

By Anna Willhite



We enjoy putting each month's issue together and hope our sometimes frantic last-minute efforts do not translate into unintelligible garble. We have so enjoyed the recent positive and friendly comments that we choose to believe that we remain mostly coherent – even under pressure. Thanks for not pointing out typos and other mistakes! However, we do usually notice them but only after the printed edition is already distributed.

Grant County  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Grant County wishes to inform all interested parties that a public hearing will be held

May 22, 2019  
5:00 pm

Mimbres Roundup Lodge  
91 Acklin Hill Road, Mimbres

The purpose of this meeting will be to solicit input on the local Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

The local ICIP is a plan that establishes planning priorities for anticipated capital projects. The state-coordinated local ICIP encourages entities to plan for the development of capital improvements so they do not find themselves in emergency situations, but can plan for, fund and develop infrastructure at a pace that sustains their activities.





**MIMBRES  
CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE**

By Marilyn Markel  
and Kathy Hill

### ALCS 6th and 7th Graders Visit MCHS

Aldo Leopold Charter School 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders spent a day of service, education, and fun at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Volunteers from MCHS and the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS) joined the ALCS teachers in directing a work-day—the kids did needed jobs like cleaning and dusting, raking leaves out from under the lilac bushes, and re-painting the blue rocks lining the handicap parking space. Students also painted Mimbres pottery designs on the propane tank and constructed a memorial garden that is in honor of MCHS volunteer JoAnn Ayala. JoAnn passed away a few months ago and is dearly missed.



The kids ate lunch by the river and had time to do a little exploring and contemplation. Later, out on the Mattocks Ruin Archaeological Site, students learned about site survey techniques and sketched artifacts. On the veranda of the Gooch House, students sorted pottery sherds, broken pieces of pots, and learned about all the different types of Mimbres pottery. ALCS high school students on

the Youth Conservation Corps Archaeology Crew gave presentations on preservation and demonstrated how to make clay pots. The younger students created clay animals and pots, and “lucky rabbit” pieces stamped with an image of Conejo Mimbrenño, the Mimbres Preservation Rabbit. The rabbit pieces will be given away—along with Conejo Mimbrenño’s message reminding people to help preserve and protect our cultural heritage.

The day ended with popsicles on the porch and stories about the Territorial adobe house and homesteaders like Ben Gooch and the “Murder on the Mimbres.”



#### WANTED:

Old weathered wood to repair our storage sheds which were formerly the chicken coops. You can drop wood off at the site: 12 Sage Drive or call the museum at 575.536.3333 and leave a message. We will get back to you and make a pick-up plan.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our site is now a major stop on visits to Grant County and we welcome new volunteers. Stop by and pick up an application or go on-line to [Mimbrescultureheritagesite.org](http://Mimbrescultureheritagesite.org) website. You can also call Kathy @ 307.640.3012 for more information. We would love to have you on our team.

Our hours are 11 AM to 3 PM every day. A guided walking tour is scheduled the first Saturday of each month at 1 PM. Donations are gratefully accepted.

#### Do you have Hawaiian Muumuu Pattern?

A few years ago, I sold a box of women’s dress patterns at a garage sale. In the box was a pattern for a Hawaiian muumuu. I would like to get it back. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please call me at 575-536-3028.

Thank you, Edna Coburn

**FOR SALE:** Nice oak dining table, pedestal style with 2 leaves and chairs, seats 8. Please call 956-3225 for details and open to talking about price.

**WANTED:** Used treadmill in good shape, smaller and easy to use, older is fine and doesn’t need all of the bells and whistles or programs. Just needing something to exercise and PT for knee. Please call Chris at 956-3225, thanks!

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Farmers are overwhelmingly white. Ninety-five percent of producers are white, 3.3 percent are Hispanic and 1.7 percent are Native American or Native Alaskan.

In addition to female producers, young producers and beginning producers, New Mexico saw a shift in farmers and ranchers with military service. The number totaled 5,366 which was 13 percent of New Mexico's total and was higher than the national average of 11 percent.

An area that needs improvement in New Mexico is internet access for farms. Only 60 percent of farms have internet access which is only a 4 percent increase since 2012. New Mexico lags behind the national average which is 75 percent.

New Mexico State Statistician, Longino Bustillos, reiterated the importance of responding to the census. "The census gives voice and opportunity to all farmers and ranchers to tell the changing story of agriculture over the years and identify emerging trends and needs. We thank each and every person who took the time to respond."

## Mimbres Farms Greenhouse

Is Closed to the Public, but  
Plants will be available

### Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Silver City Farmers' Market  
Ace Hardware Parking Lot

9 am 'til Noon (**please note time change**)

### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Valle Mimbres Market  
2739 Hwy 35 ~ 10:00 'til 2:00

### Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Silver City Downtown  
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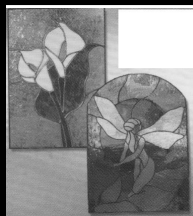


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## GIVE GRANDLY - A LOCAL DAY OF GIVING

Mimbres Valley Health Action League  
By Kathy Overholt

Mimbres Culture Heritage Site  
By Kathy Hill and Marilyn Markel

This year, 54 non-profits in Grant County are participating in Give Grandly – and MVHAL is one of them. What is MVHAL you might ask? The Mimbres Valley Health Action League, based in Mimbres, helps finance the production of this very magazine, the *Mimbres Messenger*, backs the Saturday Farmers' Market, organizes the Harvest Festival, supports the San Lorenzo Elementary School garden, holds the monthly food bank, and hosts the free annual community dinner that will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> (everyone's invited). These activities are costly and Give Grandly is one of our major fund-raising initiatives.

For twenty-four hours, beginning at midnight on 5/11/2019, donations made to MVHAL will be matched by the Grant County Community Foundation. This means that a one-dollar donation becomes two dollars, and a ten-dollar donation becomes twenty. There are two restrictions—we need to raise at least \$250 and a maximum of \$500 can be matched. For MVHAL, this amounts to as much as \$1000 in operating funds for the coming year.

On the 'big day,' which coincides with the opening of the Silver City Farmers' Market, we and the other non-profits will be at 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Bullard from 8.30 am – 2 pm where donations can be made via cash, check or credit card. Tax receipts are available. If you can't make it in person, donations can be made by credit card online at: GiveGrandly.org. Be sure to earmark your donation for MVHAL and to make your donation between 12.00 AM and 11. 59 PM on May 11.

It will be a fun event with live music and great food. This year there will be two food trucks: the Duck Stop and the Mint Truck. Other local restaurants will also provide snacks that will be available for a donation. We are especially appreciative of the Living Harvest Bakery and Three Questions Coffee House for contributing their delicious cinnamon rolls and other tasty treats to this event. We're all in this together, doing what we can to support our community. A little goes a long way, especially when it's matched, so mark the date and we'll see you in person or online on May 11.



Give Grandly Day is an event to raise money for area non-profit, 501(c)3 organizations. Your donations will assist the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site stay in operation and continue to grow and prosper. Of this, \$250 **will be matched** by United Way and Freeport-McMoRan.

One major goal of MCHS is to replace the 1882 Dr. Granville Wood House roof so the historic building can be used safely at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. We will continue to provide educational programs for students both young and mature, who visit our site. The Wood House is on the National Historic Register.

Daily operating costs are high, so pledges will help us guarantee day to day operations, keep progressive new exhibits, and let us maintain our buildings and grounds.

On May 11, people and organizations can donate in these ways:

- ◆ Sending a check or money order now to the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation, PO Box 307, Mimbres, NM 88049 .
- ◆ Pledge on the internet beginning at midnight of May 11th [www.grantcountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.grantcountycommunityfoundation.org)
- ◆ Stop by the Farmer's Market in downtown Silver City and donate in person on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and drop off your donation.


On May 11th, our booth will be set up from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Farmer's Market, downtown Silver City. Stop by and see us, **donate**, buy some fresh goods at the market and visit with friends. Please put the date on your calendar. Tell your friends and family, too.

*NOTE: Donations could also be part of estate planning by leaving property or money in a donor's will. "You can leave it and specify who it goes to, as well as specifying intent through the Grant County Community Foundation."*

The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation is run entirely by volunteers with a board of directors. Donations from visitors and friends have kept the lights on.

**Your generous donations will help our goals become realities.**

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# Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MIMBRES VALLEY YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND

## LASAGNA DINNER

Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 PM

### HOSTED BY:

Mimbres Valley Health Action League

**WHERE:** Mimbres Roundup Lodge

**WHY:** Membership Drive  
Informational Meeting  
Socializing and Sharing Ideas and  
Enjoying a Lasagna Dinner

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

**SWAP MEET ~ Saturday, May 18 ~ 9 am to 3 pm  
and**

**DANCE ~ Saturday, May 25 ~ 7 pm to 10 pm**

### HOSTED BY:

**Mimbres Booster Club**  
at the Mimbres Roundup Lodge

Get the details or both of these events on Page 9  
in the Roundup Lodge Notes

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE



Saturday, May 11 ~ 8:00 am to 11:00 AM

### HOSTED BY:

Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire and Rescue

**WHERE:** Main Fire Station located near Mile 5,  
Highway 35. (near the Mimbres Post Office)

**WHY:** Annual Fundraiser for the Upper Mimbres  
Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Help them protect you and  
your property.

Meal includes scrambled eggs, pancakes,, sausage, hot  
chocolate, coffee and juice. All for only \$ 5.00 per person.

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# ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

As Spring gets under way, activities at the Roundup Lodge, and other Valley locations, will pick up starting in early May.-

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm: MVHAL annual membership drive and community dinner will welcome all Valley members to a free lasagna dinner. Come and meet the people who make this organization run and who support the many worthwhile community endeavors MVHAL sponsors for everyone in the Valley.

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2 -5 pm, Bingo at the Lodge. See page below for details.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm. Swap Meet and Bake Sale at the Lodge. Weather permitting outdoor sales spots will also be available for those with tools or other “guy” goods to sell. Cost for table/outdoor sales spot \$6. Call Charlene at 575-574-8823 to reserve a table.

Saturday, May 25, 7 – 10 pm. Dance at the Lodge to live country music by Sue Barr (guitarist and singer) and perhaps a fiddle may join in as backup. Admission \$5.

## Other May Events

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, annual Upper Mimbres Fire and Rescue Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale. 8 am to 11 am. Always a good way to start off the weekend. Fire station on Route 35 just before the post office.

There will be no lack of events to help you celebrate spring in May. **See you out and about.**



**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**Roundup Lodge**  
**91 Acklin Hill Road**  
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 Vendor tables \$6  
 Call Charlene at  
 575-536-3395  
 to reserve an inside table  
 or a space outside



**Roundup Lodge**  
**Saturday, May 25**  
**7:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

**\$5.00 per person, children FREE**  
 Entertainment provided by Sue Barr, guitarist and singer with electronic backup. She may be joined by a fiddle player (if she doesn't have a scheduling conflict.)

This is the second in our series of monthly dances. Come join the fun. Everyone had a great time at the last dance. Refreshments available.



## DONATE TO THE ROUNDUP LODGE AT NO COST TO YOU!

Help support repairs and renovations at the Roundup Lodge (more heat for the winter and A/C for the summer) - and it won't cost you anything!

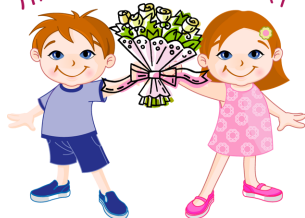


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

**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** - For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - May 16th - (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - May 15 - (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.

**DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN** - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. **Third Sunday of every month** Off Line and On Line Auction email: [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) web: [www.desertwestauction.com](http://www.desertwestauction.com) phone: [575-536-9353](tel:575-536-9353) On Line at [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com)

**HMS MIMBRES CLINIC** - Clinic Hours and Days have been **changed - NEW TEMPORARY HOURS Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 5 pm**. 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

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**MOTHER'S DAY SALE - Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - 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

**MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE** - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), New Summer Hours -Open daily from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-9337 or 575-536-3333 at least a week in advance.

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, May 8th** - Monthly meetings usually 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) - Wednesday, May 8 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** (usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month) Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND LASAGNA DINNER - Wednesday, May 8 at 5:30 pm** - Community Invited!

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. May 2 - 5:30 pm** (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - Sunday, May 12 - 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

**SWAP MEET - Saturday, May 18 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**DANCE - Saturday, May 25 - 7:00 pm to 10 pm** - Country and Western singer and guitar player with backup and maybe a guest fiddle payer. \$5.00 per person. Children Free. Refreshments available.

**MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY - Monday - Friday NEW HOURS—LUNCH IS NOW AT 12 NOON** Reservations are requested one day in advance. See Page 14 for daily menu.

**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR** - See Page 14.

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**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - May 23rd** - (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950. Election of Advisory Council officers.

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**PUBLIC MEETING - Wednesday, April 22 - 5:00 pm.** - Meeting to solicit input on the local Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Everyone is welcome. Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road. Hosted by the Michael Larisch.

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# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, May 1 - 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

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 and THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY -** meet the second Saturday of every month at the American Legion Post - Breakfast at 9 am followed by a meeting at 10 am

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, May 8 - 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 Swan - 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.** 1112 Central Avenue, Bayard. 575-537-6244

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**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE -Thursday, May 23**

**Mimbres -** Living Harvest Bakery 9:45 am - 10:45 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

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**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, May 15 - (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM** Meetings will be held from May to September at the Roundup Lodge in Mimbres Pot-luck dinner. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, May 9 - (2nd Thursday), 6:00 pm -** Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. **NEW MEETING PLACE and CONTACT INFO:** 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City and the new contact phone number is 575-654-4424 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com)  
**Field trip Saturday, May 18 - 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 10 at 7 PM & Sunday, May 12 at 3 PM -** Concert will be in the First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N. Swan Street in Silver City. Singers are directed by Nada Dates and accompanied by Rhonda Gorog on piano and Bill Baldwin on string bass.

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

**SILVER CITY MUSEUM - Tuesday - Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday - 10 am to 4 pm, 312 West Broadway.** Museum Admission is free; \$5 suggested donation.

**SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, May 2 - (Usually 1st Thursday of the month)-** WNMU Student Cafeteria, Sunset Room, Student Memorial Building, 100 College Avenue. **Reminder that you should regis-**

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**ter online.** Cost is \$15 for full lunch. See [silvercity.org](http://silvercity.org) for detailed information or email [info@silvercity.org](mailto:info@silvercity.org) or call GCCC at 575-538-3785.

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Calendar of Events** contact the Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop) for information about any event.

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**SILVER CITY PHOTO CLUB - No time or date available, Call 860-670-4543 for information - Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 3845 North Swan Street in Silver City.** Meetings are free, but donations to help out our host venue are appreciated.

**WALGREENS - Tuesday, May 6 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.**

**WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY – Monday, May 13 - Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month)** Cross Point Assembly of God church. Guest speaker is Judy O'Loughlin talking about little work gardening. Cost of lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. For information call 575-388-1584 M-Th-9:00-12:00

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

Mimbres Valley residents can expect to see bicycle riders on NM 35 from 9:00 am to 1:30 am. NM 15 will be closed from the intersection of M15 ad NM 35 to Pinos Altos from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm.



## WILL BE ON THE ROAD IN MIMBRES

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For more information and the complete schedule call 575-590-2612 or on-line [www.tourofthegila.com](http://www.tourofthegila.com)

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6 Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots Sliced Bread Apple 107	7 Beef Tacos Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Pineapple 506	8 Pepperoni Pizza Italian Vegetables Garden Salad Sliced Pears DS13	9 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Cornbread Grapes 220	10 Egg Salad Sandwich Potato Chips Carrots & Celery Peanut Butter Cookie DS
13 Cajun Baked Fish Rice Pilaf Cauliflower & Broccoli Biscuit Yogurt 403	14 GC Chick Enchiladas Lettuce & Tomato Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Fruit Cocktail 214	15 Tuna Salad Sandwich Cuc & Tomato Salad Graham Crackers Orange 414	16 Grn Chile Cheeseburger Lett, Tom, Onion, Pickle Mexicorn Peaches 143	17 Chile Beans w/ Cheese Garden Salad Cornbread Strawberries w/ Ice Cream DS2
20 Hot Dog Baked Beans Sauerkraut Salad Ice Cream 516	21 Turkey Sandwich Baked Chips Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apple DS	22 Tatertot Casserole California Vegetables Garden Salad Sliced Bread Peaches DS	23 Chicken Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Green Beans Pineapple 144	24 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Soup Garden Salad Orange DS11
27 Senior Centers CLOSED for Memorial Day	28 Chicken Adovada Pinto Beans Squash Flour Tortilla Banana 146	29 Sloppy Joe Tossed Salad Green Beans French Fries Applesauce 192	30 Lasagna Garden Salad Italian Vegetables Breadstick Oatmeal Cookie 116	31 Chile Relleno Pinto Beans Salad Flour Tortilla Fruit Cocktail 527

Please call your Senior Center before 10am or make reservations the day before the meal. Suggested donations for seniors 60 years of age or older is \$2.00. All donations of any amount are accepted and appreciated. Menu is subject to change without notice.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

There is no charge for any of the listed activities

LUNCH IS SERVED DAILY (Monday through Friday) 12:00 NOON

Dominos	Mon - Fri	Starting at 9:00 am	Dining Hall
Billiards	Mon - Fri	9 am to 2 pm	Pool Room
Exercise Club	Tues and Thurs	10:30 am to 11:30 am	Dining Hall
Bingo	?Interested?	Contact April Hunter at 575-597-2746	Dining Hall
ICAN Nutrition	TBA	Comes once a month with snacks and goodies	Dining Hall
Shopping Trip	TBA	After Lunch	Shop in Silver

For any questions about activities, please call your senior center. Activities are open to all who are age 55 plus. (Age 60+ for the nutrition program.) There are no income or residency requirements to participate in senior programs. **Donations of any amount are appreciated.**

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Join us to get a glimpse of these wild horses—their history and heritage, present day habitat and on going connection with humans. We will take you across the west through some of the wild horse territories where you can still experience the awe inspiring sight of these breathtaking horses running free in their natural habitat and introduce you to the herds that can still be found in New Mexico.

We will share the issues that currently surround these iconic figures that are quickly disappearing and help you to understand the importance of preserving their heritage and presence on American soil.

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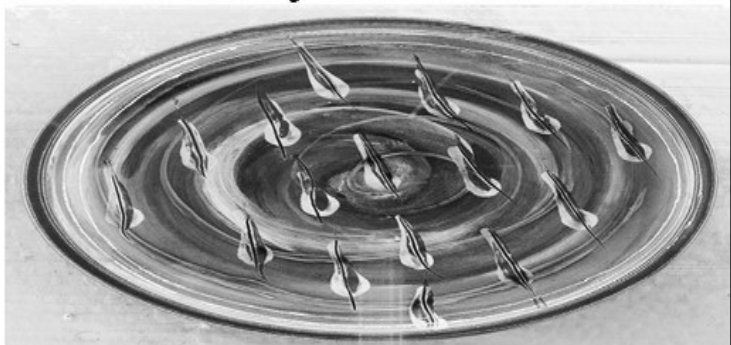
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This presentation is sponsored by the Jicarilla Mustang Heritage Alliance, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to unite mustangs with the best possible homes.

For further information, please contact Laurie Ford 575-539-2503 or Barb Kipper 505-360-5996

Also, on Wednesday, May 1st at 9 a.m., Barb Kipper will be speaking about the mustangs on Paula Geisler's "Local Flavor" program on KURU Gila/Mimbres radio.

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## FOREST SERVICE NEWS



### Update on the Catwalk National Recreation Trail

The Catwalk National Recreation Trail, located on the Glenwood Ranger District, is open. There continues to be high water at both low water crossings.

Please heed the following precautions:

- ♦ Navigate the low water crossing with four-wheel drive, high-clearance vehicles **only**
- ♦ **Do not** attempt to cross the road on foot.
- ♦ Look out for large debris in the channel. If there are large rocks or debris in the channel, **do not** attempt the crossing.

The Glenwood Ranger District is visually monitoring the water flow and the USGS Current Conditions for Streamflow. The weather predictions for the upcoming weekend includes warm, dry weather which could contribute to the snow pack melting and add more water to the streams.

### Wilderness Ranger District opens Mesa Campground

The Gila National Forest, Wilderness Ranger District has opened the Mesa Campground.

The Mesa Campground is nestled among the junipers and pinon trees on the mesa above Lake Roberts. It is a first-come, first served campground, with 12 sites with water and electric hookups and 12 tent camping sites. Remember that there is no longer a RV dump station at the Mesa Campground.

Gila National Forest officials remind visitors that weather and conditions can change suddenly in the high country and to be aware of potential hazards in campgrounds and on forest roads.

**Always** practice these campfire safety 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
- ♦ Never leave your campfire unattended
- ♦ Do not make a campfire during the windy part of the day
- ♦ Drown your campfire with water, stir with dirt making sure all burned materials are extinguished. Feel it with your hand to make sure it's out cold
- ♦ Every campfire will be put DEAD OUT before leaving it.

### Royal John Mine and Mill Cleanup

The Royal John Mine and Mill environmental cleanup is now well underway on the Silver City Ranger District of the Gila National Forest. The repository for the waste has been constructed in Cowboy Park and trucks are now hauling waste rock from the mine and placing it in the repository.

Fifty-ton articulated dump trucks are being used to transport the waste material on a narrow single lane road. The Royal John Road is closed to the public about 7 miles up from its intersection with Highway 61 during the construction work week. It is open from Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. to Sundays at 9:00 p.m. for public travel. Access to the businesses and private property on the lower portion of the Royal John road is not affected by project activities. However, it is vital that the public respect the road closure as several near misses were reported last Saturday by people ignoring the closure and driving around the barricades.

The cleanup will remove waste rock and tailings containing elevated levels of lead from the Royal John Mine and Mill and transport to a high and dry flat ridge located on National Forest System land where it will be encapsulated in an engineered clay and topsoil repository. This will prevent the migration of lead and other heavy metals from being transported downstream and is expected to improve the water quality of Cold Springs Creek which has been impaired by past mining activity. This first phase of environmental cleanup is expected to be completed by June 28th with the second phase being planned for next year.

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/](http://www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/) or follow us on Twitter @GilaNForest.



## Conejo Mimbrenño Visits El Morro National Monument

The fourth in our series highlighting New Mexico National Parks and Monuments

Story by Marilyn Markel



The great rock of El Morro is a cuesta—a rock formation that gently slopes upward then drops off. El Morro is a Spanish word for “the peak.” At the top of the great rock lies an ancient Pueblo, an Indian village, that dates from about 1275 AD to 1350 AD.

Indian and Spanish explorer petroglyphs, carved images and inscriptions, can be found at the site along with a beautiful surrounding geological landscape and a hidden natural water pool. Pueblo Indian rock art, images and symbols, appeared long before the Spaniards entered New Mexico. El Morro is also known as “Inscription Rock” because explorers like Don Juan de Oñate (1605) left their names in the sandstone, a kind of history book in stone.

### El Morro Crossword Puzzle

Down:

1. A hidden \_\_\_\_\_ of water was an important source of water for Pueblo Indians and travelers.
2. Pueblo \_\_\_\_\_ were the first people to carve symbols into the sandstone.
3. An Indian village is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. El Morro is Spanish for “the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Across:

4. Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ carved their names into the stone.
5. El Morro is also called “\_\_\_\_\_ Rock.”
7. Indians left behind rock \_\_\_\_\_ symbols.
8. El Morro is a great \_\_\_\_\_ called a cuesta.



Answers on Page 19

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## Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen



The end is near. I see it in the distance; so far and yet so close. I can almost taste it. Liberty!

It is as sweet as snow cones at blues fest, as beautiful as sunsets on the mimbres valley, as freeing as a lazy summer breeze. Yet, I am not quite there. I am stuck at my desk, twiddling my thumbs and dreaming about summer.

This school year has put the weight of the world on my shoulders. It has asked more from me than any other year combined, for the stakes are higher. I am laying down the stepping stones for my future on a path that hopefully leads to the Ivy



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League college of my dreams. However, these big goals are tainted by my overwhelming work load.

I remember, as a young student at San Lorenzo Elementary, I was just as impatient to go and achieve my goals as I am now. I sat in Mrs. Ross's classroom day dreaming about when I could join the big kids in high school and deal with big kid problems. Today, I'm sitting in the same situation, day dreaming about when I can be an adult and deal with adult problems.

Patience. I must have patience. The time will come soon enough. The school year will end soon enough. I will graduate soon enough. In the meantime, I'll continue to dream.

### San Lorenzo 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Get Creative With Clay



Mrs. Ross' class learned about Mimbres pottery and then made miniature clay pots and animal figurines. The students looked at pictures of Mimbres pottery made about a thousand years ago – images of all kinds of animals, most of which we can still see in the Mimbres Valley; Deer, bear, mountain lion, and lots more creatures from the Mimbres world of long ago, and today. The kids each made a couple of little pots, or created an animal with their clay. The students kept one of their little art pieces and one will be given to visiting archaeologists attending the Archaeological Society of New Mexico annual conference held in Silver City at the end of April, hosted by the Grant County Archaeological Society.



Answers to El Morro Crossword from Page 18



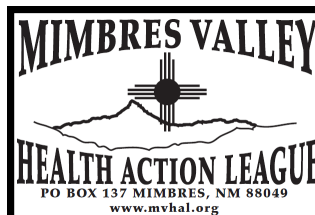
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**WEDNESDAY - May 8 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** MVHAL. Member-ship Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

**WEDNESDAY, May 15 - 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.

### NO CHARGE FOR VENDORS AT THE LOCAL MIMBRES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Beginning June 15, a farmers' market will be held every Saturday at Valle Mimbres Market (aka Frankie's, 2739 Highway 35) from 10 AM until noon. The market will feature local growers selling fresh locally grown produce. If you are a Mimbres Valley grower, please consider selling your produce at our market. The Mimbres Valley Health Action League has kindly agreed to pay for the membership of our market in the New Mexico and Farmers' Market Association and to pay for liability insurance, so there will be no charge to sell your produce. Please come out every Saturday morning 10 am to Noon to support agriculture in the Mimbres Valley!

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Mimbres Valley Health Action League** is offering two (2) academic scholarships for the regular 2019-2020 school year and other program class schedules during that time. Applicants must be either currently enrolled in college/certification programs, or graduating from a public high school or an accredited homeschooling high school program. The focus of these scholarships is the pursuit of a healthcare profession or related occupation.

- \* The amount of \$750 will be awarded to support tuition related expenses.
- \* The amount of \$250 will be awarded to support materials/supplies for classwork.

The application period is open from May 1 to June 15, 2019.

The students must reside within the boundaries of the Mimbres Valley defined as residences off HWY 61 and 35 within the length of the Mimbres Valley.

Please contact Chris DeBolt at 956-3225 or [cdebolt52@gmail.com](mailto:cdebolt52@gmail.com) with any questions regarding eligibility and to apply for one of the scholarships.

The **Mimbres Local Chapter of the Farm Bureau** is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in the agricultural field and will be attending an agricultural school in the fall; or any college student who is already enrolled in an agricultural program; or any student who is enrolling in a 2 year technical school in a related field. (Any agricultural field qualifies: farming of any type, ranching, wildlife, forestry, viniculture, veterinary medicine, animal husbandry, etc. Two year associates degree can be in a related field such as welding or vet technician, etc. ) If in doubt, just call.

To apply for a scholarship, contact either George Trip at 575-536-3683 or Mary Willhite at 575-536-9323. It is a simple one-page application and it is free to apply for the scholarship. **The deadline for applications has been extended to May 6th, so there is still time to apply.** The winners will be announced in May.