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MIMBRES MESSENGER

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR - DONNIE FORMAN

By Marilyn Markel

When Donnie Forman moved to the Mimbres Valley almost sixty years ago she and her family lived in a house with no electricity, no running water and no phone—needless to say, she has seen lots of changes over the years.

Still a trace of Texas in her voice, Donnie grew up in Paris, Texas, as did her husband, Purvy. Donnie and Purvy had three children— sons Paul and Charles and daughter Becky. Suffering from ill health, Purvy was advised to move to a dryer, higher climate so they moved to Mimbres where Purvy went to work for the Fowler brothers. The Fowlers are “Kin to kinfolk” says Donnie. At that time, the Fowlers hauled logs from the forest to the smelter at Hurley and Purvy operated a Caterpillar.

The family lived a simple lifestyle. They got their water from a spring, used kerosene lanterns for light, and heated their home with wood. Purvy’s health continued to deteriorate until he became disabled and couldn’t work. Donnie became the breadwinner for the family. She went back to school—taking enough classes at WNMU to enable her to get a job as a secretary at the school

at Santa Rita. After several years with the school, she took a job as a secretary for the general maintenance supervisor at a mine. She later worked for the Forest Service at the Gila Center (at the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center) as a clerk/typist. The Formans lived at Camp Thunderbird for fifteen years—that’s where they lived when they got phone service—by putting in the line themselves.



DONNIE FORMAN

Photo by Marilyn Markel

“We had the first phone in the Mimbres Valley,” says Donnie and she still has the same phone number today!

In 1962, Donnie began cooking for the Forest Service during fire seasons-- providing many, many

thousands of meals for fire fighters. In 1990, Donnie left the Forest Service to open her own business and ran the Rio Mimbres Lodge and Café for twenty-six years-- continuing to cook for the fire fighters when needed. After the Rio Mimbres closed, Donnie opened another restaurant at the location of the present-day Elk X-ing Café and then worked at Wal-Mart for eight years.

“I love people, working with people” says Donnie. At 84, Donnie says she has had to cut back on some of her activities. She likes quilting and working in her yard. “People have always been there for me when life has brought heartaches” says Donnie. Purvy passed away in 1982 and Donnie lost her son Charles when they lived at Camp Thunderbird. Paul does not live too far away—up near Quemado. Becky lives in Washington State and was recently here for a visit. She and Donnie attended a family reunion in Texas. Donnie has four grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Donnie has worked all of her life, beginning as a “cotton picker” on the family cotton farm

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A LETTER FROM THE “EDITOR”



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By: Franz Raiter

October has been a busy month for many of us at The Messenger. From the sound of chainsaws I hear rising from the valley, it has been a busy month for many Valley residents as well. The Harvest Festival was a success by all measurable accounts, with the first preliminary reports coming in. It was nice to come down to the San Lorenzo school to meet and mingle with our extensive readership; by which I

mean I had to prod somebody to remember that I interviewed them, at which time they did admit to receiving some positive feedback about the story they were featured in. Print media may be dead, it sure feels like it sometimes; we can always start a Twitter feed...Hopefully, more people will be interested now that this publication, which is done completely by volunteers, is available online at Blackrange.org (see below).

MESSENGER NOW ONLINE!

Thanks to the kind offer and good work by Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, the *Mimbres Messenger* is now accessible online – including back issues from April, 2014 to the current November issue.

Mr. Barnes produces The Black Range Rag and the Black Range website, which includes *The Monticello Messenger*, *Hillsboro Historical Society Newsletter*, *Black Range Rag Newsletter* and a wealth of history, current events, nature, authors, photographs – the list goes on and on.

The Mimbres Messenger is privileged to be included on this superb website and we hope all our readers will take advantage of the wealth of local information, entertainment and items of current and historical interest. Our thanks to Mr. Barnes!

Sign on to <http://www.blackrange.org> to get to the website. Page down the list on the left side of the page to find *The Messenger*. Happy reading.

The Messenger will usually be available online before you can pick it up in hard copy! So save a tree!

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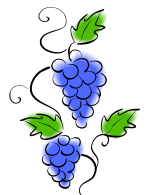
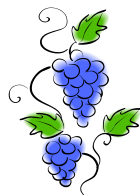
Thank you

to David and Esperanza Gurule
of La Esperanza Vineyard and Winery

for their very generous donation to the *Mimbres Messenger*.

The Gurules donated the proceeds from the sale of the food at their October Fall Art and Wine Extravaganza to the *Mimbres Messenger*.

The delicious food was supplied by Esperanza and volunteers of the *Mimbres Messenger*.



SUSTAINABILITY - Franz Raiter

The Role of Volunteer Fire Departments

I was recently invited to attend the Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire Department's annual potluck extravaganza by Fire Chief Paul Kenny, who is a valued contributor to this newsletter. I gratefully accepted the invitation as a chance to meet some people in the northern part of the valley and report on the goings on of an important part of rural life. I am always eager to drive upriver; I think that it is one of the most beautiful drives in the county as far as scenery goes. The changing progression of plant and animal life that greet you as you approach the continental divide represent several different bioregions, especially if you start in the Chihuahua desert around Deming. The past few days had been hazy, but the dust and haze had retreated down to the desert and huge, cumulous clouds floated in a bright blue sky.

While slightly different from my usual ramblings about sustainability-related topics, fire safety plays a key role in any activities taking place. It doesn't matter how 'green' you are, when a fire starts, you better be prepared and along with a defensible perimeter surrounding your compound, having a solid local fire department is crucial.

The event took place at The Little Toad Creek Inn and Tavern, which is near the junction of HWY 15 and HWY 35 and featured hamburgers and bratwursts along with other delicious dishes brought by members. About 35 people attended, a turnout that was less than ex-

pected by organizers as it was also the official unveiling of a brass plaque commemorating the original founding members of the department. These included people who donated the land where the firehouse sits and also those that participated in fund-raising events.

I filled my plate and sat down to talk with various members, who were eager to share their stories and opinions about various topics like firefighting, life in the valley and the future of the department. Paul interrupted the festivities at one point, and with a booming voice, began to recount the early days of the department. He spoke of the humble beginnings in the old Whisky



Creek firehouse, which was taken apart and moved to Sapillo. He said, "These were just a bunch of local people who got together and said 'Maybe we'll start a fire department to protect our community.' I forgot the amount of money they had to raise to be able to go to the county and say 'make us an official fire department,' but they finally got the county's blessing." He talked about the biggest event in recent memory, which was the

Skates Fire in 2006. The department played a key role in saving the community, working with local and federal firefighters to contain the blaze. I can only laugh when I imagine the shocked looks of disbelief on the faces of the members of the Whisky Creek Fire Department when they discovered that somebody had dismantled and made off with their firehouse. Mimbrenōs!

I spoke with Tom Ross, the first chief and founding member who recounted the effort that the original members put forth trying to establish the department. He said that it took three or four days to move the disassembled Whiskey Creek firehouse and while the county provided the slab for it to sit on, it was all volunteer labor to set it up. To be recognized as a legitimate fire department he said, "For the first year, you had to be on your own." To do this they raised money through rummage sales and bake sales and other contributions. After that they were eligible for state and local funding. Their first fire truck was from the Mogollon Fire Department and was a 1940's model that leaked badly.

I want to thank Paul Kenny and the entire Sapillo Creek Fire Department for inviting me to share their food and the commemoration of their founders and wish them

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COLORS OF FIRE

By Ria Bonneamie

Naked ponderosas
Clawing the blue fabric.

Once came hordes of beetles dark
That ate their bark,
Their shinny needles first green then brown
Mulched the steep ground.
Till a pinpoint of light dancing through broken glass
Ignited a tan leaf amongst the golden glass.
Dark grey smoke billowed in the pale sunlight,
But the fire roared red in the ebony night.
The vermilion giant consumed in one bite
The dead and the living pines.
Orange meteors jumped from tree top to tree top,
Rapid yellow tongues swallowed the grassy slopes below,
The sun hid reddened in shame.
Hobbled by the terrain but also by man
The bloody beast at last slowed down,

Grey ashes littered the ground,
Tendrils of smoke still rose
Until the rains came around,
Rivers and canyons ran black
And black and black,
While ponderosa ghosts
Clawed at the blue sky.

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and continuing today—with plans to open a thrift store at the Rio Mimbres Baptist Church—just one of the many “volunteer” jobs Donnie has had over the years. Caring for her fellow Mimbrenños has always been a high priority for Donnie.

The church thrift store will generate funds for a food pantry to help feed hungry people in the Mimbres community. “There is no greater blessing in life than helping someone in need,” says Donnie. The thrift store will sell donated items—household goods, furniture, clothes, and more. Donnie has long worked with the Mimbres Valley Health Action League to provide commodities to needy families. But, lately, shortages in food available from food banks have left a gap in what’s needed. Donnie and other community volunteers are going to



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1 pm- Glee Maiden
2 pm- Bayou Seco

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try their best to help fill that gap—hoping to supply a hundred boxes of food each month. Work on the storage unit at the church is not quite finished, volunteers are still installing shelving. When ready, the thrift store will be open on Tuesdays, 9:00 to 4:00, and families will be able to get a box of food once a month. The thrift store will also gladly accept donations of food and money.

When asked why she has stayed in Mimbres all these years Donnie replied,

“Anyone who stays in Mimbres two weeks won’t leave. The climate is wonderful and the people are great.”

Donnie’s right—the people here in Mimbres are great! Donnie is an example of just how great, and caring, Mimbrenños can be!

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the best of luck in the years to come.

Here are a couple interesting facts from the National Volunteer Fire Council:

- There are 783,300 volunteer firefighters in the U.S., comprising 69% of the nation's fire service. (NFPA, *U.S. Fire Department Profile Through 2012*)

- The majority of fire departments in the United States are volunteer.

- o Of the total 30,100 fire departments in the country, 20,050 are all volunteer; 5,445 are mostly volunteer; 1,995 are mostly career; and 2,610 are all career. (NFPA, *U.S. Fire Department Profile Through 2012*)

- o Donated time from volunteer firefighters save localities across the country an estimated \$139.8 billion per year. (NFPA, *The Total Cost of Fire in the United States*, 2014)

- o Small and mid-sized communities rely heavily on volunteer firefighters. Communities with a population of under 2,500 rely almost entirely on volunteer departments.

- o The number of volunteer firefighters in the U.S. has declined by 13% since 1984. Major factors contributing to the decline include:

- o Increased time demands to be a firefighter due to increased training requirements, increasing call volumes, and a wider variety of services expected of fire departments.

- o Less time available for indi-

viduals to volunteer due to factors such as the proliferation of two-income families and longer commuting distances to work.

- o Change in attitudes among the public such as less focus on volunteering, loss of community pride or feeling that one should give back, employers less willing to let employees off to run calls, etc. (NVFC, *Retention & Recruitment in the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions*)

- o While the number of volunteer firefighters is declining, the age of volunteer firefighters is increasing.

- o Fire department call volume has nearly tripled in the last 25 years, mainly due to a sharp increase in the number of EMS calls and false alarms. (NFPA, *Fire Loss in the United States 2012*)

- o The National Volunteer Fire Council has many programs to address recruitment and retention, including Fire Corps, 1-800-FIRE-LINE, National Junior Firefighter Program, and guides and resources.

About half of all firefighter on-duty fatalities are caused by heart attack each year. In 2012, heart attack accounted for 39 of the 81 firefighter line-of-duty deaths. (U.S. Fire Administration, *Firefighter Fatalities in the United States in 2012*)

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GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS

Wilderness Ranger District plans district-wide burns: Prescribed broadcast burns in the area of Terry Canyon, west of FSR 150, also known as North Star or Wall Lake Road between FSR 4079 and 4201M. This burn may take place between late October and mid-November, 2014. This 420-acre burn is partially funded by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to improve wildlife habitat.

The District is also preparing to burn piles at various locations. The areas will be signed and posted for public awareness, and will be ongoing throughout the winter as conditions are conducive to burning. The objectives of these burns are to reduce wildfire threat by removing fuels created from past and ongoing thinning projects. The pile burns will be conducted at the following locations:

Near State Highway 35 and Elkhorn Road, behind Desert West Auction.

On both sides of Powerhorn Ridge Road (FSR 151)

On the north side of McKnight Road (FSR152)

Wilderness Ranger District Administration Site on State High-

way 35 Near the Gila National Monument Visitors Center.

Smoke will be visible in areas where the burns are being conducted and may linger at night and early morning, but normally decreases as daytime weather prevails.

For further information, contact the Wilderness Ranger District at 575-536-2250.

The Gila National Forest has established a Facebook page to post current news and information to the public. Additional information may be found on Twitter and Flickr at the addresses below.

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<https://twitter.com/GilaNForest>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/gilaforest>



UPDATE ON HIGHWAY 152 CLOSURE

The washout on Hwy 152 (between San Lorenzo and Kingston) is taking a long time to repair because of the location of the incident. The roadbed and asphalt were washed away, and the water eroded so much of the hillside below the highway that the Highway Department road crew is having to rebuild a huge area of that hillside to accommodate the weight of new asphalt and the cars and trucks that travel the road. Then the road itself will be rebuilt.

The question everyone is asking: how long is it going to take? The Department of Transportation hopes to reopen Highway 152 by Thanksgiving. That date is not firm and while the road crew is working very hard to complete reconstruction, the winter weather season is getting close. (Remember the heavy snows last year the week before Thanksgiving?) We appreciate the efforts of the road crew and will keep our fingers crossed.



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

My name is Renee Despres, and I am Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for Sapillo Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, a position I've held since 2001.

I'm writing with an important message for the Lake Roberts and Gila Hot Springs communities and nearby areas: Sapillo Creek has temporarily suspended emergency medical services (EMS). At the moment, we simply do not have enough personnel to provide the reliable, high-quality EMS response that our community needs.

I'm writing now because I want to be sure that you know what services are available to you

should a medical emergency arise.

Sapillo Creek personnel will no longer be providing first response or transport services. Gila Regional EMS (GREMS) will respond to all calls in our district. Their trucks are located in Silver City, so if you call 9-1-1, expect it to take 45 to 90 minutes for aid to arrive, depending on which area of the district you're calling from.

Here's the bottom line for community members: Response time for medical help to arrive will increase dramatically, and no first-response services will be available in our district.

Of course, we don't like this situation any more than you do! Sapillo Creek is actively working to recruit and train new EMS staff members so we can once again provide services to our community. We're looking for dynamic, committed people who have a passion for our community.

If that describes you – or if you'd simply like to learn more about the status of EMS in the Sapillo Creek district, please give me a call at 575.536.3230 and leave a message, or email me at rtedespres@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time!

Renee Despres, NM-EMT-I
EMS Coordinator



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SHE'S BAAACK!

Sandy Carris has returned from the wilds of Alaska and will re-open the Elk X-ing Café on November 1st.



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SAN LORENZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help the San Lorenzo Elementary School's tutoring program. Every Wednesday and Thursday between 8:30 am and 11:30 am, just come to the school and tutor a student who needs a little extra help.

There is not long term commitment. You don't have to come both days, or even every week—just come when you can.

VETERAN'S DAY PERFORMANCE

The students of the San Lorenzo elementary school are inviting all Mimbres area veterans for lunch and a performance on Veteran's Day, November 11th. The public is invited to the performance which starts at 1:00 pm. Come and enjoy the show and say thanks and honor our veterans.

For more information on either the Volunteer Opportunity or the Veteran's Day Performance, call the San Lorenzo Elementary School at 575-536-9348



Photos by Marilyn Markel

SEEDS OF PEACE



Last spring the San Lorenzo students helped plant sunflowers in the garden behind the school. The students harvested seeds from the flowers, mixed with wild birdseed, packaged, and sold them at the Harvest Festival. Community members also donated flower heads filled with seeds to the project. More bags will be filled with seeds. The funds raised will be sent to an organization that builds schools in troubled parts of the world. The students learned about Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani woman that won the Nobel Peace Prize for advocating education for girls. Call Marilyn Markel for more information—536-9337.

Mrs. Ross' class
harvesting sunflower
seeds.

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3 Beef Stew... 2** 8 oz Beef Stew 6 oz Green Beans Crackers 4 oz Banana Pudding	4 3 oz Chicken Breast W/Bun 1 oz American Cheese 1 Slice Tomato 1 C Peas 1 C Steamed Carrots W/Marg 1 Slice Angel Food Cake W/ Strawberries	5 Lasagna..1*** 6 oz Lasagna, 6 oz spinach Salad W/ Dressing 1 Peanut Butter Cookie 6 oz Pears, 4 oz Cottage Cheese	6 1 Grilled Turkey & Cheese Sandwich .4** 2 oz Cheese, 1 oz Turkey 2 Slices WW Bread 3/4 C Sautéed Potatoes & Gr. Peppers 1/2 C Vegetable Soup 1/2 C Pears	7 1 Gr Chile, Meat & Cheese Burrito 2 oz Meat, 1 oz Cheese & Chile 4 oz Tossed Salad 4 oz Apricots 2 Sugar Cookies
10 3 oz Braised Pork Chop 1/4 C 3-Bean Salad 1 C Peas 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 1/2 C Baked Apple Slices	11 Closed for Veteran's Day 	12 Beef Tips & Rice...1** 6 oz Beef Tips & Rice 8 oz Broccoli 4 oz Green Salad W/ Dressing 1 WW Roll W/Margarine 4 oz Pears	13 7 oz Chicken Fajitas...2 ** 1 Flour Tortilla 2 oz Cheese, 7 oz Chicken 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Tomatoes & Gr. Chile 1 Pumpkin Spice Cookie	14 Spaghetti & Sauce..4** 4 oz Pasta, 3 oz Meat Sauce W/ 1 T Grated Parmesan Cheese 1 C Steamed Broccoli W/Cheese 1 Slice Garlic Bread 3/4 C Slice Peaches
17 8 oz Meatloaf 2 oz Brown Gravy, 4 oz Green Beans 4 oz Scalloped Potatoes 1 WW Roll W/ Marg 1 Slice Angel Food Cake 4 oz Strawberries W/ Topping	18 6 Oz Baked Chicken Nuggets 2 oz Honey Mustard & BBQ Sauce 4 oz Baked Potato Wedges W/Catsup 6 oz Broccoli W/ Cheese 4 oz Fruit Cocktail	19 3 oz Glazed Ham 4 oz Mashed Potatoes W/ Gravy 8 oz Peas & Carrots 1 WW Roll W/Margarine 3/4 C Fruit Salad	20 Frito Pie...1** 3 oz Chile Con Carne, 2 oz Corn Chips 1 oz Cheese & Onions 4 oz Mixed Veggies 2 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 1 Lemon Crisp Cookie	21 Ham & Cheese Sandwich** 2 oz Ham, 1 Slice Cheese on WW Bread 4 oz 3-Bean Salad 2 oz Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz Peaches 1 Sugar Cookie
24 Liver & Onions ..2** 3 oz Beef Liver W/ 1/3 C Sautéed Onions 3/4 C Wild Rice 1 C Green Beans 1 Dinner Roll W/Margarine 1 Orange	25 1 Chicken Wrap 4 oz Marinated Chicken Breast, 5 oz Cheese 4 oz Lettuce, Tomato & Onions 8 oz Salad W/Dressing 4 oz Peas & Carrots 1 Peanut Butter Cookie	26 1 Tuna Salad Sandwich 1/2 C Tuna on 2 slices WW Bread 1/2 C Wild Rice 1/2 C Green Beans W/Marg 3/4 C Honeydew 1/2 C Lemon Pudding	27 Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday 	28

**FREE NM Enrollment Day for
Medicare Part D & Extra Help (LIS)
MIMBRES SENIOR CENTER**

NOVEMBER 12, 2014 - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) has scheduled a series of enrollment dates throughout the state to assist individuals who may want to switch their plan or newly enrolled into a Medicare prescription drug plan or Medicare Health Plan. Screening for Extra Help to assist with paying for prescription drug costs will also be provided. Please bring your prescripts or a list of all medications including the full name of the drug, strength and dosage. If you cannot attend, contact the ADRC at 1-800-432-2080 for assistance.



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ARTISANS OF THE MIMBRES - No meeting scheduled at this time. Contact Lynnae at Lmconaha@aol.com or call 536-9845.

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets **November 20th (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - **November 12th (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 have been cut to two days. Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - **Saturday, November 15th Sunset to 10:00 pm ~ STAR PARTY** Silver City Astronomical Society will provide telescopes for celestial viewing. Winery open Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sunday, Noon to 7:00 pm. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - November 13th - Monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting.

MIMBRES VALLEY GIRL SCOUTS TROUP #049. EVERY MONDAY 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Roundup Lodge. All girls from Kindergarten to High School and home schooled girls are welcome. New and exciting programs and activities. For information, contact Pamela Grijalva at 575-494-3681 or come to a meeting.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE

November 2 (Sunday) - 6:00 pm - **2014 Harvest Festival Follow-up Potluck Meeting/Social** - Roundup Lodge. Please bring a dish. MVHAL will provide drinks.

November 10 (Monday) - 5:30 pm MVHAL Board Meeting - 3 Questions Café .

MIMBRES VALLEY ROUNDUP LODGE BOOSTER CLUB

November 6 - 5:30 pm Monthly meeting first Thursday of each month. Roundup Lodge. New members welcome. Light dinner served.

November 9th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm - **Bingo**. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash.

November 27th - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - **Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. Roundup Lodge - Everyone welcome. Leave the cooking and cleaning to us.

MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - Reservations are requested one day in advance. **Monday - Friday 11:30 Lunch**

November 25th 12:15 pm (4th Tuesday of each month) Senior Center Advisory Council Meeting at the Center.

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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - November 5 - First Wednesday. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm Gila Regional Conference Room. Subject to change. Please call first. 575-574-2888

BAYARD AL-ANON - WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 PM - Bayard Housing Authority - 100 Runnels Drive, (near Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Bayard) .

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November 8th (Saturday) - 1:00 pm - Guarding Against Identity Theft and Scams - presented by Joe Wlosinski of AARP

November 15th (Saturday) - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Four Women Reading - Featuring selected readings and poetry by Elise Stuart, Poet Laureate of Silver City and guests, Beatre Sigridaughter, Judith Kenney and Bonnie Maldonado

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, November 20th and Thursday, December 18.

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 - November 19th - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm at the Woman's Club in Silver City. No pot-luck supper, (light refreshments) short business meeting and presentation. Wendy Sutton, Forest Archaeologist for the Gila National Forest will give a presentation. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION - Sunday, November 9th - 3:00 pm "Those Were The Days" - William Florian will present his exciting new show "Those Were the Days" (The Spirit and Songs of the 60's). William is an iconic folk music songwriter and performer. 575-538-5862 or www.gcconcerts.org for information.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - November 13th (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck. 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 trips the **3rd Saturday of the month**. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - meets first Thursday of every month at 11:45 am. Normally meetings are held at the Red Barn Steakhouse in Silver City. There is a \$15 charge for attendees wanting to eat lunch. There is no fee for people who want to attend without enjoying a meal. For more information contact the Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce at 575-538-3785

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The Mimbres Valley GIRL SCOUTS Troop # 049 have new troop leader, Pamela Grijalva. The Girl Scouts will now be meeting at the Roundup Lodge on Monday afternoons at 5:00 to 6:00 pm. with new and exciting programs and activities. All girls in the valley are welcome. You do not have to be in the public school system. Home-schooled girls are urged to join. For more information, contact Pamela Grijalva at 575-494-3681 or come to the next meeting!

ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

In addition to the regular Lodge events in October, we had the opportunity to be included in the Harvest Festival activities. The Booster Club prepared and served food to the set-up volunteers on Friday evening. The evening after the Festival, the Big Ditch Crickets played for the dancing pleasure of those Festival people who still had enough energy to dance! Those too tired to dance were treated to the great music produced by the Crickets.

An afternoon trivia contest was held in late October. There was a modest turnout, but everyone there was having so much fun, they decided to extend the game by two more hours. More trivia contests are planned, and the days and times will vary so more people can attend. Just look for posters around the Valley.

November activities will include Bingo, on Sunday, November 9th. Later in the month, the Mimbres Booster Club will host a free Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th, Thanksgiving Day from 2:00 to

4:00. All the good Thanksgiving treats will be available, from turkey and stuffing to pumpkin pie. So plan on joining the fun at the Roundup Lodge instead of in your kitchen.

There will be a Swap Meet/Christmas Bazaar on December 13th, featuring artists' wares to tempt Christmas gift shoppers. Mark it on your calendar, and call Paula Norero 575-536-9433 to reserve a table. This is always a great stop while Christmas shopping.

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Conejo Mimbrenño

In October I hid in the grass near the pond at the Nature Garden at San Lorenzo School. I watched as children harvested



sunflower seeds and mixed up bags of birdseed for their Seeds of Peace project. The kids enjoy learning about plants and insects and spending time outdoors.

Did you find me in the October page to color? I gave everyone a clue about the treasure that could be found at the Harvest Festival by kids taking part in the Quest for Dark Treasure. Guess what? The treasure was chocolate! Did you know cacao beans grown down in Mexico may have been brought to the Mimbres Valley by the Mimbres Indians a thousand years ago? I like chocolate. Do you?

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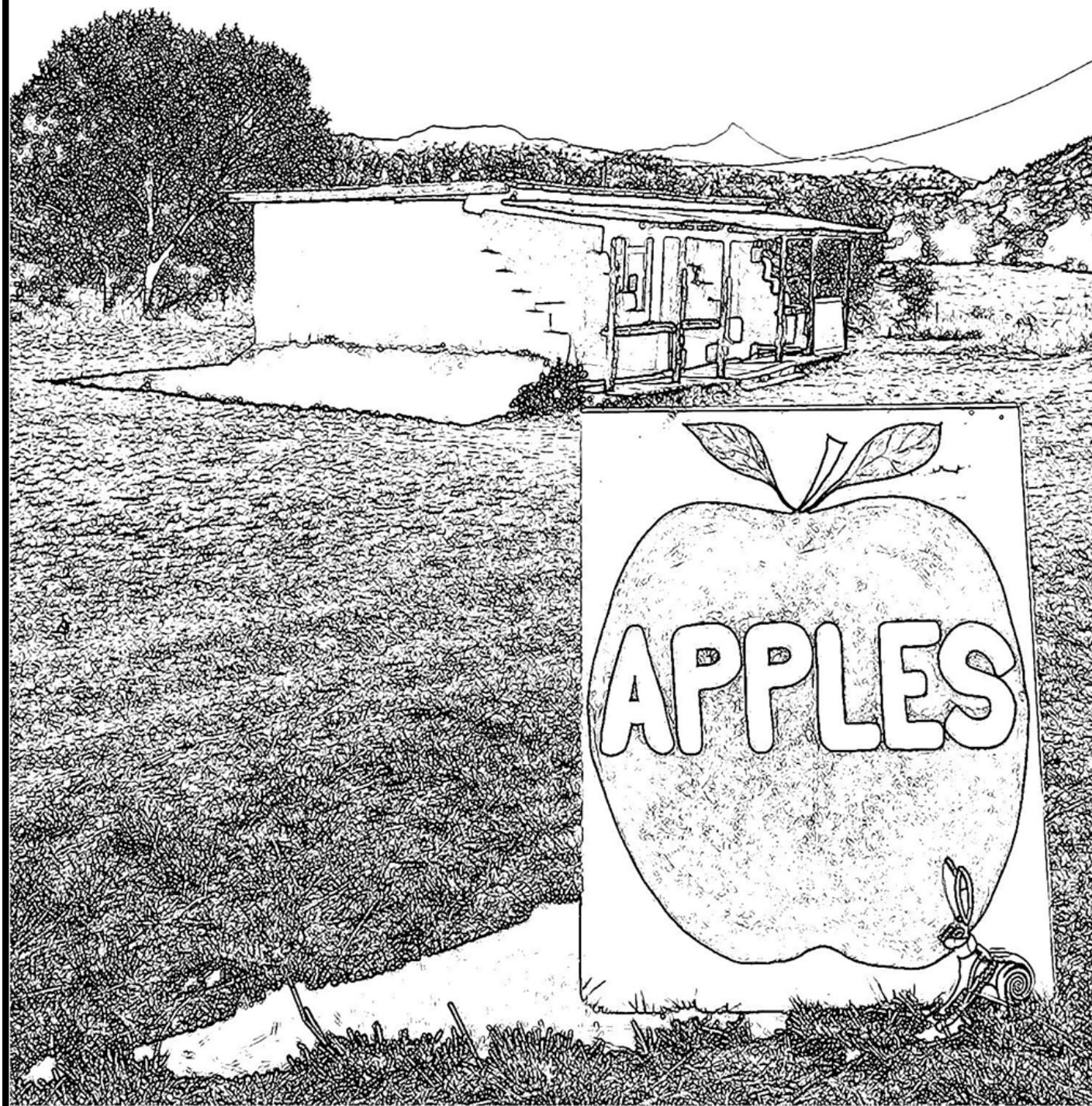


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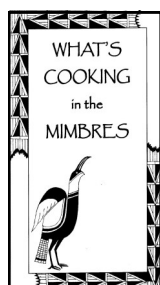


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2 lbs. round steak cut
into 1" cubes
1/4 c. flour
1/4 c. vinegar
Cooking oil
1 T Worcestershire sauce
1 c. water
1 tsp. salt
1/2 c. ketchup
1 c. chopped onions
1/4 c. brown sugar
Cooked rice or noodles

Dredge steak in flour, brown on all sides in small amount of oil. Combine water, ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar, Worcestershire, salt and onion. Add to steak and mix well. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, about 45 minutes or until steak is tender. Stir occasionally. Garnish with pimentos or parsley—or not. Serve over rice, Chinese noodles or egg noodles.

What's Cooking in the Mimbres is still available for purchase at Hupp's Hardware & Grocery, La Esperanza Winery, and the Elk X-ing Café or contact any member of the Booster Club. The \$10 purchase price goes to maintain and improve the Mimbres Roundup Lodge - Your Community Center.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On, or about the evening of Thursday, October 16th, the Mimbres Senior Center vehicles and two storage sheds were vandalized. Although the facility is fenced and enclosed with a locked gate, the culprits broke in. They siphoned the gas from two county owned vehicles and in the process did over \$1,300 in damage. They also cut locks, broke in and ransacked a storage shed, although very little was reported missing. (Guess they weren't interested in walkers, canes and old Christmas decorations!)

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PRODUCE OF THE MONTH

By Frankie at Valle Mimbres Market

Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea*)

A member of the cabbage or cole family, technically a flower, broccoli is a cool weather crop, originally cultivated in the Northern Mediterranean area in about the 6th century BC.

Selecting and Storing: Select fresh, bright colored, compact and firm heads. Place in the fridge inside a closed plastic bag to keep for a few days. Quickly blanched, it will keep a few months in the freezer.

Nutrients: Broccoli is very low in calories but high in dietary fiber, Vitamin C, and A, with good amounts of B2, B3, B5, B6, B9, and potassium, as well as many phyto-nutrients and flavonoids. A good source of minerals: calcium, manganese, iron, magnesium, selenium, zinc and phosphorus. Boiling rather than stir-frying, or steaming will greatly reduce levels of some nutrients and possible anti-carcinogenic compounds.

Serving Suggestions: All parts are edible, the leaves and stalks can be used for soups. Young tender heads can be eaten raw in salads or as antipasto (fresh vegetables served with a dip). Broccoli heads are great in stir fries, salads, soups and casseroles. Delicious as toppings for pasta, chicken and cheese dishes, or the heads can be cut into florets, tossed with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper and roasted 20 to 25 minutes in a medium oven, then sprinkled with lemon juice and chopped nuts or parmesan.

Recipe: Broccoli Quiche (4 to 6 servings) [*vegan ingredients version in italics*]

1 ready-made pie crust or make the following pie dough.

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour / 1/2 tsp. sea salt / 1/2 cup sunflower or olive oil (cold) / 2 Tbsp. cold milk (*dairy or rice*). Mix all ingredients together with a fork and quickly pat mixture into a 9 inch pie pan or quiche pan. Refrigerate 1/2 hour. Bake 10 to 15 minutes, till light brown in 400* F preheated oven.

The filling: 3 Tbsp butter [*olive oil*] / 1 onion, diced / 2 cloves garlic, minced / 2 cups broccoli florets, chopped / 1 cup Crimini or Shiitake mushrooms, chopped / 1/4 cup sweet basil or parsley,

chopped fine / 1 tsp crushed thyme / 1/2 tsp rubbed sage / 1/2 tsp sea salt / 1/2 tsp black pepper / 1/2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard / 4 eggs, well beaten + 1/2 cup cream + 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese + 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese [1 lb. firm tofu, patted dry and crumbled + 1/2 cup cashews, dry-toasted and ground-up + 1 Tbsp. tahini + 2 Tbsp. rice vinegar or lemon juice + 1/2 tsp turmeric]. Sauté onions in butter or oil until translucent, add garlic, broccoli and mushrooms and sauté until veggies are just soft. Remove from heat and add herbs and seasonings. Spread broccoli mix onto pie crust. Blend eggs and dairy [or tofu and nuts]. Gently pour blended mix over veggies and smooth out the top. Bake at 350* F in preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, until the edges of the pie are slightly browned. Serve warm or at room temp.



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Putting on a festival is like a barn raising. It takes a lot of help. The Harvest Festivals are underwritten by the Mimbres Valley Health Action League or MVHAL. We provide the structure and initiate the committee of volunteers who put on the festival.

We depend on community businesses that sponsor us at \$500+ levels to provide transportation, the musical performers, and publicity. We also depend on donors who provide donations from \$250 - \$500.

Friends donate any sum up to \$249. Another valuable form of donation we receive is that of products, labor and time. The labor of the individuals that show up on the day before, the day of and the day after the festival to do anything we need done. They do everything from working as a team to put up the BIG tent, feeding the volunteers, helping vendors set-up, to breaking everything down after the festival.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH 5:30 PM - Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting ~ Three Questions Café, Highway 35. Members Welcome

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 12 NOON - 2:00 PM
Commodities Pickup ~ Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways targeted to do that are by improving communication and social networks, providing preventive health education, improving access to health and social services, increasing financial and economic stability, increasing recreation opportunities, increasing education opportunities, and promoting a safe and healthy environment.



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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

After watching the DVD series of *BAND OF BROTHERS*, book by Stephen E. Ambrose, I became interested in WWII. During late August and early September, I joined Montgomery, Bradley, Hughes, Patton and all the others as they proceeded across France and Germany opposed by Rundstedt, Rommel, Model and their Nazi brethren.

Although there are numerous books about these times, this one is new with lots of little-known sidelights as well as the

conflicts between Eisenhower and Montgomery and the antics of George Patton. These were difficult times for the American men and women involved. It is a good idea to remember them and their sacrifices in our behalf, and *Band of Brothers* is an interesting and insightful look at WWII.

By John Ginett

This column, we hope, will inspire you to read and share your favorite books, both recent

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