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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

## Meet Your Neighbor - Michael Koury by Marilyn Markel

Michael Koury, the principal at San Lorenzo Elementary School says he feels “extremely fortunate” to be “dropped in a little piece of heaven” and thinks he and the school are a “perfect fit.” This is Mr. Koury’s second year at San Lorenzo.

Mr. Koury grew up in Showlow, Arizona, enjoying the outdoors, hunting and fishing in the White Mountains. He attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado where he was a wrestler and got a degree in physical education. He went on to graduate school at Northern Arizona University. He came to Silver City to teach at Silver High—teaching health and weight training. He took classes at WNMU in Education Leadership and became the principal at José Barrios Elementary.



Mr. Koury, Principal

visits one or more of America’s national parks and have been to thirty-five parks so far, with a goal to visit all fifty states by the time the boys finish high school. Hawaii is next on the list to visit. Mr. Koury says, “My sons watched the PBS series on National Parks and realized that they had been to the places they were seeing on TV and could say ‘I’ve been standing right there—in the same spot’”. He wants his kids, and all kids, “to value and enjoy the beauty of our country” and feels it’s important for

parents and educators to get children out to those special places. Mr. Koury remembers a school trip he

went on to El Morro and Inscription Rock and says that experience has had lasting impact on him.

Mr. Koury remembers passing by San Lorenzo Elementary on the way through Mimbres, going up to the Gila Cliff Dwellings or to the Gila Forest, and thinking the school “looked kind of abandoned, a sad little school.” He, of course, was seeing the school at a quiet time, in the summer when no one was around. Now he knows the school as a vibrant, lively part of the Mimbres community and greatly appreciates the parents and volunteers that partner with the school to help provide our children with enriching experiences and opportunities. In turn, Michael Koury has become a vital, and appreciated, part of our community.



An impromptu “field trip” to the principal’s office results in a lesson on the difference between horns and antlers.

Mr. Koury is married with two children Xavier, 12 and Rio, 10. His wife, Carolyn, is a hydrologist for the Gila National Forest. Each summer the family



Mr. Koury covering for an absent teacher. Did your principal ever read to you? How awesome is that?

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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



Two major US holidays are celebrated in November – Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Both holidays have interesting origins Veterans Day to honor American veterans and Thanksgiving to give thanks for friendship and sharing.

November 11, 1911 marked the temporary cessation of European hostilities, signaling the end of the Great War (WWI) or “the war to end all wars” on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month. In November, 1919 President Wilson proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Congress recognized the end of WWI when, on June 4, 1926, it passed a resolution declaring Armistice Day a legal holiday with appropriate observances: display of the flag, parades, thanksgiving and prayer”.

The resolution was enacted into law May 13, 1938 and designated primarily to honor WWI veterans. After WWII and Korea, in 1954, the official holiday designation was changed to Veterans Day, to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Unified Holiday Bill passed, designating observance of Veterans Day and three other national holidays be celebrated on Mondays of weeks near the actual holiday (essentially a practice to provide 3-day weekends for Federal employees). The first Monday observance of Veterans Day was October 25, 1971, amidst much confusion and disagreement. Many states continued to observe the November 11<sup>th</sup> date. Continued opposition to

the Monday observance in October supported the widespread belief that November 11<sup>th</sup> had great historic and patriotic significance to a great number of citizens.

Finally, on September 20, 1975, President Ford proclaimed that the official observance of Veterans Day would be November 11<sup>th</sup>. The restated purpose of the celebration: “A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.”

In 1817, New York was the first state to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Various other states subsequently celebrated on various other days, although the American south was largely unfamiliar with the tradition. Beginning in 1827, Sarah Josepha Hale (a prolific author and magazine writer among whose works include the poem *Mary Had a Little Lamb*) began a 36-year campaign for a national holiday of thanksgiving. In 1863, at the height of the Civil War, President Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the final Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. Somehow, that has remained unchanged.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival was another successful event produced and executed by the Mimbres Valley Health Action League. The weather cooperated, there were myriad children’s events, adult activities, great entertainment, varied and interesting vendors enjoyed by a satisfyingly large number of attendees. See articles and pictures in this issue for a review of the day’s activities.



## Thanksgiving Dinner

San Lorenzo Elementary  
School

**Thursday, November 5 at 11:30 am**

Please purchase non-refundable tickets in front office no later than Thursday, October 29.

Adults \$7/Children \$3.50

## Veteran’s Day Luncheon &amp; Program

San Lorenzo Elementary School

**Tuesday, November 10**

**Luncheon at 11:30 - Program at Noon**

**Veteran’s Meal gratis**

Guest \$3 - Tickets sold at front office

Everyone, please RSVP and purchase tickets no later than Friday, November 6

537-4070 or 536-9348



## Harvest Fest Children's Activities and Animal Parade

This year at the Harvest Festival children tossed bean bags, played ring toss, made pots and animals out of clay, got their faces painted, created colorful bead bracelets and necklaces, and painted a mural filled with Mimbres animals. The kids went on a hunt for wildlife, sponsored by Conejo Mimbrenño and the Grant County Archaeological Society. The Mimbres Valle Market generously donated healthy snacks for all the kids and The Bike Works again donated six bicycles for the Bike

Raffle. Thank You! Smokey Bear made a surprise visit and joined the children in an animal parade from the kids area over to the entertainment tent. The kids dressed in river animal costumes, told the audience about the animals, birds, fish, other critters, and plants that live along the Gila and Mimbres Rivers. Great Fun!! A huge whirlwind swept through the area, sending activity materials, coloring pages, and other stuff swirling high in the air! Homeowners in the Casas Adobes subdivision ended up with some new "yard art." Sorry about that!



Volunteer, Marilyn Markel, plans, organizes and oversees all of the children's activities.



Thanks to "The Bike Works" from Silver City, children got to enjoy the bikes all during the Festival, and six lucky children won the raffle and got to take home a bike!

Photos courtesy of Ajalaa Claussen, Barry Gray and Oscar Piña



## Gene Stailey Goes on a Flight of Honor

By Marilyn Markel and Mary Willhite



A few weeks ago, Mimbres resident Gene Stailey, 88, a World War II Navy Veteran, went to Washington, DC on an Honor Flight. Eyes full of happy tears, his voice choked with emotion, Gene talks about his trip. "I didn't know so many people cared" he says. The Honor Flight program, started in 2006 after the completion of the WWII Memorial, gives veterans the opportunity, at no cost to them, to be flown to Washington, DC to visit their war memorials. Gene and his wife, Kay, drove to the Pan Am Center in Las Cruces where they met up with 40 other veterans from southern NM and the El Paso area. Gene, along with the other vets, passed through an archway of swords held by NMSU ROTC cadets, and boarded a bus to begin the journey. The bus was escorted to the airport in El Paso by Vietnam Vets riding motorcycles. At the airport, the veterans were met by cheering crowds and clapping well-wishers, paying tribute to our nation's heroes.

people cheered and clapped and paid homage to the vets.



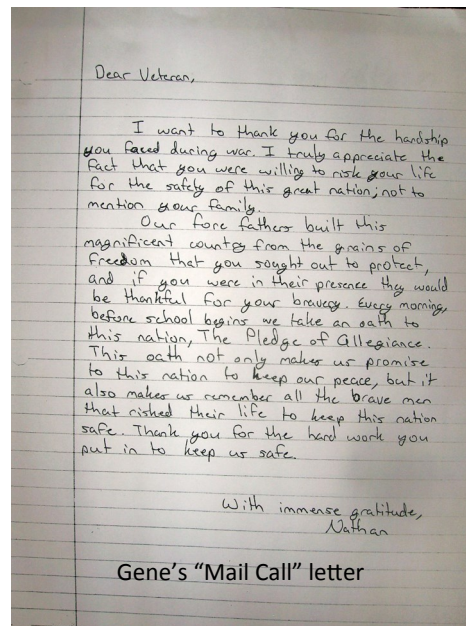
The next day the veterans rode a bus to Washington, DC. They visited the WWII Memorial, the Marine Memorial, the Korean War memorial, the Vietnam Wall, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The vets were greeted by Senator Martin Heinrich and Congressman Steve Pearce.

Gene shaking hands with Senator Martin Heinrich



Gene Stailey in his "Honor Flight Jacket" and his wife Kay  
Photo by Marilyn Markel

Gene, accompanied by a registered nurse, flew to Baltimore. At the airport, fire trucks sprayed water high in the air, creating an arch of water and a rainbow. Once again,



Gene's "Mail Call" letter

A special part of the event occurred when the vets received letters during "Mail Call". Each person was given a packet of letters written by school children.

Gene says, for him, the most memorable moments of the trip were when, "young children came up to me

and asked, 'Mr. Can I have my picture taken with you?' and parents with big smiles on their faces took the pictures."

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The Program promises veterans an unforgettable Honor Flight experience—a way of giving all veterans “One more mission with honor.” For Gene, the trip was truly unforgettable, saying, “except for special times with my family, this is the best thing that has ever happened to me.” Gene recommends the flight to other vets, especially to Korean and Vietnam veterans who may not feel they received the acknowledgement they deserved for their service to our country when they returned home. “The trip could be a kind of counseling for those vets” says Gene. “And they will see that people do care.”

### Honor Flight Network

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor American veterans for their sacrifices and dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. They fly veterans to Washington, DC to visit memorials built to honor their service to the nation. Top priority is given to the senior veterans, World War II survivors and those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

All war veterans are invited to apply for an honor flight. For more information visit the website [www.honorflightnm.com](http://www.honorflightnm.com) or call Debra Melcher at 575-202-6366.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. Donations are what makes these flights possible. You can make a donation at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org)

### World War II Memorial

The World War II Memorial was designed to be a “monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people to the common defense of the nation and to the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world.”

The monument honors the 16 million who served the the armed forces during the war and the 400,000 Americans who died in a war that claimed more than 70 million casualties worldwide.

In 2001, a national competition was held to design the memorial. The winner was Rhode Island based architect Friedrich St. Florian. He was joined by sculptor, Ray Kaskey and stone carver/letterer, Nick Benson. Most of the funds (\$197 million) were raised from private donations including \$16 million from the federal government.

Compared to other memorials located in the capital, the World War II Memorial seems massive—it measures approximately 337' x 240' set on 7 acres. It includes 56 identical white pillars bearing the names of the 48 states and 8 US territories that were part of the war and are arranged in two semi-circles surrounding a central plaza. In the center of the plaza is the “Rainbow Pool” with its circle of fountains. Flagpoles frame the entrance and bases of granite and bronze are adorned with the military service seals of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Army Air Forces Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.



## Clean Up and Planting at San Lorenzo School—A Day of Service

On October 2nd, students and staff of San Lorenzo Elementary enjoyed a day of planting and clean up at the school. They were helped by the 9<sup>th</sup> graders and teachers from Aldo Leopold Charter School, Cobre Schools groundskeepers Roger Duarte and Rudy Muñoz, parents, and community volunteers. A total of more than 120 people participated in the project which was funded by a Keep New Mexico Beautiful grant. About 60 trees plants and shrubs were planted around the school grounds, including six large shade trees. Lone Mountain Natives helped get the plants and trees from a nursery in Las Cruces. More work was done on October 10<sup>th</sup> -- an orchard of fifteen fruit trees was planted by a community youth group.

Michael Koury, principal at the school, was happy to see all the work accomplished at the school—but better yet, he said, “A day like this provides great learning opportunities -- and getting the kids’ hands dirty is a priceless experience. Teaching and exchange between the two groups (the San Lo students and Aldo Leopold students) was wonderful.” Even the preschoolers shared in the learning experience—the 3 and 4 year olds helped with the unloading and sorting of the new plants.

The older students got a spontaneous lesson in geology when the deep holes for the large shade trees were dug—layers of earth were exposed creating the opportunity for teachers to give an impromptu lesson on stratigraphy.



If you get a chance, stop by the school to take a look at all the new trees and shrubs— an example of the amazing things that happen when our community works together.



### ***GOT A 4TH GRADER?***

Fourth-Graders and Their Families Get Free National Park Admission Until August 31, 2016

The White House’s “Every Kid in a Park” program provides free admission to all federal public lands and waters, including national parks, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, national forests and BLM lands for the 2015-2016 school year for all 4th graders (or home school equivalent) and their families.



As of September 1, the federal government is giving annu-

al passes to fourth graders and their families, in an effort to get kids into the national park system to experience the outdoors and learn a little history and culture. Families without a 4th grader must pay \$80 for an annual pass.

To get your free pass, go to [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov) and have your fourth grader answer a few fun questions about outdoor

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# SENIOR CENTER MENU

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<b>2</b> BBQ Chicken Drumsticks 4 oz Winter Mix Blend 1 Dinner Roll 4 oz Fruit Cocktail	<b>3</b> 3 oz Pork Chop W/ 2 oz Diced Tomatoes 4 oz Baked Beans 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 WW Roll 1 Orange	<b>4</b> Salisbury Steak...2** 3 oz Salisbury Steak W/ 2 T Gravy 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Steamed Spinach 1 WW Dinner Roll W/ Marg 4 oz Tropical Fruit Salad	<b>5</b> 3 oz Chicken Tenders 4 oz Potato Wedges 1 Slice Cornbread W/ 1 tsp Marg 1 Slice Strawberry Shortcake	<b>6</b> Ham & Cheese Sandwich...3 2 oz Ham, 1 oz Swiss Cheese 2 Slices Wheat Bread 1 Lettuce Leaf, 1 Slice Tomato 4 oz Pork & Beans 4 oz Mandarin Oranges
<b>9</b> 2 oz Meat Gravy Over 3 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Mexicorn 1 WW Roll W/ Margarine 4 oz Tapioca Pudding	<b>10</b> 3 oz Oven Fried Chicken 4 oz Acorn Squash 1 Slice WW Bread W/ Marg 4 oz Apricots	<b>11</b> Closed For <b>VETERANS DAY</b>		<b>12</b> Frito Pie..1*** 3 oz Chile Con Carne, 2 oz Corn Chips 1 oz Cheese & Onions 2 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 4 oz Mixed Veggies 4 oz Lemon Pudding
<b>16</b> Hamburger** 2oz Lettuce & Tomato 2oz Onions, Pickles & Gr.Chile 4 oz Potato Chips 1 Slice Cake W/ Frosting	<b>17</b> 3 oz Bean Burrito 1 oz Cheese, 1 8" Flour Tortilla 3 oz Spanish Rice 4 oz Lettuce & Tomato 4 oz Crackers W/ Peanut Butter	<b>18</b> 3 oz Roast Turkey 3 oz Mashed Potatoes W/ 1oz Gravy 2 oz Cornbread Stuffing 4 oz Green Beans W/ Mushrooms 1 WW Roll W/ Marg. 1 Slice Pumpkin Pie W/ Whipped Topping	<b>19</b> 5 oz Lasagna 4 oz Garden Salad 4 oz Mixed Veggies 1 Slice French Bread 4 oz Apple Cobbler	<b>20</b> 2 Chicken Tacos 3 oz Chicken, 1 oz Cheese, 2 C. Tortillas 4 oz Lettuce & Tomatoes 4 oz Calabacitas 4 oz Pinto Beans 4 oz Vanilla Ice Cream
<b>23</b> 3 oz Meat Loaf 4 oz Mashed Potatoes 4 oz Broccoli W/ Cheese 1 Dinner Roll W/ Margarine 4 oz Peaches W/ Cottage Cheese	<b>24</b> 4 oz Gr Chicken Enchilada 4 oz Pinto Beans 4oz Acorn Squash 1 Slice WW Bread W/ Marg 1 Orange	<b>25</b> Chicken Pasta Salad 3 oz Chicken , 4 oz Pasta 1 WW Roll 1 Chewy Granola Bar 4 oz Banana Pudding	<b>26</b> Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday 	
<b>30</b> Taco Salad...2** 4 oz Mexicorn 5 Graham Crackers 4 oz Baked Apple Slices	Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Mimbres 536-9990 Gila 535-2888 PLEASE CALL A DAY IN ADVANCE FOR RESERVATIONS	 Milk Served Daily	Menu Subject to Change	

## SENIOR MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The third Wednesday of every month, the Gospel Mission in Silver City will distribute food at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1301 North Swan Street from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

If you are 55 years of age or older, live in Grant County and you need help with food, you are welcome to come by. Please bring your own box or bag to put food in. Help carrying will be available if you need it.

If you would like to lend a hand in helping to set up or carrying boxes to cars, please show up at around 12:30 p.m.



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## Teen Ink

By Ajalaa Claussen



### Holding the Memories

As the Harvest Festival photographer I saw the gathering differently than I would have as a guest. It was tempting to go off and enjoy the activities but I reminded myself I must look through my lens not just my eye. When I observed my surroundings I looked for the best possible shot, one that would communicate the essence of the festival. So I followed the agenda and set out on my mission. You can feel the power created by the camera as you snap a moment in

time that will soon become a memory. As a photographer, you have the ability to stop time and hold that moment in your hands. And in that photo you can see the love and joy that is shared among the people. That is the thrill of being a photographer.

Editors Notes: You will see many of Ajalaa's photos in this month's Messenger including the one below — maybe even in next year's Harvest Festival Calendar!



### Ten Year Award

The three women pictured left, Paula Norero, Kate Brown, and Sharon Meyers received their 10 year badges for being dedicated volunteers for the Harvest Festival for all ten years.

Thanks for all of your hard work.

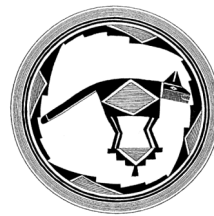


### Wild Turkey

Three different subspecies of wild turkey (Rio Grande, Merriam and Goulds) live in New Mexico. The Merriam is found in southwest N. M. Turkeys live in open woodland country, along river bottomlands, and in the pine forests of the Gila. Wild turkeys are intelligent birds, wary and good at hiding. At night they roost in tall, mature trees. Females nest on the ground and lay up to twenty eggs. Male turkeys perform elaborate displays to attract females during courtship. He spreads his tail, swells up his wattles, and rattles his wings, gobbling and strutting the whole time. Turkeys feed on insects, seeds, nuts, berries, and fruit. Animals that prey on turkeys include coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions and humans during spring and fall hunting season. Largely hunted out by the 1920s, wild turkeys have been restored to most of their historic range.

### Conejo Mimbrenño in October

#### El Lobo



In October I ventured far up into the Gila Wilderness. While there, I listened to the howl of a lobo, the true call of the wild. A thousand and more years ago the Mimbres Indians heard the howl of a wolf too.

### Mimbres Children Book Series by

Carilyn Alarid and Marilyn Markel

For sale at the

**Mimbres Culture Heritage Site**

at Amazon.com and

sunstonepress.com

Or call Marilyn 536-9337





## Where is Conejo Mimbrenño?

Sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY - 5:30 pm** Mimbres Roundup Lodge. Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting - last Tuesday of the month. For more information **575-313-4693 or 888-388-1802**.

**CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets November 19 (third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m.** Roundup Lodge.

**COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - November 11th - (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.

**DESSERT WEST AUCTION—THE BIG RED BARN - Auction - Saturday, November 21 & Sunday, November 22** 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Doors open at 8:30 am with off-line auction starting at 9:30 am. Sunday auction doors open at 9:30 am. Preview items on Friday, November 20 from 11 am to 3 pm. And a half hour before the auctions start each day. Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at [desertwest@desertwestauction.com](mailto:desertwest@desertwestauction.com) or call 575-536-9353. Can't be there? Bid on-line starting at 11 am both Saturday and Sunday. At [www.liveauctioneers.com](http://www.liveauctioneers.com) or [www.lcollector.com](http://www.lcollector.com).

**HMS MIMBRES CLINIC** - Clinic Hours have been cut to two days. Monday and Wednesday 8:30 am to 12 noon and 1:00 pm to 5 pm. 575-536-3990

**LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - NEW HOURS - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday Noon to 6:00 pm.**  
*December Special:* 20% off any case of wine (mix or match). Also, look for the Ugly Sweater Contest in December. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252.

**MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Monday, November 9th - 5 pm.** (second Monday of the month) EMS Building on the airstrip. Community meeting for brainstorming and recruitment. Open to everyone. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information or just show up at the meeting.

**MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, November 12th** Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome

**MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE - MVHAL Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 11th - 5:30 pm** Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Valley Residents Welcome.

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

**BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. November 5th - first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm** New members welcome. Light dinner served.

**BINGO - November 8th - 2:00 P.M. TO 5:00 PM** - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize \$50.00 cash. Donate a NEW toy (\$10 limit) and receive an extra card when you purchase 3 for \$10.00.

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

**THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNER— Wednesday, November 18th.** You must make reservations by November 6th to secure seating. All Valley residents are welcome. Seniors \$2.25, other guests \$8.00

**EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday - 10:00 am** Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center** (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch)

**MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING MESSAGES** - Tuesdays and Saturdays - 9:30 am - 5:30 pm - 2739 Highway 35. For appointments call 575-574-7069

**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@gilanet.com](mailto:paula@gilanet.com).

**VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - TUESDAY to SATURDAY 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm;** - 2739 Highway 35. Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Credit, debit, EBT, or local checks, we even take cash. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. 575-574-7069

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

# COUNTY CALENDAR

**ALBERTSONS - November 4th - 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) .

**BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - THURSDAY, November 19th**

<b>Mimbres - NEW LOCATION</b> - Living Harvest Bakery	9:45 am - 10:45 am
<b>Lake Roberts</b> - Sapillo Creek Fire Station	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
<b>Doc Campbell's Post</b> (near Gila Cliff Dwellings)	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - November 18th - 3rd WEDS - 6:00 pm.** Silver City Woman's Club. Business meeting at 6:00. Program at 7:00 pm. For more information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337**.

**GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION**

**Friday, November 6 - 7:30 pm** . Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra featuring violinist Natasha Korsakova

**Saturday, November 14 - 7:00 pm** - The Young Irelanders Irish Song & Dance For more information call 575-538-5862 or go to [www.gconcerts.org](http://www.gconcerts.org) Tickets available at the door.

**GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - November 12th (2nd THURSDAY), 6:00 pm** - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. Silver City Senior Center - 204 W. Victoria Street in Silver City 575-536-1393 [rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com](http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com) **Field trip Saturday, November 21st the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.** For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

**MIMBRES HOT SPRINGS 35TH ANNUAL STUDIO SALE - Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th - 10 am to 5 pm** Quality, fine art studio sale. Route 61 to Royal John Mine Road. Bear left at the split and follow the signs. For more information go to [www.studiosalemimbres.com](http://www.studiosalemimbres.com) or call Kate at 575-536-9935

**MS SUPPORT 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](mailto: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

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

**POPCORN FRIDAYS!** Enjoy Free Organic Popcorn and Food Samples at the Silver City Food Co-op 520 North Bullard

**COMMUNITY FORUM** - Thursday, November 12th - Noon to 1 pm. *Native Plants for Food, Fun and Beauty - for Today and a Global Dry Future with Dr. Richard Felger.* Free. The Market Café at 614 N. Bullard Street.

**ARTISAN MARKET** - Saturday, November 14th - 9 am to 2 pm - Support local artisans at this local indoor venue. 614 N. Bullard.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** - Closed Thanksgiving Day.

**EXTRA ARTISAN MARKET** - November 28th - 9 am to 2 pm - 614 N. Bullard. Support your local artisans!

**WALGREENS - November 3rd and 17th (first and third Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT** - 20% off of items not on sale.

**WESTERN INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING (WILL) - Lunch and Learn Series** - More Information, contact : 575 538-6835 or [www.will-learning.com](http://www.will-learning.com) or [info@will-learning.com](mailto:info@will-learning.com)

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adventures. After that, you can print out a paper pass that you can use and trade in for a plastic annual pass.

Even if your kid isn't a national outdoors enthusiast, being part of the "Every Kid in a Park" initiative can be a fun activity for the whole family, especially if you do a little research.

Need some more help figuring out where to go? Sign up at [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org) and you will get a free guide with 35 parks adventures for kids.

You don't even have to leave New Mexico. Right in our own back yard there are the **Gila Cliff Dwellings**. A few (but not all) of other parks you can go to in New Mexico using the pass.

Aztec Ruins - Aztec  
Bandelier - Los Alamos  
Capulin Volcano - Capulin  
Carlsbad Caverns- Carlsbad  
El Malpais - Grants

El Morro - Ramah  
Petroglyph—Albuquerque  
Salinas Pueblo Missions -  
Mountainair  
White Sands - Alamogordo



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name, I will be there also."*

## Stout 4th Graders Have a Day of Discovery at The Mimbres Cultural Heritage Site

On a beautiful early Fall day about 60 4th graders from Stout Elementary School went on a field trip to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS). The day of learning and fun, sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society (GCAS), provided the opportunity for city kids to learn about the prehistory, history, and natural features of the Mimbres Valley.

The students visited MCHS to learn about the prehistoric Mattocks Ruin Archaeological Site and the two Territorial houses built during the homestead/ranching era. Students listened to presentations about the plants and animals of the Mimbres area, and the use of natural resources by the people that made their homes in the Mimbres Valley. They observed the landscape and learned about natural resources used by the people that made their homes at the Heritage Site.

After a bus ride out to Mimbres, project director Marilyn Markel welcomed the students, teachers, and parent volunteers to MCHS, then the field day of education and fun began. The students split up into groups and rotated to six on-site classrooms. They learned about the Mattocks Ruin Archaeological Site, Mimbres pottery, homestead history, the river ecosystem, plants and natural resources. Students participated in hands-on activities such as making a coiled pot out of brown clay, grinding corn using a metate and mano, drilling a hole using a primitive pump drill, putting together potsherd puzzles, cracking black walnuts using stone tools, and tasting syrup made from the agave plant. The students learned about pithouse dwellings and ramadas. They pin flagged artifacts, carefully leaving potsherds and stone tool fragments where they had discovered them.

The Stout students were guided by members of the Grant County Archaeological Society, MCHS volunteers, and Aldo Leopold Charter School Youth Conservation Corps students Gage Campbell-Madrid,

Oscar Peña, Razhine Griggs, Escher Bowers, and Gabe Lazzell.

The day ended with a hike down the hill to the Mimbres River where the students dipped their hands in the water—just as the Mimbres Indian children would have done a thousand and more years ago.



Above: Stout Elementary School Students at MCHS with Aldo Leopold high school students

Left: Stout Elementary Students at the River

Photos courtesy of Marilyn Markel



## DID YOU KNOW?

By Kathy Hill

Did you know the famous archaeologist, Adolph Bandelier, visited the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site when Dr. Granville Wood homesteaded there? Bandelier (1840-1914) was one of the most important and influential historians and anthropologists in New Mexico in the nineteenth century. The trip, in October, 1883, took Bandelier through the Mimbres Valley and into northern Mexico where he traveled on horseback through Sonora and Chihuahua, visiting and surveying the ruins at Casas Grandes and other sites. To find out more about the history of the site, come for a visit!

The Mimbres Culture Heritage Center located at 14 Sage Drive, just past the Mimbres Café, will begin their winter schedule on Nov. 16th. Museum hours will be 11 AM to 3PM, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. If your group or interested parties would like a special tour, call 575.536.3333 a least a week in advance to arrange for visitation. There are new exhibits to share. We have activities for children, too. The MCHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) relying solely on donations and volunteers, so pre-planning is necessary. The interpretive trail (Mimbres Ruin) will remain open daily from 11 - 3 with donations requested.

## Mimbres Emergency Medical Service

Recruiting for a First Responder class in the fall.

*"If not you then who?"*



November meeting:  
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## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

### **Hirohito's War; The Pacific War 1941-1945 By Francis Pike**

1017 pages, 4 lbs

Not for casual reading. This is a complete review of the war in the Pacific which in turn resulted in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Dugout Doug was in the Philippines and went to safety in Australia leaving his troops to experience the Bataan Death March. Dissention had first arisen between the United States and Japan from Japan's adventures in China, Manchuria and Formosa in the 1930's. Japan wanted to develop an empire and have major influence in the far east. This required a protective barrier in the mid Pacific.

This was not acceptable to FDR who began an oil embargo on Japan.

In 1942 the United States began a two pronged advance across the Southern and Mid-Pacific to Japan, MacArthur leading the advance from the Philippines and Chester Nimitz leading through the mid Pacific.



For those of us too young to understand what was happening during those times this is an interesting and thorough description of the chronology and personnel involved.

The author supplements the growing megalomania and self promotion of Douglas MacArthur and some of the senseless disregard of American youth in the march across the Pacific.

I also used the Atlas of WWII by John Keegan to visualize these places and events.

Reading this will update one's knowledge of those events and work one's biceps at the same time.

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## **GILA NATIONAL FOREST NEWS**

### **Catwalk Reconstruction Status**

Approximately fifty people recently attended an informational meeting in Glenwood, NM about the Catwalk National Recreation Area reconstruction project. Representatives from the design build team, comprised of Albuquerque Underground, Inc. (AUI) and Bohannon Huston, Inc. (BHI) estimated the project will be completed by Memorial Day weekend, 2016.

During the meeting, Darrin Howells, AUI and Sean Melville, BHI showed conceptual drawings of one-half mile of reconstruction from the parking lot to the octagon. Work includes removing debris, repaving the parking lot, reconditioning the accessible trail, as well as constructing and improving pedestrian and trail crossings. Gila National Forest employees and Justin Henwood from the Federal Highway Administration were also present to answer questions.

When asked about access to the area while work is occurring, Gila Forest Supervisor Adam Mendonca said, "The Catwalk National Recreation Area will remain closed for public safety. This will allow for the reconstruction work to be accomplished as quickly and safely as possible. We appreciate everyone's patience during this time."

A project management sheet that tracks progress will be posted to the Gila National Forest website soon. If you would like more information about this project, please contact Tracy Weber, 575-388-8382 or [tracy-weber@fs.fed.us](mailto:tracy-weber@fs.fed.us).

### **Seasonal campground closures are being implemented across areas of the Gila National Forest.**

The following information is provided to help visitors plan their trips.

**Black Range Ranger District**, 575-894-6677: No winter closures, campgrounds remain open

**Quemado Ranger District**, 575-773-4678: Juniper, Pinon and El Caso campgrounds are closed

**Glenwood Ranger District**, 575-539-2481: All campgrounds remain open; the Catwalk is closed

**Wilderness Ranger District**, 575-536-2250: No winter closures, all campgrounds remain open

**Silver City Ranger District**, 575-388-8201: Cherry Creek, McMillan, Upper Gallinas, Railroad Canyon and Iron Creek will close Nov. 3

**Gila Cliff Dwellings**, 575-536-9461: No winter closures; snow occasionally prevents travel to the monument

Here are some tips to remember when visiting the forest:

- Be prepared for rapidly changing weather,
- Tell somebody where you are going and when you are planning to return,
- Carry plenty of water, food, a way to build a fire and a warm sleeping bag,
- Cell phone coverage is not dependable over much of the forest and in some areas the next vehicle to come along could be days away,
- Take a map and check on local conditions before traveling to the forest.

For more recreation information, visit the forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/gila/recreation>

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## A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



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## PRODUCE OF THE MONTH

BY: Frankie at Valle Mimbres Market

### CRANBERRIES (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*)

Related to blueberries and huckleberries, the North American cranberry grows on a dwarf evergreen shrub found in acidic bogs or in cooler regions with high water tables. It is used by Native Americans for food, rituals and medicine.

**Selecting and Storing:** Available fresh from October until December choose berries that are bright red, plump, free from wrinkles with intact skin and firm to touch. They can be stored inside the refrigerator for several days. Wash them in cold water just before using. Cranberries are also available frozen or dried.

**Nutrients:** Tart cranberries are a good source of Vitamin C, K, Beta-carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin, and folate and the minerals potassium and manganese. They hold high amounts of phenolic flavonoid phytochemicals and antioxidants. They also contain oxalic acid but their strong acidity may help inhibit bacterial attachment in the urinary system.

**Serving Suggestions:** Cranberries are usually served at fall and winter holidays. They can be served raw in salads, drinks, sorbet or fruit cocktails or cooked in sauces, jam, jelly, with vegetables and in sweet breads. Great combination with oranges, walnuts, pineapple, green leafy vegetables and poultry. Usually sweetened when dried, they can replace raisins in many dishes.

### Recipe: Cranberry - Pineapple Sauce

In a medium saucepan, place 12 ounces of cleaned fresh or frozen cranberries, the juice from 1 can of crushed pineapple, 1/2 cup sugar or 1/3 cup honey or agave syrup, 1/4 cup orange juice and 1/2 tsp orange zest. Cook covered until the berries start to pop, stirring often, then on low heat until mixture thickens. Add more sweetener if desired, the reserved pineapple and 1 Tbsp lemon juice. Optional: add 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts and/or 2 Tbsp Orange Liqueur (Grand Marnier). Mix and transfer to a bowl. When cooled, refrigerate for 24 hours.

### The Pie Contest—Returned to the Harvest Festival

Thanks to Margaret Lawrey, everyone's favorite—the pie contest was back this year. Three judges, Calvin Clark - Mgr. Sun Valley Hardware, Vicky Tellham - Ace Hardware and Michael Koury - Principal, San Lorenzo Elementary tasted the 11 pies that were submitted. *And the Winners are:* **1<sup>st</sup> – Pauline Dempster – Pineapple pie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – Anna Mayers – Granny Smith apple pie** **3<sup>rd</sup> - Linda Rossen – Dutch apple pie.**



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**The 10th Annual Harvest Festival was a great success. Moderate temperatures, no rain, no wind (except for two whirlwinds ), terrific entertainment, and lots of fun for everyone. A wonderful day!**

*Photos by Ajalaa Claussen and Barry Gray*

The Volunteers



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The Entertainment



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The Vendors and the Food



### Double Elimination Horseshoe Tournament at the Harvest Festival to Become Annual Event



The winning team was Doug Stern/Dennis Baxter. Second went to RJ Nelson/Jan Williams. Third went to Rick McAnts/Richard Medina. There was casual play on the nearby hauchas pits. Everyone has such fun at this year's tournament, that the we hope to make this an annual event. So start practicing now!



**Mimbres Messenger**

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**Wednesday, November 11th - 5:30 pm** Mimbres Valley Health Action League Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. ALL VALLEY RESIDENTS WELCOME

**WEDNESDAY, November 11th - 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.

**The Mimbres Culture Heritage Site Needs You**

The Mimbres Culture Heritage Site, a 501c3, which includes the Mimbres Museum, the historic 1882 doctor's office, and the Mattocks Ruin walking trail, is under new leadership. Dorothy Bullock is President, Pete Crum is VP; Sharon McGrath, Treasurer; and Kathy Hill is Secretary of the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation. Along with our dedicated and hardworking volunteers and the Grant County Archaeological Society, we are working to share the wonderful history of the Mimbres Valley with local and out-of-town students and visitors.



Kathy Hill in the doctor's office

Education is our main focus. We have hosted elementary and high school students on the site since April of this year, and an archaeology field camp. Visitors are coming from all over the United States and many European countries.

As a volunteer organization, we rely on interested individuals wanting to participate and share. We are always looking for donations of time, money and items to display. Can you spare 4+ hours a month? Do you have antique mining, farming, ranching or medical items we can display? Anyone have an ore cart? We also need a 7' ladder. Do you need a good charity in which to invest?

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Call 575.536.3333 and leave a message or call Dorothy at 575.536.9957. We look forward to hearing from you.

**View the *MESSENGER* online!**

Thanks to Bob Barnes of Hillsboro, *The Messenger* can now be viewed online at <http://www.blackrange.org>, including back issues from April, 2014 to the present. Often the *Messenger* is available online before hard copies have reached the Valley. Check it out online, view the photographs in color, print off more coloring pages for your children and enjoy the wealth of other local features available there.

The *Messenger* is included on Bob's excellent website which also includes *The Monticello Messenger*, *Hillsboro Historical Society Newsletter*, *Black Range Rag Newsletter* and myriad photographs, historical and current events, nature and the works of numerous authors – just to name a few of the attractions available here.