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The History of New Year Resolutions

The custom of making New Year's Resolutions has been around for more than 4000 years, but it has evolved over time.

It is believed that the ancient Babylonians were the first people to make New Year's resolutions. However, their New Year began in mid-March with the 12-day festival of Akitu. They would plant their crops, crown a new king or reaffirm the power of the reigning king and make promises to their gods to pay their debts and to return any objects they had borrowed. If they kept to their word, their gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. If not, they would fall out of favor.

Legion has it that the practice carried over into Roman times. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared that January 1st would signal the start of the new year, honoring the god Janus. Because Janus was said to have two faces, he could look forwards and backwards at the same time, symbolizing the end of the previous year and the start of the new year ahead. Romans, similar to the Babylonians, would make promises to Janus about their behavior in the next year.

In Medieval times, knights took the "peacock vow" (les voeus du pacon) renewing their commitment to chivalry. This annual contract was taken at the end of each year, a resolution to uphold the values of knighthood.

Early Christians believed the first day of the new year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the new year. At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions.

Other religions have similar traditions. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and culminating in Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), one is

to reflect upon one's wrongdoing over the year and both seek and offer forgiveness. The concept, regardless of religion, is to annually reflect upon self-improvement.

Modern New Year's resolutions became "a thing" in the 19th century. The first recorded use of the phrase "new year resolutions" appeared in a Boston newspaper in 1812. Today, the only thing that has changed (for some) is that, rather than making promises to gods, we make promises to ourselves. These usually focus on self-improvement, which may explain why so many resolutions fail.



Over a third of the population makes New Year's resolutions every year, but only 8% are successful in achieving their goals.

Studies show that the best way to make sure you achieve your resolution is to treat it like a regular goal—make it specific and tangible, so you can track your progress. While "get more exercise" sounds great, the only way to measure your success is by developing an action plan and following it.

Don't let these dismal statistics dissuade you from making your resolutions. Remember, we have only had about 4000 years of practice!

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LETTER FROM THE TEMP EDITOR

By Mary Willhite



Today, my husband said he had to 'brush the snow off the windshield before he could leave' (even though the car was parked under the carport). I replied, "do we even still have a snow brush"? One of the reasons for relocating to the desert southwest was to leave snow shovels and snow brushes behind. We didn't expect "perfect weather", (although New Mexico has quite a bit of that), we were expecting the "four gentle seasons" that were touted in all the guidebooks we read before moving here. As my husband reminds me every time it snows "This is NOT what we signed up for." I like the kind of snow that blankets the area with a thin layer of snow and is gone within one afternoon or evening. This is particularly great for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. You get the visual effect without the shoveling. I am hoping that this cold spell warms up soon and melts the four inches of snow that are left.

I for one am glad to see the end of this holiday season. I didn't even get my tree decorated until the 24th, three quarters of my Christmas decorations are still in the boxes in the garage, and I didn't get any Christmas cards mailed. I did manage to make cookies, pies, and Christmas dinner, but that was about my biggest accomplishment. I normally get much more accomplished this time of year, but it just seemed that I didn't have the time to do what I normally do and by the end of each day, I had only marked off one of the 10 items I was supposed to do. Maybe the days really were shorter and not just the daylight hours!

It has been my pleasure to publish the messenger this year. I won't say that it is not time consuming, because it is. But it is also fun to do the research on topics I might normally not even think about.

I want to thank all the people who

helped with the Messenger this past year. RJ Nelson, who spends hours copying and distributing the Messenger. Grace Williams, who is always there to help when someone else needs to be away. Marilyn Markel, who supplies the Archaeological pages, children's activities pages, and San Lorenzo school activities each month. And from time to time she also provides us with her wit and humor in random articles (see the poem on page 8). Bonne Beavers, who has the tedious job of proof reading, and does a terrific job. And I would especially like to thank the people who responded to my plea for articles from the community (for example see Christine Mann's article on page 4). And more importantly thank you, our faithful readers.



I hope everyone has a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

Anna and Mary Willhite



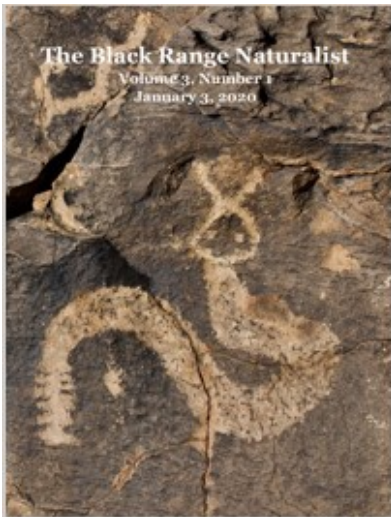
How many of the 45 Presidents can you name without looking?

Did you know?

President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American President. Four chief executives—George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with President's Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.

The Black Range Naturalist

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This photograph of an (apparent) rattlesnake was taken at the Pony Hills Petroglyph site southwest of Cooke's Peak

Bob Barnes of Hillsboro is a good friend of the *Mimbres Messenger*. Every month, Bob publishes (free of charge) the *Messenger* on-line at www.blackrange.org. If you haven't read the *Messenger* on-line, you have missed all the pictures that appear in color—much better than the black and white printed version!

Quarterly, Bob publishes *The Black Range Naturalist* on the same website www.blackrange.org. This

reading these articles. You might even have something you want to contribute for future publications.

We picked this particular issue to highlight in the *Messenger* because there is a lot about the Mimbres people and their art.

This issue starts with an "editorial" about the relationship between structured science and other forms of knowledge.

Next is "Dogs and Snakes" by Harley Shaw which focuses on the interactions of rattlesnakes and dogs. Followed by an article about Paul C. Standley, one of our most famous botanists.

In the article "The Archaeology of Animals in Southwest New Mexico, AD 1000 – 1130," Dr. Karen G. Schollmeyer discusses what we know about the natural world of the Mimbres people. Her article is followed by Bob Barnes' survey piece about the natural history depicted in Mimbres Art. Then comes "A Mimbres Controversy", because it is always good to have a controversy. The centerfold, a copy of which can be downloaded, is by Dr. Schollmeyer and S. O. MacDonald.

Ever wondered about those "wood encrusted" twigs in the desert? Dr. Walt Whitford provides us with a great deal of insight about the "Foliage Insects and Termites" of our area. Next there is a follow-on to Randy Gray's excellent rattlesnake article in "Eastern Black-tailed Rattlesnake".

Part 2 of Steve Morgan's series on Aldo Leopold follows, and the issue is rounded out by a description of remote sensor research being performed in the Black Range.

There is something in this issue for everyone!

All of Bob Barnes publications (past, present, and future) can be accessed at www.blackrange.org in .pdf format.

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2020 To Organize or Not to Organize, That is The Question

By Christine Mann

All righty now, it is time to organize and throw out all the unwanted items I have been harboring all my life (72 years now). The unwanted junk, the clothes that don't fit, the pots and pans I never use anymore, Holiday decorations, unwanted 30+ years old furniture and more. Let's see....um-mm....where to start. I know, Christmas decorations!

I'll get all ten boxes out plus all the Christmas decorations hanging around the house and outside. YES! I have a plan. Finally. Ok this is going to be so exciting. I open the first box, three tree skirts red, white and silver. A Nutcracker man that actually cracks nuts, matching wooden candlesticks with greenery and a set of white lights.

What to do, what should go and what to keep. First item, tree skirts? Well I like the red with sparkles that came from Macy's twenty years ago in an after Christmas Sale. No, I really like this skirt. I fold it up and put it back in the box. The white one, um- mm, my daughter Maureen gave this one to me, it has Reindeer and Santa running around the bottom. On no, I can't let this one go either. Back in the box it goes. Now the velvet silver tree skirt with glittery stars on it.....I can't, I just can't. Darn it, back in the blue plastic Christmas box! Now I have to address the Nutcracker guy. Oh, this is making my blood pressure go up, a headache starting, my breathing is rapid.....my dad gave me this Nutcracker

man. Oh no, I can't do this my dad is ninety-five and I need to keep the memories. Back in the box he goes!

Oh no, now the wooden candlesticks. They are beautiful when you light a candle and set them on the dining table when company comes. But out in the Mimbres there is hardly any company because we all live so far apart! And life is busy. Sell them now on eBay. But they sparkle and I don't have another pair, back in the plastic box. Dang nab it. White light decision. I think I have five sets of these for the outside, but I will have to go through the other nine boxes to make sure. Well I think I am worn out from 'thinking' and making these life altering decisions.

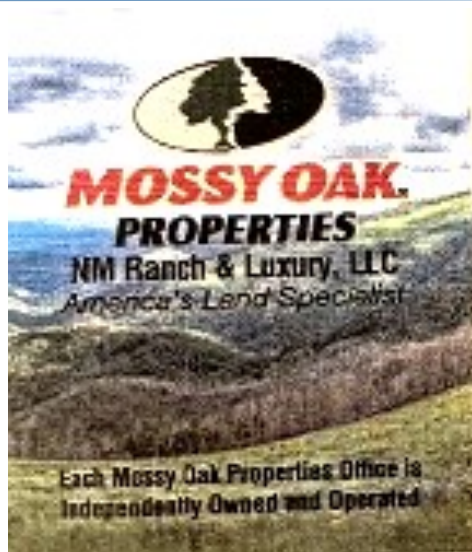
No more opening boxes, I just can't look at the clothing now and pots and pans, forget about it!

I can't do this anymore, I can't open one more Christmas box. Christmas is over and I don't believe that Santa would care if I kept or got rid of this stuff.

2020 is here, we all will find the time to 'de-clog' our homes, but for now, sit back, light the fire and enjoy one another, spend time with loved ones playing games, having dinners, bonding. We will all have time to toss out what we don't need in time.

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100 Year Old Predictions that Came True

In 1900, a relatively unknown civil engineer named John Elfreth Watkins made a number of predictions about what the world would be like in 100 years. He was a writer for the Saturday Evening Post, and its sister magazine the Ladies' Home Journal printed an article at the start of the 20th century entitled What May Happen in the Next Hundred Years. John Watkins was surprisingly accurate in many of his predictions.

He began the article with the words: "These prophecies will seem strange, almost impossible," explaining that he had consulted some of the country's "greatest institutions of science and learning" for their opinions on 29 topics.

1. Slowing Population Growth

"There will probably be from 350 million to 500,000 million people in America (the U.S.)."

Even though this figure is a little high, Watkins' prediction was in the right direction. If the US population had grown by the same rate as it did between 1800 and 1900, it would have exceeded 1 billion in 2000. Instead, in 2000 the population was 280 million and in 2019, it is 330 million.

2. Television

"Man will see around the world. Persons and things of all kinds will be brought within focus of cameras connected electrically with screens at opposite ends of circuits, thousand of miles at a span."

3. The Rising Height of Americans

Patrick Tucker from the World Future Society says "We believe that talking about the future is the most important thing that people can do, even though the future, by its nature, is unknowable. We invent the future through our actions and change it constantly. We can never know it fully but we can always be better prepared for what may occur. Watkins helped people begin this act of preparation and considered creation."

"Americans will be taller by from one to two inches."

This prediction was unerringly accurate. The average American man in 1900 was about 66-67 inches tall. In 2000, the average height was 69 inches and today it is 69.5 inches for men and 64 inches for women.

4. Mobile Phones

"Wireless telephone and telegraph circuits will span the world. A husband in the middle of the Atlantic will be able to converse with his wife sitting in her boudoir in Chicago. We will be able to telephone to China quite as readily as we now talk from New York to Brooklyn."

Enough said!

5. Pre-prepared meals

"Ready-cooked meals will be bought from establishments similar to our bakeries of today."


With all the ready-made meals in supermarkets, restaurants, and home delivery of meals, this is a very accurate prediction. However, Watkins envisioned the meals would be delivered on plates which would

be returned to the establishment to be washed and re-used.

6. Digital Color Photography (although he didn't exactly call it that!)

"Photographs will be telegraphed from any distance. If there be a battle in China a hundred years hence, snapshots of its most striking events will be published in the

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newspapers an hour later. photographs will reproduce all of nature's colors."

When Watkins made this prediction, people thought photography itself was a miracle and it would have taken a week for a picture of something in China to get to Western newspapers. Color photography was a dream to come. Photographs being "telegraphed" sounds surprisingly like the way we access information on the web today.

7. The Acela Express

"Trains will run two miles a minute normally. Express trains one hundred and fifty miles per hour."

Exactly 100 years after writing those words, to the very month, Amtrak's Acela Express opened between Boston and Washington, DC. It reaches top speeds of 150 mph, although the average speed is considerably less than that. High-speed rail in other parts of the world is considerably faster.

Other things that Watkins forecast.

- Central heating and air conditioning
- Cheap cars
- Average life expectancy to rise to 50

- Free university education
- Refrigerated transport of food

Even though Watkins was spot-on with many of his predictions, a few did not come to fruition.

1. No mosquitoes or flies

"Mosquitoes, house-flies and roaches will have been exterminated."

We all know this hasn't happened!

2. No more C, X or Q

"There will be no C, X or Q in our everyday alphabet. They will be abandoned because unnecessary."

He must have been envisioning cell phone texting or being replaced by emojis.

3. No more cars in large cities

"All hurry traffic will be below or above ground when brought within city limits."

This partially came true. Many cities do have pedestrian zones in city centers, and Watkins correctly forecast elevated roads and subways.

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Fuelwood Permits issued in 2019 expire on December 31, 2019

The Gila National Forest wishes to remind all fuelwood cutters that your tags and permits that were purchased during the 2019 calendar year expire on December 31, 2019.

2020 firewood wood permits will be available for purchase on January 2, 2019 at \$2.00/cord with a \$20.00 minimum

purchase. New firewood guides and tags will be available at that time.

Know Before You Go and remember the following tips as you prepare to go out and cut your firewood:

- Check weather conditions and road conditions. This will help avoid resource damage and keep you from getting stuck. Getting stuck is no fun!
- Pick up your free Motor Vehicle Use Maps from any of our six ranger stations.
- Make sure to pack your personal safety supplies – such as water, snacks, dry clothing, warm coats, etc.

Aldo Leopold Birthday Celebration at the Gila Visitor Center

The National Park Service and the USDA Forest Service and Gila National Forest are hosting a celebration of the life and achievements of Aldo Leopold on the anniversary of his birthday, Saturday, January 11, 2020. Join us at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in the heart of America's first Wilderness to pay homage to the man who made it possible. There will be activities for kids, readings of Leopold's most influential essays and information booths. Don't miss out on the family fun!

The Gila Visitor Center will be open from 9:30 am until 4 pm, with event activities taking place from 10 am until 4 pm. NPS and USFS booths will be setup in front of the Visitor Center offering information and activities, while readings of Leopold's essay, *Thinking Like a Mountain* will take place at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm in the Visitor Center theater or amphitheater, depending on the weather. Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument will also be open at 10 am and accessible to visitors until 3 pm, with the gates closing at 4 pm.

Aldo Leopold was born in 1887 in Burlington, Iowa. After graduating from the Yale Forest School in 1909, he joined the USDA Forest Service serving as a young forester in Arizona and New Mexico. In 1922, he was a key figure in the drafting of a proposal that led to the administrative designation of the Gila Wilderness two years later. The Gila Wilderness is not only the first wilderness area in America but also in the entire world, and this action occurred 40 years before the passing of the Wilderness Act. After that he moved to Wisconsin to raise his family, carry on his philosophy of conservation and writing countless essays and articles which led to *A Sand County Almanac*, a pivotal treatise on conservation.

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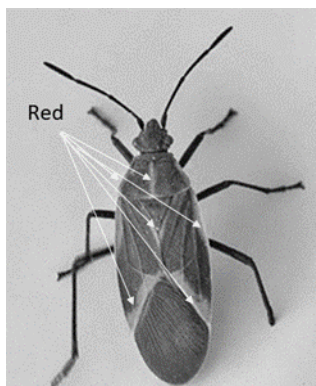
By "The Bugman"

The first bug of 2020 is the Western box elder bug, an insect commonly found in the valley, especially in moist areas along the Mimbres River and other drainages where box elder trees grow.

Adult box elder bugs are flattened, about ½" long and have grey to black bodies with conspicuous red lines behind the head and on the wings. Beneath the wings, the body is dark orange, which makes them easy to spot when in flight. The head, antennae and legs are black.

Female box elder bugs lay their eggs in cracks in the bark of box elder trees. Eggs hatch into nymphs, which are similar in appearance to adults, but have no wings. As the nymphs grow, they shed their skins several times, becoming larger and more adult-like in ap-

pearance as they age, finally becoming an adult around mid-summer.



A second summer generation follows the first. In the fall, the bugs often congregate in search of cozy overwintering sites, typically under the bark of box elder trees. However, they may become a nuisance at this time, as they occasionally gather around buildings, and sometimes enter houses.

When disturbed, box elder bugs defend themselves by releasing a strong-smelling compound, so be prepared for stinky fingers if you pick one up. Box elder bugs feed by inserting their straw-like mouthparts into leaves, flowers, and seeds to suck out the sap. Flowers and seeds are preferred, so female box elder trees often support a higher population of bugs than male trees. Although box elders are the favored diet, they also feed on other types of maples, oaks, and even the invasive tree of heaven.



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Smokey the Cat lives at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site.

If you have not yet met Smokey, please come visit, he will make you smile.

Smokey the Cat Poem:

By Marilyn Markel



Smokey the Cat is a
Mimbrenño from birth

He loves where he lives and
protects his own turf

Smokey needs care, as all of
us do

Food, water, and shelter,
head pats, and love, too

All of us love Smokey, at least
most of us do

Some people like dogs best,
can that really be true?

He catches mice, and any creature that stirs

He loves people to pet him, we've all heard his loud purrs

Smokey leads people around the Mattocks trail

He runs up ahead then he sits down on his tail

Some visitors have said, "He acts just like a dog"

Others have said, "He jumps up
like a frog"

Uh Oh! That's when he tries to
knock a bird out of the air

Then he gets locked up, and
must stay in his own lair

Those hummingbirds, snakes,
and a low-flying bat

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Smokey the Cat.



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ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP - For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - February 20 - (usually the third Thursday in even numbered months) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - January 15 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge
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MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - January 9- Monthly meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Wednesday, January 9 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (usually the 2nd Wednesday of the month) Roundup Lodge - Acklin Hill Road

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

FREE COMMUNITY BRUNCH - Wednesday, January 1 - 11 am to 2 pm. Everyone welcome. Raffle winners to be announced during the Brunch.

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. January 2 – 5:30 pm (First Thursday of the month) Pot luck followed by the meeting. Everyone welcome.

BINGO - January 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 \$75

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 15 for daily menu.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - See Page 14

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS -Every Tuesday and Thursday - 10:30 am Stretching and light weight lifting. For information call Thelma Melvin 536-2899

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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 AUXILLARY - 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 - January 8 (usually the 2nd WEDNESDAYS of the month) at 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

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE -Thursday, January 23

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - - Wednesday, January 15 - (3rd Weds of the month) - 6:00 PM Meetings will be held from October to April at the Club House on Memory Lane in Silver City. Call Marilyn Markel 536-9337 for more information.

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, January 14 - (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
Field trip Saturday, January 18 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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

NEW HOPE AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - EVERY MONDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - First Presbyterian Church at 20th and Swan, Silver City. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call 575-313-7891

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.

WINTER WEAVING WORKSHOP Saturday, January 11, 1pm-3pm, Museum Annex - Hosana Eilert of Wild West Weaving will teach us how to create our own one-of-a-kind fabric.

THE MYSTERIOUS MADAM BREWER: A PANEL DISCUSSION—Saturday, January 18, 10:30am-11:30am, The Silco Theatre
Speakers including Dr. Twana Sparks and Rev. Ross will talk about one of the most influential and least understood people to call Silver City home.

FROM THE COLLECTION: AN EXHIBIT OPENING - Wednesday, January 22, 5pm-7pm, Silver City Museum - Highlights from the museum's collection and a look into how and why the museum builds and cares for its record of Grant County history.

MY LITTLE LEATHER VALENTINE - Saturday, February 1, 1pm-3pm, Museum Annex - Share your love with someone special by using leatherwork to make a personalize valentine that will last a lot longer than paper or candy. For more information, please contact the museum at (575) 538-5921 education@silvercitymuseum.org, or visit the museum's website:

www.silvercitymuseum.org volunteercoordinator@silvercitymuseum.org or 575-597-0229.

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SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON MEETING - Thursday, January 2 (Usually 1st Thursday of the month)

NEW Meeting Site: The Conference Center at 3031 US-180, Silver City - **Reminder that you should register online.** Cost is \$15 for full lunch. See silvercity.org for detailed information or email 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 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.

TOPS in SILVER CITY #0280, Every Thursday, Weigh-in 5 pm - 5:30 pm. Meeting at 5:30 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 1915 North Swan. For more information, call Jan Bever 303-902-8236

WALGREENS - Tuesday, December 7 - (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, January 13 - Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church. Cost of lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. Speaker will be Ted Pressler who will provide information about "The World of Natural Rubber. For information call 575-537-3643

WOMEN'S AL-ANON MEETING: WOMEN EMBRACING RECOVERY - Every Friday - 5:30 pm to 6:30pm - La Clinica Health and Birth Center, 3201 Ridge Loop, Silver City. Closed meeting for women who are family and friends of alcoholics. For information call 575-313-7891

AARP in conjunction with the IRS is recruiting for volunteers to prepare income taxes for senior citizen and low to moderate income taxpayers in your area. Volunteers do not need to know anything about preparing taxes. All volunteers are trained and certified.

This year taxes will be prepared in Silver City and in Bayard. If you would like to find out about this rewarding volunteer position, please contact, Len Lambert at 907-223-9848 for Silver City or Mary Willhite at 575-536-9323 for Bayard.

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ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

By the time you read this, the Community New Year's Day Brunch will probably already have taken place. Hopefully, it will be as big a success as it was last year. We are planning a variety of good food and drinks, and hopefully a good time will have been had by all. We will report next month on what went on at the brunch.

Since it has taken the Booster Club so many years to raise enough money to start installing the new HVAC and update the electrical systems, you probably think it was never going to happen (we were beginning to worry ourselves). Worry no more. Even though much has been done behind the scene, the first tangible evidence of our hard work is now visible. If you have been to the Lodge in the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed the three new heating and air conditioning units that have been installed (even though they are not functional, yet)! We still have a lot more to do, but this was a huge first step.

The Booster Club was every busy in December. The Roundup Lodge was used 25 out of the 31 days in December (and this didn't include any of the days it had to be cleaned between events). Needless to say, we love to see the Lodge being used as it was intended, but we are all working very hard to keep up with the many activ-

ities and would love to have new members to help. No special talents are required, just a willingness to help the community, to help us plan and coordinate the events we would like to have in the future, and to have fun and work with great people!

Once again, the Booster Club was happy to help the children at the San Lorenzo School enjoy a Merry Christmas. It is always fun to purchase, wrap and deliver presents to the students. We would like to thank **Ace Hardware** for their donation of the great shopping bags that we filled with gifts. The Boosters spend one entire day wrapping about 450 gifts for the 85 students. This is one of the fun activities that we do each year.

The Booster Club has elected new officers for 2020: President - Joanne Miller, 1st Vice President - Vivian Myers, 2nd Vice President - Paula Holguin, Secretary and Treasurer - Dawn Gray. Congratulations!

The Roundup Lodge is available to rent for your next party or function. Funeral receptions are always free for people in the area. Call Mary Willhite, 575-536-9323 or Kathleen Clinton, 575-654-6286 for information and to reserve the Lodge.



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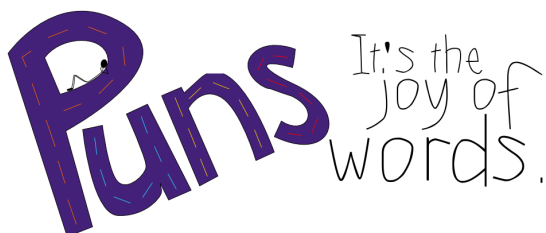
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Leopold died in 1948 while fighting a grass fire on his neighbor's property and is still held in high esteem as the father of wildlife ecology and the United States' wilderness system.

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at www.fs.usda.gov/gila or join the conversation

on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/ or follow us on Twitter GilaNForest.

To plan a trip to the Monument, please call the visitor center at 575.536.9461 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/gicl.



- ♦ An Invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
- ♦ Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
- ♦ What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- ♦ Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "dam!".
- ♦ Two termites walk into a bar. One asks, "is the bar tender here"?
- ♦ A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- ♦ A woman has identical twins and gives them up for adoption. One goes to a family in Egypt and is named Ahmal. The other goes to a family in Spain and is named Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. The husband responds, "They're twins! If you have seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal".
- ♦ A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything".

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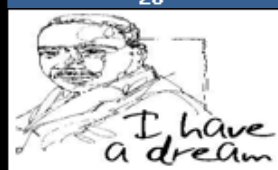
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SENIOR CENTER MENU

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JANUARY 2020

MILK IS SERVED DAILY

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HMS Senior Centers Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990		1 	2 Chicken Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Green Beans Pineapple	3 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Vegetable Soup Vanilla Wafers Grapes
6 Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli & Cauliflower Dinner Roll Sliced Pears	7 Tater Tot Casserole Normandy Blend Vegetables Tossed Salad Dinner Roll Grapes Peanut Butter Cookie	8 Green Chile Pork Stew Mexicorn Flour Tortilla Warm Cinnamon Apples	9 Chicken Wrap Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Tossed Salad Peas & Carrots Oatmeal Cookie	10 Green Chile Meat Burrito Tossed Salad Strawberries Whipped Topping
13 Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Mixed Squash Peaches Yogurt	14 Baked Fish Corn & Peppers Breadstick Orange	15 Red Chile Beef Enchilada Tossed Salad Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Pineapple	16 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Italian Vegetables Tossed Salad Cornbread Peaches	17 Turkey Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Baked Chips Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apple
20 	21 Chicken Fajita Cauliflower Pinto Beans Apple	22 Pork Posole Calabacitas Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Pudding	23 Chicken Corn Casserole w/ Green Chile Pinto Beans Flour Tortilla Spinach Orange	24 Sloppy Joe Mixed Vegetables French Fries Applesauce
25 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Broccoli Tossed Salad Breadstick Orange	26 Chicken Noodle Soup Lima Beans Corn Biscuit Mandarin Oranges	27 Green Chile Cheeseburger Lettuce/Tomato/Onion/Pickle Peas & Carrots Applesauce Oatmeal Cookie	28 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Green Beans Carrots Slice Bread Banana	29 Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Tossed Salad Crackers w/ Peanut Butter Apple

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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Starting at 9 am

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TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

San Lorenzo elementary school students were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Silver City in December for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Silver City. Each student receives a certificate and a bag of goodies including a bumper sticker, pencil, book mark, etc.



Those selected this month included: back, Sheridan Lynch, Max Sanchez, Dayton Bizzel, and Jayda Lopez. Front, Jesse Novacek, Makenzi Gavaldon, Annabella Maldonado, and Ivan Jackson.

Answer to Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Activity: **President Obama**



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

By Marilyn Markel

In 2014, the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument located near Las Cruces, New Mexico was established. Four National Conservation Lands includes the Organ Mountains, Potrillo Mountains, Doña Ana Mountains, Robledo Mountains, and the Sierra de Las Uvas, ranging from Chihuahuan desert and volcanic cinder cones and lava flows to ponderosa pine forests and peaks as high as 9,000 feet. The monument features significant prehistoric, historic, geologic, and biologic resources of scientific interest. The monument is bringing needed tourist dollars to southern N.M. as well as providing area residents with outdoor recreation opportunities like hiking and horseback trails, mountain biking, rock climbing, camping, wildlife viewing and photography.



Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument Activity

Read the article about the monument. Look for the underlined and highlighted letters. Unscramble the letters to find out who declared this beautiful and important place a national monument.

In 2014 _____ declared Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks a National Monument.

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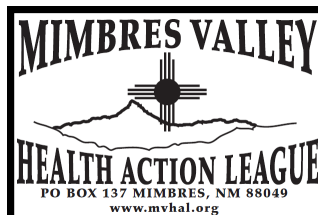
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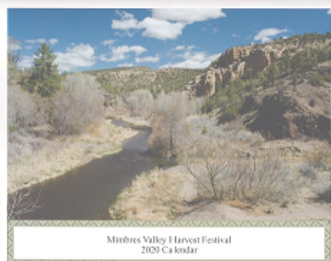
WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, January 8 - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

MVHAL. Board Meeting. Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road.

WEDNESDAY, Wednesday, January 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.



Mimbres Valley 2020 Harvest Festival Calendar

If you missed purchasing your 2020 Mimbres Calendar at the Harvest Festival, it is not too late. If we still have some available, you can call Grace at 575-536-3687 or Mary at 575-536-9323, and we can arrange for you to get one. \$10 per calendar. Makes great Christmas gifts and inexpensive to mail!



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