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MIMBRES MESSENGER



EMS RETURNS TO THE MIMBRES VALLEY

By Anna Willhite

After four years without EMS (Emergency Medical Services) in the Mimbres Valley, the October 17th arrival of a new Ford 350 ambulance, with lights flashing, marked the resumption of EMS in the Valley. Local EMS had been discontinued after the then volunteers moved away and no new volunteers came forward. The ambulance is now at home in the EMS building on Rte.35

During the years when the Valley had no local first-response available there were often long waiting periods before ambulance service could be dispatched from Silver City. If an emergency occurred up near the Cliff Dwellings, it could be an hour and a half before an ambulance could be on scene. Now there is a local ambulance which can respond far more quickly, a great benefit to all who reside here.

This vast improvement is largely because of the two new certified EMT's who are members of the community: Elizabeth and Bethany Coffey. They are members of the Coffey family, whose Living Harvest Bakery and Three Questions Coffee House are beloved and familiar to all who live here.

These two young women recognized the need, undertook training for certification and literally jump started the process. And it has been a process. Their education and training took place over two years, and the wait for implementation of EMS went through many layers of approval and implementation began early in 2017, when they were hired.

In their typically modest and generous fashion, Elizabeth and Bethany describe this exciting community development as a "work in progress". Their immediate plans involve continuing their education and training to the paramedic certification level, and express hopes that can occur soon. "We would love it by next year." They give extravagant praise and credit to the folks at Gila Regional Medical Center at many levels, their fellow EMTs in the

surrounding area, the Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire Department and its Fire Chief, Ed Powers, who has worked hard toward getting EMS service back. And, by the way, Elizabeth and Bethany are also Volunteer Firefighters. Their brother, Benjamin, is an extra ambulance driver when needed and is also a volunteer firefighter.

The Upper Mimbres Volunteer Fire Department is making its VFO radio systems available for use in responding to 911 calls until the hospital can provide its own. These Volunteers also provide back up when additional emergency assistance is needed.

When asked what inspired them to undertake this serious new job, both young women say that it has been a labor of love, for the benefit of the community, and that they are thankful to be able benefit the community and glorify the Lord. They provide support for everyone, and it takes a community. It is all about the people and their ability to give His love to as many as possible.

Now in addition to shorter response time, the Coffeys will cover an area from the Cliff Dwellings, down the Valley to the intersection of Routes 152 and 61. The ambulance will arrive fully stocked with defibrillators, resuscitation bags and even a state-of-the art heart monitor. They will be able to transmit data to the Gila Regional Emergency Services Hospital, have a doctor assess it, and advise whether a heart attack has occurred and get a helicopter in the air to the site right away.

Since Gila Regional is not a trauma hospital, it will also be possible to determine whether an emergency flight to a trauma center is needed – El Paso being the closest trauma center, although there are others in Tucson and Albuquerque. The ability to assess serious trauma situations (heart attacks, auto accidents, broken bones, shootings, serious burns, etc.) and avoid the airlift to Silver City, where such care is not available and then further airlift to a trauma center can be a serious life saver. Direct flight

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By: Anna Willhite



The end of summer always brings to mind that winter is not far behind – fortunately not for a while yet. And even when it is officially winter, think about all those days of warm, nurturing sunshine. I suggest you ignore all those manic sorts who are now posting on Facebook the dwindling number of days until Christmas – that seems awfully early.

The Annual Harvest Festival, while not a harbinger of winter, also brings to mind the end of summer. This year's Festival, while it had what could have been called a rocky start (the deluge the night before) was another fun-filled day, enjoyed by Valley residents and folks from many surrounding areas. See the articles in this issue for reports of the day's events.

Our cover story concerns very exciting news from the Mimbres – the newly reopened Emergency Medical Services (EMS) station and the two young women who now are on board as certified EMTs. Elizabeth and Bethany Coffey are ready to respond to emergency ambulance calls, and provide related assistance to Mimbres Valley residents. After four years with no EMS responders in the local area, this is good news indeed.

The Wednesday Farmers' Market probably has numbered days – it is scheduled to continue until frost. While we seem to have come close to freezing overnight temperatures, so far no official frost has been recorded. I, for one, am in no hurry for that particular event.

This has been a rather hectic summer season, various members of the *Messenger* staff having been scattered across the country, necessitating production of the *Messenger* via e-mail,

long-distance telephone and other challenging means. This issue is, hopefully, the last such experience we will have in that regard for quite a while. It has been a challenge, but somehow it seems to have worked – even on time for the most part. Our contributors have been nagged to get their copy in earlier than usual, and fortunately that has consistently happened.

We are still waiting for any additional information regarding the investigation into the DeKooning art theft from the University of Arizona Museum. Rumor has it that there should be some sort of follow up in the near future. We will keep you advised.

Next on the calendar is (gasp) Thanksgiving. Somehow it seems much earlier this year. This is a favorite holiday in our household, and is a day for family and friends, good companionship and, of course, great food.

On a personal note: Shortly after moving to the Valley some years ago, I participated in a fund-raising event for someone who was ill and needed assistance. It was a pot luck dinner at the Roundup Lodge and many neighbors brought food and assistance. Travis Coffey, father of our newest EMTs, arrived just as the meal was about to be served, bearing a tray of the Coffeys' extraordinary cinnamon rolls, fresh from the oven. When he walked in, the assembled crowd gave him a standing ovation.

Elizabeth and Bethany deserve a standing ovation for their dedication and enormous contribution to our community! Best wishes to all our readers for a Happy Thanksgiving and all the good things that go with it.

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to a trauma center is now available.

If air transport is needed, whatever the cause, there are numerous local landing sites, all of which have and can handle helicopter landings. The local ambulance can provide transport to these landing spots.

In addition to pursuing additional training and certification the Coffeys are still describing the situation as a work in progress. They cite other needs and concerns, of which the community should be aware. While they know virtually everyone in the Valley, finding specific addresses can be a problem. They urge everyone to make sure their house numbers are as large and visible as possible, and that street signs are in place. (The latter for the benefit of residents, not the County.) While they know most everyone, and where many people live, that knowledge is not always tied to a specific street address, which is how calls from dispatch are routed.

People who visit the restaurant and bakery have been overwhelmingly excited and interested in this new development. The Coffeys are thinking of ways to assemble a map or notebook or something of the sort where everyone's address is identified. When you stop by the restaurant, let them know if you have a suggestion.

One of the benefits of being such well-known and loved members of the community is the comfort they are able



to extend to people in need of ambulance services. Seeing a familiar, kind face makes things more comfortable for the patient, although sadder for them.

Residents of the valley have been enthusiastic and happy about the new ambulance service. Everyone at the restaurant and at the fire department is spreading the happy news. Elizabeth and Bethany are only two people, only the beginning of what needs to be a cadre of local volunteers. Despite the wonderful support they have received from their co-workers in town, they acknowledge that more local volunteers are needed.

They remind Valley residents that despite the fact that everyone knows them, when in need of an ambulance, call 911. They are in radio contact and need to be officially dispatched on calls. And realize, when you have heard the siren and seen flashing lights in the neighborhood, EMTs are bound by patient confidentiality. They cannot dispense information about who made the call, what their problem was or other specific information. They can only respond, "Yes, we were there" or "No we weren't there. Do not question them for details, because they are duty-bound not to disclose such information.

As most everyone knows, the Coffey family has been in the Valley since 1996 and has grown up here. The newest EMTs are grateful for more than their physical presence here. They acknowledge the support of their parents and neighbors, who provide backup when necessary, as the unsung heroes of their prodigious undertaking. There are so many folks behind them who have provided great support and assistance, family and co-workers always striving to do better, and inspiring them to do so, too. While they eschew the hype and notice provided by publicity, that is not what it is all about. They are just doing a badly needed job for the benefit of the community.

NM 152 Hanover ROADWAY CLOSURE Blasting at Chino Mines

Plan your trips accordingly

ROAD ADVISORY CLOSURE- Hanover Area as reported by the DOT

The Freeport McMoRan Chino Mines will be closing NM 152 at mile post 5 (Turnerville) for haul road blasting.

Traffic will encounter delays for a one hour closure from **11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday.**

Motorists are asked to reduce speed, obey posted signs, use extreme caution, and be cautious of personnel in the area.

2017 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Despite the torrential 3" rainstorm the previous night, everyone reported having a great time at this year's festival. Here are some of the highlights



Setting up for Festival on Friday Night



Repairing damage on Saturday Morning

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

By R.J. Nelson

Mimbres and Bayard swept the Horseshoe Tournament at the Harvest Festival this year.

Lynn Chumbler (Mimbres) teamed up with Al Showa to take top honors.

Second went to Gilbert (Bayard) and R.J. Nelson (San Lorenzo).

Third went to Theresa Showa and Francisco (Bayard).

Fourth went to Josh Miller and Treven Follis (both from Mimbres)

A highlight of this year's tournament was that all participants received gift certificates from this year's sponsors.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors, including: Diane's, Vicki's, Cactus Jack, Millie's, Grinder, Tapas Grill and Little Toad Creek. Thanks also to all who participated in the tournament and participated in this community fund raising event. Until next year!

BEST TASTING PIE CONTEST WINNERS

- 1st – Fresh Organic Raspberry – Kathy Overholt
- 2nd – Peach Pie – Kate Brown
- 3rd – Blueberry Lattice – Corye Chubik
- 4th – Dutch Apple – Linda Rosson



Pie Contest Judges

A pretty good volunteer job—if you can get it!

Category Winners

Fruit and nut combination – Kate Brown, peach pie
 Berry – Kathy Overholt, organic raspberry pie
 Nut – Cherie Oliver – Membreno pecan pie
 Harvest – Teresa Flores, sweet potato pie

After the judging, pieces of the fourteen pies that were entered in the contest were made available for the enjoyment of Harvest Festival attendees. Thank you for participating in the contest and supporting our fund raising efforts for the Harvest Festival.



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MORE FROM THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

HEALTH FAIR BIG SUCCESS

By Chris DeBolt

Number of flu shots given – 205

With the support of Hidalgo Medical Services (HMS) nursing students and faculty and Walgreens, the 10th Harvest Festival Health Fair was an enormous success. The nursing students experienced a great learning experience and said that they enjoyed participating as part of their service learning. Walgreens provided free flu shots for the fifth consecutive year. Without these sponsors, the Health Fair could not exist.

In addition, information tables offered participants explanations about the following:

Senior Programs	Compassion and Choices
Family Support	Extension Office
SASS	Lifquest

Participants had an opportunity to sit down for a free consultation with a HMS doctor to discuss their screening results or any other health issue they needed to talk about.

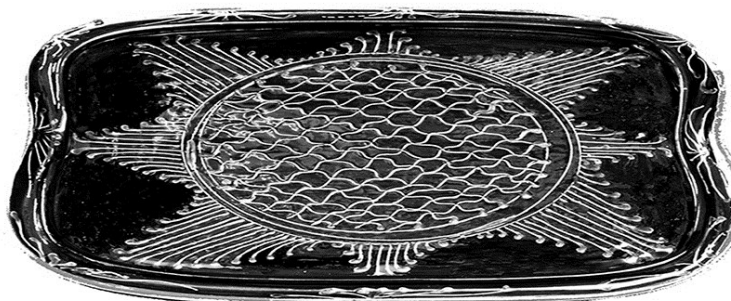
Health Fair Coordinator, Chris DeBolt reported: "We had over 250 people attend the Health Fair and many had been coming for most of the 10 years we have had the event. I am very grateful and pleased that so many were able to have what more than a handful told me was their 'annual checkup'."

Number of Health Fair Participants - 253+
Participants signing release for screening – 200

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EVERYONE HAVING FUN AT THE 2017 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Photo by Grace Williams and Mitch Clinton

OLD FAVORITES AND NEW ACTIVITIES were available for all to enjoy



Happy winners of the Bike Raffle

Even the horses seemed to be having fun!



Waiting in line for Indian Fry Bread



LOCAL VENDERS WERE ON HAND WITH A GREAT SELECTION OF FOOD



You had to get there early to get a slice of the tasty home-made pie.





NEWS FROM

**MIMBRES
CULTURE
HERITAGE SITE**

Mimbres Culture Heritage Site Celebrates Archaeology Day and Mimbres History

On October 14th visitors and Mimbres Valley residents celebrated the past by taking tours of the Mattocks Ruin, listening to stories about the history of the Gooch and Wood Territorial adobe houses, and watching the reenactment of the infamous shooting that occurred at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS) in 1902.

Bill Hudson, volunteer at MCHS, gave tours of the Mattocks Ruin and "unveiled" new models of the pueblo rooms and the Great Kiva from the Mimbres Indian time period. Bill spent hundreds of hours creating the models which will soon be installed along the interpretive trail.



Re-enactors Michael Barragree, Harold Markel, and Peter Crum brought the past to life as spectators learned about Benjamin Gooch and others who once lived at MCHS. The day ended with old-tyme music played by the River's Bend Band.

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There will be lots of spaces available at this event as we will be Opening both the large hall and the small hall if needed.

We ask that all vendors sign up before November 20th.

For Applications: email: historicalhanoveroutpost@gmail.com

575-313-6799

Call for your Application

In these arduous times, Troubadour,
Can you sing praises that will endure.
Sing for the young one who is just born,
Sing for the mother who gave him birth,
Sing for the family attending near,
Sing for the old one who let go the pain,
Sing for being alive on this demanding day.

In these arduous times, Troubadour
Can you sing praises that will endure.
Sing for the elders who shared everything,
Sing for the man who got up from the ground,
Sing for the woman who healed from rape,
Sing for the warrior who came home,
Sing for the people who chose the righteous way.

In these arduous times, Troubadour,
Can you sing praises that will endure.
Sing for the roof over our head,
Sing for the clothes on our back,
Sing for the farmer who grew our food
Sing for the meal gracing our table,
Sing for the gifts we take for granted.

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Sing us all praises that will endure.

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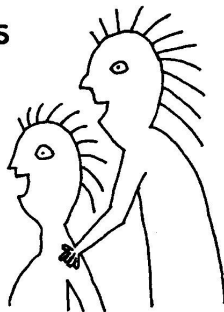
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Please bring the t-shirts to Commodities Distribution Day at the Roundup

Lodge, or to the annual Christmas Bazaar at the Roundup Lodge on December 9th.

ROUNDUP LODGE NOTES

The holidays are coming, and the Lodge, as usual, has various holiday events in the pipeline. The Boosters' annual Christmas Program is gearing up to select and distribute gifts for the San Lorenzo Elementary School students. We will be looking for volunteers to help with selecting, wrapping and distributing these gifts.

Bring a gift to Bingo on November 12th, and receive a free bingo card with the purchase of a three-card package. Gifts should be valued between \$5 to \$10 and be appropriate for ages 3 through 12 years. Your gifts will help us fund the Christmas Program for the school. Bingo will be from 2 to 5 pm, and as always, promises to be a fun afternoon.

Do you have old branding irons or images of brands from the Mimbres Valley that we at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site can put on display or copy the images? If so, drop them off at the museum daily between 11 am and 3 pm. You can also call Kathy Hill at 536.3161 or her cell 307.640.3012. Thank you!

In lieu of a quarterly swap meet, the Lodge will host a Christmas Bazaar on December 9th from 9 to 3. We are recruiting artists and other vendors who offer handmade gift items to join us, and help our neighbors shop locally for their holiday needs. This is a lively and fun holiday event, and we are looking forward to another day of holiday shopping in a congenial (and local) atmosphere. Vendors who would like to participate, please call Charlene at 575-574-8823 to reserve a table. Cost is \$6.

The San Lorenzo Elementary School weekend backpack program has made amazing progress. The four-day school week has resulted in three-day weekends, when school lunches are not available. The backpack program provides nutritious take-home lunches for the students over weekends. One of the Booster members has single-handedly raised enough money to qualify for more than half the funds that will be matched by other donors, and has kept this program in high gear. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to this worthy cause, which will

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - EVERY TUESDAY and FRIDAY - 5:30 pm Mimbres Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road. Speaker meeting last Tuesday of the month. For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets **November 6 & 20 - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 10 am** at the Mimbres Senior Center. For more information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950.

CASAS ADOBES WATER ASSOCIATION - meets November 16 (usually the third Thursday of every month) 6:30 p.m. Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION - November 15 (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Roundup Lodge Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

DESERT WEST AUCTION - THE BIG RED BARN - 3870 Hwy 35, Mimbres. Every second weekend each month Any questions contact the Coogans either by email at desertwest@desertwestauction.com or call 575-536-9353. Preview starts at 11 am - Auction and On-line bidding at 1 pm Saturday and Sunday. www.liveauctioneers.com or www.lcollector.com.

GIRL SCOUTS OF DESERT SOUTHWEST, TROOP 049, meets at Roundup Lodge on Mondays at 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm weekly. For more information, come to a meeting.

HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - Clinic Hours and Days have been changed as of September Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 am to 6 pm. 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

KATE BROWN POTTERY & TILE STUDIO SALE - Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. 10 am to 5 pm (See ad page 5 for directions and details.)

LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm. Mimbres' Award Winning Winery. For more information call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252

MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - 12 Sage Drive (on Highway 35), The Mattocks Site and museum has gone to its winter schedule: Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Special group tours can be arranged by calling 575-536-3333 or 575-536-3161 at least a week in advance.

MIMBRES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (MEMS) - Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Contact Rebecca Hazen 575-574-8344 for information.

MIMBRES FARM BUREAU - Thursday, November 9 - Monthly meetings usually are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Roundup Lodge. Pot-luck supper followed by a business meeting. Everyone welcome.

MIMBRES VALLEY HEALTH ACTION LEAGUE (MVHAL) - Board Meeting Second Wednesday of the month - November 8 - 5:30 pm .Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo. Everyone Welcome.

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

BOOSTER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING. Thursday, November 2. (First Thursday of the month) Everyone welcome. Light dinner served.

BINGO - Sunday, November 12 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Second Sunday of each month. Roundup Lodge - \$5 a card or 3 for \$10.00. Grand prize of \$50 cash.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday, December 9th, 9 am to 3 pm. Vendor tables available \$6. Call Charlene at 575-574-8823

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

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

SENIOR CENTER THRIFT STORE - open to everyone 9 am to 1:30 pm Monday through Friday. Great bargains by donation. There is also a free book lending area.

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL - Meeting at the Center - Tuesday, November 28 (meets 4th Tuesday of each month after lunch) For information call Sharon McGrath 536-3950

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COUNTY CALENDAR

ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, November 1 - First Wednesday of the month. Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Every Wednesday - 6 pm to 7 pm - Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Race Track Road, Arenas Valley. Open meeting for family and friends of alcoholics. For information, call 575-313-7094 or 575-654-1643

AMERICAN LEGION POST 18 of Silver City - meets every **Wednesday from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** for coffee and doughnuts for all veterans. 409 West College Avenue, Silver City. For more information contact Ray Davis 575-956-5153

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

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN - Wednesday, November 8 - 2nd WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 pm Everyone, members and interested parties are invited. Meetings frequently include information on upcoming events, trail cleanings and conditions, educational presentations and demonstrations. **WNMU Watt's Hall Room #224 in Silver City Opposite CVS Pharmacy - NW corner of Hwy 180 and Swam - 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.

BOOKMOBILE WEST SCHEDULE - Thursday, November 16

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

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

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

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GRANT COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wednesday, November 15 - 3rd WEDS of the month. Meetings will be back in Silver City at a new location - 2045 Memory Lane (large building on the west side of the street with yellow door. There will be no more pot luck. November program will be given by Archaeologist Paul Minnis. For information, call **Marilyn Markel 536-9337.**

GRANT COUNTY ROLLING STONES GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - Thursday, November 9 - (2nd Thursday), 6:00 pm - Meeting and potluck followed by a rock draw. Bring your own service ware and dish to share. **NEW MEETING PLACE and CONTACT INFO:** 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City and the new contact phone number is 575-654-4424
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Field trip Saturday, November 18 - the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. For more information contact Ansel Walters at 575-388-2010

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HISTORICAL HANOVER OUTPOST 1ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MERCADO - Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3. 9 am to 5 pm. Booths available for \$45 for two days (see ad on page 7 for details).

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 Jerry 575-534-4866 or Diana 575-574-2311.

PUPPY DOG RANCH RESCUE AND SANCTUARY - Open by appointment Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 5 pm Grant County's only private, no kill, no cage rescue. 27 Twin Sisters Creek Road, Arenas Valley 575-313-7232

SILVER CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Friday, November 17 - Grant County Community Awards Banquet - 6 to 9 pm Grant County Community Business and Conference Center, 3031 Highway 180 East. Keynote speaker: Dr. Joseph Shepard, President WNMU. Doors and Cash Bar open at 6 pm. See silvercity.org for detailed information or call GCCC at 575-538-3785.

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

WIDOWED AND SINGLE PERSONS OF GRANT COUNTY - Monday, November 13 - Sign in at 10:30 am - (second Monday of each month) Cross Point Assembly of God church (formerly Glad Tidings Church) 11600 Hwy 180 E - Cecelia Bell will talk about "The Bayard Happenings". Cost for lunch is \$12. All singles are welcome. For information call 575-437-3643.

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 575-313-7094 or 575-313-1032



MYSTERY PHOTO CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER

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October Mystery photo location.

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Teen Ink By Ajalaa Claussen

In the early fall, as temperatures began to drop and summer had begun to fade, I ventured into the wilderness alongside my classmates, eager to gain peace and quiet from the ever-so-chaotic world. No news, no media, no phones. Just me and the trees and the whispering breeze. During the day we sat along the river bank in silence to see our reflection in the water. Who am I? What do I want to do? Who do I want to be? At night we sat in silence to see our reflection in the stars. What state is the



earth in? What needs to be done? What do we want our earth to be? And as I answered the question within myself, I realized that nothing unnatural can tarnish this place. It is wilderness. Nothing can disturb these lands. Maybe in the future toxins will seep their way in, but as for right now, it is perfect. Not even the tiny-hand-man can get to me in here. I am safe and protected. Bad Haircuts and

Big Mouths have access to big toys, but as long as I am here, in the wilderness, it's like they don't exist.

Harvest Fest 2017 Children's Activities By Marilyn Markel

"OH NO!" We all said when arriving at the field behind San Lorenzo School the morning of the Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival. The Children's Activity area near the baseball field backstop was in bad shape from the storm the night before—signs down or destroyed, canopy crumpled and sagging from all the water; mud and debris everywhere. The day before Marilyn Markel and a crew of Aldo Leopold Charter School (ALCS) YCC students set up the children's area; Harold Markel put up a shade tarp, tables and chairs were borrowed from the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site; games were in place, everything looked great! Then, in the middle of the night, over three inches of rain fell, and the wind howled. We had a big job of clean-up to do. But we did it! Everything turned out well; we had a beautiful Harvest Fest day.

Lots of kids came and had loads of fun time. Three ALCS YCC students helped with games and activities all day. Meg Streams gave a gourd painting presentation and the kids painted buffalo gourds. Volunteer Leigh Reisch was wonderful help at the kid's paint and mural table; Katie Dumm and her young friend Dara Weber-Raiter helped at the bead table. Bike Works donated two bikes for a free raffle. The Grant County Archaeological Society supplied clay and an interactive activity and gave prizes to kids that participated. Kids recruited from the children's area helped with a short presentation celebrating Mimbres and Mimbrenños at the entertainment tent. They held up a sign made by 5th and 6th graders in Ms. Alcorta's class at San Lorenzo that said "Mimbrenños."

The kids whirled bullroarers, like those used by Mimbres Indians to call in the needed rain to the Valley. We all hoped the rain-callers would not work too fast- no more rain needed that day!

All was great until the end of the day when a mini-tornado took out the shade tarp, tossed over tables, and made a mess of things. So we shut down a little early. But, thankfully, no one was hurt.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped; Leigh and Harold worked hard during the take-down on Saturday; volunteers returned the "Treasure Chest", games and all else to the MVHAL storage container on Sunday.

Mimbres Valley Gets Historic Marker By Marilyn Markel

On October 10th the Mimbres Community celebrated the placement of a new official New Mexico Department of Transportation historic marker located on Highway 35 near the Senior Citizen's Center in the Mimbres Valley. School children from San Lorenzo Elementary joined local community members for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new marker. The students and teachers walked from the school, escorted by Grant County Deputy Bill Mize.



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Prickly Pear

Two species of prickly pear are common in the Mimbres area—Purple-fruited and Engelmann. These cacti have showy yellow, pink or orange flowers. The red/purple fruit, called *tunas*, are



eaten fresh and also made into jellies, syrups, and even wine. The cactus leaves or pads, called *no-palitos*, are peeled and the pulp eaten fresh, boiled, fried, or stewed. Animals like javelina, coyotes, and foxes eat the fruit; some animals take bites out of the pads.

Photots by Marilyn Markel

Conejo Mimbrenño in October

In October I visited the Mattocks Ruin at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Site volunteers and visitors were celebrating Archaeology Day. I went out on the trail and read the signs. I learned about some of the plants that live here in the Mimbres Valley. Did you know Yucca is a very useful plant? Its flowers can be eaten, the fiber in yucca leaves can be made into rope, the leaves are used to make baskets and sandals, and paint brushes.



TERRIFIC KID AWARDS

The Kiwanis Club of Silver City celebrated students honored as Terrific Kids at San Lorenzo Elementary School. The program "honors elementary school students for demonstrating a positive attitude, good character, and responsible citizenship". The club has formed a partnership with 9 elementary schools to recognize Terrific Kids every month of the scholastic year. Besides getting a certificate each child is given a packet of goodies for them and their parents.

SEPTEMBER HONOREES

Those honored in September: front, Esmiah Roybal, Xamani Torres, Jesse Novecek, Makenzie Gavaldon, and Jayda Lopez. Back, Iris Cottingham, Cheyenne Medrano, Analiza Gavaldon, and Itzel Valdez.

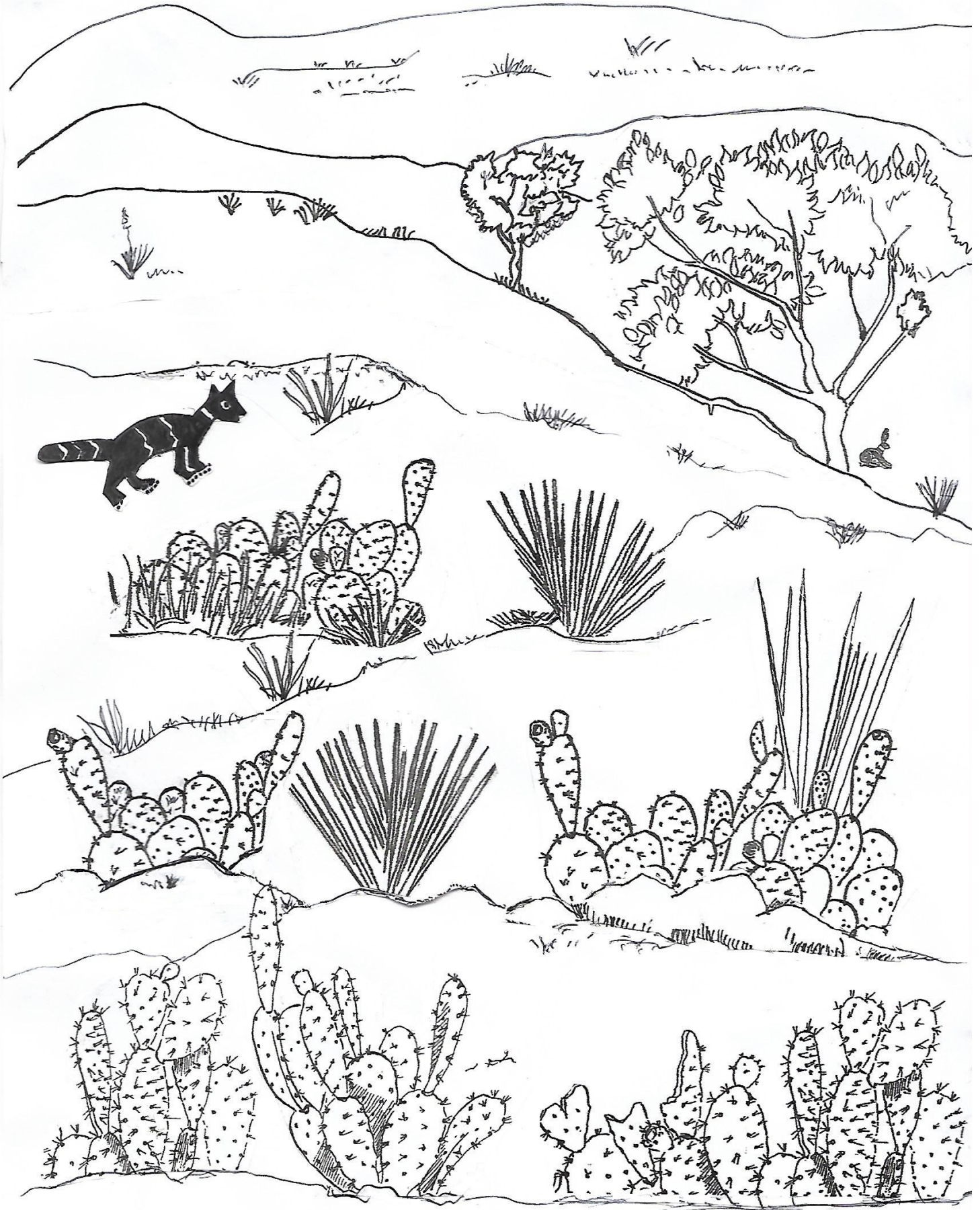


OCTOBER HONOREES



Those honored in October: back, Simon Medrano, Ixayana Alcorta, Elijah Gavaldon, Riley Ybarra, and Dayton Bizzell. Front, Ryan Hickman, Samaiyah Vega, Natalie Betancourt, and Zellana Moulton. Not present was Cheyenne Johnson.

Where is Conejo Mimbrenño? Sponsored by the Grant County Archaeological Society



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be most appreciated and matched by outside grants. Send checks payable to "San Lorenzo Elementary School", in care of the Mimbres Booster Club, P.O. Box 521, Mimbres, NM 88049. Note on the check "backpack program". All donations are added to a segregated fund used exclusively for this program.

The monthly Boosters Club meeting will take place in November on the 2nd. We invite anyone interested in joining our lively group to come to the meeting and find out what it is all about. We will have a light dinner, and proceed to Booster business. Dinner begins at 5:30. There are a lot of things coming up before the end of the year hopefully there is a project that will attract your interest.

In the midst of all of this, we are still chugging away at our overall plans for renovations and updates to the Round-up Lodge. Our old building remains in need of attention, to preserve it for continued use and enjoyment by the community. It is like a museum piece, which requires conservation.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.




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During the ceremony, Marilyn Markel, volunteer education at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS), thanked Tom Drake of the State Historic Preservation Office in Santa Fe, Miguel Garcia, NM Department of Transportation, and Kathy Hill, President of the Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation, the organization that manages MCHS, for their work in getting the text written, and the marker funded and put in place. After the students took turns cutting the red ribbon and removing the paper that was wrapped around the marker, 6th grader Kaissa Villegas read the text aloud, sharing the information with the little kids just learning to read. The marker highlights what Michael Koury, school principal, called the "Amazing and rich history of this Valley" when looking at the new sign. The students had fun pointing out all the familiar places on the "Points of Interest" map on the back side of the marker such as Lake Roberts and the Gila Cliff Dwellings. The students held up a "Mimbrenños" sign they made with letters decorated like the world-famous painted pottery made by the Mimbres Indians who lived in the Valley about a thousand years ago. Those long-ago people and their pottery is featured on the marker, along with the Mattocks Ruin located at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site. Everyone had fun celebrating the new marker and being a "Mimbrenño"- we are all so lucky to live in such a beautiful place with a wonderful history and remarkable people, past and present!



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WEDNESDAY, October 18 - 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.

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There will also be 2018 Mimbres Harvest Festival calendars for sale.

This is always a fun and congenial start for holiday shoppers. To reserve a table, contact Charlene at 575-574-8823. Hope to see you, and your holiday items, on the 9th!

