

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

### *I Helped Save Lives*



### *I'm Proud of My Service*

By Mungo de Grijalva

Last year on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, at the eleventh hour, I went to a parade to commemorate Veterans Day in downtown Watsonville, California. It was more of a march than a parade. The march was preceded by two police officers on motorcycles with flashing red lights and sirens blasting. Leading the procession was a company of naval cadets dressed in starch white uniforms, marching in step, on time and in a straight formation. Then came the veterans. Most were older men, in their sixties and seventies with white hair and gray beards. There was a sprinkling of women veterans, mostly in their thirties and forties. They marched out of step and off cadence. Many were limping, coughing and stooped over. The majority of the veterans wore caps with the name of their military branch of service. There was a huge Latino man, over three hundred pounds, in his thirties, a Marine Vet laboring to march. He heavily perspired, soaking his blue shirt with sweat.

I felt a little sad. There were more veterans marching than people watching in the streets. The veterans marched in silence. When they passed, a middle-aged man yelled, "Thank you for your service!" and started clapping. The meager crowd took up the chant: "Thank you for your service." They continued clapping. The procession of veterans stiffened their posture, smiled, turned to the crowd and repeated: "You're welcome. Thank you." The parade ended with a troop of young Boy Scouts carrying flags.

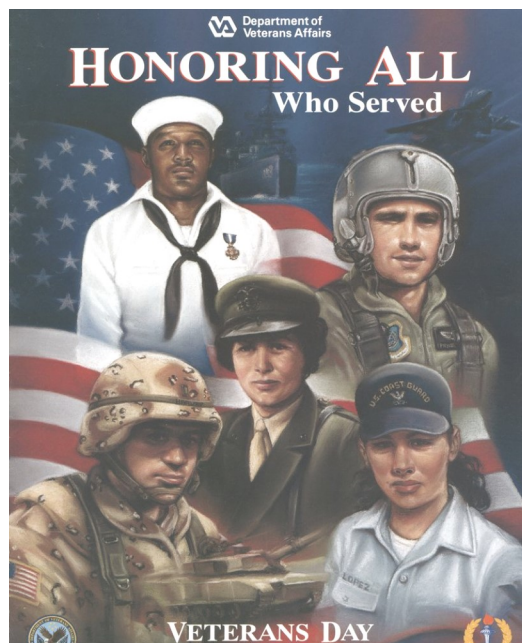
The veterans marched to the Veteran's Hall where they dispersed. In the Vet's Hall, there was a planned program with speakers, tributes and information on veteran's benefits. In the building, there were tables set up with cookies, coffee and bottles of water. The Watsonville Band played, "America the Beautiful." The room was filled with about two hundred people. Most were older, white-haired, and moved slowly.

I stopped in the lobby to talk to a friend. Like me, Jack is a Navy veteran. We were talking about the places we

sailed to in Africa and Asia. A thirty-year-old woman came in and asked me if the event was free. I told her that it was a celebration for veterans and the public was invited. She gave me a whimsical smile and moved unsteadily into the main hall. She appeared to be homeless. She was dressed in a mud stained, weathered, camouflage green army jacket. Her face was sunburned. Her auburn colored hair was greasy and unkempt. Wet leaves were stuck to her torn canvas backpack, as if she had slept outdoors. She limped badly.

Five minutes later, the woman came out with a bottle of water under her arm and several cookies in each hand. She looked hungry. We made eye contact.

I gave her a nod with my head. The kind of recognition shared between brothers and sisters in arms. I smiled at her. She thought for a second and then returned a wide smile. For that split second, she was both-  
ered by the



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Mary Willhite



The first holiday this month is Veteran's Day. While reading the cover story about a veteran, I was reminded of a humorous story that one of my good friends told me happened at her father's funeral in the Arlington National Cemetery. My friend, Cinnamon, was a military brat. Her father was a fighter pilot in the Air Force during World War II and then he became a test pilot. (Side note: She has to take a train from the East Coast to come and see me because she is afraid to fly.)

Cinnamon is from a long line of veterans from the Army, Marines and Air Force. Her parents, her aunt and uncle, both sets of her grandparents and her great grandparents are all buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Family funerals are usually attended by a multi-generational contingent of the family. After a family funeral, it is customary for everyone to pay a visit to the other family grave sites. Her father's funeral was no exception. After the traditional military funeral, everyone was leaving to go visit the other relatives. As they were traversing across the cemetery, everyone was turning on their cell phones and all of a sudden everyone started laughing. All of their ring tones were some version of The Army theme song - "As the Caissons Go Rolling Along," The Marine Theme Song - "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli," or the Air Force Anthem - "Off we go into the Wild Blue Yonder!" A real military family.

The other holiday this month is Thanksgiving. We normally have anywhere from 8-30 people, but unfortunately, not this year. The 5 person gathering order is going to be our limit since relatives aren't traveling to visit.

Thanksgiving is actually my favorite holiday. There is usually no stress or strain involved, just a great meal with family and friends. The traditional turkey dinner is one of the easiest meals to make since it is the same every year. We are just going to miss our weekend guests. I know that there are many people right

now who are do not have as much to be thankful for and have not been as lucky during the pandemic as we have been. I hope your family is well, has plenty to eat and stays warm and healthy this holiday.

I do not know how many of you have been to the Thunderbird Café at the Thunderbird Campground, but is a haven during the pandemic. Jarret, the chef, has been serving meals for take-out or to eat outside on the picnic tables. Even though his meals are served in disposable containers, the presentation is beautiful and the food is great. He said he hoped to be open until Thanksgiving, but the last time I quizzed him, he said he would be open as long as people keep coming. After this week's snow, I don't know where he stands, so if you are interested, you can call him at 907-406-9313 to see if he is still open. His normal hours are Thursday—Sunday 11 am to 7 pm.

This month's **Good Neighbor Award** goes to Linda and John Rokosz. At least we think this is the couple we are trying to thank.

One of the Mimbres residents called me and said that she wanted to nominate the couple that, for the past few months, have been putting up cones and wearing their reflective gear and cleaning up the trash along our highways in the Mimbres, but she did not know their names. I knew the couple she meant, but like her, I do not know their names or anything about them. Then I noticed an "Adopt a Highway" sign near the senior center with the names Linda and John Rokosz. So, I assume this is the couple we have been seeking and wanting to thank. I have asked around trying to find out their names, but no one seems to know, even though everyone has seen them.

If we have made the wrong assumption, we would appreciate hearing from someone who is in the know.

I am sure that if I had been able to track down these good Samaritans prior to publicly thanking them, they could give me

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shrapnel still lodged in her painful, stiff right knee and thought:

*Should I tell him? Oh, he already knows I'm a Vet. I don't need a stinking hat to say that. No, I don't need anyone to thank me. I served. It's finished. It changed me. It hurt me. It left me with scars that haven't healed. I know, I helped save lives. I'm proud of my service.*

Limping out of the building, she looked up at the blue sky and saw that the sun was shining, and with a cheerful grin, she pondered: *I have cookies to eat and it's going to be a sunny day.* Dragging her leg, the nameless woman veteran hobbled to her encampment nested in the folds of the Salsipuedes (Get out if you can) Creek.

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some great stories from their time on the highway. Since I have done this myself a few times along Highway 61 with the Farm Bureau group, I know first hand it can be very interesting. You would not believe what you find! We found everything from a pressure cooker to a \$5 bill. You can tell the most popular beer brands from the bottles collected!

Anyway, we want to offer our sincere thanks to whom ever has been doing this good work. The Mimbres Valley is a beautiful place, and the absence of trash along our highways makes it even more beautiful. Thank you, thank you, thank you. And please let us hear from whomever we owe this debt of gratitude!

**A LITTLE TECH HUMOR****TECH SUPPORT**

A young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship with her husband) presumably did it as a joke.

Then she got a reply which was way too good to keep to herself.

The tech support's love advice was hilarious and genius!

**THE QUERY**

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed,  
Desperate.

**THE RESPONSE**

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me. HTML and try to download Tears 6.2.

Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1.

Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Gassing and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly.

You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend: Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck



## USE CAUTION WHEN WALKING OR HIKING AND WATCH YOUR SMALL ANIMALS

The pictures to the left of three mountain lions were captured with a field camera on October 20 between 8:10 pm and 8:17 pm at Tim Abreu's property on Acklin Hill Road near the Roundup Lodge, the elementary school and Casas Adobe on the other side of the highway. Mr. Abreu has lost two cats to mountain lions.

There have also been reports of a mountain lion on Ortiz Road in San Lorenzo in the past two weeks.

It is exciting to see these pictures, but please be cautious when out on foot. Stumbling upon a mountain lion is pretty rare, but if you happen to do a lot of stuff outdoors, it is good to be prepared just in case. Here is what you should do if you encounter a mountain lion in the wild.

It might seem counter-intuitive, but resist the urge to run. Running can encourage the mountain lion to chase you, and they are faster than you. Once you have gained your composure, make yourself look as big as possible. Use jackets, gear, and motion to give the illusion that you are much larger than you actually are. While you are doing that, make as much loud noise as you can. Keep your eyes trained on the mountain lion so it knows you are not prey, and **slowly back away**. Hopefully, that is enough to let you get away. If it attacks you, use whatever you can to fight back. Do not play dead. The mountain lion will give up if you put up enough of a fight.



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## Mr. Blue's Tale

### Chapter 2. The Pig

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One fine winter day, the two-legger put four of us young dogs in the back of his truck and drove off down the road. It was great fun watching the scenery rush by, smelling new smells and feeling the cool wind blowing back our ears. After a long ride on a smooth black road, we entered the forest and drove along a rough dirt track. The forest had a whole new collection of smells, some familiar and some not. After what seemed like forever, we stopped in a clearing on top of a high mesa. The two-legger tied ropes to our collars and told us to jump out of the truck and get to work. It was glorious! Wonderful smells everywhere! We wanted to just put our noses to the ground and follow the seductive scents wherever they would lead. But, the two-legger had other ideas. He took a long, heavy, hollow stick out of the truck and told us to proceed slowly down a narrow trail while he held the ropes. Wagging our tails and nervous with energy, we did our best to stay calm and not pull too hard.



After some time, I detected the faint odor of an animal that I had never smelled before. The scent became stronger and stronger until us dogs could hardly stand it. Our plaintive cries and furiously wagging tails told the two-legger that something important was not far away. As we rounded a corner, the two-legger whispered, 'shhhh,' pointed up ahead to the tall grass and said 'I think it's in there.' With that, he untied us and said 'Go get 'em!' We ran as fast as we could, feeling the tall grass brush our faces and undersides. Suddenly, in a small clearing, we came upon a big stinky, snorting pig-like animal with sharp tusks. Later I learned this cousin of the pig was called a javelina, or sometimes a peccary. Javelinas aren't as big as the wild pigs our ancestors hunted in Louisiana, but have a reputation for being just a mean. Lesser dogs are often lucky to be able to



slowly limp home, trailing blood after an encounter with a javalina. However, we were not ordinary dogs, we were Catahoulas and knew instinctively what to do. The javalina first tried to bolt down the mountain and outrun us, but it was a hopeless cause. We jumped into action, quickly catching and surrounding the beast. Each of us took a turn running forward, barking loudly and then jumping away from the sharp tusks in the nick of time. The brute kept trying to escape, first to the left and then to the right, but each time he was cut off by me or one of the other dogs. Being the bravest of the pack, I ran up in front of the pig, leaped forward while dodging his razor-sharp tusks, and grabbed onto his left ear. I locked down my jaws and held on with all my might as the monster shook his head from side to side trying to throw me off. Seeing that I nearly had the belligerent brute under control, the other dogs joined in grabbing his other ear, one of his legs and his stubby tail. The pig fought on for a while, but soon realized that he was thoroughly beat. The two-legger yelled, 'Get out of the way so I can shoot,' and with that, we let go and cautiously backed away. The two-legger raised his hollow stick, pointed it towards the pig and BOOM!! The loudest noise I had ever heard! It sounded like the sky was falling and the mountains were being ripped apart. I spun around and raced as fast as my legs would carry me back to the truck and dove underneath for protection. Being the fastest dog, I arrived first but reckoned that I would soon be joined by my brothers and sisters.

I waited and waited and waited, fearing that my siblings and our two-legged friend had been crushed by a landslide. All alone, shaking under the truck, I began wondering what I should do. How would I get back to the ranch? We drove so far, I wasn't sure that I could find my way home. Even if I did make it back to the ranch, who would play with me and pet me? And most importantly, WHO WOULD FEED ME? As these thoughts raced through my head, up the trail sauntered the two-legger carrying the hollow stick in one hand and dragging a dead pig by the leg. He was accompanied by my brothers and sisters, all happy and wagging their tails. They were alive! I wagged my tail and barked a joyful greeting! But why hadn't they run as I had? Were they all deaf or just

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plain stupid? Didn't they know that the world had nearly ended?

When the two-legger saw me hunkered down under the truck, he scowled and said, 'Blue, you're not a Catahoula dog, you're a durned Coward dog! You and I are finished!' I'd never seen the two-legger

so mad. Why was he yelling at me instead of praising my intelligence for recognizing the grave danger? He roughly hoisted the javelina in the back of the truck and told us dogs to jump in with the smelly beast. My brothers and sisters were in the best of moods as we drove back to the ranch, but I just curled up in a corner wondering why I was in so much trouble.

## The Mogollon's

by Steven L. Douglas

Let me roam in the Muggy'yones,  
the place my heart desires;  
in my old brown coat that smells of smoke'  
from too many Juniper fires.

I've hunted there for deer and bear.  
I've camped by the concrete ditch,  
where nobody knows why the water flows  
so well on an uphill pitch.

On trails of stone in the Muggy'yones  
the coyotes do their thing.  
Out of sight they run all night  
to see what the hunt will bring.

Late at night under cold moonlight  
I know I'm not alone,  
while lions prowl and coyotes howl;  
our God sits on His Throne.  
From Willow Creek to Signal Peak,  
as far as the eye can see;  
It's the Master's hand not the work of man  
laid out for you and me.

A graveyard home and a fancy stone  
I am not striving toward,  
so bury my heart in the Muggy'yones;  
my soul will go to the Lord.

## The Bayard Public Library is still closed but it still continues to offer a great service to the community.

By Sonya Dixon, Librarian

The Bayard Public Library has begun curbside pick-up of all library items while the **library is Closed to the public.**

The curbside service system is designed with the goal of reducing the spread of the Coronavirus.

Checkout limits are 4 items per person, 10 per household; and appointments are spaced out in intervals in order to make the service safer.

Four steps for checkout:

- (1) Reserve items. Reserves can be placed by those holding membership cards by logging in to the library catalog at <https://bayard.biblionix.com/catalog>, by email [bayardnmlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bayardnmlibrary@gmail.com), or by phone, (575)537-6244. New memberships can be acquired via a phone call with a staff member.
- (2) Make an appointment. Call or email the library staff to choose an appointment time for your pick-up, Monday - Friday, 9AM to 2PM.
- (3) Pick-Up. Library staff will have the reserves waiting at a clearly designated pick-up zone located at the front of the library. Just drop by and pick them up. If you miss your appointment time, the items will be held for 3 days: call back to reschedule.
- (4) Return. Return books to the big silver Return Bin located outside the front door of the Bayard Library. The items will be placed in quarantine and sanitized before becoming available for future check-outs.

The Bayard Public Library is located at 1112 Central Ave., Bayard, NM 88023. (575) 537-6244. The library is closed Saturday and Sunday.

**MIMBRES  
CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE**

By Marilyn Markel

**Smokey Finds a New Home**

Smokey, the MCHS-Mattocks Cat, has found a new home. Smokey, much loved by most volunteers and visitors to the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site (MCHS), gladly fulfilled his duties as site mascot, interpretive trail tour guide, rodent and snake hunter. But, unfortunately, Smokey has also been known to leap up and snatch hummingbirds from the air.

UH OH! MCHS hosts the Hummingbird Festival! Thankfully, animal lover and long-time MCHS supporter Barb

Wright, stepped forward and offered to provide Smokey with his sixth, and, hopefully, forever home. Smokey is adjusting to his new family- two dogs, two horses, and Barb. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that it all works out well for this special cat. Barb has invited Smokey's friends to occasionally stop by to pet Smokey and let him know that he is missed.

**YARD SALE WAS A SUCCESS - THANK YOU**

The Imogen F Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site would like to thank all the generous people who donated items for our yard sale. There were wonderful items donated and when sold, the proceeds helped make up for lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also want to thank all the shoppers who came to the yard sale and purchased items. We appreciate you so much.

The Mimbres Culture Heritage Site is CLOSED again due to the Governor's recent orders.

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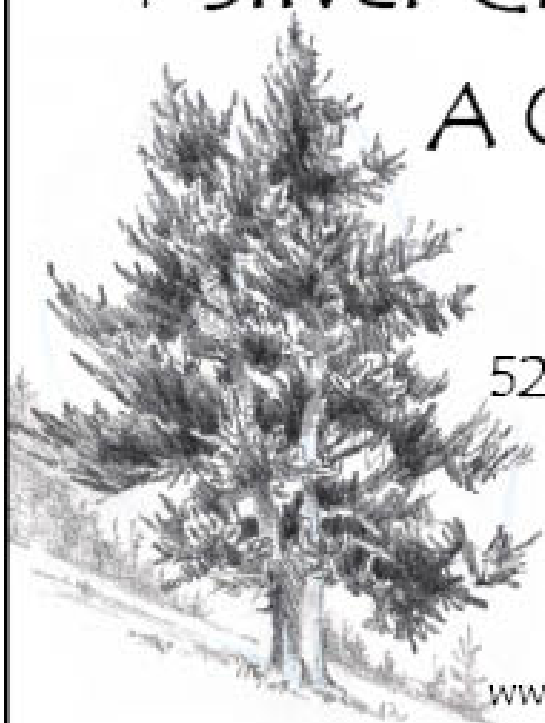
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## THINGS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO YOU DURING THE PANDEMIC

If you, or someone you know, is struggling to keep food on the table during the pandemic, there is some help right here in the valley. The Emergency Fund Assistance Program (TEFAP), also known as the Food Distribution Program or Commodities Assistance is available. Even if you have never qualified in the past, or you are currently unemployed or your income is under the limits (see chart below), you qualify. If your household receives SNAP/FDPIR/WIC/CSEP OR NSLP, you automatically qualify.

The third Wednesday of every month from about 11:00 am until the food is gone, boxes of food are distributed by volunteers at the Roundup Lodge on Acklin Hill Road. The November food distribution will be distributed on Wednesday, November 18th at the Roundup Lodge.

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League sponsors this program, and they are working very hard to purchase more and better food for the community in need.

A lot of people are not getting out much due to the pandemic and do not get to pick up a copy of the Messenger, so if you know of someone in need, please tell them to come by and sign up on the distribution day.

You do not even have to get out of your car to sign up or collect your box of food. Just get in line and wait in your car until one of the volunteers comes to your window. PLEASE wear your mask when speaking to a volunteer.

MVHAL wants everyone to have food during this crisis and to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner. Please come by if you need help.

### IF YOUR INCOME **CURRENTLY** FALLS WITHIN THESE GUIDE LINES, YOU QUALIFY

GROSS INCOME LIMITS NEW MEXICO TEFAP/USDA FOODS PROGRAM (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	984	908	454
2	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
For Each Add'l Family Member, Add	8,288	691	346	319	160



### Did you miss out on the Mimbres Valley 2021 Calendar?

For the third year in a row, the "Harvest Festival Calendar" has sold out. But, this year you are in luck if you missed getting one or you need more (great Christmas gifts). As long as we sell the minimum order requirement, we will do a second printing. The order will be placed on November 16th to be available the first of December. You must place your order on-line and pay in advance for the calendars. Go to [www.MVHAL.org](http://www.MVHAL.org) to place your order.

PLACE YOUR ORDER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
so you don't miss out on this second chance!

### MIMBRES MESSENGER ON-LINE and BY MAIL

A lot of people have asked me if the *Messenger* is still being published because they have not been out much during the pandemic and have not seen a *Messenger* in months. Spread the word that you can read the *Messenger* on-line at [www.MVHAL.org](http://www.MVHAL.org) and it is in color! If you know someone who does not have access to the on-line version, for \$20 (almost covers the postage) you can have a copy mailed to you each month. Just call Mary at 575-536-9323 to make arrangements.

# COMMUNITY and COUNTY CALENDAR

Per the Governor's orders, most everything that normally appears here each month has been cancelled until further notice.

There are a few places that are still able to operate, and they are listed below. They will be added again once they notify me of their reopening.

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, November 4 - First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Cancelled until further notice.** For more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

**COMMODITIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION - November 18 - (third Wednesday of every month) - 12 NOON to 2:00 pm - Round-up Lodge** Please bring a suitable box. Volunteers to help pack boxes are always needed.

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

**HMS MIMBRES CLINIC - *Clinic Hours and Days have been CHANGED*** - Now open **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 am to 5 pm.** 575-536-3990 (Closed between 12 noon and 1 pm for lunch)

**LA ESPERANZA VINEYARD & WINERY - \*\*By appointment only\*\* Winery open Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Noon to 6:00 pm. for curbside service.** Call in advance to place order and schedule pickup. Mimbres' Award Winning Winery. For more information, call 505-259-9523 or 505-238-6252

**La TIENDA - NEW HOURS** Store hours and Fuel Pumps are open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm ~ La Tienda Restaurant Del Sol is now OPEN for Take out and limited indoor seating, with their full menu including breakfast. **Hours are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.** All safety Covid-19 practices are observed. **Support your local Restaurant!**

**MIMBRES CULTURE HERITAGE SITE - closed due to the governor's latest order .** You may walk the outdoor interpretive trail.

**MIMBRES VALLEY THERAPEUTIC HEALING - Tuesday thru Saturday - By appointment only, 2739 Highway 35, Mimbres, 575-574-7069.**

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## NEW PROCEDURES

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**SILVER CITY MUSEUM GOES DIGITAL DURING LOCKDOWN Virtual Summer programs being held via Zoom** Information can be found on the Museum's newly redesigned website, [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org). Website visitors can also sign up for the email list to get links and reminders of upcoming events, and of course those who like or follow the Museum on Facebook will get updates, links, and fascinating tidbits. For more information, please contact the museum at (575) 538-5921 [education@silvercitymuseum.org](mailto:education@silvercitymuseum.org), or visit the museum's website: [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org)

**Sunday, November 1, 7PM – Bilingual Storytime: *The Spirit of Tio Fernando/El espíritu de tío Fernando*** by Janice Levy, hosted by the Silver City Museum. Read in English and Spanish by local artist, youth leader, and shop owner Diana Ingalls-Leyba, and spiritual medium and Día de los Muertos expert Nena Benavidez. In the story, young Nando meets the spirit of his deceased Tio Fernando, for whom he is named. Sign up at [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org) or click here to register and attend: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rdcKS-Q3m4Aqwgev9OYA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rdcKS-Q3m4Aqwgev9OYA). All Silver City Museum programs are free with a suggested donation of \$5.

**Sunday, November 18, 7PM – Bilingual Storytime: *Thunderboy, Jr.*** by Sherman Alexie, hosted by the Silver City Museum. Read by Ted Pressler (English) and Xochitl Hernandez-Moctezuma (Spanish). From New York Times bestselling author Sherman Alexie and Caldecott Honor winning Yuyi Morales comes a striking and beautifully illustrated picture book celebrating the special relationship between father and son. Sign up at [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org) or click here to register and attend: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vpWPTRQnSvSc-d1JtWc5hg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vpWPTRQnSvSc-d1JtWc5hg). All Silver City Museum programs are free with a suggested donation of \$5.

**Tuesday, November 20 -- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arte Chicano Exhibit** at the Silver City Museum. The exhibition series is a chance for the museum to support and celebrate Chicano artists working in the area. Arte Chicano 2020 will feature the work of Chris Alvarez and Buck Burns as curated by Diana Leyba-Ingalls. The exhibit will be installed in the Dodge Gallery and will be viewable at [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org) in the form of a video tour with commentary by the artists. It will be waiting for in-person viewing when the museum is able to reopen to the public.

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## FOREST SERVICE NEWS



### On-line Christmas Tree Permit Sales begin November 16, 2020 on the Gila National Forest



How would you like to be able to purchase your Christmas tree permit from the comfort of your home? With on-line ordering there is no waiting in line or driving to your local Forest Service Office. The Forest Service is in the process of transitioning Christmas tree permit sales to an on-line process that will allow for these benefits.

On-line options will be available beginning on November 16, 2020 via Recreation.gov. The cutting period for Christmas trees is November 21 – December 24 at sundown. The on-line sales include the \$5.00 any species Christmas tree, the free permit for pinyon and the Every Kid Outdoors Christmas tree. All transactions will include a small fee for using the Recreation.gov website. Online Purchase of Gila National Forest Christmas Tree Permits starts November 16 at: [www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/Gila](http://www.recreation.gov/tree-permits/Gila) It is important to carefully read the overview and need-to-know information on Recreation.gov prior to purchasing the permit online.

Visitors will also need to setup or login to a Recreation.gov account to complete the transaction. Please be aware there is a transaction fee in addition to the permit cost. Details about designated cutting areas and Every Kid Outdoor initiative will be located on the Recreation.gov site.

If you do not have the ability to acquire your permit on-line, you can still visit the local Forest Service office.

Wilderness Ranger District 3697 NM Hwy 35 N, Mimbres, NM 88049 Phone: 575.536.2250 Hours: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Gila National Forest has implemented new safety procedures for permit sales at office locations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Debit and credit card payments are preferable or bring exact change, as often making change can be a challenge. The Forest offers the same options as on-line which are the \$5.00 any species Christmas Tree, free permit for pinyon, and the Every Kid Outdoors free Christmas Tree. The limit is one tree/household. There are no refunds on permits.

For information on the Gila National Forest, check out our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gila> or join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### Public Surveys on the Gila National Forest

The public will encounter contract employees working on the Gila National Forest in developed and dispersed recreation sites and along Forest Service roads. They will be out in all types of weather conditions, wearing bright orange vests and be near a sign that says "Traffic Survey Ahead."

The National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) survey, being conducted on the Gila National Forest, will begin in October 2020 and will go through Sept. 30, 2021. The information gathered is useful for forest planning as well as local community tourism planning. It provides national forest managers with an estimate of how many people actually recreate in the national forest, what activities they engage in, and how satisfied people were with their visit. Economic impact to the local economy is also captured in the survey.

The survey gathers basic visitor information. Surveys are voluntary and all responses are confidential -- names are not included. Interviews last about 10 minutes. Questions asked include: where you recreated in the forest, how many people traveled with you, how long you were in the forest, what other recreation sites you visited while in the forest, and how satisfied you are with the facilities and services provided. About a third of the visitors will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip.

"Although the survey is entirely voluntary, participation is extremely important so we can assess visitor experiences in the forest and strive to make it a better place to visit," said Eric La Price, Acting Forest Supervisor for the Gila National Forest. "We would appreciate it if visitors would pull over and answer a few questions. It's important for interviewers to talk with local people using the forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, so all types of visitors are represented in the study."

Information about the National Visitor Use Monitoring program can be found at <https://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum/>

For more information on the Gila National Forest, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/Gila](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Gila)

## Asian Giant Hornet

BY THE "BUGMAN"

The insects and arachnids that I've previously highlighted in the bug-of-the-month column are found in New Mexico, and in particular, the Mimbres Valley. This month I'll stray from that focus and discuss an insect that made a big splash in the news this past summer, the Asian Giant Hornet. This wasp, often reported to be the largest wasp in the world at 2" in length, is about the same size as the Tarantula Hawk, which occurs commonly in the Valley and was the topic of this column last February. However, the Asian Giant Hornet is definitely the largest hornet in the world, with hornets being members of the genus *Vespa*.

As their name would suggest, the native range of Asian Giant Hornets includes much of Asia, but they are most abundant in the mountainous areas of Japan. One reason they made recent news was the discovery of Asian Giant Hornets in British Columbia and Washington State, first in 2019, and then with several additional detections in 2020. The discovery of an alien insect in the USA doesn't normally make for good press, considering that it's rather commonplace; an estimated 2,000 of the arthropods (insects, spiders and their relatives) in the continental USA were introduced. What makes Asian Giant Hornet a front-page item is its reputation as a killer.

Asian Giant Hornets kill a few people each year in Asia, although the exact number is difficult to determine. In Japan, 12-26 people are killed per year due to all bee and wasp stings, while in one region of China, 41 people were reportedly killed by the hornet in 2013. Much



like honeybees, the chance of a severe reaction or death due to the Asian Giant Hornet is a function of the number of stings. In one Chinese study, it was found that death resulted after an average of 59 stings. Perhaps surprising, the venom of honeybees is more poisonous than that of the hornet, but the difference is in the amount injected. The Asian Giant Hornet can inject ten times more venom than a honeybee and they are capable of stinging multiple times, whereas bees can only sting once.

By far the most troublesome aspect of the invasion of Asian Giant Hornets into North America is their potential impact on honeybee colonies, which are already under serious threat from parasites, diseases, and insecticides. Groups of 30 or so hornets attack a hive, decapitating the defending bees with their powerful jaws, stealing the brood, and then racing home to provision their young with tasty treats of honeybee larvae. Interestingly, the Asian honeybee has acquired an effective defensive strategy to counteract the hornet. The bees congregate in a ball around each hornet, which raises the temperature inside the ball, resulting in roast hornet. Unfortunately, our Western honeybees do not have similar defensive skills.

Finally, let's end with some good news. Scientists predict that Asian Giant Hornets are unlikely to find a suitable home in the southwest because of our climate - it's simply too hot and dry. The best prediction is that the hornets can permanently establish in the northwest, where they have been found, the southeastern USA, and perhaps further north along the Atlantic coast. Yet another good reason to remain in the land of enchantment!

### MIMBRES HEALTH FAIR CANCELLED FOR THE FALL HOPING TO RETURN IN THE SPRING

Hello all! Just letting you know that we are not going to do a Mimbres Health Fair this fall, just too much uneasiness on a lot of fronts right now but.....stay tuned because we do want to have an event in the spring with as many of the "usual suspects" for a real health focused time. Let's hope that by then, things are much better even as we learn to live with new-found realities. Please everyone, take very good care of yourselves in the meantime!

Best, Chris DeBolt

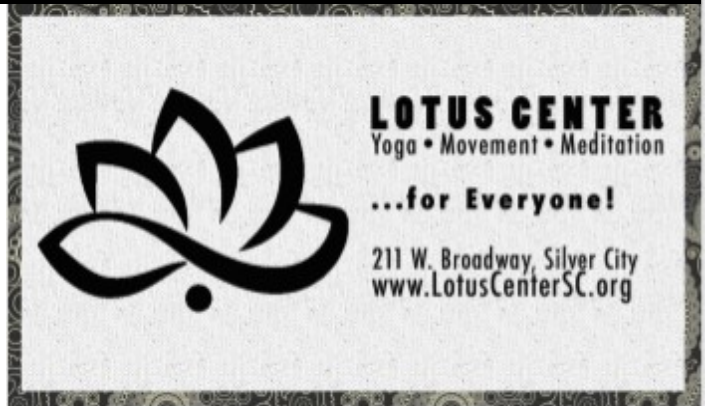


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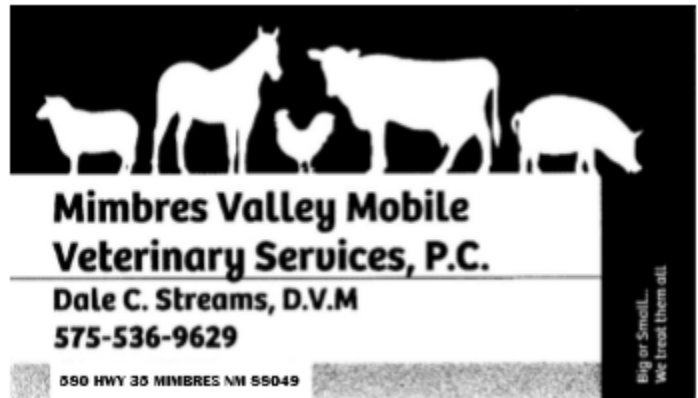
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## NOVEMBER 2020 MILK IS SERVED DAILY

2 3oz Taco Salad (3oz Beef, 1oz Cheese, 1oz Tortilla Chip, 1/2c Lettuce & Tomato) 1/2c Spanish Rice 1c Squash 1 Orange	3 3oz Chicken Tenders 1c Mashed Potatoes 1oz Low Sodium Gravy 1/2c California Blend 1 sl. Cornbread w/1tsp. Marg 1/2c Fruit Cocktail	4 4oz Meat Loaf 1/2c Scallop Potatoes 1/2c Mixed Veggies 1 sl. Bread w/1tsp Marg. 1/2c Strawberries in 1/2c Pudding	5 3oz BBQ Pulled Pork w/ 1 Hamburger Bun 1/2c Peas & Carrots 1/2c Salad w/2T Low Fat Dressing 1/2c Mandarin Oranges	6 Bean Burrito (Enchilada Style) (1c Beans, 1oz Cheese, 1/4c Red Chile, 1 Tortilla) 1/2c Spanish Rice 1c Cucumber/Tomatoe Salad 1/2c Peaches
9 3oz Baked Chicken 1/2c Noodles w/ 1oz Alfredo Sauce 1c Squash w/ Corn 1 Dinner Roll w/ Marg. 1c Grapes	10 Pork Posole (3oz Pork, 1/2c Posole, 1/4c Red Chile) 1/2c Calabacitas 1/2c Salad w/2T Low Fat Dress 1 Flour Tortilla 1 Oatmeal Cookie	11 3oz Country Fried Steak 1/2c Mashed Potatoes w/ 1oz Low Sodium Gravy 1/2c Mixed Veggies 1sl WW Bread w/1tsp Marg 3/4c Strawberries 4 Vanilla Wafers	12 3oz Cajun Baked Fish 3/4c Rice Pilaf 1c Broccoli & Carrots 1 Breadstick 1/2c Silced Pears 1/2c Yogurt	13 Chile Relleno (3oz Green Chile, 3oz Cheese, 1oz Breading) 1/2c Pinto Beans 1/2c Salad w/2T Low Fat Dress 1 Flour Tortilla 1/2c Fruit Cocktail
16 Chicken Sandwich (3oz Chicken, 1oz Cheese, 1 Hamburger Bun) 1/2c Lettuce, Tomato, Onion 1c Peas & Carrots 1/2c Peaches	17 3oz Pepper Steak w/ 1/2c Peppers & Onions 1/2c Steamed Rice 1/2c Sliced Tomatoes 1 Sl. WW Bread w/1tsp Marg 3/4c Yogurt	18 3oz Roast Turkey 1/2c Corn bread Stuffing 1c Green Beans w/Red Pepper 1/2c Cranberry Sauce 1 Dinner Roll w/1tsp Marg 1 sl Pumpkin Pie w/ 1T Topping	19 Grilled Cheese Sandwich (2oz Cheese, 2 Slice Bread) 1c Ham & Bean Soup (1oz Low Sodium Ham, 3/4 Beans) 1c Garden Salad w/2t LFD 1/2c Fruit Cocktail	20 2 Beef Tacos (3oz Beef, 1oz Cheese, 2 Corn Tortillas) 1/2c Lettuce & Tomato 1/2c Spanish Rice 1/2c Pinto Beans 1/2c Cantaloupe
23 Pepperoni Pizza (1oz Low Sodium Pepperoni, 2oz Cheese, 1oz Crust) 1/2c Mixed Squash 1c Garden Salad w/2t Dress 1/2c Pineapple in 1/2c Cottage Cheese	24 3/4c Spaghetti w/ 4oz Meat Sauce 1c Broccoli w/Cauliflower 1 Breadstick 1/2c Applesauce in 1 sl Applesauce Cake	25 Green Chile Cheeseburger (3oz Beef, 1oz Cheese, 1oz Green Chile, 1 Hamburger bun) 1/2c lettuce, Tomato, onion, 1/2c Peas & Carrots 1/2c Oven Fries 1/2c Applesauce	26 SENIOR CENTER CLOSED 	27 SENIOR CENTER CLOSED 
30 Chile Beans (1c Beans, 1oz Cheese, 2oz Red Chile) 1c Garden Salad w/2t Dress 1 sl Corn Bread 1/2c Strawberries on 1/2c Ice Cream		HMS SENIOR CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING Nov. 26th and 27th		HMS Senior Centers Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990

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## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Have all been cancelled until further notice.

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## Conejo Mimbrenño Studies People in the Mimbres

*By Marilyn Markel*

### Famous, Infamous, and Important People in the History of the Mimbres/Gila Country

- ◆ The Mimbres Indians lived in the Mimbres Valley and surrounding area and are world famous for the extraordinary painted pottery they left behind.
- ◆ Victorio, a Mimbres Apache, was a leader of the Red Paint People, a band of the Chiricahua Apaches of southwest New Mexico.
- ◆ Billy the Kid, the outlaw who grew up in Silver City, is thought to have had friends in the Mimbres Valley whom he visited.
- ◆ Geronimo, the Apache war leader, raided through the Mimbres Valley in the 1880s before being sent to Florida as a prisoner of war.
- ◆ Ben Lilly, a lion and bear hunter, lived in caves and at the GOS Ranch in the Sapillo Valley in the early 1900s.
- ◆ Adolf Bandelier, a pioneering archeologist, visited archaeological sites the Mimbres area in 1883-84, including the Mattocks Ruin.
- ◆ Teddy Roosevelt, known as the "conservationist president" to declared the Gila Cliff Dwellings a National Monument in 1907.
- ◆ Aldo Leopold, a conservationist and game manager, was one of the first forest rangers and is responsible for the designation of part of the Gila National Forest as the first Wilderness Area in the world. Thanks Aldo!

Keep in mind, behind all of these men were women who kept the home fires burning, raised the children, or supported the men in some way. For example, Ben Lilly, while living at the GOS Ranch had a large pack of hunting dogs. The wife of the ranch manager cooked for all those dogs, as well as feeding her family, the ranch hands, and Lilly.

### Matching Activity

Who is Who? Read the article Famous, Infamous, and important People of the Mimbres/Gila Country. Then draw a line from the photo to the person/people.



Adolph Bandelier  
Pioneering Archaeologist



Ben Lilly  
Lion and Bear Hunter



Mimbres Indians  
Pottery Bowl 1000 AD



Aldo Leopold  
Conservationist



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Mimbres Apache



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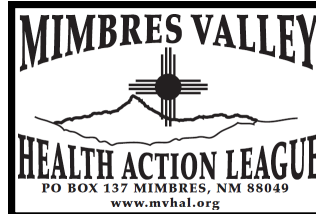
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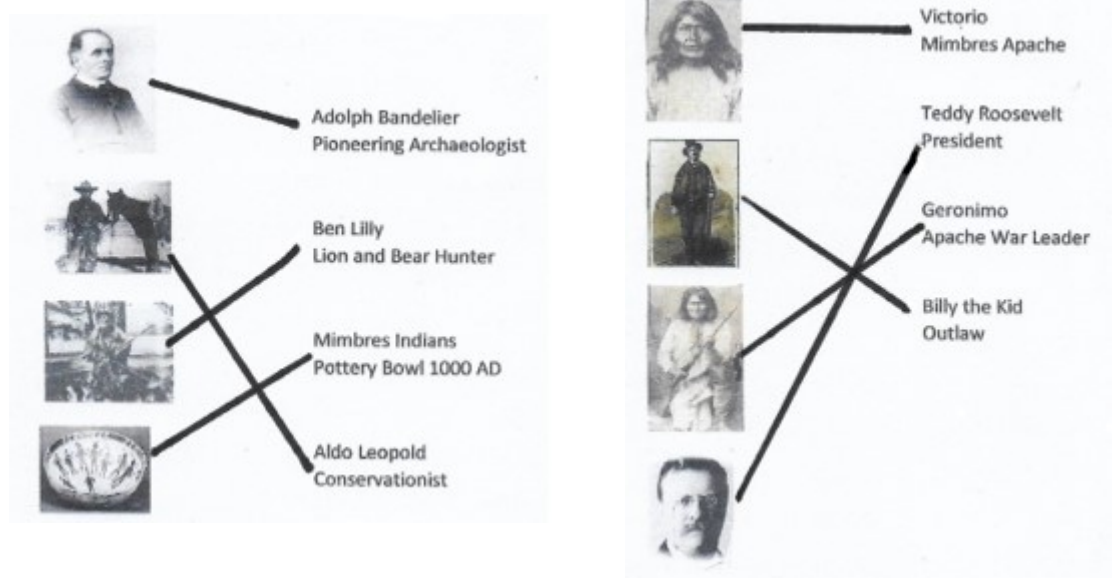
**WEDNESDAY, November 18 - 11 am to 2 pm**

**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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