

## A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# MIMBRES MESSENGER

Gift giving is one of the oldest human practices. It has taken years to morph into the customs of today. We all know the American traditions. Here are a few from other countries.

### United Kingdom

Crackers are the thing in the United Kingdom. British Christmas dining tables will feature a tubular decoration by each plate. When pulled apart, these Christmas crackers issue a loud snap before spilling out a colorful crown, a small toy and a joke.

### Mexico

For children in Mexico, Christmas is a church-going day. Gift-getting day is celebrated on January 6, called "Dia de los Tres Reyes Magos" (Three King's Day), when the Magi leave gifts under the Christmas tree. This is the date that wise men brought gifts to the Christ child.

### In Europe

In *France*, *Germany* and other countries in Europe, children open at least some of their presents on the feast of Saint Nicholas, which is December 6, while family gift exchanges happen on Christmas Eve.

*Spain* and *Italy* have similar Christmas gift traditions, but they don't happen until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 (the twelfth day of Christmas), the day the three wise men deliver their gifts to baby Jesus.

### In Poland

In Poland, even the animals get Christmas gifts. Staff at the Gdansk-Oliwa zoo give food treats festively wrapped like Christmas presents to the animals on Christmas Day.

### In Norway

In Norway children receive 24 gifts! Children receive an Advent calendar that displays 24 doors and each door is open on its day to display a special small gift.



Although most countries in Asia don't widely celebrate Christmas or exchange traditional Christmas gifts, it is becoming more popular.

### In China

In December, children exchange apples wrapped in colorful paper, symbolizing good fortune and peace. And everyone exchanges two mandarins on New Year's Eve as a symbol of good luck.

### In Latin America

In *Ecuador*, children receive gifts on Christmas morning, but adults must wait until New Year's Day. In *Chile*, children open gifts at midnight on Christmas Eve, while in *Nicaragua*, *Venezuela* and *Paraguay*, children receive their gifts on January 6.

### In Africa

For most countries in Africa, more emphasis is placed on the religious nature of Christmas than on gift-giving. But many people still do give each other gifts on a smaller scale, and give to the less fortunate.

### In New Zealand

A Gift Exchange is State Sponsored and the entire country gets behind a Secret Santa program where total strangers sign up online to give and receive Christmas gifts. The gifts are about \$10.

If you are feeling down because you probably won't be able to celebrate Christmas as normal this year, then turn to page 3 and read a "different" kind of Christmas Story.

You will definitely be counting your blessings and not complain about any disruption of your Christmas celebration this year!

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We are about one-third of the way through the 2020 holidays. I don't know about everyone else, but I will not be sorry to see 2020 in the rearview mirror! I consider the people in the Mimbres valley to be especially lucky during the pandemic compared to the urban dwellers.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped produce the *Messenger* every month: R. J. Nelson, Bonne Beavers and Marilyn Markel. I would also like to thank everyone who submitted articles for the Messenger this year. I know it has been a trying year for everyone, so I am particularly grateful for all of the help everyone has offered. I think it has made for a much more diverse and interesting *Messenger*. I have had many nice comments regarding our guest writers this year. Everyone comments on Mungo de Grijalva's articles. They are always different, well written, and interesting. Gene Staley always brings a bit of nostalgia with all of his articles.

I had one gentleman who called me and asked for the *Messenger* to be mailed to him every month. When he was in the area, he had read the first two chapters of Mr. Blue's Tale and was so enthralled he wanted to finish the remaining chapters of the novella.

Keep the stories coming!



This year I was very thankful for everyone who is doing their part. From medical professionals to people who save lives by staying home or social distancing or wearing a mask when they do go out. Doing our part this year will give us more to be thankful for next year.

By Mary Willhite



Jay and Sally McKenzie wrote:

We would like to nominate **Frank Waid for the Good Neighbor Award**. Frank worked for many years at the Mimbres transfer station and as a result, many in this community know him.

In the years we have known him, he has come to the aid of many in the Mimbres community. Just a few of the many tasks that we are aware of: taking calls at all times of the day and evening to fix water heaters, leaking pipes, cleaning chimneys and clearing unwanted items from property. He is always willing to lend a tool or materials for a project, and usually ends up assisting with the project! Frank helps neighbors with caring for property and animals. He is very knowledgeable and has saved many of us from making disastrous mistakes.

Franks has also been instrumental with maintenance and repair at the Roundup Lodge. December is a great month to honor Frank with the Good Neighbor Award because he truly exemplifies the giving spirit of Christmas. Frank is definitely a good neighbor and deserving of the Good Neighbor Award!

The best gift you could ever give someone is your time because you're giving them something that you'll never get back.

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Everyone at the *Messenger* wishes you a very Merry Christmas! Stay safe and well and lets hope and pray that we all have a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.

## The Peels (A Christmas Story)

By Mungo de Grijalva

My grandfather, Guillermo, was born in the Mimbres Valley. My father, Manuel, grew up riding horses and working the fields around San Lorenzo. With fellow New Mexican men during the 1940s, Manuel fought to defend our country during World War II. With fellow New Mexicans he defended the Philippine Islands against invasion by Japanese forces. He and his brave comrades fought battles for Bataan and Corregidor. After constant fighting for four months without resupply or reinforcements, with ammunition, medicines and food depleted, they were overwhelmed, captured and forced prisoners of war (POW).

When my father was alive, he told me this Christmas story of his experience as a POW of the Japanese. It was a day in December 1944; none of the American prisoners knew the exact date. My father and his companions had already suffered more than three years as slaves in the coal mines of the Imperial Japanese Army. They endured abuse, torture, hunger and despair, without an end in sight.

One day, my father observed a Japanese guard eating an orange. My father had learned Japanese words and phrases and this guard was kind and treated the prisoners with respect. Like all POWs, my father suffered from scurvy, a fatal disease caused by lack of vitamin C and starvation. It is characterized by swollen and bleeding gums, open wounds and a long suffering death.

With a bleeding mouth and loose teeth, my father asked the guard for the leftover orange peels. The Japanese wanted to know: "What are you going to do with them?" My father whispered: "I'm going to eat them." The guard gave him the peels. Immediately, my father ate them in front of the guard. Imagine being so hungry and starving that one would eat discarded orange peels.

A few days later, the guard and my father were alone. The Japanese called my father over, "Promise that you will not tell anyone, especially the other prisoners." My dad replied, "I promise." The Japanese declared that: "Today is your Christmas Day," and gave him a gift of a small orange. My father's eyes widened. He said, "Thank you," and devoured the entire orange, including the peels and seeds.

For the next several months, when they were alone, the guard snuck him small oranges. It ended when the guard was transferred to the war front. My father never saw him again. He heard that the guard was killed in a fierce battle. With the death of many American soldiers,

my father survived. He believed that: "The guard saved my life" with the peels and oranges.

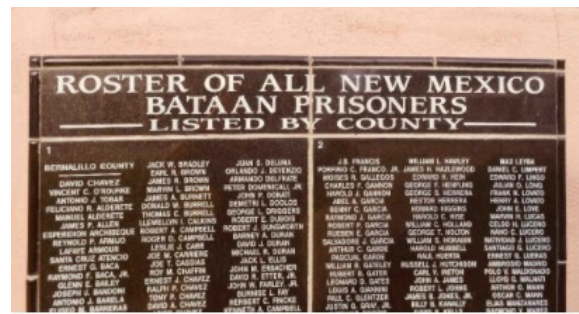
Throughout his life, my father asked: Why did the guard do that? He was not a Christian. He was an enemy. It was a time of war, but the guard still maintained his humanity. My father taught his children never to forget that we belong to the brotherhood of humanity. We have a responsibility to be our "brother's and sister's keepers" for all human beings. Until the end of his life, my father maintained respect, admiration and gratitude towards this fellow human being who happened to be Japanese and an adversary.

During this time of peace — Christmas, Hanukkah, and all other World celebrations — we celebrate a season to remember that we are all part of humanity. We all want the same things: love, peace, security for our family and the opportunity to reach our potential.



Bataan Memorial to New Mexican warriors, Deming, New Mexico

New Mexico had the highest casualty rate of all states; of the 1,800 New Mexicans serving in the Philippines, only 800 returned home.



Father's name, Manuel F. Grijalba, engraved at Bataan Memorial.



## Ingenious Way to Recycle Political Trash

By Mary Willhite

One of our Mimbres residents called me the other day and asked if I could put a reminder in the *Messenger* to encourage people to remove their campaign signs before they blow away and become "urban tumble weeds," that Linda and John Rokosz have to pickup. (See last month's Good Neighbors.)

I know there are regulations limiting the number of days campaign signs can stay up after an election, but I don't know what they are in New Mexico. What I do know is that they are made out of coroplast (a fluted plastic material) and are very durable and take a long time to decompose (if ever) on the roadside or in a landfill.

Not long ago I read on the internet about a very talented inventor and DIY person who found a great use for these signs. He made a micro airstream style personal camper that he can tow behind his bicycle.



Beside the campaign signs which are free, it cost him about \$150 and weighs less than 60 pounds. It is made from four 4' x 8' coroplast

campaign signs, a few smaller sized campaign signs, zip ties, duct tape, paint, bicycle tires, bubble insulation (to keep warm in cold weather), and some 1" by 2" pine boards.

The camper sports two popup windows you can open and get the breeze, a skylight made out of a gallon plastic bucket, and a door that doubles as a shade.

The inside is equipped with a propane single burner stove that sits inside the wheel well, the sink is a bread pan, to collect waste water from his 5 gallon water jug. In addition, there are shelves, drawers, cupboards and moveable storage containers to hold clothes, food, books, and other essentials like two stereo speakers for his MP3 player.

The final result is a sturdy, light weight, and waterproof structure.



He first built an emergency shelter that sat on his property for a couple of years until someone suggested he put wheels on it to make it mobile. Hence the camper was born.

You can watch an entertaining video on youtube at <https://youtu.be/ZiejAhol4Ps> which explains how he made the camper.

This isn't all Paul has designed and made. You can go onto Paul's website <https://elkinsdiy.com> and see a dog house, multi purpose shelter, boats, kayak and much more. You can purchase his designs and patterns very inexpensively between \$5 and \$20.

There are also patterns for shelters for a homeless person in need of a small place to call home. Wouldn't that be a great community project to provide a shelter for a homeless person for hardly any money.



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## Mr. Blue's Tale

### Chapter 3. Stuck in the hoosegow

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If your memory is not as good as a Catahoula's, you may fail to recollect everything that happened in the last chapter, so here's a brief rundown. The two-legger took me and three of my siblings on a pig hunt. Guided by our finely tuned noses, we quickly located and subdued the pig. The two-legger yelled at us to get out of the way, lifted his heavy hollow stick, pointed it at the pig, and BOOM! The world came crashing down. I ran as fast as I could back to the truck and dove underneath. I was sure that the others had all been killed, but eventually the two-legger showed up dragging a dead pig, accompanied by my rollicking siblings. For unknown reasons, the two-legger was really mad, and called me a 'durned coward dog'. We all got into the truck, and while my brothers and sisters enjoyed the long ride back to the ranch, I just curled up in a corner and wondered why I was in so much trouble. So, now that you're up to speed, here's the next chapter.

The very next morning the two-legger dragged me out of the barn, yelled at me to get into the back of the truck, and sped away from the ranch. Riding in the truck again so soon should have been fun, but I was all alone and had no idea why my two-legger friend was so angry. After a long ride on a hard black road, we eventually arrived at a place with lots of cars, trucks and buildings, flashing lights, loud noises and strange smells. The truck eventually stopped in front of a large building that smelled of dogs and evil cats. The two-legger put a rope around my neck and dragged me inside. A mean looking two-legger woman at the counter said "How can I help you, sir?" The two-legger replied "I need to get rid of this darned dog! I used to think he might make a decent cow dog, but he's a coward! Runs for the hills with his tail between his legs at the sound of a gunshot. I can't have a dog like that on my ranch. It might be contagious and infect my other dogs! Maybe give him to some city slicker, because he sure as heck ain't no ranch dog."

With that, the two-legger, who once was my friend, abandoned me. The woman took ahold of the rope and dragged me past a row of small fenced in cells, each containing one very sad looking dog. When we arrived at the first empty cell, the lady two-legger removed the rope from my neck, shoved me in and locked the gate. The cell was barely large enough for me to turn around. Not believing that I would be left, I began to bark, "Help, Help!" The lady yelled, "Shut up mutt or no dinner for you!" as she quickly walked away.

I curled up on the only furnishing in the cell, a worn out, stinky burlap bag, and began to softly whimper. The day dragged on and on and I was sadder than I had ever been. After what seemed like a lifetime, it started getting dark and the mean two-legger lady shoved a bowl of tasteless dry dog food into each cell, without even stopping to give me or any of the other unlucky dogs a pat on the head. I ate a few bites but was too sad to be hungry, so curled back up on the burlap bag and fell into a fitful sleep, dreaming of happier times herding cows with my brothers and sisters.

Morning finally came and I got up and stretched, which wasn't easy considering the limited dimensions of my cell. The other dogs were waking too and began barking and yelping to welcome the new day. A two-legger at the front desk yelled "'Shut up mutts, or you'll get no breakfast!" For lack of anything better to do, I laid back down on my stinky bed, although I was so full of energy that I just wanted to run and run and run. Breakfast finally arrived and was comprised of the same tasteless dry sawdust as the night before. I ate a few bites but couldn't stomach anymore and curled back up on the foul-smelling burlap.

Later that morning, a lady two-legger slowly walked by the cells, carefully inspecting each dog. All us dogs got real excited, wagging our tails and pushing our noses towards the wire fence in hopes of a pat on the head or a kind word. When the two-legger arrived at my cell, I barked a friendly greeting, wagged my tail as hard as I could, stood up on my hind legs and leaned against the cell door, but she quickly walked on by saying 'That one is way too wild for my small apartment!' After examining each



dog, she left and came back with the mean two-legger woman and said, "'I'll take that one", while pointing to a

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little puppy with fluffy black fur. The woman opened the cage and put a rope round the puppy's neck, and handed it to the lady, who bent down and petted the silly puppy saying 'You're a cute little dog, I'll call you Fuzzy!', and with that the two-legger picked up stupid little Fuzzy and walked away. This same occurrence was repeated several times every day, and each time, the two-leggers would ignore me and pick a far lesser dog. I was sooo miserable.

After what seemed like a lifetime in my tiny cell, an old two-legger man and an old two-legger woman walked in front of my cell and stopped. By this time, I no longer got excited when two-leggers came by because they always ignored me and took a much inferior dog, so I just remained curled up on my dirty burlap sack feeling sad. The old woman said "Frank, that's got to be the saddest looking dog I've ever seen. We just have to take him home." The old man replied "Okay, but he looks like a cow dog and could be a real handful in our small yard." They walked away but came right back to my cell with a rope. I could hardly believe it! They opened my cell, put the rope around my neck and led me outside. I was beside myself with joy! Jumping up to lick the old two-leggers and barking with delight. The old man said "Settle down, boy. You're gonna knock me over!" And with that, he opened a car door, told me to get in and off we went. The old woman said "What will we call him?" "How about Fred?" replied the old man. "I had a wonderful dog named Fred when I was a young boy." The woman turned around, patted me on the head and said "What do you think of that Freddy?" If the two-leggers could understand dog language, they would have heard me bark, "No! My name is Blue!", but they couldn't and at this point I really didn't care if they called me 'Stupid' or 'Stinky' or 'Ugly', I was just soooo happy!

In a short while, we arrived in front of a small house that looked pretty much the same as all the other houses along the road. It was surrounded by a white wooden fence that was only a little bit taller than my head. We entered a gate and they told me to "Stay," while they went in the house and left me alone. I immediately began to explore my new home, running around sniffing everything. After thoroughly investigating the small yard, my exceptionally perceptive nose began to detect the presence of a cat. I hate cats and believe that it is the responsibility of every dog to do his utmost to rid the world of the sneaky little beasts. My nose led me to a fence that separated my yard from a neighbor's. I didn't hesitate at this minor obstacle and quickly jumped over in pursuit of the foul scent. I

spotted the shifty feline sitting on top of an upside-down garbage can. Racing forward, I crashed through bushes and knocked over the garbage can. The beast was nearly between my jaws when it jumped through an open window into the neighbor's house. Not to be deterred, I jumped right in after him and landed on a table beneath the window. A jar on the table shattered as the cat disappeared. An exceptionally fat two-legger man lumbered into the room shouting "What in the blazes is going on in here?" He should have been happy that I was trying my best to rid the world of the vicious cat that had invaded his home, but instead he started yelling at me. "What in tarnation are you doing in my living room!! Get out of my house now!!" and with that he opened door and kicked me in the behind as I quickly ran out. He followed me back to my two-leggers' house where he knocked loudly on the door. When Frank answered, the mean neighbor shouted "Is this your blasted dog? He just chased my cat, jumped through a window into my house and broke a very expensive vase! I should call the cops!" Frank said "Calm down Sam, I'll pay for the vase and tie the dog up so it won't happen again." With that, the neighbor stomped away, while Frank proceeded to grab my collar and drag me behind the house where he tied me up to a tree. "You're a very bad dog Freddy!" he declared as he walked away.

I had no idea why I was being punished but started to patrol the backyard as best I could, considering I was tied up and all. Well, somehow the rope kept getting shorter and shorter until I was finally right up next to the tree. I lay there sadly thinking that this was almost as bad as being in jail. How was I supposed to patrol the yard and keep the old two-leggers safe if I couldn't move? Finally, the old lady came out with bowls of food and water, which she lay down next to me. She said "Freddy, you've really got yourself in a pickle didn't you. Don't you know that you can't always walk the same way around the tree when you're tied up?" She patted me on the head, untied me, made the rope long again, tied me back up and then gave me another pat and walked away. The food was much better than the grub I got in jail, and I ate it up in no time. Having finished my meal, I proceeded to start patrolling again, but the darned magic rope kept getting shorter and shorter until I wound up right next to the tree again, not even able to reach my water bowl. This was just not right, so I started barking and after a short time Frank came out and yelled "Shut up Freddy! You've caused enough trouble today and cost us \$500 for the vase you broke! Tomorrow it's back to the pound for you!" I shivered through the cold night next to the tree, hardly sleeping at all and hoping Frank would change his mind.

Next month, Chapter 4.





**MIMBRES  
CULTURE  
HERITAGE SITE**

By Kathy Hill



## LAST MINUTE SHOPPING

For those who wish to avoid town and crowds, the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site will open the gift

shop **December 11th from 5 pm until 7:30 pm** for last minute shoppers. We will require masks and will only allow a couple of shoppers in at a time.

The gift shop has very nice gifts from local artists as well as a variety of items: jewelry, cards, books, hummingbird items, yard art, t-shirts, kid's toys, mugs, Mimbreno style dishes and mugs including old fashioned mustache mugs. We carry Mimbres design wall hangings, hummingbird flags and more. Stop by and take a look. We accept local checks, credit cards, and, as always, appreciate cash.

The Imogen F. Wilson Education Foundation at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope everyone stays well. We thank you for your support, your participation and your patience with us this challenging year of 2020. We are hoping for a healthier, happier 2021.



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If you need help this holiday season, just show up at the Roundup Lodge on Wednesday, December 16th just show up at the Roundup Lodge about 10:30 am and get in line and stay in your car. One of the volunteers will come around and sign you up.

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 10:00 am until the food is gone, boxes of food are distributed by volunteers at the Roundup Lodge on Acklin Hill Road. The December food distribution will be on Wednesday, December 16th at the Roundup Lodge.

The Mimbres Valley Health Action League sponsors this program, and they are working very hard to purchase more 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 Christmas dinner. Please come by if you need help.

If you are currently unemployed, you will probably qualify.

### 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

### 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.

Everything that is listed here is subject to the NM Governor's orders and they are constantly changing. Always check before relying on any of these postings.

**ALBERTSONS - Wednesday, December 2 - First Wednesday of the month.** Seniors 55+ get 10% off. All day.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Cancelled - maybe resumed soon,** so for more information call 515-313-4693 or 888-388-1802.

**COMMODITIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION - December 16 - (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. 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)

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**La TIENDA - NEW HOURS** Store hours and Fuel Pumps are open **9:00 am to 4:00 pm ~ La Tienda Restaurant Del Sol** is open subject to the Governor's orders so it may change during the month. All safety Covid-19 practices are observed. 575-536-3140 for the latest schedule. **Support your local Restaurant!**

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

**December 11 from 5 :00 pm to 7:30 pm** Heritage Site Gift Shop will be open for you holiday shopping needs.

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## NEW PROCEEDURES

Until further notice, you may still get Senior Lunches at the Senior Center. The building will remain closed, but you may call in your order one day in advance and pick it up at the Center between 12 noon and 12:30 pm. Drive around to the back door and stay in your vehicle and they will bring your lunch to your vehicle.

**SILVER CITY FOOD CO-OP - Food Co-op at 575-388-2343 or [www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop](http://www.silvercityfoodcoop.coop)** Open Monday - Saturday 9 am - 7 pm and Sunday 11 am to 5 pm. Don't forget to round up for local non-profits.

## SILVER CITY MUSEUM GOES DIGITAL DURING LOCKDOWN

**December 2, from 5-7pm:** "Cash Mob," a hosted online shopping event featuring 50 items from the Silver City Museum Store, on Facebook live, linked from [www.SilverCityMuseum.org](http://www.SilverCityMuseum.org) and from [www.SilverCityMainStreet.com](http://www.SilverCityMainStreet.com)

**December 7-19, weekdays:** Victorian ornament-making kits will be available for pickup on the museum porch. To arrange kit pickup please email [education@silvercitymuseum.org](mailto:education@silvercitymuseum.org) or call 575-597-0227. Please give your name, number of kits, and when you will be picking them up. At least 24 hours notice, weekday pickup only.

**December 19, 11am:** Volunteer Phyllis McQuaide will be hosting a zoom workshop that gives attendees instructions and help on how to create some of our favorite traditional holiday ornaments, such as Orange Pomanders, Foil Garland, and Gilded Walnuts. You can register and attend at [www.silvercitymuseum.org](http://www.silvercitymuseum.org) or [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_aakwBT-0QWuJkSKqCdZlQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_aakwBT-0QWuJkSKqCdZlQ).

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**December 20, 7pm:** two guest readers of Christmas Past, Mayor Ken Ladner and County Assessor Raul Turrieta, will return with bells on to read the classic "Night Before Christmas" for our biweekly, bilingual, series of bedtime stories- Storytime at the Museum. Register and attend at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_k8kSuHVNRPWWb7kOKB4IUw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k8kSuHVNRPWWb7kOKB4IUw).

**SILVER CITY VISITORS CENTER NOW OPEN FOR CURBSIDE SERVICE - Murray Ryan Visitor Center offers Curbside Service** The Silver City Murray Ryan Visitor Center is now open for curbside service. Residents and visitors can interact with staff via a video intercom system. Come to the front door, ring the bell, and have your questions answered. Staff will also gather maps and brochures that are requested and put them in a bag to be picked up outside the front door. The "Billy the Kid" cabin is also open. Visitor Center hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and 10 am to 2 pm on Sundays. Visitors and residents are encouraged to stop by or call (575) 538-5555. Residents and visitors will be reminded to wear masks and practice social distancing while visiting and shopping in Silver City.

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

A Great NM Covid-19 Resource  
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If you are like most all the people in this area, Thanksgiving was not celebrated in the usual way because most people were taking the governor's stay-at-home orders seriously.

With so many people all over the US traveling between states and gathering in large crowds, all the experts are expecting another spike in the number of Covid-19 cases in the next two weeks. If this becomes reality, this year's Christmas and New Years celebrations are not going to be much different than Thanksgiving.

On December 2, New Mexico is implementing a Covid-19 "Red to Green" system by individual counties. The New Mexico Department of Health's website features a map displaying each county's status (red, orange, yellow or green) based on COVID-19 prevalence, accessible at <http://cv.NMHealth.org>. Click on the medical and scientific Reports drop down menu and then on data-dashboard. You can view a NM map by county and color coded by status.

As of this printing, all of the counties are red. The map is updated by DOH every other Wednesday and the next update will be December 9.

## THEN AND NOW

Look closer, the sign reads: WEAR A MASK OR GO TO JAIL. Spanish flu, California 1918... 😊



In 1918, a horrific pandemic spread across the world. It affected the respiratory functions of everyone who caught it and could be spread through particles in the air - no one was safe. Sound familiar?

This picture looks as if it could be taken today. As frightening as these uncertain times can be, it is comforting to know that our ancestors have been through it all before and survived. If they can do it, we can do it.

During the pandemic of 1918 and 1919, people were asked to wear masks and keep away from one another as it was the only way to insure safety. Just like today, there were plenty of people who ignored this rule - but unlike today, some of them ended up in prison!



## Falling in Love with the Mimbres

By Grace Williams

I was walking up the Mimbres River Canyon the other day and I started thinking about all the people I have met since moving to this valley. It's been an interesting ten years, learning a different way of living other than the rush, rush of suburban life. Yes, I still drive a bit faster than some of my neighbors but have slowed down considerably, mainly so I can take a long look at the cottonwoods turning gold in the fall, let the deer get across the road or watch the last sunlight creep up the Black Range as we move to sunset.

After living here for about a year, I started looking around for a way to get involved in the community. I volunteered for the 2012 Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival and ended up working with and meeting Marilyn Markel, Kate Brown, Sonny Johnson, Anna & Mary Willhite, Nancy Coinman, LaRue Sandgren, Michael Freeman and Paula Norero to name just a few of the volunteers at that time. Kate Brown told me that the Harvest Festival was a project of a local non-profit called MVHAL, which stood for Mimbres Valley Health Action League. Well 8 years later I have been a member of MVHAL, the President for 2 years, the Treasurer for 4 years and chaired the Harvest Festival for 6 years. My time has been filled!

MVHAL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit which was founded 20 years ago for the purpose of improving the health, well-being, and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways we do that is by improving communication and social networks, increasing financial and economic stability, increasing recreation opportunities, increasing education opportunities, increasing food security, and promoting a safe and healthy environment. That's a lot to do! For the time I have been involved we have focused on these projects:

The Mimbres Messenger; producing and distributing this free neighborhood monthly paper. Mary Willhite formats, edits and writes a lot of the newsletter's content. RJ Nelson does the copying of the Messenger each month.

The Mimbres Farmers' Market, through financial support and a volunteer Market Manager and in partnership with the New Mexico Farmers' Market Association, we sponsor a weekly market for Mimbres growers to sell their produce, plants, and other food-based products. For the past three years, Bill Overholt has been the market manager.

the Annual Mimbres Valley Harvest Festival with dedicated & loyal volunteers from all over the

Mimbres; 2020 would have been the 15<sup>th</sup> festival but was cancelled this year due to Covid-19;

the Monthly Food Distribution at the Roundup Lodge, we provide the funds to purchase additional food each month in partnership with Roadrunner Food Bank. Sonny Johnson has been running this program with enthusiasm and dedication for many years.

the San Lorenzo School Children's Garden; each year we provide a grant to purchase supplies and materials to improve the garden. We are happy that Amber Shay is back again at the school and we are grateful for her efforts.

Creating and selling the annual Mimbres Valley Calendar, through generous donations of local photographers. Mitch Clinton and Mary Willhite produced the beautiful 2020 calendar. Mitch has also been an important IT advisor to MVHAL, and we have him to thank for our updated website that can be reached through [www.mvhal.org](http://www.mvhal.org).

In the near past we have provided scholarships for local students accepted into medical training programs and stipends for students to participate in sports that are not supported by the local school systems, for example, mountain bike racing and rodeo competitions.

We fundraise through selling the Mimbres Valley Calendar each year, the Harvest Festival and by participating in Give Grandly NM.

Our Board of Directors is elected by the membership for two-year terms. At this time our Board is made up of RJ Nelson, Lora Lisbon, Kathy Overholt and Grace Williams. We have an annual membership dinner in April in which we invite new and returning members to enjoy dinner and get the annual update on MVHAL. The President reviews the past year, the Treasurer reviews the finances, and we take nominations for members who would like to run for a position on the Board of Directors, then have the membership vote for any open position for the Board. To run for the Board, you must be a member in good standing.

As with all people in Grant County, this year of the pandemic has changed everything. We have continued our projects as we can. Due to changing needs, the MVHAL Board voted to do a few new supporting

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donations. At the beginning of the school year, MVHAL presented Mr. Koury, the Principal of San Lorenzo Elementary School with a check to help with preparing the school for the eventual return of students. We partnered with the Roundup Lodge Boosters Club and provided extra funding through the Anna Willhite Memorial Christmas Gift Fund for gifts to be given to all students at San Lorenzo Elementary School this Christmas. We also acted as the fiscal agent so the Roundup Lodge could benefit from the Silver City Food Coop's monthly "Roundup Your Purchase" donations, and they received a check to help with their electrical upgrade of the Lodge.

**It has been a rough year for all, but MVHAL keeps chugging along. We are now reaching out to our past members and hoping some of you readers will become new members. We were unable to have our annual membership dinner back in April and are now reaching out to invite you to join or rejoin, pay your dues. Please contact us if you have some spare time to help with our projects. Membership is just \$20 per household and \$10 for a solo and is renewable every year. You can go to our website [www.mvhal.org](http://www.mvhal.org) to join. You can also go to our website to make a donation. If you have any questions, contact Grace at 536-3687. We will get through this year as a strong community that takes care of its neighbors and reaches out when someone is in need.**

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Actually, all you need is basic computer skills. There are lots of jobs available that you can help us with. Returning phone calls and setting up appointments. Scanning documents, preparing tax returns on-line from your home just to name a few. Many of our volunteer don't prepare a tax returns. as just do one of the other jobs.

AARP provides the volunteers with computers and training.

Of course, this year it is going to be very different than in years past due to the Pandemic. Usually four or five volunteers get together at the preparation site (like the Bayard library) and work as a group preparing tax returns. You wouldn't believe how grateful our clients are.

This year many volunteers will never see any of the clients in person. AARP is still working out the details, but only a few people this year will have face to face contact with taxpayers and it will be very briefly. Most contact will be by phone and paper work. This is probably a good year to volunteer if you would like to test the waters of volunteering with the AARP. The volunteers are all great people and we have lots of fun, and it is a very rewarding volunteer job.

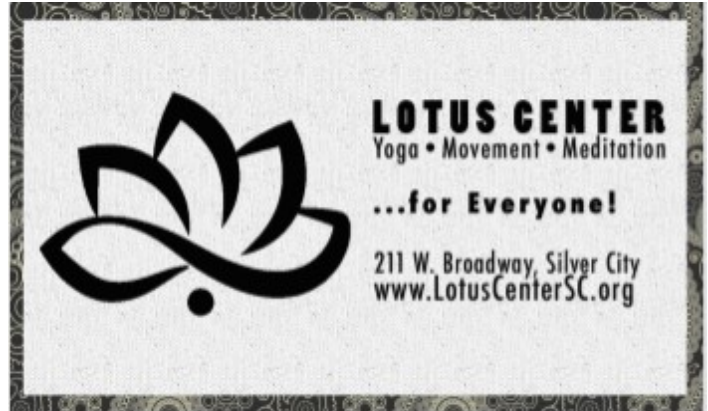
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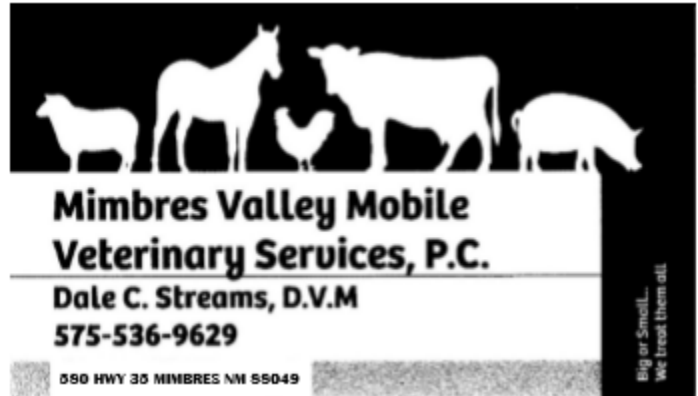
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## DECEMBER 2020

## MILK IS SERVED DAILY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
HMS Senior Centers Ena Mitchell 542-9414 Silver City 388-2545 Santa Clara 537-5254 Gila 535-2888 Mimbres 536-9990	<b>Chicken Strips</b> Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Broccoli & Carrots Bread Cookie	<b>Cheeseburger</b> Lettuce, tomato, onion & pickle Peas & Carrots Applesauce Oatmeal Cookie	<b>Chicken Fajita</b> Flour Tortilla Mixed Squash Fruit Cocktail	<b>Tuna Salad Sandwich</b> Cucumber Salad Graham Crackers Orange
7	8	9	10	11
<b>Oven Fried Chicken</b> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Spinach Roll Apple	<b>Ham Sandwich</b> Lettuce & tomato Baked Chips Carrot Sticks w/Dressing Cookie	<b>Chicken Noodle Soup</b> Mixed Veggies Biscuit Mandarin Orange	<b>Red Chili Beef Enchilada</b> Calabasitas Banana Ice cream	<b>Cajun Baked Fish</b> Rice Pilaf Broccoli Breadstick Sliced Pears & Yogurt
14	15	16	17	18
<b>Salisbury Steak</b> Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas Bread Peaches	<b>Baked Chicken</b> Egg Noodles w/Alfredo Sauce Broccoli Roll Orange	<b>Bean Burrito</b> Spanish Rice Tossed Salad Peanut Butter Cookie Apricots	<b>Green Chili Pork Stew</b> Mexicorn Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Warm Cinnamon Apples	<b>Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce</b> Italian Veggies Breadstick Apple
21	22	23	24	25
<b>Green Chili Chicken Enchilada</b> Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Strawberries	<b>Baked Ham</b> Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Apple Crisp Whole Wheat Roll	<b>Chili Relleno w/Cheese</b> Pinto Beans Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Sliced Pears		
28	29	30	31	
<b>Pizza</b> Italian Veggies Tossed Salad Orange	<b>Chili Beans w/cheese</b> Tossed Salad Cornbread Strawberries Ice Cream	<b>Turkey Sandwich</b> Lettuce & Tomato Baked Chips Carrots Sticks Apple	<b>Pork Posole</b> Calabasitas Tossed Salad Flour Tortilla Peaches	

**MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

There was some confusion last month regarding the eligibility to receive meals, especially the Thanksgiving Turkey dinner. In order to receive meals, you must be properly signed up and approved to receive meals. You must also call at least one day in advance to order your meal, particularly if you want the December 22 Christmas Ham dinner. The earlier the better!

### NEW PROCEEDURES

Until further notice, you may still get Senior Lunches at the Senior Center. The building will remain closed, but you may call in your order one day in advance and pick it up at the Center between 12 noon and 12:30 pm. Drive around to the back door and stay in your vehicle and they will bring your lunch to your vehicle. Donations of \$2 per lunch are appreciated, but not mandatory.

### SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Have all been cancelled until further notice.

For any questions about activities, please call your senior center. Activities are open to all who are age 55 plus. (Age 60+ for the nutrition program.) There are no income or residency requirements to participate in senior programs. **Donations of any amount are appreciated.**



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**San Jose Mission**  
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Third Sunday of every month  
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## LOCAL CHURCHES

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2622 Highway 35, Mimbres  
(Next to the Senior Citizen's Center)

Pastor Janet Whitmore has returned  
from retirement to replace Pastor  
Gene McPeak who moved to Abilene

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Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m.**

Mimbres United Methodist Church  
has a box on Highway 35 in which  
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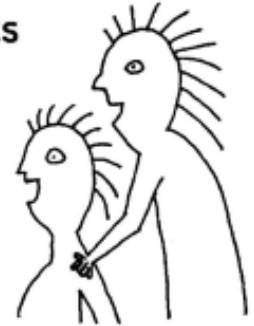
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**ACTIVITY #1 - SPOT the DIFFERENCE**

**Find the 10 differences between the 2 pictures**



**ACTIVITY #2 - WINTER WORD SCRAMBLE (Think Winter)**

1. LEKWNAFSO    2. CEILCI    3. ODWERIFO    4. LEVSOG
5. DOCL    6. ZORNEF    7. SAMRTIHCS    8. YERMR

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## UNITY UNDER FIRE

By Jaye Swoboda and  
Metta RavenHeart (Medicine Bearer)

The election is over, smoke has cleared, and the odor of a toxic campfire in our living room is fading. Replacing the latter are memories of kind neighbors in Casas Adobes and the incredible skill and thoroughness of the Upper Mimbres Valley Volunteer Fire Department who paid two visits to save our home from a “chimney fire” during the coldest night of the year so far. First and foremost—THANK YOU neighbors and firemen and women.

Metta and I moved over the last two years from Montana to the Mimbres Valley and bought a home six months ago because living on and off the road in our 112 square foot travel trailer didn’t seem wise during, what appears to be, a long haul pandemic. We have lived many years in rural Northern New Mexico and southwest Montana. We were able to purchase a home that, while possessing faults (some we were not aware of), afforded us the opportunity to meet our goal of a home base in a culturally and environmentally compatible area. We look forward to the “valley life” in a beautiful area while maintaining freedom to visit our four children scattered from Oregon to Austin.

Our unexpected house warming thankfully caused only manageable structural damage and practically no personal property damage. We also obtained an unsolicited head start on some needed remodeling thanks to the handy ax and chainsaw work of the midnight firefighters. We gained awareness that in spite of the divisive nature of political signage in our neighborhood, when crisis happens, “we come together”. No one kept track of red or blue through dense veils of smoke in that terrifying night of need. We spent a few months in Oregon this summer and were grateful NOT to be in the shoes of victims of the hellacious wildfires that left not only homes but whole communities reduced to clouds of ash and fire retardant.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks our country and the world experienced a few days of unity. The 11/9/16 election brought an almost immediate swell of divisiveness. Now, following another general election, the prospect of further and worsening animosity looms. What this fire did for Metta and I personally in terms of gratitude, humility and vulnerability is one thing. It melted the walls between us and neighbors who differ in little else than political preferences. As we clean up and repair damage, my hope is that as a community and nation we will choose to live above our beliefs and try, one act of kindness at a time, to strive for and bring to reality the unity our forefathers dreamt of and sacrificed and died for.

## ANSWERS TO ACTIVITIES ON PAGE 18

### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



### Winter Word Scramble:

1. SNOWFLAKE 2. ICICLE 3. FIREWOOD
4. GLOVES 5. COLD 6. FROZEN
7. CHRISTMAS 8. MERRY



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**Wishes everyone Happy Holidays!**

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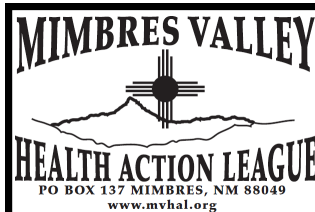
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The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways we do that is by improving communication and social networks, increasing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



Mimbres Messenger  
Farmers' Market  
Harvest Festival  
Commodities Distribution  
The San Lorenzo Children's Garden

**cancelled - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** MVHAL. Board Meeting.  
Roundup Lodge, 91 Acklin Hill Road.

**WEDNESDAY, December 16 - 11 am to 2 pm**

**Commodities Pickup** - Roundup Lodge - Volunteers needed to pack food. Please bring suitable boxes.



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