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A History of Inauguration Day

Inauguration Day is the day the President-elect is officially sworn in as the President of the United States of America. What does “inauguration” mean? Inauguration means “beginning”. Inauguration Day is steeped in history and tradition. Over the years, depending on the circumstances, much has differed. However, much has remained the same.

In 1789, the Constitution fixed March 4th as Inauguration Day, which is about 4 months after election day. The gap was needed because of the time it took to count and report votes and to travel to the nation’s capital. George Washington was the first president to be scheduled to be sworn in on March 4th. However, due to the weather and terrible road conditions, his inauguration Day was delayed by eight weeks and he was sworn in on April 30th, 1789.

The lengthy lame-duck period caused many problems. As technology advanced and reduced the time to tabulate votes and report the result, and travel to DC, such a long lame-duck period was no longer logistically necessary. As a result, the 20th Amendment (which was ratified on January 23, 1933) moved Inauguration Day to January 20th. If the 20th falls on a Sunday, then a private ceremony is usually held on Sunday and the public inauguration on the following Monday. This ten-to-11-week period gives the new incoming president time to choose a cabinet and plan for a new administration. Franklin D. Roosevelt was both the last President to be inaugurated on March 4, 1933, and the first President to be inaugurated on January 20, 1937.

In many countries, a newly elected leader takes power within a couple of weeks.. In Great Britain, it is the next day.

What is the Customary Itinerary for Inauguration Day?

Ever since 1933, when Franklin Roosevelt started his day by attending a **morning religious service**, most presidents-elect have followed suit starting their Inauguration day the same way.

Since 1801, the Presidential Inauguration takes place on the west side of the U.S. Capitol Building.

Procession to the Capitol. In 1837, President-elect, Martin Van Buren and President, Andrew Jackson started the tradition of riding together to the swearing-in ceremony. The outgoing president sits to the right of the president-elect on the trip to the Capitol. Since 1877, the vice president and vice president-elect ride to the inauguration directly behind the president and president-elect.

If President Trump refuses to attend Biden’s inauguration, you might think it would be a first, but think again. If Trump does not attend the inauguration, he will be the fourth president to snub successors’. John Adams, Andrew Johnson, and John Quincy Adams all refused to attend their successor’s inauguration. Even though there have been several other awkward transitions, it was considered poor form even back then.

- ◆ Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson were the only two presidents to walk to their inaugurations.
- ◆ Edith Wilson became the first First Lady to accompany her husband to the Capital.
- ◆ The first president-elect to ride to the inauguration in an automobile was Warren Harding.

The ceremony at the Capitol starts with **the swearing-in of the Vice President-elect**. The text of the vice-presidential oath of office is not written in the Constitution as it is for the President. The wording for the oath of office for the Vice President was set by Congress in 1884 and is used for other government officials including senators, representatives, etc.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic: that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter: So help me God."

The most important event of the day is the **swearing-in of the President**. Most of the swearing-in ceremony is not required by the Constitution, it is just tradition. The only

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

If everyone is as sick of 2020 as I am, they will probably join me in the New Year's tradition of opening the front door and sweeping out 2020 and welcoming in 2021! My husband would love to see me with a broom in my hand!

I am so hopeful that 2021 will prove to be a better year for everyone. It is going to be tough for the nation, the economy, and individuals. There will be things that will never be the same again. Some things we will miss, and other things we will probably just say good riddance.

I was having a hard time thinking of something interesting to write about for this issue of the *Messenger*, and then my husband suggested that since it was January, I should do something on Presidential Inaugurations.

I had the pleasure of being lucky to attend one inauguration in my lifetime. It was a great experience, and one of the best trips I have ever had. It was beautiful weather—sunny and only a little chilly. Just perfect for attending the swearing-in and for watching the parade and going to see the floats up close afterward. There was great positive energy all over D.C., and every person we met was smiling and in great humor.

Even though I have attended an inauguration, I realized how little I knew about the subject, so I started doing the research. I found the subject much more interesting than I had anticipated. I hope you find the inauguration facts that I included in the article as entertaining and informative as I did.

I was going through some of my “stuff” the other day, trying to weed out some of my junk, and I came across a gift I received as a teenager. One of my older friends was in politics (I think he was working for John McCormack, if anyone remembers the name) and he gave me a memento from the Presidential Inauguration in 1961. I was in grade school when John F. Kennedy was elected and he was the first President I can remem-

By Mary Willhite



ber. I don't know how much I actually remember or what I have just read. However, I decided since this issue was focusing on Inauguration Day, I would share it with you. See Page 13.

This month's **Good Neighbor Award** goes to **Hans Jaeggi and Karin Lorenz**, the proprietors of La Tienda Convenience and La Tienda Del Sol Restaurant.

The community really appreciates their fortitude and willingness to stay open (as much as the laws allow) during the long months of the Pandemic.

Like all businesses that are trying to make it through these rough times, they have been through closings, openings, part closings, part re-openings over and over. We need to realize that they can't be making any money by staying open, but they are doing it for the convenience and good of the community.

We should show our gratitude and support by patronizing the store, gas pumps, and restaurant (whenever they are open) as much as we can. And thank them for staying open. Remember what it was like in the valley when there was no gas available and all the restaurants were closing. It is much more convenient to run to La Tienda than it is to drive to Bayard or Silver City. We want to thank you for sticking with us and for being a Good Neighbor!

As of this writing, they are making a variety of burritos and homemade soup daily and you can purchase them out of the store. I have had both, and they are very, very tasty. Don't hesitate to purchase them even if you have to take them home and reheat them. They are presently open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily and we are looking forward to the reopening of the restaurant to the extent the law allows.

Happy New Year Everyone!

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Constitutional requirement for the inauguration ceremonies is that the president takes his oath of office.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

Usually, the President places his hand on a Bible and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court administers the oath of office. Neither is stipulated by the Constitution, just tradition.

There have been seven instances of "Extraordinary" Inaugurations. These are swearing-in ceremonies that occur upon the death or resignation of a sitting President, and the Vice President needs to be sworn in immediately. These impromptu inaugurations do not follow most of the usual traditions.

- ◆ James Madison was the first President to take the oath of office outdoors.
- ◆ Theodore Roosevelt didn't use a Bible for his swearing-in and John Quincy Adams and Franklin Pierce used books of law for their inaugurations. Lyndon Johnson used a Catholic missal that was found on Air Force One.
- ◆ It doesn't matter who holds the Bible. Lady Bird Johnson held the missal for her husband on Air Force One and started a tradition that all First Ladies have followed ever since.
- ◆ Calvin Coolidge's second oath was administered by the only Chief Justice who was a former President, William Howard Taft.
- ◆ Federal District Court Judge, Sarah T. Hughes was the only woman to preside over a presidential swearing-in. This was on board Air Force One at Love Field in Dallas.
- ◆ Although not part of the official oath, George Washington is credited with adding the line, "So help me God", after he finished his oath. Most Presidents have also uttered these words at the end of their oaths. Theodore Roosevelt decided to end his oath with "And thus I swear."

Have Presidential Inaugurations ever run into a few glitches?

- ◆ At Barack Obama's first inauguration, Chief Justice John Roberts stumbled over the wording of the oath, and the two men decided to do it over again the next day in the White House.

- ◆ In 1929, the inauguration was delayed for half an hour. First lady Grace Coolidge and incoming first lady Lou Henry Hoover got lost in the confusing hallways of the Capitol building on their way to the west front where the inauguration was being held.
- ◆ During John F. Kennedy's inauguration, the Lectern caught fire during Cardinal Cushing's invocation. Secret Service agents put out the fire which was caused by the electric motor used to adjust the lectern's height.
- ◆ During the oath of office of Harry S. Truman, Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone erroneously believed that "S." stood for Shipp which was Truman's mother's maiden name. He began the oath "Do you, Harry Shipp Truman..." to which Truman replied, "I Harry S. Truman..." It was also the first "extraordinary" inauguration to be photographed.

The swearing-in ceremony is followed by the **Inaugural Address**. This is usually when the President sets forth his vision, ideas, and hopes for the future of America. There have been many great inaugural addresses. Considered one of the most eloquent was given by Abraham Lincoln shortly before his assassination.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

Ronald Reagan: *How can we love our country and not love our countrymen, and loving them, reach out a hand when they fall, heal them when they are sick, and provide opportunities to make them self-sufficient so they will be equal in fact and not just in theory?*

Bill Clinton: *"There is nothing wrong with American that can't be cured by what is right with America."*

John F. Kennedy: *"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."*

- ◆ George Washington's second inaugural address was the shortest in history, 135 words.
- ◆ The longest inaugural address was more than 8,445 words long and took William Henry Harrison one hour and 45 minutes to deliver it outdoors in freezing weather wearing no overcoat, scarf, or hat. Then he spent another three hours shaking hands with admirers. He caught a cold which quickly became pneumo-

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nia and died having only served 31 days in office. He was the first president to die in office and still holds the record for the shortest term.

Once the new president and vice-president have been sworn in, **the outgoing president and first lady leave the Capitol.** Since 1977, they have departed by helicopter.

After the new president and vice-president have seen the outgoing executives leave, they return to Statuary Hall in the Capitol to **attend a luncheon** given by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Next comes **the Inaugural Parade.** After the luncheon, the new president and vice-president travel down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. President Jimmy Carter, along with his wife, Rosalyn and daughter Amy, was the first president to walk the mile from the Capitol to the White House. Every other president since then has at least walked a small portion of the route.

The first organized parade was for James Madison in 1809. Before that, there were presidential processions. In 1873, the tradition of reviewing the parade at the White House began. The President and special guests now have the pleasure of reviewing the Parade from the Presidential Reviewing Stand in front of the White House.

- ♦ The only parade that was canceled due to weather was Ronald Reagan's second inauguration because of extremely low temperatures and dangerous conditions.
- ♦ The inauguration of President Taft saw strong winds and 10 inches of snow which forced the inauguration to move indoors. However, he would not cancel the Parade. It took thousands of workers to shovel 58,000 tons of snow off the parade route.
- ♦ The largest and longest parade was held for Dwight D. Eisenhower's first Inauguration. The parade consisted of bands, floats, horses, elephants, civilians, and military and lasted four hours and 32 minutes.

Inauguration day ends with **the Inaugural Balls.** The first inaugural ball was hosted by Dolly Madison in honor of her husband's inauguration. It was held at Long's Hotel in Washington D.C. Tickets cost \$4 each and 40 tickets were sold. Almost all inauguration days since have ended with similar events.

- ♦ Franklin Pierce asked that his ball be canceled because he and his wife lost their 11-year-old son in a train accident two months prior and they were still in mourning.
- ♦ Starting with Dwight Eisenhower, the number of balls increased from two to a record high of 14 for Bill Clinton's second inauguration.
- ♦ Woodrow Wilson did not like to dance, so his inauguration had no inaugural balls.


Who pays for all these Inauguration Day Events?

Taxpayers only pay for the swearing-in ceremony. The cost of everything else is paid by private donors.

This year's Inauguration Day probably will not resemble many of the traditions described here!

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Mr. Blue's Tale

Chapter 4. Rescued at Last

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Well, if your memory is as bad as most two-leggers, let me remind you of what happened in the last chapter. I was thrown in jail for unknown reasons and suffered in a tiny cell for many long days. Finally, a couple of old two-leggers busted me out and took me to their house. While patrolling their yard, I detected the presence of a cat, which I nearly caught before it jumped through a window into the neighbor's house. I followed the evil beast through the window and got yelled at by a fat two-legger. I returned home and got yelled at again before getting tied up to a tree by a magic rope that kept getting shorter and shorter. As before, I had no idea why I was being punished instead of being praised. So, now that you're all caught up, let's get on with my story.

The next morning Frank put a short rope around my neck, shoved me into the car and drove straight back to jail. I couldn't believe it! I was such a good dog. I chased away the nasty cat and patrolled the yard as best I could under the circumstances.

Frank pulled me out of the car and dragged me back to jail, stopping at the counter to tell the cold-hearted lady, "I'm gonna have to bring this one back. He seems like a nice enough dog, but he's far too wild for me and my wife to handle. This dog doesn't belong in the city. He needs to be on a ranch." And with that, Frank turned and walked out of my life.

My old friends barked greetings as the mean two-legger woman put me back in the very same cell I had left only the day before. I listened to Frank's car drive away as I curled up on the stinky burlap bag and began to quietly whimper. The days in jail were as long and boring as they were before, with the same awful tasting food. Two-leggers would come by and inspect us dogs a couple of times a day, and as usual, I was passed by every time. Every so often, a new prisoner was dropped off to join our sad congregation of canines.

After what seemed like an eternity, a sturdy two-legger entered the jail and began inspecting the inmates. He spent considerable time in front of each cage, carefully sizing up the occupants while whispering soothing sounds. This one certainly behaved differently than most two-leggers. When he finally got to my cage, I looked up at him, but didn't wag my tail or bark a greeting, as I had learned that showing too much excitement tended to scare off two

-leggers. We stared at each other for quite some time, and then he quietly said, "Hey you, how ya doin'?" You've got to be about the saddest lookin' dog I've ever laid eyes on." With that, he left and as I watched him walk back to the counter, I felt more alone than ever. But wait! He turned around and came back with the two-legger woman at his side! Pointing to me, he said, "I think I'll take that one. Is he a Catahoula?" The woman replied "Well, he doesn't have papers, but he sure looks like one of them Catahoula dogs. Are you certain you want him? He's got a reputation as being kinda crazy. A few months ago, he went home with an elderly couple, but they brought him back the very next day telling me that he was just too durned wild. Before making up your mind, why don't you take him out back to see how you two get along." With that, the man, who I later learned was called Jake, put a rope around my neck and we walked out the door towards the back the building.



I was sooooo happy I couldn't contain myself! Once we got away from the building, I grabbed the rope in my mouth and began pulling as hard as I could. Jake laughed and said "You are a wild one!" as he pulled back as hard as he could. As the game of tug-of-war continued, I jumped up and accidentally bit Jake when all I was trying to do was get a better grip on the rope. Blood started running down his arm and I thought to myself that I had really messed up and ruined my chances of leaving with this kind two-legger. But, instead of getting mad, Jake just started laughing harder. After a short while, I messed up again and accidentally bit Jake's other arm, and now both his arms were bleeding! Jake smiled as he said. "Boy, you do have some energy, but you need to do a better job of figuring out where the rope ends and I begin!" Finally, realizing that he wasn't going to be able to beat me in tug-of-war, Jake sat down on the ground, pulled a rag out of his back pocket to mop up the blood, and looked straight into my eyes, saying "I'll probably regret it, but I'm gonna take you home with me. Now what should I call you? With eyes like yours, I think we'll have to call you Blue." I couldn't believe my ears! Jake knew my name even though we had just met! He not only liked to play, this two-legger was really smart!

Look for next month's installment.

Dispatches from a Nomad in the Mimbres Valley

By: Mungo de Grijalva

I'm on an "around the world" tour. It started on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean in California, literally on the western edge of the North American continent. For a year, I researched, planned, and developed a route, mostly by land and sea. I made and booked arrangements to travel to Europe by trains and a cargo ship. From there, my itinerary included Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands, and South America, returning to California in eighteen months. Then, the pandemic infected the world with the "zombie" virus. Asia closed. Europe closed. Africa closed. The United States closed. It was dangerous to health and life to travel by sea and air.

I made it to the Mimbres Valley in May and sheltered in place. Of the 25,000 miles of earth's equatorial circumference (distance around the world), I've traveled 1,050 miles — only 23,950 miles more! It's probably going to take longer than eighteen months? My naive expectation was that I would be here two, maybe three months. A short delay provided me the opportunity to explore New Mexico and the Southwest. New Mexico closed. Arizona and Texas became "hot spots" of the virus outbreak. Mimbres was one of the safest places (probably still is) to be hiding out from infection and illness.

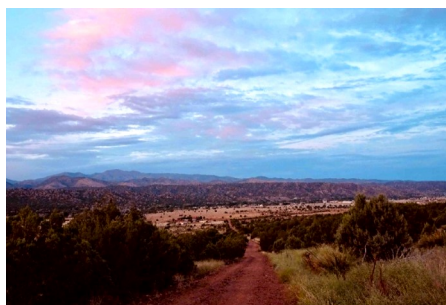
Eight months later, I'm still here enjoying the allure and grandeur of the Mimbres Valley. Worldwide, the infectious outbreak is worse now than it was in May. Much of the world is still in quarantine. I've had the good fortune to learn the value of slow travel, lingering in a place long enough to feel part of a community and begin developing a sense of the place, culture, and people.

I've discovered that the history of the Mimbres Valley is one of nomads. The ancient Mimbrenos passed through here, leaving traces that can be learned at the Mimbres Culture Center, moving on to "what's over that mountain." The Apaches, a nomadic tribe by nature, settled here, fought for their land, and were forcibly relocated. Mexican and American farmers came to plant crops and produce products to support mining operations. They relied on seasonal rains to irrigate their crops. Then the



Mungo standing on the edge of North America: 25,000 miles "east" to California

rains stopped. They stopped planting and nomadically traveled to more fertile areas where water resources were available. Many of the current residents of the Mimbres are nomads that have settled, for now, in this beautiful region. I've met wonderful people from Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Alaska, Michigan, Florida, Missouri, Utah, Montana, Oregon, California, even international nomads from England, Germany, Jamaica, Mexico, and Canada. Of course, descendants of the longtime residing families come from wanderers, pioneers, nomads who settled here. I fit right in.

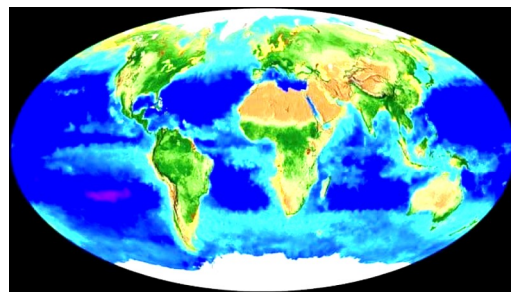


First Stop: enticing Mimbres Valley (mile 1,050)

It is very tempting to go from shelter in place to settle in place. Especially if one is traveling and having to maneuver the new risks brought by the pandemic. The Mimbres Valley and this corner of the Southwest have many desirable attractions — low cost of living, magnificent landscapes to explore, rich and ancient history to discover, warm, friendly people, a culture of spicy, flavorful foods (I love Hatch green chile!), and a stimulating diffusion and mixing of cultural practices and rituals creating something unique and inviting.

But, what lies on the other side of that mountain range? On the other side of that ocean? On the other side of that continent? What if there's a place in this ex-

expansive globe that has all the positive attributes of the Mimbres and more? I want to know. Don't you? So, when it's safe and I get the "OK" from my epidemiologist friend and expert that the risk is low and manageable; I'm back on the nomadic trail, seeking a roof over my head, food (just about anything, except "raw grubs") to enjoy and nourish my body, and ideas, histories, cultures, diverse peoples to study and learn from. For now, with my new best friend, Paco (also a nomad), the stray cat, we enjoy the safety and beauty of our mountain sanctuary in the tranquil Mimbres Valley.



Ultimate destination: Around the World (NASA map of earth)



FOREST SERVICE NEWS



Fuelwood Permits issued in 2020 expire on December 31, 2020

The Gila National Forest wishes to remind all fuelwood cutters that your tags and permits that were purchased during the 2020 calendar year expire on December 31, 2020.

2021 firewood wood permits will be available for purchase on January 4, 2021 at \$2.00/cord with a \$20.00 minimum purchase. New firewood guides and tags will be available at that time.

A downloadable copy of the 2021 fuelwood guide is available on the forest website under [Forest Products](#).

Adam Mendonca, Forest Supervisor, stated "Ensuring that fuelwood is available to our neighboring communities is a priority for the Forest. Providing this important resource will also continuing to help the agency achieve the reduction of fuels in this area".

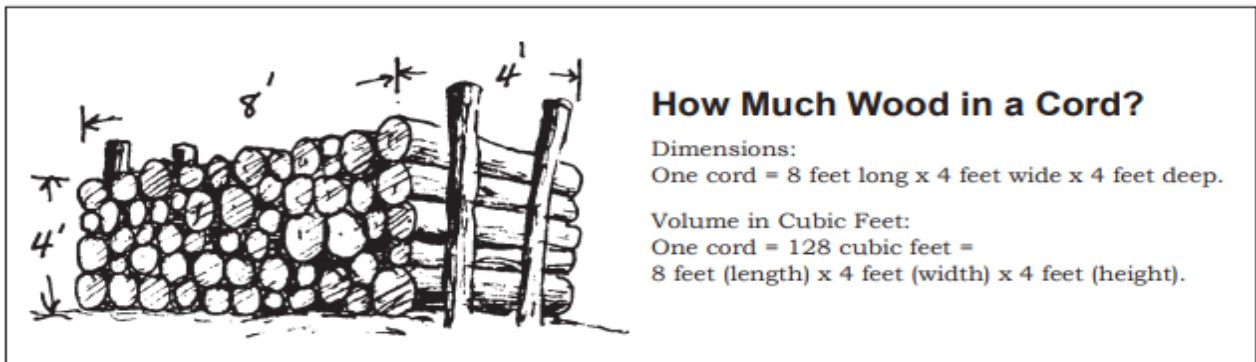
How Much Wood Do I Have?

You've been cutting most of the day, and your truck or trailer is now loaded with firewood. So, how much wood do you actually have? Here are some guidelines to help you get the amount of wood you paid for.

A 1/4-ton small pickup truck will hold 1/4 cord of wood when the load is piled up above the bed of the truck.

A 1/2-ton pickup with a short bed, or a step-side bed, will also hold 1/4 cord of wood when it is loaded to the top of the bed. All of these loads would require one 1/4-cord tag separated, notched, and attached to the load.

On average, a full bed pickup truck holds 1/2 cord of firewood when it is filled to the top of the bed. This load would require two 1/4-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.



How Much Wood in a Cord?

Dimensions:

One cord = 8 feet long x 4 feet wide x 4 feet deep.

Volume in Cubic Feet:

One cord = 128 cubic feet =

8 feet (length) x 4 feet (width) x 4 feet (height).

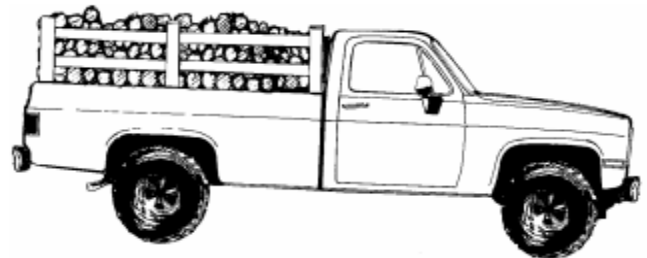
Parking at Dragonfly Trailhead

The Gila National Forest, Silver City Ranger District needs to address some issues at the parking lots at the Dragonfly Trailhead -- small passenger vehicles parking in the larger parking lot and parking too close to the gate.

There are two parking areas at the Dragonfly Trailhead. The smaller lot, which is closer to the restroom and trailhead entry point, is for small passenger vehicles. The larger parking lot is for large vehicles and horse trailer parking. The gate needs to be left unblocked so that equestrians can unload and prep horses to ride the trails.

District Ranger Beth Ihle asks that our visitors with smaller passenger vehicles park in the lot closest to the restroom and only use the larger area as an overflow parking area if the smaller lot is at capacity, and please do not block the gate.

A full bed truck with rails will hold 1 cord of wood when it is loaded level with the roof of the truck from the cab to the tailgate. This load would require four 1/4-cord tags separated, notched, and attached to the load.



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They're Back! Those Wonderful Church Bulletins!

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

Ah, there's many a slip 'twixt the mind, the fingers and the keyboard!

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered..

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM .. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

WeightWatchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:

'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.' 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏 🙏

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, January 6 - 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 - January 20- (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 web: www.desertwestauction.com phone: 575-536-9353 On Line at 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) **CALL BEFORE COMING!**

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 open subject to the Governor's orders so it may change during the month. In the meantime, you can purchase burritos and soups daily in the store. 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.

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

MIMBRES VALLEY SENIOR CENTER - LUNCH DAILY - Monday - Friday NEW HOURS—LUNCH IS NOW AT 12 NOON Reservations are requested at least one day in advance. See Page 15 for daily menu. 575-536-9990

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 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

Saturday, January 23 at 11am. Local historian Stephen Fox will present a slide lecture on the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918-19 in Grant County. Folks can register and attend at www.SilverCityMuseum.Org or at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN--0OlickQU-f-Y8noCfBTA>, or if they already have Zoom they can join Meeting ID 872 1894 7573.

SILVER CITY VISITORS The Murray Ryan Visitor Center will be closed until Grant County enters the "Yellow" stage health status. At that time the visitor center will return to curbside service. Please be safe and take care. If you have any questions please leave a message at (575) 538-5555 or send an email to Patrick Hoskins - patrick@visitsilvercity.org For more information on this, see page 12.

THREE QUESTIONS CAFÉ and LIVING HARVEST BAKERY - Highway 35 (just north of mile marker 2) -Tuesday through Saturday. 7 am - 12 pm Breakfast menu. 907-406-9313 **Support you local restaurants!**

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VALLE MIMBRES MARKET - TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; Fresh organic and local produce, groceries and more. Every Saturday 10% off all fresh produce. Credit, debit, EBT. 2739 Highway 35. 575-574-7069. **Support you local organic food store!**

WALGREENS - Tuesday, January 5 (1st Tuesday of each month) - SENIOR DISCOUNT - 10% off of items not on sale.

Museum Hosts Talk on the Spanish Flu of 1918 in Grant County

Local historian Stephen Fox will present a slide lecture on the Spanish influenza epidemic of 1918-19 in Grant County on Saturday, January 23 at 11am.

Folks can register and attend at www.SilverCityMuseum.Org or at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_--00lickQU-f-Y8noCfBTA, or if they already have Zoom they can join Meeting ID 872 1894 7573.

The story has many echoes of our current pandemic. The Spanish flu came late to Grant County, not until the first week of November. The county closed down, mandated masks, had only a few cases and deaths, and seemed to have escaped major damage until mid-December. A second wave then began, with some thirty new cases in Santa Rita alone, and lasted into the new year of 1919. Fox's research in the two Silver City newspapers of that time has turned up a possible explanation of why the second wave happened. It involves John M. Sully, the general manager of the mine at Santa Rita and of the mill at Hurley, and his daughter Ruth Sully, then a student at a school in Los Angeles.

A historian from Boston, Stephen Fox moved to Silver City with his wife, Alexandra Todd, in 2008. In recent years he has given slide lectures at the museum on "Jaime Crow in New Mexico: Mexicans and Whites in Grant County Since 1870" and on "Aldo Leopold in the Southwest, 1909-1924." He is also a member of the Silver City Museum Society's Board of Trustees.

For more information, please contact the museum at (575) 538-5921 education@silvercitymuseum.org, or visit the museum's website: www.silvercitymuseum.org

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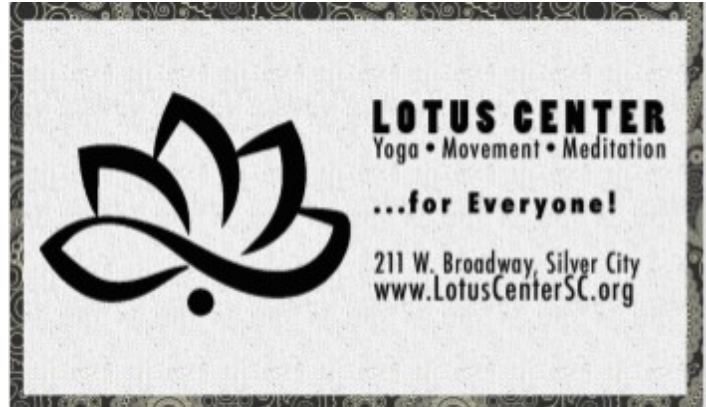
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Editor's Note: As I mentioned in the letter from the editor, this is the memento I received from a friend when I was a teenager. It is an official invitation to the Presidential Inauguration with a Program. I never asked him if he attended the Inauguration, but there were no tickets enclosed. The program consists of two more pages, but they are instruction on where to go depending on the type of ticket you have, but you already need a magnifying glass to read this as it is. Or, you can view it online at MVHAL.org and blow it up so you can read it!



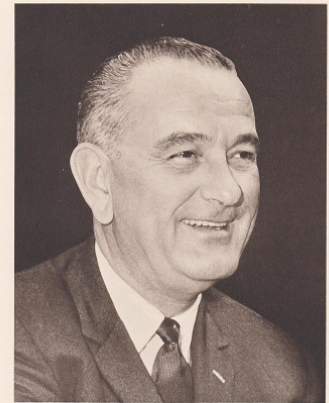
Mr. James



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January twentieth
Nineteen hundred sixty-one*

*John Sparkman, Chairman
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Charles A. Halleck,
Committee on Arrangements.*

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card of admission.*



Lyndon B. Johnson

*Inauguration
of the
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of the
United States of America*

at the National Capitol

January Twentieth

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INAUGURATION
CEREMONIES
PROGRAM

JANUARY TWENTIETH
NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

Places of Assembly

The Senate will convene in recess at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20, and proceed in a body to the President's Platform and be seated on the left of the Platform.

The House of Representatives will convene at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, January 20, and proceed in a body to the President's Platform and be seated on the right of the Platform.

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court will assemble in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, to be escorted to the President's Platform.

Members of the President's Cabinet will assemble in the President's Room to be escorted to the President's Platform.

The Governors of the States will assemble in the Marble Room to be escorted to the President's Platform.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Commandant of the Coast Guard will assemble in the Senate Reception Room to be escorted to the President's Platform.

The Ambassadors and Ministers of Foreign Countries will assemble in the Senate Reception Room, to be escorted to the President's Platform.

When these and distinguished visitors are seated at designated places on the President's Platform, the Committee on Arrangements will escort the President and the Vice President to the Inaugural Platform. Then the Committee on Arrangements will escort the President-elect and the Vice-President-elect to the Inaugural Platform.

Program

Selection by the United States Marine Band.

Invocation by His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing.

Solo by Miss Marian Anderson.

Prayer by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos.

The oath of office will be administered to the Vice President by the Honorable Sam Rayburn.

Prayer by The Reverend Dr. John Barclay.

Poem by Mr. Robert Frost.

The oath of office will be administered to the President by the Chief Justice of the United States.

Inaugural Address by the President of the United States.

Benediction by Rabbi Dr. Nelson Glueck.

The Star-Spangled Banner by the United States Marine Band.

Admission to Senate Wing and President's Platform—Automobiles

No person except Senators and former Senators will be admitted to the Senate Wing of the Capitol, or to the President's Inaugural Platform without a card signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Senate and House employees will be admitted to the Senate and House Wings of the Capitol by cards issued by the respective Sergeant at Arms.

All vehicles, except those bearing a special automobile pass, will be excluded from the Capitol Grounds until after the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Regulations for the Capitol Building

All doors of the Rotunda will be closed and passageways leading thereto will be kept clear. No person will be permitted to pass from the House Wing through the Rotunda except Members of the House of Representatives and their officers. The Members and officers will be provided with cards of admission.

The Capitol Building will be closed on the night of January 19 and kept closed until after the Inaugural ceremonies.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, the Director of Safety and the Staff Director of the Joint Committee are charged with the execution of these arrangements.


JOHN SPARKMAN, Chairman, U.S. Senate, Alabama
CARL HAYDEN, President Pro Tempore, U.S. Senate, Arizona
STYLES BRIDGES, U.S. Senate, New Hampshire
SAM RAYBURN, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Texas
JOHN McCORMACK, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, Massachusetts
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Committee on Arrangements.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

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Taco Salad Lettuce/Tomatoes Pinto Beans Banana Pudding W/Wafers	Tuna Salad Sandwich Lettuce/Tomatoes Potatoes and Brocoli Strawberries Ice Cream	Beef and Potato Burrito With Green Chile Pinto Beans Steamed Rice Pears	Spaghetti Spinach Salad Italian Veg Breadstick Yogurt	Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Corn and Peppers Orange
11	12	13	14	15
Chile Beans With Cheese Tossed Salad Cornbread Peaches	Chicken Breast Sandwich On bun with Lett/Tom Peas and Carrots Cottage Cheese Pineapple	Lasagna Spinach Salad Italian Vegetables Breadstick Apricots	Bean Burrito Spanish Rice Mixed Vegetables Grapes Cookie	Sloppy Joe Potatoe Salad Green Beans Tapioca Pudding
18	19	20	21	22
	Chicken Fajitas Steamed Rice Pinto Beans Plums	Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Coleslaw Pineapple	Lemon Garlic Tilapia Rice Pilaf Broccoli Pears	Tuna Salad Sandwich Yellow Squash with Onions and Tomatoes Peaches Cookie
25	26	27	28	29
Beef Tacos Lett/Tom/Onions Pinto Beans Spanish rice Melon	Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo Italian Vegetables Grapes Breadstick	Beef and Bean Burrito Tossed Salad Corn and Peppers Peaches	BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Potato Salad Pears Slice of Bread	Pork Posole Tossed Salad Cauliflower/Broccoli Flour Tortilla Yogurt

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 ACTIVIES

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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Mimbres United Methodist Church
has a box on Highway 35 in which
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will seek the Lord's help on behalf of
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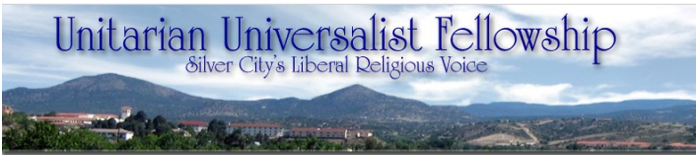
Team Kids

Grades 1 through 6 will have good news
club at the San Lorenzo Elementary
School on Mondays after school.

Youth Group

Grades 7 to 12 meet from 3 pm to 5 pm
on Sundays at the Rio Mimbres Baptist
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Palomas 2020

As part of the UU Social Justice work, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship has chosen to support the migrant shelter, Tierra del Oro, in Palomas, Mexico, less than 2 hours south of Silver City.

What started as a small shelter for asylum seekers waiting to head north, has become a transit stop that ICE and the Border Patrol use to expel 100+ detainees every night. These guests at the shelter may only stay 2-3 days but most are in dire need of food, sleep, and first aid before they decide where to go next. At last count, from March through November of 2020, five thousand guests passed through the shelter. They are hoping to connect the residents with online English classes.

At the UU building in Silver City, they have a weekly collection of supplies for the shelter every Wednesday afternoon. Bring your donations on Wednesdays, 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, to the UUFSC building at 3845 North Swan (not their mailing address) in Silver City. You will be directed to drive straight down on either side of our delivery vehicles.

HAVE YOUR DONATIONS POSITIONED IN YOUR VEHICLE SUCH THAT THE VOLUNTEERS CAN REACH THEM WITHOUT YOU GETTING OUT. They will get you unloaded, and then you can drive out easily. **PLEASE WEAR A MASK.** These supplies are transported to Deming, NM and then sent across the border by officially sanctioned individuals.



Cooking and enjoying Christmas Dinner at the Shelter.
It looks cold there!

Some of the most need items: medical supplies, specifically, Orthopedic boots, shoes and bandages; Feminine Hygiene pads; men's and women's walking shoes (up to size ten); blankets, and 40"-45" shoelaces. As for clothing, only jackets, hats and gloves at the moment, please. Ideas from the past two weeks include cup of soup mixes, coffee, masks, disposable plastic gloves, sneakers for men and women, vienna sausages, black beans and of course, blankets and warm jackets, hats and gloves.

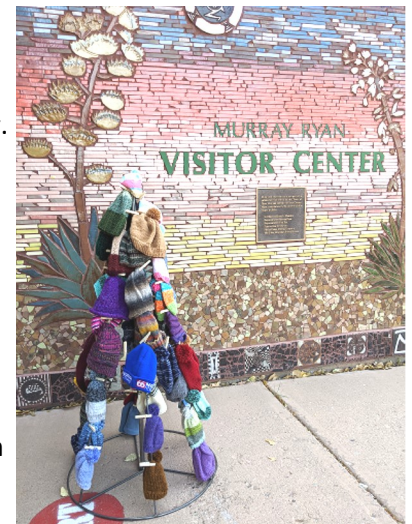
if you live in the local area and would like to receive weekly emails of the supplies that are needed most each week, you can contact Barbara Gabioud at bgabioud@gmail.com. Or, you can read the last three weekly posts on their website www.uufsc.com. Click on the Palomas 2020 link on the left side of the page.

Additional note: If you would like to help us on a collection Wednesday or be a driver to Deming, please Contact Barbara Gabioud. The generosity of our community will warm your heart.

Need a Hat, Take a Hat Program offered at the Murray Ryan Visitor Center!

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the SW Women's Fiber Art Collective, Silver City MainStreet, and the Murray Ryan Visitor Center are working together for the "Need a Hat – Take a Hat" program.

Susan Allen, a member of the SW Women's Fiber Arts Collective and a board member of Silver City MainStreet, organized area knitters to make hats for people who may need them this winter. The hats have been placed on a tree and placed in front of the Murray Ryan Visitor Center. If you need a hat this winter or know someone who does, please come by and choose a hat from the hat tree.



Hat Tree at the Murray Ryan
Visitors's Center

If you are interested in donating a hat, please leave a hat in the hat collection box in front of the Visitor Center. As always, please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Happy Holidays to all!

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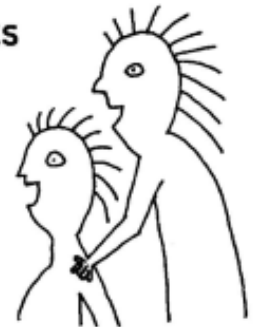
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Conejo Mimbrenño (the Mimbres Rabbit)

Says "Goodbye 2020" at the Mimbres Culture Heritage Site

by Marilyn Markel

GOODBYE 2020

it was the year of the virus; everything was shut down
 The Museum's not open, it's hard not to frown
 "Who'd a thunk?" says the Mimbres Rabbit, "It's been a strange year"
 The virus spread quickly, and is, sadly, still here
 No Christmas parties, no shared cookies, no gifts
 Some things in our lives have seen some huge shifts
 We've learned to use Zoom and have meetings from afar
 No schoolkids, no field schools, no shared trips in a car
 Conejo Mimbrenño always wears his blue mask
 He's gotten used to this socially responsible task
 If we all wear our masks and stay six feet apart
 We'll get through this together, then make a new start
 But 2020 brought wonderful things to celebrate, too
 And sometimes, some dreams actually come true
 The Mimbres Foundation had a vision to save a part of the past
 At MCHS we're helping that vision come true, finally, at last
 Way back in the seventies, that's when it began
 Now there's a new roof on the Wood House and there is a clear plan
 The mission's being fulfilled, who knows where it will lead
 Future students, future research, we've planted the seed
 Soon the Wood House will be home to a library, an archive, and more
 And a place for research and education, more than ever before
 And, there are brand new signs on the Mattocks Interpretive trail
 And MCHS had a successful, "socially distanced" fund-raiser yard sale
 And now, Science, once again, has come to the rescue
 The Mimbres rabbit believes in science, and he hopes you do, too
 Cuz, life will go on and we can all get the vaccine
 And Twenty Twenty-One may be the best year we've yet seen!



Word Scramble Activity:

Read the Poem

"Conejo Mimbrenño Says Goodbye 2020 at MCHS."

Look for a phrase we all learned in 2020.

Unscramble the letters and you will have the answer.

What is the phrase?

AICLOS SCETNAID

Answer on Page 20



**MIMBRES
CULTURE
HERITAGE SITE**



MCHS celebrates a New Roof and New Trail Signs

By Marilyn Markel

Major goals were accomplished at MCHS in 2020. There is a new roof on the historic Wood house! The new roof and the use of the Wood House will provide opportunities to expand education and interpretive programs. The Wood House, after some extensive rehabilitation, will be used as a research station and be home to a research library as well as house materials for hands-on education programs. Each summer, for decades, researchers and university field schools have been using MCHS as a base camp, a long-standing tradition. Archaeologists with the Mimbres Foundation excavated the Mattocks archaeological site in the 1970s and then purchased the property to ensure preservation of this important Mimbres Site. Those archaeologists envisioned, one day, the Mattocks site used for interpretation, and the historic houses would be used for education and research.

New Interpretive signs were recently purchased and installed on the Mattocks Site trail, thanks to the Grant County Archaeological Society and to wonderful, dedicated MCHS volunteers and supporters.

Today, the Mattocks Site is the only archaeological site with the remains of a large Mimbres pueblo that's open to the public. Visitors to MCHS generate

enough revenue, through donations and purchases at the gift shop, to pay operating costs. MCHS gets heritage tourism visitors from all over the county and world, bringing economic benefits to the Grant County community.

MCHS is doing well and, hopefully, the museum can reopen soon. Work is continuing on the Wood House. We are looking forward to the return of students and tour groups. Happy 2021!



Conejo Mimbrenño admiring the new roof on the Wood House

Checking out the new interpretive signs



Looking at the new interpretive signs and social distancing.

Mimbres Messenger

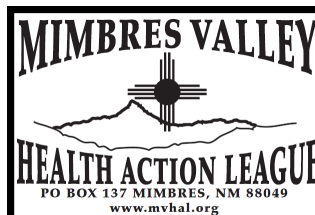
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The Mimbres Valley Health Action League was founded for the purposes of improving the health, well-being and quality of life for the people of the Mimbres region. Some of the ways we do that is by improving communication and social networks, increasing 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, January 20 - 11 am to 2 pm

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

Answer to Word Scramble Activity on Page 19: SOCIAL DISTANCE

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