

Apache Scout



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Judge Toclanny Returns to the Bench

Tribal Court

On January 3, 2017, the Hon. Harrison Toclanny returned to the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court to serve as an Associate



Judge. After the Tribal Council unanimously appointed him, he will begin his 19th year on the bench. Previously, he served as Chief Judge and he is looking forward to focusing on his docket to serve the community.

Judge Toclanny joins the Hon. Leonard Kanesevah III who is serving his second term as an Associate Judge. Together they will help Chief Judge, the Hon. Vincent

Knight, administer the daily docket. Judge Knight noted, "It is an honor to serve with an individual who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the bench. I am looking forward to working with not only Judge Toclanny but also Judge Kanesevah as well."

Previously, Judge Toclanny enjoyed his time working at the Inn's golf course. It is no secret that Judge Toclanny loves the

game of golf but felt it was a good time to return to the bench. He stated, "I look forward to improving the court working for Judge Knight and the goals he has for the court."

Judge Knight also noted that he is thankful to the Hon. Hazel Spottedbird and the Hon. Francine Kaneseh for their recent service as judges for the Mescalero Community. "Judge Spottedbird and Judge

Kanseah both served as judges admirably.” Judge Knight also commended Ms. Bessie Baca, who recently retired, for her time at the court. “It was al-

ways nice to share a laugh or two with Ms. Baca and she was an asset to the court and the staff wishes them all well in the next chapter of their lives.”

At his swearing-in ceremony, both President Danny Breuninger, and Vice-President Gabe Aguilar noted that they are excited about the direction of the court and happy that Judge Toclanny returned to the bench. For the coming year, Judge Knight stated that the court structure will be more rigid in that fines will come with deadlines, court continuances will be far and few in-between and that the Wellness Court will meet its full potential. The court staff is learning new ways to improve its overall function and all court staff set out some personal goals that they hope to achieve to improving the court system. They all look forward to serving the community.

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Left to right: President Danny Breuninger, Judge Judge Kanesewah, Judge Knight, Judge Toclanny, Vice-President Aguilar

BIA—Mescalero Agency

Recent News

Greetings!
Child Abuse and Neglect is a sensitive topic and exists in Indian Country. The Branch of Social Services receives approximately ten reports and referrals each week from Law Enforcement, local schools, the community, and from Statewide Centralized Intake.

If there is suspicion of child abuse, it must be reported immediately to one of the following;

BIA Law Enforcement - Dispatch: 575-464-4479

BIA Social Services: 575-464-4424

Statewide Centralized Intake (SCI): 800-797-3260

The following information, if known, should be reported:

1. Name(s) of the child(ren)
2. Age(s) of the child (ren)
3. Home address or address where the child can be reached.
4. Names of the parents or guardians (phone numbers)



- and addresses, if known)
- 5. Type of suspected abuse (brief summary of allegation)
- 6. Alleged perpetrator, if known
- 7. Specific physical and behavioral indicators of the maltreatment.

We request that you not interview the child; leave it to the professionals.

It is our responsibility to keep children safe and we must do our part to report suspected child abuse and neglect. Your call can be anonymous.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact BIA Social Services.

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The BIA Fire Management Program will continue its prescribed fire operations this Winter 2017 in various locations on the Mes-calero Apache Reservation. If conditions are favorable, operations may take place around the Nogal Can-

yon, Red Cabin area, and at Camp Geronimo. These prescribed burns are directly related to removing hazardous fuels from the reservation and are a follow up to mechanical treatments done in recent years. Winter months bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which favor prescribed burning. Each prescribed burn operation follows a prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the vegetation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. This information is used to decide when and where to burn. The BIA gives as much advance notice as possible before burning but some operations may be conducted on short notice.

Smoke from prescribed fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and

environmental conditions. Agencies coordinate with state and local county air pollution control districts and monitor weather conditions closely prior to prescribed fire ignition. They wait for favorable conditions that will carry smoke up and out of population areas as much as possible. Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area, to verify how effectively fuels are consumed and how smoke will travel.

Where feasible, and before prescribed fire operations are conducted, the BIA will post road signs around areas affected by prescribed fire. If you have questions or want to receive prescribed fire notifications, please call Mike Smith, Fire Management Officer, at (575) 464-4410.





Miss Mescalero 2016

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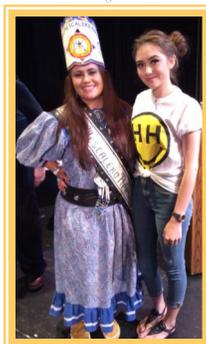
I hope this letter finds everyone in a happy and prosperous new year. I also hope you all had a wonderful Christmas filled with food, family, and happiness!

The past few months have been nothing but extremely hectic for me! I finished my first semester at NMSU in Las Cruces with a passing GPA. I spent the holidays working and enjoying my family. The holidays were fun and are always full of my favorite memories.

In November I was happy to attend the Ruidoso High school Indian Club Princess Pageant. The contestants were so knowledgeable! Jolee Chavez was crowned as the new princess and she has been doing an awesome job! We were also treated to a performance by



Khaliya Sago who was a contestant on The Voice. A few days later I attended an event that hit very close to my heart. This event was at the elderly center and honored our Veterans. I have a deep respect and admiration for all veterans. This event was so touching and brought tears to many of those in attendance including myself. I was so honored to be in the same room as many of our local veterans. I then traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada for the Indian National Finals Powwow and Rodeo. Aside from the 10-hour drive it was an awesome trip! The Powwow was amazing and there were so many talented dancers in attendance. I danced in the grand entry with Nathan Hosetoesavit who carried our tribe's sign and represented the tribe very well. After the powwow, we went to the rodeo at the South Point hotel and casino. It was an inspiring sight to see all of



the native rodeo athletes; as well as the fans. It was exciting to see Mescalero's very own JR Chino ride. I was so happy and proud of him! I wish him the best of luck in his pursuit of the gold buckle. Once I returned from Las Vegas I attended a Powwow at Ruidoso Middle School that encouraged students to speak up and say no to bullying. It was so fun to dance with the kids both native and non-native. I attended a meeting with the all Apache cultural preservation representatives sponsored by our tribal historic preservation officer Holly Houghten Comanche. At





the end of the month I took a small break and to fill my cow elk tag. It was a frustrating but rewarding hunt and I am so thankful that we are able to hunt on our reservation. December was full of stress for my finals as well as holiday hustle and bustle. Early in the month I was invited to sit on an advisory board for Mescalero's Violence Against Women Program. It is something that I included in my platform and I was so pleased to sit on the board. I am now a member and actively attend meet-



ings. I spent a day with the Historic Preservation Officer as well as other people from around the state discussing plans for the Bosque Redondo Memorial in Ft. Sumner. I am excited to see what 2017 brings for the project! As Christmas got closer and closer I attended the community toys for tots' event. It was awesome to see all the children of the community, they are bright and energetic! I also spent a couple of days with the prevention program for their winter youth camp we took a small field trip to the elderly center where we sang Christmas carols and shared lunch with the



elders. After Christmas I joined the same group on a trip to Ski Apache. We spent a full day skiing then stayed for the torch parade. It was an amazing day; the kids were naturals when it came to skiing and snowboarding. The Ski Apache staff was so nice to us as well as the people visiting I was so proud to be up

there! Ms. Tree Escalanti is doing a great job with our youth.

January has already begun and it is already full of events and excitement for the new year. I started school again, I am slowly getting closer to my bachelors degree. I have attended meetings for the Violence Against Women Program. I also was present at the Tribal Inauguration for the swearing in of four new tribal council members. I wish nothing but the best to our incoming council members. I look forward to what 2017 brings for myself both as an individual as well as Miss Mescalero. I hope to continue to provide the community with a role model and a Miss Mescalero they are proud to have. Happy New Year, and God Bless each and every one of you.



Care Center

Recent News

The residents of the Mescalero Care Center were treated to many different activities in the month of December. Numerous groups visited from the Head Start children singing Christmas carols and bringing cards and various singing groups from the local area. The spirit of Christmas shone brightly as residents families brought treats, decorations, and gifts to show their appreciation for the great care provided to their loved ones at the care center.

The care center staff did their part in making Christmas sparkle and shine with a special show for the care centers first ever "Family Night". The staff performed their very own rendition of the 1960's rendition of the "Ed Sullivan Show". It was a hilarious rendition of various singing groups of the era singing karaoke and even live perform-

ances! It was so much fun and the effort put in by the staff to make this event a memorable one was simply tremendous. The event was immortalized on tape and will be shown at various time when a good laugh is needed! This will be an annual event at the care center.

Have you ever been to an indoor parade in December? The residents of MCC were treated to one as each department took pride in making hand made floats and paraded throughout the Care Center halls singing Christmas carols with Santa leading the way in his very own sleigh! The parade ended up with everyone gathering to sing Christmas carols and wishing each other happiness and good will.

The Care Center was decorated beautifully and the spirit of Christmas will last the entire year as we



strive to make MCC a happy place to be! The residents of the Mescalero Care Center welcomed 2017 with a countdown and party. Everyone "lived it up" on snacks and non alcoholic drinks and many laughs. It was a fun time for residents, staff, and family members.



Elderly Center

Recent News

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Birthday to all of our Tribal Elders born this month. Here's wishing you a year of health and love. February is the month of love, and there is no better time to showing caring, and love for the elders in our community. A simple visit, a home chore, a home cooked meal, or a phone call can all make a difference in an elder's daily life.

Activities continue on throughout the month with our regular **Casino Days** on Monday. For those who choose not to go to the casino, we have an activity at the center. The bus will take everyone home with a stop at the casino to pick up at 1:30 and allow those who did not go to pick up their incentives.

Our **fitness classes** continue with a variety of exercise including, Tai Chi, Have a Ball Get Fit, and Fall Prevention. **Bingo** is played each Friday and **Nutrition Education** is informative and fun. **Movie Day** is once a month in Alamogordo. The program will pay for your movie and a kid's pack snack. You may drive your own vehicle and meet us at the theater or come in to the center to sign up to ride in the elderly van.

Everyone had fun learning about the Chinese New Year and the first of our four classes on Alzheimer's began. We have enjoyed music every two weeks courtesy of the **High Mesa Band**, and the jumpy tunes have inspired some dancing. Here is a picture of

Gilbert fiddlin' a tune for us.

Native American Legal Aid comes to the center every two months. A variety of topics are presented, and they stay around afterward for private consultation.

Dr. Butler from IHS partnered up with the Diabetes Program and delivered an informative presentation on Diabetic Foot Care. We were pleased to have him at our center for the hour presentation.

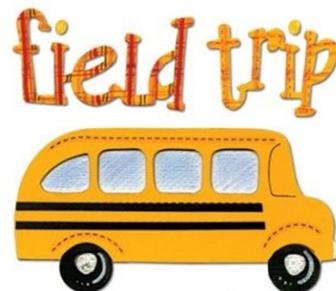


Field Trips and Travel

Elderly Center

We have been taking day trips once a month. Based on the information provided by the Elders at the Monthly Program Improvement Meeting, some great ideas have

been shared with us. Our next two day trips are to Las Cruces Farm and Ranch Museum, and 3-Rivers for a Picnic. We will have more planned throughout the month.



New Mexico Senior Olympics

Elderly Center

It's that time again! The 2017 games will be held in Albuquerque July 19-22nd. We will have a meeting on Feb 7th for those interested in competing. If you are a returning Olym-

pian, you know how much fun it is, if you are interested and want to join in, please do! The NMSO board of directors recently decided that they will no longer require local

games participation. We will begin to practice in February by working on our fitness levels, and playing some of the games indoors.

Lunch and Hours of Operation

Elderly Center

The center opens at 8:00 in the morning. We have a pot of coffee, tea, and a light breakfast of oatmeal or cold cereal with toast. Elders are welcome to come in, warm up and watch television and enjoy the company of others. Our morning activities begin at 10:00 and lunch is served at from 11:00 to Noon.



Commodity Food

Elderly Center

Each month the Elderly Program brings in commodity food from Roswell. For our community elders receiving this benefit, a reminder that your 2017 income award statements are past due. The deadline was January 19 2017, and if you perhaps failed to

bring in your award letter, you have been removed from the list. Last month we had to return half of the food boxes because incomes were not turned in. This is a Federally Funded Program and it is required that a new application is renewed and a statement of in-

come is brought into the center on a yearly basis.

If you are 60 and over and are interested in participating in this program, come into the center to fill out the application and remember to bring in a copy of your 2017 income.

Elderly Tax Day in Ruidoso

Elderly Center

The Elderly Program will be taking two trips to Ruidoso for **Tax Day**. The two days are February 9th and 23rd. If you would like to go with us, come in and sign up. We will leave the center at 12:30 to get there before the rush. Remember to bring all of your infor-

mation with you. If you would like to go on your own the free service will begin February 2nd. Dates and times for the service are Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, and Saturdays 12 Noon to 4:00 PM. The free service will run until April 15, 2017.



February 2017

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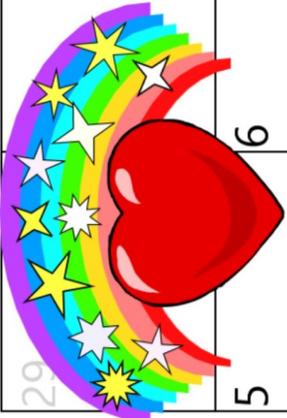
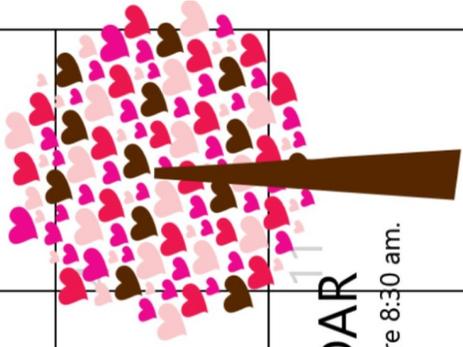
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5	6 Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Broccoli, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Plums, WW Roll	7 Green Chile Stew, Spinach, Cottage Cheese, Jell-o w/ Fruit, Fry Bread	8 Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Yellow Squash, Pineapple, WW Breast	9 Baked Chicken, Rice, Peas & Carrots, Coleslaw, Apple Crisp, WW Roll	10 Soulash, Carrots, BLT Salad, Strawberries & Bananas, Oven Bread	11
12	13 Beef Stew, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Carrots, Peaches, Oven Bread	14 Lasagna, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Jell-o w/ Fruit, WW Roll	15 Green Chile Chicken Posole, California Blend, Coleslaw, Apricots, Fry Bread	16 Tamales, Pinto Beans, Rice, Calabacitas, Salad, Pears	17 Cheeseburgers, w/ trimmings, Mixed Veggies, Potato Salad, Mandarin Orange	18
19	20 Center Closed for President's Day	21 Spaghetti, Green Beans, Carrots, Apple Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks	22 Chicken & Rice Soup, Asparagus, Cauliflower & Cheese, Fruit Mix, Crackers	23 Brisket, Potato Wedge, Coleslaw, Beets, Pears, WW Roll	24 Indian Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, Mixed Veggies, Peaches	25
26	27 Trout, Beets, Cauliflower, Mac & Cheese, Pineapple, Corn Bread	28 Ham, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Yams, Apple Pie, WW Roll	1	2		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

MESCALERO ELDERLY CENTER MENU

*Menu is subject to change without notice. Homebound meal delivery cancellations please call 46401614 before 8:30. All meals served with 1% milk. Questions? Call 464-1614

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			10:00 Fitness	10:00 Monthly Program Improvement 2017 Travel Planning	10:00 Bingo 1:00 Town Day	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Fitness 1:00 New Mexico Senior Olympics Meeting	10:00 Seasonal Crafting	10:00 Seasonal Crafting High Mesa Band 1:00 Tax Day Ruidoso	10:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Day in Alamo	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Nutrition Education with Kelly	10:00 Fitness	10:00 Popcorn and a Movie at the Center "Young at Heart"		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Center Closed for President's Day	10:00 Fitness	9:00 Field Trip and Picnic 3-Rivers	10:00 Native American Legal Aid High Mesa Band 1:00 Tax Day Ruidoso	10:00 Bingo	
26	27	28	1	2	3	
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MESCALERO ELDERLY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES CALENDAR						
Calendar is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call 454-1614. Daily Transportation please call before 8:30 am.						

Making the Best Better

Mescalero 4-H, Ruth Wold—Organizational Leader

“Making the Best Better” is the national 4-H motto and here in Mescalero, we are just getting started! We currently have 6 enrolled members and are always welcoming more! 4-H is a national youth development program that strives to empower and encourage members as they participate in projects throughout the year.

The Mescalero community is most familiar with the Livestock Program because in the past, Mescalero Youth raised and showed cattle at the Otero County Fair. In the last three years, Mescalero has been represented at the Otero County Fair again. Last year, 4 members showed Goats, Swine, a Steer, and a Heifer project.

But Livestock isn't the only project members can participate in. 4-H offers more than 100 opportunities in projects such as: photography, gardening,

range management, forestry, sewing, cooking and baking, rock-etry, shooting sports, archery, food preservation and many, many more! Some projects require a longer-term commitment and a larger financial investment, the livestock projects for example.

Others can be completed in short amount of time with minimal investment, you can complete part of the cooking project in an afternoon with items already found in the home. Mescalero 4-H Club Leaders will work with members to find out what project interests will work best for each family. For some projects, financial assistance may be available. In our local club, we have enrolled leaders for the Livestock and Gardening projects, but there are opportunities available county-wide for other projects, such as Shooting Sports and

Sewing opportunities and will work with our members to help them complete and enjoy their selected projects. Otero County encourages all new members to sign up for the Welcome to New Mexico 4-H project, this project helps introduce new members and their families to the 4-H experience. The skills learned by youth from these projects are life-long and have helped generations of 4-Hers succeed long after their 4-H experience is over.

Mescalero 4-H meetings are the first Monday of every month, 6:00 PM, in the Youth Development offices. We start enrolling members at age 5 and you can be a 4-H member until age 18. We are always enrolling. Members enrolled before February 1st can participate in county, district and state wide 4-H events and competitions, but members



enrolled after are still able to participate and complete projects at the county level in the open divisions. We encourage interested youth and their families to join us. If transportation is needed, we can plan if notified in advance. We are also always looking for Project Leaders! Leaders don't have to be experts in project, but have a passion for it

and teaching the kids. The more Project Leaders we have in the local community, the more opportunities we can provide for our local youth. Training for leaders is available at no cost and prospective Leaders just need to fill out an application that includes a background check. Youth and Leader Enrollment forms are available from both

Ruth Wold or at the Youth Development Office. If you have any questions regarding Mescalero 4-H, please feel free to call our Organizational Leader, Ruth Wold at 464-4703 or email at drrcc03@live.com. You can also keep informed of our activities on Facebook on our page, "Mescalero 4-H Club-Mescalero, NM"

Mescalero Dental Clinic

Emergency / Walk-In Schedule

SIGN IN @ 745 AM MON-FRI (575) 464-3832

February 01, 2017	1 pm—Emergencies	February 15, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies
February 02, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 16, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
February 03, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 17, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
February 06, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 20, 2017	** HOLIDAY **
February 07, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 21, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
February 08, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies	February 22, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies
February 09, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 23, 2017	8 pm - Emergencies
February 10, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 24, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
February 13, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 27, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
February 14, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	February 28, 2017	8 am - Emergencies



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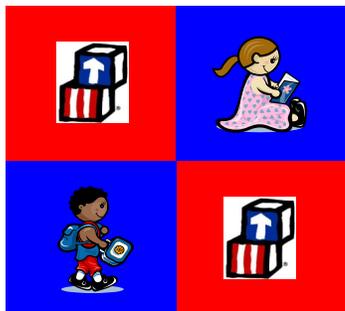
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Homework Snack Indian Tacos (big Kids) Little Kids outside activity	2 Homework Snack Jarret- Apache Lesson (big Kids) Little Kids crafts	3 Homework Snacks Jarret- Apache lesson (little Kids) Big Kids crafts
6 Homework Snacks Outside activities	7 Homework Snack Craft- valentines pillows	8 Homework Indian Tacos (Tufie Kids) Outside activity	9 Homework Snacks Valentines crafts	10 Homework Snacks Outside activities
13 Homework Snacks Dean- Science lesson (big Kids) Little Kids outside activities	14 Happy Valentines Day Valentines Party	15 Homework Snack Movie	16 Homework Snacks Malcolm math activity (little Kids) Big Kids outside activity	17 Homework Snacks Dean-Science Lesson (little Kids) Big Kids Movie
20 CLOSED PRESIDENTS DAY	21 Homework Snacks Malcolm Math activity (big Kids) Little Kids outside activity	22 Homework snack Indian Tacos (Little Kids) Big Kids outside activity	23 Homework Snacks Jarret- Apache Lesson (Big Kids) Little Kids outside activity	24 Homework Monthly Birthday Party
27 Homework Snacks Jarret- Apache lesson game	28 Homework Snacks Art room	 Youth Development Program 148 Cottonwood Dr. Mescalero NM 88340 Office #: 575-464-0648		

Calendar subject to change.

After School Youth Program

Program Information

Mescalero Head Start Program



Our program has two sites; the Mescalero Site which serves the western side of the reservation, and the Carrizo site which serves the Eastern side of the reservation. We are a federally funded program that provides comprehensive services for families living in Mescalero. We hope to strengthen the overall quality of the family and to help children between the ages of 3

to 5 years old develop to their fullest potential.

We operate five days-a-week with full sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., except on Wednesdays, which are 1/2 days. The teachers are required to make three Home Visits and two Parent/Teacher Conferences during the school year.

Our Head Start program, with the help of other tribal programs and agencies provide a range of individualized services in the area of education and early childhood development, including; medical, dental, mental

health, and nutritional services.

Enrollment packets can be picked up for either of our sites. Along with your child’s enrollment packet, the following documents you will also be needed: Birth Certificate, Certificate of Indian Blood ((if applicable), Income Verification (W-2, or the two most recent check stubs), Social Security Card, Medicaid Card, and Custody Papers (if applicable). Call 464-9183 for if you have any questions.

Please call if you have any questions. 464-9183 or 464-3492.



Santa Visit

Mescalero Head Start Program

Before the children left for Christmas Break, they got to enjoy their Christmas Parties in their classrooms and a visit from Santa.

As Santa arrived, they

sang, “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer” for him. Afterwards, a few children whispered in his ears what they would have liked

for Christmas.

A huge thank you to the Mescalero Fire Rescue Team and the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino.



2nd Quarter Mescalero Elementary Awards

October 10, 2016 - December 20, 2016

Superintendent Awards

Isiah Comanche	Randie Chimal	Hendrick Alvada
Travien Comanche	Genevieve Evans	Eric LeBeau
Kansas Martinez	Junior Mendez	Jade Chavez
Liliana Martinez	Leoryana Peralto	Shanna Cochise
Ryan Morgan	Darian Valdez	Gillian Morgan
Nehemiah Sago	Railey Blake	Cody Rice
Faithlynn Torres	Audrina Reynolds	Gracyn Courtney
Abrina Chee	Noah Rice	Christian Little
Isabel Salas	Jade Stewart	Emerald Comanche
Audrianna Valdez	Daniel Yuzos	Halee Williams
Christina Venego	Lameul Ahidley-	Caydence Palmer
Davanae Marden	Castillo	Arliyana Chee
Taylynn Ahidley	Niles Cajé	Talana Carrillo
Keri Ahidley	Lairah Comanche	Oliyah Guerrero
Leda Bob	Ellie Gallerito	Tyler Morgan
Damien Valdez	Dionna Bob	Miley Cojo
Madison Blake	Seaven Martinez	Tamree Marden
Herman Chimal	Darrius Cupit	Kairah Shanta
	Tashmire Herrera	

2nd Quarter Mescalero Elementary Awards

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Principal Awards

Gaberiel Bigmouth	Starla Gerber	Hewwauney Wilson
Kylena Chino	Larren Kayitah	Sanoe Whitewater
Sammie Mendez	Rueben Rocha	Felix Poncho
Ileana Rice	Kole Hicks	Chavonne Valdez
Virginia Kaydahzinne	Mystery Forte	Nora Espinoza
Miles Gallerito	Ania Marrujo	Weakeah Hoahwah
Lorelie Comanche	Tommia Trujillo	Zoey Klinekole
Dolton McFadden	Laramy Ortega	Marlee Chino
Raycelia Mendez	Erikai Skin	Ariel Pinal
Eustin Chino	Lakai Whitewater	Ferron Big Hunter

Kaylyn Chino	Anthony Yuzos	Kaylionna Rocha
Shammah Gallardo	Makayla Apachito	Shayla Apachito
Zoe Patton	Jesiah Enjady	Bridgette Blake
Felicity Pino	Michelle Forte	Maddox Cantrell
Ashlynn Rocha	Angel Kanseah	Natalie Padilla
Jaleria Cajé	Chenoah Vigil	Stephie Prins
Kelsey Dictson	Molly Pena	Chanden Pena-Gallardo
Michael Dominguez	Ahleena Kinzhuma	Kayliah Ahidley
Tianna Lyons	Haleigh Shendo	Jasmine Apache
Kyra Smith	Shaodyn LaPaz	MaKayla Rocha
Laurdis Sundayman	Sophia Casares	Angel Shanta
Anaiah-Rae Trujillo	Paisley Pike	
	Julian Mendez	

2nd Quarter Mescalero Elementary Awards

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Honor Roll Awards

Nevaeh Valdez	Cheyenne Duffy	Chasity Herrera
Carla Carrillo	Shiah Klinekole	Brian Morgan
Melanie Comanche	Kaylor Pena-Cavazone	Donte' Vicente,
Symiah Gonzales	Natasha Chee	Angelo Rocha
Skyler Rice	Forrest Cochise	Angel Kanseah
Jason Wilson	Kyle Comanche	Eugene Hewgley

2nd Quarter Mescalero Elementary Awards

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“Chief”ment Award

Daverian Shendo	Emilio Atole	Jonah Kaydahzinne
Ishlow Magoosh	Colton Choneska	Uriah Moya
Issman Shanta	Sanannah Hopson	Orie Peralto
Acacia Garcia	Abigail Botella	

Way to go students!

Eric Bell’s new book “Tribal Anthology” is a suspenseful, enlightening page-turner that delves into the psyche of fear and the significance of ancestry

Eric Bell, full-blooded Apache, half Chiricahua from Mescalero, New Mexico; half San Carlos from Arizona, devoted writer and author, has completed his new book “Tribal Anthology”: a gripping and potent story of growing-up, learning from the past and surviving the odds. Follow along as a group of teens learn from legends and traditions.

Published by New York City-based Page Publishing, Eric Bell’s passionately crafted work portrays the beauty of life, friendship and culture.

A group of teenage friends encounter tribal legends from stories told through generations of their people from long ago to present day. They spend a summer of fun

and excitement . It then leads to fear and death, but they learn a lesson about humanity and tradition.

Readers who wish to experience this coming-of-age work can purchase “Tribal Anthology” at bookstore everywhere, or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, Google Play, or Barnes and Noble.

Free Home Repair!

MAHA

Mescalero Apache Tribe-Housing Department is working in partnership with the Mescalero School and “Group Work Camps” to bring over 200-300 youth from across the country to Mescalero to help elderly, low- income and disabled families with home repairs. Work Camps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in Christian faith through service. During the summer of

2017, individuals and youth will spend one week in our community performing hands-on home-repair projects. The work at each home will be done by 5 young people, and at least one adult leader, representing many Christian denominations. Eligible repair projects may include:

1. Deck repair/construction
2. Wheelchair ramp repair/construction

3. Step repair
4. Mobile home skirting
5. Exterior painting
6. Weatherization
7. Interior painting

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households!

To learn how your home might be included, please contact the Mescalero Apache Tribe-Housing Department at 575-464-9238 or 575-464-9245.

Deadline to submit application: March 3rd, 2017!

Religion

Apache Assembly of God

Pastor Gary Dorsey

As we have entered into a brand new year, Bonnie and I wish you the greatest and most prosperous year ever. Setting our goals and dreams for this year must be a priority knowing that the most important goal for 2017 is to love and please God with all your heart, soul and mind. There is this feeling in the air that is accompanied by the word “Change”. But don’t be afraid of change as it can be an adventure. Last year (2016) will not be as this year, as you allow God to unfold to you His immense love and goodness. The way we allow God to do this is to receive His Love and goodness as we seek Him first and foremost in our lives. The path you are walking is a path you have never walked before, but never fear for He

is leading you into paths of righteousness. If you want something in your life you never had, you will have to do something you have never done. This will take diligence and discipline, for remember, discipline determines destiny. Change is never easy. You fight to hold on and you fight to let go. People can change. They usually don’t because they feel it’s easier not to. We are always waiting for our life to begin like thinking we’ll be someone else someday. But what are we waiting for? All we have is now. I must say I am excited what God has in store for us. Remember, however, obedience to His Word is the key. He has commanded us to honor and obey His Holy Word and never veer to the right hand or to the left; then He

says we will find success in whatever we do. How simple those instructions.

Are you setting goals for 2017 according to the will of God? I must say I am doing my best to do exactly that. 2017 is going to be a year of change and progress. Start planning now how you are going to make a difference this year, but make sure you put God first and let Him guide you. “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”. Prov. 19:21. “In their hearts. Humans plan their course, but the lord establishes their steps”. Prov. 16:9. Some of us may have failed this past year in some way, but we don’t wallow in our failures in self-pity. Instead, we get up,

keep moving forward and say, I did something that didn't work, so I will try again. On Thomas Edison's 1001st try to invent the light bulb, he succeeded. He never gave up. So start planning now with God at your side. You cannot and must not leave Him out of the equation. Set your

goals and dreams. Your ship must have a destination. But without goals and dreams, you are like a ship without a rudder, without a compass, without a sail and without an anchor. And what kind of ship is that, I might ask? One that is doomed to disaster. Don't be a drifter or a

tumbling tumbleweed. We live in a world of anything goes or do whatever feels good for the moment. But sooner or later we pay. God bless you as you reach for your dreams in 2017. You are special and you are loved.

Mescalero Reformed Church

Theophilus by Pastor Mark

For many of you growing up in a small town it's natural to know everyone. However, what does that mean? Sure, we might know where people live and what folks do for a job and maybe even what their kids do, but do we truly know them and have we really spent the time to get to know one another? Growing up in Iowa, my family lived in a light brown house with a long drive way and creaky cabinet doors, just a few blocks north and east of my home

church that was on Albany Avenue. Even in my youth, I knew the basic layout of our neighborhood. I knew the Boonstra family that lived next door, and my uncle and aunt lived a few doors east of us, while the Ekdom's lived a couple of houses to the west. The Van Wyk's lived across the street and around the corner was the Van Peursem family (don't you love these Dutch names?). I even knew all the houses that gave out the best treats on

Halloween.

But did I really know the people around me? Did I spend the time to get to know them on a more than candy-level basis? I don't mean snooping to know their secrets or their deepest darkest fears, but rather did I know them in a sense that I could care for them? Did I invest in that community of people?

I think these same questions can be asked of us today. Are we invested in our communities? Do we genuinely care for the peo-

ple around us? As we approach the beginning of the season of Lent, let us remind ourselves of the importance of community and friendship. The Gospel of Luke begins with these words: "I too have decided ... to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:3). In other words, somehow and somehow a servant named Theophilus (which actually means Friend of God) came to love the Lord, and now Luke intends to continue Theophilus' spiritual growth for the Lord by writing an orderly account to him. Is there a Theophilus in your life? Is there someone in your circle of influence that you might want to intentionally care for a bit more? Someone who might need prayer? Someone who might need a shoulder to cry on? Or maybe someone who just needs a friend? Christian Theologian C.S. Lewis once

said, "If I had one piece of advice to give to young people it would be to do all that they can to live near their friends." As you work, play, and fellowship with one another be mindful of those whom you share community with.

In this upcoming Lenten season as we are reflecting, fasting, and preparing for Easter Sunday, it is my hope and prayer that the Lord might open our eyes to the Theophilus' in our lives so that we might be called deeper into the love of God and neighbor.

Please know that you are always welcome to Mescalero Reformed Church as our arms (and our doors) are open to you if you are looking for a church home or just want to come visit.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark Vellinga

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### Church Facebook

page!

Our web site is under construction at <http://mescalerorc.reformedchurches.org>

Email us at [mescalerorc@yahoo.com](mailto:mescalerorc@yahoo.com) or [mescalerorc@gmail.com](mailto:mescalerorc@gmail.com)

### Sunday Services

9:30 - Sunday School for Children and Adults

10:40 - Worship

### Opportunities for Fellowship and Encouragement

Men's Bible Study - second and fourth Thursday's of each month at 6:00 pm in the church basement.

Women's Bible Study - first and third Tuesday's of each month at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Women's Gathering - every Wednesday at 9:00 am in the church basement.

Youth Group for Middle and High School - Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Call Clara (973-3281) or Mark (464-4471) if you need a ride or have questions.

Family Fun Night - every third Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm. Invite friends and if you can and bring snacks to share!

Kids' Club after-school program for 1st-5th grade students will meet every Thursday at 3:30 pm in the church basement. Come for a fun time of playing, praying, singing, and crafts.

## Tribal Maintenance Department

*Weekly On-Call Schedule Feb. 6–March 5, 2017*

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| <p><b>February 6–12:</b><br/>Marlin Palmer &amp; Carl Mangas (Primary Team), Patrick LaPaz &amp; Nedward Mangas (Secondary Team)</p> <p><b>February 13–19:</b><br/>Patrick LaPaz &amp; Nedward Mangas (Primary Team), Raymond Martinez, Jr. &amp; Phillip Pike (Secondary Team)</p> <p><b>February 20–26:</b><br/>Raymond Martinez, Jr. &amp; William Mendez</p> | <p>(Primary Team), Darrell Valdez, Jr. &amp; Phillip Pike (Secondary Team)</p> <p><b>February 27–March 5:</b> Darrell Valdez, Jr. &amp; Phillip Pike (Primary Team), Maynard Mendez &amp; Nevin Kasero (Secondary Team)</p> <p>The Mescalero Apache Tribal Maintenance Department will only respond to emergency</p> | <p>work orders after business hours and weekends. <u>Emergency Work Orders consist of water, sewer, gas, and electrical issues.</u> All other work order will be addressed during regular business, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After hour and weekend work order request please call (575) 937-3714 or (575) 937 1190.</p> |
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## Upcoming closure on U.S. 82 near High Rolls, Otero County

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| <p><b>High Rolls</b> - the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) will begin emergency repair work on U.S. 82 at mile marker 10 in Otero County east of High Rolls. this work included the removal and replacement of</p> | <p>the subgrade base material, install drainage pipes, backfill excavation, and replacement pavement.</p> <p>the work is expected to start Monday, February 6 at 7:00 a.m., the U.S 82 corridor between Cloudcroft and High Rolls will be CLOSED. During the closure local traffic case use U.S. 70 and N.M 244. Motorists will see detour signs an-</p> | <p>nouncing the closure to allow residents, business, and drivers time to prepare alternate routes. U.S. 82 is expected to open Friday, February 10th, weather permitting.</p> <p>Updates on this project will be posted on the New Mexico Department of Transportation’s road conditions website, <a href="http://www.nmroads.com">www.nmroads.com</a></p> |
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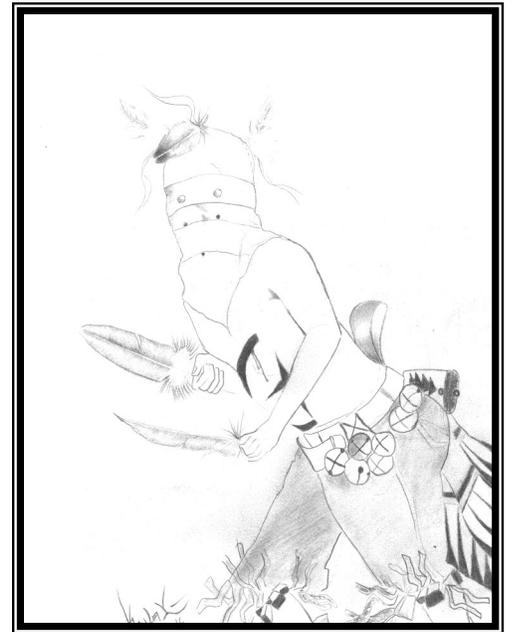


*Birthdays  
of the  
Month*

**EMERALD COMANCHE**  
**ARLIYANA CHEE**  
**DALEFINO CASTILLO**  
**MADISON CHEE**

**FEBRUARY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY from the  
Youth Development Program



February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
to our Son,  
Francis "ISAAH" C. Lester  
We love you &  
thank the Lord for you!!  
You are truly a  
blessing to us!  
Love Mom & Dad

February 28<sup>th</sup>  
Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
To our Grandson,  
Nehemiah "Nemo" G. Sago  
Many, many, blessings to you Nemo!  
Gramma & Papa  
Love you! ☺

*Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday*

**Camelia R. Duran!**  
**02/28/2017**

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