



Apache Scout



Mescalero Apache High School Named New Mexico State Winner in National STEM Competition from Samsung

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Heading picture: Cow Camp cattle on a cold day during feeding time.

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Selected from thousands of entries nationwide, Mescalero Apache High School in Mescalero has been named a New Mexico State Winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest for its proposed plan to address



Apache language conservation.

The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest encourages teachers and students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Mescalero Apache High School is among the nation's 100 State Winners (representing all 50 states) and will receive \$15,000 in technology for its

achievement. In addition, the school will receive a Samsung video kit to create and submit a three-minute video that showcases their project development and how it addresses the issue. The video will be used for the chance to advance to the next phase of the contest and win additional prizes and educational opportunities.

"Samsung is extremely proud of the evolution

of the Solve for Tomorrow platform over the past 10 years: fueling students' passion and curiosity to tackle issues that affect their communities in unexpected and creative ways," said Ann Woo, Senior Director of Corporate Citizenship at Samsung Electronics America. "Reading the innovative proposals students and teachers have put forth this year exemplifies what we know to be true for every student -

that young minds have just as much to teach as they do to learn. Our guiding citizenship vision is ‘Enabling People,’ and we are thrilled to celebrate another year of empowering future innovators to achieve their full potential through STEM learning.”

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest named three State Winners within New Mexico, they are:

1. Mescalero Apache High School in Mescalero; Teacher Nate Raynor and his students
2. Ojo Amarillo Elementary School in Fruitland; Teacher Adriane Jopek and her students
3. Taos Academy in

Taos; Teacher Laura Tenorio and her students

Project Overview: Mescalero Apache High School

Local Issue: In the Apache community, tradition is very important and conserving the language is the biggest concern of the elderly.

Proposed Project: Using coding and robotics, translate the Apache language and teach the Apache youth to help keep the language alive.

Contest Phases

All 100 State Winners will work on their projects and submit their three-minute video in hopes of advancing in the contest’s remaining phases. 20 National

Finalist schools will be selected to travel to the final event in the spring where they will present their project to a panel of judges. For achieving National Finalist status, schools will be awarded in total \$50,000 in technology and classroom materials. Five grand prize National Winner schools will receive in total \$100,000 in technology and classroom materials, and participate in a trip to Washington, D.C. to present their projects to members of Congress. Public voting will also determine one Community Choice winner from the pool of National Finalists, who will be eligible to win an additional \$10,000 in Samsung technology.

Greetings,

*The Tularosa Middle School
Native Hope Club would like
to thank, Ms. June Shaw for
coming down to our school,
and teach us Apache, we
always look forward to seeing
you.*

'Ixehe, Thank You,

Jadellyn R. Olivas



Rachel Lester

Kaeden L.

Ramona Gallardo
CMS.

Ya boi

Jacob
Cepantes



Rosemary Gallardo II

Lord Farquar a.k.a
Trinity Coughlin



Tularosa Middle School 2019 Fall Semester AB Honor Roll

7th Grade

Nevaeh Cajé
Seth Kazhe
Jadellyn Robinson-Olivas

8th Grade

Nevaeh Apachito
Katherine Cavazone
Eliza Daklugie
Danae Evans
Hadley Hathcock
Julian Mendez
Maddison Parker

Excellent!



Youth Development

Recent News

Girl Scouts

 For the month of December, we had girl scouts' meetings every other week December 5th and 29th during those meetings the girls worked on their project's that they were selected to do on the first girl scout meeting of December. The projects are intended to help the girls learn finance skills, leadership skills, learn about themselves, and be engaged in their com-

munity. Starting the month of January, the Girl Scouts' meetings will be every Thursday of the month with the first meeting starting January 9th, then 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We are still recruiting all Daisy, Junior, Seniors, Brownies, Ambassadors, & Cadette. Kids under 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Transportation will be provided for all ages. If you have any questions, please fill free

to contact any of the staff @ 575 464 0648.

4-H Afterschool Club

 The 4-H Afterschool Club planned the following projects for the month of January: quilting, wildlife, knitting and weight lifting training. For quilting they learned how to sew a pillow case. The knitting project will teach the youth the basic skills of knowing how to knit. They learned about anat-

my and physiology of weight training such as the types of muscles and types of the skeletal muscles for the weight training. They learned about what kind of wildlife New Mexico has and in what areas the animals are located. We also had a Conservation Officer come in a show them some of the animals they have. The 4-H club also took a field trip to the Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Roswell, NM.

For the month of February, the 4-H program will be learning about the following things. They will learn about baking so they will be making plain muffins, learn about bully free classroom so they will learn tips and strategies. And jumping into food and fitness so they will get tips and information on good eating and simple exercise age appropriate. Also, they will learn about Forestry (trees) so we may plan for someone to come talk to them about the different trees and how to tell how old they are. Our goal for the club is to keep them more active with the 4-H county council when they have meetings or

field trips. We are accepting new members and welcome all ages to the 4-H After-school Club! Please contact us for more information.

Traditional Classes



Youth Development is now holding traditional/life skill classes every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.! These new classes are open to all ages. Youth younger than 8 need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. All materials for these classes will be provided unless otherwise notified. We kicked off the classes with a basic apron class. Our next class will be tobacco bags on Jan. 21. We are wrapping up the month of January with a family story night. Snacks, refreshments and transportation are provided. Keep your eyes out for our February calendar and contact Youth Development to sign up (575) 464-0648!

Thank you and have a blessed NEW YEAR!
Youth Development Staff,

Krystal Enjady
Starlynn Apachito
Samantha Wiley

3-E's EDUCATION EXPERIENCE EMPLOYMENT





From the Office of the President

January 17, 2020

Dear Tribal Members:

Greetings! This is the first of many letters that I plan to send during my term as Tribal President. As I mentioned at Tribal Inauguration, open communication and transparency are two of my biggest priorities.

I want to introduce our new Tribal Administrator Loren Gallerito and Senior Advisor Diana Fuller-Belin. Mr. Gallerito and Ms. Fuller are both Tribal Members with excellent experience and skills. I am also excited to report that Nelva Cervantes, *esq.*, a Tribal Member, took on the role of in-house General Counsel for the Tribe on January 1st. Prior to taking her new position, she worked as an attorney for the Tribe for almost fifteen years. Please take time to welcome them in their new roles.

I also want to express my excitement to be working with Vice-President Eddie Martinez and the new Tribal Council. I believe we are all committed to working together to make positive changes for the community.

Finally, thank you for your congratulations and prayers; I am grateful for your trust and support.

Sincerely,
Gabe Aguilar
President

February 2020

**BARBIE JOHNSON
GORDON SHENDO
TROY ANTONIO**

**EXERCISE AND EAT
RIGHT!**

MESCALERO HEALTH ED./DIABETES PROGRAM

464-4368 OR 464-6383 CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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FEBRUARY 2020

PARENTS PLEASE
JOIN US FOR
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
ON WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 2020

Healthy Habits Word Search

N	C	T	U	N	A	O	B	B	Y	E	A	A	M
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- TUNA
- YOGURT
- STRAWBERRIES
- ORANGE
- CARROTS
- BLUEBERRIES
- PEACH
- PEAR
- APPLE
- RAISINS
- ALMONDS
- BANANA
- OATMEAL
- GRAPE
- SALAD
- BROCCOLI
- TOMATO
- MILK
- CELERY



Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/854268/>

REMINDER:
NO SCHOOL FOR
MESCALERO SCHOOL,
TULAROSA SCHOOL OR
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
ON MONDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2020
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY

Birthday shout out to:

Jaelyn

Jake

Mason

Kolin



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Senate

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. UDALL. Mr. President, every November, the Senate observes Native American Heritage Month to recognize the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians to the United States.

Today, the promise of Native achievement burns brighter than ever. Just a few months ago, Joy Harjo, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, became the Nation's 23rd Poet Laureate. The first Native American appointed to the laureateship in the history of the Library of Congress, Ms. Harjo is an inspiration to the next generation of Native American writers, poets, and artists to share their diverse and powerful voices with the world.

In this spirit, I am proud to have worked with Ms. Harjo, the Library of Congress, the Institute of American Indian Arts, and the Boys and Girls Club of America to host an exhibition of Native student poetry in the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building this month. The display showcases

Ms. Harjo's poetry alongside original works written by Autumn Abeyta, Ambrosia Morning Gun, Jewel Palmer, Paige Hannan, Lindsey Toya-Tosa, Delaney Keshena, and Rebekkah Autaubo—Native students attending schools in my home state of New Mexico and representing Tribes in New Mexico, Montana, New York, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma.

This year's inaugural exhibit represents the countless ways Native peoples have harnessed their strength, resilience, and unique perspectives to shape nearly every facet of our national identity.

As the vice chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, I work every day to achieve Indian Country's priorities and uphold the Federal Government's trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian Country. I hope this month will serve as an opportunity for this entire body to reexamine how we can strengthen our commitment to Native peoples and recommit to our shared responsibilities.

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December 19, 2019

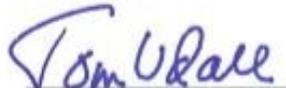
Mescalero Apache Boys & Girls Club
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To the Mescalero Apache Boys & Girls Club,

Thank you for working with my Office on the exhibition of Native student poetry celebrating Native American Heritage Month held in the U.S. Senate Russell Rotunda. Without you, the exhibition would not have been possible!

The Senate observes Native American Heritage Month every November in recognition of the innumerable contributions American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians have made to the U.S. That is why I was grateful to work with you to amplify voices from Indian Country, like those of your students, here in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator

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Sad

By: Ambrosia Morning Gun

What a day I've had
And no I am not mad
No friends to make me glad
No friends, so I am sad

Cat

By: Jewel Palmer

I bought my cat a cap
And he took a nap
After his nap, he played in a puddle of sap,
So I went to the subway, then to the store
And bought meds for his tum tum cause he is so sore,
Oh the horror,
So here's my advise,
Never buy a cat a cat a cap,
Just let him cuddle in your lap



Mescalero/Carrizo Child Development Centers

Recent News



The Child Development Centers offer child care services to children's parents that work, attend training or enrolled in an educational program. Our hours of operations are as follows:

- Monday through Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm - in accordance with Tribe's Schedule

Mescalero Services children ages 6weeks old to 12-year-old: 251 A School Circle (575) 464-9224

Carrizo services children ages 6weeks old to 5-year-old: 61 Carrizo Canyon Road (575) 464-3000

At this time, we have full enrollment, at both sites, however we would like to offer limited child care from 8:00am to 12:30pm, when schools are in session. This will enable support and encouragement for parents in our community to attend or continue their education.

The child care also offers financial child care assistance to those eligible. For more information con-

tact Margaret Shendo Jr., CCDF Monitor, or Dannelyn Blake, Director/CCDF Coordinator. Also, we would like to inform you that the Carrizo Child Care Center is currently opening up positions for part-time drop-ins. The Part-time/Drop-In schedules will be as follows:

- Monday thru Friday: Head Start Children: If your child attends Carrizo Head Start, they can be dropped off between 7:30am and 7:55am and we will take them to the Head Start.
- Monday thru Friday: We are taking drop-ins for children that are 3 years old and up, if they are not enrolled in any schools. The time for the drop-in are: 7:30am until 2:00pm. These children must be picked up by 2:00pm due to the regular enrolled children taking their spots approximately at 2:15pm.

You are welcome to stop by to visit or call for any question/s regarding the program and to pick up an application.

Each child must have a completed application, on file, before they are considered for part-time or full-time enrollment.



2019 Violence Against Women Program Annual Domestic Violence Conference

VAWA Program

We would like to say thank you to Wendolyn Murphy for being our mistress of ceremonies for our 2019 DV Con-



Benally, CSVANW - Albuquerque NM.

Speaker Mattie Jim, and Pax Harvey. These two also helped out as Presenters for the Conference. Great job!

We had a good turnout for our annual DV conference, lunch was provided by Schlotzsky's.



Pax Harvey assisted by taking over the microphone when it came to drawing



for the grand prize! A number of door prizes were given out during the conference, with this 65" TV being the grand prize. Fabian Ortega was the winner of the grand prize. Awesome!

"Native American Heritage Month", we had a good turnout of participants.

We had two local guest speakers; Joseph Geronimo who talked on the historical pattern of domestic violence in our community, and Selena Chino who shared a personal story on domestic violence.

Following our speakers we had Freddie Kaydahzinne who briefly talked about preserving our language, and how important it is to teach our children. We concluded the event with social songs by Freddie and his son Bo.



ference. Speakers included: Robyn Simon, BIA Victim Specialist - Mescalero Agency, and Kimberly



For the month of November, the VAWA program hosted a meal in recognition of

We were also pleased to have President Aguilar give the opening address for our event. He has been supportive in the efforts the VAWA program is making to bring awareness to the community.



VAWA hosts Angel Tree during the Christmas

VAWA Program



For the month of December, the VAW Program, on behalf of their clients, sponsored a “Angel Tree” for the Christmas season. The Angels were placed on the tree located at the community center front lobby, with gender and ages of children that we were working with in our program. Tribal employees/ departments were

asked if they were able to take an Angel and buy a gift for a child. This was a success! Our program would like to thank those who graciously participated. The families were happy, especially the children that received the gifts. We would like to acknowledge the individuals that donated:

- Pamela Morgan
- Esperanza Gallagher
- Ben Martinez
- Kelly Chino
- Vanessa Fernando
- Jolene Tissnolthtos
- Michaelene Ahidley
- Parks & Rec. Department

Fire Rescue
Early Childhood Program

***Our apologies if we missed to list anyone or a department. Thank you for much for taking an “Angel” and donating a gift.*

The Mescalero Violence Against Women Program has planned future events for the community. We hope to see you at one of these events. Our office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday however we are available to provide victim services at any time.

WHEN THROWING YOUR TRASH: Help our Tribal Employees by NOT missing the D U M P S T E R



How to Dispose of Cooking Oil and Grease



Mescalero Apache School 8th Grade Leadership Lincoln Students

Mescalero Responsible Gaming Program

Twelve Mescalero Apache School 8th grade students were selected by their teachers and peers to participate in 8th grade Leadership Lincoln. Youth Leadership Lincoln is designed to identify and motivate young, emerging leaders, exposing them to the

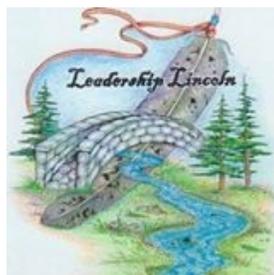
realities, challenges and opportunities in the community. The program entails monthly classes, during school, in which community leaders share their experiences and ask for their insights. One of the sessions covers community service. The students have select-

ed to clean the mile in front of the Mescalero Apache School. This clean-up day is scheduled for April 15th. We are very proud of these students and their accomplishments. They will graduate from 8th grade Leadership Lincoln on May 7th at ENMU-Ruidoso.

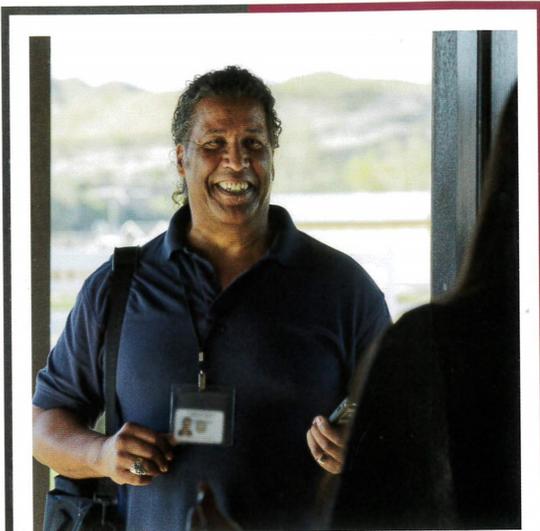


*Front row left: Leatrice Sago, Isaac Garcia, Brooke Chimal, Angel Enjady
Back row left: Christian Chino, Clarence Sago, Arliyana Chee, Elizabeth Blake*

Not pictured: Kaylan Ahidley, Frank Trujillo, and Halee Williams



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Valentine's Dance Party

Mescalero  is hosting a Valentine's Dance

When: Friday, February 14th @ 6pm to 10pm

Where: Carrizo Boys and Girls Club

Cost: \$3 an individual or \$5 a couple

Who: Community invited

**Family friendly event

** For more information contact Youth Development





MTTCPP GOALS

- * To promote the respect and the sacred use of tobacco.
- * Increase the knowledge of second-hand smoke.
- * To promote "quitting" program for smoke and non-smoke tobacco products.
- * To increase the knowledge of tobacco usage and the consequences of tobacco.
- * To prevent youth initiation of smoking and smoke-less tobacco products



MTTCPP OFFICE 575-464-4432

Tobacco's Tough Toll on Health



Tobacco-Free: Get the Facts

Tobacco use can cause a variety of negative health effects on the body. Circle the common health effects of tobacco use below. Answers can be forward, horizontal, vertical, or diagonal.

P K C S C W B Q K I D W P U N Q W F K U
 U K T W Z X I P F M Q E M P H Y S E M A
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 U C E W N O J D K P E O F J Y Z F Y W O
 N H C C A D Y X W M K X K B O K Z I G M
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 E S F X R L N S M C Y J R K M M P M H M

Solve the puzzle below by working each math problem; then use the key to match your answer to the letter in the alphabet. Place the letter in the gray box to reveal three good reasons to remain tobacco-free.

Key:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

12	13	2
-10	-12	x2

2	9	20	7	17	5
x1	x2	-15	-6	+3	+3

15	14	1	5	7	3	7
+4	+6	+0	+4	+7	+2	-3

18	5	12	10	6
+2	x1	-7	+10	+2

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|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Wrinkles | Skin Damage | Throat Cancer |
| Lung Cancer | Heart Disease | Lung Disease |
| Chronic Bronchitis | Emphysema | Mouth Cancer |
| Addiction | Stroke | Cataracts |

15	17	16	18	13
+8	-16	+3	+2	-8

21	15
-6	-9

17	11	21	17	5
-4	+4	-7	-12	x5

Four Directions Treatment and Recovery Center



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Programs and Services

- *IN PATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- *OUT PATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- *COUNSELING
- *SCREENINGS/ASSESSMENTS
- *REFERRAL SERVICES
- *CHILDRENS PLAY THERAPY

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(Sober Living)

- *MESCALERO APACHE
FOSTER CARE
HOME LICENSING PROGRAM

TO THE WORLD YOU MAY BE JUST ONE PERSON BUT TO ONE PERSON YOU MAYBE THE WORLD!
BECOME A FOSTER PARENT TODAY!

- *ICWA
(INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT)
- *SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

- *ADOLESCENT COUNSELING
- *SUICIDE PREVENTION
- *PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH
AMONG NATIVE YOUTH

- *COMMERCIAL TOBACCO
PREVENTION AND AWARENESS
- *SECOND-HAND SMOKE
AWARENESS
- *PROMOTING THE RESPECT
FOR THE SACRED USE OF
TRADITIONAL TOBACCO
- *COMMERCIAL TOBACCO
CESSATION SERVICES



Religion

Mescalero Reformed Church

This is good?!

The Old Testament begins with a beautiful story of creation. It is beautiful and at the same time an explosion of God's power. Light rushes in, ground rises from the depths, water is swirling and bubbling, vegetation is spreading and growing, living creatures of every kind are flying, running, climbing and crawling, and even humankind is being formed and molded in the image of God. It is a beautiful story of God's power, creativity, and love for His creation. Throughout this narrative we hear a phrase that sets the rhythm of creation: "And God saw that it was good."

As of things that have been happening recently, I'm wondering about the phrase "this is good". Are you kidding me? There have been many fires burning across Australia as we speak consuming over 14 million acres and claiming the lives of 480 million animals. To put this into perspective, in the 2018

California wildfires just less than 2 million acres were scorched. This is good? Are you sure? We're only part way into 2020 as this is being written and there have already been over 200 deaths related to gun violence in the United States. The World Health Organization estimates there are 7 million people who die annually from air pollution alone, over 780 million people lack drinking water, and an astounding 2 billion people who use a drinking water source that is contaminated. Creation is good? Are you sure?

Simply put, yes.

Despite all these heartaches, pains, and global tragedies, creation remains good. Creation remains good because the Creator has not left His creation. Creation remains good because though these tragedies stand at the forefront of our mind, we also hold in tension in the depths of our hearts and souls the words of the Psalmist, "the earth is

full of the steadfast love of the Lord." (Ps. 33:5) Creation remains good because God's love cannot be burned, extinguished, eradicated, or washed away. Creation remains good because God still uses the church and His people to bring about reconciliation and redemption.

It can be so easy to become hopeless when watching the news or the most recent headlines when it comes to our political cultural, the future of our global climate, the present reality of hungry children and families, the elderly having to decide between groceries or medication, or the painful stories of wrongful imprisonment. Our hearts should break and our spirits should be moved to act to bring about redemption and reconciliation because we cannot give up hope. Our eyes might not see it and our fingers might not feel it, but the earth is full of the steadfast love of

the Lord and the rhythmic phrase of Genesis still rings true: And God saw that it was good. Grace & Peace, Pastor Mark

Please know that you are always welcome to worship God and experience His mercy at 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.

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Sunday Worship
9:30 - Sunday School for Children and Adults
10:40 - Worship

Opportunities for Fellowship and Encouragement

Women's Bible Study - first and third Tuesday 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 - Sunday at 4:30 pm.

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



For Grandpa, Joe Shanta

“He came from **3** Rivers”

For it makes **1** wonder, with its beauty of splendor. As he grew up there seeking adventure, He could be seen by its creek with pleasure. He'd practice and practice with his loop and lasso, and then shine his boots, before leaving his cowboy castle.

A day came when he became a pair of **2**, with a lady that always saw him through. Looking at their children with a heart full of fresh dew, His words to them were always true. He'd work sun up to sun down, Hard and through. His men looked up to him with pride, They cherished him till the day he died. He was a real man to his crew, because he showed them to make due and get through.

As the years past, He was able to see **3** generations, He would grab Grandma's hand and speak her high congratulations. He loved her so, He up held onto their, I do's.

Just remember, Grandpa lived a long good life, He always gave thanks to Christ!



Love, *Chloe J. Yuzos*

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