

Apache Scout



Mescalero Apache Helitack - Not Just another Interagency Crew

BIA Southwest Regional Office



Mescalero Helitack Crew: Aldon R. Coriz, Kevin Pellman, David Melendrez, Golden Moore (BIA); Chris Jenson, Tony Carpenter, Louis M. Bouvier (USFS); Nate Maplesden, Miguel Laurenzana (Mountain Air Helicopter).

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**FEBRUARY
DEADLINE:
01/20/17 BY 4PM**

When one hears “interagency”, do they think many agencies, one mission? The Bureau of Indian Affairs Mescalero Apache Helitack Crew is just such a crew.

Consisting of members from Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Regional Office, Navajo Regional Office, U.S. Forest Service, Lincoln National Forest/Smoky Bear District, and Cibola National Forest, this is what inter-agency looks like in

practice.

All Mescalero Apache helitack crew members have previous wildland fire experience working on Interagency Hotshots Crews, Type 2 Initial Attack handcrews and Engine Crews. When asked why they transitioned to a helitack position, they all had the same answer- ‘we want to work on a good team, and this is it.’

The Mescalero Helitack Crew is under the

BIA Southwest Regional Office, duty stationed at the Mescalero Agency in Mescalero New Mexico. Under the Interagency structure, the Alamo-gordo Dispatch Center assigns them to local wildfires burning on Bureau of Indian Affairs/ tribal lands, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, State of New Mexico and Texas state fires. When the southwest season slows down, the crew moves north

to help Indian Country with managing their fires. In total, this crew is busy about eight months of the year. According to Kevin Pellman, Mescalero Helicopter Crew Supervisor, helitack personnel usually get first eyes on a fire. As such, firefighters must understand what they are looking at to provide the right information to dispatch so firefighters can respond appropriately. Besides providing initial response, Pellman says helitack crewmembers are firefighters; they just have the additional mission and training to use helicopters to safely transport firefighters and tools to fires.

They may be the first on scene to start putting the fire out, or they may establish a helibase to support other front line firefighters. Like all BIA/Tribal helitack crews, the qualifications these firefighters have are more than just your average fire-

fighter. They are BIA’s mid-level leaders, working towards building their higher fire management qualifications. Helicopter managers are qualified to manage large helibases under the management of a Type 1 Incident. At the same time, crewmembers are qualified to break into three smaller squads to put out three individual fires at once if need be. This versatility makes the crew a valuable resource for Indian Country and the interagency community it supports.

The Mescalero Helitack Crew is currently assigned to the Coyote Fire on the Guadalupe Mountain National Park near Carlsbad, New Mexico. John Montoya, Fire Management Officer for the Park says the Crew is a critical resource to the Park because of its ability to quickly access and respond to wildfires in the rugged environment and steep canyons of the Park.

My predecessors, says Montoya, “saw the Crew’s value nearly 20 years ago. It was they who asked the National Park Service to secure funding so the Crew could provide support when needed.” This inter-agency cooperation continues today.

In addition, the Guadalupe Mountains are part of the Mescalero Apache traditional grounds. Montoya, himself an enrolled member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and a former member of Mescalero Helitack Crew, understands that knowing the land from the air and ground gives an edge over other firefighters. The Mescalero Apache know and respect the land in a way other firefighters cannot. It’s part of their livelihood.



Golden Moore, Helicopter Manager, Navajo Region

Otero Soil and Water Conservation District hosts luncheon

Jacqueline Devine, Alamogordo Daily News, December 7, 2016

ALAMOGORDO - The Otero County Soil and Water Conservation District held their annual legislative and conservation awards luncheon Wednesday and discussed results of brackish water projects.

Mescalero resident Thomas Mendez won the 2016 Conservationist of the Year for his

work in conservation on Mescalero Apache land in Otero County.

“Thomas Mendez is an integral part of getting conservation on the ground in over 560,000 acres on Mescalero Apache land in Otero County,” Tafoya said.



“For the past two years he has also been a member of the Otero County Soil and Water Conservation District.”

Mescalero Tribal Court

Recent News

Recently, the Mescalero Tribal Court made several improvements to improve its efficiency in handling controversies before the court.

First, the court installed new software management - FullCourt - to ensure that any case before the court is monitored throughout its duration. The FullCourt company trained the court staff on how to

use and implement the system and the staff will begin using the system immediately. All current and future cases will be entered into the management system and allow for all parties of record to have access to the court’s processing of their case within a more reasonable time-period or as the law allows. The court hopes this system will allow for a more “user

-friendly” community system. While it is possible there may be a few issues encountered during the implementation, the court is confident this will increase efficiency.

Second, the court will begin to use video arraignments for those who are incarcerated for their criminal allegations. This will allow for court to begin on time by cutting



down on transporting individuals to and from the detention center. Additionally, this system will allow a safe environment for victims to make any statement about release pending trial or offer sentencing recommendations to ensure the individuals safety as well as their family’s safety.

Third, the court will continue to post public notices where the Tribal Code allows for it. The court will continue to post public

notices at the same place in the U.S. Post Office and the Tribal Store. However, the court will post public notices at a new location in the Tribal Offices. That location will be moved further into the building along the hallway next to the main reception area within a locked display case.

The court staff thanks you for your patience in this time of transition and looks forward to making more improvements to help

serve the Tribal community.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

We have limited staff available during the lunch hour

Office Phone: 575-464-0414

Office Fax: 575-464-4863



Hearing and Vision Impaired devices available for assistance



New Trash Truck

During the 2016 Legislative Session, officials from the Mescalero Apache Tribe traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico and lobbied on behalf of the tribe for critically needed funding to purchase a new trash truck and a new septic truck. Thanks to the generous support of our New Mexico legislators, Senator Cliff Pirtle and Representative Zack Cook, the tribe received “Capital

Outlay” funding in the amount of \$210,000.00 to help with the purchase of a new trash truck and a new septic truck. The tribe provided funding in the amount of \$165,000.00 to help cover the cost of the purchase of these critically needed vehicles.

The new trash truck arrived in Mescalero on November 29, 2016 and the septic truck is forthcoming. We’d like

to thank our tribal leaders and our New Mexico legislators for their support in acquiring these much needed vehicles that will benefit our tribal membership for years to come.



Commencement of Construction

MATI's Fiber to the Home Project

Dear Tribal Residents: The purpose of this correspondence is to give public notice that construction has begun as of December 5, 2016 with respect to the Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. 's (MATI) Fiber to the Home project. Please be aware that Cablevision Communications, Inc. (CCI) has been contracted to construct the Fiber to the Home project on the Mescalero Reservation. CCI has begun construction and an-

ticipates the following sequence of construction sites: Carrizo, Pena, Goat Summit, Mescalero, and Geronimo Loop. Tribal residents should anticipate seeing work in these areas throughout the construction phase of the Fiber to the Home project, which is expected to take place throughout 2017. MATI will be responsible for making contact and notifying homeowners prior to construction drops in their area. Both MATI and

CCI will follow stringent requirements for safety and open communication throughout this project as set forth during the Pre-Construction meeting which took place December 5, 2016. If Tribal residents have any questions with respect to this project, they are encouraged to contact MATI at (575) 464-4039. Sincerely, Danny H. Breuninger, Sr., President Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc.



Mescalero Dental Clinic

Emergency / Walk-In Schedule

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

January 02, 2016	** HOLIDAY**	January 17, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 03, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 18, 2016	1 pm - Emergencies
January 04, 2016	1 pm - Emergencies	January 19, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 05, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 20, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 06, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 23, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 09, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 24, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 10, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 25, 2016	1 pm - Emergencies
January 11, 2016	1 pm - Emergencies	January 26, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 12, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 27, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 13, 2016	8 am - Emergencies	January 30, 2016	8 am - Emergencies
January 16, 2016	** HOLIDAY **	January 31, 2016	8 am - Emergencies

January 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>Youth Development closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Breakfast outside activity Lunch Educational movie Board games snack</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Breakfast Dough making Cooking outside Indian tacos for lunch Movie Free time snacks</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Breakfast Mask making Super hero day Lunch Super hero activity Movie snacks</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Breakfast Craft Lunch Physical exercise Movie Snacks</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Homework Snacks Crafts Free time</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Homework Snacks Big ball (older kids) basketball (little kids) Movie</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Homework Snack Systems of care presentation Board games (Making nachos – older kids)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Homework Snacks Big ball (little kids) Basketball (big kids) Board games</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Homework Snacks Physical exercise Free time</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. day NO AFTER SCHOOL Program</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Homework Snacks Outside baseball (big kids) Soccer (little kids) Free time</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Homework Snacks Barbie presentation Board games (Making nachos-Tulie kids)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Homework Snacks Soccer (big kids) Baseball (little kids) Movie time</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Homework Snacks Bingo Free time</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Homework Snacks Crafts Movie time</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Homework Snacks Big ball (little kids) Basketball (big kids) Bingo Free time</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Homework Snacks Staff presentation Educational movie Free time (Making nachos-little kids)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Homework snacks Big ball (older kids) Basketball (little kids) Board games</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Homework Snacks Crafts Free time</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Homework Snacks Physical exercise Board games</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Homework Snacks Outside activity Educational movie</p>	 <p>Youth Development Program 148 Cottonwood Dr. Mescalero NM 88340 Office #: 575-464-0648</p>		

After School Youth Program

Mescalero Apache Early Childhood Program

Recent News



The first three years of life are a period of incredible growth in all areas of a baby's development and all children are different and they each reach developmental milestones such as walking and beginning language development at somewhat different points. However, sometimes *children have special developmental needs or health concerns* that may put them *at risk for, or cause, a developmental delay*. Early Intervention services are available to help families who have concerns about the development of their young child. We have li-

censed Developmental Specialists and Therapists who provide these services to children. Please call us at 464-9328 to answer any questions or concerns regarding your child's development.

Early Intervention is all about serving families, not just the child. Families are taught the skills to support the child's learning and development. Professional staff also provides ideas and suggestions on how to best promote your child's development. All services are provided in the child's natural environment such as in their home, school or at the child development centers.

The MAECP Early Intervention personnel will set up a time with you to take a closer look at your child to evaluate his or her development

and determine if Early Intervention services will be beneficial to you and your child. Please call us at 464-9328 for further information about our program or for any questions you may have. We are located at 241 School Circle, right across from the Fred Heckman Child Development Center (Day Care).

“Remember children learn what you teach them”

The MAECP Program would like to thank the employees from Tribal Maintenance, Center Maintenance, MAT Security, Housing, Youth Development and the Four Directions (Rehab) who came to assist us on Friday, December 9, when our building was flooded. GREAT JOB to all of you who worked so hard, we really appreciate what you did for our program!!!!

The Mescalero Apache Early Childhood Program (MAECP) provides early intervention services to children birth to five; through 2 programs: Part B is funded by the Bureau of Indian Education and serves children 3 - 5 in Head Start and preschool; Part C provides services to children 2 and under through the NM State funded Family Infant Toddler Program (FIT).

Elderly Center

Recent News



We welcome the New Year and send many birthday wishes to our elders born in the month of January. We want to send our best to everyone for a blessed New Year full of health, happiness and love. Here's hoping you set your resolutions and make one of them to visit and spend quality time with elders in the community. Whether it be family or friends, make it a goal to make a positive difference in someone else's life.

Our month will begin with the regular planned activities. Unless there is a holiday or special closure, we will have our **Casino Days** on Monday and **Bingo** on Friday. **Movie day** is always the first week of the month, and as always remember to come in and sign up early if you want to ride down in the van with the program. You may also choose to drive your

own vehicle and meet us there. The bus will leave at 1:00 and you must meet us at the theater by 2:00. The program will pay for the movie of your choice and a kid's pack snack.

Our classes on **Fitness**, tai chi, better balance, fall prevention, have a ball get fit, will continue each month. **Monthly Nutrition Education** classes will continue to focus on a variety of topics, including diabetic nutrition, sugar drinks, portion control, label reading, healthy holiday eating, shopping on a budget, and many more. We are happy to be partners with the Otero County Extension Agency.



Each month we have the **Monthly Program Improvement Meeting**. This month's meeting will focus on travel planning for the year. Many elders have expressed interest in a trip to **Hawaii**. If you are interested in going, and sharing your ideas for the New Year, attending this meeting is a must! We will also begin to put together our 2017 travel calendar. This will include your ideas and suggestions regarding places to go and visit on day field trips and occasionally overnight.

The center will also begin its series on **Alzheimer's** education with a four class presentation beginning with learning about the disease and progressing through the stages. We also have an educational presentation on **Diabetic Foot Care** by the staff at the Diabetes and Wellness Center.

We strongly encourage everyone to come in and pick up a monthly calendar and menu. We also recommend

that you come in often to take a look at the sign in book and sign in for the activities or transportation.



December News Wrap Up

Elderly Center



The center had many informative and fun activities going on in December. We remembered Pearl Harbor with a special presentation by the daughter of a Pearl Harbor survivor. The presentation from **Native American Legal Aid** was informative on the risks of Title, Holiday and Predatory Loans. Everyone enjoyed our trip to **Tortugas Pueblo** near Las Cruces. We were warmly welcomed into the village and enjoyed watching the three dance groups. Many of the elders

made new friends and our group was invited in to the "Casa de Comida" to share a community meal. The delicious meal consisted of meat balls, red chili with meat, pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, pueblo bread and biscochito cookies for desert.

Our January day trip will be to the **New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum** in Las Cruces. We will tour the museum, take a ride through the ranch on a trolley, and watch traditional weavers and wool spinners. Our cooks will pack us a sack lunch, but bring spending money along. We have all enjoyed the music provided by the **High Mesa Band**. They come to the center twice a month and sing for us during our

lunch hour. If you enjoy good old time music, complete with fiddling and bass guitar, come in and share a meal with us.

Santa will be at the center on December 22, we will have photos in the next issue of the "Scout". We will also have photos of our **Ugly Sweater Contest**.

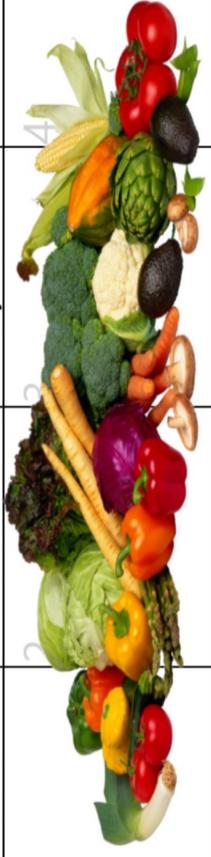
Come join in on the fun and educational opportunities at the center. Our hours are from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. There is always a pot of coffee on, as well as hot tea. We have cereal, oatmeal and toast on hand for a breakfast snack in case you missed yours. Elders are welcome to stay for the daily activity at 10:00 then enjoy a delicious lunch from 11:00 to Noon.



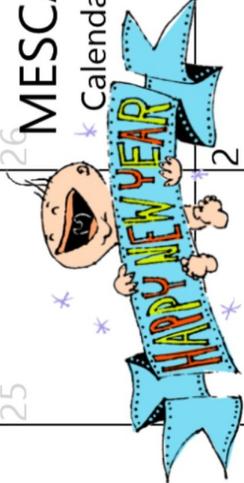
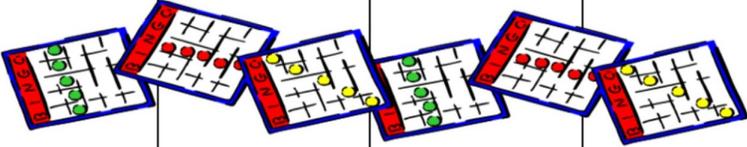
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Menu is subject to change without notice.	Menu is subject to change without notice. Homebound meal cancellations please call 464-1614 before 8:30. All meals served with 1% milk.	Mescalero Senior Center Menu				
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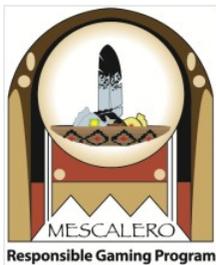
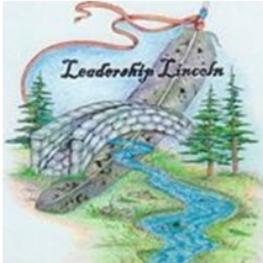


January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 	26 MESCALERO SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR * Calendar is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call 575-464-1614.	27	28	29	30	31
	Center Closed for New Year Holiday	3 10:00 Monthly Program Improvement and Hawaii Travel Planning Meeting 1:00 Town Day	4 10:00 Fitness	5 10:00 Chinese New Year Project	6 10:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Day in Alamo	7
8	9 Casino Day or Activities @ Center	10 10:00 Fitness	11 10:00 Know the Signs of Alzheimer's	12 10:00 Monthly Health Assessment CHR	13 Center Closed For Tribal Inauguration	14 
15	16 Center Closed for Martin Luther King Day	17	18 10:00 Diabetic Foot Care Health Diabetic & Wellness Center	19	20 10:00 Bingo	21
22 	23 10:00 Casino Day or Activities @ Center	24 10:00 Nutrition Education "Belly Laugh Day"	25 10:00 Domino Coasters	26 10:00 Domino Coasters	27	28
29	30 10:00 Casino Day or Activities @ Center	31 8:00 Farm and Ranch Museum Field Trip Las Cruces "Backward Day"	1	2	3	4

MAS 8th Grade Leadership Lincoln Students

Mescalero Responsible Gaming Program



Top row from left to right: Shylo Cochise, Aubrey Torres, Nevaeh Mendez, Pierre Sago, Kenneth Ahidley, Michael Pinal, Miakoda Yuzos, and Trinitie Largo. Bottom row left to right: Madison Yuzos, Malloy Ahidley, and Rainye Shanta. Not Pictured: Andrew Yahnaki

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. We are very proud of these students and their accomplishments.

2017 Gambling Awareness Calendar

Mescalero Responsible Gaming Program has 2017 Calendars available. Stop by the Tribal Offices - Front desk or call 464-7106 for a copy.



Learn More About Our Mescalero Apache Boys and Girls Club

Mescalero Site: 464-9212

Carrizo Site: 464-6814

Triple Play is a way to keep our children healthy through mind, body, and soul. The Boys & Girls Club encourages our Club members to be active and stay healthy mentally.



T.R.A.I.L : We were recently awarded the T.R.A.I.L grant which is targeted to Native children to teach them about Diabetes and give them skills needed as they grow into young adults. We will be learning lessons on healthy eating habits and finding out exactly what Diabetes is. We will have fun and interactive exercise classes and we will be doing a community project in the near future.

During Power Hour, Club Members are strongly encouraged to do homework. A staff member is always there to help out. We have a quiet space where the children can concentrate on the homework, or just snuggle up and read a book.



Little League Basketball, in partnership with Youth Development, the Mescalero Baseball Little League Program, and interested community members. We are able to provide a low cost Little League for our youth!

DIY STEM is a curriculum that we utilize to encourage the Club Members to be involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. There are many great lessons and ideas to keep the kiddos excited about STEM!



Smart Girls is a program that is designed to teach young girls self-esteem and set goals for the future. We will soon be implementing activities to ensure we are giving our young girls guidance and courage they need.

Bi ye' xa

(Inside Winter)

January

Hnzhú gu ch'é nán'ká

We'll all come back out in a good way.

Zas baanaatsé da'kee's

Think Snow.

Deenááda'di yaał ja

Keep the fire going.

Nai zaa'í bee'łch' íí' yédaa'ł ti

Talk to each other in your Apache Language.

Nai zaa'í dunaahaahada'ii't' íí'da

We cannot lose our language.

Nai'élchínde naizaa'í beebich'ij' yé daa'lti

Talk to your children in our Apache language.

'łch'ij' daanazhú

Be kind to each others

Tładee' dudu hn'yul

Sometimes it is very windy.

Tładee' dudu guu'k'as

Sometimes it is very cold.

Hnzhú'naanáaka

Go in a good way.



Directions to Access Language Lessons Online:

1. Go to maschiefs.org/ Language (this needs to be typed directly into the address bar).
2. Only Tribal Members will be given access to the website.
3. Tribal members will need to obtain a username and pass-

- word first by sending an email to the one listed on the login page.
4. Once Tribal Members get a username and password, they will need to go to the site again and log-in to begin downloading the Apache Language font that is on the website. After downloading the font, they will need to

- install it. Instructions to do so are provided. Pascal Enjady or Scott Rushforth are happy to help if you need assistance with this step.
5. After downloading the font, Tribal Members should be good to go. Call the Language Program 464-2152 for more help.

Program Information

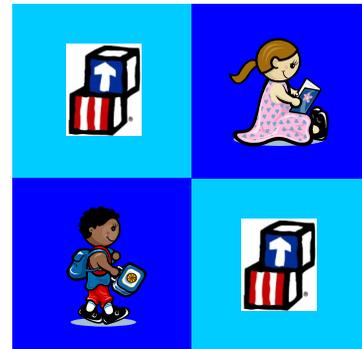
Mescalero Head Start Program

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.



Kwanis Book Distribution

Mescalero Head Start Program

Twice a year our children are fortunate to receive a book from the Kwanis Program of Alamogordo. Their eyes light up once they see the volunteers come in to the room with an arm load of new books. Each child gets to pick which book they want. Once

they have the book they want, their name is written in it and they go and find a place in the room to enjoy it. Here are a few pictures:



Head Start Male Involvement Initiative

Mescalero Head Start Program

Every year, the children invite their “dads” to come in and have breakfast with them during the “Doughnuts With Dad” day. Our wonderful cooks, Mr. Damon and Ms. Jerilyn make a delicious breakfast for all the male volunteers that come.

After breakfast, they travel to the Mescalero Hunt Lodge to experience up-close, the mounted wildlife. They also got to wit-

ness how the elk and deer meat is processed. The reaction from each child was priceless. Some were afraid of what they saw, others said it “stunk”. This was a great time for all the men to interact with their Head Start child and at the same time mingle with the other “dads” in attendance.



Christmas Caroling at the Elderly and Care Center



Religion

Mescalero Reformed Church

Treasures and Leftovers by Pastor Mark

I just read that the New Mexico lottery jackpot is a monstrous 100 million dollars (\$100,000,000). To be quite honest, my mind can't even grasp that amount of money. Can you even imagine what could be done with that exorbitant amount? Some of you are probably saying to yourself, "I can think of a few ideas" without even missing a beat ... I think I could agree with you. Loans and debt could be gone. College funds would be taken care of. I could purchase a big vacation home and fill it with furniture. Maybe even a big building that would be built in your honor, constructed and engraved with your name. Maybe even new La-Z-Boy reclining pews completely installed for the church. Okay, so maybe that was a

bit too far! However, as I snap back to reality and wipe the gloss from my daydreaming eyes, I am convicted by the words of Jesus. They come in His most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount. If you're interested in reading this beautiful sermon it can be found in the entire chapters of Matthew 4, 5 & 6. Jesus says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21) Where your treasure is, there your heart

will be also. What a powerful, convicting statement by Jesus. As I ponder these words I look around and take a mental inventory of my 'earthly treasures.' What does it say about my heart when I look into my closet? What does it say about my heart when I look into my garage or my latest bank statement? What does it say about my heart when I consider what I'm doing with money? What does it say about my heart when I look at what I eat and drink? What does it say about my heart when ... you fill in the blank? Now this is not to say that every material thing like cars, clothes, as well as food and drink is inherently bad. But rather let us look with Gospel-like-lenses into our own lives and take a brief inventory of our 'earthly treasures.'

Mescalero Reformed Church
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 575-464-4471
 Visit (and Like) our Mescalero Reformed Church Facebook page!
 Our web site is under construction at <http://mescalerorc.reformedchurches.org>
 Email us at mescalerorc@yahoo.com or mescalerorc@gmail.com
Sunday Services
 9:30 - Sunday School for Children and Adults
 10:40 - Worship

Because as Jesus reminds us ... where our treasures are, there our heart will be also. What are your treasures? Where is your heart? And whenever you answer those two questions consider this one: Who or what gets what's leftover? Does my wife Miriam get my remaining energy and my available time? Do your children get the scraps after you've given the rest to the demands of the day? Do your friends get only the time that is convenient to you? And after all of this, is your commitment to Christ a treasure? Or does it only get what remains? Maybe this is true only in a perfect world, because we all know the reality that there's only 24 hours in a day and bills need to be paid, along with relationships that need to be tended to - but what are your treasures? And who gets the leftovers?

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

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, 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.

Apache Scout: One Year Review

Tribal Administration

In late 2015, the administration at the time, wanted to seek new changes with the widely known, Apache Scout. Since January 2016 the Scout has changed drastically in it's appearance and protocols of how to submit.

It has been a full year since the big change and we hope everyone has enjoyed this transformation to Mescalero's source of information.

Email has been a huge part of the Scouts big change. The public, businesses, organizations, and programs have emailed their content rather than providing paper copies. With this, editing and organizing has been much easier to control. Not to mention, clearer picture quality.

Each month, our Administration office is hard at work labeling each Apache Scout, by hand, with address la-

bels on nearly 800 copies of the Apache Scout.

You may have noticed that each month's deadline is always different and we no longer have a universal deadline. This is because each month is unique and tribal holidays have to be taken into account. Elaina Via, located at the Tribal Offices, is hard at work making sure the Apache Scout is available to readers at the beginning of each month. Ms. Via handles all that encompasses the Scout and her contact information is on the back of each booklet.

Also, the current list of people who obtain the Scout in the mail grew to over 50 more readers since January 2016. Not on the mailing list? We invite you to contact the Tribal Offices and request to be added to the Apache Scout mailing list. Be

advised that only tribal members can obtain the Scout through the mail.

Given that we are now in 2017, the Volume number located at the top left corner, will be changed to roman numerals. This will make January's issue Volume II.17 Issue 1.

Lastly, Ms. Via would like everyone to make note of each month's deadline as it is listed on the first page of every Scout. Additionally, moving forward, each Apache Scout will now be available online! You can find it at MescaleroApacheTribe.com, click the "News" tab.

February Deadline

01/20/17 by 4pm

March Deadline

02/17/17 by 4pm

April Deadline

03/22/17 by 4pm

May Deadline

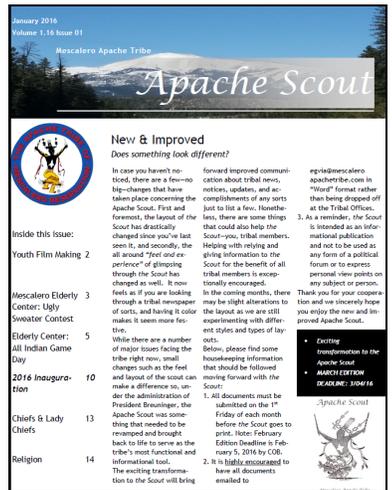
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June Deadline

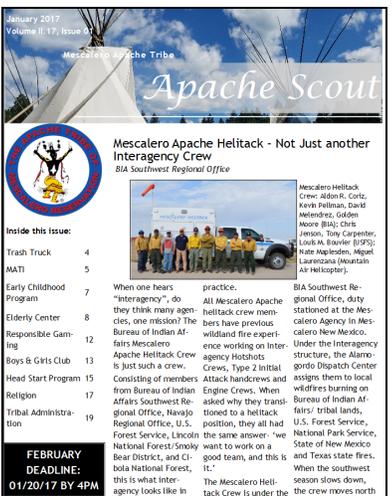
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December 2015



January 2016



January 2017

Rose Enjady Wins in Ruidoso

Miss Ruidoso Middle School Indian Club Princess 2016-2017



Photo courtesy of Pat Bren

Rose Enjady recently won 2nd place in the small floats category at the annual Ruidoso

grader at Ruidoso Middle School. Rose and her family gave away over 600 bags of treats

to all onlookers on the parade route!



Parade of Lights sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. Rose is currently a 7th



Dangers of Commercial Tobacco Secondhand Smoke

Keres Consulting, Inc.

Quick Facts:

- Cigarette butts are **toxic** to our ocean animals and to us.

- Cigarette filters are made of cellulose-acetate, which is **not biodegradable**.
- According to San

Diego State University Public Health Professor Tom Novotny, “Even one butt in a liter of water can kill

the fish in a period of 96 hours.

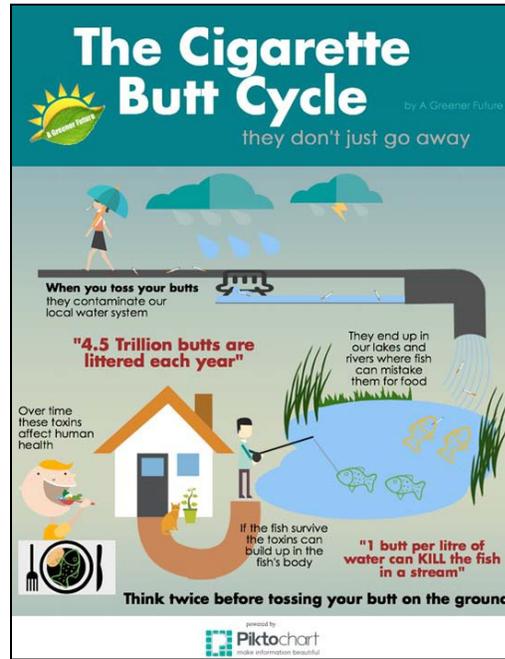
• Ocean animals like crabs and salmon can then filter toxins into their systems and transmit the **toxins to humans** when the animals are eaten.

• Over time these toxins can **affect** human health.

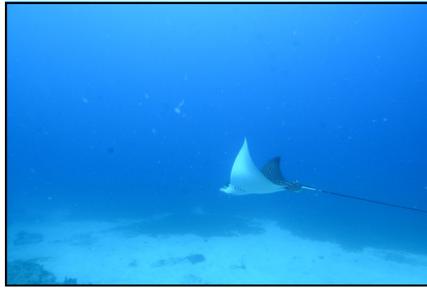
It is time to **stop** the "Butt Cycle." There

needs to be a shift in individual and collective thinking to classify cigarette butts as toxic waste and they should be disposed of in a way that does not hurt our environment.

Article by Tammi Meissner, POW and Wrangell Health Educator and Tobacco Policy



Dear Apache Scout Readers



We thought you might enjoy seeing a few photos from our recent scuba dives on the island of St. Maarten, which is in the southern Caribbean. These photos were taken during the 2 dives we did on November 11th. One of the photos shows Selena helping the dive masters clean a barnacle off of the neck of a green sea

turtle. Another photo shows a swimming Spotted Eagle Ray and another photo show us watching a Spotted Moray Eel. Our second dive was a shark dive, among Caribbean Reef Sharks, which are #7 on the list of the most dangerous sharks. What an amazing experience; one that we would do again in a heartbeat! Sharks are

magnificent creatures and we hope everyone protects them and all the oceans in which they live. We thank Ussen for creating all these wonderful animals and for allowing us to interact with them.

Mark & Selena Chino



Basic Documentation Requirements:

REAL ID Driver's License



Identification Number (1) required

- Social Security Card
- W-2 Form
- SSA-1099 Form
- Non-SSA-1099 Form
- Pay stub w/applicant's name and SSN
- Valid Foreign Passport w/ valid US Visa affixed w/ I-94 Form

***Maiden Name/Name Changes** – If your passport or identity document contains your current legal name, you do not need to provide proof of a name change. If your proof of identity document does not contain your current full legal name, you **MUST** present documentation of any name change(s). This may include a marriage certificate, divorce decree, adoption records or court order. The MVD uses the full legal name as listed on the document.

A United States citizen, United States national, permanent resident alien, or a person who is lawfully in the United States can choose to apply for a driving authorization card or an identification card that is not acceptable for federal purposes. Anyone unable to provide evidence that he or she is lawfully in the United States is only eligible for a driving authorization card or an identification card that is not acceptable for federal purposes.

Identity (1) required

Lawful Status Documents

- Valid U.S. Passport
- Valid U.S. Passport Card
- Valid Foreign Passport w/I-551 Stamp (non-commercial only)
- Valid Foreign Passport w/ valid U.S. Visa affixed w/I-94 Form
- Original or Certified Copy of a state filed birth certificate
- Consular report of birth abroad FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545
- Valid Permanent resident card I-551
- Certificate of Naturalization N-550 or N-570
- Certificate of Citizenship N-560 or N-561
- Valid Employment authorization document I-766 or I-688B
- REAL ID act of 2005 driver's license or ID card w/
 - Valid immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States
 - Pending or approved application for asylum in the U.S.
 - Admission into the U.S as a refugee
 - Pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the U.S.
 - Approved deferred action status
 - Pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident or conditional resident
 - Conditional permanent resident alien status
- Other documents as DHS may designate by notice published in the Federal Register

Residency (2) required (all ages) Physical Address ONLY

- Current real property rental or purchase agreement
- Current local property tax statement or mortgage document
- Original documents from city, county, state, tribal, or federal government organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a NM resident, dated w/in 60 days
- Utility bill dated w/in 60 days, no cell phone bills
- Insurance bill, card or binder, dated w/in 6 months
- Bank or credit card statement, dated w/in 60 days
- Employment pay stub containing applicant's name and address, dated w/in 60 days
- Documentation from an education institution, such as transcript, report card, or enrollment confirmation, dated w/in 60 days
- Original documents from a NM community organization attesting to the fact that the applicant is a NM resident, dated w/in 60 days.
- A New Mexico medical or public assistance card w/address on card, letter from issuing agency that came with card showing name and address, or profile printout from issuing agency, dated w/in 60 days

Applicants under 18 may also provide:

- Documents indicating membership in a NM religious or sports organization
- Affidavit of NM Residency (Form MVD-10021)

Lucinda Flores 12-3

Jamal Apachito 12-19

Kenley Apachito 12-21

Jacob Dallas 12-25

JoJo Dallas 1-4

Irwin Apachito 1-4

Troy Blaylock Sr. 1-10

Jerome Apachito 1-18

*Happy Birthday To you all And
Happy Hoildays*

*From: Collette & Jr, Jamal,
Kenley, Faith*

Apache Arts

Empowerment Complex Art Rm, West Wing

Open 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Monday–Friday

**Painting, Custom Framing, & Matting Support
available.**

**Tribal Members and General Public Welcome!
Volunteers Needed!**

*For more information contact Larry Shay 491-9045,
Eston Fulsom 464-5044, or Chuck Walker 415-7392*

We support and practice our Apache Language!

**We can teach you how to speak and write in
Apache also!**



December 9th

Erica Hosetosevit

December 18

*Georgia Apache From: Kids & Grand-
kids*

December 19th

Birthday wish to Mervil Lester

December 23rd

Shelby Pino

January 2nd

Trudy Gaines

January 9th

*Mark Evans From: Brothers, Sisters,
Nephews, and Nieces*

January 9th

Alicia Victor

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