

Apache Scout



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New & Improved

Does something look different?

In case you haven't noticed, there are a few—no big—changes that have taken place concerning the Apache Scout. First and foremost, the layout of *the Scout* has drastically changed since you've last seen it, and secondly, the all around “*feel and experience*” of glimpsing through *the Scout* has changed as well. It now feels as if you are looking through a tribal newspaper of sorts, and having it color makes it seem more festive.

While there are a number of major issues facing the tribe right now, small changes such as the feel and layout of the scout can make a difference so, under the administration of President Breuninger, the Apache Scout was something that needed to be revamped and brought back to life to serve as the tribe's most functional and informational tool.

The exciting transformation to *the Scout* will bring

forward improved communication about tribal news, notices, updates, and accomplishments of any sorts just to list a few. Nonetheless, there are some things that could also help *the Scout*—you, tribal members. Helping with relying and giving information to *the Scout* for the benefit of all tribal members is exceptionally encouraged.

In the coming months, there may be slight alterations to the layout as we are still experimenting with different styles and types of layouts.

Below, please find some housekeeping information that should be followed moving forward with *the Scout*:

1. All documents must be submitted on the 1st Friday of each month before *the Scout* goes to print. Note: February Edition Deadline is February 5, 2016 by COB.
2. It is highly encouraged to have all documents emailed to

egvia@mescaleroapachetribe.com in “Word” format rather than being dropped off at the Tribal Offices.

3. As a reminder, *the Scout* is intended as an informational publication and not to be used as any form of a political forum or to express personal view points on any subject or person.

Thank you for your cooperation and we sincerely hope you enjoy the new and improved Apache Scout.

- *Exciting transformation to the Apache Scout*
- **MARCH EDITION DEADLINE: 3/04/16**

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Youth Film Making

First Ever Film Camp in Mescalero



Special points of interest:

- Huge response from youth outreach programs.
- Participants have learned how to script write, editing, directing, and the art of acting.
- “I cannot be more prouder of the communities support..”
- Four films in total.

In early December of this year, Pascal Enjady - employee at Mescalero’s Nde Bizaa Language Program and filming expert, envisioned youth in Mescalero learning and applying the techniques of what it means to make a movie.

Mr. Enjady wanted to expose interested youth in basic film operations complete with script writing, producing, and compiling short videos/ documentaries just to list a few.

He pitched his idea to youth outreach programs located in Mescalero and received a huge response in the enthusiasm of collaboration among interested departments and programs which include Native Connections, Mescalero Prevention Program, Youth Development, Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery, Mescalero Community Library, Mescalero Vio-

lence Against Women, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, Nde Youth Council, Indian Child Welfare Act, Mescalero Responsible Gaming Program and Mescalero Tribal Human Services.

As a result of extensive brainstorming, Nde Bizaa Winter Youth Film Camp emerged. The camp will be conducted over the course of two weeks with a Hollywood-like premiere after the camp has ended to showcase the youth’s abilities of film making they obtained.

“We are excited to hold this Nde Bizaa Film Camp for our local youth. We have sought applications and, we believe, we have found a great group of kids to complete this project. By providing this camp, we want to show our kids the value of Media Arts plus an art form to express their feelings.”- Pascal Enjady, Nde Bizaa Language Program.

Most of the camp will be

held at the Mescalero Empowerment Complex near the Tribal Offices in Mescalero. Participates will also be touring other media facilities in the surrounding area or attending video conferences with special speakers from across the country.

The first week, December 21-23, participants were shown how to script write, editing techniques, production, and the art of acting. The following week, December 28-30, producing, directing, and compiling short videos/ documentaries were on the agenda for participants. Approximately two weeks after, the premiere will be scheduled for public viewing.

All equipment and learning tools will be provided by the Nde Bizaa Language Program. Instructors and guest speakers will include local and national experts in media arts.

Tree Kadayso, Native Connections Youth Coordina-



tor, “This opportunity is huge for the youth of our community. Our hope at the end of the Film Camp is that they are enlightened on opportunities beyond their imagination! I’m especially thankful that as a community department we are working together for our youth!” “I cannot be more prouder of the community’s support in this endeavor and it would not be possible without help from all of them.” - Pascal Enjady, Nde Bizaa Language Program.

The big Premiere and dinner, was held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Ballroom Monday night, January 18th. Participants of the Film Camp had their hair and make-up done by experts who volunteered their time to help make the Premiere a great one. Each participant was allotted two dinner guests before the Premiere show time at 6:30 p.m. Guests were also introduced to the Film Camp star’s of the short films. Just before the Premiere started, all participants had their name announced and

duced, acted, and directed by the students themselves with direction from Mr. Enjady. The audience seemed to enjoy viewing the short films by yelling, clapping, and laughing. Film campers were divided into groups in which each group made a short film. In total, there were four films entitled *Addiction Mescalero Style*, *Apaches vs. Cowboys Battle at South Tularosa Canyon*, *Winter Ball*, and *Walk Home Rumble*.

The whole cast of each short film received a digital copy of all the shorts film as a keepsake from the Nde Bizaa Winter Film Camp.



a chance for the photographers to take their picture. The short films that were written, pro-

Mescalero Elderly Center

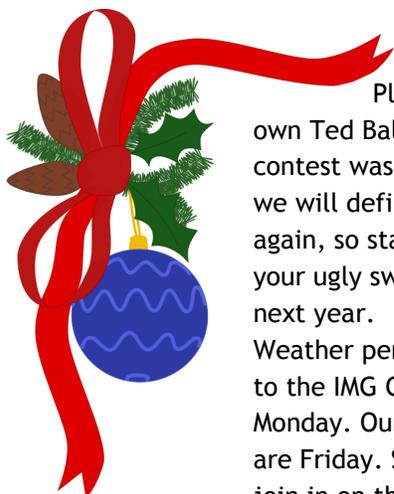
Ugly Sweater Contest

Here’s wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and New Year Blessing. Seems like the months are flying by. Happy Birthday to all of our elders born in December and January. We are hoping that you have been nice and not too naughty so that Santa will remember to stop by your house on Christmas Eve. December brought along many days of friendship,

good food, and fun. The elders and staff had our first ever “Ugly Sweater Contest”. It was a fun day for everyone, and we had a great time admiring each other’s creative sweaters. Contestant’s designed and modeled their sweaters and elders voted for the best ugliest one. The competition was good and many of us had a difficult time deciding who to vote

for. Nevertheless, there was a vote and the winners were:
3rd Place Pansy Shendo,
2nd Place Bennett Martine,
and 1st





Place was our own Ted Balatche. The contest was so much fun we will definitely do it again, so start designing your ugly sweaters for next year.

Weather permitting we go to the IMG Casino every Monday. Our Bingo days are Friday. Sign up and join in on the fun! We have great Bingo prizes to give away and it's free to play.

Each month we have a program improvement meeting. Our December planning focused on planning for next year. Elders who attend came up with some ideas for activities



and travel in 2016. Our Apache language class had been fun and educational. We are learning many things including the history of language and the difference in types of language and how the language may vary depending on where a person lives. There is a lot of sharing and great conversation in the group.

We had some awesome classes in Nutrition and have some great ones planned. Many of the classes focus on healthy eating habits as we age, diabetic education, and the nutritional value of the food we eat based on the color of food we choose. This month the focus was on Healthy Holiday Eating. We learned how to enjoy the holidays and the food and still stay healthy. Emphasis was placed on filling half of our plates with fruit and

veggies and avoiding packing on extra weight with regular physical activity. The last part of class was safe cooking of our Christmas turkey.

Merry Christmas to All!

Each Christmas season Santa makes an early stop at the elderly center to bring special gifts to the elders. As always Santa is often late as he stops at other places before he arrives at Mescalero often stopping at Isleta and Dulce before he gets here. Once in awhile he will bring along his helpers.



More Elderly Center News!

Other activities going on at the center on a regular basis are fitness classes, holiday crafting, sewing, puzzles, and games. We take everyone to town either Alamogordo or Ruidoso the first of the month for shopping. One in a while we make a trip to Las Cruces for a shopping day. It was nice to get out to shop in Cruces in December. We went to Jo-Ann's, Tuesdays Morning, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, Hastings, Big Lots, and Fal-las. Elders who went along enjoyed a nice lunch at Si Senor's Restaurant before hitting our last store which was Sam's Club.

We are in our third class on learning about the disease of Alzheimer's. We have learned much about how the disease effects our brains. We have learned coping skills, management, how to deal with family members or friends who may have the disease, and how important physical activity and challenging the brain activity is to staying healthy.

"Fitness classes, holiday crafting, sewing, puzzles, and games."

February 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|--|--|---|-----|
| 31 | 1 Baked BBQ Chicken Creamy Mashed Potato, Okra, Tomato Casserole, Roasted Bell Pepper, Corn Bread, Pudding | 2 Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tomato Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Bread Stick | 3 Pork Chops, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Rice, Pineapple Tidbits, WW Roll | 4 Baked Cod, Mac & Cheese, Island Blend, Coleslaw, Pears, WW Roll | 5 Tamales, Roasted Bell Pepper, Zucchini Squash Mix, Spanish Rice, Mandarin Orange | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Chicken Stir Fry, Mixed Veggies, Asparagus, Rice WW Roll, Plum | 9 Black and Red Beans, Okra, Tossed Salad, Rice, Corn Bread, Kings Cake | 10 Pork Posole, Squash, Spinach, Bananas, Tortilla | 11 Hamburger Patty w/ gravy, Beets, Celery & Carrot Stick, Apple, WW Bread | 12 Pork Loin, Mashed Cauliflower, Green Beans & Mushrooms, Jell-o w/ Fruit | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Closed for President's Day | 16 Beef Tacos, Zucchini, Squash Mix, Spanish Rice, Pear | 17 Turkey, Yams, Broccoli & Cheese, WW Roll, Hawaiian Ambrosia | 18 Pork Chops, Asparagus, Steamed Carrots, Mac & cheese, WW Roll, Pineapple/Cottage Cheese | 19 Meat Loaf, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Mash Potato, WW Roll, Mandarin Orange | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Spaghetti, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Plums | 23 Liver & Onions, Asparagus, Carrots, Rice, WW Roll, Ambrosia Salad | 24 Parmesan Chicken, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Rice, Bread Stick, Baked Apple | 25 Grill Cheese, Ham & Potato Soup, Spinach, Steamed Carrots, Peaches | 26 Tamale Pie, Roasted Bell Peppers, Green Bean Salad, Orange | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Baked Cod, Mac & Cheese, Island Blend, Coleslaw, Peaches, WW Roll, Birthday Cake | MESCALERO ELDERLY CENTER MENU *Menu is subject to change without notice. All meals served with 1% | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 milk. Homebound meal delivery cancellations please call to cancel before 9:00 am. | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

2016 New Year's Resolution

Be a Part of Life Not Afraid of It!

I am an alcoholic that's trying to better myself. I want a better life for myself and my kids. I am the reason I am in rehab. My addiction have gotten the best of my life. So, change for the better is going to be my best and the only way I can do that is to work on my issue first.

I think that letting go might be a good start, finding and setting some good anchors for myself so if I fall—I will not fall far. Independence will come later but I have to strive for it, build a new character, build new strengths and qualities, and make long and short-term goals—goals that are accomplishable. Just so that I can reward myself when accomplished and reached at a reasonable time.

When all this is going on, my sobriety is important so that my strengths, qualities, and character will reach higher peaks. I am going on a journey that is going to require great courage and while exploring my journey, I am going to find paths of emotions—paths of negative and positive emotions.

The reason for this journey is to seek out a positive and healthy life—paths of best interest. How I deal with my negativity depends on my strengths and my positive emotions will build my confidence, qualities, and character. How I feel about myself after the interaction is over, whether or not I get the results or changes I want. I will respect my values and beliefs in a way that make me feel moral.

I will strive for excellence and go the extra mile. I will not give up because I have learned skills to balance my life. I know emotions don't last forever. I just got to recognize the truth because my emotions are an important survival function. I will set aside my negative judgments and focus on appreciating my favorable qualities, after all, "Our true value is being ourselves." God Bless and take care!

Ixéhe, Joe Cajé



Hot Ash Fire Safety

Forestry & Wildland Fire Management—Mescalero Agency

As cold nights are upon us, wood stoves and fireplaces are in continuous use. **Improper ash disposal has become a common cause of many fires.** Wood ashes retain enough heat to ignite other combustible materials for several days. Forestry officials caution homeowners about serious threat to the safety of their families and homes. Improper ash disposals can cause dumpster fires, wildland fires and house fires.

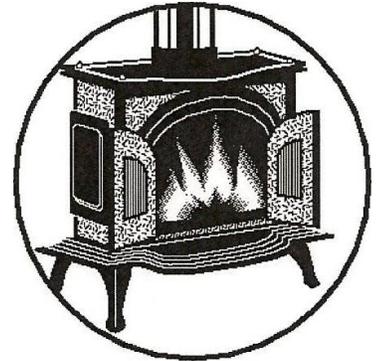
What you can do to prevent fires started by hot wood ash:

- DO dispose of wood ashes in a metal container that can be tightly closed, douse with water, place the closed container **outside** your home away from combustible materials, and leave the container for several days disposing of them.

Did you know that many dispose of their wood stove ashes in garbage containers that are often plastic or even paper pages? It doesn't take much heat for these types of containers to burst into flames.

Once you are **POSITIVE** your container of ashes are "COLD" place in a pile and prepare your container for the next load.

- DO teach your family and other family members about the dangers associated with hot ash disposal.
- DO be careful with ashes around areas you might not consider as combustible during winter times such as mulched flowerbeds and lawns that are drought stricken.
- DO NOT place hot ashes in a dumpster where there are certainly other combustible materials.
- DO NOT place hot ashes in paper, plastic, or cardboard containers.
- DO NOT assume that ashes are cold and pour them onto the ground (even into a hole) where leaves can blow onto them or the wind can stir up sparks.



Hello,
 my name is Korey King. I am a senior at Ruidoso High School. Last summer I was fortunate to be one of the selectees to participate on the Mountain Conference Basketball Team and represent New Mexico/USA in Brisbane, Australia! I was able to travel across the country and play the sport I love so much. This would be the very first time I would be far away from my family.

Our flight was a long 13 hours! I was so relieved when we landed. I stayed 7 nights there and played 10 games with girls from all over the U.S. Although our team did not qualify for the Gold Medal games due to loss from a group of girls from Michigan, I still had the time of my life, meeting a lot of new people and seeing new places. In my lifetime I never imagined I would be able to experience something like this. I enjoyed it so much.

I visited the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and was able to take my picture holding a baby koala bear! Which was cool. This time was a little hard to get used to, here in the U.S. we are a day behind Australia, so when I finished with one of our games, I would call home and wonder why they weren't answering? I would forget that it was 3a.m. in the morning over here and 10p.m. at night over there. My family and I had a set time to call or text. When I was going to bed, they were getting, and vice versa.



This past October, I received a letter from DownUnder, inviting me back to Australia in July! I am excited already. We have a busy schedule for this summer of 2016 but as I have learned, "With God, all things are possible."

My family and I will start having fundraisers within the community soon and your support is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to THANK all those who contributed to my trip last summer. Without you I would not have been able to experience this amazing, fun and memorable trip. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Korey King



Easy Pumpkin Pie

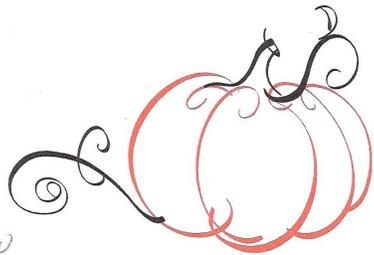
- 1 (16 ounce) can pumpkin or 2 cups pureed cooked pumpkin
- 1 (13 ounce) can evaporated skim milk
- 1 egg
- 2 egg whites
- ½ cup biscuit mix (Bisquick type)
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons Splenda
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1. Preheat the oven to 375°F.
2. Lightly grease a 10-inch pie pan with vegetable oil spray.
3. Blend all the ingredients in a blender for 1 minute, or beat 2 minutes with a hand mixer.
4. Pour the mixture into the pie pan. Bake for 50 minutes or until the center puffs up.

Number of servings: 8
Serving size: 1 slice

Per serving:
110 calories
2g fat
7g protein
16g carbohydrate
3g dietary fiber
30mg cholesterol
170mg sodium

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with ½ tsp of
lemon juice and
grated lemons*



*wheat
½ flour
skim milk*

Chicken/Turkey Fruit Salad

- 2 cups cooked, chicken or turkey, diced
- 2 apples, washed, cored and diced
- 1 cup pineapple chunks, drained
- 3 Tablespoon low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)

1. Mix all ingredients until coated with yogurt.
2. Chill and serve.

2g dietary fiber
34mg cholesterol
36mg sodium
Variations: Light mayonnaise or salad dressing can be used instead of yogurt. Diced celery can be added or substituted for nuts. Squeezing half of a lemon over the apples before adding them to the salad will help to keep them from turning brown. Halved grapes can be substituted for pineapple.

Number of servings:
7

Serving size: 3/4 cup

Per serving:
151 calories
5g fat
14g protein
14g carbohydrate



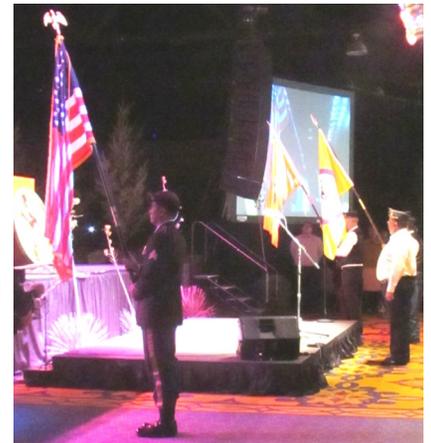
Serving suggestions: Serve chicken/turkey fruit salad covered in the refrigerator for up to 2-3 days.

Use it up: This is a great way to use up leftover turkey and chicken.

2016 Inauguration

Mescalero Apache Tribe

With the election and voting process being complete since November of 2015, the new tribal leaders recited their oath of office January 8, 2016. There was some worry and concern that during that time, tribal members may not attend the historical Inauguration due to severe and dangerous driving conditions as a result of heavy snow fall. To everyone’s surprise and relief, tribal members in attendance flooded the Convention Center at the Inn of the Mountain of Gods leaving a hand full of tables empty.



Not only were there an abundance of tribal members, several other distinguished dignitaries were present like Ernie Stevens, Jr. the Chairman and national spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in Washington, D.C. making his first-ever appearance in Mescalero, Jonathan Nez, Vice-President of the Navajo Nation and Governor Paul Torres of the Pueblo of Isleta just to mention a few.

Jicarilla Apache Council Members Wainwright Velarde and Lillian Veneno accompanied by Jicarilla Apache Nation Public Relations Officer and Little Beaver Rodeo Princess, presented to the newly and reelected tribal leaders gifts bags as a sign of appreciation. Mr. Velarde also delivered a personal letter from Jicarilla Apache Nation President, Ty Vecenti congratulating the tribal council and wishing the Mescalero Apache tribe a prosperous year of great leadership.



Miss Mescalero XXXVIII Talia Randolph made an appearance also by taking the podium and helping announce dignitaries in the audience.



A rather unique contribution was added to the Inauguration program that was brought by two of Mescalero’s very own singing artist, Trinity Enjady and Delvon Chee. Both singers showcased their melodious abilities to the audience that was very pleasing and exciting to everyone in the convention center.

Each newly elected Tribal Council member took the oath of office with some of their immediate family surrounding them. With their



right hand weighing on the Bible while their spouse or close family member holds it in place. Each tribal leader recites the words

“Faithfully and impartially...uphold the Constitution of the Mescalero Apache people. These things I will do to the best of my ability...”

All of the newly elected Tribal Council has more than 30 years of work within the BIA and Tribal workforce. Helen Klinekole obtained her Master’s Degree in Human Resources, Caroline Valdez has expertise in Tribal Administration after being administration secretary for 15 years, Christie LaPaz Jr. has a strong background in Heavy Machinery and Forestry along with obtaining his certification of Heavy Equipment near Phoenix, AZ, and Kenny Blazer who’s history and present is dedicated to the field of Natural Resources.

Re-elect President, Danny Breuninger spoke very strongly about the tribe’s new development in various areas since he first took office two terms ago. Some improvements he mentioned were the reconstruction of the two slopes at Ski Apache due to natural disasters on the mountain, renovated portions of the Tribal Store in Mescalero, new sound system at the Samson Miller rodeo arena, and the newly built car wash beside the Casino Apache and Travel Center off Highway 70.

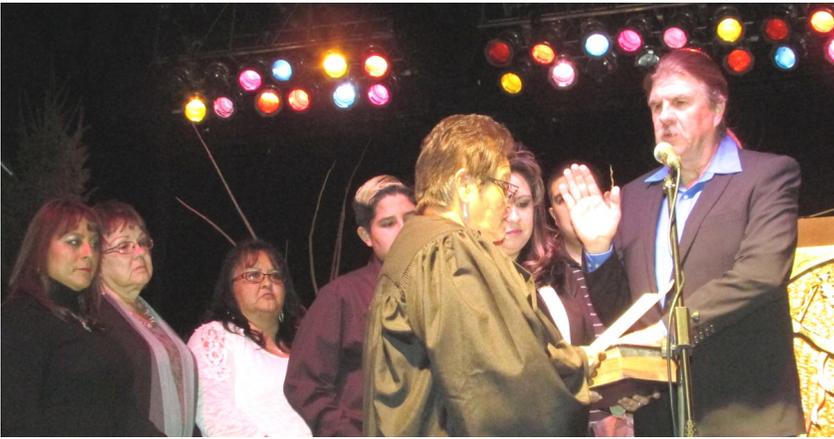


Also re-elect, Vice-President, Gabe Aguilar talked immensely about the huge role the Mescalero Apache people play within the tribal government while mentioning the important upbringing of the youth’s role within the tribal government also.

Additionally, he adds his highest sincerities to his voters and supporters during his campaign to present.



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Chiefs and Lady Chiefs

First Appearance in All Native American Tournament

To start the 2016 New Year, our Chiefs and Lady Chiefs participated for the first time in the 5th Annual Striking Eagle Native American Invitational (SENAI) held on the University of New Mexico campus at the Johnson Center. In early January, SANAI brought together 64 Native American teams from New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona to play the great game of basketball. The tournament consisted of ten brackets featuring boys and girls teams of high school, middle school, and elementary schools.

Chiefs were on the Boys Bear Bracket that included small schools like To'hajiilee, Cuba JV, Tse Ye Gai, Walatowa, Navajo Pine, Ramah, and Alamo Navajo. For the first round of the SENAI, the Chiefs played against the Alamo Navajo Cougars and fell behind more than 25 points to Alamo Navajo who finished the game with 83 points, defeating the Chiefs who scored 56 points and ended up taking the left route of the bracket to the next opponent.

By half time of the second round, the game was tied with Ramah and the Chiefs at 14 points and both teams putting up a very competitive game. The final score in the second round, the Chiefs fall to Ramah 51 to 59 - so close!

The Chiefs completed the SENAI coming in 7th place after defeating Cuba JV 39- Chiefs 50. Way to go! The Alamo Navajo Cougars were the Champions of the Boys Bear bracket.

According to Maxpreps.com, the Chiefs are ranked last in the 2A District with Magdalena at the top of the rankings.

The Lady Chiefs experienced an exciting opportunity along with participating in the SENAI. Friday night, January 8th, Coach Chavez and the whole team did a cameo on KOB 4 Sports News with J.P. Murrieta during the New Mexico GameDay segment. The girls were very enthusiastic about being in the studio, let alone on state-wide television. This segment included basketball highlights from local high schools to the

Chavez sat next to J.P. Murrieta discussing the girls' aggressive basketball skills on the court, "We like to run and push the ball-we averaging 62 points a game while our opponents average 28 points", Coach Chavez.

Lady Chiefs are ranked second in 2A District making the team, Magdalena, to beat in the coming months as the basketball season moves forward.

Meeting the Alamo Navajo Lady Cougars for the first round of SENAI, the Lady Chiefs easily moved into the next round after scoring 46 points more than the Lady Cougars with final scores of Lady Chiefs 65 and Lady Cougars 19.

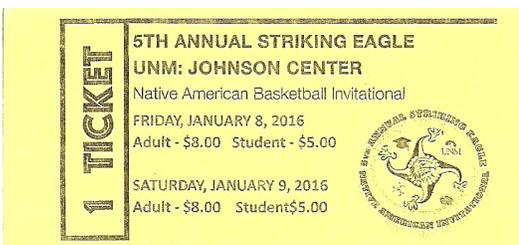
The Second day of SENAI, the Lady Chiefs again, glided through the game and into next round after winning against To'Hajiilee 54-34.

It was now the championship game between our Lady Chiefs and Tse Yi Gai. Just after tip-off, the Lady Chiefs kicked it into gear and immediately scored two with an easy lay-up. At half-time, Tse Yi Gai was up 6 points, 20-14.

The Lady Chiefs would score 43 points while playing an all around competitive game and would complete the SENAI as the second runner-up to Tse Yi Gai who won the Championship with 47 points and ending the Lady Chief's winning streak at the tournament.

The Lady Chiefs played well; they played hard and did an excellent job representing their school and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, great job Lady Chiefs!

All scores and ranking formation provided by Maxpreps.com. Visit KOB.com under the Sports section to watch a recording of the Lady Chiefs' debut.

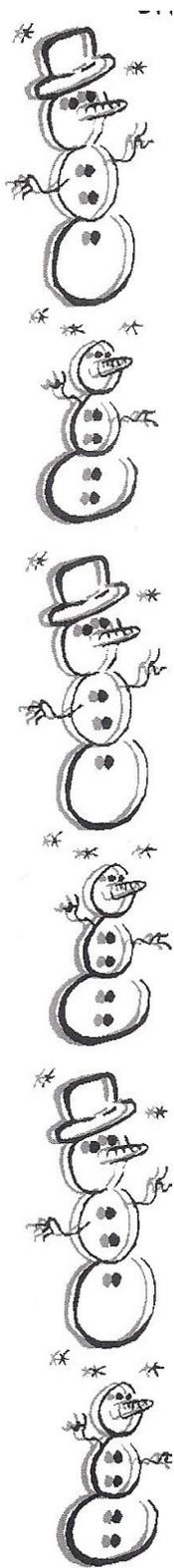


UNM basketball teams. Coach

✝ Religion

A Message from Pastor Gary

Apache Assembly of God Church



Christmas is truly the most wonderful time of the year. It is the time we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who invaded this sin-cursed world in the form of a babe born of a virgin in a manger in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. He came to redeem us from sin, to give us eternal life and a permanent home called Heaven.

This is Christmas. Also, it is time of love, joy, and peace. Some of you are hurting and you feel no love, joy or peace at this moment. But, believe me, accept the arms of God wrapping around you for His love, joy, and peace is there. I ask you to choose to accept it now—today. God wants to sow into your heart His love, joy, and peace. Enjoy your family and friends to the fullest this Christmas season. God loves you so much.

A few days following Christmas will be a brand new year. Don't despair, for something grand is awaiting you. 2016 will be a new year, a new beginning, and things will change. The future is a

great mystery, a gift ready to be open, explored and enjoyed. We welcome the new year, full of things that never have been.

This is not the beginning of a new chapter in your life; this is the beginning of a new book! That first book is already closed, ended, and tossed into the seas; this new book is newly opened, has just begun! Look, it is the first page! And it is a beautiful one! Rather than turning the page, it's much easier to just throw the old book away. It's true that you can't reclaim what you had, but you can lock it up behind you. Start fresh. Morning will come, it has no choice. Morning not only forgives, it forgets. Starting over is an acceptance of a past we can't change, an unrelenting conviction that

the future can be different, and the stubborn wisdom to use the past to make the future what the past was not."

I just want the best for everyone. Let's choose the best that God has for us. The Bible says, "In His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore".



All Are Welcome

St. Joseph Apache Mission

The Faith Community of St. Joseph Apache Mission announces that we have welcomed the invitation of Pope Francis and Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces to dedicate the year of 2016 as a year of celebrating **THE MERCY OF GOD**. Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate by making a pilgrimage, a spiritual journey to the mercy of God. In the words of Pope Francis: *“This pilgrimage is spiritual. It represents the journey of our lives though our self understanding; a journey that leads us to a complete and final trust in the love of God for us. ...We do not cross the threshold of mercy ourselves. We are on a journey with others just as weary; just as failed, just as frustrated and unsure. This journey demands that we show*

mercy to those who journey with us. It also demands that we be merciful to those not with us; those too weak, too burdened, too depressed, guilty and ashamed to make the trip; those so hardened by life that they have come to see mercy as a weakness to be avoided, not a strength to welcome. We invite those who do not believe there is a God to embrace them and cover them with His mercy.”

To symbolize the beginning of this celebration Pope Francis, on December 8, blessed and open the doors of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome to welcome everyone to a place where one can find strength to embrace God’s mercy and dedicate oneself to being merciful. Bishop Cantu designated St. Joseph Church at Mescalero as one of six churches in the Diocese of Las Cruces to

bless and to open the doors day and night to everyone who seeks a place to plead for mercy for themselves and others and to find a place to find courage to be merciful to others. Crossing the threshold of these doors means that we leave behind doubt and fear and allowing God’s love to embrace us.

We will be posting specific times when the Community will be invited to come together and pray for **MERCY**.

LET US PRAY:

Send us your Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with its anointing So that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession Mary, Mother of Mercy, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever AMEN

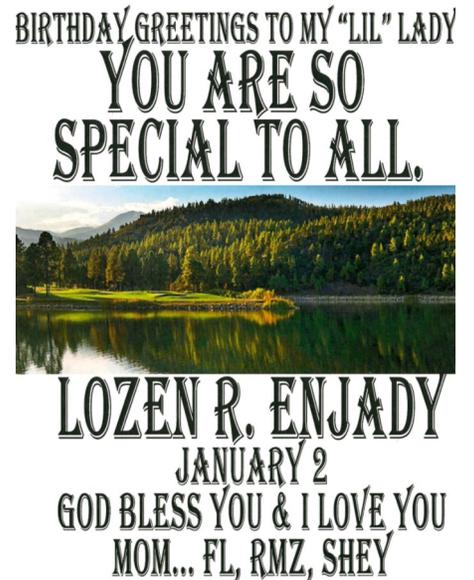
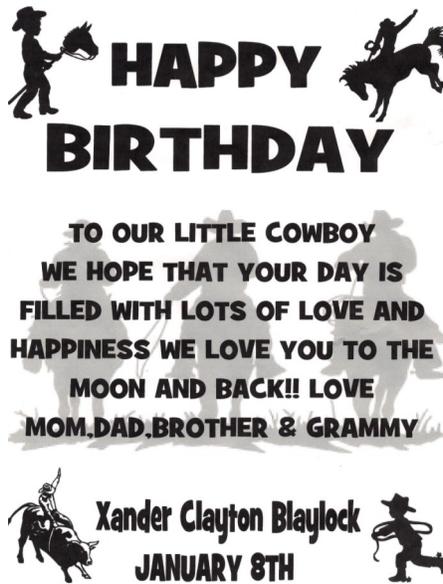
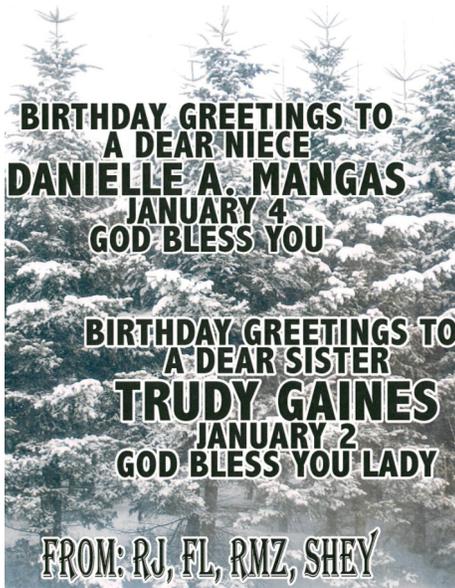
“Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate by making a pilgrimage to the mercy of God.”



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| <p>Ndé Bizaa', The Mescalero Apache Tribe Language Program</p> <p>Some Apache Language Phrases for January 2016</p> <p>Apache Language Classes Wednesday and Thursday 5:00pm</p> | |
| <p>Biyee'xa</p> <p>"Inside of winter"</p> <p>(January)</p> | |
| Zas baanaatsédaa'kee's. | Think snow. |
| Nzhú' hndásá daadá'í. | Look forward in a good way. |
| Nzhú' ch'énánaka. | Come back out in a good way. |
| Shá'í t'á'yú' nádee'sdzá. | The sun is going back. |
| Nilaa'zis'í'a? | Where are your gloves? |
| Nikee' sidúúyí yeń'és. | Put on your warm shoes. |
| Nich'a sidúúyí yeń'aa'. | Put on your warm hat. |
| 'Íntiní guu'stj. | The road is icy. |
| Kahéé' tsén'aa'. | Put on a pot of coffee. |
| Da'tjį'yá guu'k'as. | It is cold outside. |



Happy Holidays



Happy Birthday

Jamal Apachito December 19

Kenley Apachito December 21

Sons may grow into young men and grow out of their toys but in the hearts of *MOTHERS* they are still *LITTLE BOYS*. - Love Mom, Collette

No matter how many birthdays come and go, you two will always be my *LITTLE BOYS*. -Love Dad, Jr.

I am blessed to have awesome brothers like you two. I love you both and Happy Birthday. -Love Sister, Faith



Happy Birthday

Lucinda Flores—December 3

Jacob Dallas—December 25

Love, Auntie Kat, Uncle Jr, Jamal, Kenley, Faith

Love, Grandma Trudy, Papa Troy & Benji, Trina, Kansas, Kyle Jr

Troy Blaylock Sr.—January 10

Love, Wife Trudy, Kids & Grandkids

Jerome Apachito—January 4

From Kat, Jr, Jamal, Kenley, & Faith

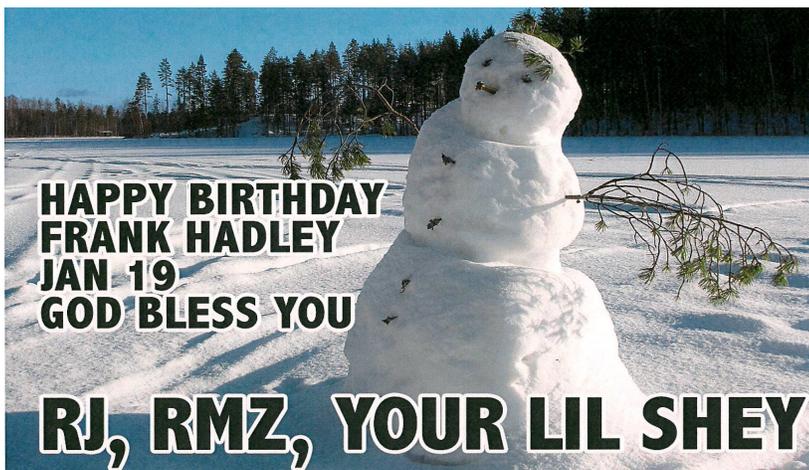
Irwin Apachito—January 4

We would like say Happy Birthday to our Dad. We love you and thanks for everything.

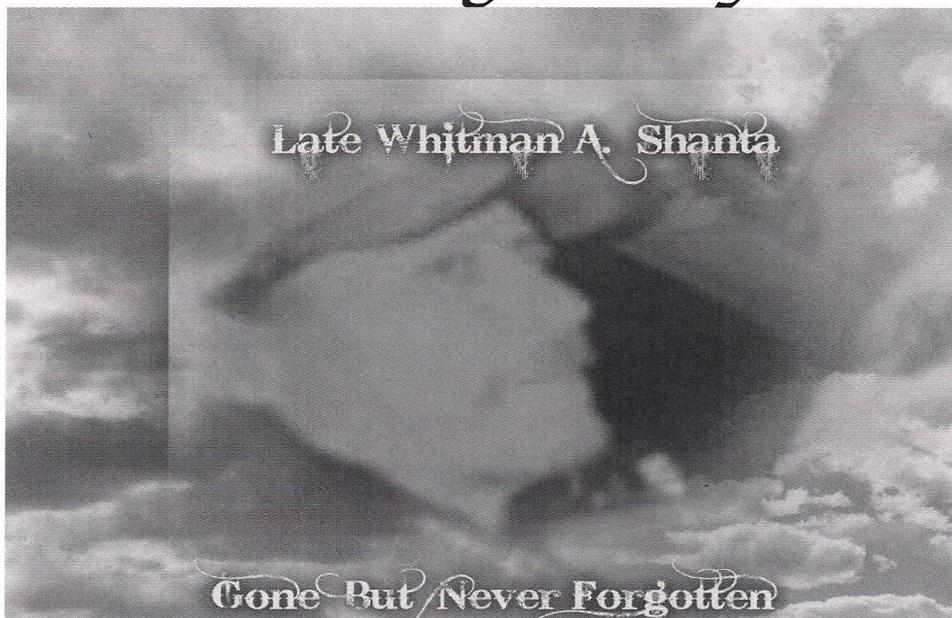
Love, Jamal, Kenley, and Faith Apachito

I would like to say I love you & Happy Birthday to husband Irwin

Love, Collette Apachito



In Loving Memory



Brenda, Erik, Anna Shanta & Grandkids

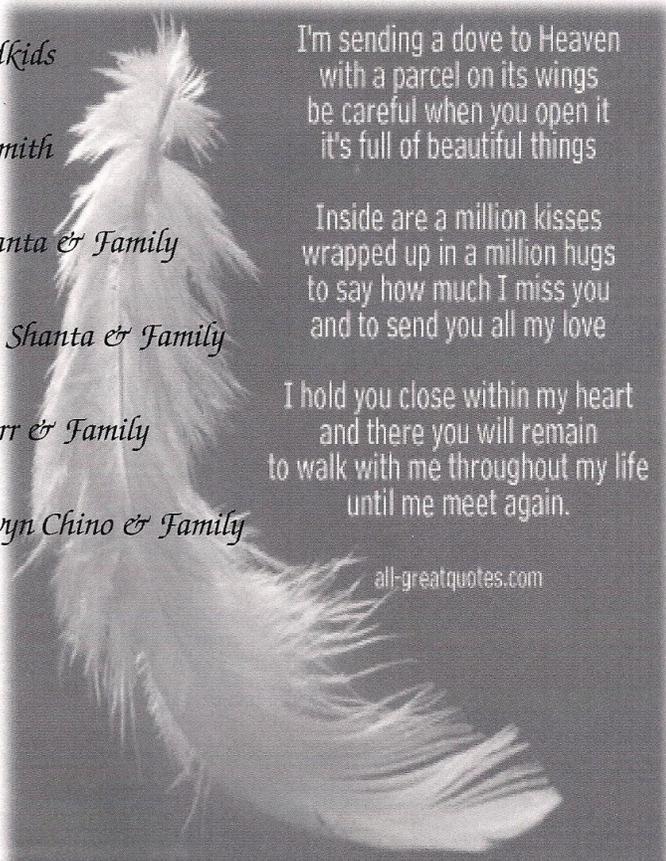
Glorianna Shanta & Family Taylor Smith

Sandra Platero & Family David Shanta & Family

Carmen Robinson & Family Barry Shanta & Family

Joe Shanta & Family Roxanne Starr & Family

Taylor Yahnahki & Family Berwyn Chino & Family

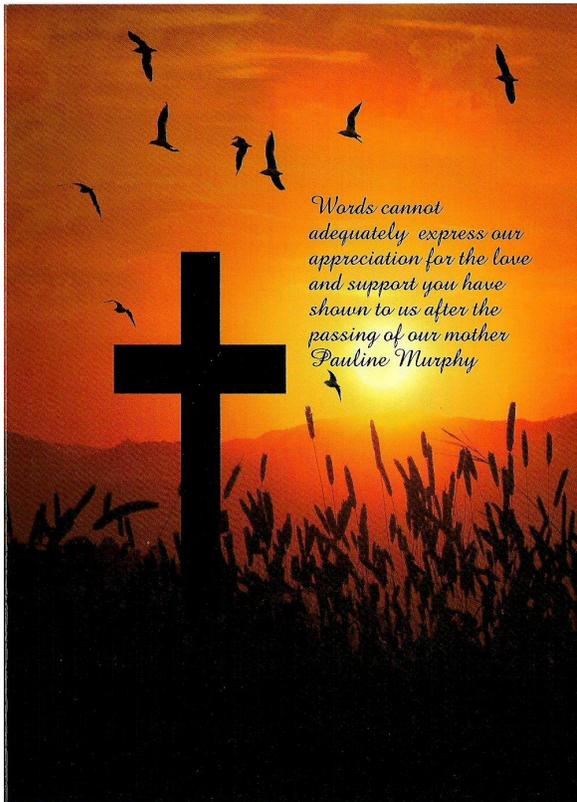


I'm sending a dove to Heaven
with a parcel on its wings
be careful when you open it
it's full of beautiful things

Inside are a million kisses
wrapped up in a million hugs
to say how much I miss you
and to send you all my love

I hold you close within my heart
and there you will remain
to walk with me throughout my life
until we meet again.

all-greatquotes.com



Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the love and support you have shown to us after the passing of our mother Pauline Murphy

We are deeply grateful and would like to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy. The kindness and generosity you showed to all of us at the time of our mother's death are much appreciated. Thank you for the hot meals, the lovely blankets, gifts and monetary donations. We know you put your whole heart into it. We are blessed to have you as loving faithful family and friends. We are forever grateful for your support and truly appreciate the kindness.

THE LOVE OF GOD IS REVEALED IN EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS

The children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Pauline Murphy

Mescalero Apache Tribe

Apache Scout



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Mescalero Apache Head Start News

The Mescalero Apache Head Start 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 to provide comprehensive services for families living in Mescalero. Our program hopes to strengthen the overall quality of the family and to help children between the ages 3 to 5 years to develop to their fullest potential.

The program operates five days-a-week with full sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 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 464-9183 or 464-3492 if you have any questions.

- *Monday-Friday*
8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- *Enrollment packets can be picked up at either site.*





February Activities

For the month of February, the Head Start children will be learning the following letters, Rr, Zz, Ii, and Vv. Mr. R will be taking the kids on an adventure to “The Petting Zoo”; Mr. Z will be teaching about the animals of the zoo; Mr. I will be talking about the different types of insects on our planet; and lastly, Ms. V will be introducing the children to Horticulture, the study of seeds and plants and how they’re cultivated.

All letters are theme-based, and are incorporated into each learning center; math, science, sand and water, writing, computer, painting, art projects, blocks, reading and outdoor play.



Sock Hop

The staff always look forward to the annual “Head Start Sock Hop” held during our Valentine’s Day classroom parties. The children and staff usually dress in the 50s Rock n Roll theme; pony tails, poodle skirts, rolled up sleeves, slick hairs, etc. It’s a fun day of dancing and singing.

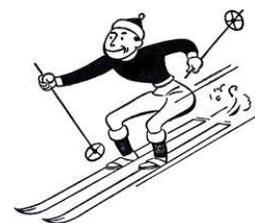
February Activities Cont.

Valentine Caroling

The children have been going to the Mescalero Care Center during the holidays to sing for the residents, and to give them special handmade art projects which the residents seem to enjoy very much. The joyful spirits of the children visiting seems to uplift them. So, on Thursday, February 11th, the children will once again go to visit and sing their little hearts out.

Ski Apache

Every year during the winter months, we have the privilege and opportunity of taking all the Head Start children up to Ski Apache to experience a ride on the gondola, how to ski, and lately, how to snow board. The Ski Apache staff are always very patient and helpful as we maneuver our way through checking in, getting the books and skis fitted for each child, and eventually getting up to the Ski School to start our ski lessons.



Mescalero Elderly Center News

Happy Birthday to all of our February elders! We wish you a very blessed day and a wonderful year! Seems like we just started the New Year, and here comes February.

As winter begins to leave and we begin to see signs of spring, the elderly center is the place to be! Come by in the morning for coffee and an occasional warm treat. We always have tea, oatmeal and cereal available for you in case you missed your breakfast. Remember breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

February will be full of activities both fun and educational. Remember every Monday is Casino Day, unless that Monday falls on a holiday such as Martin Luther King Day. We will begin the month with our Monthly Program Improvement Meeting. This meeting gives elders a chance to hear recent news about happenings at the center as well as voice their constructive opinion and share ideas. We will also have a special presentation on weatherizing your home

where we will learn that weatherizing is not only important during the winter but also in the summer.

We will be increasing our fitness classes as well as our practice for the upcoming All Indian Game Day in March. We have added practicing our skills and our elders are improving in shuffleboard, and washers. We will add in other skills in soccer kick, Frisbee, and basketball. Timing for the 400 and 800 estimated walk will be done later in February when the weather gets better and we are able to go outside. Our archers are warming up and fine tuning their skills, 5K runners have also been training. We are looking forward to defending our title in both the younger elder, and elder group as well as keep the Spirit Award! Elders have put together a super idea for the spirit competition. If you have signed up please remember to attend the meeting on February 16th. If you haven't been practicing or working on your fitness, it's a good time to start.



Elderly Center Gets New Van



The new van finally arrived and elders are enjoying it very much! The van has much more room and although the old one was nice, this one is indeed a bit nicer. We are grateful to those who helped make the purchase of this well needed van possible.

More Elderly News



The month will continue with Bingo, Baraja cards, Language class, and Nutrition Education. February is a short month and everything seems to be happening at once. We will celebrate Mardi-Gras with a party and King Cake, as well as Valentine's Day all while throwing a bit of the Chinese New Year history and celebration in. We go to the movies once a month. The elderly program will pay for your movie and a kids' pack of goodies. If you are interested in going, like all activities, you are strongly encouraged to come into the center and sign up. This helps us with our planning and makes it easier to serve you the elders better. You can ride with us in the new van or drive in your own vehicle and meet us there.



We had a fun month of January enjoying "special days" such as "Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt Day" and "Wear Your Favorite Hat Day". Our Nutrition class with April focused on healthy cooking using whole grains. We learned about the difference between whole and processed flour and tasted a wonderful salad made with whole grain pasta. The class focused healthy eating for both diabetics and non-diabetics.

We enjoyed the latest fad with adults... that is colored pencil coloring. Research

shows that this activity is calming, creative, and can lower stress and blood pressure. Elders created many beautiful and awesome pages. Our other project was making pine cone bird feeders. This activity is fun and like many of our projects is doable at little or no cost.

As the New Year started, we were happy that CHR came in and did a health screening for us. We all saw improvement in our evaluation. The screening was weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar. The screening also gave the elders to talk to CHR representatives about any health issues they may have been concerned with.

Elders enjoyed learning about Stroke Prevention and Awareness and how having and maintaining a healthy blood pressure is important to stroke prevention.

Tribal elders are welcome to come into the center and join in on the fun. We open up at 8:00 but someone is here before that if you need to warm up with a nice cup of coffee earlier. If you have any questions or need to contact us you can call us at 575-464-1614. In addition to taking meals to our home bound elders, we serve lunch daily at the center from 11:00 am to Noon. Come in and share a meal with friends and family.

February 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|--|--|--|--|-----|
| 31 | 1 10:00 Casino Day | 2 10:00 Winter Weatherizing your home. | 3 10:00 Monthly Program Improvement Meeting 1:00 Shuffleboard | 4 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Town day | 5 10:00 Bingo | 6 |
| 7 | 8 10:00 Casino Day | 9 10:00 Mardi-Gras Party | 10 10:00 Seasonal Crafting 1:00 Practice | 11 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard | 12 10:00 Sweetheart Bingo | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Center Closed for Presidents Day | 16 10:00 All Indian Game Day Meeting 1:00 Practice | 17 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard | 18 10:00 Nutrition with Kelly 1:00 Practice | 19 10:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Day in Alamo | 20 |
| 21 | 22 10:00 Casino Day | 23 10:00 Baraja Cards Scrabble Language Class 1:00 Practice | 24 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard | 25 10:00 Oral Health for the Elderly 1:00 Practice | 26 10:00 Bingo | 27 |
| 28 | 29 10:00 Casino Day | MESCALERO ELDERLY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | *Calendar is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call 464-0114 | | | |

News from the Office of the Prosecutors

Hope this New Year 2016 starts off great for our Tribal Members, Tribal Employee's and Affiliates. Our office is titled as The Mescalero Apache Tribal Prosecutor and is a branch of the Tribal Administration. Our office is located within the main building of the Mescalero Community Center (Administration) where the bowling alley once existed and now is known as the South Hall. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our direct phone number: 575-464-9205, Fax number: 575-464-4454 Mailing address: P.O. Box 227, and street address is 101 Central Avenue, Mescalero, New Mexico 88340. Our department has four full time em-

ployees; 1- Chief Prosecutor Alta M. Branham, 1- Administrative Assistant Calsey Tissnolthtos, 2 -Assistant Prosecutor's Melissa Chavez and Hjalmar Merino. The Office of the Prosecutor is an office that is dedicated to fully exercise its sovereignty to prevent and reduce criminal activity on the Mescalero Apache Reservation through vigorous and effective investigations and prosecution of crimes combined with services provided with appropriate corrective actions for the offenders. The Office of the Prosecutor is a critical branch to the tribe in addressing threats to the community such as social, educational, health, political, and cultural integrity of the Tribe relating to tribal justice.





**THE OFFICE OF
THE PROSECUTOR
THE MESCALERO
APACHE TRIBE
MESCALERO, NM
88340
575-464-9206**

Our office also has guidelines and steps that we have to abide by when an offender commits a criminal act or acts, or when an individual wishes to file criminal charges against another person. An individual has a right to plea of Guilty, Not Guilty and or No Contest to the charge or charges filed against them as a person. Remember all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in the court of Law; in which means if they plead not guilty, then that becomes the Office of the Prosecution’s case. That’s where the Prosecutor who is assigned to that case will start working on those cases by gathering all critical evidence. The next step will be Pretrial where Prosecution will always have in hand a Plea Agreement ready for the offender for an exchange should the defended decide to take the Plea Agreement, however should the defendant refuse the Plea Agreement then the Tribal Court will set a Not Guilty Hearing and Prosecution will then submit what is called a Pretrial Exchange to the defendant or defendant’s Lay Counsel, which is basically all viably evidence that will be used at trial. (Note) depending on the severity of the charge(s) a Plea Agreement may not be an option. The next step will be a Not Guilty Hearing, prosecution will always have in hand as stated earlier a plea agreement just in case the defendant decides to change their plea to no contest or guilty to avoid trial. Everything that was exchanged at pretrial between both parties is what will be used for the Not Guilty Trial, there shall be no new

witnesses or evidence that maybe entered that was not listed at pretrial for exchange.

In all criminal cases, defendants who plead not guilty have a Right to Jury Trial, upon request made within 10 days of the arraignment. These are some of our guidelines and steps that we follow in our office.

Office of the Prosecutor has an open door policy; however we do have rules when coming to see one of the Prosecutors.

1. Check in with the Administrative Assistant
2. Sign in
3. Fill out a Client Form
4. Please do not come in intoxicated and asking for money; that is a No No!

If calling for one of the Prosecutors please identify which prosecutor you wish to speak with, should that prosecutor not be available please leave your name, number and a brief message so the Administrator Assistant can directly give the message to the proper person. I encourage the departments, community and public to stop by, invite or just email and say a good morning, hello or your invited to a meeting, conference, whatever it maybe to work together, communicate with each other’s. I would like to hear from your department. Have a great day.

Thank you,
Alta M. Branham, Chief Prosecutor
Melissa Chavez, Assistant Prosecutor
Hjalmar Merino, Assistant Prosecutor
Calsey Tissnolthtos, Administrative Assistant

Mescalero Elementary Perfect Attendance

2nd Nine Weeks October 20, 2015–December 18, 2015

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Jaylynn Ahidley | Eric Herrera |
| Bridgette Blake | Verman Jim- |
| Elizabeth Blake | Christian Little |
| Ishmael Blake | Leilani Little |
| -Leda Bob | Dolton McFadden- |
| -Jahnya Carrillo | Tehya McFadden- |
| Gavin Castillo | Ryan Morgan |
| Jariah Chee | Anthony Munoz- |
| Madison Chee | Jesslin Paz |
| Marlee Chino | Laura Quintero |
| -Lairah Comanche | Audrina Reynolds |
| -Travien Comanche | Sage Sewell |
| Davin Davis | Frank Trujillo- |
| -Michael Dominguez | Christina Venego- |
| Scott Douglass | Jason Wilson |
| Ruth Enjady | Nicholas Yuzos |
| Chasity Herrera | |

~Perfect Attendance for the 1st Semester~

~August 10, 2015–December 18, 2015~

2nd Quarter Mescalero Elementary Awards

October 12, 2015–December 18, 2015

Superintendent Awards

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Audrina Reynolds | Jade Chavez |
| Dominic Moreno | Shanna Cochise |
| Railey Blake | Melanie Comanche |
| Savannah Hopson | Tamree Marden |
| Ruth Enjady | Diandra McFadden |
| Cassandra Flowers | Jaylynn Ahidley |
| Tashmira Herrera | Miley Cojo |
| Lamuel Ahidley-Castillo | Anjilita Comanche |
| Anastacia Kanseah | Toren Enjady |
| Hendrick Aldava | Gillian Morgan |

*Thank
you par-
ents for
sending
your
child(ren)
to school
every
day!*

Superintendent Awards Continued...



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|------------------|---------------------|
| Cody Rice | Leatrice Sago |
| Rooney Lopez | Halee Williams |
| Skyler Rice | Kaylan Ahidley |
| Marlee Chino | Kalvin Balatche |
| Benita Klinekole | Sophia Casares |
| Avin Yellowcloud | Arliyana Chee |
| Kaylyn Chino | Astori Chee |
| Christian Little | Paisley Pike |
| Shaidyn LaPaz | Feliciana Brillante |
| Julian Mendez | Jesslin Paz |
| Caydence Palmer | Kolton Kazhe |

Principle Awards

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| Erikai Skin | Chanden Pena-Gallardo |
| Weakeah Hoahwah | De'eddrick Provencio |
| Herwauney Wilson | Jaleria Cajé |
| Nora Comanche | Emerald Comanche |
| Sanoe Whitewater | Kelsey Dictson |
| Juniper Big Hunter | Angel Kanseah |
| Freeman Blake | Tianna Lyons |
| James Blake | Makayla Apachito |
| Jarryon Comanche-Anaya | Charlotte Blake |
| Jacob Kanseah | Mandy Chimal |
| Jonathan Marrujo | Kaden Comanche |
| Dominick Garcia | Laura Quintero |
| Symiah Gonzales | Elizabeth Blake |
| Eugene Hewgley | Lordon Chee |
| Kairah Shanta | Angelo Rocha |
| Shayla Apachito | Kaylionna Rocha |
| Bridgette Blake | Cheyenne Kanseah |
| Jalayah Lester | |

Honor Roll Awards

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Laramy Ortega | Anthony Yuzos |
| Mystery Forte | Michelle Forte |
| Pierce Spitty | Brian Morgan |
| Daniel Yuzos | Madison Valdez |
| Joey Klinekole | Molly Pena |
| Desmond Rocha | Haliagh Shendo |
| Jacoby Rocha | Angel Shanta |
| Jade Steward | Cielo Herrera |
| Ferron Big Hunter | Mathew Damon |
| Sunshine Evans | Makayla Rocha |
| Stephie Prins | Iverson Shorty |
| Eastin Begay | Talana Carrillo |
| Deven Botella | Josie Chavez |
| Riley Morgan | Dadrian Comanche-Pino |
| Jessariah Pinto | Marshall Coonie |
| Deandrea Provencio | Ronnie Victor |
| Anavay Wheeler | Noemi Choneska |
| Lakai Whitewater | |

Great Job!



Elementary Students!

Mescalero Apache Chiefs Cross Country

On November 13, 2015 an article came out in the *Ruidoso News* about cross country. The article says that for the first time in its history, Mescalero sends two cross country competitors to the state meet in Rio Ranch on November 7th. Alex Kaydahzinne and Cisco Bob III went to the State meet. Congratulations to these boys. However, it's not the first time in the history of Mescalero

schools that anybody went to the state meet. The Mescalero Chiefs have been running at the state cross country meets in Red Rock State Park outside of Gallup, New Mexico for years. Mr. Thurman Sanchez was the coach at that time. There was a girls' team and a boys' teams. These girls and boys trained hard and had the determination to make it to state, imagine how these girls and boys felt when they saw this article in the *Ruidoso News*.

Apparently, the Mescalero Apache School Athletic Department is unaware of what these boys and girls have accomplished. These boys and girls are now adults, but they are not going to be forgotten. They represented Mescalero Apache Schools with pride at the state cross country meets. I was there with them and am proud of them, my son was one of the runners. —Larry Valdez

Mescalero Apache Housing Authority News



MESCALERO APACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY

101 Central, P.O. Box 248
575-464-9235 Phone
575-464-4348 Fax
Mescalero, New Mexico 88340



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GROUP WORKCAMPS TO RETURN IN 2016

ELDERLY, DISABLED, LOW INCOME, HAVE FIRST PRIORITY THEN TRIBAL HOMEOWNERS.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEARS OPPORTUNITY TO POSITIVELY IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR HOMES!
PLEASE COME TO THE MESCALERO APACHE HOUSING AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION.

GROUP WORKCAMPS WILL HAVE ONE CAMP THIS YEAR:
THE WEEK OF JUNE 27- JULY 1

IF YOUR HOME CAN USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WORK
INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAINTING, BUILDING OR REPAIRING PORCHES AND WHEELCHAIR RAMPS, TRAILER SKIRTING, BUILDING OR REPAIRING STEPS, WINDOW AND DOOR WEATHERIZATION.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VOLUNTEER WORK AT NO COST TO YOU!

DEADLINE TO TURN IN AN APPLICATION IS MARCH 25, 2016

Mescalero Apache Housing Authority is now taking applications for:

BIA'S HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PLEASE SEE THE MAHA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

DEADLINE: February 15, 2016

You can come pick up applications at the MAHA Development Office. If you have any question please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call @ 575-464-0478.

MAHA News Continued...

The **Weatherization Assistance Program** is funded primarily by the Department of Energy and the State of New Mexico. Funds may also be provided by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) is the State's administrative agency for WAP.

Our program **DOES NOT** do major home repairs including; plumbing, electrical, roof damage, storm windows, and mobile home skirting. The program is for minor repairs to help the client conserve energy, for example:

- Window repair and glass replacement
- Repair or replacement of exterior doors
- Insulation
- Check all gas fired appliances for safety

When funding allows and it is necessary, we can do repair or replacement on heaters and hot water heaters.

PLEASE SEND IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. **Proof of Income.** We need a copy of ALL current income for the month for the entire household. For Social Security/SSI Pension or Unemployment, we need the current Benefit Award Letter of 2015.
2. **Copies of your most recent Gas and Electric bills (Please include meter readings).**
3. **Proof of disability, if applicable.** We need a doctor's letter stating you are disabled or the printout from the SSI stating you are a disabled individual or a court decision stating you are disabled.
4. **All members 18 years of age and over must sign the application.**
5. **Proof of home ownership.** (Copies of Warranty Deed, Real Estate Contract, Title/Registration if dwelling is a Mobile Home or Bill of Sale.
6. **Copies of Social Security cards and birthdates must be provided for all Household Members.**
7. **Copies of picture ID for everyone over the age of 18.**

We must have ALL of the above information for your application to be processed!! Send copies only, do not send originals!! Materials will not be returned!!

Send your completed application and above information to:
Southwestern Regional Housing Community and Development Corp.
Attn: Weatherization Program
2480 Lakeside Dr. Suite C
Las Cruces, NM 88007

You may also bring it by our office located at 2480 Lakeside Dr. Suite C, Las Cruces, NM 88007. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Patricia Charles at 575-523-1639.

Pick up applications at MAHA Development Office located beside the Mescalero Community Center or please feel free to call 575-464-0478.



MAHA News Continued...

504 Repair/Rehabilitation Loan/Grant With Rural Housing Services



YOU CAN:

1. Repair a roof
2. Add insulation
3. Replace doors and windows
4. Repair bathroom
5. Repair heating and electricity
6. Repair well or septic
7. Make accessible for wheelchair

YOU CANNOT:

Repair a mobile home unless it is on a permanent foundation.

TO APPLY:

Complete the Loan Application, Budget, and/or Financial Statement & Authorization to Relation Information,

- Provide verification of your home ownership.
- Provide a check stub or Benefit letter.
- Provide a copy of a photo ID.

Applications will be taken until all funds are out. You can come by to pick up applications at the **MAHA Development Office**. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call at 575-464-0478.



**MESCALERO APACHE
HOUSING AUTHORITY**
Weekly On-Call Schedule
Jan 11 thru Mar 06, 2016

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jan 11 thru Jan 17 | Byron Blake Ernest Kadayso | Radio #330 Radio #350 |
| Jan 18 thru Jan 24 | Ronald Blaylock Joel Antonio | Radio #370 Radio #360 |
| Jan 25 thru Jan 31 | Raymond Wilson David Nash | Radio #365 Radio #345 |
| Feb 1 thru Feb 7 | John Lathan James Bigrope, Sr. | Radio #355 Radio #335 |
| Feb 8 thru Feb 14 | Byron Blake Ernest Kadayso | Radio #330 Radio #350 |
| Feb 15 thru Feb 21 | Ronald Blaylock Joel Antonio | Radio #370 Radio #360 |
| Feb 22 thru Feb 28 | Raymond Wilson David Nash | Radio #365 Radio #345 |
| Feb 29 thru Mar 6 | John Lathan James Bigrope, Sr. | Radio #355 Radio #335 |

**MAHA Free Home Repair
Official Application is
available online at
www.mescaleroapachetri
be.com/2898/maha-news/
OR pick up an application
at the MAHA Development
Office**

In the event no one answers the call, please contact the Director of Field Operations, Larry Brusuelas, Sr., at 575-464-4741 (Home), or 575-937-6513 Please keep in mind this on call list is for **emergencies** only, (fire, sewer, water, gas, and electrical)

Religion

Apache Assembly of God Church

A Heart Cry from Pastor Gary

Let heaven roar and fire fall
Come shake the ground
With the sound of revival
Let heaven roar and fire fall
Come shake the ground
With the sound of revival

Let heaven roar (Let heaven roar) and fire fall
Come shake the ground
With the sound of revival
(My God's not dead)
(He's surely alive)
He's living on the inside
Roaring like a lion
God's not dead
He's surely alive
He's living on the inside

...These words are a small portion of the lyrics from the popular Christian song by the Newsboys, "God's Not Dead". On April 1, 2016 "God's Not Dead 2" will start showing in theaters all across the country. Go on line and watch the trailer. As you know this is the one day of the year we designate as "fools day". How appropriate it is that this awesome film begins on April fools day. Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool has said in his heart, there is no God". I personally believe that our faith in God will be challenged dramatically in 2016 by the secular world. I don't say this casually, but with a heavy heart. This is one reason I believe that our churches need to bind together in one cause and that is to win the lost here in the entire community of Mescalero. We must become strong in our faith by intensely reading the Bible.

You may be reading this and are saying, "I don't believe in God, I am here just by chance". Billy Graham was asked the question. How do you know God even exists? Have you ever seen Him? I admit I'm a skeptic, but how

can I believe in something I can't explain or prove? '

Dr. Graham answered this way:

"Can you prove that love exists? Or beauty, or joy, or hope? Or for that matter, can you explain electricity or magnetism, or any one of a hundred other things you make use of every day? No, not really. You see, in many ways we live by faith every day -- even if we don't call it that. I

have faith gravity won't stop working and fling me into space. I have faith that someone has purified the water I drink. I have faith the sun will come up in the morning, and that the antibiotic the doctor gives me for an infection will heal me. Yes, you may reply that these are different from faith in God, and in some ways they are. But notice: I have faith in these things not because I understand them, but because I have seen the evidence for them. And the same is true with God. I have faith in Him because I have seen the evidence. I see His hand in the wonders of creation, and in the wonder of human life. In my view, it would take more faith to believe this world happened by chance than to believe God created it." ...end of quote....

There's an old song that says, "If God is dead, then who's this living in my heart". And let me say this: God is not dead. I just talked with Him early this morning. I might say that if you doubt the existence of God, you are on the losing team. Read the last couple of chapters in the Bible if you are unclear as to what I am referring to as the "losing team". Child of God, hold fast, take courage, be strong and be prepared for the attacks that you may be facing this year as a believer. This I say again is not a casual or monotonous statement. This is a word from our Creator, God Almighty, the Everlasting Father.

Sunday Services

Adult Sunday School:
9:30 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Men's,
Women's,
Youth,
and Children's Sunday School:
11:00 a.m.

Monday Evening Prayer

5:00- 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Potluck Supper: 5:00 p.m.

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2016 Wildland Fire Training

Mescalero BIA Forestry

Pack Tests will be administered at 10:00 a.m. at the Mescalero Community Center Football Field on the following Fridays:

- February 5, 12, and 19
- March 11 and 18
- April 15

Classes below will be held at the BIA Mescalero Agency Branch of Forestry Training Building:

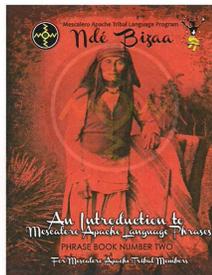
- (RT-130) Annual 8 Hour Refresher on the following Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.:
 - February 3, 10, and 7
 - March 9 and 16

- April 13

- L-280—Followership to Leadership: February 29—March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
- Basic Firefighter Classes for Rookies: March 21-25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. (classes include: S-130, S-190, I-100, L-180, IS-700)
- IS-700—National Incident Management System: March 8 & 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- Defensive Driving: February 17 and March 10 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Classes are subject to change due to weather and/or wildfires.

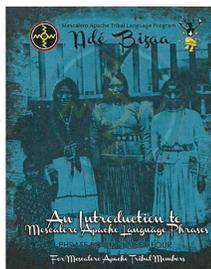
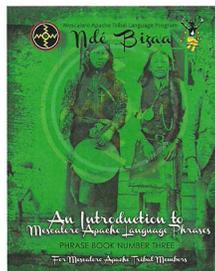
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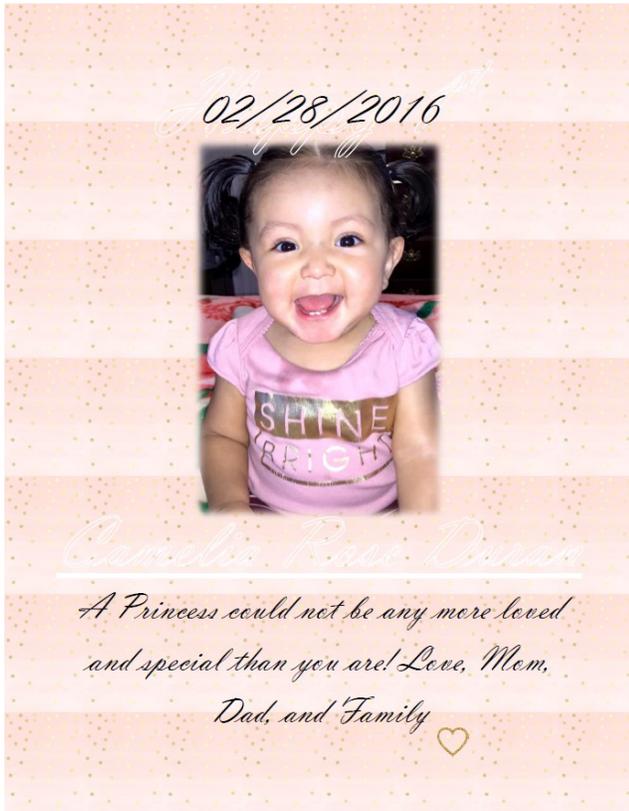
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Tribal Career Openings as of February 05, 2016

Teacher Assistant CLOSSES: February 15, 2016
GED Instructor CLOSSES: February 19, 2016

More details about openings at the HR office OR mescaleroapachetribe.com/careers



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