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**JULY DEADLINE:  
06/19/17 BY NOON**

**Officers doing great things!**  
*Mescalero Conservation Department*



On May 6, 2017 Otero County had their "Law Enforcement Appreciation" Banquet at the Elks lodge in Alamogordo. Otero County Honored several police departments to include: New Mexico State Police, Otero County Sheriffs Department, Cloudcroft Police Department, Tularosa Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol, Holloman Military Police, New Mexico Game and Fish, U.S. Forest Service, Mescalero Conservation, Otero

Prison and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Conservation Officer Samuel Klinekole participated in the Honor Guard for this event (pictured above holding the American flag). April 30, 2017 Conservation Officers: Ruben Peralta and Ryan Martinez (pictured above holding their plaques) traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota to compete in the Native American Fish and Wildlife National Shoot Competition. They were represent-

ing the Southwest Region (New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Southern portion of California) and placed Second as a Team. 5 Team members from the Southwest Region competed against other Officers from the Pacific, Great Plains, and Great Lakes Region. While in Rapid City, they attended numerous Conservation Officer training. Good Job Guys!

## W.W.F.S donation

*Mescalero Apache Veterans*



Last month, a donation arrived in Mescalero from the Wounded Warrior Family Support Group with help from Martin Duarte. The 2017 Ford Explorer came from Rich Ford in Albuquerque, who has coordinated the best price for the vehicle donation. The W.W.F.S. paid for the

delivery of the vehicle from Albuquerque to Mescalero on a trailer. With approval from our Tribal Administration and Finance Department along with the hard work of Mr. Kelton Starr, the collaboration wouldn't have been possible by both businesses.

This is a great opportunity for the Mescalero Apache Tribal Veterans to have transportation to appointments and items that involve Mescalero Veterans. *Pictured above are all members of the Tribal Council and Kelton Starr, Director of Education.*



During a Tribal Council meeting, Oliver Enjady presented a hand crafted gift to the Council as a whole. Everyone was very pleased to receive the hand-painted clock. It is now displayed at the Tribal Offices in Mescalero.



In early May, Mesca- lero First Responders were invited by our Tribal Government leaders to a luncheon held at the Gathering

of Nations Buffet at IMG. Several BIA offi- cers, Conservation Of- ficers, EMT, Fire Res- cue and some Tribal Court staff all enjoyed

each others company and words of apprecia- tion by our Tribal Gov- ernment leaders. Thank you for keep our reservation safe!



Celina Mahinalani Garza is Native Hawai- ian, Portuguese, and Hispanic. She's been visiting our reserva- tion for over 10 years now providing motiva- tional seminars for the WIOA program. Her

recent trip here, she was accompanied by Waylon Pahona (Hopi, Tewa, & Maricopa Pii- paash), trainer and founder of the Face- book group page Healthy Active Natives (HANs). Together they

encouraged life man- agement skills for our youth by mentoring, sharing real life ex- periences and educa- tional presentations. Pictured above are Celina (left) and Way- lon (right).

## Parks & Recreation Department

### Recent News

We at the Parks & Recreation are pleased to announce that Silver Lake will be opening on May 26, 2017. We have fixed all the water issues and testing was done. The results were all negative of any Coliforms. The Filtration System is in working order per HIS/ EPA standards. Collections were gathered and all were good. It has been a long process but with the hard work of the Parks & Recreation/Fence Crew and DRMP, we have finally fixed the water and other issues. We are in compliance with the EPA/HIS water standards.



## Public Notice

### Conservation Department

The Mescalero Conservation Department will be having its annual Rabies Clinic on Thursday July 20th & Friday July 21st, 2017. The locations will be across the post office, CCF parking lot & Mescalero School. Please help keep our community and pets safe and bring your pets out to get vaccinated free of charge. If you have any questions please give the office a call at (575) 464-9323. Hope to see you there!

## Program Information

### Mescalero Head Start Program

#### Summer Enrollment

#### Days

July 14, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(@ Mescalero Site)

July 21, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
(@ Carrizo Site)

July 28, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
(@ Mescalero Site)  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(@ Carrizo Site)

#### [Documents I need to enroll my child:](#)

Immunization Record, Birth Certificate, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), Income Verification (TANF, SSI, 2 current check stubs, 2016 Income Tax), Child's Social Security Card, Child's Medicaid Card or other Health Insurance Card, Custody

Papers (if applicable). **ALL RETURNING STUDENTS** must update their current Enrollment Packet and bring in a current Physical, Immunization Record, and a Notarized Medical Consent Form.

**Please keep in mind that your child will not be considered enrolled unless all required**



documents are turned in and/or updated. If you have any questions they can be reached at 575-464-9183 during the dates listed above.

## Movie with Dad

### *Mescalero Head Start Program*

For the last couple of years, our program has set aside a day for just the Head Start “dads” (biological father, grand father, uncle, older brother, step-father) to spend some time with their Head Start child. As

apart of our Male Involvement Initiative, we made arrangements for them to go to the movies in Alamogordo, to watch “The Smurf Movie”. We had a terrific turnout.

After the movies, they went to Alameda Park and enjoyed the rest of the day by playing on the playground and having pizza and salad for lunch.



## Head Start Blessing Run 2017

### *Mescalero Head Start Program*

During the month of March, our Head Start program participate in the annual “Mescalero Apache Blessing Run”. We bus the children out toward Cow Camp. They run from the Number One turnoff to the Old Whitetail School, which is approximately a mile or so long. During that short run a small group of children stand about 15-20 yards apart and pass the medicine bag along like a baton re-

lay. Most of the children run the whole mile, while others that are tired get picked up by the bus following behind. After reaching the Old Whitetail School, the children, volunteers, and staff sit down for picnic lunch. This is an event the children really enjoy. In the days leading up to the Blessing Run, our Health Manager/ Apache Culture Coordinator, Ms. Bernadette

Blaylock educated the children in the classroom about the meaning of the Blessing Run. Telling the children that the “run” isn’t a race, but a day when we give thanks to God for blessing us, and to pray to Him for continued blessings as well. Two things we were all very thankful for: one, that it wasn’t windy, and two, for all the volunteers who came out to assist us.



# White Sands Family Easter

*Mescalero Head Start Program*



Our program celebrated Easter at the White Sands National Monument. The staff grilled burgers and hotdogs for all our families while the families enjoyed some

fun in the sun by sledding down the dunes, burying themselves in the sand, and going on an egg hunt after lunch. All in all, it turned out to be a perfect day.

# Head Start Graduation

*Mescalero Head Start Program*

The Head Start Graduation took place at the Mescalero Apache Schools Auditorium on Friday, May 19, 2017. Fifty of our “Shining Stars” will be going on to Kindergarten in the Fall.

The former Miss New Mexico United States, Vanessa Hernandez, was our special guest speaker. She recounted memories of

her own Head Start experiences and encouraged everyone to be strong, no matter what ethnic background they come from.

The “Volunteer of the Year” awards went to Zelda Speedy from the Mescalero Site, and Marilyn Evans from the Carrizo Site. They each received a plaque and a \$50 Wal-Mart

gift card. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in during the school year.

Another award, went to the Scott and Blake families for raising the most money per site for the annual St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital “Trike-A-Thon” fundraiser.

Thank you to all who came out and celebrated with us.



## Mescalero Dental Clinic

*Emergency / Walk-In Schedule*

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

June 01, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 16, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 02, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 19, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 05, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 20, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 06, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 21, 2017	1pm - Emergencies
June 07, 2017	1pm - Emergencies	June 22, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 08, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES	June 23, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 09, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES	June 26, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 12, 2017	8 am & 1pm-	June 27, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 13, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 28, 2017	1pm - Emergencies
June 14, 2017	1pm - Emergencies	June 29, 2017	8 am - Emergencies
June 15, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	June 30, 2017	8 am - Emergencies

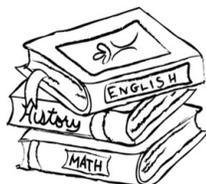
Emergency/Walk-in time is first-come, first-served, so we highly recommend signing-in at 7:45 AM on whatever day you come on.


**Mescalero Community Library**
  
 148 Cottonwood Drive Box 227  
 Mescalero, N.M. 88340  
 Phone/Fax 575-464-5010/575-464-5011  
 Email: mescalerolibrary@matisp.net



“COLLEGE STUDENTS SCHOOL IS AROUND THE CORNER”

**ORDER YOUR FALL**



**TEXTBOOKS  
DEADLINE  
JULY 14TH**



**(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**

- ISBN NUMBER**
- TITLE**
- AUTHOR**
- EDITION**
- PICTURE OF BOOK**

### Welcome

The 2017 Summer Reading Program theme is: Build a Better World

- Sign up for June and July of great Fun. Sign-ups begin May 30<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the reading program
- You will receive a Reading Log & Incentive Game.
- All reading logs must be turned in when completed and will receive another one
- Kids under 6 yrs. old are required an adult to be present

\*Reminder: Library will be closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities\*

**Activities for 5 mos. to 5 yr. olds**  
**10am to 11am**  
 Tuesday's & Thursday's  
 Story time  
 Craft

**Activities for 6 yr. olds and up**  
**1pm to 3pm**  
 Monday—Game Day  
 Tuesday—Computers Day  
 Wednesday- Reading/logging Day  
 Thursday-Movie Day  
 Friday-Craft Day

# Elderly Center

## Recent News

It is official, summer is here! Happy Birthday to all of our tribal elders born in June. Each month our birthday board continues to grow. We are happy to celebrate each and everyone's special day by listing them on our birthday bulletin board.

Activities continue on throughout the month of June with **Casino** on Monday, and **Bingo** every Friday. The first week of each month is always our **Monthly Program Improvement Meeting**. It is a great time for you to share your suggestions and ideas! The first week of the month is also our **Movie Day** in Alamogordo. The program will pay for your movie, but you are reminded to bring your own spending money for goodies and treats. You may sign up to ride in our van with the group or drive your own private

vehicle. Please come in and sign up so that we may plan our travel accordingly. Our **Town Day** is also scheduled early in the month. We are able to take tribal elders to shop for themselves, pay bills, and other light town chores. Our **Fitness Classes** continue on a weekly basis. Classes have been focusing on the improvement of our balance, fall prevention, strength, cardio vascular, flexibility, and endurance. It's always great to see a class with 17 or 18 elders exercising and having fun doing so. Regular age appropriate exercise, reinforces healthy lifestyles, and healthy aging through staying fit and is proven to be beneficial to those who participate. Elders are invited to join in on Tai Chi, Have a Ball Get Fit, or our Functional Fitness

classes. We have great oldies music, which makes it even more lively and fun!



### Lunch at the Elderly Center

Lunch is served at the center from 11:00 to Noon for all Mescalero Tribal Elders and affiliates 55 and older. Non-natives 55 and older are asked for a donation of \$2.00. The meal cost for all others is \$6.00, excluding tribal affiliates of elders and caretakers.



**Education Classes**

Each month the center offers a variety of educational classes. Our Nutrition Education classes focus on a variety of subjects. Some of them include, food safety, diabetic

nutrition education, healthy eating, Summer Safety. Additional education presentations in May included Prescription Drug Safety, and Home Safety Education for Alzheimer's.

Some of the classes we will offer in June will be Fall Prevention at Home, Foster Grand Parenting, Home Fire Safety, and Health Screening.

**Field Trips and Travel**

*Elderly Center*

Despite the cool weather, the field trip to the Hondo Iris Farm was a success. With colorful fields of iris in bloom the group enjoyed leisurely strolls through the day. Owner Alice Seeley greeted us and took time from her gardening chores to sit down and share lunch with us. After taking a look at the gift shop, the group took some time to shop at a local



fruit stand in the Hondo Valley. Every other month we try to take a shopping trip to Las Cruces. This month, the group enjoyed shopping at a variety of stores, then

we grabbed a quick lunch and finished our day with a stop at Sam's Club.

Our next field trip will be to Ski Apache for our annual Father's Day trip. Elders are invited to join in on this adventure. The trip includes a ride on the gondola, lunch, and if you are up to it, some gentle hiking, or the zip line if you find yourself feeling brave.



## Commodity Food & Summer Food Boxes

### *Elderly Center*



Commodity food boxes are delivered to the center the first week of each month. If you are currently on the list to receive commodities, we are sending a friendly reminder for you to pick up your box in a timely manner. Any box that is not picked up by the third week of the month has to be sent back to the distributor in Roswell. If you are not receiv-

ing commodities, but would like to, please call the center to see if you meet the eligibility requirements. Here are the delivery dates to help you plan out your pick up schedule. June 7th, July 6th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, and December 6th. Also remember that in January 2018 everyone must re-certify. Participants

must bring in their 2018 award letter. Summer food boxes will be arriving at the center the week of June 19th. This is a one-time emergency box available to tribal elders 55 and older. The box is packed with non-perishable items and it is one per household, first come first serve. We will have about 100 boxes to distribute.

## New Mexico Senior Olympics

### *Elderly Center*

Let the games begin! With the games closing in on us, the NMSO team has been increasing their practice. Team members have been practicing in the gym, and at the center playing shuffleboard and Huachas. The 2017 games are

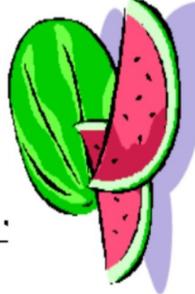
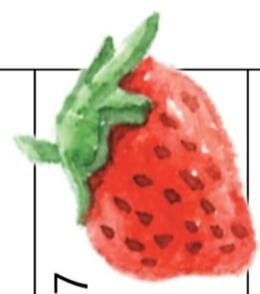
scheduled for July 18-21<sup>st</sup> with a sendoff party planned on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the center. The games will be held in Albuquerque for the next two years. 2018 will be a national qualifying year with the national

games for the first time being held in Albuquerque. Remember that the All Indian Game Day is held every two years, so there are no games until 2018.



# June 2017

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p><b>MESCALERO APACHE</b> Menu is subject to change without notice. 464-1614 before 8:30 am. All meals served with 2 % milk. Questions? Call 464-1614</p>	<p><b>SENIOR CENTER MENU</b> Home meal delivery cancellations, please call 464-1614</p>	<p><b>1</b> Tuna Casserole Green Beans, Salad, Peaches, WW Roll</p>	<p><b>2</b> Apache Tacos, Ground Beef, Onion, Lettuce, Tomato, Pears</p>	<p><b>8</b> Tuna Casserole Green Beans, Salad, Peaches, WW Roll</p>	<p><b>9</b> Hoagie Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli, Tomato Soup, Oranges</p>	<p><b>10</b> Goulash, California Blend, Cauliflower, Apricots, Oven Bread</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p><b>5</b> Pork Chops, Cauliflower, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Potato Wedges, WW Roll</p>	<p><b>6</b> BBQ Chicken, Lettuce Tomatoes, Asparagus, Jell-O with Fruit, Rice, Corn Bread</p>	<p><b>7</b> Meat loaf, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Sliced Apples, Mashed Potato, Tortillas</p>	<p><b>8</b> Hoagie Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli, Tomato Soup, Oranges</p>	<p><b>9</b> Hoagie Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli, Tomato Soup, Oranges</p>	<p><b>10</b> Goulash, California Blend, Cauliflower, Apricots, Oven Bread</p>	<p><b>11</b> </p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p><b>12</b> Tamales, Pinto Beans, Squash, Brussel Sprouts, Banana Pudding</p>	<p><b>13</b> Chicken Enchilada, Spinach, Lettuce, Tomato, Grapes, Spanish Rice</p>	<p><b>14</b> Spaghetti, Green Beans, Carrots, Cantaloupe, Bread Sticks</p>	<p><b>15</b> Trout, Cole Slaw, Tomatoes, Sliced lemon, Pineapple, White Rice, WW Roll</p>	<p><b>16</b> Father's Day Lunch Brisket, California Blend, Salad, Melons</p>	<p><b>17</b> </p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p><b>19</b> Hamburger Patty With Gravy, Beets, Celery and Carrot Stick, Peaches, WW Bread, Rice</p>	<p><b>20</b> Open Face, Turkey, Mixed Vegetables, Cucumbers, Watermelon, WW Roll, Potato Wedges</p>	<p><b>21</b> BBQ Pork, Cucumbers, Coin Carrots, Pears, WW Roll, Sweet Potato Fries</p>	<p><b>22</b> Beef Fajitas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Onions, Fruit Cocktail, Spanish Rice Tortilla</p>	<p><b>23</b> Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garden Salad, Baked Apples, Bread Stick</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p><b>26</b> Chile Con Carne, Pinto Beans, Green Beans, Capri Blend, Mandarin Orange, Cornbread</p>	<p><b>27</b> Cabbage Stew, Yellow Squash, Tomatoes, Garden Salad, Apple Sauce, Fry Bread</p>	<p><b>28</b> Orange Chicken, Carrots, Broccoli, Pineapples, Rice, Eggroll</p>	<p><b>29</b> Lasagna, Cole Slaw, Cauliflower, Apricots, Garlic Bread</p>	<p><b>30</b> Cube Steak, California Blend, Cucumbers, Peaches, WW Roll, Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>
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# June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



## MESCALERO APACHE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Calendar is subject to change without notice. Transportation, please sign up at the center. Questions? Call 464-1614

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Fitness	10:00 Fall Prevention Home Safety Check	10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard	10:00 Bingo 1:00 Practice in Gym	10:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Day in Alamo
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Nutrition with Kelly 1:00 Shuffleboard	10:00 Brain Gym "Flag Day"	10:00 Fitness	10:00 Bingo	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
father's day	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Father's Day Ski Apache Field Trip	10:00 Foster Grandparents Orientation	10:00 Fitness	10:00 Bingo	
25	26	27	28	29	30	FIELD TRIP
	10:00 Casino Day or Activity @ Center	10:00 Home Fire Safety	10:00 Health Screening Mescalero CHR	10:00 Fitness	10:00 Bingo	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8



# Anonymous Tip Tool 411

*BIA—District IV Albuquerque*

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Drug Enforcement had launched tip411, an internet based tool that enables the public to text messages anonymous drug tip to police, and allows the police to respond back if necessary.

Reserved exclusively for Public Safety purposes and powered by Citizen Observer, a St. Paul, Minnesota Company, *tip411* puts a powerful new crime fighting tool into the hands of the native communities throughout Indian County.

*tip411* is not a substitute for calling the Police Department to report any in-progress incident. If an immediate response is needed, please dial 911 in cases of emergency or your local police department if no emergency exists.

Anonymous web tips can also be submitted

via the tip411 webpage.

### How to Set Up

Cell phone set up for tip411 is easy:

1. Under ‘Contacts’ on your cell phone, establish a new contact titled “847411” and save.
2. Now go to your text messaging as you would to send a text message to someone.
3. In the “To” block (who you’re going to send it to), select the contact “847411”.
4. Drop to your text box; once in the text box type in “BIA” followed by a space.
5. Then type in your crime tip and push send once your crime tip is completed.

An example tip would look like this:

***BIA There has been a lot of strange cars and people at 1234***

***Any Street. Many people go in and come out of the house at all hours of the day and night and they are very noisy at night.***

Once a drug tip is sent, you will receive a message from Citizen Observer indicating the message has been forwarded to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Drug Enforcement. An Agent from the Division of Drug Enforcement may then respond back to the sender asking for additional information. If the sender does not want any further contact, the sender only needs to text the word “stop” back to 847411 and the contact between the sender and law enforcement is broken.

Please note that text message charges may apply to your account, depending on the terms of the service.



Carriers that support this program include Altel, Boost, AT&T, MetroPCS, Nextel, Sprint, T-Mobile, US Cellular, Verizon Wireless, Virgin Mobile US, ACS Wireless, All West Wireless, Amerilink Wireless, Appalachian Wireless, Arch Wire-

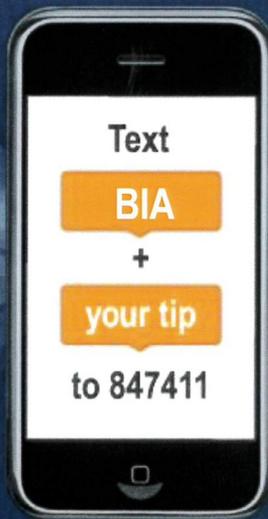
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**tip 411**

# HELP FIGHT DRUGS.

Text anonymous tips to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Drug Enforcement to fight drug abuse in Indian Country and help keep your tribal communities safe.



A service of

United States Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Division of Drug Enforcement






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**NOTICE: CLASS III – HIGH FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS**  
 Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation

**EFFECTIVE : May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** (Until rescinded or superseded)

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**CLASS III - FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

No burning of slash or use of free running (broadcast) fires, at any time.

No restrictions for use of charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves. Dwellings with fireplaces or wood burning (cooking or heating) stoves shall have proper screens installed to prevent the escape of burning embers (homeowner’s responsibility). Campfires are permissible only within the designated camp areas of Silver Lake, Ruidoso Cabins, and Eagle Creek Campgrounds.

Smoking outdoors permitted, if extinguished in a proper container.

Chainsaws and other internal or external combustion engines must always be equipped with a properly functioning spark arrestor.

Precautionary measures and required fire equipment are in effect for all forest related contract work and will be implemented by contract administrators.

Fireworks of any kind are never permitted.

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These restrictions are a reflection of current wildland fire hazard conditions on the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation and are being implemented for public safety. The above restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded under authority of Mescalero Apache Tribal Resolution No. 09-59. Personnel exempt from the above restrictions include Federal and Tribal employees, such as Tribal Resource Managers and Bureau of Indian Affairs Employees while in the performance of their official duties. These restrictions will be enforced by the Branch of Law Enforcement Services and the Tribal Conservation Department under authority Title 18, Sections 1855 and 1856 USC and Tribal Statutes 10-5-4, 10-5-5, 17-12-3 through 17-12-5.

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 PRESIDENT,  
 Mescalero Apache Tribe

*[Signature]*  
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 SUPERINTENDENT,  
 BIA, Mescalero Agency

# Religion

## Mescalero Reformed Church

*The Love of God by Pastor Mark*

Some pastoral visits are easy. Some are hard. Some are a ministry of presence. Some require me to do most of the talking. Some bring out tears. Some bring out laughter. Some bring out both. Some visits are all these things wrapped into one. I have visited a person in a very fragile place. Feelings of guilt and shame were thick. Tears and sniffles interrupted every word. Pain was clearly present. I had another pastoral visit with someone who on the outside seemed to have it all together. Good job, more than enough resources, plenty of worldly pleasures; yet, when pain and brokenness came calling, this person was left with big questions surrounding the goodness of God, the role of the

church and the place of the pastor. This person was seemingly left alone feeling lousy about life and faith. And I also have visited with someone dealing with the pangs of cancer and chemo and radiation. This person teetered back and forth from faith-filled days, to days when it all seemed pointless compared to the glory waiting in heaven. Watching the body wither away, willingly injecting a poison in hopes of killing off a worse evil. Just miserable. In those difficult, yet holy times, as Christians we simply rest in the love of God. That's the best part of my job. I get to remind people of the great love of God in the person of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. I mean, who

has the answer to the deep questions of pain and suffering in this world? I certainly don't. I just have the joy of reminding us all of the steadfast love of God. Does that "make it all better?" No, not always. But in all cases, that's more than just enough. The love of God is greater than guilt or shame. The love of God is greater than brokenness and family issues. The love of God is greater than cancer and chemo. I know it sounds too good to be true, but it's not. In fact, that's the heartbeat of our faith. We anchor ourselves on the love of God that is impossible for us to ever truly comprehend. We can use words like "covenant" and "grace" and yes, they

certainly apply and reveal to us characteristics of our place in posture to God. But to simply bask in the ocean of God's love for us just might be what our weary souls need. To feel and to know God's love. To experience and to sing of God's love. To touch and to talk of God's love. And so we tell and re-tell and tell again the same Gospel message that God's love is made perfect in the sending of His son Jesus to save us from our sins and to assure us of salvation. God's love is made perfect as the Scriptures say, "While we are still sinners, Christ died for us." God's love is made perfect in the sending and receiving of the Holy Spirit. And God's love is mirrored, albeit it dimly, when we can love each other through acts of service, words of kindness, ministries of presence, and sacrifices of time, talents, and treasures.

I don't know about you, but it is pretty easy to get down. Maybe not completely depressed, but down - in a funk, a season of darkness, a drought in our spiritual life, a very heavy "blah" feeling. Whether it comes from what we see on the news, to things we've brought upon ourselves, it's pretty easy to feel lousy. And while it may sound like too easy of an answer, dwelling in and with and on the steadfast love of God is perhaps the best place to start in leaving those wilderness times. It's not a magic pill. It's not a guarantee that everything will be better overnight. But the love of God is more than a feeling or a pill. It's a promise. It's a revelation that begins in our heads and enters our hearts, and fills every part of our being. And it's always, always, more than enough. Grace and Peace, Pastor Mark Vellinga

**Opportunities for Fellowship and Encouragement**

**Men's Bible Study** - first and third 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 6:00 pm in the church basement. Call Clara (973-3281) or Mark (464-4471) if you need a ride or have questions.

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

## Some Apache Language Words for the Feast

June 2017

Naa'da'í Da'ii'gaa'

"mescal bloomed, mescal became white"

Ndé Bizaa', The Mescalero Apache Tribe Language Program

Apache Language Classes Wednesday 5:30 pm, Thursday 5:00 pm

**Bik'egu'indán** [bi.k'e.gu.'in.dán] "the Creator"

**ndé'jilchijí** [n.dé'.jil.chijí] "one is respectful, one shows respect"

**'itëshdidilí** ['i.tësh.di.dilí] "one is prayerful, one prays"

**'Isdzánédleeshn'** ['is.dzá.né.dlee'sh.n'] "White Painted Woman"

**Libáyé** [li.ba.yé] "Sacred Clown"

**báda'idá-n'** [bá.da.'i.dán] "the one for whom they are feasting, the one for whom they are going to eat"

**bááxé-í** [báa.xéí] "fry bread"

**bááxé-í bitsjní** [báa.xéí bi.tsj.ní] "fry bread stick"

**chaagúsh'u** [chaa.gúsh.'u] "arbor"

**chí** [chí] "red ceremonial paint, red ochre"

**chitchine** [chit.chi.ne] "sumac berries"

**chish** [chish] "wood"

**dáabale** [dáa.ba.le] "shawl"

**Da'idá** [da.'i.dá] "The Feast"

**dleesh** [dlee'sh] "white ceremonial paint, white ochre"

**Gáhé** [gá.hé] "Mountain Spirit, Crown Dancer"

**Gááí** [gá.ái] "The Mountain Spirit Dancers, The Crown Dancers"

**gúbáda'idánde** [gú.bá.da.'i.dán.de] "feast-givers, those for whom people are going to eat"

**guditt'én** [gu.dil.t'én] "medicine lady (in the Big Teepee), the one who is going to be your medicine lady"

**gushk'ane** [gush.k'a.ne] "Indian banana, yucca fruit"

**gútát si'áí** [gú.tát si.'áí] "the Big Teepee"

**gútát si'áyá** [gú.tát si.'á.yá] "ceremonial grounds, feast grounds, where the Big Teepee sits"

**gutaalí** [gu.taa.lí] "medicine man, ceremonial singer"

**gutaatínde** [gu.taa.lí.nde] "medicine people"

**hada'jidi'á** [ha.da.'ji.di.'á] "people are singing"

**ha'ich'ii'dé** [ha.'i.ch.'ii'.dé] "osha, osha root"

**ha'ii'áshú** [ha.'ii'.á.shú] "east, where the sun comes up"

**hishthish** [hish.thish] "mesquite bean pudding"

**hnzhú' naatsédzikees** [hn.zhú' naa.tsé.dzi.kee's] "one thinks in a good way, one thinks well"

**hnzhúnú' dzii'dá** [hn.zhú.nú' dzii'.dá] "one sits well, one sits still"

**hutas** [hu.tas] "he/she/it is running"

**'ighát** ['i.ghát] "ceremonial rattle, deer hoof rattle, jingles"

**'ijich'ijí** ['i.ji.ch'ijí] "one helps, one is helpful"

**'ísaadindíí** ['i.saa.din.dí.'í] "drum"

**'itsjjs** ['i.tsjjs] "burden basket"

**'ixéhe** ['i.xé.he] "thank you"

**'izis** ['i.zis] "bag"

**kahéé'** [ka.héé'] "coffee"

**kahé'f** [ka.hé'f] "the coffee"

**k'e'ájít'é** [k'e.'á.ji.t'é] "one behaves (well), one behaves (in an appropriate, respectful manner)"

**kébane** [ké.ba.ne] "moccasins"

**kuneshgish** [ku.nesh.gish] "fire stick"

**kuy'sade** [kuy'.sa.de] "fire stick, soto" (a type of yucca plant)

**náanduustsét** [náan.duus.tsét] "I will see you again" (said to one person)

**naa'da** [naa'.da] (or) **'inaa'da** ['i.naa'.da] "mescal"

**náda'gushu** [ná.da'.gu.shu] "they all are making dough"

**náda'jilt'u** [ná.da'.jil.t'u] "people are smoking"

**Na'igishn'** [na.'i.gish.n'] "medicine lady" (in the Big Teepee)

**Na'iguún** [na.'i.guún] "medicine lady" (in the Big Teepee)

**nanstáné** [nans.tá.né] (or) **hanstáné** [hans.tá.né] "mesquite beans"

**nát'u** [ná.t'u] "cigarette"

**Nít daaguut'é?** [nit.daa.guu.t'é] "How are you?" (said to one person)

**sade** [sa.de] "teepee pole"

**shit'ékénde** [shi.t'é.kén.de] "my relatives, my people, people who are related to me"

**t'aa'** [t'aa'] "feather"

**tádidíné** [tá.di.dí.né] "sacred pollen, cattail pollen"

**tádidíné bizisi** [tá.di.dí.né bi.zis.sí] "pollen bag"

**teel** [tee'l] "cattail leaf" "cattail leaves"

**ts'aa'** [ts'aa'] "flat basket, grain basket"

**tsé** [tsé] "rock"

**tsj bee 'ich'íí** [tsj bee 'i.ch'í.'í] "scratching stick"

**tsii'k'édeesdísí** [tsii'.k'é.dée's.dís.sí] "bandana"

**tú** [tú] "water"

**'úutsa** ['úu.tsa] "buckskin dress, the dress of 'Isdzánédleesh-n'"

**xa'shíhe** [xa.shí.he] "where are you coming from"

**ya'dzít'é** [ya'.dzi.t'é] "you come in" (said to one person)

**yuu'** [yuu'] "beads"

## Courtesy Elaine Choneska

School Congratulations  
To

Jaylin Coughlin,  
daughter of Natalia  
Choneska and grand-  
daughter of Elaine  
Choneska and the late  
Addis Choneska Sr.  
Jaylin is a second  
grader at Tularosa Ele-  
mentary School and  
has been on the  
“Honor Roll” and  
“Student of the  
Month” since school  
started. Jaylin re-  
ceives her awards at  
the assembly at school  
along with a free kid’s  
meal.

Also, congratulations  
to Jaylin’s sister Trin-  
ity Coughlin, a fourth  
grader at Tularosa In-  
termediate School,  
who is also “Student of  
the Month.” And like  
her sister Jaylin, she  
gets to have a free  
meal at Pizza Hut and  
a school picnic along  
with other fourth  
grade students with  
her Grandma Elaine  
helping. Their big sis-  
ter Haley is a junior at  
Tularosa High School

and doing very well in  
school also. God bless  
you girls, keep up the  
good work, and keep  
on praying for all the  
schools how you girls  
were to pray by your  
grandparents and to be  
thankful.

School Congratulations  
To

Rose Choneska, daugh-  
ter of Addis Choneska  
Jr. and Gloria Basden.  
Rose graduated with  
three hundred and  
eighty one seniors in  
her class. The gradua-  
tion was held in Las  
Cruces at the Pan Am  
Center because her  
class was too big from  
her high school in Las  
Cruces. Rose was  
taught by her parents  
and her grandfather,  
the late Addis Sr.,  
Graduating from high  
school was not the end  
of school for her. She  
had to go onto college  
and get her degree like  
her father, her uncle  
Aaron, and her aunt  
Natalia. Rose went  
onto college and is at-  
tending Gustavus Adol-

phus College in St. Pe-  
tersburg, Minnesota  
studying to become a  
doctor. Rose has been  
attending the college  
for three years. May  
God bless you always  
and keep up the good  
work and prayers for  
everyone because you  
have to go to church  
every day before class.  
Good luck, take care,  
and keep up the good  
work. We all need  
good doctors in all hos-  
pitals everywhere.

Late Congratulations  
To

Angelica Choneska,  
daughter of Aaron  
Choneska and Deliah  
Tenorio, for graduating  
from El Dorado High  
School in Albuquerque.  
Angelica is now going  
to college at New Mex-  
ico State University in  
Las Cruces to become  
a teacher. This is An-  
gelica’s first year at-  
tending. God bless you  
always, good luck,  
continue praying, and  
study hard to get that  
degree. You will make  
a good teacher, I know

it.  
 Also congratulations to Angelica’s brother, Aaron “Sonny” Choneska for his good academic work at El Dorado High School. Sonny is very good in high school sports. He’s a pitcher for his baseball team at 93 miles per hour and strikes out the opposing teams. Sonny is a very good bowler for his school’s bowling team. His bowling

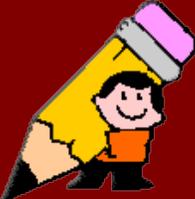
team will be traveling to the state of Tennessee for the National Finals. Sonny and his team mates have been raising money for their trip. Good luck and God bless you all. May God watch over you and your team mates. Also congratulations to your little brother, Logan Choneska for always doing good in school and being on the “Honor Roll.” Logan is one of the top

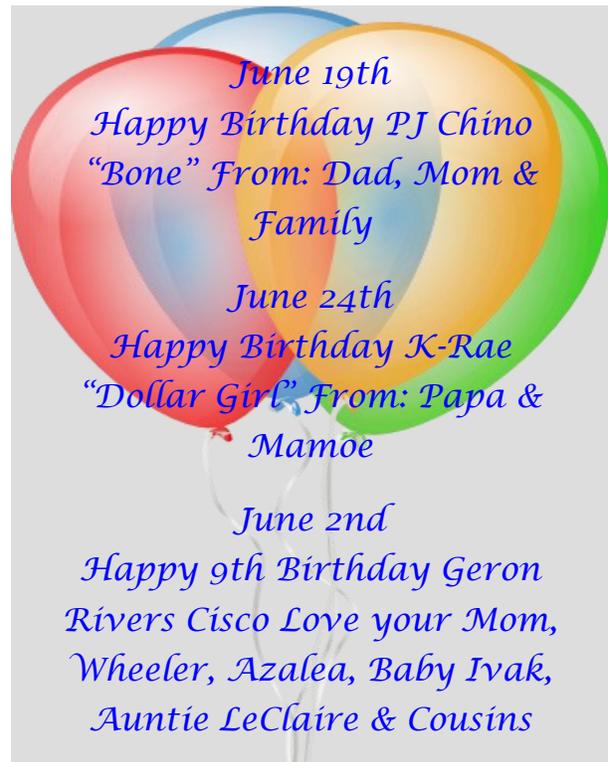
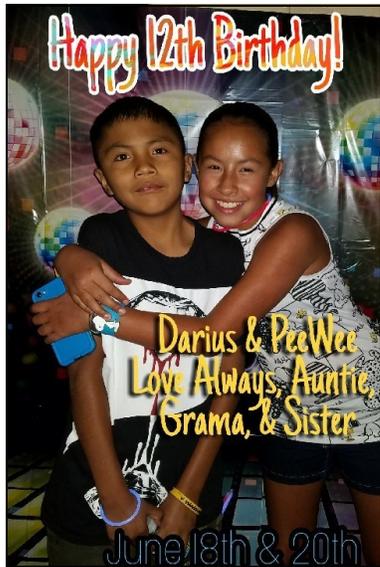
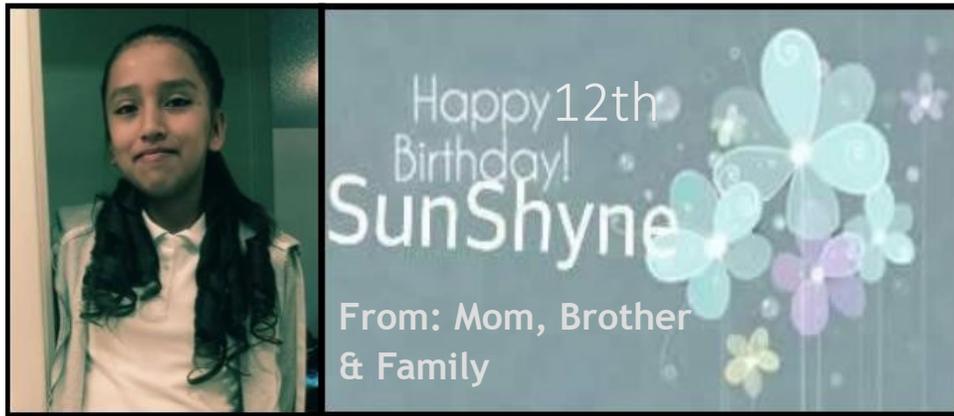
students in his class. Keep up the good work Sonny and Logan, God bless you both. Continue praying for all the schools everywhere, for the students to study hard, to do good, and no bullying as taught by your parents and grandparents.  
 Love,  
 Grandma Elaine Choneska & family

**Congratulations to Nathan Coughlin from Tularosa High School!**

**One of top three winners  
*Otero County Writing Fair***

**Nathan is the son of Natalia Choneska and Grandma Elaine Choneska who are very proud of Nathan, Good Job!**





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