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## Mescalero Students observed NASA Human Rover Challenge Huntsville, ALA.

*MHS—S.T.E.M. Program*



NASA's engineering design challenge focuses on NASA's current plans to explore planets, moons, asteroids and comets -- all members of the solar system family. The NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge was held March 30 - April 1, 2017, at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and is open to high schools, college students and various countries. The

challenge focus on designing, constructing and testing technologies for mobility devices to perform in these different environments, and it will provide valuable experiences that engage students in the technologies and concepts that will be needed in future exploration missions.

Rovers were human-powered and carry two students, one fe-

male and one male, over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated extraterrestrial terrain of craters, boulders, ridges, inclines, crevasses and depressions.

Each student team consists of six members and they are responsible for building their own rover, and the two course drivers must be chosen from the team.

Team members for

**JUNE DEADLINE:  
05/22/17 BY 4PM**



*A hill which is one of the obstacles on the course.*

next years challenge will be:  
Jeremy Begay -

Team Captain  
Cedric Barcus  
Derald Begay  
Eulalia Peganse  
Andrea Valenzuela  
Roann Blake

Team School Sponsors:  
Nate Raynor and Myra

Mendez

The team did an outreach to Sandia National Lab and Adamandios Manoussakis an Electrical Engineer volunteer to help our team build for next years challenge.

We will be doing some fundraising to help get the team to Huntsville next year.



Another obstacle course the rover has to make over. Bolder size rocks! This is the kind of rover our students have to build.



## Care Center

### Recent News



The Mescalero Schools 8th Grade Leadership group visited the residents of the Mescalero Care Center. Pictured is Resident Mr. Theodore Harvey spending quality time with the Leadership group.



## Mescalero Dental Clinic

*Emergency / Walk-In Schedule*

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

May 03, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies	May 18, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 04, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 19, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 05, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 22, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 08, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 23, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 09, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 24, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 10, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies	May 25, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 11, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 26, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES
May 12, 2017	8 am - Emergencies	May 29, 2017	HOLIDAY
May 15, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES	May 30, 2017	8 am and 1pm - Emergencies Emergencies
May 16, 2017	NO EMERGENCIES	May 31, 2017	1 pm - Emergencies
May 17, 2017	NO 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.

## 2017 Spring Turkey Hunt

*Conservation Department*

**Notice:** The Mescalero Conservation Department is now accepting applications for the 2017 Spring Turkey Hunt. For more information call the office at (575) 464-9323. Happy Hunting!

**DATES:**

First Hunt: April 28 - 30, 2017

Second Hunt: May 5 - 7, 2017

**COST:**

\$35.00 (application fee included)

**# OF PERMITS:**

15 per hunt, issued on a first come first served basis.

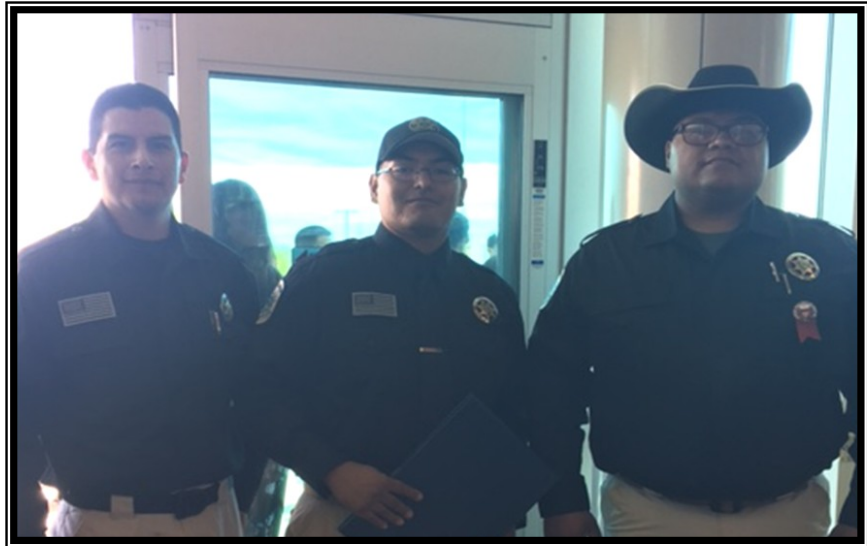
**LEGAL ANIMAL:**

One (1) gobbler turkey with a visible beard

**METHOD:**

Rifle, Archery or Non-Toxic Shotgun Shot

*The Mescalero Conservation Department would like to Congratulate Officer Ryan Martinez as he recently graduated from the United States Indian Police Academy on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We are very proud of you, job well done!*



## Elderly Center

### Recent News

April showers brought May flowers and the warmer days have set the stage for a wonderful spring. Happy Birthday to all of our elders celebrating this month. May you be blessed with many more days of health, happiness and love. Our monthly activities will continue on throughout the summer. Fitness Classes, Bingo, Casino Days, and Monthly Program Improvement Meeting, just to name a few.

We try to schedule town day near the first of the month around the pay periods. And unless something unexpected comes up, our Movie Day is the first week of the month. The program is able to pay for your movie. Due to funding cuts, we will no longer be able to pay for your snacks. You can sign up to ride with us in the elderly van or

drive your own vehicle and meet us there. If you are joining us for a movie, please plan on bringing extra money for your snacks.

It helps in our planning and scheduling if you come into the center on a regular basis and sign in for the activities you are interested





in.

We have a variety of educational classes offered each month. Some of the classes recently offered were Prescription Drug Awareness Education presented by the Mes-

calero Prevention Program, Nutrition Education presented by Otero County Extension Agent, Kelly Knight, Native American Legal Aid and Health Screening done by Mescalero CHR Program.

Each of these classes are packed with valuable information that contribute to healthy aging. Classes vary from month to month so come into the center to pick up a monthly calendar and menu.



## Easter Egg Hunt and Party

### *Elderly Center*

The highlight of the month was our Easter Party and Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Over 65 elders celebrated Easter with a party, egg hunt, and a delicious meal complete with fry bread and delicious chili. It turned out to be a beautiful day to be outdoors, and we were happy to have been able to have a fabulous hunt. The center boiled and colored over 2,000 eggs

and had a nice handful of plastic eggs full of surprises, which included prizes for the bronze, silver and golden egg. Congratulations to our big winners! Helen Little Golden Egg, Josie Tortilla, Silver Egg, and Janel Perkins, Bronze egg. There was tons of door prizes, including nice boxes of blue bird flower, baking soda, and salt for all of our baking needs. The

group enjoyed the festivities, celebrating and socializing by dancing the chicken dance. There was laughter and good hearted company abound! The center also sent Easter meals home to our homebound complete with Easter egg surprises. Thanks to all of the volunteers who came in to help with the special day!



Fun and Games at the Easter Party!



## Yard Sale and Bunny Fun Walk

### *Elderly Center*

It was a great turn out for our yard sale. Although the weather was a bit challenging, everyone had a great time. Along with the many other items, we had plenty of food in-

cluding brisket plates, burritos, pueblo bread and cookies for sale. We plan to host another one in May.

Our Bunny Fun Walk was a great way to

bring the week to a close. The group walked the short elderly trail and enjoyed the casual walk after lunch.





## Gathering of Nation Trip

### *Elderly Center*

As always travel to Albuquerque for the GON is an adventure in itself. The group spent the day enjoying the festivities and dancing as well as the arts and crafts and information booths. This year the event moved from the PIT to Tingley at the State Fair Grounds. It was a great time to meet new people and enjoy the experience.



Clement Bigmouth throws horseshoes in the 2016 games in Roswell.

## New Mexico Senior Olympics

### *Elderly Center*

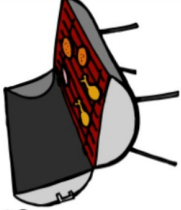

The center has 22 athletes signed up and registered for the games in Albuquerque July 18-22. Practice has started and will continue until July. Tularosa will host a friendly competition day and the group will compete in track events as well as air rifle, and horse shoe throwing. Mescalero will host a friendly with games in washers, soccer, Frisbee, basketball, and pickle ball. The Mescalero team has been practicing shuffleboard at the center during the week. Great job by all who have signed up to compete in the games!

## Upcoming in June

### *Elderly Center*

Be on the lookout for another weekend yard and craft sale. In addition to our regular activities we are planning a series of summer walking. We have a special Father's Day lunch planned.

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 <b>What's Cookin'?</b>	1 Baked Ham, Beets, Garden Salad, Yams, WW Roll, Peaches	2 Pot Roast, Cauliflower, Broccoli, WW Roll, Orange	3 Hamburger Stew, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Apple Sauce, Fry Bread	4 Green Chile Chicken Enchilada, Spinach, Salad, Rice, Banana	5 Catfish, Coleslaw, Brussel Sprouts, Strawberries	6 
7	8 Beef Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Sticks Apricots	9 Liver & Onions, Carrot & Raisin Salad, Asparagus, Rice, Tortilla, Cantaloupe	10 Pork Chop, Squash, Salad, Potato Wedge, Fruit Mix, WW Roll	11 Beef Tacos, Beets, Lettuce & Tomato, Rice, Banana	12 Mother's Day Cookout Hamburgers w/ trimmings, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Watermelon	13
14	15 Turkey Sandwich, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Oven Fries, Cantaloupe	16 Beef Red Chile, Corn, California Blend, Tortillas, Pears	17 Beef Goulash, Tossed Salad, Island Blend, Apple Sauce, Garlic Stick	18 BBQ Chicken, Asparagus, Potato Wedge, Fruit Cocktail, WW Roll	19 Baked Cod, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Carrots, Rice, WW Roll, Grapes	20
21	22 Beef Lasagna, Italian Veggies, Tossed Salad, Mandarin Orange, Garlic Stick	23 Pork Chop, Green Beans, Squash, Scalloped Potato, Fruit Cocktail, WW Roll	24 Meat Loaf w/ gravy, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Mashed Potato, Banana Pudding, WW Roll	25 Pork Tamales, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Rice, Pineapple w/ Cottage Cheese	26 Brisket, Capri Blend, BLT Salad, Chile Stew, Potatoes, Fry Bread, Melon Tray	27 
28	29 Center Closed for Memorial Day	30 Ham, Island Blend, Carrots, Macaroni Salad, Corn Bread, Peaches	31 Red Beef Enchiladas, Lettuce & Tomato, Squash, Rice, Banana	1	2	
4	5 Menu is subject to change without notice.	6 <b>MESCALERO APACHE SENIOR CENTER MENU</b>	7	8	9	10 before 8:30.

Questions? Call 464-1614



# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 	1 10:00 Casino Day or Activity	2 10:00 Monthly Program Improvement Meeting 1:00 GYM	3 10:00 Fitness	4 8:00 Shopping in Las Cruces	5 10:00 Bingo 1:00 Movie Day	6
7 	8 10:00 Casino Day or Activity	9 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard	10 10:00 Washer Tournament	11 10:00 Mother's Day Craft 1:00 Gym	12	13
14  Mother's Day	15 10:00 Casino Day or Activity	16 10:00 NMSO Friendly Practice w/ Tularosa in Mescalero	17 10:00 Prevention Program Prescription Drugs II 1:00 NMSO Friendly Tularosa - Air Rifle/ Horseshoes	18 10:00 NMSO Friendly Tularosa Track and Field	19 10:00 Bingo	20
21	22 10:00 Casino Day or Activity	23 10:00 Nutrition Education with Kelly 1:00 Shuffleboard	24 10:00 Safety in the Home for those with Alzheimer's	25 10:00 Bingo 1:00 Shuffleboard	26 10 Year Anniversary Elder Appreciation Day	27
28	29 Center Closed for Memorial Day	30 10:00 Fitness 1:00 Shuffleboard	31 10:00 Washer's and Wii Bowling	1 2		
4	5 <b>MESCALERO APACHE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES</b> Calendar is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call 464-1614.					

# BIA—Mescalero Agency

## Recent News

We would like to welcome four new Forestry Technicians (Fire) to the BIA-Mescalero Agency:

We look forward to working with them.

1. Clyde Davis III
2. Anthony Rocha
3. Dustin Gallerito
4. Tenason Onco
5. Anthony Nanz
6. Dillion Toya

In the beginning of March 2017, the Branch of Natural Resources staff relocated to the main Agency located at 590 Sage Avenue.

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## Controlling Noxious Weeds

Spring is finally here, evident by the increase in temperatures and windy conditions. Spring also means that vegetation will start to grow; the warmer temperatures will bring about grass and unwanted vegetation, also called “weeds”. Weeds are

wild plants growing where it is not wanted.

This spring, the Branch of Natural Resources (Branch) will start controlling two noxious weeds called Hoary cress “Whitetop” and Russian knapweed. These two plants are not native to this area or to this country but were introduced many years ago.

The estimated acreage for both the Russian knapweed and Hoary cress is about 50 acres. The Branch will apply a chemical treatment and hopefully in a couple years, we can eradicate these two plants. Musk thistle control is also planned in the next several weeks. Musk thistle is a biennial plant; meaning they live for two years. The first year they form what is called a rosette (see photo below). The

second year the musk thistle bolts from the rosette stage of growth to produce purple flowers and seeds. Due to the current dry spell, there is not much thistle growing yet.

The rosette stage of growth is an opportune time to control musk thistle in your yards, gardens or pastures by simply taking a shovel and digging the rosettes out of the ground.

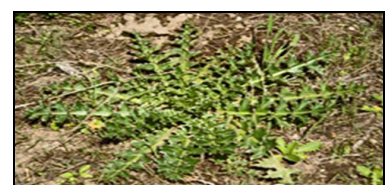
Herbicides are available at hardware stores to treat musk thistle. You may also consider using a less toxic homemade herbicide containing vinegar. According to an article in the Ruidoso News, vinegar can be applied with a spray bottle or hand sprayer. Adding about 4 to 6 ounces of dish soap per gallon will help to dissipate the waxy layer on the leaves. Vinegar



Russian Knapweed infestation in Nogal



Hoary cress growing along Old Road



Musk thistle rosette.



Participants at the noxious weed workshop.



should be applied to the rosettes on sunny days. If you apply herbicides, remember to wear personal protective equipment like eye protection, a dust mask, gloves, and a long sleeve shirt.

#### Noxious Weed Management Workshop

On March 23, 2017 the BIA Mescalero Agency hosted a Noxious Weed Management Workshop at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Convention Center. The workshop was well attended with over 35 participants (see photo below) from various Tribal departments and the BIA Mescalero Agency.

Workshop topics included noxious weed identification and treatment strategies. A summary of the Mescalero Noxious Weed Management Plan and Environmental Assessment was also presented. The plan and EA was recently approved for use on the

Mescalero Apache Reservation.

A special thanks to Kert Young, PhD, New Mexico State University and Sid Gordon, Otero County Agricultural Agent who were instrumental in providing the topics for discussion. Dr. Young is the NMSU Cooperative Extension Range-land Brush and Weed Specialist. Dr. Young has experience controlling invasive plants with mechanical, chemical, cultural, and other techniques. Kert helps the people of New Mexico understand how to best manage invasive plants and repair damaged range and pasture lands.

Sid Gordon collaborates with Federal and State agencies, military installations, and private citizens in working to raise awareness of noxious weeds in Otero County.

The Mescalero Noxious Weed Management Plan recommended

that an Inter-Disciplinary Team comprised of Tribal and Bureau personnel be established to assist in the implementation of the plan. In the coming weeks, there will be some discussion on what the composition of this team will look like.

#### FIRE DISPATCH TO OKLAHOMA

The Mescalero Agency dispatched a Type 2 Initial Attack hand-crew and a Type 6 engine (E-6063) to assist with fire suppression efforts at the Okmulgee Agency on Wednesday, March 22, 2017. The crew is comprised of Mescalero Agency, Tribal, DRMP and Zuni crew members.

Special thanks to the Mescalero Agency Superintendent, Charles Riley (pictured on page 11, the far right) on assisting with the mobilization.





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**NOTICE: CLASS II – MODERATE FIRE DANGER RESTRICTIONS**  
Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation

**EFFECTIVE : March 6, 2017** (Until rescinded or superseded)

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

Burning of organic slash piles is allowed. A courtesy call to the BIA, Branch of Forestry is required prior to ignition.

No restrictions in place for campfires, 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).

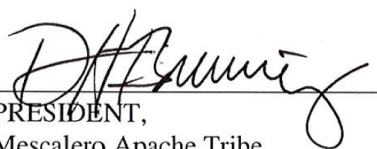
Smoking outdoors permitted, if extinguished in a proper container.

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

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

  
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SUPERINTENDENT,  
BIA, Mescalero Agency

## Public Notice

*Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc.*

Tribal Residents  
Mescalero, NM 88340  
Re: Quality of Wireless  
Services provided by  
Verizon Wireless

Dear Tribal Residents:  
The purpose of this correspondence is to provide Tribal residents with information regarding recent questions and concerns with respect to Wireless telephone services provided to Tribal residents by Verizon Wireless.

Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. (MATI) is in the process of installing fiber optic cable to a significant

portion of the Mescalero Apache Reservation which will enhance your home telephone service. Please be further advised that installation of fiber optic cable to homes within the Mescalero Apache Reservation had absolutely nothing to do with the quality, or lack of quality of Wireless telephone services by Verizon Wireless.

If you are experiencing difficulties with respect to Wireless Services from Verizon Wireless, please contact Verizon Wireless at: 575-378-1986.

Once again, MATI's construction of the "Fiber to the Home" project has nothing to do with the quality of Wireless Services provided by Verizon Wireless or any other Wireless provider. MATI is committed to providing enhanced quality Wireline service to Tribal residents and will continue to keep residents informed of its progress.

Sincerely,  
Godfrey Enjady, General Manager  
Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc.



## Spring Break Activities

*Boys & Girls Club—Carrizo Site*



Spring Break came quick this year, unfortunately our schools had separate breaks; however, the children were able to enjoy the new vans and take a few trips within our community. We were able to utilize the

amazing new swimming pool at the Community Center which is a club favorite!

## Community Service

*Boys & Girls Club—Carrizo Site*



During Spring Break the children learned about the importance of our land and how we are very fortunate to call Mescalero home. In an effort to appreciate our land and give back to our community, we chose to pick up trash during one of our fishing trips.

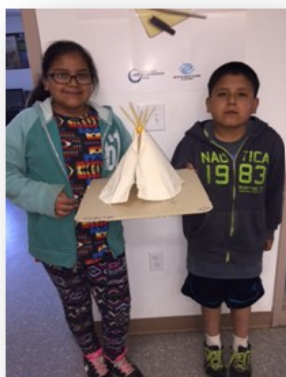


You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up  
a book and read to a child! – Dr. Seuss

## Apache Culture

*Boys & Girls Club—Carrizo Site*

Club youth have been learning all about the importance of FAMILY and have been reciting Apache words related to such topic. They have also learned about tipis and their significance to our culture. The children made model tipi's and were taught how to erupt one properly.



**Month of the  
Military Child**  
cbgc@matisp.net  
(575) 464-6814

## Youth of the Month

*Boys & Girls Club—Carrizo Site*

These Club Youth have demonstrated the Core Values of Boys & Girls Club and are prime examples of great role models.







**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF MESCALERO APACHE  
TRIBE

# MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Candy Necklaces	2 Triple Play Line Freeze Tag	3 Library Gym Dodgeball	4 Star Wars Art Project  Teen Night Open Gym 6-8pm	5 Fire Safety	6 Field Trip Movies Buy your own Movie Ticket!
7	8 Triple Play Basketball Tag	9 Smart Moves	10 Fishing Bring your own Fishing Pole  Bake Sale	11 Project Wild  Teen Night 6-8PM	12 FREE DAY	13
14 	15 Project Learn	16 Smart Moves  Teen Night 6-8PM	17 Swimming DIY STEM	18 Triple Play	19 Field Trip White Sands	20 Field Trip Feast
21 	22 DIY STEM Full of Po- tential	23 Project Wild	24 Swimming GYM	25 Smart Moves  Teen Night 6-8pm	26 Last Day of School Cele- bration!!!	27
28	29 <b>Club Closed</b>	30 <b>Club Closed</b>	31 <b>Club Closed</b>	Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive that is youer than you. ~Dr. Seuss		

## Friendly Reminder:

- Our afterschool program hours are 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. If your child is here any later we will charge a late fee.
- Please give us a call if your child will be absent from club.

## Contact Information:

Phone: 575-464-9212 Or 575-464-9204

Email: [mbgc@matisp.net](mailto:mbgc@matisp.net)



## Boys & Girls Club

*Mescalero Site*

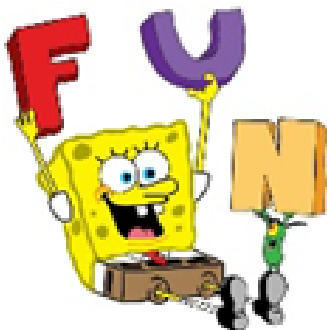
April was a great month as we closed it with a bang of fun from the Blessing Run, Celebrating Chiricahua Day, along with our Community Easter Egg hunt. We have also kept busy with our monthly activities of triple play by incorporating our project wild of animal activities, arts and crafts Coloring Easter eggs, going swimming, and doing STEM Projects such as the Solar Oven, and the bouncing ball.

As we come to a close with April, we

are excited to welcome May and all the activities to come such as Arts in Crafts with Star Wars, Learning about Fire Safety, Swimming, Fishing, Field trips to the movies, White Sands, and of course we can't miss feast season! May has fun filled activities and we can't wait to get it started!

Boys and Girls club has decided to join fundraising fun of Breakfast Sales, Lunch Sales, Bake Sales, the Famous Krispy Kreme Donuts, and of course an upcoming basketball tournament. We are fundraising for our Summer Session 2017 to be able to do more

activities and field trips with the club members, so please be on the lookout for fliers of our next upcoming fundraising fun! We enjoy and appreciate everyone's participation and help with this part of our Boys and Girls Club!



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**To the Club  
members of  
May:**

Esham

Diana

Malendra

Darius

**April Club  
Members of  
the Month:**

Kylena

&

Mason



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF MESCALERO APACHE  
TRIBE

## Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery

### Recent News

Shelley Battiest,  
Manager

Ian Murphy, Fisheries  
Tech.

Jessica Rodriguez,  
Admin. Asst.

Tori Marden, Asst.  
Manager

Houston Fatty, Fish-  
eries Tech.

John Salazar, Fisher-  
ies Tech.

Jimmy Runningwa-  
ter, CDL Driver/  
Fisheries Tech



The Mission of the Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery is to address the fisheries needs of the Tribes, Pueblos and Nations across the Southwest.

Under the Directorship of Tyner Cervantes, the hatchery has undergone many changes. Changes beneficial to the overall facility.

We have been open as a tribal hatchery since 2004. We encourage the Mescalero community as well as any other surrounding communities to come

visit. We offer short tours to any visitors with small groups and schedule longer detailed tours for larger groups. As the days are getting warmer, we invite visitors to come see what we are doing at the hatchery. We are open every day 800 a.m. to 430 p.m.

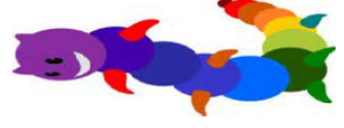
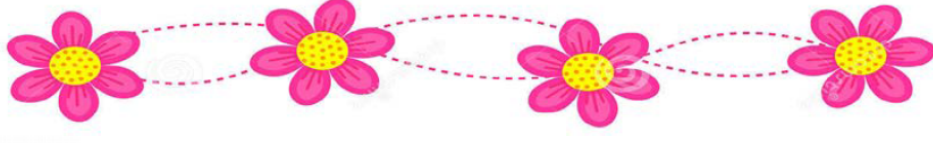
We are happy to introduce our new Fish Truck Driver, James "Jimmy" Runningwater. He has 17 year's experience as a CDL driver. He will not only be driving to deliver our fish, but he is also being trained as a Fisheries Tech.







# May



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Homework T-Chess tournament L-Kick ball	2 Homework T-baseball L-Free Time	3 Homework Bowling Ruidoso	4 Homework T-Pictionary L- Hangman/Simon says	5 Homework Movie Day & Popcorn
8 Homework T-kick ball L- Pictionary	9 Homework T-Movie L-Apache Dodgeball	10 Homework Mother's Day Craft	11 Homework Mother's day craft Educational movie	12 May B-Day Party
15 Homework T-Monopoly L-Big ball	16 Homework Silver lake Cookout	17 Homework Skating Alamo	18 <u>MAS Graduation</u> <b>PROGRAM CLOSED</b>	19 Homework Movie Day & Popcorn
22 T-Twister L-Board Games	23 Mescalero Cabins Cookout If open	24 Art room activity	25 T-Origami L-Big ball	26 LAST-DAY OF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM WATER BASH AND COOKOUT
Calendar subject to change.				



Youth Development Program  
148 Cottonwood Dr.  
Mescalero NM 88340  
Office #: 575-464-0648



# Religion

## Mescalero Reformed Church

*Receiving Sight by Pastor Mark*

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is often times referred to as “The Man Born Blind.” It’s found in John 9 and it’s about a man who was born blind and meets Jesus. Jesus tells him to wash in a pool so he does and instantly he receives his sight. Amazing! Then everyone starts questioning the man on how this happened and who did this to him. His friends, his neighbors and especially the Pharisees were all very skeptical and interested in how this miracle happened. The religious leaders even brought his parents in for questioning. Finally, the man born blind is summoned for a second time to give a testimony of this unbelievable event. He offers to them one of my favorite lines in the Bible. He tells them ba-

sically, “Look, I don’t know who this man is or if he is a sinner. One thing I do know was that I was blind and now I see.” I think we can almost feel the man’s joyful annoyance with the Pharisees. Do you really think he cares how Jesus performed this miracle or if Jesus was a sinner or not? Of course not! All he cares about is that he once was blind and now he sees. And the reason is simply that he met Jesus.

I love this story on so many levels but for one, it is a profound story on the power of testimony. Namely, what exactly happened to this one man and his ability to tell others. He doesn’t really know a lot about the specific details, the theological power involved, the religious laws broken or really

anything about the medical or divine credentials of the man who healed him. All he knows is that he was blind and after having met Jesus he could see. Each of us has a life before we met Jesus and a life after we met Jesus. I’m sure for many of us (myself included), we really don’t know a life not having known Jesus. But I sure have had times in my life when I’ve been living as if I don’t know Jesus.

This story leads me to consider two things for today. The first is that when we look at our lives and certainly when others look at our lives, do we or do they notice a difference in us because we know Jesus? If we have met Jesus, each of us has been given sight, eternal life and the forgiveness of

sins. So now that gift should most definitely reveal within us a different life than the life we lived before we met Jesus. If others can't tell the difference in our lives after having met Jesus, then what does that say about our encounter with Jesus? Think of it this way. If others can't tell that we've been given sight by Jesus are we still living spiritually blind lives? That's the first thing to consider, here's the second. The blind man's response to the Pharisees gave us a simple and powerful template for sharing the Gospel. He simply just shares with them the honest truth that after having met Jesus, he sees. It's almost like, "You draw whatever conclusions you want, and all I know is that this guy Jesus gave me sight." The idea is to simply share what happened to me and what happened to you. Each of us has a story. And while it may not be as promi-

nent as having been blind, each of us has a story to tell someone. Maybe it was a peace that you experienced during a serious illness. Maybe it was the provision of a job. Maybe it was a turnaround from your dependency on drugs or alcohol. Maybe it was an accident averted. You get my point.

What has happened in your life? And when asked, could you tell someone? This is the power of testimony! Don't try and make it more difficult than it needs to be. Just share what happened to you when you met Jesus. How is your life different? During this time on earth, Jesus performed many amazing miracles just like this one. I've often thought about the man born blind ten years later. What was his life like? I'm not really sure since the Bible doesn't give us those details. But I'd like to think that many years later, the man

born blind could be seen telling his kids and grandkids all about this astonishing man who told him to take a bath in a pool and gave him his sight.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark Vellinga

### **Opportunities for Fellowship and Encouragement**

#### **Men's Bible Study**

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

#### **Women's Bible Study**

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

#### **Women's Gathering**

- every Wednesday at 9:00 am in the church basement.

#### **Youth Group for Middle and High School**

- Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the church basement. Call Clara (973-3281) or Mark (464-4471) if you need a ride or have questions.

#### **Family Fun Night**

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

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### **Sunday Services**

9:30 - Sunday School for Children and Adults

10:40 - Worship



## Mescalero Apache Assembly of God

*Pastor Gary Dorsey*

*And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned From Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil ([Luke 4:1-2](#)).*

Jesus was full of the Holy Ghost, and yet He was tempted. Temptation often comes upon a man with its strongest power when he is nearest to God. As someone has said, "The devil aims high." He got one apostle to say he did not even know Christ.

Very few men have such conflicts with the devil as Martin Luther had. Why? Because Martin Luther was going to shake the very kingdom of hell. Oh, what conflicts John Bunyan had!

If a man has much of the Spirit of God, he will have great conflicts with the tempter. God permits temptation because it does for us what the storms do for the oaks-

-it roots us; and what the fire does for the paintings on the porcelain--it makes them permanent.

You never know that you have a grip on Christ, or that He has a grip on you, as well as when the devil is using all his force to attract you from Him; then you feel the pull of Christ's right hand.

Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins, but sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces. God hath many sharp-cutting instruments, and rough files for the polishing of His jewels; and those He especially loves, and means to make the most resplendent, He often has His tools upon.

--selected

I bear my willing witness that I owe more to the fire, and the hammer, and the file, than to anything else in my Lord's workshop. I sometimes question

whether I have ever learned anything except through the rod. When my schoolroom is darkened, I see most.

--C. H. Spurgeon.

*I find a mark of identity with the words of Spurgeon. Sometimes I end up in God's workshop*

*and wonder if I will endure. But He never would have put me there in the first place if His infinite wisdom knew it was too much. That's why He is a good, good Father. He leadeth in the paths of righteousness for His names sake. Thank you, Lord, for tempering us by your Spirit....Pastor Gary Dorsey, Mescalero Apache Assembly of God.*

*Attend a Bible believing church this Sunday. God bless the houses of worship in the Mescalero community.*

## Recently Crowned Mescalero Pre-Teen, Destiny Saenz

Destiny Saenz is the daughter of Brandon and Amber Saenz. She is the granddaughter of Ronald and Diane Bell and George and Kita Saenz. Her great grandmothers are Katie Sanchez and Bertie Bell.

Destiny was recently given the opportunity to compete in Houston, Texas for the title of World's Perfect Texas' Pre-Teen. Destiny was the youngest

in her division, being only 7 in an age division for 8 to 12 year olds. She elected to bump up an age division and compete with the older girls. Destiny won her whole division and was crowned World's Perfect Texas Pre-Teen. Destiny will move on to compete at the world pageant in Orlando, Florida at the end of July. Destiny may be representing the state of Texas at

worlds, but she always holds the Mescalero Apache tribe close to her heart and represents Native Americans everywhere with pride. We hope that you will continue to support Destiny as she competes for a world title in Florida. Thank you all from Destiny and the Bell and Saenz families.



## BINGO at the Inn!

We are pleased to bring BINGO! Back to the reservation. After two decades of its absence, the game of Bingo is now available here at IMG, Seven days a week! Added as an amenity to our already exceptional establishment, we offer three Bingo sessions

daily beginning at 2 P.M. for our first session, 4 P.M. for our second session, and at 6 P.M. for our last evening session. Our Vegas-style Bingo sessions last an hour long.

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## Hard Work, Loyalty and Dedication

### *Cattle Growers and Roads Department*



The Mescalero Apache Tribal administration would like to take a moment to recognize two employees that have recently retired from working with the tribe. Both of these men have given dedicated service to the tribe, the departments

they worked for and to the Mescalero people. Mr. Todd Chino is retiring after 20 years of service out at Cow Camp #1 and Mr. James Hiles, Sr. is retiring after 47 years of dedicated service to the tribe and our tribal members.

We'd like to express our deepest sense of appreciation to Todd Chico (Cow Camp #1) and James Hiles, Sr. (Mescalero Roads Department) for their service and wish them all the best in retirement.





## Seeking 4th of July Vendors

- Food
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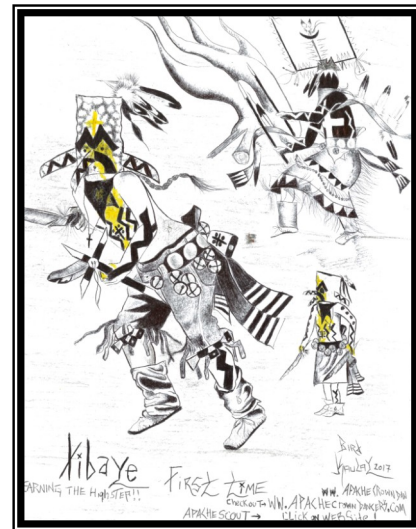
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*The family of Ezequiel X. Leyva, would like to express  
Our sincere gratitude for your words of comfort, prayers, hugs, food,  
flowers. Thanks to all who came to be with us during our time of  
sorrow.*

*Relatives, family members, friends, and neighbors, all that came to  
share good and funny memories they all had of Ezequiel. Our  
guardian Angel will truly be missed; he was such a wonderful per-  
son in every way. We would also like to thank families and friends  
who traveled from Texas.*

*Thank you to Pastor Mark Vellinga for officiating the services at the  
Mescalero Reformed Church, and also thanks to Clara Rice.*

*Life is the greatest gift that God has given us.  
Death is only a bridge towards eternal life with  
God.*

*Certainly, heaven is rejoicing for another soul  
has finally reached his true home.*





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