



Tribal News

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Manzano Property Vandalized-ORCS Appoints Caretakers

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Manzano, NM- OCRC Board and Council Members visited the Manzano Property on March 28, 2018. During our the visit of the property, we discovered that vandalism had taken place. Some individual(s) removed the original entrance gate and replaced with a smaller one. The locks were removed and replaced from the inside of the property. A large pile of wood and debris was placed in front of the entrance gate inside the property; as to prevent entrance. We noticed that the entire southern property line fence barbed wire was cut and removed. We took photographs and filed a criminal complaint with the Torrance County Sheriff's Office. We returned the following Saturday after our OCRC Meeting to visit property and place no trespassing

and authorized persons signs on the property with our name and contact information.

We followed up to make sure that we have done all of our due diligence with respect to taxes paid on property and that all of the recordings of the deeds were done properly with the County Clerk and Assessor's offices. This was done on November 6, 2016. The Assessor's Office was behind on the evaluation and property tax notices. I did receive a notice of evaluation and tax assessment for on April 2, 2018. The County Assessor was helpful and assured that all was in order. However, the legal description of the land is antiquated and it was recommended that this land be surveyed. This will help identify the property and provide a physical address of the land.

We did make contact with a local land surveyor and he cannot survey land until he can identify the actual property. He will make arrangements to meet with us the end of April to see property. We will need to raise \$2,500 to pay for surveying our tribal land.

We believe that having caretakers will prevent and deter further vandalism. Diane and Gerry Guerra were the only persons willing to take on this task. The Guerra's did return to the property on April 9, 2018. The signs we placed were removed and more debris was placed on the property. We notified authorities The TCSO continues to investigate and may place hidden cameras on property to see if suspect(s) can be identified and caught.

OCRS Calendar of Events

May Memorial Day Weekend OCRC Retreat- Cochise Stronghold, AZ (May 24-27, 2018)

June 22-24-10th Annual Gathering- Manzano Property and Manzano Mountain State Park, NM

August 10-12th- Chiricahua National Monument- OCRC Retreat and Meeting with Tribal Council Meeting.

Highlights of OCRS Board of Directors' Meeting in Las Cruces, NM

Las Cruces, NM-
OCRS held its Board of Directors' Meeting on March 31, 2018, at the home of Helen and Larry Jurado. This meeting was well attended. We had a visit from our Medicine man and made arrangements for him to visit our Manzano property after the meeting. This was for the preparation of our Annual Gathering the weekend of June 22-24, 2018.

We received notification from the Continuous Pathways Foundation that we were awarded a \$2,500.00 grant for our Annual Gathering. We have received the notice and contract. We returned it to the Foundation. They are part of the Pojoaque Pueblo. We are required to issue a press release, which we did on April 15, 2018.

We were also able to raise some additional funds in the amount of \$840.00 via Facebook Campaign. We received \$795.00 and will receive the remaining amount in May 2018. This is based on the information from the Network for the Good. Usually, the funds are disbursed 60-75 after the ending of the campaign. We have also created articles for sale, such as key chains, pins and mugs with the tribal seal and flag. We finalized the all of the arrangements for the Gathering and Cochise Stronghold Retreat.

The OCRS Board of Directors named Diane and Gerry Guera the caretakers of the Manzano property. We believe that this will help prevent and deter further vandalism if there is a presence at that property.

We will need to fund raise specifically for the much needed surveying for our property. The estimated cost is approximately \$2,500.

We are looking into the language program with Knifewing Segura on recording language of native speakers of both Eastern and Western Apache language. We are developing 2019 Calendars with Apache names of the month and day of the week, etc.

We just received notification from the Seventh Generation Fund that they approved our Grant for \$5,000.

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Tribal Meeting Held in Mimbres, NM

Mimbres, NM- The Tribal Meeting was held at the Roundup Lodge in Mimbres, NM. This was well attended meeting. Ms. Linda Pafford and Ms. Ivon Montoya were inspirational in allowing us to use this facility at no cost. OCRS presented report on upcoming activities.

Membership is closed until after the Annual Gathering. File maintenance was discussed. There were membership applications that were approved from last meeting. They were tabled at the last meeting until able to fully review.

The incomplete files were returned to those family representatives that attended the meeting. The Membership Committee will shred and destroy those materials and documents that are not claimed. We provided adequate notice.

The BIA application process is still being worked on and Manue Sanchez and Nancy Lopez gave a brief update as to the status. Judy Marquez will be receiving her Master's Degree. Her paperwork will be useful for the historical information in this process.

The Elections Committee will place notice on website of the rules and process. The nomination will close on May 23, 2018. The Office of Treasurer is vacant.

Ms. Linda Pafford met with members of Band. She discuss follow up on her willingness to a gift deed some property after her death. This is 40, plus acres of land. The OCRS will be requested a blessing with our Medicine Man to consider a Crown Dance Ceremony in October 2018.



"The Elections Committee receive approval of the Process that reflect the Constitution and By-laws. Nomination closing by May 23, 2018."

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Ojo Caliente Restoration Society (OCRS)

The Ojo Caliente Restoration Society (OCRS) is a New Mexico domestic non-profit and tax exempt organization pursuant to sections 501(C)(3) of the US Revenue Code. We are the fiscal agent for the Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico. We are descendants of Nde (Apache) people throughout Southern and Central New Mexico. Our ancestors acquired Spanish and Mexican Land Grants known as Apacherias or Rancherias during those occupations. The Chihene Nde Nation was acknowledged and recognized by entering into the Treaty of 1855 by and between the Chihene Nde Nation and the United States which was not ratified by the Congress of the United States. Our families either fled to northern Mexico or were compelled to assimilate into the Hispano or Mexican American communities of the southwest. Many of us possess Spanish surnames and were able to blend into those communities. Our ancestors did this to avoid annihilation and forced removal from our indigenous homelands.

Our goal is to gain re-recognition as a federally recognized American Indian Tribe. We are acquiring our land base and economic development plans that will benefit the public.

Many of our families also possessed homesteads and land patents during the beginning of the 20th century. We are also requesting the US Justice Department Community Relations Services to intervene on our behalf in this quest.



Message from the Chairmen



Dear Tribal Members:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have made outstanding contributions and assisted in making our meetings, retreats and tribal/OCRS activities successful.

We recognize that we have challenges ahead of us. Many of us hold on to full time jobs and we are all volunteers. There has been a lot of personal investments made over the last 10 years. We continue to make progress daily. We thank our Board Members and sister Nancy Lopez for her work serving on the Land Grant Consejo.

The OCRS and Tribe will continue to work together by informing our membership on upcoming activities and to encourage membership outreach and participation. OCRS has published quarterly newsletters and email blasts informing the membership on all of our actions and activities.

We all can use the help of setting up and cleaning up after the events. We need volunteers with saws, trailers and even heavy machinery to clear debris and help prepare for our retreats and annual gatherings.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to volunteer for any activities.

Best regards,

Manuel P. Sanchez

Manuel P. Sanchez, Chair
Chihene Nde Nation of NM

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