Thursday, November 19, 2026

RED SHAWL DAY

AWARENESS

11:00AM-12:00PM @ CAFETERIA

Presenter

Larry Tyler

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Diné (Navajo)

Born at Sanostee, NM. Clans are; Ma'iideeshgiizhinii - Coyote Pass People. Hooghan láni - Many Hogans People. Tl'aashchí'i - Red Cheek People. Tó'aheedliinii - Water-Flows-Together People.

In the Healing Ceremony

A descendant of many generations of traditional diagnosticians and healers, Larry has been an apprentice for many years and is now a practitioner in the Native American Church healing ceremony as a Nahalaii (Roadman).

Medicinal Plants Utilized

Peyote, known by the botanical name Lophophora Williamsii, sage, corn husk and tobacco, and cedar.

Today

Retired General Contractor (NM GB98). Native American Church Prayer Service Leader. Is one of the four incorporators and the President of the Native American Church of To'hajiilee Band Inc. Resides in Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter



Mechelle Crazy Thunder

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Background and Family: Mechelle Iron Cloud-Crazy Thunder is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes from New Town, North Dakota. She was raised among her father's tribe in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. A proud mother of four, she is also a loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren.

Education and Professional Experience: Mechelle is a doctoral candidate in Native American Leadership in Education at the University of New Mexico and is completing her dissertation. She brings more than 26 years of experience in education and has served as an Academic Support Counselor at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute for the past eight years.

Community and Personal Interests In her free time, Mechelle enjoys creating Native American crafts and spending time with family and friends. She is also actively involved in Lakota ceremonies and community events.

Honors and Recognition: Mechelle has been recognized as an AIHEC Student of the Year, served in the AIHEC Student Congress, and represented the American Indian College Fund as a Student Ambassador. She has also received numerous scholarships and grants in support of her educational journey.