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Mariano Lake Chapter hosts annual Treaty Days Celebration



MARIANO LAKE, N.M. – Mariano Lake gathered with tribal and federal leaders last Friday to celebrate the annual Treaty Days Celebration.

“Treaty Days celebrates what the Navajo people has preserved since the signing of the Treaty of 1868,” said Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Churchrock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau) to a crowd of approximately 300 guests and participants.

Delegate Yazzie noted that he and his council colleagues are working with congressional leaders to resolve several issues including obtaining funding for a new Gallup Indian Medical Center, securing the return of 300,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management land to the Eastern Navajo Agency, and progressing with the Fort Wingate negotiations.

Mariano Lake Chapter collaborated with Delegate Yazzie, Navajo Technical College, the Navajo Nation Elections Office, and local vendors to offer activities for the entire community to enjoy.

Arts and crafts vendors, food stands and country bands filled the chapter house parking lot, while spectators enjoyed horseshoe games and a Navajo song-and-dance competition.

Event organizers showcased a traditional Navajo Hogan exhibit for visitors, that included a variety of traditional items such as a weaving loom, clothing, and a set of traditional silversmith tools.

Anthony Begay, Mariano Lake Chapter president, introduced field representatives from the offices of New Mexico Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich. Each noted that the senators continue to advocate for Navajo related issues and to honor the Treaty of 1868.

The event marked the tenth annual celebration for Mariano Lake Chapter.

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