



Word of the Week

Equity: Fair and just



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School Board Meeting
February 17th
5:00 pm



Chief, Supe and Cap receive MLK Leadership Awards

By John Earp

This past Monday morning at Calvary Baptist Church, three outstanding Jalites were recognized for their service to the community with Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards. Recognized for their service were Jal Schools Superintendent Brian Snider, Jal Police Chief Mauricio Valeriano, and Jal Fire Department Captain Joe Cole. Pastor Derrick Wilcox initiated and organized the MLK Breakfast with the help of his wife and the ladies of Calvary Baptist.



Cole, Wilcox and Valeriano

Pastor Derrick Wilcox said the MLK awards were meant to recognize these leaders for exemplifying service to the community. He began by giving a quote from Dr. King, "We can't walk alone," emphasizing that we all need each other in the community, with every part of the body being fully functional. "Whether we are inside the four walls of this church or not, you are called. Never forget that. God has placed us here for a reason and a purpose." He then quoted another from MLK, "A genuine leader is not a searcher of consensus but a molder of consensus."

To be eligible for an MLK Leadership Award, this person initiates and engages in activities that positively change educational, structural, social impact, provides quality safety for our community, approaches academic and social justice areas with self-determination, exemplifies extraordinary commitment and dedication to the community, service, voluntarism, social

justice and civil rights, exhibits leadership that has significantly impacted their community and abroad, has overcome challenges at school, community, the workplace." Wilcox said, "The blessing is, as you guys serve in the community as you are doing, the Lord puts his hands on you, gives you mercy, gives you grace, gives you endurance, gives you encouragement, gives you fortitude." He continued, "It turns out as leaders, we have to make tough decisions." [God] gives us guidance.

Jal Fire Department Captain Joe Cole was given the MLK Leadership Award by Wilcox "for your dedication and hard work you make toward the community."

Cole remarked that, "Pastor talked about purpose, so Philippians 2:3-4...Do nothing from selfish or empty conceit but with humility of mind, regard one another as more important than yourself. Don't merely look out

for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. So, we have a purpose. I moved to Jal 13-1/2 years ago and I was sleeping in a camp trailer right across the street at the Littles' house. God gave me a purpose in this town. My daughters really didn't like me for the first year or so, because they were used to Los Angeles or California. But that night God showed me and told me, 'You're here for a reason.'" Cole mentioned that recently his purpose has extended to ministering to the homeless in Hobbs and Carlsbad, adding that he was homeless earlier in his life, but through the intervention of his older sister, he began to get on an upward path of purpose in life. "So the purpose of all of this is not about just the homeless or Jal. It's about 100% of the time we put Christ first, right?"

School Superintendent Brian Snider was out of town traveling and so could not be present at the meeting. His award was received for him by

Jal High School Principal Buddy Little. Mr. Little said, "Well, he's an awesome person. He loves to travel. He's traveling right now. I can tell you this from the heart, Mr. Snider is definitely genuinely Jal. He loves Jal and he told me he wanted you guys to know he was honored to get this."

Wilcox then began to introduce Jal Chief of Police Mauricio Valeriano by sharing his experience as a child growing up in New York City a block down from a police department. He told of how the police in his neighborhood established an athletic center in honor of an officer who has been killed in the line of duty. Wilcox said that athletic center "saved our lives."

He said that in his neighborhood, guys would sell drugs directly across from the police station without ever being arrested. He said that his childhood experience was blessed to be one in which law enforcement were honored and respected as community leaders. He further expressed his appreciation for the law enforcement community in Jal, as represented by Chief Valeriano. Valeriano said he was honored and humbled to receive this reward. He said, "Leadership is not about power and authority. Leadership is about being the greatest servant. Jesus shows us that when he washed the feet. That's something that I strive to be, is to be a servant leader and I hope to be doing that. Thank you, guys."

Flores knew Jal was God's will

By John Earp

After over a year of being without a pastor, James Flores has been called by the congregation of First Baptist Church of Jal as their new pastor. Flores says he realized it was God's will for him, his wife and his sons to come to Jal, after struggling somewhat about it in his heart.

Flores says that though he himself is not a Baptist, a Southern Baptist pastor-friend of his told him he needed to leave Deming, NM, to come and pastor the congregation of First Baptist of Jal. He says he originally just intended to fill in for a while as a supply preacher. He says his wife and boys really fell in love with Jal when

they first visited, even though he told the church he was not a candidate when he first came.

He says he told the congregation the church needs to move forward and not look back. He was surprised the day after he had preached for the congregation that they called him and told him they had voted him in as pastor.

He says he is just here to water or plant seeds. He says, "I can't make these things grow. I can't make them grow fast, I can't make them grow tall, I can't. I can't do nothing."

Flores says he began training for ministry in



The Flores Family

Horizon City, Texas, at The School of the Prophets, which later was renamed, The School of the Scriptures. He says he received training at Hyles-Anderson College in Hammond, Indiana, and later earned his doctorate from Andersonville Theological Seminary, but says he never wants to consider himself an

expert.

His past ministry experience has included several years of missions work in Mexico as well as on the Navajo Reservation.

The Flores family is still in the process of moving all of his family's belongings from Deming to Jal.



Thurs Jan 23rd

High 43
 Low 23

Fri Jan 24th

High 55
 Low 22

Sat Jan 25th

High 61
 Low 28

Sun Jan 26th

High 51
 Low 29

Mon Jan 27th

High 52
 Low 32

Tues Jan 28th

High 56
 Low 38

Wed Jan 29th

High 58
 Low 38



Financial Insecurity - New Mexico's Epidemic



Opinion/Editorial

by Dr. Elaine Sena-Cortez

The Problem and Solution

There is one indisputable fact in New Mexico today – our families are struggling financially. The costs of auto insurance, property insurance, and health insurance have all increased significantly. Groceries that we could once afford now seem like luxuries. Many “everyday purchases” are now made with credit cards, which will be paid for later. Merriam-Webster defines “epidemic” as an adjective meaning “affecting or tending to affect a disproportionately large number of individuals within a population, community, or region at the same time.” It is safe to say New Mexico’s poverty level has reached epidemic proportions.

Recently, my husband and I bought our weekly groceries. We are a family of three – me, my husband, and our toddler. We purchased our regular items; we did not purchase caviar or filet mignon. I was astonished to learn that our grocery bill – for a less-than-full cart – was \$600! As we reflected, I asked my husband, “How are single moms, single-income households, and people with large families making it?”

As I talk to New Mexicans, it is clear that we need financial relief NOW. That is why, in this upcoming Legislative Session (beginning January 21, 2025), I will introduce a bill to eliminate New Mexico’s tax on income.

As you look at your paycheck, imagine what your family could do with the state income tax money currently withheld from each paycheck. For many of you, that would result in hundreds of dollars back in your pocket each week.

I have discussed this proposed bill with many of my colleagues in the Legislature. Sadly, some have expressed pessimism. Let’s take the time to answer the negative voices in the room.

I have heard, “Eliminating income taxes is too radical of an idea.” Did you know that currently, nine states have no income tax: Texas, Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Washington, and Wyoming? New Mexico competes directly with these states for workers, and the factor that often determines where a worker will locate their family depends on the tax structure in a state. New Mexico desperately needs doctors, mental health professionals, public safety professionals, construction workers, and many others. Our tax structure should not deter workers from relocating their families to New Mexico or cause our current workers to leave for other states.

I have also heard, “The State will lose programs if we eliminate the income tax.” Did you know that only around 15% of the State’s income is derived from income tax? Newsflash: New Mexicans cannot afford to “stash money under their mattresses.” In most cases, the money saved would be used to buy necessary goods (including groceries), in turn producing more GRTs for the State. With so little of the State’s income coming from income taxes, there

is no reason for any State programs to be cut. I have also heard, “Eliminating income taxes will cause New Mexicans to lose income tax rebates.” Under my proposed legislation, families that qualify can still apply for tax rebates and credits.

So, where do we go from here? In this 2025 legislative session, I will introduce a bill to eliminate New Mexico’s income tax. I do so with the thought of you and your families in mind. Many of our parents come from large families raised on beans, rice, and tortillas. My father (the Sena family) came from a family of 12; my husband’s father (the Cortez family) came from a family of 7; and my husband’s mother (the Castillo family) came from a family of 8. Sadly, survival for tradition-rich families like these looks much different today than it looked 50 years ago, which is tragic given that our State has experienced record revenue growth in 2024 (an increase of 12.5%, or \$1.45 Billion, from 2023).

I encourage my Democrat and Republican colleagues in the New Mexico Legislature to support my proposed legislation to eliminate New Mexico’s income tax. Financial insecurity is an epidemic plaguing New Mexicans; the good news is that we have a cure. Financial insecurity is not a political issue, it is a fundamental human issue. It is time to put our political weapons down and restore our people’s faith in their government – even if it is only on this single important issue.

Elaine Sena Cortez represents District 62 in the New Mexico House of Representatives



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NMJC Announces Appointment of First Female President in College History

Hobbs, NM – Jan. 16, 2025 – New Mexico Junior College is excited to announce the formal appointment of Cathy Mitchell as the interim president, making history as the institution’s first female president. This appointment marks an exhilarating chapter in the college’s ongoing commitment to excellence, inclusion, diversity, and leadership.

“Mitchell is a dynamic leader with a proven track record of success in higher education. We are thrilled to welcome her as our interim president and look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students, faculty, and staff,” said Patricia Chappelle, Chair of the New Mexico Junior College Board. “Her appointment is not just a milestone for NMJC, but also an inspiring achievement for women in higher education.”

“My entire career has been focused on students, beginning as an instructor and counselor at Ropes ISD in Ropesville, Texas, moving on to South Plains College in various student service roles, including Registrar, Dean, and lastly Vice President of Student Affairs. For the past seven-plus years I have been employed at New Mexico Junior College in the positions

of Grants Coordinator and Vice President for Student Services,” said Mitchell. “I have a passion for students. I am thrilled for the opportunity to continue to serve students in my role as Interim President of New Mexico Junior College. As this new chapter begins for both myself and NMJC, I want to express my commitment to working alongside the College and Lea County communities as we continue to strive for excellence in academics, student support, athletics, and community engagement while providing a safe, inclusive environment for everyone. I recognize the trust that the Board has bestowed on me. I am excited about this honor and look forward to conversations with students, staff, and community members as we continue to move New Mexico Junior College forward during this time of transition and leadership change.”

“Mitchell now is tasked with a very important and very effortful job,” said Manuel Gomez, NMJC Board member, “that’s why we chose her. We know she’s ready. The Board is extremely confident she will fill the interim seat and carry the professionalism

and our college banner.” The college community is excited about the leadership and vision Mitchell brings to the role. Her appointment underscores the college’s commitment to equity, empowering future leaders, and promoting success through learning; as it sets the stage for a thriving, inclusive campus environment.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Cathy Mitchell and look forward to the positive transformation that will shape the future of New Mexico Junior College.

About: New Mexico Junior College (NMJC) is a leading educational institution committed to providing success through learning and high-quality education to its diverse student body. Founded in 1965, NMJC offers a wide range of academic programs, certifications, and services to empower students to achieve their educational and career goals.

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School Lunch Menu

JANUARY

Lunch Menu

PreK-5

JAL SCHOOLS Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10
 Corndog Goldfish Crackers Baby Carrots Ketchup/Mustard Fruit	Taquitos Refried Beans Salad Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Salisbury Steak Creamed Potatoes Diced Carrots Hot Roll Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Beef & Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Baby Carrots Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Hamburger Chips Lettuce Tomato slices Fruit
NO SCHOOL	Fajita Burrito Pinto Beans Red Bell Peppers Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Baked Chicken Creamed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Hot Roll Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Coleslaw Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL	Ham & Macaroni Green Beans Baby Carrots Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Pig In A Blanket Scalloped Potatoes Peas & Carrots Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Chicken Wings Baked Fries Goldfish Crackers BBQ Sauce Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Frito Pie Lettuce Tomato Fruit 1/2 pt. milk
Hot Dog Tater Tots Baby Carrots Fruit Ketchup/Mustard 1/2 pt. milk	Crispitos Rice Salad Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Pepperoni Pizza Celery, Cucumbers Baby Carrots Ranch Dressing Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	BBQ Pork Baked Beans WW Bun Salad Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	NO SCHOOL

School Breakfast Menu

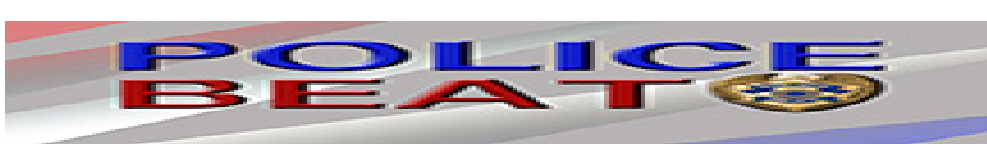
JANUARY

Breakfast Menu

Prek-5

JAL SCHOOLS Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3
 NO SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS BREAK			 Blueberry Muffin Fruit
NO SCHOOL	Pancake on a Stick Syrup Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Mini Waffles Ham Fruit/Syrup 1/2 pt. milk	NO SCHOOL
Sausage/Biscuit Egg Patty Jelly Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Pop Tart Yogurt Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	French Toast Syrup Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL	Pancakes Ham Fruit/Syrup 1/2 pt. milk	Cereal Graham Cracker Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Pop Tart Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Blueberry Muffin String Cheese Fruit 1/2 pt. milk
Pancake on a Stick Syrup Juice 1/2 pt. milk	Cereal Graham Crackers Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	Mini Waffles Sausage Fruit / Syrup 1/2 pt. milk	Cinnamon Roll Ham Fruit 1/2 pt. milk	NO SCHOOL

menu subject to change



01/13/25
 Seven security checks
 Traffic stop
 Fraud 3421 N Hwy 18
 Utility problem (other) Hwy 18/Cooper Rd
 Animal at large 1200 S 3rd St
 Public relations 122 S 7th St
 Two traffic stops
 Security check
 Parking problem Hwy 128 mile marker 53
 Traffic stop
 Security check
 Traffic stop



Traffic stop
 Motorist assist Merryman and 18
 Traffic complaint Hwy 128
 Traffic stop
 Traffic complaint Hwy 128
 Crash with injury Battle Axe and Dinwiddie
 Fire (other) Utah and 1st
 Traffic stop
 Welfare check 420 S 8th St
 Unwanted subject 29 Kizar Ln
 Parking problem 604 E Kansas Ave
 Three traffic stops
 Motorist assist Hwy 18/Whitworth
 Seven traffic stops
 Security check

01/19/25
 Security check
 Traffic stop
 Alarm 447 S 4th St
 Welfare check 3rd and Whitworth
 Welfare check 106 W Wyoming
 Welfare check 537 S 6th St
 Utility problem (other) 5th and Wyoming
 Traffic complaint Hwy 128
 Utility problem (other) 6 Mainline Red
 Traffic complaint Hwy 128/State Line
 Crash with property damage 501 S 3rd St
 Welfare check 805 Ash St
 Two traffic stops
 Motorist assist Hwy 18/Whitworth
 Traffic stop
 Parking problem Hwy 18/Robles
 Parking problem Hwy 128/Hotel
 Parking problem Hwy 18 north of Pilot
 Traffic stop

01/14/24
 Transport LCDC
 Welfare check 511 Gasser Ln
 Public relations 610 S Commerce St
 Animal problem south Allsup's
 Utility problem (other) 200 E Merryman
 Traffic stop
 Fire (other) Hwy 128/Orla
 Crash with injury Hwy 128
 Three traffic stops
 Animal at large 722 S 5th St
 Welfare check 622 W Idaho
 Welfare check 7th and Idaho alley
 Security check
 Two traffic stops
 Traffic complaint Kansas/Hwy 18

Motorist assist Kansas and 2nd
 Traffic complaint 501 S 3rd St
 Three traffic stops
 Warrant north Allsup's
 Hazard in roadway 800 W Kansas
 Traffic stop
 Motorist assist 900 Hillcrest Dr
 Unwanted subject 306 W Nebraska
 Assault Buck Jackson
 Fire (brush, grass, forest) 3rd St
 Unwanted subject Pilot pods
 Animal problem 400 Ave D/Oak St
 Two traffic stops

01/18/25
 Security check
 Traffic stop
 Crash with injury Hwy 18 mile marker 10
 Security check
 Traffic stop
 Abandoned vehicle Hwy 18 mile marker 10
 Traffic stop
 Motorist assist 300 E Whitworth Dr
 Unwanted subject 410 E Kansas
 Motorist assist Kansas and Hwy 18
 Utility problem (other) 118 S 3rd
 Crash with property damage Merryman Dr
 Medical (other) 1108 Mesquite Dr
 Suspicious activity 607 N 6th St
 Traffic stop
 Noise complaint M&R RV Park
 Two traffic stops

01/17/25
 Alexavier Carreon, warrant, contempt of court, other
 01/17/25
 Alexavier Carreon, warrant, contempt of court, other

Arrests



JAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-25 4 DAY SCHOOL CALENDAR							
	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
August 2024						1	2
In Service 08/05-06	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Classes begin 08/07 Grades 1-12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Students in Person 08/09	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
September 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Labor Day 09/02	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Students in Person 9/13	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Students in Person 9/20	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					
October 2024			1	2	3	4	5
40D Reporting 10/09	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
End of Grading Period 10/10	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Students in Person 10/25	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		
November 2024						1	2
All Students early release 11/04	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Election Day 11/05- NO SCHOOL	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Students in Person 11-8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Thanksgiving Holiday 11/25-28	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
December 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
80th Day Reporting 12/02	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
End of Grading Period 12/19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Christmas Holiday 12/23-31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				
January 2025				1	2	3	4
Christmas Holiday 01/01-02	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
In Service 01-06- NO SCHOOL	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MLK Holiday 1/20	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Students in Person 01/10 & 1/24	26	27	28	29	30	31	
February 2025							1
120th Day Reporting 02/12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
100th Day 02/18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	
March 2025							1
End of Grading Period 03/06	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Spring Break 03/17-20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					
April 2025			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			
May 2025					1	2	3
Graduation 05/16	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
End of Grading Period 05/22	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
EOY Reporting 05/22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Memorial Day 05/26	25	26	27	29	30	31	

Holidays
No School
In-Service/Staff Work Day
Students in Person
Early Dismissal
End of Grading Period
100th Day
STARS Reporting Data



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January				
JAL SENIOR CENTER 222 5TH SECOND ST (575)395-2245 PLEASE CALL BEFORE 9.30AM TO GET SIGNED UP TO EAT.	MEALS ALWAYS SERVED WITH MILK		2. FRIED FISH SLICED CARROTS BAKED FRENCH FRIES BROCCOLI WW ROLL FRUIT SALAD	3. STEW CABBAGE BRUSSELS SPROUTS ONE SLICE WHITE BREAD/ BUTTER CHILLED PEACHES
6. GRILLED CHEESE TOMATO SOUP TOSSED SALAD APRICOT & VANILLA YOGURT	7. CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & LS GRAVY ITALIAN GREEN BEANS NEW RED POTATOES WW ROLL STRAWBERRY JELLO	8. HERBED PORK CHOPS & GRAVY BROWN RICE PILAF VEGETABLE MEDLEY APPLESAUCE	9. BEEF TACO PINTO BEANS PICO DE GALLO YELLOW SQUASH & DICED TOMATOES MANGO	10. CHICKEN STRIPS & GRAVY PARSLEY POTATOES 3 BEAN SALAD WW ROLL FRUIT COCKTAIL
13. NAVY BEANS/HAM TOSSED SALAD WW ROLL PEARS	14. HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP TOSSED SALAD WW ROLL TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD	15. TUNA NOODLE CASSE-ROLE TOSSED SALAD WW ROLL FRUIT SALAD	16. CHICKEN POT PIE BEETS TOSSED SALAD GRAPES	17. MEATLOAF SPINACH BAKED SWEET POTATO WW ROLL MIXED
20. SWEET & SOUR PORK BROWN RICE ORIENTAL VEGETABLES PINEAPPLE CHUNKS	21. HAM & CHEESE BROCCOLI SALAD TOMATO SLICES APPLESAUCE	22. BBQ CHICKEN ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS COLESLAW WW ROLL MANDARIN ORANGES & JELLO	23. CHILE RELLENO CA-SEROLE PINTO BEANS SPANISH RICE CHATEAU BLEND VEGETABLES APRICOTS	24. HAMBURGER STEAK, GRILLED ONIONS & GRAVY GREEN BEANS CAULIFLOWER TOSSED SALAD WW ROLL FRUIT COMPOTE
27. CHICKEN FAJITAS CAPRI VEGETABLES AVOCADO TORTILLA CHIPS & NACHO CHEESE SAUCE TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD	28. PORK ROAST & GRAVY MUSTARD GREENS MEITERRANEAN VEGETABLES WW ROLL APPLE SLICES	29. GREEN CHILI CHICKEN ENCHILADAS CALABACITAS PINTO BEANS JELLO BANANAS	30. ROAST BEEF & GRAVY SCALLOPED POTATOES BROCCOLI WW ROLL PEAR	31. CHICKEN 'N' DUMPLIN'S ASPARAGUS CARROTS WW ROLL SUGAR COOKIE FRUIT SALAD

PREACHER'S CORNER

Loving Your Enemies

Excerpts from a sermon all that we hear com-
 preached by Dr. Martin ing from the lips of our
 Luther King, Jr., Nov. 17, Master. Because Jesus
 1957 wasn't playing; because
 he was serious. We have

In the fifth chapter of the gospel as recorded
 by Saint Matthew, we read these very arresting
 words flowing from the lips of our Lord and Mas-
 ter: "Ye have heard that it has been said, 'Thou
 shall love thy neighbor,
 and hate thine enemy.'
 But I say unto you, Love
 your enemies, bless them
 that curse you, do good
 to them that hate you,
 and pray for them that
 despitefully use you; that
 ye may be the children of
 your Father which is in
 heaven." Certainly these
 are great words, words
 lifted to cosmic propor-
 tions. And over the centu-
 ries, many persons have
 argued that this is an
 extremely difficult com-
 mand. Many would go so
 far as to say that it just
 isn't possible to move out
 into the actual practice of
 this glorious command.

They would go on to say
 that this is just additional
 proof that Jesus was an
 impractical idealist who
 never quite came down to
 earth. So the arguments
 abound. But far from be-
 ing an impractical ide-
 alist, Jesus has become
 the practical realist. The
 words of this text glitter
 in our eyes with a new
 urgency. Far from being
 the pious injunction of
 a utopian dreamer, this
 command is an absolute
 necessity for the survival
 of our civilization. Yes, it
 is love that will save our
 world and our civilization,
 love even for enemies.

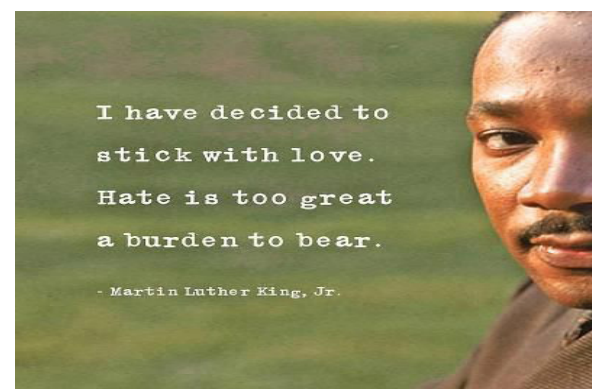
Now let me hasten to say
 that Jesus was very se-
 rious when he gave this
 command; he wasn't
 playing. He realized that
 it's hard to love your en-
 emies. He realized that
 it's difficult to love those
 persons who seek to de-
 feat you, those persons
 who say evil things about
 you. He realized that it
 was painfully hard, press-
 ingly hard. But he wasn't
 playing. And we cannot
 dismiss this passage as
 just another example of
 Oriental hyperbole, just
 a sort of exaggeration to
 get over the point. This
 is a basic philosophy of

the fact that an individual
 might dislike us because
 of something that we've
 done deep down in the
 past, some personality at-
 tribute that we possess,
 something that we've
 done deep down in the
 past and we've forgotten
 about it; but it was that
 something that aroused
 the hate response with-
 in the individual. That
 is why I say, begin with
 yourself. There might be
 something within you
 that arouses the tragic
 hate response in the other
 individual.

This is true in our inter-
 national struggle. We look
 at the struggle, the ideo-
 logical struggle between
 communism on the one
 hand and democracy on
 the other, and we see the
 struggle between America
 and Russia. Now certain-
 ly, we can never give our
 allegiance to the Russian
 way of life, to the commu-
 nistic way of life, because
 communism is based on
 an ethical relativism and a
 metaphysical materialism
 that no Christian can ac-
 cept. When we look at the
 methods of communism,
 a philosophy where some-
 how the end justifies the
 means, we cannot accept
 that because we believe as
 Christians that the end is
 pre-existent in the means.
 But in spite of all of the
 weaknesses and evils in-
 herent in communism, we
 must at the same time see
 the weaknesses and evils
 within democracy...The
 success of communism in
 the world today is due to
 the failure of democracy
 to live up to the noble ide-
 als and principles inher-
 ent in its system.

And this is what Jesus
 means when he said:
 "How is it that you can see
 the mote in your brother's
 eye and not see the beam
 in your own eye?" Or to
 put it in Moffatt's transla-
 tion: "How is it that you
 see the splinter in your
 brother's eye and fail to
 see the plank in your own
 eye?"³ And this is one of
 the tragedies of human
 nature. So we begin to
 love our enemies and love
 those persons that hate us
 whether in collective life
 or individual life by look-
 ing at ourselves.

But after looking at these
 things and admitting
 these things, we must face



Church Directory



Calvary Baptist Church

112 El Paso Drive

Jal, NM

575-395-2808

Pastor Derrick Wilcox

Church of Christ

200 E. Utah

Jal, NM

Minister Daryl Micham

Church of God

121 Alameda

Jal, NM

Pastor John Earp

First Baptist Church

323 S. Alameda

Jal, NM

575-395-2402

Pastor James Flores

First United Methodist Church

Sunday Service starts at 10:30 am

301 W. Wyoming

Jal, NM

575-395-2503

Ordained Minister : Bob Haddox

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

503 S 5th

Jal, NM

Father Christian Amojó



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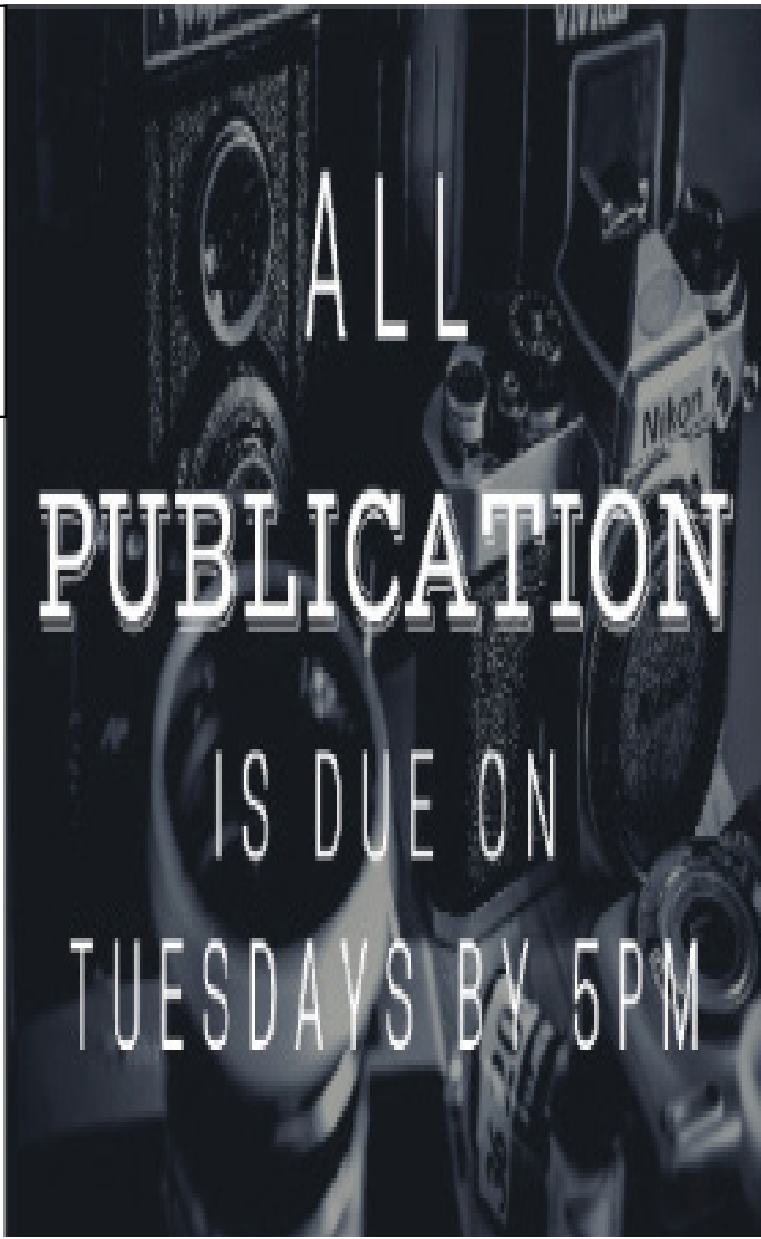


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JAL PANTHER BASKETBALL 2024-2025

JAL JR. HIGH PANTHER BASKETBALL 2024-25

Day	Date	Opponent	Level	Location	Time
Tuesday	December 3, 2024	Kermit, TX	JVG/VG	Jal	4:30
Thurs-Sat	December 5-7, 2024	Denver City Tournament	VG	Denver City, TX	TBA
Tuesday	December 10, 2024	Pecos, TX	JVG/VG	Pecos, TX	5:00
Thurs-Sat	December 12-14, 2024	Wink JV Tournament	JVG/JVB	Wink, TX	TBA
Thurs-Sat	December 12-14, 2024	Andrews Tournament	VB	Andrews, TX	TBA
Thurs-Sat	Dec 19-21, 2024	Texico Tournament	VB/VG	Texico	TBA
Friday	January 3, 2025	Wink, TX	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	4:30
Saturday	January 4, 2025	Lovington	JVG/VG	Lovington	2:00
Tuesday	January 7, 2025	Dexter	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Dexter	4:00
Thurs-Sat	January 9-11, 2025	Panther Invitational	VG/VB	Jal	TBA
Thursday	January 16, 2025	Ruidoso	JVB/VB	Ruidoso	4:30
Friday	January 17, 2025	Lovington	JVG/VG	Jal	5:00
Saturday	January 18, 2025	Capitan	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Capitan	1:00
Tuesday	January 21, 2025	Tatum*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Tatum	4:30
Thursday	January 23, 2025	Lovington	JVB/VB	Jal	5:00
Monday	January 27, 2025	Eunice*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Eunice	4:30
Thursday	January 30, 2025	Loving*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	4:30
Friday	January 31, 2025	Texico*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Texico	4:00
Monday	February 3, 2025	Hagerman*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	4:30
Saturday	February 8, 2025	Tatum**	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	1:00
Tuesday	February 11, 2025	Loving*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Loving	4:30
Friday	February 14, 2025	Eunice*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	4:30
Tuesday	February 18, 2025	Texico***	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Jal	4:00
Friday	February 21, 2025	Hagerman*	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Hagerman	4:30
Mon-Sat	Feb 24-Mar 1, 2025	District Tournament	VG/VB	TBA	TBA
Fri-Sat	March 7-8, 2025	First Round of State	VG/VB	TBA	TBA
Mon-Sat	March 10-15, 2025	State Championships	VG/VB	TBA	TBA

* District Opponent
 ** Homecoming
 *** Senior Night

Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Location	Time
Monday	November 18, 2024	Dexter	Blue/Gold	Dexter	4:00
Monday	December 2, 2024	Tatum	Blue/Gold	Jal	4:30
Tuesday	December 3, 2025	Eunice	Blue/Gold	Jal	4:30
Thursday	December 5, 2024	Hagerman	Blue	Hagerman	4:00
Tuesday	December 10, 2024	Artesia	Blue	Jal	4:30
Thursday	December 12, 2024	Kermit	Blue/Gold	Kermit	4:30 Mt
Friday	December 13, 2024	Loving	Blue/Gold	Jal	10:00
Tuesday	January 7, 2025	Hagerman	Blue	Jal	4:30
Thursday	January 9, 2025	Artesia	Blue/Gold	Artesia	4:30
Friday	January 10, 2025	Loving	Blue/Gold	Loving	3:00
Thursday	January 16, 2025	Eunice	Blue/Gold	Eunice	4:30
Monday	January 20, 2025	Dexter	Blue/Gold	Jal	4:00
Thursday	January 23, 2025	Tatum	Blue/Gold	Tatum	4:30
Saturday	January 25, 2025	SEC Tournament	Blue/Gold Girls	Tatum	TBA
Saturday	January 25, 2025	SEC Tournament	Blue/Gold Boys	Hagerman	TBA
Monday	February 3, 2025	Wink, TX	Blue/Gold	Jal	4:30



3 skiing mistakes to avoid

Whether an experienced skier or a novice, you can always learn something new to improve your performance on the slopes. As you head for the hills this season, here are three missteps to avoid.

1. WEARING ILL-FITTING BOOTS

You may fear tightening your boots will be painful or compromise your agility. In fact, a tight boot is more comfortable and improves control. Your boots are the conduit for the pressure your feet place on the skis. If your boots are too loose, the pressure doesn't transfer accurately, forcing you to work harder to achieve the desired motion.



2. LEANING BACK

Leaning too far back on the skis is an error that almost every skier must learn to correct because it can put you at a higher risk for knee injuries. Moving your weight to the front of your skis may not feel natural when you start, but it'll help you control your speed and movement through steep drops and jumps.

3. CHOOSING RUNS ABOVE YOUR SKILL LEVEL

Taking on a slope beyond your skill level is not just a risky move; it's terrible for your technique. You can challenge your method and experiment with balance on more manageable terrain. By contrast, when you're struggling on an icy or steep pitch, you're likely to shift into survival mode and revert to poor habits.



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Activities you can enjoy all winter long

Do you have a favourite winter activity? Whatever your skill level – and energy level – the winter season provides ample opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and snowy landscapes. This year, why not add a new one to your winter-fun repertoire?

HIT THE SLOPES

The hills are calling, whether you want to test your skill on a challenging slope or simply enjoy hot chocolate in the lodge. Try downhill skiing or snowboarding for an exhilarating day, or relive your childhood with a fun toboggan ride.

WANDER INTO THE WOODS

When the leaves drop and the snow falls, those well-worn forest trails turn into new and exciting terrain. Lace up your boots for a winter hike, or add skis for some cross-country gliding. Meander off the beaten path with your trusty snowshoes.

TAKE TO THE ICE

When the ponds freeze, it's time to lace on your skates and practise your figure eights. Grab a group of friends for a game of hockey. Take a stab at ice fishing for a fun day that ends with a delicious meal.



Explore your local sporting goods store for more ideas to enjoy a winter season jam-packed with outdoor fun.

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A winter camping trip is an ultimate adventure. Once you've chosen a campsite and checked the weather conditions, ensure you equip yourself for the elements. Here are a few tips to help you prepare.

CLOTHING

Winter clothing should include three layers. Your base layer wicks moisture away from your body, so choose wool or synthetic fabric. Your middle layer will

insulate you — think puffy jackets of synthetic material or wool. Your outer layer should be wind and waterproof.

coldest expected temperature. A sleeping bag liner may add 20 degrees of cold protection. By doubling up on sleeping pads, you'll get good insulation from the cold ground.

TENT

Take a large enough tent to store your gear inside. A four-season tent will hold up under heavy precipitation and high winds but can accumulate excess moisture. If the weather conditions aren't too harsh, a three-season tent is sufficient and allows better ventilation. Line the ground with a tarp or ground cloth to prevent moisture from forming inside.

FOOD

To keep warm, you'll need to load up on calories for your body to burn. Easy, one-pot meals are ideal. Hot drinks will warm your core quickly if you get hypothermia. Don't forget to bring plenty of drinking water, as hydration is just as critical in winter as in summer. A small camp stove is essential for fast, effective heat.

SLEEPING BAG

Choose a sleeping bag with a temperature rating 10 degrees lower than the

Visit your local outfitter to get the gear you need for your winter camping trip.



3 ways to celebrate the winter landscape

Although you can expect snow and ice every winter, each year brings a new landscape for you to enjoy. Here are three ways to rediscover winter's beauty.

1. PLAN A WINTER RETREAT

Book a weekend at a cabin in the woods, or keep it simple by visiting a day spa with a fabulous view. Check with your local tourism operators to find out what's open for the season.

2. GET MOVING OUTDOORS

Winter offers plenty of unique ways to celebrate the picturesque landscape. Whether cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking, there's plenty of beauty to discover. Your sporting goods retailer can kit you out for your winter adventure.

3. ENJOY WINTER'S CHARMS FROM HOME

If you prefer the great indoors, you can still take pleasure in the unique character of your garden at this time of year. Get to know the winter birds that

visit. Engage your artistic side and recreate the view from your window with pastels or paints. Visit your local craft and hobby store for ideas.

Just as every snowflake is unique, so is every snowfall. This winter, make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime winter landscape.

