



# Red Rocks Reporter

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# VOTE JUNE 3! YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO PRIMARY ELECTION**

**PRECINCT 15**

**JEMEZ PUEBLO CIVIC CENTER 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**Transportation will be available to the polls for tribal members.**

**Please call the Tribal Administration Office at 834-7359 to make arrangements.**

“I encourage each and every one of you to take the time and exercise your right as a United States citizen to vote on Election Day,” says Governor Paul S. Chinana. “In this ever-changing world, there are many issues and concerns we face daily. You can make a difference and contribute to the strength of our community. We need to unite and vote for a better tomorrow and future for our children.”

Tribal leadership is endorsing the following candidates:

|                      |                                |                            |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tom Udall            | United States Senate           |                            |
| Benny Shendo, Jr.    | US House of Representatives    | 3rd Congressional District |
| James Roger Madalena | State House of Representatives | District 65                |
| Joshua Madalena      | State Senate                   | District 22                |
| Darryl Madalena      | Sandoval County Commission     | District 5                 |

This state primary determines the person from each political party whose name will appear on the November ballot. The primary election is a critical first step in the process.

**Please do not miss this important opportunity  
to participate in the political system!  
Your Voice Counts! Your Vote Counts!**



### TRIBAL COUNCIL

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### 2008 TRIBAL GOVERNORS

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 Governor  
 Joshua Madalena  
 First Lt. Governor  
 Delbert Tafoya  
 Second Lt. Governor

### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

Vincent A. Toya, Sr.

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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

*Dear Tribal Members,*

In March 2008, a Notice of Intent to Repatriate was published in the *Red Rocks Reporter*. The skeletal remains of 52 individuals were collected from the site of Guisewa during a brief archeological excavation conducted in 1910 by Edgar Hewett of the School of American Archaeology and F.W. Hodge of the Bureau of American Ethnology. The remains of 162 individuals were collected from the site of Amoxiumqua during the excavations sponsored by the Bureau of American Ethnology and the School of American archaeology in 1910 and 1911. After a review of the available evidence, the remains from both sites have been found to be culturally affiliated. The remains of an estimated 214 individuals will be repatriated to Jemez Pueblo.

The Smithsonian Institution formally declared that they will repatriate Jemez Pueblo ancestral remains. The agreement was completed on Feb. 28, 2008, culminating a process started in the summer of 2004 when Joshua Madalena, then Second Lt. Governor, Fiscale Robert Chinana and spiritual leader Frank Loretto made a formal visit to the Museum to initiate the action. Over the past four years, several representatives have traveled to Washington to inspect the collection. As the current First Lt. Governor, Joshua Madalena represented the Tribe to complete the negotiations. The new agreement is the very first to return such a large number of Jemez Pueblo ancestors to the Tribe; the most recent repatriation in 1999 returned Pecos ancestral remains and artifacts.

A delegation of Tribal Leaders travelled to Washington, DC, on May 20. Tribal Leaders met with staff at the National museum of Natural History to learn how Public Law 101-601, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, benefits the Pueblo of Jemez in the repatriation of artifacts and bring them back home.

The group was in Washington all day May 21 and returned to New Mexico on May 22. Tribal Leaders travelling included First Lt. Governor Joshua Madalena, Pete Toya, Jose La Cruz Toya, Frank Loretto, Jose Magdalena, Willard Toya, Leonard Shendo, Jose Toledo, Frank Armijo, Sr. Tony C. Toledo, Adam Waquie, James D. Toya, Anders Pecos, Frank Fragua and Franklin Toya. Head Fiscale Alvin Casiquito, Assistant Fiscale Jose Waquie, Fiscale Aide Timothy Tosa and Tribal Cultural Project Manager Chris Toya went to Washington on May 18 to prepare the ancestors for the transport.

The agenda included a meeting with Congressman Tom Udall, a meeting at the National Museum of Natural History, with a Repatriation Ceremony in the Carolyn Rose Seminar Room. The delegation wore traditional attire for the ceremony. A deaccession signing and reception followed the ceremony.

A public meeting was held Tuesday, May 27 at the Youth Center to discuss the reburial process.\*

Sincerely,

Paul S. Chinana  
 Governor

\*At press time, the meeting had not occurred and no information was available for this issue.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

# Seniors Celebrate!

The Senior Center celebrated Older Americans Month with a Mini Health Fair on May 21. Representatives from the JHHS Transportation Program, Tribal Enrollment, Behavioral Health, Diabetes Program, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans' Association and Injury Prevention were available with presentations and information for participants. In addition, Clara Holguin from the Brain Injury Association, Buffy Saavedra, from the State Aging and Long-Term Care Department, the Administration on Aging Caregiver Program, Craig Newberry from New Mexico Work Force Connection gave presentations to the audience of almost 70 people. Resource information was also provided by Poison Control, National Indian Council on Aging, Older Workers Program and Sandoval Easy Express. Elders attending the program also could be screened for blood pressure, blood sugar and other health issues as well as enjoy a healthy lunch with friends.



The Jemez Flowers sang for more than 120 people who gathered at the Senior Center to honor staff members for their years of service and say farewell to retiring employee Mary P. Loretto. Senior Olympics participants were also recognized for their athletic achievements. The singers were also featured at the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow in Albuquerque.

### NEW MEAL SCHEDULE AT THE SENIOR CENTER Starting June 2, 2008

|                               |           |                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Wednesdays & Fridays          | Breakfast | 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. |
| Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | Lunch     | 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.   |

All Jemez senior citizens 55 years old and over are invited to join us. All meals meet USDA nutritional requirements.

If you need transportation to the Senior Center or need more information, please call (575)834 -9168.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT



Chief of Police Karl Wiese and other Law Enforcement officers accept a check for \$10,000 from Sandoval County Commissioner Joshua Madalena. The funds will be used to upgrade emergency equipment in police vehicles, as well as for vehicle repair and maintenance.

## Cabinet Secretary Visits Jemez



Alvin H. Warren, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department, met with Jemez tribal leaders to discuss some of the important issues and priorities for Walatowa community. Mr. Warren described the Department and how it has been reorganized to benefit the state's tribes. Brenna L. Clani, Capital Outlay Senior Policy Analyst, discussed the Department's initiatives designed to expedite the funding process. Lynnette Cruz, Capital Outlay Accountant and Auditor, described some of the Department's current active projects; two of these projects were awarded to Jemez.

## HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

## Ask Good Questions for Your Good Health

Perhaps you try to explain to a family member what your doctor said, and realize you're a little confused. Or maybe you get home and then think of a question you wish you'd asked. You are not alone if you find health care advice and information confusing at times. The National Patient Safety Foundation estimates that more than one-third of all US adults have only Basic or Below Basic health literacy levels. You should know:

- ✓ *Everyone* wants help with health information.
- ✓ Asking questions helps you understand how to stay well or get better.
- ✓ You don't need to feel rushed or embarrassed if you don't understand something.
- ✓ You can ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist as many times as you need to.

To help our patients take better care of their health, Jemez Health & Human Services providers suggest that you "Ask Me 3." Every time you talk with a doctor, physician's assistant, nurse or pharmacist, use the Ask Me 3 questions to make sure you fully understand what your provider wants you to do.

Your health care is your provider's job. Asking questions helps your provider do his or her job better.

*Source: National Patient Safety Foundation*

### ASK ME 3

Clip this section and keep it with you. Remind yourself to ask questions and be sure you understand your health care needs.

- 1 **What is my main problem?** <sup>TM</sup>
- 2 **What do I need to do?**
- 3 **Why is it important for me to do this?**

#### When to Ask Questions

- When you see your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.
- When you prepare for a medical test or procedure.
- When you get your medication.

#### Tips for Clear Health Communication

- Ask the 3 questions.
- Bring a family member or friend to help.
- Make a list of health concerns to tell the provider.
- Bring a list of all the medicines you are taking.
- Ask the pharmacist about your medicines.
- Write down the suggestions the provider makes.

## Community Health Assessment

The Pueblo of Jemez is collaborating with the University of New Mexico (UNM) Center for Native American Health and the UNM Masters in Public Health Program to complete a community health assessment. The goal of this project is to look at the community's health needs and identify how JHHS can best meet those needs today and into the future. With the approval of the Jemez Health Board and tribal administration, the assessment will continue through the summer, with a final report due to the Board and tribal leaders in October.

The assessment includes several components. A questionnaire for JHHS Program Managers will identify the scope of services JHHS currently offers. Interviews with selected tribal leaders will explore their concerns and priorities. Focus groups conducted by trained facilitators will gather information from key groups, including senior citizens, adults and high school students. Household surveys will include in-depth interviews with community members. All interviewers will be trained and be able to speak Towa. In addition, data from sources such as the U.S. Census, Indian Health Service, civic organizations,

Children Youth and Family Department, Medicaid, the UNM Tumor Registry, school districts, New Mexico vital records, and the Environmental Health Department. The study will gather data about chronic diseases (such as diabetes and heart disease), infectious diseases (like measles, influenza, pneumonia), accidents, birth and death rates, water and air quality, and other health issues.

All information from all sources will remain absolutely confidential. Participating tribal members will not be identified. The interviews and surveys will collect information that will remain within the tribe and be used to assess JHHS current services and future needs.

If you or a family member want to participate in this important study, please contact Penny Ott, Executive Director for Clinical Programs, at (575) 834-3197 or e-mail Penny.Ott@jemezueblo.us. "We encourage all community members who are approached to participate in this project. Your cooperation will be much appreciated," Penny says. "The information we gather will benefit our current and future patients."

## WELCOME MAT

Radiological technologist Renee Rosas chose her profession because she likes the balance between patient care and technology. Now she's in Jemez and ready to use the Health Clinic's X-ray equipment.

"I'm looking forward to serving the community," says the Socorro native. "And I'm glad we can save patients the cost of a trip to Albuquerque. It's especially good that the elders don't have to travel."



## Handmade Items for Sale

Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program wants to remind you that they have items for sale that have been made by self-employment consumers. Stop by for jewelry, back scarves, aprons, ribbon shirts, Indian dresses, woven belts, curtains, leather crafts and woodwork. This is a great place to shop for gifts and help support self-employment consumers in their business development at the same time.

The office is behind the Tribal Administration Building, open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (575) 834-0012 for more information.

## Help Wanted!

Jemez Health & Human Services has the following open positions.

1. Behavioral Health Therapist
2. Nurse Practitioner
3. Community Health Nurse
4. Energy Coordinator for Senior Center
5. Physical Therapist
6. Resource And Patient Management System (RPMS) Network Associate

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please contact Pueblo of Jemez Human Resources Department at (575) 834-5379 and complete a tribal application.

Walatowa High Charter School: Administrative Assistant  
Starting July 1, 2008

Applicant must have computer, management, organizational and interpersonal skills

Salary: Negotiable

Contact Principal Tony Archuleta for information at:

Walatowa High Charter School  
P.O. Box 669

Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico 87024

Phone (575) 834-0443 or

e-mail to taruchuleta@walatowahcs.org

## Thank You Note

*Our four-year-old son, Fernandez V. Baca, Jr. was diagnosed with leukemia on March 13, 2008. So far, he is doing well, staying strong and moving toward his cure.*

*On behalf of "Junior" and our family, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who made the Walk/Run Cure up to Guadalupe Mesa and to Chimayo on April 13.*

*Shirts with a picture of Fernandez Jr. were on sale during the run to Chimayo and San Diego Mesa. The adults sizes sold out fast, so request were made to order more. The shirts are now available if you are still interested in buying one. Contact Leonard, Rose or Rolanda Shendo at 834-7936 or stop by our home. Our hope is that people wear the shirt during their daily jog, walk and/or bicycling in hopes that your strength and endurance will pass on to JR's cure and recovery.*

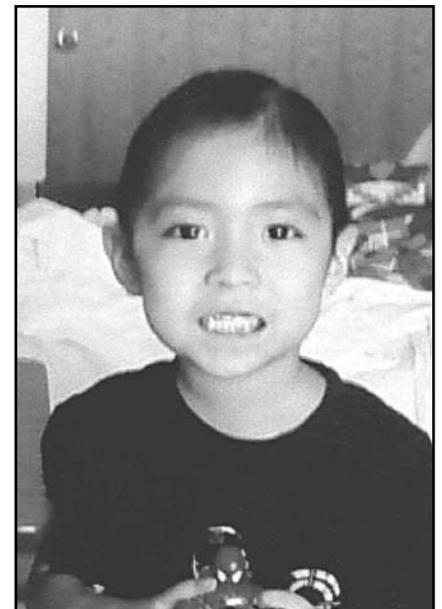
*We would also like to thank all the people who are sending their thoughts and prayers to and for our son and our family. We don't know how else to thank each and every one of you, but we really appreciate all you're doing for us. We ask for your continued prayers for his full recovery.*

*Again, thank you to everyone for your prayers, support and donations. May God bless you and your family, and keep you all healthy and strong.*

*We hope our prayers will be heard soon, not only for our son, but for all of us suffering in different ways.*

*Thank you,*

*Vincent, Eileen and AJ Baca and all the family and relatives of JR Baca*



## COMMUNITY WELLNESS

# SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM 2008

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The Community Wellness Summer Recreation Program is open to youth between 7 and 16 years old. The nine-week program will include several sports camps and a traditional Jemez culture week when participants will learn about Jemez culture from elders at the Senior Center. Each weekly camp will conclude with a field trip. Water and snacks will be provided. For more information, please call the Youth Services Program at: (575) 834-0067 or the Fitness Center at (575) 834-7059.\*

**Week 1: June 2 - 6****Martial Arts****Walatowa Youth Center (WYC)**

8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
 9 - 9:20 a.m. Morning exercise  
 Martial Arts Instruction  
 9:20 a.m. - noon Ages 7-11  
 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ages 12-16  
 noon - 1 p.m. Lunch (will be provided  
 by Summer Lunch Program)

**Mountain Biking; Limit 9 (1½ hr. sessions)**

9:30 a.m. Morning session  
 1:30 p.m. Afternoon session

**Field Trip Friday, June 6****Blades Multiplex Arenas/ Bowling  
(Santa Ana Casino)**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 8:30 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

**Week 2: June 9 - 11****Basketball: WYC**

8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
 9 - 9:20 a.m. Morning Exercises  
 9:20 a.m. - 1 p.m. Basketball Instruction  
 1 - 2 p.m. Lunch (will be provided  
 by Summer Lunch Program)  
 2 - 3 p.m. Activities

**June 12-14****Native Visions Sports Camp, Bernalillo  
High School**

8 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:15 a.m. Load/Depart Youth Center  
 on all days  
 9 a.m. Check-in/sports camps Bernalillo  
 High School Gymnasium  
 Lunch and Dinner will be provided by Native  
 Vision Sports Camp  
 7 p.m. Return to Youth Center  
 1:30 p.m. Saturday Return

**Week 3: June 16 - 20****Baseball (boys), Softball (girls)****Rio Rancho High School**

8 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Youth Center  
 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Load buses/Depart  
 9:30 a.m. Arrive at RRHS  
 9:45 - 12:45 p.m. Baseball/Softball  
 Instruction  
 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (will be  
 provided by Summer Lunch Program)  
 1:45 p.m. Depart RRHS  
 2:30 p.m. Return to Youth Center

**Field Trip: Friday, June 20****Movies (Century Rio 24)**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 8:30 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

**Week 4: June 23 - 27****Soccer: Mariposa Bison Park,  
Albuquerque**

7:50 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:15 - 8:25 a.m. Load buses/Depart  
 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Mariposa Bison Park  
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (will be  
 provided by Summer Lunch Program)  
 1:45 p.m. Depart Mariposa Bison Park  
 3 p.m. Return to Youth Center

**Field Trip: Friday, June 27****It's/ \$1 Movies**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 8:30 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

**Week 5: June 30 - July 4****Martial Arts: WYC**

8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
 9 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. Morning Exercises  
 Martial Arts Instruction  
 9:20 a.m. - noon Ages 7-11  
 1 - 3:30 p.m. Ages 12-16.  
 noon - 1 p.m. Lunch (will be provided  
 by Summer Lunch Program)

**Mountain Biking- Limit 9 (1½ hr. sessions)**

9:30 a.m. Morning Session  
 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Session

**Field Trip: Friday, July 4****Dinner at Furr's (San Mateo)****Isotopes Baseball Game**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 1 p.m. Return: 10 p.m.

**Week 6: July 7 - 11****Soccer: Mariposa Bison Park**

7:50 - 8:15 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:10 - 8:25 a.m. Load buses/Depart  
 9:35 a.m. Arrive at Mariposa Recreation  
 Center  
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (will be  
 provided by Summer Lunch Program)  
 1:45 p.m. Depart Mariposa Bison Park  
 3 p.m. Return to Youth Center

**Field Trip Friday, July 11****Rail Runner/ Century 14 Downtown**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

**Week 7: July 14 - 18****Traditional/Community Give Back**

8 - 9:20 a.m. Walk to San Diego  
 Riverside for Breakfast  
 9:30 a.m. Walk to Senior Center from  
 Riverside along the river  
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (will be  
 provided by Summer Lunch Program)  
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Activities

**Field Trip: Friday, July 18****Cliff's Amusement Park**

Suggested allowance: \$10

Depart: 8:30 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

**Week 8: July 21 - 25****Traditional Crafting/****Youth Conference**

8 - 8:40 a.m. Breakfast  
 9 - 3 p.m. Traditional Crafting  
 by Joseph B. Toledo, Jacob Toya, Georgia Vigil  
 noon - 1 p.m. Lunch (will be  
 provided by Summer Lunch Program)

**Youth Conference**

July 24-25

**Family Fun Day**

July 26

**Week 9: July 29 - August 1****Golf: Santa Ana Golf Academy**

7:30 - 8 a.m. Breakfast  
 8:10 a.m. Load buses/Depart  
 noon - 1 p.m. Lunch at Summer Lunch  
 Program in Jemez  
 1 - 3 p.m. Activities



\* Some schedule changes may occur after press time. Call 834-3071 to confirm times and locations.

Water and snacks will be provided. On days when trips to Albuquerque are planned, the program will provide sack lunches.

Students returning to Jemez from sports camps will be dropped off at the following locations: Fitness Center, Post Office, Civic Center, Kiska Store, Trading Post Rd., and Youth Center. Please indicate on the permission slip where your students' drop-off location will be on recreation program out-of-town days.

## LIBRARY

# Read! Learn! Play!

**Summer Youth Programs****Science: "Explore! Mars"****June 2 through July 24, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Library****Also includes story time, arts and crafts.****Join the Summer Reading Club! Open to all ages; readers get incentives.**

The Pueblo of Jemez Library has received a grant from Clothes Helping Kids, Inc. to help with the summer program and hire a student library aide who will help with activities and the end-of-summer celebration. In return for their generosity, we want to help this organization with a clothing drive during June. "The library will accept donations to give back to this great organization that helps families and community like ours," says Library Director Tamara Sandia. If you have gently used clothes you no longer need, please donate them to Clothes Helping Kids, Inc. at the library; they will deliver the clothing to the Albuquerque office.

Congratulations to all the 2008 graduates from Head Start, elementary and middle schools, high schools and colleges. We are proud of you!

"Keep on learning and achieving success through education," Tamara advises.

The library staff also received certifications from the state of New Mexico, Tamara is now a certified library director (Grade 2) and Maureen Wacondo is a certified librarian (Grade 1) through the New Mexico State Library.

"We all must keep learning and striving to provide quality service to our people," Tamara says.

**Library Hours: Monday - Friday**  
**8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

Pueblo of Jemez Public Library services include:

- ✦ Books
- ✦ Videos/DVDs
- ✦ Magazines and periodicals
- ✦ Computers and Internet access during library hours
- ✦ Special requests and interlibrary loans
- ✦ Photocopies and faxes for a minimal fee.

*An adult must accompany children under five years old.*

**Read! Learn! Play!**

## SOCIAL SERVICES

## PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES

**MAY 12 - AUGUST 4****Monday Evenings 6 - 8 p.m.****Social Services Building (Old Community Center)**  
**(575) 834-7117**

- May 12 Introductions and Overview of Parenting
  - May 19 Child Abuse vs. Discipline by *Christine Waquie, Social Services Worker, and Annette Chinana, Child Advocate*
  - June 2 Praising Children and Their Behavior by *Social Services*
  - June 9 Summer Safety by *Injury Prevention*
  - June 16 Alternatives to Spanking by *Social Services*
  - June 23 Learning Positive Ways to Deal with Stress and Anger by *Social Services*
  - June 30 Staying Healthy & Staying Fit by *Valerie Pecos*
  - July 7 "Were Once Warriors" Video
  - July 14 Domestic Violence and Enabling by *Carol Vigil, Family Advocate*
  - July 21 Jemez Library Activity and Resources
  - July 28 Healthy Relationships by *Michael & Rebecca Holland, NM Marriages First Project*
  - August 4 Evaluation/Celebration
- Child care will be provided*

## All Kids Need: ENCOURAGEMENT

We all thrive on encouragement. Tell your children that you believe in them, and they will start believing in themselves.

*"You can do it."**"Give it your best shot!"**"I'm behind you all the way!"**"I know you have what it takes."**"Give it a try."**"You are so capable!"**"I believe in you!"**"Good job!"**"I'm proud of you."*

Praise is the most potent motivator.



Try some today! Come up with your own list of 10 words of encouragement and praise. Use them generously with your child.

*Reference: Life's Great*

## SOCIAL SERVICES

# Stories of Survival: From a Woman Who Experienced Violence

*Anonymous; Reprinted from Sharing Our Stories of Survival, edited by Sarah Deer, Bonnie Clairmont, Carrie A. Martell and Maureen L. White Eagle*

I grew up in a good family. My dad let me help him with chores around the house; my brother and I sat on Grandpa's lap in his chair by the window and my uncles lived with us. Most nights the women — my mom, grandma and aunts — gathered to talk after dinner dishes were done.

When I became a teenager, a group of boys at school lied about "running a train" on me. ("Running a train" means gang rape.) They threatened to spread that lie through the school if I refused to be a "girlfriend" to one of them. I laughed because I didn't expect anyone would believe them. I was into books, not boys! I was wrong — everyone believed them. My friends' parents didn't want them hanging out with me because of their lies. Eventually, I sought out new friends and got involved with a boyfriend who would become my husband. He was fifteen, I was sixteen. Our relationship was cemented because he believed my side of the story. We married when he turned eighteen.

The first years of our marriage included some minor violence. I didn't fear him and I didn't believe him to be a violent person because of a slap or a push. I slapped him back. I played football as a teenager and was accustomed to fighting with my brother and his friends as we grew up. I wasn't fearful of physical aggression and wasn't easily intimidated.

My husband grew more muscular with age. I, on the other hand, grew into my nurturing role as a mother to our daughter. As I became economically dependent, he became increasingly disrespectful and demanding. By the time our daughter was two, he was even more violent. I left him and enrolled in college. But I could not afford a divorce and worried about dooming myself to hell for an eternity just to divorce him.

### Trapped

The snow plows provided a road lined on both sides with six-foot high snow piles. To get my daughter, I walked a mile to the house my husband shared with his sister. I was in school, so weekends were really the only time I had to be with her. During the week, I needed to study each night. As I arrived, I was anxious to pick up our four-year-old daughter and leave. However, she was having a good time and didn't want to leave her new toys or kitten. So I sat down to visit with my sister-in-law. As soon as she left for the evening, he was on top of me!

I was five months pregnant and unusually big. I didn't want to be intimate with him. He became extremely angry about the rejection and dragged me into his bedroom, beat me severely, stripped my clothes, and raped me. I worried about my unborn child, because he punched me in the stomach repeatedly. I was

so badly bruised I was couldn't move. After raping me, he hid my clothes at his mother's house: boots, coat, keys, everything! He locked me in his room for several days. Our daughter was taken to his mother's house.

I wondered what his family thought as day after day he brought me food and I stayed in his room. A few times a day he escorted me to the bathroom. He would stand guard outside the bathroom, then escort me back to his room. Wrapped in a sheet, I considered jumping out the window. But I was on the second floor and didn't know what harm that could do to my unborn child. I realized he was waiting for the visible bruises to disappear before he finally let me go. His final remark to me as he handed me my clothes was the threat, "Don't forget, we're still married! You are still my wife and have to behave like one!"

Walking home, I thought of the coldness of this freedom. Each week, I was expected to bring our daughter to him. If I didn't, he came to my place and broke in. The police backed him even if he came to "visit" in the middle of the night, because we were married and our daughter was his child.

This was not the first time he raped me. My unborn child's very existence came from his rape. A few months after I tried to separate from my husband, he came to my place around midnight on the pretense of visiting his daughter. After he threatened to break down the door, I opened it to appease him. He assaulted me for not letting him in immediately. He dragged me upstairs to my bedroom and brutally raped me. Throughout the rape he held a pillow over my face as I fought and tried to scream for help. No one heard me and no one came to help. After the rape, he kicked and punched me until he lost his energy to continue.

The following day I couldn't walk and was in extreme pain. My 15 year-old brother-in-law stopped by to visit my daughter and me as he usually did on Saturdays. He played with her for a few hours. Every so often, he called to me to ask if I was coming down. Eventually, he came upstairs, knocked on my bedroom door and asked to come in. I refused. He stepped into my room anyway. Shocked and silent as he looked at me, he walked over and gently kissed me on the cheek. He left angrily saying, "He did this to you! I know what he did!"

Whenever I tried to leave my husband or I live away from him, he attacked, including breaking into my home in the middle of the night, raping me when he claimed to come to visit our children, and abducting me when I visited friends or family.

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After two years of extreme hardship, I went back to my husband. I knew it was safer to be with him than without him. I knew he wouldn't rape me if I lived with him. I would experience less violence and the violence would be less severe.

## No Help From Anyone

When I reported the violence to the police, I was told there was nothing that could be done since there were no witnesses. It would just be my word against his. Eventually, when I became frustrated with the police, I went to the prosecutor's office for help. He told me that as long as I was married there was nothing I could do. "You can't testify against your husband," the prosecutor advised. "However, if you insist, I will consider pressing charges if you initiate a divorce within two weeks."

I was sent to a police photographer who told me to strip nude. He took at least 30 pictures from all angles. All my bruises were below the neck. This experience was degrading and humiliating. I was further humiliated when I returned to the prosecutor with my pictures. He looked at them for about 10 minutes and reminded me of my deadline for initiating a divorce; he said he might consider pressing charges then.

No one would stop the violence. The police gave him a green light by giving him permission to continue acting violent. Only one of numerous protection orders was ever enforced. Even when a violation included an assault, I was given lame excuses by law enforcement like, "You let him in!" ... "He was just visiting his children!" or "Why don't you divorce him instead of calling us!" and "We can't do anything!"

His family gave him a green light, except for one brother. His mother refused to believe that her favorite son could be violent. He was the one who was always there for her, offering help and support. He painted her house, took her shopping, and called her every day. He was a good friend, a thoughtful brother, and showed love and affection to his children. Who could ask for more? He was a "dependable family man."

My family gave him a green light through their value system. They didn't believe in divorce. No one on either side of the family had divorced. They believed in raising children with their father and a family staying together. They believed in forgiveness and that prayer would bring about a change in his violent behavior! He knew that everyone was on his side because of their beliefs about marriage, children and women. Ultimately, it was his violence that was treated as sacred. None of the authorities that surrounded, guided and counseled me would place limits on his violence.

Sometimes, the emotional pain was so intense that it was

difficult to relate to others or even acknowledge their presence. I was trapped in the relationship because of practical things like income, child care and housing.

My mother told me, "You made your bed, now lie in it!" My father was different, and was there to help and support me whenever I asked. However, I could not bring myself to tell him of the despicable attacks against my body and soul. I wanted to remain valued in his eyes.

## No More!

The night I ended up in the hospital with a skull fracture and a broken nose, I decided that I would work in a shelter for battered women. I had been repeatedly humiliated by having to tell my story over and over while talking to crisis line advocates as I lay on a gurney with an audience of over 20 people in the emergency room. I had been denied shelter at each one I called because I had too many children. I was also denied assistance for the next day's court appearance. I vowed I would work in one of those places and learn everything I could to help other women experiencing violence.

In this latest assault, he had a knife pressed to my throat when the police walked in, but they never found it! My long hair cut with his knife was scattered in thick bunches about the bedroom as well as the nightgown he cut off me. Blood splattered the kitchen walls, the stairwell and my bedroom. It is amazing that a knife was never found!

I left the hospital and went to work to ask a co-worker to accompany me to court. She was a social worker and I thought she might be able to help me. She was the first person outside the family and the legal system who knew about the violence. The other office workers were horrified when they saw me. Blood was still caked to my face and hair as we went to court. He pled "not guilty"!

I sold my car and bought a one-way family train ticket to another state. My plan was to stay away until his trial. Months went by. He was granted several continuances. The prosecutor finally notified me that a trial date was set. As I arrived at court, I saw my husband looking quite confident. An attorney friend represented him, and four friends and two of his brothers sat in the courtroom with him, all relaxed and confident.

When it came time to testify, my husband looked at me and the arresting police officer and pled guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail. He went to jail directly from the courtroom. After all the assaults, all the rapes, he would spend only one summer in jail! Although his jail time was short, it was the

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consequence he ever faced for his violence. He called me from jail saying that now that we had this behind us, could we get back together!

Over the next several years, I experienced threats and a kidnapping at gunpoint. When I reported the kidnapping to police, they laughed at me. Although we were divorced, the police told me a "husband" can't kidnap his wife.

Nearly two years later, I was working in a shelter for battered women. After a few months as an advocate, I joined three other women to cofound the first Native women's shelter in Minnesota. My commitment to this work is a commitment to my children, who didn't have a choice. I have been an advocate for other battered women and their children since 1982.

Today, I live free of immediate violence, but family events like weddings, funerals or the birth of a baby bring reminders of the past.

My ex-husband continued to be violent in his later relationships, which ended due to his behavior. Eventually, he became violent toward his brothers and once toward his mother. Today, he is pitiful, sick and helpless. Our children have learned compassion and treat him kindly.

My life has been enriched by the advocates I have met and worked with, both women and men, Native and non-Native. The family life I experienced as a child is what I see when I walk into a shelter for battered women.

My children are the stars that guide me. I never forget they are my teachers. They bring joy and laughter to my world.

It is the beauty of my childhood that has sustained me and nurtured me through the harshest moments. Shortly before my mother died, she told me about being raped and getting pregnant with me at age 17. The conclusion to her story was, *"I found you a good family, didn't I, my girl?"*

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM



Women's Support Group meetings will be held  
June 12 and 26. For more information, call  
Carol Vigil, Family Advocate at 834-7117, ext. 204.

## Summer is Here and School is Out!

It's that time of year – school is out and children are at home. Please be aware that children will be playing around the village and be extra cautious.

Be aware of some safety measures to protect your children:

- \* Make sure children under the age of 12 have adult supervision at all times.
- \* Know where your children are or are going at all times.
- \* Enroll your children in summer school or other activities.

Programs here in Jemez are offering lots of fun, educational summer activities for youngsters. (See the article at right and on page 6 for more information.) Ask for information or look for flyers.

Children who are involved in summer school or summer activities will stay busy and safe; they'll learn new things and have fun at the same time.

Get involved and support our tribal programs!

## JEMEZ HELPING HANDS

Jemez Helping Hands has emergency food, clothing and energy assistance for difficult times. If you have emergency needs, call 829-3617.

### Free Clothing

JHH Clothes Closet is north of the Community Center; open Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oct. 15 to May 14; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., May 15 to Oct. 14. Free clothes for men, women and kids. Emergency needs, call 834-2413.

### Energy Assistance

Propane (30% full or less.) Contact Margaret Garcia at the Senior Center at, 834-9168 to qualify for LIHEAP\* (Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program) and arrange first delivery.

\*If you qualify for LIHEAP, you will receive \$300 of propane from your propane provider in your next delivery. LIHEAP also pays for wood, pellets and coal.

If you DO NOT qualify for LIHEAP, call 829-3617; emergency-only funds available.

### Food

The JHH Food Pantry is next to the Franciscan Friary at the Pueblo. Call 834-0402.

### Furniture or Appliances

Call 829-3888.

## INJURY PREVENTION

## June is Home Safety Month

You can take some simple steps to create a safer home environment and keep your family from harm.

### Prevent Falls

1. Install grab bars in the tub and shower.
2. Have bright lights over stairs, steps and landings.
3. Use a ladder for climbing instead of a stool or furniture.
4. Have handrails on both sides of the stairs and steps.
5. Use baby gates at stairs if babies or toddlers live in or visit your home.

### Prevent Poisonings

1. Read the label before using products. If you see the words "caution, warning, danger, or poison," lock these items away where children can't reach them.
2. Keep all cleaners in their original containers. Do not mix them together.
3. Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas.
4. Use medications carefully. Follow the directions. Keep them locked away from children.
5. Call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 if someone takes poison. If you have a question about poisons, this number will also connect you to emergency help in your area.

### Prevent Fires & Burns

1. Have working smoke alarms and hold fire drills.
2. Stay by the stove when cooking, especially when you fry food.
3. If you smoke, smoke outside. Use deep ashtrays and put water in them before you empty them. Lock matches and lighters in a place where children can't reach them.
4. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
5. Only use candles when an adult is in the room. Blow the candle out if you leave the room or go to sleep.

### Be Smart Around Water

1. Stay within an arm's length of children in and around water, including the bathtub, toilet, pools, even buckets of water.
2. Make sure your children always swim with an adult. No child or adult should swim alone.
3. Empty large buckets and wading pools after using them. Store them upside down when you are not using them.
4. Keep your hot water at or below 120°F degrees to prevent burns.

## Spaying & Neutering Your Pets: Myths and Facts

By Karen Menczer, Jemez Animal Amigos

Spaying or neutering your dogs and cats is a healthy choice for them and for the community. But there are many myths about what happens when a pet is spayed or neutered. Know the facts and take care of your pets.

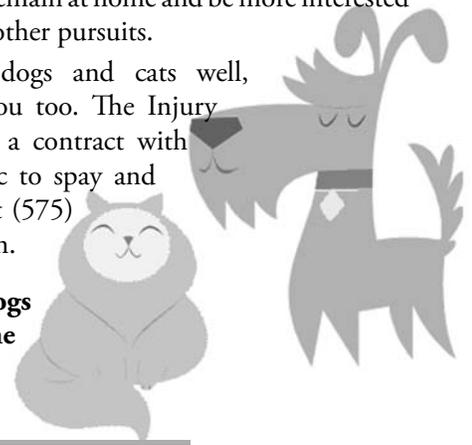
Many people believe that our dogs and cats will get fat and lazy after they are spayed or neutered. However, as with people, pets gain weight when they are fed more calories than they use. Also, as with people, the older your pet gets, the fewer calories it needs to consume; young active animals, like young active people, need to eat more food. Removing a dog or cat's ovaries or testicles may affect their metabolism, and may make it easier to put on weight. Regular play and exercise and a healthy diet are the keys to keeping your pet in shape—spayed, neutered, or not. Why not try exercising with your pet so you can stay in shape together?

Many people believe that spaying or neutering will make a dog less effective as a guard dog. However, the opposite is usually true. Dogs that are "fixed" are more likely to stay at home and not wander off in pursuit of other interests. Instead of wandering, your dog will protect your home as its own territory.

Another myth suggests that cats will no longer be good "mousers" if spayed or neutered. Again, the opposite is true. Cats that are "fixed" will remain at home and be more interested in catching prey than in other pursuits.

If you treat your dogs and cats well, they will take care of you too. The Injury Prevention Program has a contract with Loretto Veterinary Clinic to spay and neuter pets. Call them at (575) 834-3072 for information.

**Remember: All dogs and cats living in the Pueblo of Jemez must be spayed or neutered.**



**The Injury Prevention Program and Loretto Veterinary Clinic will host a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on June 6 at the Pueblo Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also schedule spay/neuter procedures at this time. Please note this will be the only clinic this year.**

## PUBLIC WORKS

## Project Updates

### Phase I & II Sewer Lagoon and Sewer Line Construction Projects

The Public Works Department (PWD) awarded Phase I of this project to J & D Construction for \$1.2 million; construction is underway with approximately 75% of the sewer line in place. Sewer lagoon construction has started and the lift station construction started in mid-May; everything is on schedule.

Phase II was awarded to Marcon Construction for \$666,185 for the sewer line from Green Acres down Day School Road, connecting to a manhole installed during Phase I. The sewer line rehabilitation around the village was subcontracted to WSU, Inc. from Colorado. They used a video camera to observe existing sewer lines at the most problematic areas and this work has been completed.

PWD is reviewing the videos to decide whether to reline the existing pipes or replace them. They also determined that the major problem is within the service lines to homes; in many cases, tree and shrub roots are interfering with the lines and most do not have clean-outs. WSU started the rehabilitation work the week of May 19, with sewer line installation out of Green Acres starting the same week.

### Gate Valve Replacement and Water Line Looping

The contract to install new gate valves at main village intersections was awarded to SSS Construction for \$62,410.

The company also placed water line looping for better control of our system. The work is complete, with approximately 2,400 feet of water line installed. More gate valves will be placed in the future.

### Water Meter Installation

PWD was awarded \$25,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation to purchase and install 25 radio-read water meters, as well as provide computer software and training for staff. Michael Loretto and Jordan Shendo installed the meters at several homes.

These meters are necessary because of the high number of unpaid water bills. Please note that water is **free** but the service PWD provides is **not free**. The electric bill to pump and treat Village water averages \$3,500 monthly; tribal members must contribute to this cost. **As of May 16, 2008, delinquent accounts totaled \$295,336.63. The Pueblo of Jemez cannot continue to absorb these costs for tribal members who do not pay their bills.**

PWD will eventually purchase 525 more radio-read meters, and every household will be metered by next year. This will give PWD better control of the delinquency rate; tribal members who do not pay their bills will have the water to their homes shut off.

### Solid Waste Management

PWD is evaluating Transfer Station operations to determine how to better serve tribal members and the neighboring community that frequently requests to use the Station. The average cost for hauling waste is \$4,500 per month. PWD is looking into trash pick-up for interested people for a fee on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and closing the Transfer Station on weekends.

Illegal dumping will be monitored closely. Anyone dumping illegally will be fined and expected to clean up the area.

If you have any questions about your home's water, sewer or solid waste issues, contact the PWD at (575) 834-7942.

## State Program Helps Uninsured Adults

*Don't miss out on this very helpful program for New Mexicans!*

State Coverage Insurance (SCI) is a program from Insure New Mexico that provides health insurance for low-income adults between 19 and 64 years old. The program helps uninsured adults who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare.

Applicants must be New Mexico residents who do not currently have health insurance. Eligibility is based on income. There is a sliding scale of monthly premiums and co-payments based on income, but many deductions and credits apply. For example, adults in a family of four that earns \$1,721 a month would qualify for full coverage without monthly premiums. Families can earn up to three times the federal

poverty guidelines and still qualify for this program with modest premiums.

Individuals can choose from three participating health plans: Lovelace, Molina or Presbyterian. The benefits package is similar to a basic commercial plan and includes primary and specialty care, hospitalization, outpatient care, pharmacy, laboratory tests, X-rays, behavioral health treatment, substance abuse services and physical, occupational and speech therapy.

For more information, contact the health plans directly:

**Lovelace SCI**  
(505) 816-6670 or  
(toll-free) (866) 403-3018

**Molina Healthcare**  
(505) 348-1578 or  
(toll-free) (866) 403-3018

**Presbyterian Health Plan**  
(505) 923-8200 or  
(toll-free) (866) 606-7737

You can also visit the New Mexico SCI web site at <http://nmsci.state.nm.us> for more information.

Please pass this information to your family and friends. If you have questions or need help applying for this program, contact Patient Benefits Coordinator Thelma Shendo at 834-3040 or e-mail to [tshendo@jemezueblo.us](mailto:tshendo@jemezueblo.us), or Social Worker Lisa Maves, at 834-3059, or e-mail to [l.maves@jemezueblo.us](mailto:l.maves@jemezueblo.us).

## SOCIAL WORK



## Jemez Pueblo Water Service: Delinquent Accounts

The following households owe more than \$500 on their water accounts. Information current as of May 16, 2008. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at (505) 834-7942.

|                              |                              |                               |                         |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Baca, Everett                | Fragua, Martin A.            | Panana, Matthew               | Toya, Alvin             |
| Bacca, Dominic L.            | Fragua, Marvin c/o PJHA      | Pecos, Irwin                  | Toya, Beaver            |
| Bacca, Marcelino             | Fragua, O'dell               | Pecos, Joseph                 | Toya, Benjamin          |
| Benalli, Lee Ann             | Fragua, P. Albert            | Pecos, Mary Y.                | Toya, Benny             |
| Cajero, Lucas                | Fragua, Paul                 | Rael, Rosita                  | Toya, Ciriaco           |
| Casiquito, Franklin          | Fragua, Phillip              | Romero, A. Pauline            | Toya, Clara             |
| Casiquito, George            | Fragua, Phillip & Linda      | Romero, Georgia               | Toya, Franklin          |
| Casiquito, Jeronima          | Fragua, Seferina             | Romero, Jerry                 | Toya, John Fitzgerald   |
| Casiquito, Juan L.           | Fragua, Valentino            | Romero, Leonard               | Toya, Lawrence & Ruby   |
| Casiquito, Persingula        | Fragua, Virginia             | Romero, Lisa                  | Toya, Lucy L.           |
| Casiquito, Valentina         | Gachupin, Adalita            | Romero, Marie                 | Toya, Lyda              |
| Casiquito, Jr., Frank        | Gachupin, Adalita            | Romero, Marie (O O)           | Toya, Mabel             |
| Celo, Natalie/Mary           | Gachupin, Bertha (Mela)      | Romero, Michael P.            | Toya, Manuel            |
| Chavez (Smith), Celina       | Gachupin, David & Carol      | Romero, Persingula            | Toya, Marcelina         |
| Chavez, Jose & Juan          | Gachupin, Debbie             | Romero, Victoria              | Toya, Margaret          |
| Chavez, Mary V.              | Gachupin, Dominic            | Romero, Virginia              | Toya, Mary Roger        |
| Chewiwi, Florence            | Gachupin, Geronimo           | Romero, Wilma                 | Toya, Maxine            |
| Chewiwi, Mary                | Gachupin, James & Clara      | Sabaquie, Freddie             | Toya, Merle             |
| Chinana, Anacita             | Gachupin, Joseph & Carol     | Sabaquie, Kathy               | Toya, Persingula        |
| Chinana, Benjamin            | Gachupin, Joseph F.          | Sabaquie, Rosita              | Toya, Phyllis           |
| Chinana, David & Matilda     | Gachupin, Laura              | Sandia, Cindy                 | Toya, Regina            |
| Chinana, Dorina & Isidore    | Gachupin, Leonard & Alfreda  | Sandia, Geraldine             | Toya, Reyes S.          |
| Chinana, Garrick             | Gachupin, Merlin             | Sandia, Pernell               | Toya, Teresa            |
| Chinana, Lizardo             | Gachupin, Pablo              | Sando, Ana M.                 | Toya, Jr., Casimiro     |
| Chinana, Mary Flora          | Gachupin, Paul               | Sando, Ana M. (village house) | Toya, Sr, Eusebio       |
| Chinana, Mary Margaret       | Gachupin, Sammy              | Sando, Cheryl                 | Tsosie, Frank & Lucy    |
| Chinana, Meldon              | Gachupin, Steven             | Sando, Mabel                  | Tsosie, Leonard         |
| Chinana, Ronald              | Gachupin, Wilma & Tony       | Sarracino, Ralph              | Vigil, Alberta          |
| Chinana, Sam & Rita          | Greer, Angela                | Seonia Sr., Kenneth           | Vigil, Felix            |
| Chinana, Sam & Rita          | Ingersoll, Carmelita         | Shendo, Ernest J. & Rachel    | Vigil, Felix (studio)   |
| Chinana, Sheryl              | Loretto, Bernard             | Shendo, Frank & Jeronima      | Vigil, Lawrence         |
| Chinana, Tito                | Loretto, Caroline G.         | Shendo, Irving                | Vigil, Penelope         |
| Chinana, Victor              | Loretto, Cecelia             | Shendo, Jimmy                 | Wanya, Mary             |
| Chinana, Virginia            | Loretto, Elena PJHA          | Shendo, Leonard               | Waquie, Adam R.         |
| Chinana, William             | Loretto, Eutemia             | Shendo, Roland                | Waquie, Calvin          |
| Chosa, Clara                 | Loretto, Frank               | Shendo, Theodorita            | Waquie, Felix           |
| Chosa, Jose                  | Loretto, Julie M.            | Simpson, Margaret             | Waquie, John C. & Rose  |
| Chosa, Patsy                 | Loretto, Katherine           | Solomon, Frances              | Waquie, Joseph A.       |
| Colaquer, Iva                | Loretto, Louis               | Tafoya, Brenda                | Waquie, Judy            |
| Colaquer, Teresita           | Loretto, Miriam              | Tafoya, David                 | Waquie, Pauline         |
| Devore, Lena                 | Loretto, Phillip             | Tafoya, Juan R.               | Waquie, Robert          |
| DeVore, Jr., Stanley F.      | Loretto, Shirley             | Tafoya, Julian                | Waquie, Ruby            |
| Felipe, Barbara              | Loretto, Todd                | Tafoya, Mark                  | Waquie, Veronica        |
| Fragua, Amy                  | Loretto, Tony                | Tafoya, Peter                 | Waqui, Lillian          |
| Fragua, Antonio              | Loretto Yepa, Marie R.       | Tafoya, Steven                | Wilson, Erna            |
| Fragua, Bryan & Agatha       | Lucero, Cyrus & Wynonna      | Tafoya, Tyron                 | Yepa, Alvina            |
| Fragua, Chrislyn             | Lucero, Mary Rose            | Toledo, Clemente              | Yepa, Bluehawk          |
| Fragua, Christino            | Lucero, Myron & Kathleen     | Toledo, Cypriana              | Yepa, Cecelia           |
| Fragua, Clifford (Work Shop) | Madalena, Joshua             | Toledo, Epifania              | Yepa, Elston            |
| Fragua, Dorothy              | Madalena, Juan R.            | Toledo, Joe Ray               | Yepa, Ethel             |
| Fragua, Erwin & Melinda      | Madalena, Michael & Martilla | Toledo, Joseph B.             | Yepa, John R.           |
| Fragua, Everett              | Magdalena, Laverne           | Toledo, Roberta               | Yepa, Jose & Ida        |
| Fragua, Fred & Bernadette    | Magdalena, Leonard           | Tosa, Dorela                  | Yepa, Juanita           |
| Fragua, Gloria (New House)   | Magdalena, Louie             | Tosa, Earl                    | Yepa, L. Albert         |
| Fragua, Joseph               | Magdalena, Robert            | Tosa, Frances J. (west)       | Yepa, Lawrence & Lupita |
| Fragua, Joseph & Theresa     | Mora, Dolores                | Tosa, Jocelyn                 | Yepa, Pat               |
| Fragua, Joseph (Bill)        | Mora, Frances G. (east)      | Tosa, Lawrence                | Yepa, Salvador          |
| Fragua, Juan                 | Mora, Michelle               | Tosa, Manuel & Christina      | Yepa, San Juanito       |
| Fragua, Julian               | Mora, Mike & Marie           | Tosa, Mary A.                 | Yepa, Walter            |
| Fragua, Mabel                | Panana, Floyd                | Tosa, Paul                    |                         |

## EDUCATION

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

*We applaud your hard work and perseverance. We wish you all the best as you move toward your future successes!*

**Walatowa Head Start**

Albert Real-Collateta  
Joseph Loretto  
Danielle Toya  
Kelauni Chinana  
Derek Vidal  
Antuane Lucero  
Jelayne Yepa  
Melaila Chinana  
Ailana Toya  
Melena Sando  
Christopher Toledo  
Montana Gachupin  
Lissette Toya  
Tyrese Armijo  
Leilani Gachupin  
Anaiyla Toya  
Macalty Baca  
Caili Mora  
Kiara Gachupin  
Collin Madalena  
Jason Mora  
Sefora Tosa  
Evander Galavan  
Nevin Panana  
Tristan Waquiu  
Kymani Toya  
Brandice Gachupin

**Jemez Day School Sixth Grade**

Syretta Aguirre  
Patrick Baca  
Taylor Casiquito  
Mario Chosa  
Antonio Concha  
Richard DeVore  
Hunter Fragua  
Khaila Gachupin  
Tinesha Gachupin  
Kordell Madalena  
Makayla Madalena  
Augustus Magdalena  
Carmen Magdalena

Demetria Magdalena  
Leonard Ortiz  
Brandi Sandia  
Jazlyn Shendo  
Jonathan Toya  
Garrin Vigil  
Alysha Yepa

**San Diego Riverside Charter School Eighth Grade**

Virginia Baca  
Tsinnia Cajero  
Tyler Casiquito  
Devon Chinana  
Marla Chosa  
Shuan Davis  
Byron Fragua  
Meshaq Fragua  
Raymond Gachupin  
Jesirae Lucero  
Jesse Madalena  
Towanda Pecos  
Shirlene Sandia  
D'Yanna Seonia  
Kyle Tafoya  
Josee Toledo  
Joylyn Toya  
Rodney Toya  
Julia Wall  
Emmet Yepa Jr.

**Jemez Valley High School**

Leandra Baca  
Charnelle Chinana  
Tyler Chinana  
Janae Chosa  
Nicholas N. England  
April Lucero  
Amanda Madalena  
Anthony Magdalena  
Shauna Pino  
Lucianne Shendo  
Delilah Toya  
Tracey E. Toya

**Los Lunas High School**

Ian Ruybalid

**Santa Fe Indian School**

Lony Fragua  
Adam Vigil

**Walatowa High Charter School**

Brittney Baca  
Daryl Baca  
Lynnora Sabaquie  
Audrianna Sandia  
Ashley Seonia  
Valene Gachupin  
Lyle Toya  
Justin Fragua  
Maverick Romero  
Byron Tafoya  
Dominic Toya  
Kenneth Toya

**New Mexico State University**

Thomas Fragua *Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Security Technology & Intelligence Studies*  
James Roger Madalena, Jr. *Bachelor of Arts in English*  
Mark Elliot Sando *Bachelor of Science in Range Sciences*

**University of New Mexico**

Erlene Racheli Lucero *Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, emphasis in Teaching English as a Second Language*  
Vera Loretto *Bachelor of Science in Radiology*  
Deborah Jojola *Not available at press time*  
Robert Medina *Juris Doctorate, UNM School of Law*

*At press time, the names of students graduating from the Albuquerque Public School district, Jemez Valley Elementary School and Jemez Valley Middle School were not available. If you know any graduates, please send their names to [eileen.a.shendo@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:eileen.a.shendo@jemezpuablo.org) or call (575) 834-9102.*

## Charter High School National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The Third Annual National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony was held Thursday, May 15 at the Walatowa Visitor Center. The Society welcomed four new members: Delfino Castillo, Maurianna Loretto, Dominic Toya and Mary Beth Toya. Returning members include Brittney Baca, Valene Gachupin, Lynnora Sabaquie, Ashley Seonia, Jordan Waquie, Sharela Waquie and Karen Loretto.

To be eligible for NHS membership, students must meet four criteria: scholarship, service, leadership and character. NHS Faculty advisor Frances Strain described the four areas. Scholarship requires a 3.0 grade point average (GPA), but Walatowa High Charter School has raised the bar by requiring a cumulative GPA of 3.3. Service is the willingness to help the school and community without compensation. Leadership is demonstrated when students take initiative in school and community activities. Character is the force high distinguishes each person from others.

Walatowa High Charter NHS members help out in their community and at school throughout the year. Both the school and community rely on HGS members to take the lead in activities, such as welcoming guests to the high school and assisting at various conferences and workshops sponsored by the Pueblo of Jemez.

"In May, NHS sponsored Spring Fling Week at WHCS, which is always a student favorite," Mrs. Strain adds.



"The friends and family of Monique R Sando wishes to extend our congratulations for her achievement of obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (cum laude) from New Mexico Highlands University. We are all proud of your hard work and dedication. We love you!" – Marlene Gachupin.

## From Grandma Eva

*Eva Chamon Panana addressed the San Diego Riverside Charter School eighth grade graduating class at their commencement ceremony. She spoke to the graduates and their guests in Towa and wanted her remarks repeated here for those who were not able to understand her address.*

Good Morning Distinguished Guest, Parents, Friends and the Class of 2008 Graduates!

I am very honored and thankful to the parents of the graduating class of 2008 for asking me to be the guest speaker.

Graduates, this is your special day. Be proud you have accomplished all your junior high studies. In the Fall, you will be entering high school. Study hard, read a lot and listen to your teachers. Ask yourself what you want to be in this world and set your goals. I want to see all of you graduate from 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Continue your education by applying for scholarships to enter a university, college or trade school. I know it is very hard, because I have experienced it. But don't quit college after a year.

I encourage all of you to keep up with your education, which will promote yourselves for a better paying job in this big world. There are a lot of opportunities out there for you all to pursue. Go and see the world.

Girls, please don't rush yourselves to be mothers. It is very hard to raise children. To the boys: leave your baggie pants behind!

Remember you are no longer children. You are becoming young adults. When you receive your first paycheck, remember

your parents. It's your turn to assist them with your moo-la. Remember to ask and pray to the Creator for wisdom, knowledge and guidance daily.

Parents, you are the first teachers for all your children, to nurture them, guide them, shape their development, provide them with the necessities to be healthy and happy children. We need to promote awareness, appreciation and acceptance of our cultural way of life.

I also want to stress for all of us to talk to our children in our native Towa language and about our culture on a daily basis so it doesn't disappear. To all who speak Towa, don't let us lose our native language.

I would like to give a reminder to all of our children to be respectful and to listen to the Elders who give advice in their lectures because it is for our benefit so we may continue to thrive and prosper here at Jemez Pueblo.

In conclusion, I do thank my Creator for giving me this opportunity to address the class of 2008. Now let us all go with joyful and thankful hearts on this joyful occasion.

Enjoy your day! Thank you all for listening to "Grandma Eva."

### Corrections

An article in the May issue of the Red Rocks Reporter contained two errors. Grandma Eva received her award from Heather Wilson in Albuquerque, and she has three great grandchildren. We apologize for the errors.

## Save the Date!

**Monday, June 2. Summer Youth Recreation Program** starts. (See article, page 6.)

**Friday, June 6. Rabies Vaccination Clinic** at the Pueblo Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m hosted by the Injury Prevention Program and Loretto Veterinary Clinic. This is the only Clinic planned this year.

**Sunday, June 15. Fathers' Day.**

**Wednesday, July 9. Finance Class** open to the community, 6 – 8 p.m. Sponsored by Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Location to be announced.

**Tuesday, July 15. Diabetes Conference.**

**Thursday & Friday, July 24-25. Youth Conference**, sponsored by the Community Wellness Program.

**Saturday, July 26. Family Fun Day**, sponsored by the Community Wellness Program.

### Get Fit Walatowa!

The Fitness Center has been updated with some new equipment and a special cushioned floor. Shape up for summer at this great resource for tribal members and employees!

**New Weekend Hours! 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Week Days 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**



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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Youth Summer Bus Pass

**Sandoval Easy Express is offering FREE bus passes for students ages 9 to 19 this summer.**

**The passes are valid from June 1 through August 31.**

**Some merchant discounts are included, including Starlight Bowling Center, Sonic Drive-In in Bernalillo, and a free round of golf at Hinkle Family Fun Center.**

**Call Sandoval Easy Express at (877) 660-1110 for more information about how to get your pass!**