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FROM THE GOVERNORS

SAFE SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Dear Tribal Members,

All fireworks are banned within the Jemez Pueblo boundaries, which includes the village proper, Espiritu Santo and Canada de Cochiti grants. This directive is a direct result of concern for public safety and the fire danger caused by continuing dry conditions that exist throughout our lands. Violators will be cited in Tribal Court.

The explosions, whistles and bright lights are distracting and very disrespectful to the religious societies that are in ceremonial fasting at this time of year. Please have respect for them as well as for all Jemez Pueblo residents.

Parents – you are directly responsible for the actions of your children. Do not allow your children to purchase or light fireworks!

Exceptions will be made on the Fourth of July only! Tribal members will be allowed to light fireworks at the Sheep Springs baseball field from 8 to 10 p.m. only. Please be responsible and pick up any trash from this event.

Together, let's make this a safe and enjoyable summer. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Chinana
Governor

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First Lt. Governor

Delber Tafoya
Second Lt. Governor



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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Congratulations and Thank You!

June 3, 2008, Election Day has come and gone. We had a good turnout at our Precinct located at the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center.

A heartfelt "thank you" is extended to our Tribal members who ran for political offices:

Benny Shendo, Jr., *U.S. House of Representatives, 3rd Congressional District*
 James Roger Madalena, *State House of Representatives, District 65*
 Joshua Madalena, *New Mexico State Senate, District 22*
 Darryl Madalena, *Sandoval County Commission, District 5*

This year marked a new era, with four of our tribal members running for office. Gone are the days when decisions were made on our behalf. The voice of our Native people is critical today more than ever. To see change we have to be involved at decision-making levels.

It takes courage and commitment to take that challenge to run for political office. Our leaders campaigned along with the candidates to meet the needs of our people. When you see them in the village, please extend your hand and thank them for a job well done.

Benny, Roger, Joshua, Darryl, the Pueblo of Jemez is proud of you; you have made history and, for this, the community will be forever grateful to you.

May your integrity, dignity and courage be your guide in your endeavors throughout your lives.

A PLAN FOR TRIBAL LANDS

Pueblo of Jemez Governors and tribal administration have been meeting with tribal planner Jan-Jay Moolenijzer and other department directors to design a land use plan that would protect important cultural and traditional sites, preserve important agricultural and grazing areas and focus community growth in an organized way.

"We need to balance traditional independent decision-making with the need to control how and where our village expands," Governor Paul S. Chinana explains. The plan is being prepared to present to the Tribal Council for their approval.

The Land Use Plan would have several facets. Residential growth would be targeted to areas that have the necessary infrastructure – water, sewer, electric and phone service – to support new homes. Commercial growth would be concentrated toward the south end of the Jemez Grant, close to highways and away from residential areas.

"These locations will benefit the businesses that will be more accessible from existing highways," Jay says. "It will also protect residents from traffic and limit noise and distractions during cultural activities."

Agricultural lands would be reserved for ongoing farming, with residential and commercial building in those areas discouraged. This will help preserve and expand traditional farming and grazing activities on areas most appropriate for that use.

"Careful planning for future growth is a necessity to protect our resources and community while we expand residential, commercial and agricultural opportunities for tribal members," Governor Chinana says.

The Land Use Plan will be presented to the Tribal Council in the near future.

JEMEZ ANCESTORS COME HOME

On May 22, the remains of an estimated 214 tribal members returned to the Pueblo of Jemez to be reburied on tribal lands. The remains were collected from Guisewa in 1910 and from Amoxiumqua in 1910 and 1911 and had been housed at The National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. Among the remains were many infants and children as well as adults and elders.

The repatriation marks the successful culmination of a four-year process between the tribe and the Smithsonian. An agreement was formally completed on Feb. 28, 2008, setting in motion the first return of such a large number of Jemez Pueblo ancestors to the tribe.

A delegation of tribal leaders, including 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 travelled to Washington on May 20. The group met with staff at the National Museum of Natural History to discuss Public Law 101-601: The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and how it helps in returning Jemez remains and artifacts. Head Fiscale Alvin Casiquito, Assistant Fiscale Jose Waquie, Fiscale Aide Timothy Tosa and Tribal Cultural Project Manager Chris Toya went to Washington to prepare the ancestors for transport.

On May 29, tribal members in traditional dress gathered to honor the ancestors in a procession to the Pueblo Church. Spiritual leaders offered prayers of thanksgiving and respect for the

remains. The fiscales then escorted the remains to their final resting places.

First Lt. Governor Joshua Madalena has been deeply involved in the repatriation since its inception and represented the tribe to complete the negotiations. "This is a profoundly historic event for our people," says Madalena.

The First Lt. Governor will work closely with traditional leaders and Tribal Cultural Properties Manager Chris Toya, to visit museums around the country, examine their collections and determine whether remains and artifacts are affiliated with the Jemez people.

"The desecration of burial sites is a violation of basic human rights for Jemez and all Indian people. We will continue our efforts to bring all of our ancestors and their funerary objects back home for reburial," Madalena says.



Tribal and spiritual leaders convened at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC to prepare the remains of 214 tribal members to be returned to Walatowa for reburial. The group included (bottom row, left to right) James D. Toya, Councilman Jose E. Madalena, Frank D. Armijo, Charles Ingersoll, First Lt. Governor Joshua Madalena, Adam Waquie, Franklin Toya; (second row) Janet Ingersoll, Anders Pecos, Councilman Frank Loretto, Tony C. Toledo, Pete Toya, Willard Toya; (third row) Leonard Shendo, Alvin Casiquito, Carmelita Ingersoll, unidentified, Risa Arbolino; (fourth row) Jose La Cruz Toya, Tamara Ingersoll, Gail Fragua, Julia Segovia Baca, Annabelle Toledo, Chris Toya; (back rows) Councilman Jose Toledo, Jose M. Waquiu, Mel Segovia, Eleanor Baca Walton; Frank Fragua, Bill Billeck, Timothy Tosa.

Senator Pete Domenici Meets With Tribal Leaders

New Mexico's Senior Senator Pete Domenici met with Tribal Leaders on Thursday, May 23, at the Senior Center for an open discussion of issues affecting the Pueblo of Jemez. In his welcoming remarks, Governor Paul S. Chinana thanked the retiring Senator for his help and support for Pueblo programs.

The Senator spoke about his support of Native American sovereignty issues. "Make sure when you work on an election that you get someone who knows and understands Indian problems," Domenici advised. He also explained that many programs and proposals that Congress authorized have languished because no funds have been appropriated for them. The Senator also reiterated his support for off-shore oil drilling and oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as well as increasing nuclear power plants as ways to reduce American dependence on foreign oil resources.

Solar Power Project

Greg Kaufman, Environmental Specialist at the Department of Resource Protection, presented an update on the solar power project currently scheduled to break ground in the fall of this year. (See page 9.) When fully operational, the solar power station will be the largest in New Mexico and the first in Indian Country, Greg explained. If the project is successful, a larger installation is planned for future development along NM 550 between San Ysidro and Cuba.

"We may be able to generate power not only for the reservation, but to sell to other power providers as well," Greg said.

Economic Development

Governor Chinana offered some history of the tribe's negotiations on the Anthony Casino project. "It was very unfair to change the rules in the middle of the game," Governor Chinana said of the denial letter received in January of this year (see related article in Red Rocks Reporter, February 2008.) The Governor also indicated that the Tribe is "not giving up" on the project and is seeking further negotiations with the incoming 2009 Administration at the Department of the Interior with the goal of having the decision reversed.

Tribal Attorney David Yepa reiterated that the Casino project is a critical project for the Pueblo of Jemez that needs to get back on track.

Senator Domenici suggested that gaming is currently "on the descendency, not ascendency," and that few government officials want more casinos at this time. Denise G. Ramonas, Chief of Staff, The Peters Corporation and former US Senate Budget Committee Senior Budget Analyst and General Counsel, suggested that a meeting with George Skibine might be



Governor Paul S. Chinana presents a sculpture by Estella Loretto to Senator Pete Domenici at a recent meeting with tribal leaders.

productive, and added that there was a big division within the Department of the Interior with regard to the Jemez project.

Valles Caldera

Dr. Raymond Loretto, JHHS CEO, who serves on the Board of Trustees of the Valles Caldera National Preserve, spoke about the future of the area and the need for funding to protect it. Noting the Caldera's cultural significance to the Jemez people, he invited Senator Domenici to a Board meeting on June 11.

Water Rights

Governor Chinana offered a brief history of the water rights litigation and its current status. He explained that the federal judge in the case has given the Tribe an extension until October to present a settlement proposal, and work is progressing on the document. Mr. Yepa noted the need for technical experts at this point and added that the Tribe lacked sufficient funding at this very critical stage of the litigation. Senator Domenici suggested that funds may be available for legal and technical fees related to such projects and requested a letter regarding the litigation.

Presentation

Southern Black Horse Drum Group, led by Vince Toya, Sr., offered an honor song to the Senator. As Senior Center staff members served lunch, Governor Chinana presented Senator Domenici with a commemorative plaque honoring the visit. The Senator also received a bronze sculpture by renowned Jemez sculptor Estella Loretto.

PUEBLO OF JEMEZ
FY 2008 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: RENOVATION OF JEMEZ CIVIC CENTER

Community Development Statement

The Pueblo of Jemez is submitting a grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Block Grant program (HUD ICDBG). We are requesting \$825,000 to implement a project to renovate the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center, which was built in 1969. The primary renovation will include abatement of asbestos in the ceiling, walls and floors. The project will also include making the building handicapped-accessible, renovating bathroom facilities, and other minor upgrades.

The overall mission of the Pueblo of Jemez is to have a viable, healthy, safe and self-sufficient community. To achieve this mission, this project proposes a goal that will meet a crucial community need and strengthen the community. The primary goal is:

To increase the quality of life for all Jemez Pueblo residents by making its community more livable by renovating the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center, including asbestos abatement, constructing a handicapped-accessible community facility, and other minor repairs.

We anticipate that the project will take about two years to complete. The cost for this project is estimated to be \$1,100,000. Of this amount, we are requesting \$825,000 from HUD ICDBG.

Community members are invited to view the grant application beginning July 10, 2008 at the Jemez Tribal Administration Office during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Comments can be made to Jan-Jay Moolenijzer, Director, Pueblo of Jemez, Planning and Development Department, at (575) 834-0094 and/or Anthony Armijo, Assistant Tribal Administrator, at the Tribal Administration Office at (575) 834-7359.

An open meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, July 3 at 9 a.m.
All community members are welcome to learn more about this project and offer their comments.

Jemez Leaders Host Representative Steve Pearce

Congressman Steve Pearce met with Jemez Pueblo Governors and other tribal leaders to discuss issues of interest to the community. Currently representing New Mexico's Third Congressional District, Pearce is now running for the Senate seat being vacated by Pete Domenici (see page 4). Republican Dan East, on the ballot for the Third Congressional seat accompanied Pearce.

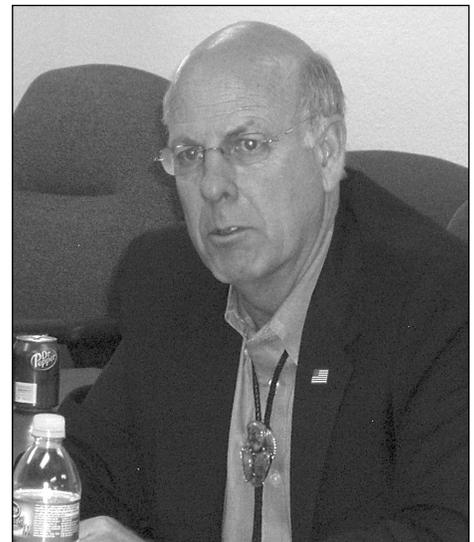
Greg Kaufman presented the tribe's plan to build a solar energy power station on the south end of the Pueblo (see page 9) and a detailed discussion followed.

Governor Paul S. Chinana stated that utility sales was a long-term revenue strategy and that in the short-term, establishing a casino is the most productive way to generate immediate funds. He described some of the community projects that would benefit from gaming revenues, such as establishing a 24-

hour health care facility, a care center for elderly tribal members, housing and infrastructure needs and other projects. He also noted that the nation's economic situation makes it increasingly expensive to live in and commute from our rural location.

Congressman Pearce suggested that community health begins with proper wastewater treatment. The Governor explained the community's current projects. First Lt. Governor Joshua Madalena, who also chairs the Sandoval County Commission, noted that a feasibility study is in process to assess a possible wastewater treatment project with Jemez Pueblo and San Ysidro. Pearce noted that there is not enough money for everyone and every need.

April Wilkinson, Contracts and Grants Officer, said that tribal members are returning to Walatowa as quickly



Congressman Steve Pearce learns more about issues important to the Pueblo of Jemez community.

as housing can be provided for them. "People want to come home," she said. "Gaming revenues would lead to better infrastructure and more housing so more tribal members can return."

TRIBAL PLANNING

JEMEZ WHEAT FARMING: TRADITION & OPPORTUNITY

Many tribal members may recall the days when their parents or grandparents harvested wheat from community fields. Women washed the grain in the river, then left it to dry and sprout in the sun, turning the sprouted wheat into sweet traditional breads.

"Wheat harvesting time was an annual ritual of families gathering and helping each other. Men and boys went out to the fields and women preparing meals for the workers. I remember this being a wonderful experience," says Tribal Administrator Vincent Toya.

"We made tortillas and wheat sugar (*pinocha*) that was used for sweetening instead of sugar," recalls a tribal member. "We also made a dish for the people to eat after fasting that was like a sweet pudding that we cooked all day."

"I remember my hands being bloody and blistered when I was a kid helping harvest the family wheat." Second Lt. Governor Delbert Tafoya adds.

More recently, we've heard tribal members say that "it's just not possible to get really good wheat flour anymore."

Now tribal officials are exploring the possibility of returning wheat production to Walatowa's fields.

"This would be a significant revitalization of a traditional harvest crop as well as another step toward self-sufficiency," says tribal administrator Vince Toya. "Plus wheat farming could be a very lucrative agricultural venture."

Economics and Culture

After the Depression, the nation saw a transition from agrarian to wage-earner economies throughout the country. Without modern farming technology, many Jemez farmers needed jobs to maintain their families. "Yet the backbone of the community has always been agriculture and the harvest," Anthony Armijo explains. "We need to keep and strengthen our connection to the land."

The economic possibilities for wheat production are compelling. Tribal wheat would be marketed here in the Pueblo as well as to external buyers. "Wheat flour is the C-store's biggest seller," Jay says. "They order more than a hundred 25 pound. bags every week."

Jay explains that organic wheat flour is in very high demand throughout the country. "Organic wheat is a premium product that sells for \$3.50 a pound and more in natural food stores, and they can't get enough of it," Jay says. "And people want wheat straw bales for 'green' building projects."

Wheat is an ideal crop because it can be sown and harvested mechanically. "It's pretty low-maintenance," Jay says. "Once it's planted, the farmer just has to keep it watered properly." Using the tribe's current

water allotment, farmers could expect to harvest between 40 and 60 bushels per acre from each of two wheat crops per year.

"Organic wheat is selling at more than \$10 a bushel. Once it's milled, wheat has about eight times the value of alfalfa," he adds.

The tribe is in discussion with the USDA Farm Services Program, which will assist with building a cooperative mill and mill house. New Mexico State University's Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project will provide technical support, as it did for cooperative growers in the Costilla area of Northern New Mexico whose flour mill production has been very successful.

A combine/harvester would also be shared by wheat growers. To use the machine efficiently, parcels would need to be at least 15 acres, preferably larger.

"Several families could join together to share a section devoted to wheat production," Jay says. "As long as the plot is large enough, machines can be used for planting and harvesting." A total of at least 65 acres would have to be in cultivation to be economically feasible to purchase the combine.

Returning to this traditional food crop is an exciting opportunity to create a harvest that will benefit the community nutritionally, economically and culturally.

"If we plant our own wheat again, the young people can learn a lot about our traditional ways," the tribal member adds.

If you are interested in learning more about wheat farming on Pueblo lands, look for announcements of a community meeting to be held in July to discuss the details. September 1 is the planting deadline for winter wheat, so be prepared to take action promptly.

For more information, contact Tribal Planner Jay Moolenijzer at (575) 834-0094.



A Jemez woman washes wheat in the river. *Photographer unknown, ca. 1937, courtesy Museum of New Mexico.*

EDUCATION

Early College Academy Comes to Walatowa High Charter School

By Wesley Toya

The Walatowa High Charter School (WHCS) is developing a school model that will allow junior and senior high school students to earn up to two years of college credit while they fulfill their requirements for high school graduation. The Center for Native Education (CNE) at Antioch University in Seattle has chosen WHCS as one of ten institutions in the nation to participate. WHCS has been known and identified as a “culturally relevant, academically rigorous, small high school.”

WHCS has a \$400,000 grant from CNE to develop an Early College. Funded in part by a \$12 million, eight-year Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant, with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Lumina Foundation for Education, early college high schools aim to increase the number of Native students who graduate from high school and go on to college.

Credits earned at WHCS will be fully transferable to the universities and colleges students choose to attend after graduation. The tribal, state and institutional partners will work to ensure tuition and fees are covered and WHCS will provide textbooks.

Parental understanding will be strongly stressed as part of the school. “Critical components in this project are the parents’ understanding of the WHCS Early College Academy. We need them to be fully supportive to ensure the plan’s success,” says Tony Archuleta, WCHS principal. This first year was devoted to planning the details of the collaboration between the high school and its college and tribal partners. A comprehensive recruitment plan was created by the



On May 27, President University of New Mexico President David J. Schmidly, PhD, Governor Paul S. Chinana and others signed a memorandum of understanding between the university and the tribe describing the Walatowa Charter High School Early College Program. Attending the event were Louis Torres, Dr. Gregory A. Cajete, Director of the Native American Studies Program, Ryan Toya, President Schmidly, student Delfino Castillo, Gov. Chinana, Marie Toya, Education Department Director Kevin Shendo, WCHS Principal Tony Archuleta and Pamela Agoyo.

WHCS team partners and is currently being reviewed. The University of New Mexico, tribal and WHCS representatives attended curriculum design days and training at the Center for Native Education at Antioch University, Seattle, and visited two other Early Colleges, one in Seattle and the other in Fairbanks, AK, to see current programs in operation and to interview administrators, teachers and students. The meetings with UNM faculty and administration are ongoing to prepare for and be ready to offer dual credit classes this fall to WHCS juniors and seniors.

UNM’s role in this partnership will provide technical and educational support as well as accreditation for college level classes. Scheduled classes will be available through UNM, including some from Native American Studies, other university colleges and departments, general core requirements, computer-based courses, and freshmen/sophomore college transition courses.

As a result of the work done in the planning year, the MOU between Jemez, UNM and WHCS was approved and signed on May 27 at the UNM President’s Conference Room. UNM President David J. Schmidly, Governor Paul S. Chinana, Ryan Toya, WHCS Board President, and Tony Archuleta, WHCS principal, signed the agreement.

Close collaboration between WHCS and the tribe will guarantee that cultural content is incorporated into the core curriculum. This innovative partnership is designed to teach the students how to be contributing members of the Jemez Pueblo community and prepare them for successful academic and career experiences in the future.

For more information about the Center for Native Education, go to the web site at www.CenterforNativeEd.org.

Students and parents who are interested in this program for the Fall 2008 academic year should contact the Education Department at (575) 834-9102.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE PROTECTION

Steve Blodgett, Director

The Department of Resource Protection (DRP) is making significant progress in several areas in its continuing effort to protect the natural and cultural resources of the Pueblo of Jemez and provide services to tribal members, the Governors, and Tribal Council. This report summarizes DRP's programs and activities, and proposed DRP projects for 2009.

Los Alamos Pueblos Project (LAPP)

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) with a budget of \$350,000 for FY 2008, the LAPP Project is the result of an agreement between the DOE and Jemez, Santa Clara, Cochiti and San Ildefonso Pueblos in 1992. LAPP is an ongoing DRP study to determine whether radioactive and heavy metal contamination originating from Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) has impacted Jemez Trust Lands and the Pueblo's ancestral domain. The study involves laboratory analysis of numerous air, water, soil, animal and plant samples and assessing risk to the Pueblo based on the analytical results. This program pays the salaries of Greg Kaufman, Program Manager; Tom Lucero, Senior Field Technician; T.J. Loretto, GIS Specialist; and Chris Toya, Tribal Archaeologist.

Air Quality Program

The Criteria Pollutant Air Monitoring Project collects ambient air quality data and determines if the Pueblo's air quality meets or exceeds the standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA funds the project; budgets for FY2007 and FY2008 were \$158,000 each year.

Radon Education and Monitoring Project

The Radon Project's prime objective is to provide education and outreach to the community about the health affects and dangers of radon gas and to identify and mitigate sources of radon gas within village homes. Approximately 300 homes were sampled in 2007 and 2008, with only one home showing radon levels of concern.

Program personnel includes Tammy Belone, Air and Water Quality Program

Manager, and Tom Lucero, Senior Field Technician. The EPA funds the project with a budget of \$50,000.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

As Tribal Archaeologist, Chris Toya does cultural resource surveys, reviews proposed federal actions that could affect Jemez traditional cultural properties, consults with the State Historic Preservation Office, assists the Lt. Governors with meetings of the Cultural Resources Advisory Committee (CRAC), consults with museums holding Jemez ancestral remains and cultural artifacts, acts as an instructor for the Pecos Pathways Program, and advises the Governors and Tribal Council on cultural resource and archaeological issues. The position is supported with funding from the LAPP grant

The CRAC meets about eight times each year to provide guidance on repatriation efforts and cultural resources issues. In May 2008, several traditional leaders traveled to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC to return Jemez ancestral remains to be reburied near Walatowa. (See page 4.)

Pecos Pathways Program

For the past 11 years, the DRP has worked with Phillips Andover Academy in Massachusetts and Pecos National Historic Park to host a cultural exchange program for four Jemez students, four students from Phillips Andover, and two students from Pecos High School. The students spend one week each at Jemez, Pecos, and in the Boston area. They visit well-known archaeological sites like Mesa Verde, Chaco Canyon, Bandelier, and Pecos National Historic Park as well as historic sites in New

England.

In June, the DRP completed another successful season with the Pecos Pathways program. This program will continue in 2009. (See page 10.)

OTHER DRP GRANTS & INITIATIVES

EPA General Assistance Program (GAP)

In FY 2008, the DRP received its annual award of \$110,000 for the GAP program. These funds pay the salary of the office manager Alberta Vigil, purchase supplies, pay utilities and fuel for the office and DRP vehicles, lease a vehicle, and pay for travel and training.

EPA Section 106 Clean Water Act Grant

The DRP received a \$60,000 grant from the EPA for the past three years to establish a Water Quality Program at the Pueblo. Tammy Belone is the Water Quality Program Manager; she is assisted in field sampling by Tom Lucero, Senior Field Technician. Tammy and Tom collect surface water quality samples from six locations on the reservation every three months and send the samples to a lab for analyses.

Women's Society House

The DRP Director assisted members of the Women's Society in managing grant funds and purchasing materials for the Women's Society house at the west end of the plaza. The Women's Society received grants from the Chamiza Foundation; three grants from the Presbyterian Church; and small grants from the LANL Foundation and

SPOTLIGHT ON: DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE PROTECTION

Santa Ana Casino to purchase construction materials for the project. Volunteers and Society members did the labor to build the House. This project was completed in 2007 and the House is now used for traditional activities.

GIS Program

T.J. Loretto is the DRP Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist. He uses Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to collect data from satellites to locate points on the ground. From these data, he is able to make a wide variety of complex GIS maps that are used by all tribal departments. His position is funded by the LAPP grant.

Agriculture & Grazing Program

The DRP receives approximately \$76,000 each year from the Bureau of Indian Affairs through a P.L. 93-638 contract to manage the agricultural and grazing lands of the Pueblo. John D. Romero is the agricultural technician who manages the program. John provides tractor work for community members and assists Jemez farmers and ranchers with various projects. John also manages work at the DRP orchard west of the Franciscan Rectory. This year the DRP also planted another three acres of corn west of the orchard.

Summer Workers

The DRP is supervising the work of four agricultural laborers in the summer of 2008. Students Alan Madalena, Jordan Waquie, Garrett (Burt) Pecos and Jarrick Shendo pick up trash in the community, chop weeds and help at the orchard and at the Walatowa Visitor Center.

Other Grazing/Range Improvement /Agricultural Improvement Programs

The DRP manages grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Environmental Quality Improvement Program. This program funds brush removal and erosion control on Jemez grazing lands (Dragonfly, San Luis and Thompson Spring grazing units) and for leveling Jemez

agricultural lands. Funding for grazing land improvements also comes from the Bureau of Land Management through the Rio Puerco Management Committee. Leaders of each unit are responsible for working with contractors and funding agencies to ensure that all activities follow the grants' work plans. Individual Jemez farmers select contractors to level their fields. The DRP Director works with the Tribal Controller to ensure that tribal and federal financial policies are followed.

Monthly DRP Trash Pickup/Educational Outreach

Each month, the DRP staff spend two to three hours picking up trash along Hwy. 4 and in the village. DRP staff also pick up trash before Feast Days and other events. At every educational presentation, staff mention the trash problem and encourage students to become responsible for keeping their community clean.

DRP staff has made numerous educational presentations to students from Santa Fe Indian School, Walatowa Charter High School, San Diego Riverside Charter School, and Jemez BIA Day School. These presentations covered topics like water and air sampling, geology, hydrology, ecology, GIS/GPS and agriculture. The DRP is working to establish a 4-H Club at the Pueblo where students can learn about a variety of subjects from animal husbandry to horticulture and business management.

Alternative Energy Development

The most likely area for geothermal development at the Pueblo of Jemez is near the existing Indian Springs well, approximately one mile south of the village. The DRP believes that if an economic geothermal resource (defined as at least 400 gallons per minute of water at 170 °F or higher) is drilled out in the Indian Springs area, a sustainable spa/greenhouse development could be built. DRP staff have developed a conceptual plan for geothermal



The DRP staff includes (back row, left to right) Director Steve Blodgett, Burt Pecos, Jordan Waquie, Alan Madalena, Jarrick Shendo, John Romero, Tammy Belone, Greg Kaufman, (front row, left to right) Jonathan Romero, Dr. Matt Liebmann, Tom Lucero, John Galvan, TJ Loretto and Chris Toya. Office Manager Alberta Vigil was with the Pecos Pathways students.

development in this area; discussions with the Governors and Tribal Council are needed. Elements of this plan include:

- A physical therapy spa for Jemez seniors, diabetics and other tribal members.
- An adjoining hot springs spa for the general public that would generate revenue and jobs for tribal members.
- Using heat from the geothermal water to heat a greenhouse.
- Using treated water (after the heat has been extracted) to grow greenhouse herbs.

Under Greg Kaufman's management, the DRP has been working to develop a two-megawatt solar energy facility at the south end of the Jemez Grant on the east side of Highway 4. Under development for two years, the project could be built in 2008-2009 once funding is secured. The DRP is currently talking to investors and possible purchasers of the solar power.

Wildlife Program

Wildlife Program Manager Jonathan Romero is paid from a grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service. He has spent the past two years conducting wildlife surveys on the reservation. Under a new grant, Jonathan will work with the Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, New Mexico Fish & Game Department, and other organizations to develop management plans for elk, deer, turkey, bear, cougars and antelope on Jemez lands.

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AT JEMEZ PUEBLO

The air, water, land, timber and wildlife at the Pueblo of Jemez are generally in very good condition. However, the DRP has identified several issues as serious environmental concerns in 2008.

- ▶ **Major infestation of salt cedar (tamarisk) on the southern end of the main Jemez reservation.** The DRP estimates that about 10 acres of salt cedar are spreading across the bosque along the Rio Jemez each year. This infestation creates salt-affected soils, wastes water, destroys potential grazing and agricultural land, reduces wildlife habitat, creates a fire hazard, and is unsightly. The DRP will seek funding from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and other agencies to launch an aggressive eradication program.
- ▶ **Poor forest health.** Timber resources on the Cañada de Cochiti are suffering from beetle and mistletoe infestations. These diseased trees are dying and need to be logged while the wood has some value for fuel. The problem is not as bad on the Espiritu del Santo Grant, but a significant number of dead piñon trees are evident in the foothills. These dead trees are a potential source of infection to healthy trees and increase the wildfire hazard significantly. The DRP plans to work with the Walatowa Woodlands Initiative and the US Forest Service to implement an aggressive thinning program to remove diseased trees and protect the valuable timber resources on both Jemez grants.
- ▶ **Trash and illegal dumping.** Every month, the DRP staff pick up from 10 to 20 garbage bags of trash along Hwy. 4. The volume of trash never seems to get smaller despite constant efforts to keep the highway corridor clean. Community members also continue to dump trash illegally at old dump sites around the reservation.

DRP NEWS



Pecos Pathways Program

The DRP completed the eleventh successful Pecos Pathways Program in June. This year's Jemez participants were Tracy Toya, Juanita Toledo, Anthony Magdalena, and Byron Fragua. Second Lt. Governor Delbert Tafoya and his wife Eleanor welcomed the four students from Phillips Andover Academy and two students from Pecos High School at a barbecue at the DRP offices on June 9 (*photo above*). Our thanks to the generous families who hosted the students: Benny Shendo, Sr. and his wife Margaret, Audrey Gachupin, Frances Waquiu, Martha Chosa, Joseph B. Toledo and Georgia Vigil.

Program participants spent the week at Jemez touring the area; plastering the field houses at the DRP office and at the Walatowa Visitors' Center; hiking to the top of San Diego Canyon to view ancestral Jemez archaeological sites; visiting Sandia Feast Day and Cliff's Amusement Park; and camping at Mesa Verde National Park. The second week was spent at Pecos National Historic Park. The third week, students visited historic sites in the Boston area.

Interested Jemez students are encouraged to apply for this unique cultural exchange program. Four Jemez students will be selected in March 2009.

Jemez Farmers' Market

Despite some challenges last year, the DRP will again sponsor a Jemez Farmers' Market at the Red Rocks beginning Sept. 6. The Market will be held every Saturday morning in September and October from 8 a.m. to noon at the Red Rocks.

There will be two organizational meetings on Thursday, July 17 and Thursday, July 24 at 6 p.m. at the DRP offices. A Jemez tribal member will be hired to manage the Market. If you are interested, please plan to attend one or both of these meetings.

Last year saw limited participation from Jemez farmers because most farmers did not grow enough extra produce to sell. "This year, it looks like more fields have been planted, so we are hopeful that Jemez farmers will have surplus produce to sell," says DRP Director Steve Blodgett. "All farmers who participated last year sold everything they brought to the Market and we expect a good turnout from customers passing through the Red Rocks area."

Join the Jemez Farmers' Market, meet old and new friends and make some money as well!

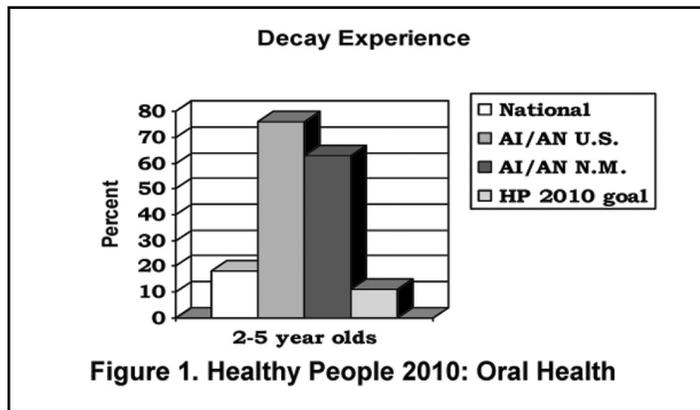
DENTAL CLINIC

SOCIAL SERVICES

BRUSHING UP ON CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH

Tooth decay (dental caries or cavities) is common and widespread among young children. Native American children experience dental decay at a higher rate than the general U.S. population (See chart below). Dental cavities are preventable, but if not treated, tooth decay can progress rapidly and can have a lasting detrimental impact on a child's health and well-being.

Dental caries is an infectious disease that can start as an infant's teeth start to erupt. Severe caries can cause pain and infection. Some children learn to live with this pain. Pain can affect a child's sleep and nutrition, resulting in poor over-all health and well-being. Caries can also result in increased missed school days and an inability to concentrate at school. Caries can even result in poor self-esteem and a reluctance to smile.



Primary teeth, also known as baby teeth, are eventually replaced by permanent teeth. The primary teeth play an important role in a child's oral health and development. The primary teeth are important for eating, holding space for the permanent teeth, talking, and smiling. If the primary teeth are extracted prematurely, a child can have speech or orthodontic problems.

The Jemez Dental Clinic offers presentations on oral health topics to children and their families. Our presentations can be for any group, such as children, parents, teachers, or for staff. Your child needs a health check-up for school. Schedule a dental check-up at the same time! Call (575) 834-7388 to make an appointment for all of your children.

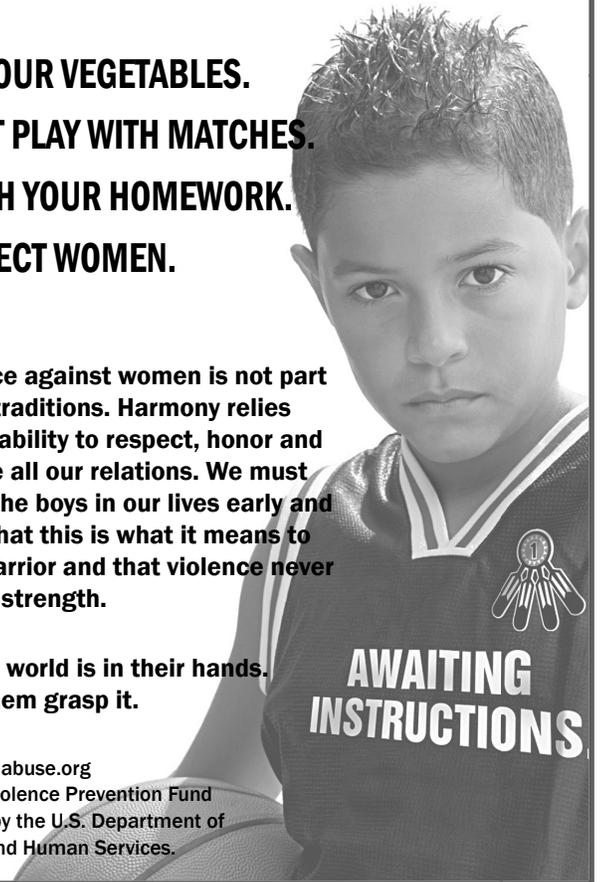
It's never too soon to start good dental health habits!

**EAT YOUR VEGETABLES.
DON'T PLAY WITH MATCHES.
FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK.
RESPECT WOMEN.**

Violence against women is not part of our traditions. Harmony relies on our ability to respect, honor and nurture all our relations. We must teach the boys in our lives early and often that this is what it means to be a warrior and that violence never equals strength.

A safer world is in their hands. Help them grasp it.

www.endabuse.org
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Someone You Love Was Raped!

Sexual assault happens to real people like you and me. Start talking about it.

SILENCE = SHAME



Women's Support Group meetings will be held every other Thursday, July 3, 17 and 31, at the Social Services office.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

If you have questions, you may contact Carol Vigil, Family Advocate, at (575) 834-7117.

Have a great summer!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Social Services Community Intervention Response Team (CIRT) needs volunteers. Team members are available to respond to domestic crisis situations.

Please call (575)7117 for information about how you can help!

Tribal Court: What You Should Know

Tribal Court is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. The Court is closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Court offices are located in the trailer on the west side of the Civil Center; the Court Room is in the Civil Center.

Court personnel include: *Pro Tem* Judge Nicholas Mendoza, Court Administrator Cynthia Gachupin, Court Clerk Joyce Gachupin, Adult Probation Officer Patrick J. Romero, and Juvenile Probation Officer Patrick D. Waquie.

Services for the Community

The Court provides the following services to the community: criminal complaints, civil complaints, temporary restraining orders, protection orders, repossession of property, delinquent accounts, petitions for adult and minor name changes, paternity cases (including DNA testing if required), child support, guardianship, adoption, custody, child abuse/neglect.

Adult court sessions are held every Wednesdays; Juvenile Court is held as cases require.

Filing Fees

The filing fee for civil petitions is \$10. Court fines and jail fees vary according to the judgment in each case, but the court cost is \$20 per person, which must be paid at the conclusion of the Court session.

Delinquent Accounts

In the *Red Rocks Reporter* May 2008 edition, a list of names was published of the delinquent court accounts. Currently, Bench Warrants have been issued to the Jemez Police Department and Tribal Sheriff and Aides to be served on individuals who remain delinquent. If your name is listed, you must submit your payments or face the consequence of being incarcerated.

If your account is less than \$250, the full amount must be paid. The bond for the Bench Warrant is \$270 for all accounts over \$250.

Probation

Adults and juveniles placed on probation by court order need to report to their respective probation officers as scheduled. Otherwise, an "Order to Show Cause" will be filed for your court appearance. Please abide by the Order to report to your Probation Officer.

Repossessions

Community members should know that any company that enters the Pueblo for any type of property repossession must have an order from Jemez Tribal Court. If they do not have such an order, they must report to the Tribal Court office.



Second Lt. Governor Delbert Tafoya, Governor Paul S. Chinana and First Lt. Governor Joshua Madalena with Jemez Tribal Court personnel (standing, left to right) Patrick J. Romero, Cynthia Gachupin, Patrick D. Waquie, Judge Nicholas Mendoza, Joyce Gachupin and Tribal Administrator Vince Toya, Sr.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Cynthia Gachupin, Court Administrator, at (575) 834-7369.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

If You Need a Name Change

As of June 15, 2008, tribal administration and the Governors authorized the Tribal Court to handle all legal matters that include name changes for adults and minors as well as adoptions and legal guardianships. Judges presiding over each case will make the final decisions. The Tribal Enrollment Office will no longer handle these tasks.

If you need to process a name change, please see Joyce Gachupin or Cynthia Gachupin at the Tribal Court, located on the west side of the Civic Center (the old Social Services trailer.) The only thing you will need from Tribal Enrollment is your census number.

The Tribal Court processing fee is \$10. Once your court order documents are ready, take them to the Tribal Enrollment office. They will finalize the documents through the New Mexico Vital Records office in Santa Fe. There is an additional fee to complete this processing.

If you have any questions, please contact Matilda Shendo at the Enrollment Office at (575) 834-3151 or call Alberta Sando, Administrative Assistant, at (575) 834-3173.

"Thank you for your cooperation!" Matilda says.

PHARMACY

The Path of a Prescription

Ever wonder why filling a prescription seems to take so long? Isn't the pharmacy staff just placing medication from a big bottle into a small bottle?

Your prescriptions follow very specific paths with multiple "double check" points which have been developed to improve efficiency, safety and accuracy.

Once your medical chart with your doctor's order is presented to the pharmacy staff, the process begins.

First, your chart is reviewed by a certified pharmacy technician. If the medication order is complete, the technician will begin to enter each medication in the specific patient's profile in the pharmacy computer system. The drug, dose, form, directions for use, quantity and refills are all entered. Once all of the necessary information is added, labels can be printed. This is also the time when the pharmacy electronically sends certain information to your insurance carrier for possible reimbursement.

The technician works on only one patient's chart at a time, and all charts are processed in the order they are received. Once all the different medication orders for one patient have been entered into the system and printed, the technician can begin work on the next person's orders.

After all of the labels for medications have printed for a specific patient, a second certified pharmacy technician will begin to fill those prescriptions. This technician will retrieve the medication stock bottles from the pharmacy shelves, and count out the required number of tablets or capsules.

This technician also works on only one patient's medications at a time. Once all of the medications have been filled and placed into labeled vials, this technician will put all of them in a basket and set them aside for the pharmacist to check.

When the pharmacist receives the basket of medications for each patient, she begins to verify all of the information on the chart, medication orders, labels and medication bottles for accuracy. The prescription labels are compared to the medication order, and the stock bottles are compared to the labels. Then the actual tablets/capsules in the prescription vial are compared to the tablets/capsules in the stock bottle. This is also the time when allergies, drug interactions and appropriate dosages are reviewed.

After all medications for a person are complete and verified, they are bagged and set aside for the patient to pick up.

NOTICE TO PATIENTS

- ✓ **Only people 18 years old or over are allowed to pick up medications.**
 - ✓ **Medications must be picked up within seven days.**
- These measures protect patients and the community!**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MORE HEALTH CARE FOR KIDS

Did you know that about 34 percent of the Jemez population is 21 years old or younger? The May census report shows 1,234 people in this age group.

To meet the needs of younger patients, Jemez Health & Human Services is increasing pediatric services. Starting in July, pediatrician William F. Green, MD, will be at the Jemez Clinic two Thursdays each month. In September, Dr. Green will be available three Thursdays each month.

A retired Captain in the United States Public Health Service, Dr. Green is a Harvard University graduate who has been practicing medicine since 1974. He has been with the Jemez Clinic since 1981, and is now seeing the children of some of his former patients.

To make an appointment with Dr. Green for your children, please call the Clinic at (575) 834-7413.

Except in medical emergencies, patients with appointments will be seen before walk-in patients. To make your Clinic visit better, please make an appointment for your child in advance and make every effort to keep the appointment. If you cannot keep your appointment, please call the Clinic to cancel it. **Your consideration will help ensure that we can continue to offer more pediatric services to the community.**

Attention Parents!

Please call the Jemez Health Clinic to make an appointment for your children's school health physical exams. All students need an annual check-up to monitor growth and development and remain current with any necessary vaccinations or other care needs. **Patients 17 years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.**

JHHS STAFF REVIEW PRIVACY RULES

All staff at Jemez Health & Human Services participated in training on federal laws covering protecting patient privacy and confidentiality. The 1996 Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act (HIPAA) defines how and when patients' protected health information may be used and disclosed.

"Privacy is an especially sensitive issue in our close-knit community," says Kathrine Chinana, JHHS Executive Assistant. "It's important for all of us to review the laws and make sure we protect our patients."

The training follows Jemez Health Board approval of revised Policies and Procedures regarding patient information. Health Board members and tribal administration staff will also participate in the training since staff members occasionally need certain protected information for job tasks.

A booklet describing Patients' Rights as detailed in HIPAA laws is available in the Clinic waiting areas. In addition, posters with this information are displayed in all JHHS buildings.

For more information about your rights as a patient, please speak with your health care provider.

WALATOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

WELCOME MAT

Elba True, LPCC, LADAC, (right) has joined the JHHS Behavioral Health Program as the new Program Manager. Elba is a Native Island American from Humacao, Puerto Rico, and a descendent of the Taino tribe. A graduate of the New Mexico Highlands University Counseling and Guidance Program, she is looking forward to working with the Jemez Pueblo community.



Gloria F. Fragua (left) is the new energy coordinator at the Senior Center where she will be responsible for increasing community awareness on how to save energy, lower utility costs and energy saving strategies. She will work on a small demonstration project that will compare the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of fuel stoves and regular heat exchange units.



Charlene Magdalena (right) is on temporary assignment as the administrative assistant at the Senior Center.

Correction: The Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for assistance with propane deliveries expired in April and is no longer available. We apologize for the error printed in the May edition of the *Red Rocks Reporter*.

★ Memorial Day Honors

★ The members of the Walatowa Veterans Association want to extend their sincere gratitude to all the veterans and families who helped the Walatowa Veterans Association sponsor a food booth at the Red Rocks during the Memorial Day Weekend Arts & Crafts Fair. All of the donations we received and help putting the event together were truly a genuine show of support by the community.

★ The Walatowa Veterans Association holds regular monthly meetings. We encourage all Jemez Pueblo veterans to attend. The Association invites all veterans, dependents and families to join the group.



In Memorium

The community mourned the loss of long-time friend and co-worker Medic Gerald Ross, PA, on June 3, 2008.

“Medic Ross spent the greater part of his professional life serving the Pueblo of Jemez community and his service and dedication to Jemez people and the care he provided them is deeply appreciated,” said Raymond Loretto, JHHS CEO. “He will be missed by those who knew him.”

Medic Ross retired from Jemez Health and Human Services on April 7, 2006 after 32 years of service to the community. He earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Mexico Physician Assistant Association.

“We all remember his dedication, devotion, gentle smile and compassionate spirit to the Jemez community. Medic Ross touched many people’s lives, and we celebrate his life and his gifts to us,” Debbie Packard says.



INJURY PREVENTION

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

FREE RABIES VACCINATIONS



Carrie Gachupin, Dawn Hyder and Maria Benton comfort Carrie's puppy after his rabies shot at the Injury Prevention Rabies Vaccination Clinic. Community dogs and cats were vaccinated by Loretto Veterinary Clinic staff members and the animals were then registered with Jemez Law Enforcement. About 100 pets were vaccinated. "We were very happy about the turnout!" says Dawn. "It's the most animals we've ever had a rabies clinic."

Native Vision Sports & Lifeskills Camp

Almost 80 Jemez youngsters who participated in the Native Vision Sports & Lifeskills Camp in Bernalillo. Camp activities included a health fair and sports clinics for football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, and running. Kids also participated in chats with sports professionals, cultural games and workshops in arts and crafts, leadership skills and media. The camp experience was organized by JHHS Public Health and Community Wellness Programs.



We Want to Hear From You!

The Red Rocks Reporter has been published monthly since May 2007. We want to know how we can improve this newsletter to better serve our community. Please take the time to answer the questions below and return the survey to the Editor at Jemez Health & Human Services. We want to hear from you!

Do you read the Red Rocks Reporter monthly? Yes No

Which article in this issue did you like most? _____

Which article in this issue did you like least? _____

What features should we add? _____

What features should go away? _____

Do you remember any articles in the past year that were especially interesting? _____

Do you remember any articles in the past year that you did not find interesting? _____

Do you have any comments or suggestion for changing the newsletter? _____

Please return this form to: Newsletter Editor, JHHS Clinic, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024 or take it to the front desk.

Thank you for your help!

Save the Date!

Thursday, July 3. Public meeting about grant funding for the Civic Center. 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, July 10. Finance Class hosted by Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation at the Senior Center from 6-8 p.m. Free and open to all.

Friday, July 11. Fourth Annual Housing Fair. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Tuesday, July 15. Jemez Diabetes Conference "Walatowans Promoting Healthy Lifestyles." With M.C. Emmett Shkeme Garcia and Virginia Valentine of the Native American Fitness Council. Fun Run/Walk starts at 7 a.m.; registration at 6:30 a.m. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch will be served. No children under age 14 please. Youth Center.

Thursday, July 17 and Thursday, July 24. Jemez Farmers' Market organizational meetings. 6 p.m. at the DRP offices.

Saturday, July 26. 18th Annual Fishing Day for youth 1-11 years old. Seven Springs Hatchery, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Bring fishing gear and a sack lunch; no dogs or alcohol please. Hosted by NM Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe National Forest, US Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Trout, Jemez Springs businesses and others. Free.



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Walatowa High Charter High School For School Year 2008-2009

Title I Instructional Assistant @ .75 FTE

Grades 9-12

Starting August 4, 2008

Contact: Tony Archuleta, Principal

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