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## GOVERNOR JOSHUA MADALENA ADDRESSES THE SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSION

I come before you today to again present our request for a second precinct and detail why this is so important to the Pueblo of Jemez.

Historically, many factors have either prevented or inhibited political participation of Native Americans. Even today, various electoral rules and structures are used to disenfranchise Native Americans. In some cases, the result has been vote dilution. Vote dilution occurs as a result of a county manipulating district boundaries and at-large elections. Manipulating boundaries of governmental units either to break up concentrations of minority voters ("cracking") or to isolate them in separate districts ("packing") is a long-standing tactic to dilute minority votes.

I believe New Mexico to be progressive and to be ever vigilant of such tactics and strategies. I believe that it is the intent of Sandoval County to make all phases of the election process as accessible to the Native American population of Sandoval County as they are to the remainder of the county's population.

To be clear, the Pueblo of Jemez has conceptualized this problem of getting a second precinct in the community in terms of what we believe to be our legal rights and the county's responsibility to ensure that the election process is accessible to the Sandoval County Native American population. As such, we are willing and able to mobilize the law to protect these rights.

I am fully aware of the process required to establish this second precinct and believe that we have met every requirement. I have provided a handout of the chronological events related to the tribe's request but want to emphasize a few events.

In a letter dated July 14, 2009, former Secretary of State Mary Herrera supported our efforts and stated that she "...wishes to resolve this issue of the creation of an additional precinct in Jemez." Further, she offered a vote tabulation machine, cited the historically high number of voter turnout in the Pueblo of Jemez and recommended approval of this precinct.

Thereafter, on Oct. 26, 2009 another request for an early voting site by the Pueblo of Jemez was submitted to Sandoval County Clerk Sally Padilla.

Again on Oct. 30, 2009, a letter was submitted to the Sandoval County Commission along with the petitions requesting an additional precinct in Jemez Pueblo.

As you are aware, a response from the SCC sent on Nov. 30, 2009 indicated that the Sandoval County Clerk was responsible for addressing this request and that, as part of her efforts, she contacted the Secretary of State about funding another precinct.

The Sandoval County Clerk failed to address our request formally, despite the directive from the Commission. Failure of County Clerk Padilla to either respond to our request or to act upon the recommendations of the Secretary of State means that the voting rights of Native American citizens residing Sandoval County were abridged in subsequent elections.

In 2010, when I previously served as Governor and made this request, the addition of a precinct would have meant that there would be 76 precincts in the county. Today, I understand that a second precinct in Jemez means that Sandoval County will now be divided into 86 precincts. So other precinct requests in Sandoval County have been granted in this time period, yet Jemez is still asking for your decision.

It is our intent that the Pueblo of Jemez voting precinct be

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Governor Madalana addresses the Sandoval County Commission with First Lt. Gov. Larry Chinana.



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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

# Sandoval County Commission Hearing

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created and numbered, the boundaries defined, and voting places designated.

It is expected that notice of the establishment of these voting places will be published and posted as required by Statute and that the County Clerk provides the necessary booths and supplies for the voting places and conduct training of poll officials and any other election-related personnel who will work at the Pueblo of Jemez precinct.

Respectfully submitted for the Record.

Governor Joshua Madalena, Pueblo of Jemez

*After additional comments by Tribal Administrator Vincent Toya, Sr., All Indian Pueblo Council Vice-Chairman Charley Dorame, Martin Aguilar of the Secretary of State's office, Commissioners and the County Clerk, the Sandoval County Attorney was directed to send a letter to the NM Secretary of State requesting clarification of several issues: whether statute permitted creation of a new precinct in an even-numbered year and how voter participation by absentee ballot and early voting affects the total number of voters considered within a precinct. The letter was to have been completed and sent by March 23, with copies sent to Governor Madalena. At press time, the Commission and the Pueblo of Jemez are awaiting a response from the Secretary of State's office.*

*The Governor is grateful to the many tribal members and employees who attended the hearing in support of this effort. Thank you!*

## A CHRONOLOGY OF THE PUEBLO OF JEMEZ REQUESTS FOR A SECOND PRECINCT

- June 2, 2007. Pueblo of Jemez, through Governor Raymond Gachupin and Tribal Council, submitted a request by Tribal Resolution 2007-16 for an additional precinct for the Pueblo of Jemez.
- June 27, 2007. Governor Gachupin sent a letter to Don Leonard, Chairman of the Sandoval County Commission (SCC), requesting approval of a new precinct. No action.
- Dec. 10, 2007. A second status letter request sent to the SCC. No response.
- March 26, 2008. Gov. Paul S. Chinana sent another letter to the SCC as to the status of the request (third letter.)
- April 2, 2008. Gov. Chinana and administration met with Bureau of Elections Manager and Sandoval County Attorney. No significant activity regarding this request occurred in 2008.
- March 10, 2009. Under Governor David Toledo, a fourth letter sent to the SCC requesting a response.
- March 18, 2009. Formal request to be placed on the agenda for the SCC meeting on April 2, 2009. No action.
- April 16, 2009. Teleconference between Gov. Toledo and Chairman Leonard on status of new precinct. No action.
- June 15, 2009. Gov. Toledo, staff, State Representative James R. Madalena and Commissioner Darryl Madalena met with Chairman Leonard, County Manager Juan Vigil, Eddie Gutierrez (Bureau of Elections,) and David Montoya, Democratic Party Chairman. Secretary of State Mary Herrera will meet with the PoJ. Chairman apologized for not formally answering the letters and assured that a response would be sent soon. Chairman Leonard moved approval
- June 18, 2009. Gov. Toledo addressed SCC's regular meeting reiterating the request for another precinct.
- June 22, 2009. PoJ met with Secretary of State Herrera.
- July 14, 2009. Secretary of State indicated she wants to resolve the issue and offered equipment for a new precinct; this loan would offset the cost that would have been incurred by Sandoval County.
- Oct. 26, 2009. Gov. Toledo sent letter to County Clerk Padilla in accordance with legislative directives.
- Oct. 30, 2009. Another request submitted to SCC with petitions requesting an additional precinct.
- Nov. 30, 2009. SCC stated the County Clerk is responsible for addressing this request and she had contacted the Secretary of State. The only response was a request for a meeting that conflicted with the First All Indian Pueblo Council meeting of 2010. Another meeting was not scheduled.
- Feb. 2, 2010. Gov. Madalena requested the issue be placed as an agenda action item for an upcoming SCC meeting.
- Feb. 9, 2010. Gov. Madalena met with Sandoval County Attorney David Matthews and Peter Magdalena of NAEIP to request an early voting site in May. Arrangements were made for this site.
- March 10, 2010. Request to be placed on the SCC agenda as an action item for the March 18 meeting.
- April 6, 2010. Chairman Orlando Lucero sent letter finding that PoJ does not meet requirements of 800 voters on election day; issue of hardship is not valid; and cost was prohibitive, therefore the issue would not be placed on the agenda.
- July 19, 2011. Meeting between PoJ, Sandoval County and Secretary of State's office.
- Feb. 22, 2012. Gov. Madalena, Lt. Governors and staff met with Sandoval County Manager and Attorney.
- March 15, 2012. Address to Sandoval County Commission.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

## GEOHERMAL DRILLING TO START

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) is putting the finishing touches on a drilling plan that will see the development of a well pad and installation of a 6,000-foot deep well east of Hwy. 4 approximately three miles north of the Pueblo's southern boundary. The well is being constructed to explore for a source of hot water that the Pueblo could use to generate electricity, heat greenhouses, and use for other economic development activities.

The drilling is Phase 2 of a three-phase project funded by the US Dept. of Energy. Phase 1 was a year-long effort to locate the best place to drill. This was accomplished with the assistance of world-class geophysicists working on the project with the NRD. TBA Power, Inc., the Pueblo's technical consultant for this project, hired several tribal members who worked with the geophysicists on two difference sub-surface surveys using state-of-the-art computer modeling. Los Alamos National Laboratory scientists helped interpret the computer models.

The current drilling site was selected when the surveys revealed a large area of high electrical conductivity between 3,000 and 6,000 feet below ground. Since water is highly conductive, this could indicate a hot water source. Water samples taken from the nearby Indian Springs Well indicate the water could be as hot as 300° at the source. The boiling point of water is 212°, so the exploration site could be very hot. The geophysicists have been careful to point out that "we never really know until we drill," so this effort will help the Pueblo understand if a usable geothermal resource exists beneath tribal lands.

The sub-surface surveys also revealed what could be considerable cold water resources in the same area. The Pueblo is working with a company to develop a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation to develop these water resources as well.

A road will be constructed to the drill site and a 300-foot square area will be cleared and leveled to provide a place to erect

a drill rig normally used to explore for oil and natural gas. The drilling will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete.

Once the well is installed, Phase 3 of the project is to perform several tests on the well to ensure good performance. The NRD staff have been working to ensure the project will not damage any cultural sites or impact the environment.

For more information, contact Greg Kaufman, Director, at the Natural Resources Department at (575) 834-3210 or by e-mail to [gkaufman@jemezpueblo.org](mailto:gkaufman@jemezpueblo.org).

## Jemez Renews LANL Alliance

Governor Joshua Madalena and Natural Resources Department Director Greg Kaufman renewed the partnership between the Pueblo of Jemez and Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) at a meeting on March 15 with LANL Director Charles McMillan, PhD Douglas McCrary, Division Leader of Acquisition Services, and Tribal Liaison Earl Salazar. As one of the ACCORD tribes, Jemez has a long history of partnership with the laboratories.

"This administration is looking at the economy and the unemployment rate in Jemez," Gov. Madalena says. "Bringing in partnerships can provide economic growth and jobs."

One critical topic was the LANL's possible purchase of renewable energy from Jemez geothermal and solar sites.

The group also discussed a mentor-protégé economic development project in which the Pueblo of Jemez would develop small businesses that would work with LANL's large vendors to help each other on natural resource protection and enhancement projects. "We hope to partner with LANL's natural resources section on a joint wildlife study assessing the size and condition of animal populations, primarily in the Valles Caldera," Greg says. "They have a lot of data that we don't have, and the research will be helpful for Jemez resource management planning. For the animals, there are no boundaries between their land and ours."

### VOLUNTEER SITE STEWARD NEEDED!

The Pueblo of Jemez is partnering with the US Forest Service and the Santa Fe National Forest on a Site Stewardship Program. Volunteers are needed to monitor Jemez sacred and cultural sites and ancestral villages. Training will be provided.

Volunteers over age 18 are encouraged to contact the Governor's office at (575) 834-7359 for more information.



(Left to right) LANL Director Charles McMillan, Leader of Acquisitions Douglas McCrary and Tribal Liaison Earl Salazar (second from right) met with Pueblo of Jemez representatives Gov. Madalena, Greg Kaufman, First Lt. Gov. Larry Chinana, Second Lt. Gov. Juan Toya and Planning & Development Director Jerry Trujillo (far right.)

## SOCIAL SERVICES

# APRIL is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted by Joline Cruz, JSSP Prevention Coordinator

### FACTS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

#### What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

**Physical Abuse:** physical injury from hitting, burning, biting, kicking, shaking, punching, or otherwise harming a child.

**Emotional Abuse:** any pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth, including constant criticism, threats and rejection.

**Sexual Abuse:** any situation where a child is used for sexual gratification, including indecent exposure, fondling, rape or exploitation through prostitution or production of pornography.

**Neglect:** failing to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, medical or educational needs.

#### Who Abuses Children?

Most often the abuser is someone the child knows, such as a parent, relative, neighbor or friend of the family.

#### Where Does Child Abuse Happen?

Wherever children are: where they live, sleep, learn or play.

#### Where Do You Report Child Abuse and Neglect?

**You may be a child's lifeline to safety.** Please pay attention to the treatment of children around you. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Jemez Social Services Program at (575) 834-7117 or Jemez Police Department at (575) 834-0468.

**In an emergency or if a child is in danger call 911.**

### DISCIPLINE IS NOT THE SAME AS PUNISHMENT

The focus of discipline is to *teach* and the focus of punishment is to *control*. Punishment makes the child *suffer* for mistakes not *learn from* mistakes. Punishment shifts the focus from the lesson that needs to be learned to proving who is in control. The result of punishment is that the parent is responsible for controlling the child's behavior; the focus of discipline is that the child learns to control his or her own behavior.

All children misbehave at times, act out inappropriately, and make poor decisions. This is how children learn and develop. When you discipline with love, you *teach* and help your child modify or control *his or her own* behaviors by setting boundaries and limits. When you discipline with love, you continue to guide your child's actions as he/she grows up. Discipline with love:

- ♥ Helps your child stay safe.
- ♥ Teaches your child right from wrong.
- ♥ Shows you child how to think about the cause of a behavior.
- ♥ Avoids shaming your child.
- ♥ Avoids physical punishment.
- ♥ Helps your child feel loved and secure.
- ♥ Gives your child a role model.
- ♥ Helps your child develop important values and qualities.

**Ending child abuse starts with you!**

*Resources: Practical Parent Education; Prevent Child Abuse America; Child Welfare Information Gateway; A Parent's Handbook - Loving Discipline for Children.*

For more information or if you know a child who needs help, contact Jemez Social Services Program at (575) 834-7117.



## SAFE & HEALTHY CHILDREN = A SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Community engagement and action is critical to the prevention of child abuse and neglect because it is within our communities that children are building their foundation for adulthood. Prevention is a shared responsibility.

### Pinwheels for Prevention... PUTTING WALATOWA CHILDREN FIRST!

Pinwheels will be displayed throughout the community to emphasize the need to learn about healthy child development, support positive parenting practices and take action on behalf of children and families in our community. Investing in healthy child development today is an investment in community and economic development tomorrow. Our children are tomorrow's leaders, parents and workers. The future of our community and society depends on their successful growth and development.



Walatowa Head Start children with their Pinwheels for Prevention: (left to right) Corn Maiden Room, Towa Room, Adobe Room and Kiva Room.



## INJURY PREVENTION

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jemez Social Services hosts several events in April to promote awareness, prevention and intervention in child abuse and neglect. Child care provided at the conference and movie night.

April 6 to 27. Wear **BLUE** Fridays

April 12. Child Abuse Prevention Conference (Age 14 and older.)

April 16. Movie Night (Age 16 and older.)

## PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN & YOUR PETS!

### CAR SEAT CLINIC

**SATURDAY    APRIL 28    9 – 11 A.M. AT THE EMS BUILDING**

If you are interested, please call the Injury Prevention Program to set up an appointment for that date.

There is no cost for the car seats at the clinics.

The vehicle and the child must be in attendance so the seats can be installed properly. The car seats will be installed in vehicles by qualified technicians who will also give instruction to adults on correct installation procedures for car seats and how to secure the child into the seat.



## WALATOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Walatowa Veterans Association monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Office in the Jemez Civic Center.

Veterans Services Officer will visit Thursday, April 12. For an appointment, contact Tito Chinana or the Veterans Office at (575) 834-0122.

Thank you to the Walatowa Veterans Association Honor Guard who participated in the Disability Awareness Conference. It was a great success!

Very respectfully,  
Travis Baca  
Veterans Services Coordinator  
Odell Fragua  
WVA Commander

The injury Prevention Program has a spay/neuter contract in place with El Rincon, AKA Petroglyph Pet Hospital. All Jemez pet owners are encouraged to have their pet spayed or neutered to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the village. The Injury Prevention Program is having difficulty removing all of the unwanted animals. To schedule your pet to be spayed or neutered, please call the Injury Prevention Program at (575) 834-1001.



The IP Program will host a rabies clinic on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pueblo Church. Get FREE rabies shots for your dogs and cats to protect them, your home and community.

**Remember!** Tribal ordinances require that all dogs and cats living in Walatowa must be spayed or neutered, and be current with their rabies shots.



## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Senior 8-Ball Tournament

On February 28 and 29, the Jemez Senior Citizens Program held its First Annual 8-Ball Pool Tournament for elders age 55 and over. This successful tournament was an exciting opportunity to help prepare the seniors for the upcoming All Indian Game Day, Sandoval County Games and National Senior Olympic Games.

The tournament was open in men's and women's divisions and contested in single elimination play. Eight men and seven women participated in an intense and exciting competition, with first through third place winners in each division awarded jackets.

The most positive factor the seniors displayed in this competition was the support each player exhibited with each challenge. The seniors participated in the competition and those who watched had a wonderful time and look forward to future events at the Senior Center.

Good job seniors; you are all winners! We are proud of you! Congratulations to the winners of this year's competition:

#### Women's Division

- First: Maureen Fragua
- Second: Ada Toya
- Third: Mary Y. Pecos



#### Men's Division

- First: Stuart Gachupin
- Second: Phillip Fragua
- Third: Robert Shendo

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

# Celebrate Life! Disabilities Awareness Conference

Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program (JVR) hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Awareness Conference on Wednesday, March 21. Steven Toya of Washpa Productions and his son accompanied the Walatowa Veterans Association for the presentation of the flags. Governor Joshua Madalena opened the event with a traditional invocation and opening remarks, thanking the JVR for their 14 years of service for people with disabilities who live in or near the Pueblo of Jemez as well as Santa Ana and Zia Pueblos. He offered a special welcome to the many guests from other areas, including Zia, Laguna, Cochiti, Sandia and Santa Ana. JHHS Interim Director Dave Panana also welcomed the 287 participants.

Program manager Sarah Michaud and her staff gave a brief outline of the JVR Program, describing eligibility requirements and intake process. "Many disabilities are obvious, like blindness or using a wheelchair," Sarah said. "But many disabilities are 'invisible,' such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, cancer, obesity, learning disabilities, alcohol dependency, addictions and mental health issues. We work with each person to create an individual plan for employment (IPE) that includes future goals as well as assessments of the types of support needed for the consumer to reach employment or educational success." Since its inception, more than 500 people have benefited from JVR services. The JVR retains contact with the consumer through the first 90 days of employment, ensuring that any issues or problems are addressed before a case is closed.

### A Child of God

One "hidden" disability is HIV/AIDS, says Isadore Boni, from San Carlos Apache Nation in Arizona. "Two viruses are fighting to kill me first," he said wryly, referring to HIV and hepatitis C. He grew up very poor with alcoholic parents. "I grew up with a lot of shame," he said. Determined to make a better life for himself, he left for St. Catherine's School in Santa Fe. "I was away from home for the first time, the only Apache among Pueblo and Navajo students," Isadore recalled. "But I was determined not to go home and become

another drunk."

Although he "flunked out" of his first year of college, at age 25 he decided to go back to school, earning a place on the Dean's List before getting his bachelor's degree in social work. He turned down an opportunity to attend graduate school to return to his tribe to work with child protective services and repay his student loans. Soon after, with a stable job and some financial security, he had an encounter that changed his life. "Crystal meth is the very, very worst drug there is," he counseled. He didn't know someone had slipped some in his drink. "It was only one hit," he added. But that was enough for him to lose his judgment. Soon after, he started getting sick.

"I was too afraid and ashamed to get tested in San Carlos," he recalls. "Everybody knew me there." After fighting his suspicions and getting sicker, he finally got the results he feared: he was HIV positive. "I thought I was going to die right away. And I didn't want to live."

Although his mother offered the love and support she could, he returned to Phoenix to live on the streets. "I was flat broke and homeless, surviving on occasional day labor. I ate out of dumpsters. I basically disappeared for two years. I was afraid to go to the IHS hospital—my cousin worked there. I didn't want anyone to know I was sick," he recalled with tears.

Feeling like he was the "only Indian with AIDS," he dug deep to his Apache roots. "We are fighters!" After two years, he obtained housing for people with HIV/AIDS, and decided to go to war against ignorance and shame. "Our people need to know about this disease," he said. "Too many people are dying in secret and despair, denying that AIDS exists in our communities."

He chose to battle publicly, speaking out on a local news channel about his condition. Suddenly he was a celebrity. It was a hard and sometimes bitter struggle, even in the medical community when a hospital nurse banned him from seeing his brother one last time before he passed. "It's not just about facts," Isadore explained. "It's about changing attitudes." He turned into a public warrior even as he fought his private battles against the viruses that threatened his life.

Returning to his community, he was



Second Lt. Governor Juan Toya ties an arm-band intended to help Isadore Boni train for his next marathon.

hired as the San Carlos Apaches' first HIV/AIDS consultant. In addition to sponsoring educational events and programs, Isadore plans to launch an HIV/AIDS care program to provide needed support and treatment. "The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says the rates in Indian Country are going up fast, especially among young people," he warned. "Education and awareness are the best defense we have."

In his own personal battle to maintain his health, Isadore is eating healthier and started running. He was among 30,000 runners in the PF Chang's Rock 'n Roll Marathon in Phoenix, running his first two half-marathons in honor of AIDS survivors and in memory of its victims. This year, he intends to run a full marathon for his cause. "I am living as a child of God."

After Isadore's presentation, a panel of JVR consumers spoke movingly about their struggles with "invisible" disabilities, each celebrating their own sobriety and successes. Two *Consumers of the Year* were honored, as well as Sandia Resort and Spa as *Business Collaborator of the Year*, providing workplace opportunities for JVR consumers.

Many thanks to the JVR staff: Regina Baca, Joyce Tsoie, Kari Fragua, Yolanda Toledo and Sarah Michaud. The organizing committee included Matilda Shendo, Jolene Tosa, Joseph Pecos, Stuart Gachupin, Karen C. Toya, Carol Vigil, Marlene Cruz, Lisa Maves, Gloria Fragua, Martha Vigil and Gary Waquie. Lunch was catered by Iris Baca; Judy Waquie provided snacks. Thanks also to the many businesses and individuals who donated door prizes.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

## Warning Signs of Alcohol Abuse

If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, you may have a problem with alcohol:

- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does your drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry your family or friends?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did while drinking?
- Do you get headaches or have a hangover after drinking?

Source: *How to Cut Down on Your Drinking*: <http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/handout.htm>.

## Did You Know?

The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that almost 12 percent of all deaths among Native Americans and Alaska Natives are alcohol-related. That's more than three times the percentage in the general population.

The two leading causes of alcohol-related deaths among Indians were traffic accidents and alcoholic liver disease. Each caused more than one quarter of the 1,514 alcohol-related deaths over the four-year research period.

Alcohol-related deaths also include homicide (6.6 percent of alcohol-related deaths), suicide (5.2 percent) and injuries

in falls (2.2 percent.)

There may be many more alcohol-related deaths than the study shows, in part because the CDC analysis did not count deaths related to some diseases for which alcohol is believed to be an important risk factor, such as tuberculosis, pneumonia, cirrhosis and colon cancer.

**If you think that you or someone you care about might have a drinking problem, contact the JHHS Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258. ALL CALLS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!**

## FITT 4 LIFE GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>SENIOR CENTER GYM</b>					
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Circuit Training	Aerobics			Aerobics
		Step Aerobics			

Circuit Training is limited to the first 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Daniel Madalena at (505) 681-4871 for more information.

Aerobic classes are held by Felipita Loretto; for more information call her at (575) 834-7207 ext. 279.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>YOUTH CENTER GYM</b>					
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Zumba	Open Gym Basketball	Zumba/Cycle Core	Zumba	CycleCore
6 to 7 p.m.		Volleyball			
7:10 p.m.	Zumba		Zumba		Zumba

**Volleyball Nights:** Contact Sheila Toya to register your team at (575) 834-7207, ext. 277.

**CycleCore:** Contact John Tabor for more information. Space is very limited.

## JEMEZ HEALTH CENTER

10 a.m. Monday - Friday: FAST FITT Walks (15 minutes)  
 12 noon to 1 p.m. Monday - Friday: FITT Ride/Walk/Run (30 minutes)  
 3 p.m. Monday - Friday: FAST FITT Walks (15 minutes)  
 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. FITT Ride FITT Ride

**FAST FITT Walks:** Daily 15 minute walks at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Meet in the Jemez Health Center lobby.  
**FITT Rides:** 20 bikes available to use at 10 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. at the Jemez Health Center. Contact Gorman Romero to borrow bikes.  
**FITT Ride/Walk/Run:** Bike Rides, running group and walking groups every day at noon. Meet on the east side of the Jemez Health Center at 12 noon.  
**FITT Ride:** Contact Gorman Romero at (575) 834-3165.  
**FITT Walk:** Contact Sheila Toya at (575) 834-7207, ext. 277.  
**FITT Run:** Contact Vernon Tosa at (575) 834-3091.

## COMMUNITY WELLNESS PUBLIC HEALTH

### EVENTS FOR APRIL

**SATURDAY APRIL 7**  
**Easter Egg FITT Run/Walk and Easter Egg Hunt Red Rocks**  
 Sign-in: 8:30am  
 9 a.m. FITT Run/Walk  
 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

**TUESDAY APRIL 17**  
**Blood Pressure/ Blood Sugar Screening Walatowa C-Store**  
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**THURSDAY APRIL 19**  
**UNM Basketball Clinic University Arena, the PIT**  
 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 25**  
**Run for the Kids FITT Run/Walk Plaza Church**  
 6 p.m.





## PUBLIC HEALTH

# WORKPLACE WELLNESS

Submitted by Kristyn Yepa, RN, BSN, Public Health Programs Manager

***"Reversing the U.S. obesity epidemic requires a comprehensive and coordinated approach that uses policy and environmental change to transform communities into places that support and promote healthy lifestyle choices for all U.S. residents. Environmental factors (including lack of access to full-service grocery stores, increasing costs of healthy foods and the lower cost of unhealthy foods, and lack of access to safe places to play and exercise) all contribute to the increase in obesity rates by inhibiting or preventing healthy eating and active living behaviors."***

MMW Report, Centers for Disease Control, July 2009, Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States.

The Pueblo of Jemez is on the move to become a healthier place to live. The JHHS Public Health Programs are making it a priority to plan, implement and evaluate programs that prevent obesity. In addition to programs, the programs support policies and system changes that promote healthy lifestyles.

Did you know that the Pueblo of Jemez allows its employees 90 minutes of wellness leave every week? The Pueblo of Jemez is a leader in providing this important benefit that allows employees time to be well physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally.

Today, an increasing number of organizations and companies are adopting similar wellness policies because they see the benefits of healthy employees.

### BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INITIATIVES

#### Improved Productivity

A recent article in *Smart Business* states: *"Organizations that value and promote a healthy lifestyle may have an edge when it comes to attracting and retaining key people. In addition, their employees may be more alert and more productive."*

Productivity also relates to employees' ability to work for longer periods of time and effectively concentrate on their work. Other reports

show that a healthy workforce leads to reduced absenteeism and lost time, and can also positively affect employee turnover.

#### Lower Healthcare Costs

Numerous studies prove that having healthy employees can dramatically decrease healthcare costs for employers. Some examples from the *Partnerships for a Healthy Workforce* include:

- ◆ Smokers generated 31% higher claim costs than non-smokers.
- ◆ Workers with unhealthy weights had 143% higher hospital inpatient utilization than those with healthy weights.
- ◆ Employees with just a few risk factors cost much less than employees with numerous risk factors.

"We can influence our community to become healthier if we ourselves become healthier as employees of the Pueblo of Jemez," Kristyn says. "We are demonstrating a certain degree of social responsibility. We're building our reputation as an organization that supports their workforce, and is a welcome neighbor in the community."

All staff can apply for 90 minutes of wellness leave per week; applications are on-line or available from the Human Resources Department.

"The Pueblo of Jemez is a great organization to work for and the JHHS Public Health Programs wants to make it easy for employees and the greater community to adopt a healthy lifestyle and make time to improve their health," Kristyn adds.

All employees and community members are invited to join ongoing events and activities throughout April.

Sources: MMW Report, Centers for Disease Control, July 2009, Recommended Community Strategies and Measurements to Prevent Obesity in the United States  
The Incredible Benefit of Healthy Employees. <http://greatworkplace.wordpress.com/2009/06/09/the-incredible-benefit-of-healthy-employees/>; March 21, 2012



Bikes are available at the Jemez Health Center for tribal members and employees to borrow for one-hour rides. See page 7 for schedule and contact information.

The Public Health and Community Wellness Programs sponsor a series of community Fun Run/Walk events open to participants of all ages.





## PUBLIC HEALTH

## JEMEZ FARMERS' MARKET

*Farmer' Markets are an important resource for healthy communities.*

### Farmers Markets are great for farmers because they:

- ◆ provide a great way for small farmers to sell their crops and make some money.
- ◆ offer direct customer feedback on farmers' produce and prices.
- ◆ create a secure and regular market outlet, which is especially valuable for new growers, farmers in organic conversion, and small scale farmers who can't produce the quantities required by supermarkets.

### Farmers Markets are great for consumers because they:

- ◆ provide direct contact and feedback between customers and producers, so you know how your vegetables are grown and meat produced.
- ◆ help improve diet and nutrition by providing access to fresh, locally grown food.
- ◆ play an important role in educating consumers about the production and origin of their food.
- ◆ offer information and inspiration on cooking and preparing fresh ingredients.

### Farmers Markets are great for the environment because they:

- ◆ help reduce food-miles (the distance food travels before purchase) thus vehicle pollution, noise and fossil fuel use.
- ◆ encourage traditional farming practices, and the production of organic or pesticide-free food.
- ◆ encourage farm diversification and bio-diversity.

### Farmers Markets are great for communities and local economies because they:

- ◆ help bring life into towns and cities aiding regeneration.
- ◆ encourage social interaction, especially between rural and urban communities.
- ◆ stimulate local economic development by increasing employment, encouraging consumers to support local business, and thus keeping money within the local community.
- ◆ attract business to retailers in the vicinity.

### Farmers Markets are great for YOU:

- ◆ If you want to make some extra money this fall, plant a few extra rows of vegetables to sell at the Jemez Farmer's Market.
- ◆ If you want to provide your family with fresh fruits and vegetables, buy fruits and vegetables at the Jemez Farmer's Market.
- ◆ Senior citizens and mothers who receive vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables can redeem them at the Jemez Farmer's Market.
- ◆ If you are an interested farmer and want more information, please contact Kristyn Yepa at the JHHS Public Health Programs at (575) 834-7207.



### *Did You Know?*

Eating at least five servings of vegetables and fruits daily can reduce the risk of stroke and heart disease by 30 percent, reduce weight, and support your immune system.

The World Watch Institute says a typical Sunday meal in the mid-western US that includes beef, potatoes and vegetables travels an average of 1,600 miles.

People who have adequate neighborhood access to fruits and vegetables in supermarkets, grocery stores and produce markets increase fruit and vegetable consumption.

## JEMEZ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### JCDC News

#### Walatowa C-Store

Stop in at the Walatowa C-Store to pick up goodies and snacks and fill your tank. Remember that 17 cents of the cost of each gallon of gas directly benefits the Pueblo of Jemez. We now offer Villalobos Breakfast Burritos daily!

#### Walatowa Visitor Center

The Walatowa Visitor Center is now open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Look for new merchandise, lightweight jackets, caps, candles, blankets, and more. Visit the Pueblo of Jemez Museum of History and Culture, get information, and browse the gift shop.

If you haven't yet taken a Red Rock Canyon Hike, join a group on Monday, April 1, Tuesday, April 17, or Wednesday, April 18 at 10 a.m. This mile and a half guided hike through the beautiful Red Rocks is free for tribal members. (Nontribal members pay only \$7.) Learn more about the animals, plants and geology of this special area. Groups are limited to 10 people. Hikes begin at the Visitor Center. To reserve a spot, call the Visitor Center at (575) 834-7235.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

# Protect Our Children and Our Community: Immunize Our Children

Submitted by Tenisha Gachupin, MA, Community Health Medical Assistant, Licensed School Health Assistant

## Vaccinations: A Responsibility To Our Children

One of the best ways you can protect your children against disease is by having them vaccinated. Vaccination (also called immunization or baby shots) starts at birth. An early start is very important because your baby's immune system is not strong enough to fight diseases. Vaccines boost the immune system without causing disease. Vaccines protect children against some diseases and help keep babies healthy. Protect your children by getting them all the recommended vaccines before they are two years of age.

Ask your healthcare provider which vaccines your child needs. Keep the circle strong. Please don't delay. Contact the Public Health Department at (575) 834-7207 or the Jemez Comprehensive Health Clinic at (575) 834-7413 to arrange to have your child vaccinated today!



## Vaccinations: A Responsibility To Our Communities

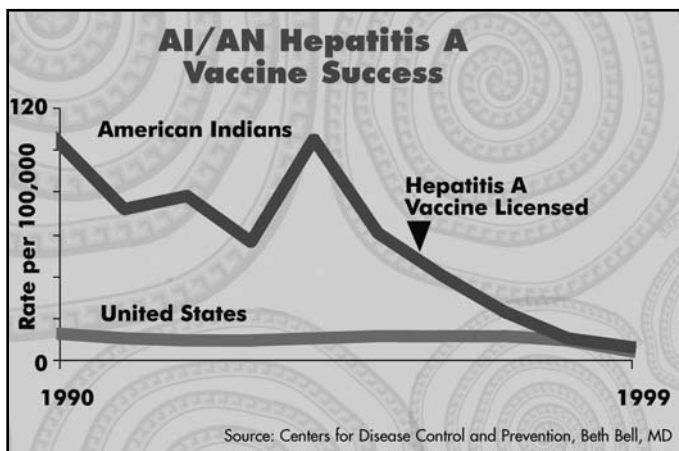
Vaccines protect more than your child. They protect the entire community. If enough people in our communities are protected, vaccine-preventable diseases will not be passed to our children, our families, and our communities. Have your child vaccinated and help protect the circle of life.

## Vaccines can prevent these diseases:

- ▶ Bacterial Meningitis
- ▶ Diphtheria
- ▶ Hepatitis A
- ▶ Hepatitis B
- ▶ Influenza
- ▶ Measles
- ▶ Mumps
- ▶ Pertussis (*whooping cough*)
- ▶ Pneumococcal disease
- ▶ Polio
- ▶ Rotavirus
- ▶ Rubella (*German measles*)
- ▶ Tetanus (*lockjaw*)
- ▶ Varicella (*chickenpox*)

## VACCINES: A SUCCESS STORY

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children have a greater risk of getting some diseases than other U.S. children. Fortunately, strong vaccination efforts have greatly lowered the number of illnesses and deaths among children and adults. The success of the hepatitis A vaccine illustrates this point.



Before the hepatitis A vaccine was available, AI/AN children and adults were far more likely to get hepatitis A (a disease of the liver) than other Americans. This disease still strikes AI/AN communities across the US, but the hepatitis A vaccine saves many people from illness or death.

Today, we see fewer people getting sick from these diseases in the U.S. The reason is that responsible health care providers and parents have given millions of children vaccines over the past years.

But don't be fooled. Those diseases are still out there. If we stop giving our children vaccines, the diseases that made people sick and even killed them only a few years ago will return.

When you have your child vaccinated you help protect the circle of life.

For more information call the Public Health Department at (575) 834- 7207 or the Jemez Comprehensive Health Clinic at (575) 834-7413 or go to the CDC Website at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

*"Let us put our minds together to see what life we can make for our children." Sitting Bull, Lakota Sioux, 1877*



# Walatowa Head Start Registration

**Will your child turn three years old before Sept. 1? Your child may be eligible for Head Start!**

The Walatowa Head Start is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year until Friday, June 1. Stop by the Head Start and pick up an application packet **today**. Please bring the following documentation with you:

- Birth Certificate.
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB.)
- Income statement: check stub, W-2, 2011 tax returns.
- Public Assistance, Medicaid or WIC letter.
- Current immunization records (*with all vaccinations current.*)

**If you have any questions, please call the Head Start at (575) 834-7366**

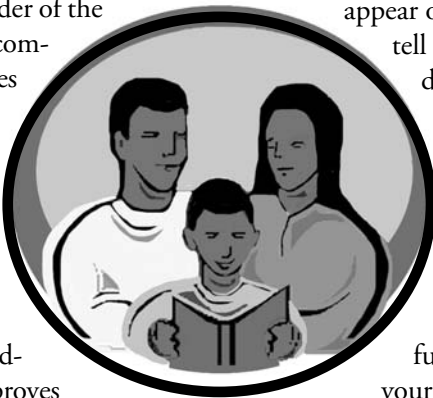
## Read With Your Children For a Head Start in School

*Students who don't read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma than proficient readers.*

"We will never close the achievement gap, we will never solve our dropout crisis, we will never break the cycle of poverty that afflicts so many children if we don't make sure that all our students learn to read," said Ralph Smith, a leader of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, an organization committed to helping vulnerable kids and families succeed, that studied nearly 4,000 students nationwide.

This statistic concerns faculty at Walatowa High Charter School (WHCS.) WHCS has been tracking reading levels of incoming freshmen for the last five years because reading ability influences success in all subjects: math, science, English, social studies and technology. Reading proficiency improves logic, problem-solving and critical thought.


What can parents do to ensure that their child's reading levels are where they should be by third grade, to provide a greater chance of academic success? Families can do same thing that is being done to preserve the Towa language: give your children a head start by teaching pre-reading skills before they get to elementary school. Young children can master two languages with your help.




### AS SIMPLE AS ABC:


#### ADVICE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

##### For Children Ages 2 to 6


 **Share the alphabet with your child.** This helps him begin to recognize the shapes of letters and to link them to the sounds of spoken language. He will soon learn the difference


between individual letters, what they look like and what they sound like.


 **Read to your child.** Books with words or actions that appear over and over help your child to predict or tell what happens next. These are called "predictable" books. Your child will love figuring out the stories in a predictable books!


 **Let your child see you reading,** and start a home library for your child to show her how important books are.

##### For Children Ages 3 to 6

 Books that have no words, just beautiful pictures, invite you and your child to use your imaginations to make up your own stories to go with the pictures.

 Rhyming activities help your child pay attention to the sounds in words.

 Listening for and saying sounds in words will help your child learn that spoken words are made up of sounds, getting her ready to match spoken sounds to written letters, an important first step toward becoming a reader.

 Telling family histories teaches your children about the people who are important to them. Stories also give them the idea of how one thing leads to another in a narrative.

Jemez youth who are better Towa speakers as well as better English readers have limitless potential for both spiritual and material success.



## EDUCATION

## March Madness! Pee Wee Basketball

*Submitted by Rhiannon Toya*

The SPARK program hosted a Pee Wee Basketball event on Wednesday, March 14 at the Walatowa Youth Center for Head Start, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. Approximately 77 students signed up for 10 teams.

The students enjoyed playing. Some were shy at first but felt more comfortable as they saw their teammates having a blast. Our volunteer coaches did a wonderful job directing players on the court; it was a great learning experience for all students.

We had such a great turn out that parents, teachers and community members requested another event. At press time, planning for another Pee-Wee Basketball event is underway that is open to students from Head Start to first grade. Come cheer on our talented Jemez children!



## Winning Season for SDRCS Lady Mustangs Basketball

*Submitted by Coach Glenn*

The San Diego Riverside Lady Mustangs just finished their middle school basketball season with a record of 20-1. Their only loss came in the season-ending Sky City Tournament, in which they still took home a first-place trophy. In January, they also took first place trophies at the Cochiti Tournament and the San Felipe Mid-School Tournament.

The school's Athletic Director, Coach Glenn, commented, "We'll have to build another trophy case for all the hardware these girls brought home to SDRCS."

The Lady Mustangs are led by eighth graders Marley Perea, Chrishelda Baca, Millie Tosa and Janae Henderson. The team coach is Cletus Casiquito. In the last three basketball seasons, the Lady Mustangs have a combined 52-3 record. "These girls have played together since the third grade. They are an extremely motivated group, who love the game of basketball," says Coach Cletus when about this winning streak.

When the team was asked, "What makes you winners?"

they mentioned teamwork among the players and a strong desire to continue the winning tradition at SDRCS. They added that Coach Cletus works them hard at practice and prepares them well to play each opponent. Janae Henderson put it best, "Coach Cletus really cares about our team."

If you think this is the end of a basketball dynasty at SDRCS, think again. The sixth grade girls' team, coached by Daylan Waquie just completed an undefeated season of their own.

The Lady Mustangs Middle School team members are Brenna Mora, Samantha Gachupin, Mari Yepa, Emmarie Madalena, Marley Perea, Katie Sandia, Millie Tosa, Chrishelda Baca and Janae Henderson.

Congratulations, Lady Mustangs, on an outstanding season!



EDUCATION

# Jemez Valley Public Schools

## JEMEZ VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Submitted By Dr. Susan Wilkinson Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Principal

### Jemez Valley Public Schools Transitioning to the Common Core State Standards

The state of New Mexico, along with 45 other states and the District of Columbia, is transitioning from state standards and benchmarks for reading and math to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. This process will take place over the next three years, beginning with kindergarten through third grades in 2012-2013.

Why would New Mexico join this movement? It is believed that the CCSS English language arts and mathematics standards reflect the knowledge and skills that high school graduates need to master to be successful in college and careers. The CCSS have several positive aspects: they are research-based; there are fewer of them, but they are clearer, higher and more focused at each grade level; the content is rigorous and includes application of higher-order thinking skills; and CCSS are internationally benchmarked so students can compete in a global economy.

The New Mexico Public Education Department created a New Mexico CCSS Implementation Timeline for curriculum, professional development, assessment, and communication.

☞ During the 2011-12 school year, kindergarten through third grade teachers and administrators will “unpack” the standards, create curriculum maps, and develop teaching materials and teaching practices.

☞ In 2012-13 New Mexico CCSS will be taught in kindergarten through third grade. In the spring, third graders will take a “bridge” assessment aligned to the CCSS, but grades four to eight, 10 and 11 will take the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (NMSBA.)

☞ In 2013-14, the New Mexico CCSS will be taught in all grades; grades 3-8, 10 and 11 will take the “bridge” assessment aligned to the NM CCSS.

☞ In 2014-15, the New Mexico CCSS will be taught in all grades and all students will be tested in the spring on the CCSS.

The Public Education Department along with Regional Educational Cooperatives will provide ongoing training for teachers and administrators. The Public Education Department has a website, [newmexicocommoncore.org](http://newmexicocommoncore.org). For more information, you can log on to the Jemez Valley Public Schools' website, [jvps.org](http://jvps.org), for updates and links to resources about these important standards.

### Events and Activities

Three service learning projects were completed: *Pennies for Patients*, *Change for the Rain Forest*, and *Jump Rope for Hearts*. Thank you to everyone who helped our students with these efforts.

Students in third through fifth grades took the NMSBA March 20-28. Results will be sent to the schools over the summer. Parent-teacher conferences were held March 22 and 23.

**April 3.** Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Assembly

**April 5-13.** Spring break .

**April 16.** Jemez Valley Elementary, Jemez Valley Middle and San Diego Riverside Charter Schools will go to the Kimo Theater in Albuquerque for a performance of Music Man.

**May 4.** Jemez Valley Elementary School Annual Arts and Academics Fair highlighting student work in several categories.

**May 16.** Pre-kindergarten continuation.

**May 17.** Kindergarten continuation.

**May 23.** Fifth grade continuations.

Congratulations to the children for reaching these milestones!

## JEMEZ VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Submitted By Laura Mijares, Principal, Jemez Valley Middle School

### Renovated Track Facility

As many of you are aware, Jemez Valley Public School District has completed the track renovation. This striking and improved facility will be showcased during the Jemez Valley High School Invitational Track Meet on March 17. The track, turf and site improvements have been under construction since summer. We look forward to all the sporting and community events that will be held at our beautiful facility.

The Jemez Valley staff and students want to thank you, the community, for your generosity in making this undertaking possible. The track renovation was undertaken as a result of your voting to approve a bond sale in 2006.

This is a stellar moment for the entire valley. Our hope is that the community will enjoy this facility for years to come. It is imperative that we all take ownership in the new facility. Let's work together to maintain its beauty and functionality for many years.

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Jemez Valley's new track and field facility opened with a track meet on March 17. Photo by Lone Mountain Construction courtesy of the Jemez Thunder.

## EDUCATION

### Jemez Valley Public Schools

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#### Socratic Seminar in Great Books Class

Ms. Garland's *Great Books* class is getting experience with a time-honored method of teaching, the Socratic Seminar, based on Socrates' theory that it is more important for students to think for themselves than to merely fill their heads with "right" answers. This seminar is always interesting to watch. As part of the process, Ms. Garland engages her students by responding to their questions with other questions instead of answers. This encourages critical and divergent thinking, an important skill in today's world.

In the Socratic Seminar, students have opportunities to "examine" a piece of text, whether a short story, poem or article. After reading, open-ended questions are posed that encourage students to think critically, analyze multiple meanings, and express ideas with clarity and confidence. Students feel a certain emotional safety when they understand that this format is based on dialogue and not getting a scripted answer.

Participants in a Socratic Seminar respond to each other with respect by carefully listening instead of interrupting. Students are encouraged to "paraphrase" elements of another's ideas before responding, either in support or in disagreement. Class members look each other in the eyes and use each other's names. This simple act of socialization reinforces appropriate behaviors and promotes team building.

While this is a new learning modality for some students, it's fast becoming a favorite.

#### Testing

Grades 3 to 8 and 10 and began testing the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (NMSBA) on Tuesday, March 20. All students were tested on reading and mathematics on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the first week. On March 27, the fourth and seventh grades tested in science and the third, fifth and eighth grades tested the writing process.

Everyone at Jemez Valley Middle School worked together to get the students ready for testing and we are looking forward to great results!

## College 101: Applying for Scholarships

**Rule of thumb when searching for scholarships:** Do not limit yourself, apply for as many scholarships as possible.

#### Where to search for scholarships:

- ☞ Internet sites, such as [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org).
- ☞ Your school.
- ☞ Within your community, such as the Jemez Valley Credit Union.
- ☞ Scholarship directories, for instance FastWeb.



#### The difference between a scholarship and a loan.

- ☞ **Scholarships.** Money that is free and doesn't need to be paid back.
- ☞ **Loans.** Money that must be repaid, sometimes with interest.
- ☞ **If at all possible avoid getting a loan.**

You may still apply for federal aid by filling out the Financial Aid For Students Application (FAFSA.) The priority deadline has passed but you may still apply.

For more information or if you have questions, contact the Education Department Student Program/Outreach Coordinator Janice C. Tosa at (575) 834-9102 or by e-mail to [janice.c.tosa@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:janice.c.tosa@jemezpuablo.org).

## AAIA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) is taking applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The AAIA has provided college scholarships since 1948, and now offers eight scholarships for Native American graduate and undergraduate students. AAIA scholarships are very competitive, with over 500 applications per year. Students should submit only one complete application package to be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. AAIA funds the entire school year.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Native American (continental US tribes) or Alaska Native. All applicants must be enrolled in their tribe and be one quarter Indian blood or more.
- Must be enrolled as full-time students for both fall and spring semesters.
- Must be seeking an associates' degree or higher at an accredited school.
- Applications are accepted from graduating high school seniors, current college students and graduate and doctoral students.
- Students are eligible to receive one scholarship per year.
- **Acceptance Period: Application packages for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted only until June 4 by 5 p.m. Eastern Time.** Applications received after this time will not be considered.

#### Required Documentation

- Application Student Information Form with all required fields completed. Please print clearly. If we cannot read your writing, we may have to move on to another student.
- Proof of tribal enrollment.
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) for students from federally recognized tribes showing at least ¼ Indian blood. (A separate CIB is not needed if your blood quantum is listed on your tribal enrollment.)
- Proof of Indian blood for students from non-recognized tribes.
- Student Essay. Include life experiences (military, faith, family, employment, sports, clubs, participation in your Native community, other tribal/cultural related activities, educational and post-graduate goals, plans to give back to the Native community, and other information as applicable. Essays should be three pages (maximum) in length and legible.
- Additional information will be requested from students who make the initial cut after all applications are reviewed. Final selections will be made on review of the additional documentation. For more information and application documents, go to [www.indian-affairs.org](http://www.indian-affairs.org).



## JEMEZ TRIBAL MEMBER TO COMPETE AT MISS INDIAN WORLD COMPETITION

Juanita Toledo, a Pueblo of Jemez tribal member, will compete in the Miss Indian World Pageant as part of the 29th Annual Gathering of Nations, the most prominent Native American powwow in the world, held between April 26 and April 28, 2012 in Albuquerque. As part of the Gathering of Nations, 28 Native American women representing their different tribes and traditions will compete for the title in the areas of cultural tribal knowledge, dancing ability, public speaking and personality assessment.

“Being named Miss Indian World is one of the most prestigious honors a young Native American woman can achieve for herself and her tribe as the title is highly respected in the Native American and indigenous world,” said Melonie Mathews, coordinator of the Miss Indian World Pageant. “Equivalent to the Miss America title, the winner will represent all native and indigenous people throughout North America and will serve as a cultural goodwill ambassador throughout the world.”

The pageant will begin on Thursday, April 26 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 11000 Broadway SE, in Albuquerque, featuring traditional talent presentations from each contestant. Lisa Meeches, executive producer of Eagle Vision Inc. and Meeches Video Productions from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and Jason Whitehouse, a performer from the Native American Dance Theatre in Madison Heights, Mich., will co-host the talent presentations. In addition, there will be a special performance by “NRG Rising,” an all-female reggae musical group from Aotearoa, New Zealand during the competition.

On Friday, April 27 at the Gathering of Nations powwow at The University of New Mexico Arena (“The Pit”), contestants will participate in the speaking competition at Stage 49, the staging area for music and entertainment, between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. The final announcement and crowning of Miss Indian World will take place Saturday, April 28. The new Miss Indian World will travel to many native and indigenous communities throughout the world on behalf of the powwow.

Tickets for the Miss Indian World Pageant on Thursday, April 26 are \$14 at the door the night of the event. Tickets to the Gathering of Nations Powwow are \$17 per day, or \$34 for a two-day pass at the door. Follow the pageant on Twitter at [twitter.com/MissIndianWorld](http://twitter.com/MissIndianWorld). For more information contact Erica Krause, from JKPR, at (505) 797-6673 or at [ekrause@jameskorenchen.com](mailto:ekrause@jameskorenchen.com)



### Job/College Fair

**Wednesday April 18 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**  
**Walatowa Youth Center**

The Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Pueblo of Jemez Education Department will host a community-wide Job/College Fair open to anyone who wants to gather information about job opportunities and education programs. The Job/College Fair will include local businesses and colleges.

Participants can gather information on employment opportunities, meet business people, talk to representatives from local colleges, and pick up applications all in one place.

For more information, contact the JVR at (575) 834-0012.



Governor Madalena discusses economic needs of the Pueblo of Jemez with Vice President Joe Biden at a recent dinner meeting.

## Community Notice: Pueblo of Jemez Trust Lands

Please remember that all Jemez Pueblo Indian Reservation lands are held in trust by the US federal government. Tribal members may be assigned farm and residential lands but do not hold individual titles to the land. These lands are not private property. ***Therefore, no tribal trust land can be bought or sold between individuals at any time.***

As tribal leaders, we caution tribal members ***not to engage in selling or buying any tribal trust lands.*** Such sales are not legal, authorized or recognized.





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## Election Information

The Presidential Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 5. **The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, May 8.** If you are 18 years and older or if you are going to be 18 by Election Day, please register and exercise your right to vote.

**Absentee voting begins Tuesday, May 8.** If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, you must first request an absentee ballot application.

**Early in-person voting begins Saturday, May 19 and ends Saturday, June 2.** Jemez Pueblo will host an early voting site at the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center on Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

Other tribes holding early voting sites in Sandoval County:

Zia Pueblo	May 21 and 22
Counselor Chapter	May 22
Cochiti Pueblo	May 24 and 25
Torreón Chapter	May 24 and 25
San Felipe Pueblo	May 26 and 29
Santo Domingo Pueblo	May 31 and June 1

Voter registration continues at all Sandoval County high schools and at tribal program activities and community events.

Additional precinct development is ongoing. *(See page 1.)* Your voting participation will support this request for greater representation for our community.

If you have questions, call The Native American Voting Rights satellite office at (505) 934-8826 or the Bureau of Elections at (505) 867-7577.

**Please exercise your rights as a US citizen and Jemez Pueblo tribal member and vote in the presidential primary election – It counts to vote!**

## Burn Permit Notice

*To all community members:* Effective immediately, the Natural Resources Department is now issuing no-cost weed burning permits. This permit authorizes **an adult designated to attend the fire** to burn foliage such as weeds, leaves, grass, branches and limbs **only**.

**Please note that violators will be prosecuted in tribal court and will be jailed and/or have fines imposed.**

The Weed Burning Permit is valid for one week.

The permittee acknowledges that he/she will be held accountable for any property damage resulting from negligent burning and will only burn during calm weather conditions. The permit must be in the permittee's possession at all times during the fire.

If the fire escapes, **IMMEDIATELY CALL 911** or Southern Pueblos Agency Fire Management at (505) 563-3652 to respond to the fire emergency.

For non-emergency fire questions, contact the Natural Resources Department (NRD) at (575) 834-7696.