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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

### MAINTAINING OUR AGRICULTURAL TRADITIONS

*Thank you to all of the men and boys who participated in the community ditch clearing. May you be blessed for your hard work taking care of our precious community resources.*

“As we get ready for the planting season ahead, we encourage all community families to plant their fields to nurture our health, our people and our way of life,” says Governor Vincent A. Toya, Sr.

All tribal members are responsible to help keep our ditches clear of debris and weeds that collect over time. All tribal members are requested to assist in keeping our ditches clear.

“This is a communal responsibility. If you see a problem, don't just drive by and think that someone else is supposed to take care of it,” the Governor adds. “The sacred waters provide life. We must keep these waterways clear.”

“We pray for a bountiful and successful planting season, and an abundant harvest to sustain the health of our community.”

#### Livestock Owners

Livestock owners must ensure that their animals are safely penned or fenced, especially during planting season. Horses and cattle can do significant damage to crops in a short amount of time. In addition, animals wandering on roads pose a significant danger to motorists.

Please check your fences carefully and repair and maintain them adequately to ensure that your animals remain confined.

By Jemez Tribal Code (Section 3-2-53), animals that are found wandering freely through the community, in fields or on the roads may be confiscated and sold; their owners may be fined up to \$1,000. In addition, serious liabilities may be passed on to livestock owners if their animals are involved in or cause motor vehicle accidents. Per tribal ordinances, tribal administration will impound, pen and dispose of unconfined livestock that continue to stray in the community.





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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

# Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Codes

Tribal Council has enacted the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Codes to protect our community, describe certain offenses, and determine the penalties for violations. The Codes specifically address littering, dumping, junk and trash around properties, trash burning, and burning during fire restrictions.

Tribal officials are empowered to enforce these codes. Violators will be cited and must appear in Tribal Court and may face fines and/or jail time.

### TITLE III

#### Littering; Unlawful Dumping (Section 3-2-45)

1. It is unlawful for any person to place any garbage, refuse, ashes, junk, glass, bottles, tin cans, or any other form of litter on or near any public road or any other public grounds, or in any public waters of the Pueblo of Jemez.
2. Any person found guilty or pleading guilty to the charge will be fined not more than \$500 and may be required to perform community service.

#### Wrecked, Junked or Unserviceable Property (Section 3-2-46)

1. It is unlawful for any persons to store on their property any wrecked, junked or inoperable vehicle, or any other unserviceable property including, but not limited to, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, or any other discarded items which detract from the appearance of the premises.
2. Whoever violates this Section will be deemed guilty of the offense and, upon conviction, be sentenced to jail for a period not to exceed 90 days or to a fine not to exceed \$100 or both.

#### Unlawful Burning of Trash (Section 3-2-47)

1. It is unlawful for any person to burn trash within the boundaries of Jemez Pueblo that is likely to cause an explosion or emit fumes hazardous or dangerous to the health and safety of the public.
2. Any person found guilty or pleading guilty to the charge shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$500 and may be required to perform community service.

#### Unlawful Burning During Fire Restrictions (Section 3-2-48)

1. It is unlawful for any person to burn, including but not limited to, weeds, trees, shrubs, within the exterior boundaries of the Jemez Reservation during periods of fire restrictions imposed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the United States Forest Service.
2. Whoever violates this section will be deemed guilty of the offense and, upon conviction, be sentenced to jail for a period not to exceed 90 days or to a fine not to exceed \$100 or both.

“In our recent ditch clearing efforts, we discovered a quantity litter and trash in many areas of our community,” says Interim Tribal Administrator Anthony Armijo.

In a letter to the tribal leadership, a concerned community member wrote: “We work this area annually and it is a very unhealthy ditch. We took out trash, ashes, rocks, lumber and toys. People who have backyards leading to ditches should be responsible for cleaning their yards and preventing debris from getting blown into the ditches. This can be very dangerous for the people who are cleaning ditches if they inhale vapors from chemicals.”

*All community residents are responsible for keeping our ditches and waterways clean and clear of debris. Please remind your families to dispose of litter and trash properly to protect our community and precious waterways.*

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

# Planning & Development Updates

### Indian Community Development Block Grant 2013

The 2013 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) application was submitted for consideration on March 18, 2013. Administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), ICDBG provides direct grants to Native American and Alaska Native communities for housing rehabilitation, community facilities, and economic development projects. All tribal programs and departments were invited to submit proposals that underwent an extensive selection process before tribal leadership made the final decision on which project to submit.

This year's application involves rehabilitating housing for elderly and/or disabled tribal members. The 21 proposed recipients have already been identified through the Housing Department waiting list process. "All prospective recipients are elderly or disabled or both. Some have been waiting for assistance since 2000," Planning and Development Director Chamisa Radford says. She added that all tribal members who want housing assistance must complete the Housing Department application process to determine eligibility.

### Indianpreneurship

Indianpreneurship is new program designed to promote private, Native-owned businesses within Indian Country. The program will help tribal members who want to start or improve their businesses. Assistance will be available to help business owners create formal business plans, access capital, connect with other Native-owned businesses and resources throughout Indian Country to promote the "Buy Indian" campaign, and to pursue other business-related

activities. No business is too small and no idea is too big!

For more information, contact the Planning and Development Department at (575) 845-0094.

### Pueblo Place and Baseball Fields

Construction on the new baseball fields depends on completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The Environmental Assessment has been submitted to the funding agencies and we are waiting for the final approval to proceed.

Planning for the infrastructure for Pueblo Place continues. We are also in the NEPA review phase for this project. Thus far, project funding is designated for infrastructure development only, which includes water and sewer lines, electrical and other utility service, and roads. This infrastructure must be complete before home construction can begin.

Funds are available to complete infrastructure for 13 of the proposed 84 home sites. Additional infrastructure development will evolve over the next few years.

"Individuals will be responsible for the cost of the actual home construction," Chamisa explains. "Tribal members who are interested in building a home should contact the Housing Department for more information. Funding must be arranged privately, which means applying for conventional construction loans and mortgages from banking institutions. However, there are home ownership assistance alternatives, such as those offered to US veterans."

For more information about home building at Pueblo Place, contact the Housing Department at (575) 834-0305.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

The Pueblo of Jemez is accepting applications for the following positions. For more detailed information about responsibilities and qualifications, contact the Human Resources Office at (575) 834-7359 or e-mail to HR@jemezpuablo.org. Information and applications are also available at the PoJ web site at www.jemezpuablo.org/Job\_Openings.

**To Apply:** Submit a completed tribal application to Pueblo of Jemez, Attn: Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 100, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024, no later than 5 p.m. on closing date. Indicate the vacancy announcement number on the application.

***It is the policy of the Pueblo of Jemez to give preference to qualified Jemez Pueblo tribal members.***

#### Open Positions

Optometry Office Manager

JHHS Compliance Officer

Physician

Ambulatory Care Nurse (PRN)

JHHS Accounts Receivable/Billing Specialist

Audiologist

Director, Housing Department

Executive Assistant to the Tribal Administrator

Natural Resources Programs Manager

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### FIELD PREPARATIONS

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) will have equipment and assistance available again this year to help tribal farmers prepare their fields for the planting season. A temporary full-time employee will be hired for these projects.

"We will be available to plow, dis, laser level, prepare borders and till," says NRD Director Greg Kaufman.

You can arrange for individual services or a complete package. Fees vary and cover the costs of fuel and equipment maintenance and repair. A 30 percent deposit is required before work begins.

For more information, contact Alberta Vigil at the NRD at (575) 834-7696 or 834-3201.

## INJURY PREVENTION

### Rabies Vaccination Clinic

**Monday April 22 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
East of the San Diego Church**

**For pet owners who are tribal members and live on the Pueblo of Jemez.**

**Tribal Codes require that all pets be vaccinated.  
Protect your pets, your family and your community!**

**For questions, call the Injury Prevention Program (575) 834-1001**

### 3 out of 4 Child Safety Seats Are Used Incorrectly.



Could yours be one of them?

Have your child safety seat or booster seat inspected for recalls, broken parts, improper installation, and if it's right for your child. Learn the child restraint laws in New Mexico and in Jemez Pueblo. There is no charge for this service.

#### Jemez Pueblo EMS Building

4535 Highway 4, Jemez Pueblo, NM

**Saturday, April 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

For more information please call  
**800-231-6145 or 834-1001**



### Site Steward Training

The Valles Caldera Site Stewardship Training has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the Walatowa Visitor Center. The previous session was postponed due to tribal traditional activities.

Help protect our sacred sites!

If you have any questions, call Chris Toya at the Natural Resource Department at (575) 834-7696.

## CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

### Contract Health Services: Know the Facts Referral Process

#### Patients Without Health Insurance

Patients who **do not** have medical insurance and are referred by a JHHS provider to a medical specialist: referrals will be faxed to University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH) to start the scheduling process. Once you are notified by phone and/or mail about your appointment, please notify your CHS specialist.

If you are scheduled for follow-up visits, procedures, or other care, you must notify your CHS specialist. If you do not notify CHS, you will be responsible to pay for that medical care.

#### Patients With Health Insurance

Patients who **do** have medical insurance and are referred by a JHHS provider to a medical to a specialist: referrals will be scheduled with the appropriate provider or facility. If you have follow-up visits, procedures or other care, you must notify your CHS specialist about those appointments. If you do not notify CHS, you will be responsible for paying for any charges that are not paid by your insurance plan.

Radiology procedures, such as, MRI and CT scans, require prior authorization by your private insurance. This authorization process takes approximately five business days. Once it has been approved by your insurance plan, your appointment will be scheduled.

You must take your referral form to your first appointment. If you do not have the form with you, you may be asked to pay for your services at the time of your visit. Referrals are valid for three months from the date of your first appointment.

If you are unable to keep the appointment scheduled by the CHS specialist, please call the provider or facility to cancel and reschedule the appointment at your convenience; notify the CHS specialist about the change. Please leave a voicemail message if you cannot reach a specialist in person. Specialists may be helping other patients when you call, but messages are checked frequently. Leave your name and telephone number so they can contact you.

If you receive medical statements or bills from your doctor's visits and you know these bills should be paid by CHS, please bring them to Yolanda Henderson at the CHS office.

If you have any questions, please contact your CHS specialist or call (575) 834-7413 and ask to be connected.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of alcohol abuse and encourage people to make healthy, safe choices.

## 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?
- 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?

## Strategies to Cut Back or Quit Drinking

There are many strategies you can try to cut back or quit drinking. To get started:

- Keep track of your drinking and set a drinking limit.
- Try to avoid places where heavy drinking occurs.
- Ask for help from a doctor, family, or friends.
- If you keep alcohol in your home, keep only a limited supply.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

**If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, or if you care about someone who does, please contact the Jemez Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258.**

**All calls are strictly confidential.**

# COMMUNITY PREVENTION PLAN FOCUS GROUPS

JHHS Behavioral Health Program has been awarded a New Mexico Prevention Project Grant in collaboration with First Nations Community Health-Source, Inc. and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA.) The grant funding will go to address one of four priority areas within the community.

The grant's initial task will focus on conducting a community-wide assessment, developing a data collection infrastructure, and developing a data-driven Community Prevention Plan. Two separate focus groups will be held; times and locations will be announced. The first focus group will consist of stakeholders who work in the prevention/intervention field. The second focus group will consist of community members.

These focus groups' purpose is to

obtain community input about which of the priority areas the program should concentrate on, and to thoroughly address prevention strategies to address the problem. The priority areas being considered are:

- youth binge drinking,
- first alcohol use before age 13,
- suicide, and
- alcohol-related motor vehicle deaths (ages 25-64.)

JHHS staff believes that prevention is crucial to decrease problems we may face within the community.

Community notification of the focus groups will be posted with flyers with in the community as well as through e-mail messages. If you have questions, please call Keahi Souza, LMSW, Behavioral Health Program Manager, at (505) 263-9849.

## MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

# Medicaid Recertifications

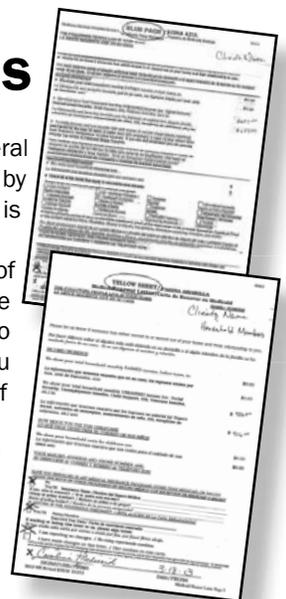
If you need to recertify your Medicaid coverage, there are several ways to do this. At right are examples of renewal forms sent out by the New Mexico Human Services Office. Completing these forms is the easiest way to recertify your Medicaid.

The yellow form is for families with children under 19 years of age. The blue form is for elders who are eligible for the Medicare Savings Program or, as you may know it, QMB. All you need to do is verify the information on the form. This information is what you reported at your last recertification period. Mark any changes if needed, then sign, date and fax the document.

Another way to recertify family Medicaid is through a telephone interview. Call 1-866-507-1121 or come to the benefits or social work offices if you need to use the phone. If you have to leave a message, please speak clearly and slowly, follow the recorded instructions, and make sure you leave a call-back number where they can contact you. If you do certify through the telephone, please let our office know so we can follow up for you.

Be aware that if you allow your case to close, it takes 45 days to process an application at the county office.

If you have any questions, contact Thelma Shendo at (575) 834-3040 or Lisa Maves at (575) 834-3059.



Top: Yellow form for families. Bottom: Blue form for elders.

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

# 15TH ANNUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS CONFERENCE

## *“Dis-abilities not In-abilities”*

Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program hosted nearly 200 people for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Disabilities Awareness Conference at the Youth Center on Wednesday, March 20. To open the conference, Steven Toya's *Washpa* group sang a Flag Song, Memorial Song and Retreat Song to honor veterans and tribal leaders as the Walatowa Veterans Association posted the colors.

Governor Vincent A. Toya, Sr. welcomed participants with an opening prayer. He gave a brief history of the Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program (JVR) starting when the need for the program was identified in 1992. Gov. Paul Tosa initiated actions with the state of New Mexico that resulted in the program's founding in 1996 to provide assistance, care and services for tribal members with disabilities so they could succeed in finding employment and educational opportunities.

“Sometimes people are reluctant to show and talk about their disabilities,” the Governor said. “But we are all capable in our unique ways. Each of us has a special value. Don't let anything hold you back. Get past ‘I can't.’ This program helps people accept themselves and find the help they need.”

In his remarks, Nurse Manager Dave Panana thanked the Governors, Tribal Council, Health Board and the community for their support that has resulted in JHHS being able to offer the wide range of quality services it now provides.

Program Manager Sarah Michaud introduced the staff, who gave an overview of the JVR, its services, eligibility requirements and how the program works to help consumers identify and reach their goals. JVR staff includes Regina Baca, Kari Fragua, Yolanda Toledo, Joyce Tsosie and Freddie Sabaquie, Jr. An Advisory Board and volunteers provide additional expertise: Alice Rodgers, Bertilla Toya, Cresencia Gachupin, Flora Chinana, Lupe Bryant, Lisa Maves, Ralph Sarracino, Sheila Toya and Daniel Ekman.

“It's about team work,” Joyce said. “It's like chess: consumers and staff take turns, working together for a successful outcome.”

### Dancing Away From Obesity

Artist Kristin Gentry (Choctaw/Wyandotte) is the first licensed plus-size Zumba teacher in Indian Country. “I needed to change my life to save my life,” Kristin said.

Kristin grew up overweight, seeking comfort in food due to family problems that developed after the death of an older brother. Although she had been

active as a youngster, asthma and weight problems pushed her out of sports as a teen.

After college graduation with a degree in printmaking and painting, she taught elementary and high school art. She was often exhausted. “Art is very physically and emotionally demanding. At age 25, I was just way too tired,” Kristin recalled.

When an aunt was hospitalized with complications of diabetes and obesity, Kristin promised to help her lose weight when she recovered. But at age 54, her aunt passed away. “We never had the chance to improve her health,” Kristin said. She knew she had to get her own health under control: she was pre-diabetic, had asthma and morbid obesity, and her gall bladder and appendix had been removed. Her doctors advised against trying to start a family. “I was shocked to learn I was over 300 pounds,” she says.

“I prayed to be thin,” she says. She tried “lots of diets” and even signed up for weight loss surgery, but it was too expensive for the young couple. When her husband took a job in Albuquerque, she decided that her own full time job would be to lose weight. Then she discovered Zumba.

“I joined a Zumba Gold class designed for senior citizens and people with disabilities and obesity. No one was my age,” she said. “But it was so much fun. And the weight started to come off.”

Encouraged by her instructor, Kristin took classes to become a certified Zumba teacher. “I was hesitant at first, because of my size. But I'm proof that anyone can benefit from Zumba.

“It's about our spirits becoming healthy. I knew this was a great way to help my people. We are dancers! I include Native music as well as music from other cultures.”

The weight has been coming off: Kristin has lost 72 pounds, with 63 pounds to go.

“Keep music in your heart so you can preserve yourself. Little changes add up. Teach your children so they can have healthier, longer lives,” she concluded.

### Consumer Panel

A panel of JVR consumers shared their stories of challenges and successes in dealing with their disabilities. “Get help if you need it. Don't be ashamed,” they agreed.

The JVR staff then presented achievement awards to several consumers for their successes. Collaborations of the year awards were given to Richard Nelson and Zoey's TLC Bed and Breakfast for Dogs and Cats.

Kristin concluded the conference with a Zumba session. A Fun Run/Walk for the community followed.



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

# ANNUAL JOB/COLLEGE FAIR

**Wednesday, April 17 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Walatowa Youth Center**

Co-sponsored by the Pueblo of Jemez Education Department and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, this event is open to everyone in Jemez Pueblo and our neighboring communities. Learn about local job openings, meet business people, learn about college opportunities and pick up applications, all in one place!

Colleges and universities who will be represented include Aveda Institute of New Mexico, National American University, Brookline College, University of New Mexico (UNM,) UNM-Los Alamos, UNM-West, New Mexico Highlands University, NM State University, Central New Mexico Community College (CNM,) Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, (SIPI,

Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA,) Santa Fe Community College, San Juan College, Job Corps, Luna Community College, Eastern New Mexico University.

Business representatives include Legal Shield, CLP Resources, Verizon Wireless, Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. UNM Health Sciences Center, NM Rail Runner, Pueblo of Jemez, Santa Fe National Forest, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Power New Mexico (PNM,) Hyatt Regency Tamaya, US Probation District of NM, Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino.

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

## Job Hunting? Learn How To Get & Keep a Job

### EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING

**MONDAY, APRIL 22 - FRIDAY, APRIL 26 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. CRC**

If you are looking for a job or need training hours to keep your unemployment or cash assistance, the JVR Employability Skills Training can help.

Over five consecutive days, these intensive classes explore self-assessments, writing successful resumes and cover letters, interview techniques, dealing with career changes, financial management, conflict resolution, attitude, confidentiality, roadblocks to employment, keeping your job and other issues.

The training also covers how to find job resources, legal issues, planning for child care and transportation, and other details critical to successful employment. The session concludes with mock interviews and feedback for participants to help them polish their presentation skills.

Guest speakers will talk about expectations from the employers' perspective. Participants will have opportunities to ask questions and get a better understanding of what employers are looking for in job candidates.

In addition to specific job-seeking skills, the training explores interpersonal issues such as overcoming shyness, working with co-workers, supervisors and customers, how and when to speak up, team work, dressing appropriately, punctuality and reliability.

Participants also create professional portfolios that they can use in their job-seeking activities. All participants receive incentives and certificates of completion. Lunch will be provided all week.

This course is free. If you have questions, contact the JVR office at (575) 834-0012.

*(For an interview with a previous participant who is now successfully employed, please see the Red Rocks Reporter, January 2013 edition, page 6.)*

## Santa Ana Disabilities Awareness Conference

The Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation program is excited to announce its first Santa Ana Disabilities Awareness Conference on Wednesday, April 10 at the Santa Ana Tribal Council Room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While this conference will specifically target the Santa Ana community with education about the JVR program and its services, everyone is invited to come to gather more information about the JVR. The program will give a presentation explaining its services how to get started. A consumer speaker panel will talk about their own experiences working with the JVR program. Lunch will be served to participants.

"This mini conference is another way for the JVR to outreach to the community and make everyone aware of who we are and what services we provide," says Program Manager Sarah Michaud.

Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator Joyce Tsosie currently maintains office hours at Santa Ana every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She can also schedule individual appointments at other times.

If you know anyone from the Santa Ana community who might benefit from JVR services, please direct them to Joyce at (505) 771-6768 or (505) 379-3545.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

# Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect

## *April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month*

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, JSSP Prevention Coordinator

When children are nurtured, they can grow up to be happy and healthy adults. But when they lack an attachment to a caring adult, receive inconsistent nurturing, or experience harsh discipline, the consequences can affect their lifelong health, well-being and relationships with others.

**What is child abuse and neglect?**

**Physical Abuse:** physical injury as a result of hitting, burning, kicking, shaking, 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. This may include indecent exposure, fondling, rape, or exploitation through prostitution or production of pornographic materials.

**Neglect:** failure 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?**

Abuse can happen anywhere children are, where they live, sleep, learn or play.

**What are the warning signs?**

Below are some symptoms and signs of child abuse and neglect. The existence of a single sign does not prove child abuse is occurring in a family. However, when these signs appear repeatedly or in combination, you should consider the possibility that a child is being hurt.

<b>MALTREATMENT TYPE</b>	<b>SYMPTOMS/SIGNS</b>
<b>Neglect</b>	Signs of malnutrition Poor hygiene Unattended physical or medical problems
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	Unexplained bruises, burns, or welts Child appears frightened of a parent or caregiver
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	Pain, bleeding, redness, or swelling in anal or genital areas Age-inappropriate sexual play with toys, self, or others Age-inappropriate knowledge of sex
<b>Emotional Abuse</b>	Extremes in behavior, ranging from overly aggressive to overly passive Delayed physical, emotional, or intellectual development

**What can you do if you suspect child abuse or neglect?**

You may be a child's lifeline to safety. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call Jemez Social Services Program at (575) 834-7117 or Jemez Police Department (575) 834-0468). In an emergency, call 911.

## Safe & Healthy Children = A Safe & Healthy Community

Community engagement and action are 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.

Jemez Social Services Program will host several events to promote awareness, prevention, and intervention of child abuse & neglect. If you have questions, contact Joline Cruz-Madalena at (575) 834-7117.

**April Community Events**

**April 5 to 26: Wear BLUE Fridays**

**Saturday, April 20: Children's Fair.** Youth Center, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Thursday, April 25: Child Abuse Prevention Conference** (14 years old and over.) Walatowa Youth Center. Dinner at 5 p.m., Conference 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Child care will be provided at Social Services.



*Pinwheels for Prevention...*

## Putting Walatowa Children First!

Pinwheels will be displayed throughout the community to emphasize the importance of learning about healthy child development, supporting positive parenting practices, and taking action on behalf of children and families.

This message conveys the underlying concept that investing in healthy child development today is an investment in community and economic development tomorrow. Our children are tomorrow's leaders, parents and workers; and the future of the community and society depends on their successful growth and development.

Resources: Prevent Child Abuse America and Child Welfare Information Gateway

### SOCIAL SERVICES

## Women's Wellness Conference

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9  
6 TO 8 P.M.**

**WALATOWA YOUTH CENTER**  
Child care will be available at Social Services. Refreshments will be provided.



**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
Thursdays, April 11 & 25 6 - 8 p.m.  
Social Services Building  
conference room  
If you have questions, contact  
Carol Vigil at 834-7117.

### PUBLIC HEALTH



## MOGRO IN JEMEZ

**Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Jemez Senior Center parking lot.**

**Open to the public – everyone is welcome!**

Check out weekly specials, buy your groceries and save money on delicious, healthy foods! MoGro accepts bulk and special orders, too. Please arrange special orders in advance; contact Thomas Swendson for more information at (505) 345-0087 or (505) 216-8611 or by e-mail to thomas@mogro.net.

Sales at MoGro have surged since the truck made an appearance at the Winter Fire & Ice Festival in Jemez Springs.

"We have so many new customers from the surrounding areas," says Cornell Magdalena. "This is a very positive trend for our Jemez Valley communities. The more customers we get, the more variety we can offer."

For more information, call Jemez Public Health Programs at (575) 834-7207.



*From left to right:* Tyson Coriz with John Hopkins CAIH; Lorenzo Otero, Lydia Toledo and Thomas Swendson from MoGro, LLC; and Cornell Magdalena JHHS Public Health Programs health advocate.



## Language

## Symposium

**Hosted by Jemez SPARK Program**  
Friday, April 19 5 - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Jemez Valley High School  
Auditorium

The Language Symposium is designed to educate the public about the significance of home languages and the importance of maintaining and teaching them to ensure their survival.

Dinner will be provided Friday evening. Enjoy complimentary breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

If you have questions, please contact the SPARK Program at (575) 834-9102.

## Pee Wee Basketball!

In February, the SPARK Program organized Pee Wee basketball games as a monthly family engagement activity.

"We want to thank all those who attended, and a special thanks to the parents and participants," says coordinator Mindy Toya. "Also thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. We appreciate your help!"



## EDUCATION

# JEMEZ HOSTS GATES SCHOLARS

Fifty Gates Millennium Scholars and program staff representing the American Indian Graduate Center, United Negro College Fund, Asian Pacific Islander Scholarship Fund and Hispanic Scholarship Fund spent Wednesday, March 13, in the Pueblo of Jemez as part of an Alternative Spring Break working on various community service projects. Gathering at the Walatowa Visitor Center, the group was greeted by Governor Vincent A. Toya, Sr., who welcomed them, gave a brief introduction to the community and answered questions about the role of tradition and culture in daily life.

The scholars split into groups for their assignments: building the foundation for an outdoor classroom at Walatowa High Charter School, preparing a ditch at a community field, home rehabilitation projects for elders selected by the Housing Department, building a multi-purpose deck at the Creative Learning Center in partnership with the Tribal Youth Program, team building with elders, strength/conditioning with Senior Olympians at the Senior Center. They also met with middle and high school students to talk about college and career opportunities. The Gates Program, Amerind Risk Management Corporation, the Pueblo Insurance Agency and AIGC all contributed financial resources or sponsorships to ensure the success of the Gates Scholars service day in Jemez.

The day concluded at the Senior Center with performances by Head Start children and representatives from the Native American Youth Empowerment (NAYE) organization. Brief reports from each group were followed

by dinner prepared by the Education Nutrition Program and Education staff featuring traditional Jemez fare. NAYE members helped serve. Governor Vincent Toya and First Lt. Governor Juan Toya were present for the evening. Just as the leadership had welcomed the students as they arrived, they sent them on their way with prayers and blessings for prosperous and fruitful lives with hopes that they will one day return.

The students were deeply touched by the welcome they received from our community, and many promised to return. An engineering student said he was "blown away" by the construction of a horno and the use of traditional building materials. A student from a Native American community observed that she respected and admired the community's commitment to maintaining its language and culture. "It's inspiring to see culture and tradition incorporated into daily life," another young woman added. "It was awesome how everyone just loved on us!" a young man concluded.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program selects 1,000 talented students each year to receive scholarships to any college or university. The program also provides leadership programs and academic support. The goal is to promote academic excellence and provide opportunities for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to reach their highest potential.



### Gates Scholars Reflect

*"I will forever be grateful that I was given the opportunity to spend an entire week with such amazing, impactful, and transformational people who will have such a profound, lasting impact on this entire world."* Shaandiin Parrish, Arizona State University (Navajo)

*"Rather than us making an impact on them, so much more they made an impact on us."*

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Santa Fe Forest Volunteer Opportunities

### Tree Planting

The Santa Fe National Forest seeks volunteers to plant trees within the 2011 Las Conchas fire burn area near Los Alamos. Exact dates will depend on weather, soil moisture and soil temperatures; possible dates are Fridays and Saturdays, April 12, 13 and 19, 20.

A 56-acre area around the base of Pajarito Ski Hill will be planted with Douglas fir trees. The effort is part of a larger contracted initiative, mostly in the Jemez District, involving about 2,000 acres and almost half a million trees. Trees were ordered in the fall of 2011, right after the Las Conchas fire. The trees are about one year-old and ready for planting.

The Forest Service will take up to 50 volunteers each day. Hard hats will be provided. Volunteers will need their own boots, gloves, long pants, long sleeve shirts, and safety glasses.

Volunteers will participate under the Southwest Nordic Ski Club Partnership Agreement; hours worked will count toward federal matching funds to restore trails around Los Alamos in the future.

For more information and to volunteer, call the Espanola Ranger District at (505) 753-7331, or e-mail Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Sublett at [jasublett@fs.fed.us](mailto:jasublett@fs.fed.us).

### Spring Trail Projects

The Santa Fe National Forest is offering spring trail projects for volunteers to build new sections of trail. No experience required. The trail projects will be hosted on the Dead Dog Trail, west of Santa Fe in the Caja del Rio from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day:

- ◆ Saturday, April 13
- ◆ Friday, April 19
- ◆ Saturday, April 20: sponsored and led by the Friends of the Santa Fe National Forest to acknowledge Earth Day.
- ◆ Sunday, May 19

Work day attire includes long sleeves, long pants, above-ankle boots, work gloves, a day pack with lunch, water and other essentials; and safety glasses. The Forest Service will provide hard hats and all necessary tools. Each day will start with safety talks about hazards and staying safe through the workday.

For questions or to sign up, contact Jennifer Sublett, Volunteer Coordinator at [jasublett@fs.fed.us](mailto:jasublett@fs.fed.us) or call (505) 753-7331.

## Gates Scholars' Reflections, cont.

*"The Jemez tribe works together as a family. I saw the motivation they have to pull together as one unit for a common purpose. Today will forever be remembered!"*

Anthony Rios, Missouri State University (Hispanic)

*"My favorite memory was talking with Mr. Toya and our conversation about the common thread of life in all of us that connects all of us, and is our strength and power, in unison with that spirit among everyone here."*

*"It was special to me. I learned from the students and the Governor that the people have a lot of culture and family traditions. Things are tied back to religion or traditional values. Being Pakistani, I can relate to that, especially the family values because that's a really important part of my culture."* Hania Kahlon, Lahore, Pakistan

*"We laid the foundation of a new classroom for students who could very well be major leaders in this world. The construction leader, Mr. Michael Toledo, who was Governor twice, explained that the foundation is vital. He related it to our everyday lives by stating that we must have a strong and stable support system to help keep us going."*

## Calls For Artists!

### Jemez State Monument

Submitted by Brenda Tafoya, Jemez State Monument

Tourist season is underway at Jemez State Monument. As visitors arrive in the area, Jemez State Monument is seeking Jemez Pueblo artists and artisans to display and sell their work at the site. All Jemez Pueblo tribal members are welcome.

There is no charge and Monument staff are available to help. Specific site locations are assigned on a first come, first served basis. The Jemez State Monument is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food vendors are also welcome. A *horno* is available on-site for bread making demonstrations. The monument requires a current food handler's card for all food vendors. There is a strict limit of one food vendor per day.

If you want to be contacted about special events and tour groups visiting the monument, contact Jemez State Monument staff at (575) 829-3530. Ask to be put on the vendor list; the monument will contact you so you can plan which days would be most beneficial for you.

### Jemez Fine Art Gallery

#### CALL FOR ENTRIES

#### EARTH DAY BENEFIT ART SHOW

April 19 to April 28

A portion of the proceeds will support Jemez Sustainable Solutions. Entries due at the gallery by Wednesday, April 17 after 11 a.m. Artists of all ages welcome!  
Entry Fees: \$15 first piece, \$10 second piece. Limit: two entries per artist.

**People's Choice Award:** Free one-person show in the gallery's south room.

**Opening Reception: April 19 4 - 6 p.m.**  
Jemez Fine Art Gallery in Jemez Springs

For more information, contact Jaymes Dudding at (505) 715-2721 or [jimdudding1475@msn.com](mailto:jimdudding1475@msn.com), or James Vigil at (575) 829-3045.



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**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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**Tribal Council Report**

The Tribal Council Report is published at the direction of the Governors to keep the community well informed. Governor Vincent A. Toya, Sr., First Lt. Governor Juan Toya and Second Lt. Governor John Galvan proposed the following resolutions which were approved by the Tribal Council:

**March 2013**

**Approved** incurring a loan from US Bank to pay the remaining balance due to Frederick Fiber for lots 1 to 4 totaling 95 acres in San Ysidro, NM.

**Authorized** the 2013 Tribal Transportation Program Inventory update to include proposed modifications to the 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan and authorized the PoJ transportation program to encode the inventory data into the RIFDS management system.

**Adopted** the Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department's Rehabilitation Policy and Housing Standards for rehabilitation projects to be implemented by the Housing Department.

**Authorized** the submission of a proposal to the US Housing and Urban Development Department for funds to rehabilitate homes for low and moderate income families, primarily the elderly and disabled PoJ community members.

**Tribal Members:  
Register to Vote!**

If you are 18 years and older, or if you are going to be 18 years old before the next election, please register today. It counts to vote!!

For more information please call The Native American Voting Rights Program at (505) 934-8826 or visit the Satellite Election Office at Jemez Civic Center.

*Peter Magdalena, Senior Voting Rights Coordinator*



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