



# Red Rocks Reporter

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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

### Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative Election

Despite an excellent turnout by tribal members and supporters, Michael Toledo, Jr. lost his bid for the District 1 seat on the Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative (JMEC) Governing Board to Richard Ramsey of Ponderosa. The vote was 178 to 103; Second Lt. Gov. John Galvan participated in the vote count and validation process. "Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort and took the time to go up and vote," says Governor Vincent A. Toya, Sr. "We also thank Michael Toledo for his time, effort and interest in running for this position," First Lt. Gov. Juan Toya adds.

The pueblo is part of District 1; the company started here and bears the Jemez name. However, there have been no tribal members on the board for several years. Patrick Toya and Augustine Sando held positions in years past.

"We must all understand how important it is for us to vote in all elections, local, state and national," the Governor adds. "It's critical that we make our voices heard. These elections affect our daily lives as citizens of the state and the nation."

Tribal leaders are closely monitoring the Coop's decisions regarding paying the negotiated settlement for rights-of-way access over many years. Although a judge has ruled that the fees must be paid, the JMEC Board is balking and suggesting that the funds will be raised through increased costs to customers.

At the Board meeting following the election, Governor Toya and Michael Toledo congratulated Mr. Ramsey on his win. "I will be held accountable," Ramsey promised. "I am here for you. Make me work for you."

### Housing Issues

Recent welcome rains have exposed roofing issues in many homes. With continued monsoon rains expected, tribal members are reminded to check their roofs for leaks and take action to protect their homes and belongings.

Federal budget cuts and sequestration have delayed the Housing Department's funding award, however the department has developed an emergency assistance program for Jemez tribal members. Funding has been set aside for emergency repairs for plumbing, electrical and heating situations that are determined to be imminent threats to the health and safety of residents.

To apply for emergency repair funding, you must:

- ❖ Have a current application on file, with all information current and complete.
- ❖ Be income-eligible based on HUD limits.
- ❖ Provide a complete description of the situation.

Funds are available to address emergency repairs only.

Further assistance from US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural development can be obtained. Low income elders may be eligible for grant funding. Moderate income homeowners may be eligible for USDA loans.

Contact the Housing Department for more information and for help completing applications. The phone number is (575) 834-0305.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

# Jemez Historic Site Presents PUEBLO INDEPENDENCE DAY

*In commemoration of the 1680 Pueblo Revolt*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11                      7 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

On August 10 and 11, 1680, the Pueblo People of New Mexico, aided by some Apache and Navajo allies, launched a successful rebellion against Spanish colonization.

The commemoration will begin with a pilgrimage run from Walatowa Plaza to Gisewa Pueblo plaza. Participating in this run is a way to pay tribute to the ancestors and show appreciation for the sacrifices they made. Their brave resistance helped preserve the Pueblo way of life, our culture, our language and our right to one day reclaim our aboriginal lands.

**7 a.m.** Run begins at the Jemez Pueblo plaza. The general public is welcome to participate. Water stations will be available.

**10 a.m.** Guest speakers at Jemez Historic Site

**10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Enjoy traditional Native dances, Red Bear Drum Group, dine on authentic Native food and shop for Native arts & crafts.

**Free vendor booths available.**

**Call Jemez Historic Site for more information at (575) 829-3530 or visit [nmmonuments.org](http://nmmonuments.org).**

**Free admission for all New Mexico residents.**



## 2013 TRIBAL GOVERNORS

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

# Indianpreneurship<sup>®</sup> Business Training

**FREE Training For Small Business Development**  
**Thursday, August 22 & Friday, August 23**  
**9 a.m. -4 p.m.**  
**Walatowa Visitors Center**  
**Class Materials & Refreshments Provided**

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur or small business owner? ONABEN, RedWind Consulting and the Pueblo of Jemez Planning and Development Department will offer a free two-day course for small business development. The event is sponsored by the SBA Office of Native Affairs. All Indianpreneurs are invited. The training will benefit anyone who operates or is considering operating a small business.

This workshop will cover business concepts indispensable for anyone starting or running a small business. Instructors will also identify and help participants avoid common pitfalls. The training will provide comprehensive information on business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving and marketing a small business.

Please Register in advance. Contact Chamisa Radford, Planning and Development Director, at (575) 834-0094 or by e-mail to [chamisa.a.radford@jemezpueblo.org](mailto:chamisa.a.radford@jemezpueblo.org).

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# 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:

### July 3, 2013

Approved a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program for \$300,000 to pursue operating and/or contracting a tribal transit line from San Ysidro to the Valles Caldera.

Approved the Notice of Award to Saigan Construction, Inc. for \$823,995.12 for sanitary sewer improvements.

Approved a contract for general counsel services with the law firm of Van Amberg, Rogers, Yepa, Abeita & Gomez, LLP for four years beginning June 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2017.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Jemez Welcomes New Police Chief



Peter Camacho, an 18-year veteran of the Rio Rancho Police Department, has taken the helm at the Pueblo of Jemez Law Enforcement Department. Chief Camacho came up through the ranks to retire as a lieutenant. His numerous positions within the Rio Rancho Police Department include undercover narcotics, SWAT, narcotics K-9 unit, gang enforcement team, school resource officer, traffic unit and patrol. Prior to police work, he served with the US Coast Guard.

“First and foremost, I am very excited to be here,” Chief Camacho says. “I am sincerely honored to take this position. I look forward to not only working for and with the community, but to become part of it.”

A strong advocate of community policing, Pete actively supported his community with service projects, such as:

- Founder and trustee of Ten-82 Corporation, a non-profit organization assisting police, fire and military personnel in times of crisis or trauma.
- Founder of “Rumble in Rio” which has provided over 3,000 new bikes for needy children in the state.
- Chairman of the Sandoval County DWI Task Force.

“My philosophy is that we can’t police without the support of the community,” the chief explains. “The community should expect support from all of our officers as well. We will be involved and present.”

Chief Camacho is acclimating to his new position and learning about the community’s needs. “I could use some help,” he says, adding that he welcomes ideas, suggestions, observations and comments. “I have an open door policy. Just come and visit!”

## NATURAL RESOURCES

# BURN PERMITS

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) is again issuing burn permits. Burn permits are free at the NRD office.

Although there is currently enough moisture on the ground, all community members are expected to recognize the importance of preventing fires, protecting the community, implementing the Pueblo of Jemez Fire Management Plan/Fire Prevention program, and complying with all rules and ordinances regarding fire safety.

The potential for out-of-control fires remains around buildings and fields. **Be extra cautious. Permission to burn may be revoked at any time if weather and fire conditions change.**

If you have questions, call the NRD office at (575) 834-7696 or 834-3201.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

# August is National Immunization Awareness Month


Part of the back-to-school routine for kids is an annual check-up that includes updating vaccinations for common childhood diseases. But adults need regular booster shots too! Regular immunizations can prevent serious diseases such as diphtheria, hepatitis A and B, human papillomavirus (the virus that causes cervical cancer), influenza, measles, Meningococcal disease, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough) pneumonia, rubella (German measles,) tetanus, chickenpox and shingles.

Some diseases that are common in childhood can be very serious – even life-threatening – for adults. In addition, adults who are ill can spread their illnesses to friends and family members.

Be safe! If you don't remember if you are due for booster shots, contact the Jemez Health Clinic at (575) 834-7413 for more information. A nurse or provider can review your records and let you know if you need updates.

## Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults

	19 - 21 years	22 - 26 years	27 - 49 years	50 - 59 years	60 - 64 years	65+ years
Influenza (Flu) <sup>1</sup>	Get a flu vaccine every year					
Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) <sup>2</sup>	(Get a Tdap vaccine once, then a Td booster vaccine every 10 years)					
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 doses					
HPV Vaccine for Women	3 doses					
HPV Vaccine for Men	3 doses	3 doses				
Zoster (Shingles)					1 dose	
Measles/mumps/rubella (MMR)	1 or 2 doses			1 dose		
Pneumococcal	1 or 2 doses				1 dose	
Meningococcal	1 or more doses					
Hepatitis A	2 doses					
Hepatitis B	3 doses					

 Recommended if other risk factor is present, based on medical, occupational, lifestyle or other indicators.

Source: US Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Welcome Mat



**Tenise Fragua** has returned to the Jemez Dental Clinic after completing her training as a dental hygienist.

“I was here as an assistant for five years, then left to go to school full-time,” Tenise says. “I’m very glad to be back.”

**Leslie Poolheco** is the new lead optometry technician at the Jemez Clinic. A graduate of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI,) Leslie is of Hopi, Tewa and Santo Domingo heritage and grew up in Gallup and Los Angeles.



## HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

## Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

*Diphtheria* is a very contagious disease that affects the respiratory system. Diphtheria bacteria produce a poison that can cause weakness, sore throat, fever and swollen glands. This toxin can also lead heart muscle swelling and heart failure. In severe cases, the illness can cause coma, paralysis and even death. (Prevented by Tdap vaccine.)

*Hepatitis A* is a liver infection caused by a virus taken in by mouth from contact with objects, food or drinks contaminated by the feces (stool) of an infected person. Symptoms include fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). Infected people may have no symptoms, have mild illness for a week or two, or have severe illness for several months requiring hospitalization. In the US, about 100 people a year die from hepatitis A.

*Hepatitis B* is a liver infection caused by a different virus spread through exchange of blood or other body fluids, for example, from sharing personal items, like razors, diabetes blood sugar monitors, or during sex. Hepatitis B causes a flu-like illness with loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, rashes, joint pain and jaundice. The virus may stay in the liver for the rest of patients' lives and result in severe liver diseases, including fatal cancer.

*Human papillomavirus (HPV)* is the major cause of cervical cancer in women, as well as anal cancer and genital warts in both women and men. The strains of HPV that cause cervical cancer and genital warts are spread during sex. HPV is most common in people in their teens and early 20s.

*Influenza* is a contagious viral infection. Symptoms include sudden high fever, chills, cough, headache, runny nose, sore throat, and muscle and joint pain. Extreme fatigue can last several days to weeks. Flu may lead to hospitalization or death, even among previously healthy people.

*Measles* is so contagious that a susceptible person can be infected by just being in the same room after a person with measles has left. Symptoms include a rash, fever, cough and red, watery eyes. Measles can also cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage or death.

*Meningococcal disease* is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis (infection around the brain and spinal cord) in children. Symptoms include sudden fever, headache and stiff neck, often with nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, and confusion. Meningococcal disease also causes blood infections. About one in ten people die; survivors may lose arms or legs, become deaf, have nervous system problems, become developmentally disabled, or suffer seizures or strokes.

*Mumps* is caused by a virus spread by a cough or sneeze, or by coming in contact with contaminated objects like toys. Mumps causes fever, headaches, painful swelling of glands, muscle aches, tiredness, and loss of appetite. Severe complications are uncommon, but can include meningitis (infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord), encephalitis (inflammation of the

brain), permanent hearing loss, or swelling of the testes, which can lead to sterility.

*Pertussis'* early symptoms are similar to a cold: runny nose, sneezing, and cough. After one to two weeks, pertussis can cause violent coughing and choking, making it hard to breathe, drink or eat. This cough can last for weeks. Pertussis is most serious for babies, who can get pneumonia, have seizures, become brain damaged, or even die. More than half of children under one year old who get pertussis are hospitalized.

*Pneumonia* is a lung infection caused a bacteria that can also cause other infections including ear and sinus infections, meningitis, bacteremia and sepsis (blood stream infection). Pneumonia can be fatal or result in long-term problems, like brain damage, hearing loss and limb loss. Many people have the bacteria in their noses or throats without being ill; this is known as being a carrier.

*Rubella (German measles)* in children usually causes a mild illness with fever, swollen glands and a rash that lasts about three days; it rarely causes serious illness or complications. However, rubella can be very serious to babies in the womb. If a pregnant woman is infected, the devastating results can include miscarriage, or serious heart defects, mental retardation, loss of hearing and blindness for the baby.

*Tetanus (lockjaw)* is caused by bacteria found in soil, dust and manure. The bacteria enters the body through a wound, like a deep cut, and produce a poison that causes serious, painful spasms and stiffness. This can lead to "locking" the jaw so a victims cannot open their mouths, swallow or breathe. Complete recovery can take months. Ten to 20 percent of people who get tetanus die. (Prevented by Tdap vaccine.)

*Varicella (chickenpox)* is caused by the varicella zoster virus. Chickenpox is very contagious and spreads very easily from coughs, sneezes or the blisters on the skin, either by touching them or by breathing in viral particles. Typical symptoms include an itchy rash with blisters, tiredness, headache and fever. Chickenpox is usually mild, but can lead to severe skin infections, pneumonia, encephalitis (brain swelling), or even death.

*Shingles* is caused by the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. After a person recovers from chickenpox, the virus stays in the body in a dormant (inactive) state. For reasons that are not fully known, the virus can reactivate years later, causing shingles. Almost one third of people in the United States will develop shingles, also known as zoster or herpes zoster. About half of all cases occur among people age 60 years or older. People who develop shingles typically have only one episode, however, a person can have a second or even a third episode. Shingles can be extremely painful and debilitating; the painful lesions can last several months. Herpes zoster is not caused by the same virus that causes genital herpes, a sexually transmitted disease.

## SENIOR CENTER

# Senior Olympians

Submitted by Gloria Fragua

**T**wenty-nine community elders competed in the New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games held in

Roswell, NM on June 12-16, 2013. The Olympics provide competitive and recreational experience to our elders. Our



Senior Olympians David Yepa, Sr., Phillip Fragua, Virginia Toya and Roberta Toledo.

Olympians participated in bowling, swimming, 8-ball pool, track and field, horseshoes, shuffleboard, 5K and 10K runs, golf, race walk, and archery. The recreational events included softball throw, basketball free throw/3 pt. shot, soccer kick, and Frisbee. We brought home

fourth and fifth place ribbons. Congratulations to all who participated!

Although it was not a qualifying year for the Nationals, our elders were out there reaching for the Gold! The enthusiasm shown by our Sandoval County athletes won the "Spirit Award" during the opening ceremony. "Roswell may be the hot spot for the world, but our Jemez Olympians were hotter!" Gloria says.

All community members 50 and over are encouraged to participate in the 2014 Senior Games, which will begin in early spring. Watch for posters with more information.

## Family Caregiver Social

The quarterly Social for Caregivers will be held Tuesday, August 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Any and all community caregivers are invited. Come and enjoy a time of respite with dinner, door prizes and speakers.

For more information, call the Senior Center at (575) 834-9168.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

# Conference Explores Teen Issues

**Native Teens Striving for a Future without Violence, Drugs & Alcohol**

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Social Services

Jemez Social Services Program (JSSP) hosted the First Annual Teen Conference on Tuesday, July 23 at the Walatowa Youth Center as part of JSSP's awareness and prevention education initiatives for the community. The conference was attended by 55 teens between 12 and 18 years old.

Teens today are faced with incredible pressures. Providing awareness of these challenges and issues, as well as the resulting physical, emotional, mental and social consequences, is a positive step toward supporting our teens. This year's conference focused on "Native Teens Striving for a Future without Violence, Drugs & Alcohol." All teens attended a presentation on Bullying by Behavioral Health Program Manager Keahi Souza and on Violence, Drugs & Alcohol by BIA Special Agent Ed Thompson. Each teen then chose two additional presentations to attend. The session topics included Cyberbullying & Sexting by Keahi Souza; Dangers of Synthetic Drugs by Ed Thompson; Pueblo Youth Views on Juvenile Justice by Rita Martinez and David Melton, AIDA, Inc.; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBT) Awareness by Matte Jim, First Nations; Self-Care by Jesse Michaud, Behavioral Health Program; Teen Dating Violence by Farrell Shortman, Social Services Program; and Teen



Pregnancy: Healthy Teens for a Healthier Future by Mildred Baca, Public Health Program.

The teens enjoyed snacks, lunch, promotional T-shirts and door prizes that included personal hygiene items and school supplies. Grand prize winners Jalen Armijo and Genea Baca won Kindle Fire HDs with accessories and extended warranties.

The Teen Conference Planning Committee included teens Bernae Chama, Katrina Toledo, Kalen Vigil, Jaden Suppah and Jericho Suppah, and Social Services staff Farrell Shortman, Danielle Tosa, Joline Cruz-Madalena and Henrietta Gachupin. The teen committee members played a vital part in the event's success.

The committee thanks the Pueblo of Jemez Governors, Chief of Police Peter Camacho, Head Fiscale Alex Fragua, JHHS Director Maria Clark, the employees and staff from JHHS and Social Services, the presenters and, most importantly, the community teens for your support and participation.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

# A Summer On The Road To Great Health

Submitted by Cornell Magdalena, Health Advocate

The Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds (HBHM) Bike club is already complete. Our effort to keep our community children active by participating in the Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Bike Club was a huge success. The improvements of the health and well-being of our community children is encouraging. We want to continue our efforts by having our children stay physically active throughout the year by walking, biking, running or playing.

Our students participated in basketball and soccer camps, teen conference, Summer Speaker Series (presented by JHHS Behavioral Health Program, Public Health Program and Jemez Education Department), swimming, and field trips. During the Bike Club, the Public Health Program provided healthy snacks for students during their bike rides each day. The children learned about healthy eating at MOGRO on July 23. Overall, we wanted to teach our kids the importance of exercising and nutrition.

Many students learned about gardening from our Jemez farmers when we stopped on our bike rides to greet these farmers tending their fields. These farmers shared history of farming, taking care of the garden, and keeping the language alive. It was great to hear such inspirational stories from our community elders. Thank you!

As Public Health staff promoting health and wellness in our



community, we wanted to provide a wide variety of ways to teach our students about overall well-being, managing good exercise skills, learning good nutrition, and being positive role models to our community by living a healthy lifestyle.

Last, we encourage our youth to keep exercising and getting involved in extracurricular activities at their schools by joining sports teams and staying physically active. We encourage families support their children when they engage in healthy lifestyle choices.

Thank you to all our Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Bike club students for biking with us during the summer. You are all awesome!



**MoGro in Jemez!**  
**JEMEZ SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT**  
**TUESDAYS, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**Groceries, fresh fruits & vegetables, quality meats, and more!**

**MoGro takes bulk orders!**

The MoGro Store takes *bulk orders* for community programs and members to make special orders for large quantities.

*Order Ahead for Delivery:* If you or your program want to place a special order, can call the store at (505) 216-8611, the store manager at (720) 545-6358, or e-mail to thomas@mogro.net.

**Feast Day Specials Through August**

- 33% Off Bueno Chili Products
- 50% Off Bueno Posole
- 5/\$1 Shurfine Yeast
- 5/\$1 Garlic
- \$1.99 Simply Organic Garlic (Save \$2!)
- \$2.99 Best Food Mayonnaise (Save \$2!)
- \$1.49 5lb. Russet Potatoes
- \$2.29 Clabber Girl Baking Powder (Save \$1.50!)
- \$0.99 Hain Sea Salt (Save \$0.50!)
- \$1.99 Cinnamon (Save \$2!)
- \$1.99 Morning Glory Prunes (Save \$1!)
- \$2/lb. Talus Wind Bone-In Mutton!

## Individual & Family Walking/Exercise Program

Everyone welcome! Create a team or join as an individual. Get the whole family involved! Whether you are an elite athlete or just getting back on the fitness wagon, join the program to get:

- ★ Weekly incentives
  - ★ Nutrition information.
  - ★ Personal trainer consultation
  - ★ Stress reduction techniques.
- Pre-measurements required (time and dates to be announced.) Weekly exercise groups, stress reduction, nutrition logs, healthy recipes and more! Bonus points available for volunteering and exercise. First, second, and third prize winners; T-shirts for all who complete eight weeks!

**Pre-measurement August 27 and 29 until 6:30 p.m.: height weight and waist circumference will be taken.**

**Graduation celebration at the Fun/Run Walk in October! You must sign up to join. To register, call the Public Health Programs at (575) 834-7207. The deadline is August 23, 2013.**

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLOR RUN

**August 28, 2013**

**Registration: 6 p.m., Fun Run starts: 6:30 p.m.  
 Gather in the Plaza**

**For more information, call the Public Health Program at (575) 834-7207.**





## ACADEMIC PROGRESS AT WALATOWA HIGH CHARTER SCHOOL

Submitted by Arrow Wilkinson, Principal

The New Mexico Department of Education 2013 SBA (Standards Based Assessment) proficiency scores are in. Walatowa High Charter School 11<sup>th</sup> graders improved **29.4 percent** in reading and a whopping **42.4 percent** in math. Congratulations to the students and WHCS faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Eleventh graders from Jemez Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, San Luis and Jemez Valley who attend Walatowa High Charter performed better in end-of-the-year reading tests at Walatowa High Charter School. In addition, Walatowa students *exceeded* the state average of all students in math proficiency.

Teachers at Walatowa High truly believe in our students can make it in college or the profession of their choice. We also believe that failure is not an option. Each year, more seniors are completing free college courses while still in high school. Further, we currently boast 100% rate for our graduating seniors being accepted into a college or career program. Those factors combined with 100 percent of our students completing over six hours of dual credit courses and 94 percent of our students participating in the ACT, make Walatowa High Charter School the best choice for academic success. Importantly, our institution works very hard to help ambitious students balance tribal and cultural obligations with academic demands.

### Reading is Still a Serious Hurdle for Most New Mexico Youth

Reading is the foundation of college and career readiness. A survey conducted by the American Management Association revealed that 41 percent of employers in the United States now give literacy tests to job candidates, even for low wage jobs. The state now ties a student's SBA 11<sup>th</sup> grade reading proficiency scores to high school graduation, and the tests are about to get harder.

Statewide, **55 percent** of all New Mexico students read proficiently in 2013; **71 percent** of Caucasian students scored as proficient readers, while only **37.5 percent** of Native American students passed the state reading proficiency test. (*See chart at right.*) Unless this can be changed, there may still be an unfair income gap in our student's futures.

In 2012, the average ninth grader entering New Mexico high schools lagged three to five grades behind the average American student nationally in reading skills. You may find it

hard to believe, but third grade reading success predicts high school reading proficiency. High school students who read poorly at the start of high school tend to drop out, and it is harder to teach an older student to read well. With the new Common Core system being introduced by the state, the continuity between K-12 grades becomes even more critical for student success.

Reading is a complex neurological process that is best begun in early years. Studies show that the best readers are cultivated at home, starting as early as age three, and that parents and grandparents play a key role in reading, just as they do in Indigenous language retention. Parental involvement is the primary cause of higher reading scores. If you want to raise good readers, provide interesting books and a quiet place to read at home, supervise reading time, and show children that adult family members are reading books, newspapers or magazines.

For our part, Walatowa High Charter School will be adding new intervention reading strategies in the coming year, to help students achieve better educational outcomes in the classroom and to improve our SBA performance. High school rigor is more challenging than ever, so we will continue to work with parents to improve attendance. We want to ensure that our students attend school every day.

We invite parents to visit our school, to meet our staff and to become a part of our progress.

### New Mexico Public Education 11<sup>th</sup> Grade SBA Proficiency Scores

	READING	MATH
All students in New Mexico	55%	42%
Native American Students in New Mexico	37.5%	36.7%
<b>Walatowa High Charter Students</b>	<b>29.4%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>
Jemez Valley Native American Students	21.4%	0.0%
Cuba Native American Students	12.8%	NA
Dulce Native American Students	26.7%	NA
Farmington Native American Students	28.9%	NA



## EDUCATION

*Walatowa High Charter School Presents*  
**First Annual  
 Education Convocation**

**AUGUST 6-9 ALL SESSIONS START AT 8:30 A.M.  
 Walatowa Youth Center/Walatowa High Charter School**

Walatowa High Charter School students, staff and families invite you to discuss the history, present and future of education for all of our Jemez Valley students. Join us for four days of learning about what has shaped our educational systems, what defines our educational systems now, and how can we help define *our own* educational system. Our hope is to strengthen ties with our communities, families, students and professional partners.

Please join us for this historic event. *The education of our students is in your hands! Help WHCS redefine what education means to the future of all of the people of the Jemez Valley.*

For more information, contact Francis Vigil at (575) 834-0443 (work) or (505) 321-5064 (cell.)

## The Learning Seeds Program

### **An after-school program for Walatowa children**

Our Vision: *"To instill Jemez language, culture and traditions in our cherished Jemez children."*

Our mission is to teach Jemez children ages 3 to 6 about Jemez language and culture with hands-on activities in collaboration with parents, tribal elders and high school students. By providing a space for in-depth cultural engagement, Learning Seeds will help strengthen our Jemez culture for future generations.

The Learning Seeds program is seeking fluent Towa-speaking high school students to get involved! Please join us at our first informational session Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the Education Department office in the Civic Center. All are welcome!

For more information, contact the Education Department at (575) 834-9102

## Voting Rights

If you are 18 years or older, or if you will turn 18 years old before the 2014 primary election, please register to VOTE. If you need more information, call the Native American Voting Rights office at (505) 934-8826.

The NAVR office is making home visits to individuals who need to update their voter registration information.

## New Principal For SDRCS

San Diego Riverside Charter School welcomes Karen Mayhew as the school's new principal. The governing board conducted an extensive search after the retirement Tony Archuleta, who served as interim principal since 2011.

Ms. Mayhew brings to the position extensive experience in K-12 education, teaching and administration, including administrative positions at charter schools in Bernalillo and Albuquerque.

"After 15 years of being in education in NM, I believe that wonderful opportunities are available in the charter schools," Ms. Mayhew says. "The innovation and attention students receive create an environment to stimulate life-long learners. SDRCS is credited with having the first charter and I am so excited to be a part of this school community."



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Submitted by Karen Mayhew, Principal, San Diego Riverside Charter

### STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Greetings from your new principal, Karen Mayhew. The administration, staff and Governing Board of San Diego Riverside Charter School welcome our students and families for a new school year. For those who are new to our school community, we extend a special welcome. San Diego Riverside is committed to excellence and meeting the needs of all students.

I look forward to this new school year and all the exciting learning that will take place. It is my good fortune to be working with a great staff and getting to know the wonderful families who support our school. SDRCS has a distinguished history and I am honored to be part of it.

Please take some time in these final days of summer to come down to register and meet your new principal. My door is always open!

### **Please note the following important information:**

- ☞ **First day of school is Wednesday, August 12, 2013.**
- ☞ Registration is Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Supply lists will be available at the school.
- ☞ Per state regulations, all students must have current immunization records on file.
- ☞ All students who intend to participate in cross-country or basketball must have current physicals on file.
- ☞ Students should come prepared with paper, pens and pencils. Teachers will notify students of any additional supplies they might need.

For more information, call the San Diego Riverside Charter School administrative office at (575) 834-7419.

## EDUCATION

# Stories from the Land: Experiences in Place-Based Learning

By Matthew J. Barbour, Manager, Jemez Historic Site

During the week of July 15-19, Pueblo of Jemez Community Library and New Mexico Historic Sites partnered to provide the children of Jemez Pueblo with an opportunity visit Jemez Historic Site and participate in hands-on learning activities. Supported by several state and tribal agencies, the "Stories from the Land" program was initiated by New Mexico Historic Sites Director Richard Sims as a way to give New Mexico children the opportunity to visit and experience our historic sites while continuing to develop their reading and writing skills.

Jemez Historic Site was chosen as the pilot site for the first session of this place-based learning initiative because of its ties to the community and the willingness of Jemez Pueblo Community Library to collaborate. It also provided the opportunity for several distinct learning experiences, including bilingual education (English and Towa) and the use of a largely Native American teaching corps.

The cornerstone of the program was a writing workshop hosted by renowned children's author, Emmet "Shkeme" Garcia (Santa Ana.) He shared personal stories

while coaching the children to develop their own literary voices. By the end of the program, each child had authored and illustrated a book inspired by their life experiences. They then shared these stories with Shkeme and their families during a pizza party.

However, it was not all reading and writing. Children also had the opportunity to train as site stewards with Chris Toya (Jemez); tour Jemez Historic Site with Matthew Barbour; build gourd rattles with Isaac Toya (Jemez); craft yucca fiber bracelets with Mary Weahkee (Comanche/Santa Clara); throw atlatls with Charles Hannaford; learn to build a drum with Arnold Herrera (Cochiti); and go on a nature hike with Marlon Magdalena (Jemez.) For the final celebratory excursion, the children were treated to a field trip to the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe, where they were allowed to print covers for their books on a historic printing press within the Palace of the Governors!

The program was a great success. More than 20 Jemez Pueblo youths participated, with many attending every day

of the week-long program. Participants were rewarded with T-shirts, badges, medals, and, most importantly, an autographed copy of Shkeme's latest book, *Sister Rabbit's Tricks* published by University of New Mexico Press.

A big thank you goes out to all who contributed to and participated in the program! Special recognition goes to the Pueblo of Jemez Community Library, especially Tamara Sandia, Maureen Wacondo and Arlan Sando; without your participation this program would not have happened! Also, I want to thank Melanie LaBorwit and Randy Pedro for their careful lesson planning.

We are also very grateful to the agencies and departments that contributed to the program: Pueblo of Jemez Community Library, New Mexico Art Museum, New Mexico Historic Sites (formerly New Mexico State Monuments,) New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, New Mexico Humanities Council, New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies, New Mexico State Library, Pueblo of Jemez Department of Natural Resources, Pueblo of Jemez Department of Education Nutrition Program.

We look forward to continuing this program for years to come!



**EDUCATION**

**Jemez Valley Public Schools:  
Presidential Youth Fitness  
Program**

*Submitted by Laura Mijares*

On June 1, Jemez Valley Elementary School became one of the nation's first schools to receive support to implement the Presidential Youth Fitness Program through the program's funding opportunity. Launched last September by the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition and First Lady Michelle Obama, the national program promotes fitness and physical activity for the improved health of America's youth.

With only about half of the nation's youth achieving the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily, children are at greater risk for developing a variety of conditions and diseases due to physical inactivity, including obesity, weak bones, anxiety and depression. The Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) aims to change these growing health concerns by providing educators with resources and tools to help students develop and maintain physically active and fit lifestyles.

While the PYFP is free, supplemental elements enhance the program experience for both educators and students. This includes Fitnessgram® software, virtual training courses for educators, and recognition items for students. Through generous support from the General Mills Foundation, a coalition of the Amateur Athletic Union, the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and The Cooper Institute developed the Presidential Youth Fitness Program Funding Opportunity to provide these items to schools to enhance fitness experiences in classrooms.

"Students need the chance to develop lifelong, healthy habits. The Presidential Youth Fitness Program can help schools do that in a fun, educational way. It's a win-win for everyone," says Jane Wargo, program director.

"Jemez Valley Elementary School is proud to have been selected to receive this first round of funding," says physical education teacher Blake Miller. "We see this program as a positive step in promoting the health and well-being of our students and preparing them to be fit and ready to learn."



*Women's Talking Circle*

**Tuesday, Aug. 7 and Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6-8 p.m.  
Social Services Building Conference Room**

We will discuss domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, increasing community awareness about these issues; and support and resources for people, especially for victims. These Talking Circles will also provide feedback and help determine what other services our community may need.

For more information, contact Farrell J. Shortman, BSW, Jemez Social Services Program Outreach Specialist, at (575) 834-3111.

**WALATOWA VISITOR CENTER**

**Call for Artists!  
WALATOWA VISITOR CENTER  
OCTOBER OPEN AIR MARKET**

The Walatowa Visitor Center (WVC) will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Air Market October 12 and 13, 2013. We invite you to join us for the show.

Take advantage of Early Bird Registration, which gives you a discounted fee of \$80 per booth, or \$100 if shared. The Early Bird Registration booth fee ends August 31. From Sept. 1 through Sept. 30, booth fees are \$130 or \$160 if shared.

Because of limited space, all applications must be submitted no later than Sept. 30. Applications accepted after Sept. 30 will be charged an additional \$10 late fee.

Artists are required to supply their own tables, chairs and canopies. However, a limited amount of chairs and tables are available from the WVC on a first-come, first-served basis. **Canopies are required** for booth space of 10' X 10'. WVC will assign booth numbers and name tags on the first morning of the event. Set-up will begin at 7:30 a.m. The event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. As always, a vendor-to-vendor drawing will be held on the final day of the show. Donations are appreciated, but not required.

The Walatowa Visitor Center extends a warm welcome to our valued artists to make this year's Open Air Market another memorable experience to enjoy and prosper from.

To get an application or if you have questions, contact the Walatowa Visitor Center at (575) 834-7235.

**Special Sale!**

**Walatowa Jackets and Vests**

Perfect for cooler fall weather ahead! Soft shell jackets and women's vests featuring embroidered "Walatowa," "Pueblo of Jemez" and the Walatowa logo.

**25% Off**

<b>Soft-Shell Jackets</b>	
S-XL Reg. \$48	<b>Sale! \$36</b>
XXL Reg. \$52	<b>Sale! \$39</b>
<b>Women's Vests</b>	
S-XL Reg. \$24	<b>Sale! \$18</b>
XXL Reg. \$28	<b>Sale! \$21</b>

*Jemez Pueblo tribal members and employees get 20% off the regular price of all purchases at the Walatowa Visitor Center.*





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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

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### **Livestock Round-up**

Wranglers have been assigned to round up unattended livestock in the community. The animals will be penned and their owners assessed fees to retrieve them. Animals that are not removed will be sold.

“We all work too hard on our crop lands to allow them to be damaged by wandering cows and horses,” Gov. Toya says. “We encourage farmers to protect their lands with secure fencing as well.”

### **Irrigation Canals**

The impact on irrigation canals from recent heavy rains includes erosion, debris and sediment. In addition, the south end of the East Lateral Canal has been breached again. Tribal administration has crews working hard to clear and repair the canals for long-term resolution. Water will be restored as soon as possible.

### *Back to School!*

*As our young students return to their classrooms. Pueblo of Jemez tribal leaders extend their best wishes for a successful year for all of our students from pre-school to graduate school. Study hard, learn well, respect your teachers and enjoy all the activities your school has to offer!*

## **COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Saturday, August 24    9 a.m. to 5 p.m.    (Location to be determined)**

The Governors will host a meeting to update and inform the community about the current state of affairs in the Pueblo of Jemez and review this year's accomplishments and goals. The meeting will also glean final input from community members to complete the Vision 2020 plan. Breakout sessions will address specific issues such as education, health care, land use, water issues, economic development, housing, ranching and other important topics. Lunch will be served. Child care will be provided.

**Youth (middle school and older) welcome!**

**Door prizes! Raffle!**

**Watch for more information.**