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NM Governor Meets With Pueblo Leaders

New Mexico Governor Susanna Martinez visited with the Governors, tribal leaders and staff at a meeting on Thursday, July 31. Governor Madalena thanked Governor Martinez for her support for several critical Pueblo of Jemez projects.

Gov. Martinez spoke about promoting commercial agricultural projects, noting that tribal farmers have generations of skills, experience and expertise to contribute.

Photo by Jaime Loretto.

Pueblo Hosts Valles Caldera Trust Director

Jorge Silva-Banuelos, the new Executive Director for the Valles Caldera Trust, met with the Governors and department directors on Friday, July 25 to discuss issues that affect the Pueblo of Jemez and its ancestral lands on the Valles Caldera. Anna Steffen, Cultural Resources Manager, joined him at the new director's first meeting outside of the organization.

"I've known Jorge for many years and wholeheartedly supported him for this position," Governor Madalena explained. "He previously worked in Washington on a variety of public lands issues. He was a staffer for Sen. Jeff Bingaman, and later for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. For the last two years he was a policy advisor within the Department of the Interior."

"We have a special relationship with the Pueblo of Jemez and we are committed to moving it forward," Jorge said.

The Trust status of the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) will end in six years, Jorge observed. "We need to start planning now for a transition that will benefit all while protecting the pueblo's interests," Jorge noted.

Recreation Fees

The VCNP proposed a charge of $500 per event, which the pueblo opposes.

"These are religious activities," Gov. Madalena explained. "Just as no one is charged a fee to go to church, we should not have to pay to visit our church."

Jorge replied that the fees generally cover additional staff time to monitor, supervise and clean up after events. He added that after this year's first Spiritual Gathering, he was impressed that the area showed "no sign of the 100+ vehicles that were parked there."

Gov. Madalena noted that the pueblo is providing equipment and staff for road maintenance and repair under the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU.) JHHS Director Maria Clark observed that the pueblo also provides services such as law enforcement, emergency services and

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2014 TRIBAL GOVERNORS

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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Valles Caldera Director Meets Pueblo Leaders

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health care to the Jemez corridor which includes staff and visitors to the VCNP.

The discussion will continue, with the suggestion that a full-time conservation officer would help address all parties' concerns.

Bug Traps Above 9,000 Ft. Elevation

Tribal members have reported the installation of bug traps above 9,000' elevation that the MOU reserves for Pueblo of Jemez traditional use. The Governor requested advance notification of any such installations, and the VCNP staff apologized for the lack of communication. The Governor noted that any collection activities kill the insects. "Everything has a role to play in the ecosystem," the Governor said. "The insects play a huge role, and killing them may have unforeseen consequences in the future. Like us, they have communities and families to go home to."

Cattle Grazing

The discussion included the suggestion that the Pueblo of Jemez cattle growers explore the option of adding buffalo to their grazing herds. Continuing the grazing contracts into the future will benefit the pueblo as well as the Preserve.

Air and Water Quality Monitoring

Natural Resources Director Greg Kaufman advised the new director about air and water quality monitoring efforts on the Preserve. Through funding from Los Alamos National Laboratories, soil, water and air samples are regularly collected and tested for the presence heavy metals and radioactive materials.

Tree Thinning

Governor Madalena requested that the pueblo is guaranteed any tree-trimming contracts so sacred sites can be protected without being disclosed to outside contractors. Using the trimmed materials for economic development activities through Walatowa Timber Industries was discussed, and Mr. Silva toured the facility after the meeting.

Access

Unrestricted public access to VCNP lands is an ongoing concern. Jorge observed that balancing tribal access and public access is a challenging but necessary undertaking. "We need to work on this together," he said. It was observed that the VCNP currently lacks a concrete plan for public access trails.

The meeting concluded with agreement that it is necessary for the VCNP and the Pueblo of Jemez to work together on these important issues.

"We want to ***collaborate***, not consult," the Governor stressed, adding that regular meetings to address current and future concerns will be scheduled.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council Report

The Tribal Council Report is published at the direction of the Governors to keep the community well-informed. Governor Joshua Madalena, First Lt. Governor Kevin Shendo and Second Lt. Governor Isaac Romero proposed the following resolutions that Tribal Council approved.

July 14, 2014

Adopted the Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) as a working document that will guide the rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for the Pueblo of Jemez infrastructure.

Authorized the Pueblo Of Jemez Walatowa Head Start Program to utilize a selection criteria known as the Priority Point System for selecting children for enrollment into the Head Start Program.

FROM THE GOVERNORS

Governor of Jemez Addresses VCNP Board

The Pueblo of Jemez filed a federal lawsuit in 2012 to reclaim our aboriginal right of ownership to the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP.) The suit was dismissed in September 2013, but the Pueblo filed an appeal. On Friday, July 18, Governor Madalena addressed VCNP Board of Trustees to explain the pueblo's position. Governor Madalena was also governor in 2012 when the suit was filed.

"The Valles Caldera belongs to the Jemez people," Gov. Madalena said. "We were the first stewards, the first conservationists. We took care of the caldera when we arrived in this area." He added a brief history of the pueblo's connection to the Jemez Mountains and the Valles Caldera.

"There's no structure within the caldera, because it is our church," Madalena explained. Jemez Pueblo continues to use the caldera in the same ways our ancestors did, for religious purposes and to access natural resources. "Economic development" has been a critical element of that use; Jemez ancestors mined obsidian for trade. "We have continued to monitor and protect these areas for a very long time," the Governor said.

Gov. Madalena emphasized the spiritual importance of the Valles Caldera for the Jemez people. The pueblo continues to conduct religious ceremonies within the preserve and has numerous sacred sites within its confines.

"We consider it a church; that's the best way we can define it," said Madalena. "Catholics go to mass, they pray to the saints, to Jesus, to God. We do the same thing, except ours are spirits that are within these areas that continue to bless us."

The Governor believes anyone can experience the spiritual power of the caldera. "It's pristine. It's beautiful. When you go into those areas, if you believe in a higher power, you can feel it. You can feel the ancestors. You can feel it in your heart."

The governor assured the board that Jemez does not want to close access to the VCNP, although there were strong objections last fall after the board voted to increase access without consulting with tribal leaders. Madalena described how outsiders interrupted a religious ceremony held in the Valles not long ago.

"Non-Indians showed up in our gathering," Madalena said. "We were hospitable, because they didn't understand. So we explained to them, fed them and they were on their way. We didn't want to offend them. We were very respectful. But those are the kinds of things we're always concerned about." But the pueblo believes the public should be allowed access and is open to co-managing the preserve, modeled after practices used in Australia with their government and the aboriginal people there.

Madalena presented other areas of concern, such as logging. "Because this is ancestral to the Jemez people, we want to be given those contracts," Madalena said. "Our concern is the sacred sites. We know where they are. If those contracts are given to Jemez, we can respect areas with sacred sites, and be cautious and make sure those areas aren't destroyed."

The pueblo also supports a visitor center, but wants co-management responsibilities. "We want to give more of a traditional, spiritual sense of a tour into the caldera," Madalena said. "The visitor center is one place that we also want to support our culture and traditions."

He invited the board to meet at the pueblo so the elders can express their concerns. "It's because of those elders that we have our culture, and it's our responsibility to pass on the traditional way of life to our children and grandchildren. I am here for them. We will continue to come to these meetings. This land belongs to the Jemez people. No one can take that from us. We will continue to move forward to make sure that one day, just like in the US Constitution, we have freedom of religion, and we can walk into our church."

Board Chair Kent Salazar thanked Madalena for his contributions. "The Valles Caldera board will continue to honor and respect our sovereign tribal neighbors, continue to work with you," he added.

Portions of this article were originally printed in the Los Alamos Monitor article by Arin McKenna, July 18, 2014

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Native Entrepreneur in Residence Program

New Mexico Community Capital (NMCC) is expanding their Native Entrepreneur in Residence (NEIR) Program. This program is designed to help Native American business owners in grow their enterprises to the next level. By helping these entrepreneurs, they create greater economic competitiveness for Native American-owned businesses and accelerate new job creation in communities throughout New Mexico.

The NEIR program includes four main components:

- ***Free office space and facility-based services:*** The NEIR program provides qualified Native entrepreneurs with resources including office space, IT structure, phones and meeting rooms.
- ***Advisory services:*** Each NEIR will have a business advisor to provide overall business mentoring as well as industry-specific knowledge. These experienced professionals work closely with clients, coaching them from initial business planning and acquisition through company launch and growth.
- ***Group Business Workshops and Training:*** Quarterly two-day summits provide general business knowledge and insight. Keynote speakers from around the country will give their perspective on business culture while they share their success stories and secrets.
- Access to capital: Businesses need capital to sustain their enterprises through the stages of development. The NEIR program will teach clients what funders are looking for, the different funding vehicles available, how to position their company to constructively receive capital, and how to make the pitch for funding to various types of funders. The NEIR program will evaluate client companies for potential investment or will provide qualified introductions to other funders.

"New Mexico Community Capital's Native Entrepreneur in Residence (NEIR) Program offers Native business owners a sense of confidence to turn a dream into a reality by supporting the business with sound advice from some of the most experienced business minds in the region."

Roger Fragua, Jemez Pueblo

This program is offered at no cost to participants. However, they ask that successful graduates mentor future NEIR program participants as part of the program, helping to create a "pay it forward" environment.

The competitive application process to be a part of this program has begun. For more information and to apply, go to: www.nmccnp.org.

Indianpreneurship®

P & D is conducting a small business class that uses the Indianpreneurship® curriculum. This class is free for Jemez tribal members, thanks to a grant from the Economic Development Administration. This 10 to 12 week course emphasizes entrepreneurial topics and business plan development. The curriculum is based on real-life Native American small business experiences. Saturdasy classes have started and you are welcome to join if you don't mind some catching up.

The Planning Office has two computers available for your entrepreneurial/small business needs between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Both have Internet access and printing capabilities. The computers are available for tribal members who need to do some business research, but do not have computer, internet, or printer access. It is not necessary to call ahead. The Planning Department offices are located in the single-wide trailer south of the C-store. Monica Magdalena, Economic Development Assistant, is also available to answer any small business questions you may have. If she cannot answer right away, she will research your question and get back to you.

If you are interested in either a group class or individual sessions, please contact Monica Magdalena at (575) 834-0094.

Support small business and improve the local economy ... buy Native!

WORK ORDERS

The Planning & Development Department (P&D) is now accepting work orders for heavy equipment work. Their well-qualified, certified crew operate heavy equipment that require Commercial Drivers' Licenses (CDL.) They are available to perform heavy-duty jobs that basic tractors cannot do, such as removing unwanted loads of sand, leveling lots, and filling dirt in areas around homes or agriculture fields.

Work orders are required and are available at the P & D office. Once submitted, assessments will be completed to determine a cost estimate. When individuals accept the job and costs, the entire payment must be paid in full before work can begin. Please be aware that services may take some time if other departments (such as Public Works) have to be involved.

To request a Work Order form or if you have additional questions, contact Nadia R. Toya at the Planning & Development Department Building south of the Walatowa C-Store or call at (575) 834-0094.

Welcome Mat

Wilson Barrow brings extensive experience to his position as Director for Information Technology (IT.) His IT career started when he was inexplicably denied admission to graduate school to obtain his masters' in computer science. To demonstrate this skills, he hacked into and locked the university's systems. Their IT department had to rely on his good will to release the password and allow the systems to operate again. From there, he got a position with the IT group, then moved on to positions with Xerox and New Horizons Learning Centers. He worked for Toshiba for some time but left after co-workers were accosted, kidnapped and killed in Juarez as collateral damage in the drug cartel wars.

Wilson's plans for PoJ communications include running fiber optics through the community to link and stabilize voice, data and video communication. "I am looking for funding to further this project," he says.

Housing Director Denny James has over 11 years experience in executive and financial management of Indian Housing Authorities. With a Masters' Degree in Business and Public Administration, is certified in Low Income Housing Tax Credits and NAHASDA regulations.

His project priorities are to deliver quality products within budget and timelines and adhere to federal funding regulations.

"My first priority is to develop a five-year strategy to offer housing opportunities for all tribal members," Denny says. "This includes developing a new construction and rehabilitation master plan consistent with local customs, cultural elegance and building codes. We will accomplish our goals with a willing, devoted work force. Our staff must participate in the decisions that affect their part in the department's goals."

Francesca Cajero is working as a summer intern at the Planning and Development Department. "Working here is a great experience because I've learned so much more about my pueblo, the comprehensive plan, and the plans for the pueblo," Francesca says. "Also, I work with some amazing people who work hard and try their best to make Jemez a better home for all tribal members. Thanks to these people, I have learned a lot.

"I'm working on a Digital Storytelling Project about the Comprehensive Plan, what it is, the purpose for Jemez as a self-governance tribe, goals and objectives for the Planning Department, and the Jemez tribal members' perspective.

"My future plans are to attend SIPI this fall and complete my core classes, then transfer to Fort Lewis, UNM, or NMSU to earn my business degree. I'm not sure what I will do after, who I will work for, or where I will work. I just want to work hard, focus on my degree and figure out that part later on."

(Submitted by Francesca Cajero)

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Citizens Fire Academy

Submitted by Juan Toya, Pueblo of Jemez Fire Chief

Do you want a better understanding of how a fire department operates?

The Sandoval County Fire Department will offer a Citizens Fire Academy designed to increase understanding of fire and emergency medical operations and promote citizen interaction with Sandoval County Fire Department personnel. The program will enhance awareness of the department's capabilities and limitations; develop realistic expectations of response times from point of dispatch; develop cooperative relationships between firefighters and the citizens of Sandoval County and encourage participants to become more aware of the dangers of fire and benefits of fire prevention.

Topics include Sandoval County Fire Department history and introductions; community risk reduction, fire prevention: inspection/public education and fire investigations; Dispatch (911) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC); cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR); search and rescue; heavy rescue/hazardous materials; vehicle extrication; fire extinguisher training; hose evolutions and simulated fire evolutions. A graduation ceremony will be held for those completing the training.

Participants must be at least 18 years old and live in Sandoval County. All applicants must submit to a background check and must sign a waiver releasing Sandoval County of all liabilities while participating in the Academy. There is no charge. Participants will be able to purchase a Citizens Fire Academy T-shirts, hats and coffee mugs.

The training starts Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 9:30 p.m at Fire Station #21, located next to the Santa Ana Star Casino on Tamaya Boulevard. There will be one Saturday session on Nov. 15, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 5p.m. **Applications must be returned by August 25, 2014.**

If you have questions or want application materials, call SCFD Fire Administration office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (505) 867-0245, or contact Juan Toya at Pueblo of Jemez Emergency Services at (575) 834-7628.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Children (and Pets!) DIE in Hot Cars

Submitted by Chief Pete Camacho

An average of 38 children die every year from vehicular heatstroke. In 2013 that number grew to 44; at press time, 9 children had already died in 2014.

"No one is exempt from continuously being in a rush," says Jemez Pueblo Police Chief Pete Camacho. "When we have little ones to look after, we must constantly be aware of our responsibility to take care of them and make every effort to slow down and pay attention. Our kids rely on us to keep them safe. No child should ever suffer and die because we forget them in the back of a hot car."

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!

The web site www.KidsAndCars.org offers the following tips to prevent tragedy in your household:

1. Never leave children alone in or around cars; not even for "a minute." A short distraction could be dangerous.
2. Put something you'll need, such as your cell phone, purse, or brief case, on the floor board in the back seat so you must reach back there to retrieve them.
3. Get in the habit of always opening the back door of your vehicle every time you reach your destination to make sure no child has been left behind.
4. Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When the child is placed in the seat, put the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat as a visual reminder that the child is in the back seat.
5. Tell your child's daycare center or babysitter that you will always call if your child will not be there as scheduled. Make sure they contact you if your child does not arrive when scheduled.
6. Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway, and always set your parking brake.
7. Keys and/or remote openers should never be left within reach of children.
8. When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks immediately.
9. If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. If they are hot or seem sick, get them out as quickly as possible. **Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.**
10. Be especially careful about keeping children safe in and around cars during busy times, schedule changes, holidays and times of crisis.
11. Use drive-through services when available at restaurants, banks, pharmacies, dry cleaners, etc., so you don't have to move your child in and out of the car or leave him or her inside the car.
12. Use your debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump.

For more information about ways to keep children safe in and around vehicles, visit www.KidsAndCars.org.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Addressing Alcoholism in the Community

Over the past few years, too many tribal members have died due to alcohol-related problems. To respond to this serious issue, the Pueblo of Jemez is putting a renewed focus on alcohol abuse prevention and treatment in the community.

"It's time to focus on a disease that has devastating consequences for individuals, families and the community," says Maria Clark, JHHS Director. "Alcoholism is destroying too many of our young people."

A multi-faceted approach will team Behavioral Health and medical staff with Public Health, Social Services, Tribal Court, Law Enforcement and Education to create new strategies for dealing with and healing alcohol-related problems. External resources, such as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, will also be utilized in this initiative.

The Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program is an example of a successful partnership between the Medical Clinic and Behavioral Health that is helping to identify individuals with risky alcohol and substance abuse issues, as well as mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.

"The net is bigger," explains Keahi Souza, Behavioral Health Program Manager. "We are screening people who might not come in for these problems on their own. But once they are identified, it's easier for them to get the help they need." (See article in *Red Rocks Reporter,* March 2014.)

The upcoming Tribal Summit will include a presentation on Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Among the topics the presenters will discuss will be: the effects alcoholism has on families and the community; medical consequences of alcohol abuse; alcoholism and domestic violence; the costs of alcohol-related problems, such as car accidents, job performance and other issues that affect alcoholics and their families; current trends in substance abuse within the community; trends in prevention, intervention and treatment modalities; using digital technology to help with mental health issues like mood disorders and anxiety.

SOCIAL SERVICES

2014 Youth Conference: *Empowering Native Youth for a Healthy Future*

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Prevention Coordinator

Jemez Social Services Program (JSSP) hosted the Second Annual Youth Conference on Tuesday, July 29 at the Walatowa Youth Center as part of the program's community awareness and prevention education initiatives. The conference was attended by 52 youth/young adults ages 12 to 18.

Today's youth are faced with intense pressures. Providing awareness of these challenges and pressures, as well as the resulting physical, emotional, mental and social consequences, is a positive step toward supporting our youth. This year's conference focused on "*Empowering Native Youth for a Healthy Future.*"

First Lr. Governor Kevin Shendo welcomes youth to the 2014 Youth Conference.
Photo by Joline Cruz-Madalena.

All youth attended presentations on Teen Pregnancy Prevention by Ester Acosta, NM State Health Department, and on the Juvenile Justice Process by Sandra Sando, retired New Mexico Juvenile Probation Officer; Danielle Tosa, Pueblo of Jemez Batterer's Intervention Coordinator and former POJ Juvenile Probation Officer); Cheryl Chinana, Outreach Specialist; and Tanya Shendo, Victim Services Coordinator. Mrs. Chinana and Ms. Shendo both have work experience within juvenile detention facilities.

Each youth attended two additional presentations they selected from seven options: Alcohol and Drug Prevention by Jesse Michaud and Bill Fragua, POJ Behavioral Health Program; Bullying Prevention by Chamar Garrison, Bernalillo Parks and Recreation Program; Interpersonal Violence Prevention *(Teen Dating Violence)* by Stella Gallegos, NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual Transgender (LGBT) Awareness by Alma Rosa Silva-Banuelos, Ashley Carter, Alyssa Hedrich and Luz Marina Serrano, University of New Mexico LGBTQ Resource Center; Puberty 101 by Valerie Pecos, Public Health Programs; Responsible Use of Technology by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Social Services; and Self-Injurious Behavior by Keahi Souza, Behavioral Health Program Manager.

The Youth were treated to morning and afternoon snacks, lunch and promotional items. Door prizes included personal hygiene items and school supplies. Tyrell Loretto and Ethan Smith were the grand prize winners, each receiving a Dell Inspiron laptop computer. Many thanks to Dr. David Tempest, Health and Human Services Medical Director, for the generous donation that helped the committee acquire the laptops.

This event was organized by the Youth Conference Planning Committee that included 10 youth/young adults: Aliyah Armijo, Kaydyn Baca, Antonia Chinana, Khaila Gachupin, Daisy Lovato, Antonio Madalena, Makayla Madalena, Kyran Romero, Alicia Toya, Rianne Toya; and four Social Services staff members: Cheryl Chinana, Joline Cruz-Madalena, Tanya Shendo, Danielle Tosa. The committee played a vital part in the event's success.

The committee thanks First Lt. Governor Kevin Shendo, Head Fiscale Irwin Pecos, Assistant Fiscale Dennis Madalena, Social Services staff, the presenters and, most important, the community youth and young adults for their support and participation.

EDUCATION

Education Updates

The Department of Education thanks all who participated in the department's summer programing, including the Math and Reading Camps and Summer Lunch Program.

The Jemez Community Library hosted an array of successful programs for both children and adults. The Literacy Program emphasizes Science, Technology, Educaiton and Math (STEM) skills. Participants explored STEM concepts through arts and crafts projects, games, science projects and Towa days. Friday Fun Days included movies and healthy snacks.

Students also got opportunities to attend the Santa Fe Opera. *Stories From the Land* offered time at the Jemez Historic Site and American Indian Museum. *(See page 13.)*

The summer Reading Club gave prizes for students who finished five, then ten, then 15 books. Those who read a total of 35 books, completing all the levels, got special prizes.

The Rio Grande Zoo-To-You Program visited the library on Friday, August 7. Children got to experience some of the animals first hand and learned more about our furry neighbors.

Basic computer skills classes were held for adults through the summer. These basic classes are geared for adults without computer experience, and start with the very first challenge of turning the machine on. Additional basic classes are planned through the year. Call the library for more information.

"I want to thank our summer interns Byron Yepa and Denise Lucero for doing a great job!" says librarian Tammy Sandia. "They were excellent workers and were just awesome!"

Jemez Athletes Score at Senior Olympics

Submitted by Monica Toya

The 2014 New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games were sensational! Thirty Jemez senior athletes competed at the New Mexico Military Institute and other venues throughout Roswell from July 16-19. Of the 29 competitions, our athletes competed in basketball free throw, basketball 3-point shot, bowling, 8-ball pool, Frisbee accuracy, Frisbee distance, horseshoes, huachas, racewalk, road race run, shuffleboard, soccer accuracy, softball distance, swimming, and track & field. They brought home gold, silver, bronze and a few fourth place ribbons. Governor Joshua Madalena participated in the opening ceremonies, the first Pueblo Governor to do so. then stayed to cheer on the Jemez athletes,

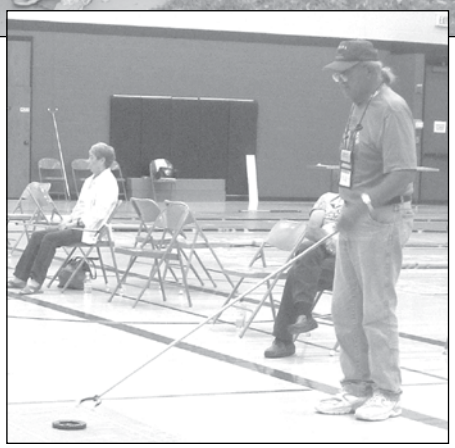
"We thank Pueblo of Jemez leadership and Jemez Health and Human Services for their financial support to make this trip possible. Our senior citizens had the opportunity to create memories of a lifetime!" says Monica Toya. "A special thank you to the tribal employees who dedicated their time to transport and assist: Stuart Gachupin, Anita Toya, Alva Gachupin and Sheila Toya."

Many of our Jemez athletes qualified to compete in the 2015 National Senior Olympic Summer Games in Minneapolis, MN. Watch for more information on the 2015 Senior Olympic Competitions beginning January 2015, or call the Senior Program at (575) 834-9168. Start training now to compete with the best of the best!

Congratulations to our senior athletes!

Remember to acknowledge them for their dedication, hard work and determination to make a name not only for themselves, but for the Pueblo of Jemez. They represented our community well and offered true competition to their peers:

Mary Jo Armijo	Mabel Fragua	Christina Loretto	Leonora L. Lucero	Robert Shendo	Alvin Toya
Jose R. Chosa	Marina Fragua	Felipita Loretto	Miguelita Pecos	Mary Lou Silvas	Marie C. Toya
Erna Chosa-Wilson	Clara Gachupin	Florence Loretto	Pauline Romero	Allen Toledo	Virginia Toya
Andrea Fragua	Genevieve Gachupin	Frank Loretto	Tony Romero	Roberta Toledo	Michael R. Vigil
Cena Fragua	Anthony S. Loretto	Leonard Loretto	Albert Sando	Mary A. Tosa	David Yepa, Sr.



"You don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing."

Community Spiritual Gathering at the Valles Caldera

In the presence of our ancestors, we return home to celebrate culture, tradition and life in our Aboriginal lands.

Tribal members gathered again at the Valles Caldera Redondo Meadows for a second Hemish Spiritual Gathering on Saturday, July 26. Activities included a Challenge Course and Fun Walk, traditional presentations, games for all ages, traditional dances and a raffle.

The next community gathering is planned at El Cajete on Saturday, August 14, with a fourth event planned in September.

Photos by Cornell Magdalena and Jaime Loretto.

PUBLIC HEALTH

National Immunization Awareness Month

Submitted by Rina LeMaster, Public Health Manager

Getting vaccinated is an easy way to stay healthy all year. During August, take the time to make sure that you and your loved ones have received all of the vaccinations you need. By making sure your vaccinations are up to date, you can help prevent harmful diseases from affecting you and your family.

Getting vaccinated is important for people of all ages, especially for kids going back to school!

Parents can protect infants and children from serious childhood diseases by age 2.

Preteens and teens need vaccines too! Getting adolescents vaccinated will also protect their friends and family. They may need: *Tdap* (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis [whooping cough;] *MMR* (measles, mumps, rubella) and *V varicella* (chickenpox). Ask your healthcare provider about the HPV vaccine.

Adults who are not sure if their immunizations are up-to date should contact their medical providers to find out which vaccines they need.

Seniors may need one or more vaccines, even if they received vaccines as children or younger adults as some immunizations need boosters after a number of years. *Zoster* (shingles) vaccine for seniors age 60 and older.

August is a great time to get vaccinated. August, as summer winds down, is a good time for you and your family to make plans to get the flu vaccine. The vaccine usually becomes available at JHHS around mid- to late-September. You can learn more about the flu and flu vaccine at www.Flu.gov or ask your healthcare provider.

Vaccines: Our Best Defense

Vaccines are the best defense we have against serious diseases, and it's important to make sure that you're up to date on all recommended vaccines. Use National Immunization Awareness Month as your chance to make sure that all your vaccinations are current. Talk with your healthcare provider about what vaccines you and your family need so you can keep putting your healthiest foot forward.

Source: www.vaccines.gov

MoGro Cooking Class

Submitted by Cornell Magdalena, Health Advocate

About 23 people joined the Public Health staff and MoGro nutritionist Sarah Vanegas,MS, to learn about making healthy barbecue recipes including lower calorie potato salad, diet-friendly drinks and more.

"Community members enjoyed the class and requested more classes like this one," says Cornell Magdalena, Health Advocate. The event was sponsored by Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health.

Top: Class participants help prepare healthy foods in the Public Health kitchen with nutritionist Sarah Vanegas.
Below: Some of the Public Health staff with Sarah. Photos by Cornell Magdalena

Expecting?

Prenatal/Childbirth Education classes start again in Sep-tember. All expecting mothers and fathers are welcome! Classes are held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Towa Board Room in the Jemez Health Center.

Sept. 2	**Physical & Emotional Changes During Pregnancy**
Sept. 9	**Labor & Delivery**
Sept. 16	**Breastfeeding**
Sept. 23	**Newborn Care**
Sept. 30	**Newborn and Car Seat Safety**

Join us to learn and have fun. Refreshments will be served. ***Dads are encouraged to attend.*** For more information, call Mildred Baca at (575) 834-7207, ext. 354.

MOGRO IN JEMEZ!

Jemez Senior Center Parking Lot

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 1.

Groceries, fresh produce, quality meats, and dry goods… Come to your MoGro Store to save money, eat healthy and live better!

PUBLIC HEALTH

National "Happiness Happens" Month

Submitted by Vernon Tosa, Health Advocate

Are you happy? Do you know what happiness is?

Throughout August, people are encouraged to increase their happiness in two ways: first, *recognize and express happiness;* and second, *don't rain on other people's parades.*

We all have hard times, in our lives and in the world, from economic to global challenges, and personal and family challenges. Yet happiness still happens. Recognize your own areas of happiness by making a list of activities that make you happy. It might be a much longer than you expect! You might include simply smiling, laughing at a joke, drawing, singing, talking with friends and family, sharing encouraging words, or saying 'I love you.' These are simple ways to recognize and express happiness.

The second goal of Happiness Happens Month is "Don't rain on other people's parades." Share in the accomplishments and successes of others. When someone close to you has achieved a goal or is excited about something, let them see just how happy you are for them. Loved ones and friends can offer appropriate signs of affection, a handshake, a hug or kiss, to share the joy. Negative comments can be hurtful, so save the criticism and focus on the positive.

People can and should be pushed to greater heights in the pursuit of happiness. Share happiness in the moment with those around you. Recognize happiness in your life at each opportunity. Express happiness to others by giving willingly of yourself. Peter Pan creator and novelist James Barrie said, "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

Be happy, stay happy, and have a happy, happy day!

Source: http//:2bepositive.com

Happiness is when you feel good about yourself without feeling the need for anyone else's approval.

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Sometimes the things you are most afraid of are the things that make you the happiest.

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Being happy doesn't mean that everything is perfect. It means you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.

MoGro 3.0 Food Clubs and Bulk Ordering

Bringing healthy affordable food to more families and more communities!

Important notice: MoGro store service will end Sept.1, 2014; MoGro 3.0 will provide new and enhanced services.–

In partnership with Pueblo of Jemez tribal government and JHHS Public Health Programs, we are excited to introduce. MoGro 3.0! As always, our goal is to bring healthy affordable food to communities that are far from grocery stores – and we are committed to finding the most effective and sustainable way to do it.

Starting Sept. 1, 2014, MoGro will end store service and transition to the MoGro Food Club and Bulk Ordering programs. While we love our grocery trailer, the MoGro Food Clubs will allow customers access to a larger variety of products for lower pricec, delivered close to home. The Food Club helps reduce costs associated with running the store, which allows us to lower prices and bring healthy food options to more families.

The MoGro Food Club "basket" will offer a mix of healthy fruits and vegetables, plus nearly 200 items sold in individual quantities. All your favorite MoGro products will still be available. The MoGro Food Club basket will also include nutritional information, recipes and helpful tips on food preparation, and other MoGro news. Plus thousands of products will be added at wholesale rates to purchase by the case.

In addition to the Food Club, the MoGro Bulk Ordering Program serves a community programs such as WIC, summer feeding programs and senior centers. You can order bulk items for family gatherings, parties or Feast Days! Through these programs, at least twice as many customers in each community are expected to be served.

They very much welcome your feedback and partnership, so please do not hesitate to contact them. To learn more about MoGro Food Club or the MoGro Bulk Ordering program, please contact Marlene Melchor or any other friendly MoGro staff member at (505) 216-8611 or send an e-mail to MoGro@SantaFeCF.org. For more information, go to www.mogro.net,

Thank you for your continued support!

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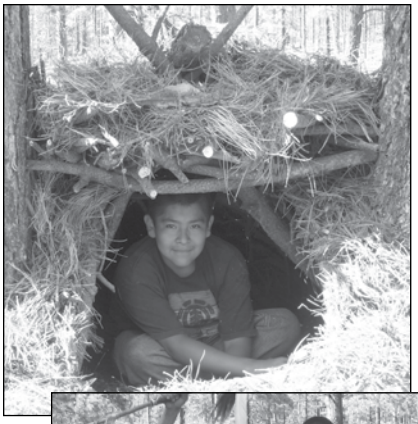
Jemez Youth Learn Leadership and Earth Skills

By Elise Peixotto, reprinted with permission from the Jemez Thunder, *July 1, 2014*



Eight young men from the Jemez Pueblo can build a shelter, hunt with the rhythms of nature, make and maintain a fire, create tools, and identify medicinal herbs and foods, thanks to a two-night, three-day program called "Traditional Earth Living Skills Jemez Pueblo Youth Camp."

This first-of-its-kind program is a remarkable concept developed by Rourke McDermott, founder of the nonprofit Earth Living Skills School, and his collaborator and partner Brophy Toledo, a traditional Pueblo leader and herbal practitioner. Estevan Sando, summer recreation program coordinator, played a key role in recruiting this summer's participants.

The Jemez Youth Camp, held June 28-30 in the Valles Caldera National Preserve, was generously supported with a grant from the Chimiza Foundation of Santa Fe. The Foundation's goal is to preserve Pueblo culture and language – a perfect match to the goals of the Traditional Earth Living Skills Jemez Pueblo Youth Camp, which is to expose youth to the traditional Pueblo skills young people would need to provide and protect, and to be good men and leaders. The program is presented in the Towa language.

The camp focused on teaching ancient traditional methods and conveying knowledge and wisdom. While essential living skills are taught, Earth awareness and living in harmony with nature are emphasized.

All the young men are enthusiastic to share their new skills and knowledge with their peers. And most important, the Pueblo traditions of harmony with nature are passed on to another generation.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Tribal Historic Preservation Office Established

Submitted by Chris Toya, Cultural Properties Manager

The Pueblo of Jemez has received official designation for a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), meaning that the Pueblo can now manage its own historic and cultural properties within its reservation boundaries. This significant long overdue designation is an important aspect of tribal sovereignty.

In the past, when any ground disturbing activity was proposed, such as the construction of a new building or the installation of a new water and sewer line, an archeologist would perform the cultural clearance assessment and write a report on what was observed. The report would then go to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their approval. If the proposed project had any historic and or cultural resources, the SHPO would decide whether or not the project would proceed. Projects they thought would adversely affect historic and/or cultural resources would be denied; projects they thought would not affect any historic and/or cultural resources would be approved. However, the Pueblo could not decide on its own about any proposed projects.

With the THPO designation, the process will change. The pueblo now has jurisdiction over all proposed projects; we decide for ourselves whether or not a proposed project will affect any historic and cultural resources on our reservation. This exercise of our sovereignty as a nation is a supreme, independent political authority.

EDUCATION JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

Stories From the Land 2014: Tales in Stone

By Matthew J. Barbour, Manager, Jemez Historic Site

During the week of July 14-18, the Pueblo of Jemez Community Library and New Mexico Historic Sites partnered to provide the children of Jemez Pueblo with an opportunity to travel to Jemez Historic Site and participate in hands-on learning activities. In its second year, the "Stories from the Land" program is a way to enable New Mexico children to visit and experience our historic sites while continuing to develop their reading and writing skills. The project was supported by numerous state and tribal agencies.

This year, Stories from the Land focused on tales told in stone. It was run in conjunction with the "Turquoise, Water, Sky" exhibit currently on display at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe. The exhibit focuses on turquoise jewelry. However, the tales told in stone can vary. Children participating in the program got to explore traditional uses of stone in many ways. Activities included flint-knapping with Dave Brewer, a geology hike with Kevin Madalena, pottery production with Brenda Tafoya, and re-plastering the *horno* with Curtis Vigil and the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Natural Resources stabilization crew. These were a few of the many activities which highlighted traditional knowledge and culture.

The cornerstone of the program was a writing workshop hosted by renowned Native American children's author Emmet "Shkeme" Garcia. He shared personal stories while coaching the children in developing their own literary voices. By the end of the program, each child had authored and illustrated a book inspired by their life experiences. The following week, participants were treated to a field trip up to Santa Fe where they explored the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture and bound their books at the historic 19th century press located in the Palace of the Governors.

The program was a great success with more than 20 Jemez Pueblo youths participating. A big thank-you goes to all who contributed and/or participated in Stories from the Land 2014! Special recognition must be given to Jemez Pueblo Community Library staff, especially Tamara Sandia, Arlan Sando and Maureen Wacondo. Without your participation this program would not have happened! Also, we thank Melanie LaBorwit for her careful lesson planning!

Flint-knapping with Dave Brewer.
Photos by Matthew Barbour.

The triumph of the Stories from the Land Program at Jemez Historic Site over the last two years is now being used as a model for similar reading programs at other historic sites throughout New Mexico. This includes a winter reading program at Coronado Historic Site in January. Stories from the Land will return to Jemez Historic Site in the summer of 2015. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to the agencies and organizations that contributed to the program: Jemez Language Team, Jemez Pueblo Community Library, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, Museum of New Mexico Foundation-Friends of Archaeology, New Mexico Historic Sites (formerly New Mexico State Monuments), New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies, Pueblo of Jemez Department of Natural Resources, Pueblo of Jemez Department of Education Nutrition Program.

Stories from the Land participants with their teachers and Matt Barbour, Jemez Historic Site Manager (first row at left,) librarian Tamara Sandia (back row third from right,) Chris Toya (far right.)

JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

The 17th Century Priests of Jemez

By Matthew J. Barbour, Manager, Jemez Historic Site

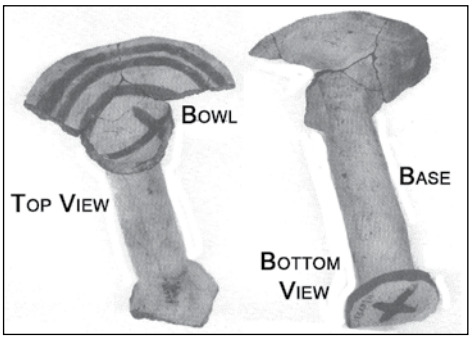
With the establishment of New Mexico in 1598, the traditional lands of the Jemez people came, at least ostensibly, under the control of the Viceroyalty of New Spain. Lacking mineral wealth or land suitable for intensive agriculture, however, the land known as the Jemez Province was only of peripheral concern to secular authority. Instead, control and management of the province fell to a handful of missionaries from the Order of Friars Minor. They adhered to the teachings and spiritual disciplines of Saint Francis of Assisi and are better known today as the Franciscans.

Ten Franciscan friars accompanied Juan de Oñate when he established the Province of New Mexico in 1598. Fray Alonso de Lugo was assigned to minister to the Jemez, Pecos and Athabaskan peoples located along the periphery of the colony. Accompanied by an unidentified lay brother, Lugo established a church in Jemez Province, presumably at Giusewa Pueblo (now Jemez Historic Site,) some time in the fall of 1598. Very little is known about this initial Franciscan mission. Lugo returned to Zacatecas and the mission was abandoned in 1601. Some have attributed his departure as a sign of his opposition to the harsh treatment of Native Americans in the province, but this has yet to be proved.

Over the next 20 years, many friars may have visited and ministered to the province, yet none established a mission and there are only peripheral accounts of such activities. Given the distribution of the Franciscan missions at that time, friars would have traveled from the Franciscan headquarters at Santo Domingo Pueblo or even further from the mission in Pecos to attend to the flock at Jemez.

Life was difficult for the Franciscans in New Mexico. They relied heavily on their flocks to supply food, labor and material for the daily operation and upkeep of their missions. Caravans were sent to supply the New Mexico missions every three years, although Fray Alonso de Benavides, made *custos* (custodian or leader) of New Mexico in 1626, reported that caravans were often six or seven years apart. Ideally, each mission housed two Franciscan friars and a cadre of four soldiers. However, this was rarely the case and missions were often understaffed.

In 1621, there were only 14 friars and fewer than 1,000 Hispanic settlers in all of New Mexico. When the caravan arrived that year, it brought with it an additional six friars and 100 settlers. Among them was Fray Gerónimo de Zárate Salmerón, a Spaniard born in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Salmerón was assigned to Jemez Province that year where he began construction of San José de los Jemez Mission at Giusewa Pueblo and San Diego de la Congregación Mission, possibly at Walatowa Pueblo (present day Jemez Pueblo).



Jemez Black-on-White chalice associated with Lugo's 1598 church. Photo by Matt Barbour.

The location of the original San Diego mission is open for debate. Other candidates include Amoxiumqua and Boletsekwa Pueblos. Some have even proposed that Salmerón founded only one mission and that the names San Diego and San José were used interchangeably. One interpretation suggests the mission was constructed as San José in 1621, burned in 1623, then refurbished and rededicated as San Diego in 1626 or 1628.

Archival documentation is limited and many facts remain uncertain. A church burned in 1623, but exactly which church burned and who burned it remains the under debate. Some historians have blamed the Jemez people while others have suggested it was a result of conflict with the Navajo. The former interpretation matches well with Jemez oral tradition and local lore, while the latter cannot be discounted, given the accounts of Navajo raids on Jemez Province throughout the seventeenth century.

Regardless of which church burned and who burned it, it was rebuilt by Salmerón's successor, Fray Martín de Arvide. He arrived in Jemez in either 1626 or 1628. Like Salmerón, Arvide was a Spaniard and is credited with founding the mission of San Lorenzo at Picurís Pueblo prior to his assignment to Jemez. Arvide's tenure at Jemez ended in 1632 when he was killed in Zuni while returning to Central Mexico.

Exactly who succeeded Arvide is still a mystery. However, Fray Diego de San Lucas was killed by Navajos in a Jemez mission in 1639 and, in 1640, Fray Juan del Campo was assigned to attend to Jemez Province. Also Fray Alonso de Posada appears to have served in Jemez Province briefly in 1656 before transferring to Santo Domingo Pueblo, where he functioned as the *custos* of the Franciscan order in New Mexico. As *custos*, Alonso de Posada would be the Franciscan priest to outlaw worship of kachinas in 1661. However, it remains unclear if this ruling was a reflection on things he witnessed in Jemez Province.

The mission of San José de los Jemez is not mentioned after 1639. If it was a different mission from San Diego de la Congregación, it was likely abandoned during the 1640s or 1650s. After 1660, the friars in Jemez Province were consistently associated in documents with San Diego.

Fray Nícolas de Chavez was listed as the *morador* or "inhabitant" of San Diego mission in 1660. He was replaced by Fray Miguel Sacristán in 1661. In June of that year, Sacristán hanged himself in the mission and was succeeded by Fray Sálvador Guerra. Guerra appears to have stayed in Jemez for eight years. His successor, Fray Tomás de Alvarado served between 1669 and 1672 and was replaced by Fray Tomás de Torres, who ministered to Jemez until 1675 when he was transferred to Nambe Pueblo. He died at Nambe during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

On August 10, 1680, when the revolt occurred, two friars

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were assigned to San Diego mission: Fray Francisco Muñóz and Fray Juan de Jesús. Muñóz was able to escape to Zia Pueblo, but Jesús was captured and killed. One historian provides the following account: "He was taken from bed, bound naked on a hog's back, and thus with blows and yells paraded through the town, being afterwards himself ridden and spurred till he fell dead." The most likely source for this description was Governor Diego de Vargas during his reconquest of New Mexico in 1694, when he collected and transferred Jesús' remains from Jemez to Santa Fe for reburial. However, this account could not be corroborated by this author from archival sources.

During the Pueblo Revolt of 1680, San Diego mission was abandoned and the Spanish colonizers fled New Mexico. The Franciscan Order did not return to Jemez Province until 1694 when Fray Francisco Casañas de Jesús María established San Diego del Monte mission at the Jemez Pueblo of Patokwa. Then in 1695, a second mission, San Juan de los Jemez, was established by Fray Miguel Tirzio at Walatowa Pueblo (or perhaps Boletsakwa Pueblo.)

Both missions were occupied until June 4, 1696, when another Indian uprising occurred. Fray Tirzio either received word of the revolt and fled or was away on business when the revolt occurred. Fray Francisco was not as fortunate. Lured out of the mission to hear the confession of a sick woman, he was cornered in the plaza and clubbed to death. The Franciscans once again abandoned Jemez Province.

Over the span of 100 years between 1601 and 1700, nearly half (40%) of the Franciscan friars who served in Jemez Province died in service to the church. Their individual tenures in Jemez Province were all brief: most administered to the Jemez People for three years or less. Their missions failed and the province was abandoned repeatedly by the friars.

Following the Pueblo Revolt of 1696, Jemez was subject to several punitive expeditions at the hands of the *alcalde* of Bernalillo and the *cacique* of Zia Pueblo. The Franciscans would return to carry on their missionization process at Jemez Province throughout the eighteenth century. The success or failure of these activities can be debated but the turbulent and brutal events of the previous century were a thing of the past.

Archival documents regarding the Franciscan Order in Jemez Province in the 1600s remain scant. Many questions persist: Were San José and San Diego the same mission? Who burned the church in 1623 and why? Did Fray Posada's administration in Jemez Province contribute to him later outlawing kachina worship? Why did Fray Sacristán commit suicide? Is the account of Fray Jesús's death correct? Was Fray Tirzio warned of the 1696 Revolt? Moreover, what specific actions by the friars in Jemez Province led to the uprisings in the first place? We may never have all the answers but there is still a great deal to learn about the history of the Jemez Province.

Adapted from: Farwell, Robin Elizabeth, 1991, An Architectural History of the Seventeenth-Century Mission Church of San Jose de Giusewa, *Jemez State Monument, NM. Unpublished Masters Thesis, University of New Mexico*

Jemez Valley Public Schools

Fitness Center Grant

Governor Susana Martinez presented Jemez Valley Elementary and Middle Schools with a National Foundation Government Fitness Council Award on July 31 at a ceremony at the schools. The $100,000 grant will fund a state-of-the-art fitness center to be installed in the school's existing building structure. The award includes the design, delivery and installation of the facility that will include strength training equipment, cardio fitness equipment and interactive exercise games. The centers are financed through a public/private sector partnership that does not rely on state funding or taxpayer dollars.

"We are one of three schools to receive the award," explains Coach Blake Miller.

"Fitness and academics go hand in hand," says Jake Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Council. "By giving schools the tools, we can build strong bodies and minds while boosting confidence, self-esteem and focus in the classroom.

Board of Education Meeting

The Jemz Valley Board of Education will meet Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the JVPS Board Room. The meeting is open to the public.

Open House Family Night

The Jemez Valley Public Schools Open House/Family Night will be held Thursday, August 21 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A barbecue cookout will follow at 6 p.m. in the Middle School courtyard.

Pre-K Program Open House

The Pre-K program has limited space for children who turn four years old by Sept. 1, 2014. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Interested parents should contact Sissy Griego or Dr. Estrada at (575) 834-3309 or (575) 834-3307.

An open house will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Pre-K classroom.

Thank-you Note

The students, faculty and staff of the JVPS are most grateful to award-winning writer Rudolfo Anaya, who donated a truck to be used in the Jemez Valley Public Schools Future Farmers of America Program.

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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Community Notice

The Jemez community is invited to a Tribal Summit meeting on Monday, August 25 at the Walatowa Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tribal leadership is holding this conference to inform community members about the activities, projects and priorities of the many tribal programs, departments and services that serve the Jemez tribal members. "We are committed to transparency in this administration," Gov. Madalena says. "We want the community to understand the tribal organization and how it works. We have grown tremendously over the years, and offer many significant services that we want our people to know about and utilize."

Department directors, program managers and other staff will give presentations about their respective activities. Audience participants are encouraged to ask questions and open a dialogue about the community's needs and priorities.

(Left to right) Executive Assistant Jaime Loretto, First Lt. Governor Kevin Shendo, Second Lt. Governor Isaac Romero, Planning & Development Director Chamisa Radford and Tribal Administrator Vincent A. Toya, Sr. at the State-Tribal Summit. Photo by Greg Kaufman, who also attended the meetings.

Texting While Driving is Now ILLEGAL

A New Mexico law went into effect on July 1, 2014 that makes texting while driving illegal. The law bans drivers from reading, viewing, writing or sending messages from handheld mobile devices for any reasaon while driving. The ***only*** two exceptions: to call medical or emergency help or if the device is an amateur radio and the driver holds a valid amateur radio operator license.

'Driving' includes being temporarily stopped because of traffic, a traffic light or stop sign, or otherwise. Texting is allowed ***only*** when the vehicle is pulled over to the side of the road and stopped safely.

Global positioning or navigation systems are permitted, as are devices that are physically or electronically integrated into the vehicle and voice-operated or hands-free devices. 'Text messages' are digital communications transmitted between communication devices, inclluding texts, e-mails, instant messages, photos and commands or requests to Internet sites.

Be aware! Law Enforcement officers will stop and ticket all drivers who are texting while driving.