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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Jemez Pursues Valles Caldera Claim

The Pueblo of Jemez recently experienced setbacks to its initiative to reclaim ancestral lands on the Valles Caldera.

The Board of Trustees of the Valles Caldera National Preserve recently decided to lift restrictions and expand access to the entire preserve area. "This drastic step was taken without any consultation with the tribe," Governor Vincent Toya, Sr. says. "This is a radical departure from the more cooperative relationship we used to maintain."

Open access will allow the general public access to areas that had been restricted as sacred cultural sites. "These most sacred areas will be subject to public trespass," Gov. Toya says. "We have sent a letter stating our concerns and hope to have this decision reversed." A public meeting of the VCNP Board is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, in Albuquerque, but had not yet taken place at press time.

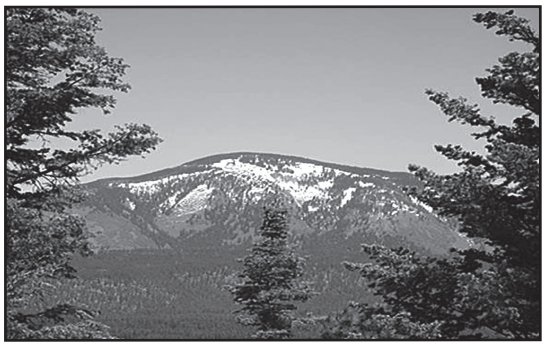
Court Decision

On Sept. 24, Federal District Court Judge Robert C. Brack dismissed the Pueblo's title lawsuit seeking the return of the Valles Caldera. An appeal of the Sept. 24 decision is underway and will be heard in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We shared this information directly with the Supreme Council and there was major consensus that we will continue to move forward and not give up on this initiative," says Governor Vincent Toya. "This land is the heart of our religion and who we are as a community," Toya continued. "The vast majority of that area has religious sites, with *Wavema*, Redondo Peak, at the heart of it. Everything about that particular peak has an activity that our survival is based on, for carrying on the life and livelihood of our people."

In an earlier statement, Gov. Toya said, "*Wavema* is just as precious to us as Blue Lake is to Taos Pueblo…The people of Taos Pueblo fought for 64 years to recover Blue Lake. We are just as committed."

Judge Brack ruled that the 1946 Indian Claims Commission Act (ICCA) was enacted to "draw ... in all claims of ancient wrongs, respecting Indians, and to have them adjudicated once and for all," and that the Pueblo should have filed a claim prior to the 1951 deadline. His opinion also states that Jemez Pueblo may or may not have lost its claim to the land when the federal government awarded the Valles Caldera to the heirs of Luis Maria Cabeza de Baca as part of a land dispute settlement in 1860. Brack contends that whether or not the Pueblo lost its title due to that action, it should have filed a claim with the Indian Claims Commission (ICC.)



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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Valles Caldera Claims

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"At the time, our people thought, 'why do we want to put in a claim when it's already ours?' The area has traditionally been occupied by the Jemez people, evidenced by 62 major pueblos within that region," Gov. Toya explains. "From time immemorial, our forefathers have conducted activities that have been handed down to the younger generations. We thought it would continue that way forever, but now we have these land claim concerns. We're still trying to explain it to our elders."

Brack's opinion acknowledges that Jemez Pueblo people have strong evidence of their long occupation of the Valles Caldera and that tribal members continue to rely on the Valles Caldera for many critical resources.

"The Pueblo contends that when the United States created the Baca float in 1860, that land was aboriginal title land and aboriginal title continued to exist," says attorney Thomas Luebben, who represents the Pueblo. "That is solid Supreme Court law. US v. Santa Fe Pacific in 1941 identified only three ways original Indian title can be lost: by treaty, by intentional tribal abandonment, or by express Act of Congress. None of these apply to the Jemez Pueblo title. Supreme Court law is clear that the Baca float did not extinguish aboriginal Indian title. The pueblo's position is that the claim didn't accrue until the United States took possession of this parcel."

"The court assumes that because Congress passed the ICCA and created a jurisdiction for compensation for takings, that all land was taken, even though it wasn't. It's just an assumption that the ICC was the only remedy the Indians had to sue the United States, even if the taking never happened."

Luebben also points out that indigenous claims against the government were not ended by the ICCA, citing examples such as the 1971 Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act and ongoing Indian water rights adjudications and settlements as proof that the ICC was not the exclusive forum or remedy for all tribal claims.

Judge Brack also stated that he lacked jurisdiction, since "Defendant is immune from suit unless it consents to be sued."

Luebben argues that the federal government's purchase of the land allows a lawsuit under the 1976 Quiet Title Act, which gives plaintiffs the right to sue the government for title to real property in which the government claims an interest.

Since Brack did not allow oral arguments, many of the Pueblo's supporting arguments were not considered. Space limitations on court briefs restrict the amount of detail that can be included.

The Pueblo's first brief on the appeal is due in early December, although an extension can be requested. One point Luebben will make is the United State's support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which states that "indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired."

"We are firmly committed to pursuing our case," Gov. Toya says. "The religious leaders are counting on us as secular leaders to continue this. If the results are negative, we'll look at taking it to the Supreme Court. We understand our strengths. It's going to take time, money and resources. We don't have much in terms of cash flow and revenue, but whatever we have, we'll use."

Portions of this article were originally published in the Los Alamos Monitor, *Nov. 16 edition, in an article written by Arin McKenna*

Apologies: Annette Gachupin and Carrie Gachupin were misidentified in the November *Red Rocks Reporter.*

FROM THE GOVERNORS

Community Notices

Water Rights Negotiations

The State of New Mexico has renewed discussions with the Pueblo of Jemez about working toward a possible settlement of the ongoing water rights litigation. A private meeting has been held to further discuss the details of the settlement. Zia and Santa Ana pueblos' cost settlements differ from the Pueblo of Jemez and are being settled separately.

Las Conchas Fire Damage

The Pueblo of Jemez has filed a lawsuit against Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative (JMEC) and Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association to recover losses from the Las Conchas Fire in 2011. The fire was caused by a visibly damaged aspen tree that fell on a power line owned by JMEC. The resulting fire consumed more than 156,000 acres throughout Central New Mexico. Thousands of trees on the Pueblo's land on the Canada de Cochiti Grant were burned to the ground, including Ponderosa pines and Douglas firs. The fire also consumed all other forest cover, denuding the landscape and leaving the land unprotected from resulting rains and flood waters. Flood waters have destroyed major sections of forest roads, culverts as well as wildlife/livestock watering infrastructure.

Tribal crews are currently assessing the damage under the direction of Second Lt. Governor John Galvan and an outside forestry consultant. The trial is scheduled for September 2014.

Hunting Permits

To help wildlife management efforts on tribal lands, tribal members obtained free hunting permits through a lottery. The permits were given for two, two-day hunts for elk and deer.

"Please report your harvest to the Natural Resources Department," Gov. Toya requests. "These reports will provide critical information about the health and strength of the herds. Please submit your report by Dec. 13."

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of trash continues to be a problem in the community. Tribal Codes prohibit unlawful dumping. Violators will be identified and prosecuted in Tribal Court. Fines will be imposed. The PoJ Transfer Station is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Vision 2020

Tribal youth ages 12 to 18 were invited to participate in a special meeting to present their priorities, ideas and suggestions for the future. "The visioning process must include our youth," Gov. Toya says. "This is all about their future."

Sequestration and Government Funding

Although the US Congress passed temporary budget measures, the possibility of another government shut-down looms at the beginning of 2014. In addition, ongoing sequestration cuts are affecting nearly all tribal programs. "We are working hard with all departments and programs to try to anticipate any imminent budget crisis," Gov. Toya says. "Our top priority is to protect tribal employees' jobs."

Curfews

Reminder: Holiday celebrations are subject to the same rules that apply at any other time on tribal lands.

- **Alcohol is strictly and completely forbidden on tribal lands, including in private homes.**
- **Curfews will be enforced:**

Christmas Eve:	**1 a.m.**
Christmas Day	**midnight**
New Year's Eve	**1 a.m.**
New Year Day	**midnight**

No bonfires are permitted after midnight

Transition Planning

The 2013 Governors are starting work on creating a smooth and efficient transition for next year's leadership team. "We want to ensure that all projects and activities transition as smoothly as possible, especially considering the possibility of another federal government budget impasse after the New Year," says Gov. Toya.

Health Insurance Options: Why Tribal Members Need Health Insurance Now

The Affordable Care Act (also known as "ObamaCare") has radically altered the health insurance marketplace. In New Mexico, Medicaid coverage is now available to more people than ever before, including all adults age 18 to 64 who meet certain income guidelines. Until now, only pregnant women, children and people with disabilities could qualify for Medicaid coverage.) Others can get help from the federal government to assist with premium payments. (These issues have been discussed in more detail previous *Red Rocks Reporters* every month starting in July.) The ACA also allows people who had been denied coverage due to "pre-existing conditions" to get insurance at a reasonable cost.

Beginning in January 2014, anyone whose income is below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level will be eligible and ***should apply for Medicaid under this expanded eligibility.*** If you make more than that monthly amount, you may be eligible for low-cost or no-cost health insurance under the NM Health Insurance Exchange, sometimes called the "Marketplace."

When you apply, it's very important to identify yourself as Native American. Non-natives are required to enroll in one of the Centennial Care managed care organizations (MCOs.) However, Native Americans are exempt from this requirement, allowing them more freedom to choose their health care providers and resources.

The Governors encourage all tribal members to apply for Medicaid or obtain other types of health insurance available to them. Although Native Americans do not pay for health care under federal law, this care is not free. Contract Health Services (CHS) gets money from the federal government to pay for the actual cost of care for tribal members. However, with ongoing sequestration and other budget threats, these funds are increasingly limited. When tribal members have insurance from other sources, these insurers pay the cost of care. This leaves more money available for all tribal members who need specialized care. If you have questions or need assistance, Lisa Maves and Thelma Shendo are available at the Jemez Health Center to help.

EDUCATION

Honoring National Native Heritage Month

Submitted by Kevin Shendo, Education Department Director

The Pueblo of Jemez was invited to give the keynote address at the opening ceremony for the National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month celebration hosted by the US Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC. The opening ceremony was held Friday, Nov. 22.

Focused on the theme "Guiding our Destiny with Heritage and Tradition," Jemez was asked to speak about the importance of maintaining language and culture in our children and community. The event's other speakers were Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius; Yvette Roubideaux, Indian Health Services Director; Dr. Mary Wakefield, Administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration; and Commissioner Lillian Sparks, Administration for Native Americans, Administration for Children and Families.

First Lt. Gov. Juan Toya and Kevin Shendo, Education Director, presented on behalf of the pueblo. Their address focused on work the tribe has done to promote, strengthen and integrate Jemez language and culture into all aspects of Department of Education initiatives. From the community vision established in 1999 (Vision 2010,) Jemez has worked to build capacity, take ownership and redefine education to meet the needs of our children, parents, community and tribe.

Some highlights of the keynote address included:

- Establishing a comprehensive education system from early childhood to our college students and adult learners.
- Establishing two public tribal charter schools within reservation lands.
- Establishing the Jemez Language Team to work on language priorities.
- Coordinating teacher retreats, training and professional development among all schools in the local area.
- Developing the Jemez Language and Culture Curriculum, from early childhood to eighth grade.
- Establishing the Jemez Education Collaborative with all school administrators, principals and tribal program managers and directors to discuss common priorities, issues and opportunities.
- Developing research partnerships with universities to support language work in schools and curriculum development through intervention programs, teacher training and professional development.
- Focusing partnerships on effective transition programs rooted in Jemez language and traditional values.
- Tribal Council decision to convert Head Start to full language immersion this fall.
- Developing multiple private, state, federal and tribal funding sources to support tribal education efforts.

The presentation's common thread was the importance of maintaining and strengthening Native language and culture within our communities and how it defines our cultural identities, connects us to who we are, and leads our children to a healthier, more balanced and connected future by defining a holistic approach to education, health and traditional wellness.

"It's an honor to be invited to speak at this important gathering," Governor Toya says. "Other tribes are starting to work on language preservation, but we have been acting on this priority for some time. We are being recognized for leading the way for other tribal nations."

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:

Nov. 8, 2013

Approved a utility rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2014. (See pg. 6.)

Authorized the submission of a grant proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Aging for Title VI Part A and Part C to enable the Jemez Senior Citizens' Program to continue providing home and community-based services for eligible tribal members age 55 years and over for the grant period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017.

Authorized Pueblo of Jemez tribal participation in a partnership arrangement with University of North Dakota National Resource Center on Native American Aging to identify needs of American Indian and Alaska Native elders in the US. Data will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years. Specific information collected within the boundaries of the Pueblo of Jemez belongs to the Pueblo of Jemez and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies or organizations without additional tribal authorization.

Approved construction of a home for a tribal member on a designated residential lease.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jemez Fire Department Progresses

Submitted by First Lt. Gov. Juan Toya

The Pueblo of Jemez Volunteer Fire Department is progressing. Sandoval County has purchased the fire station building, which is in production. We expect floor plans from the manufacturer soon so we can resume engineering and ground preparation for the concrete slab.

Funding was provided by the New Mexico Legislature in 2013 thanks to the efforts of Senator Benny Shendo, Jr. and Representative Roger Madalena. Sandoval County funded the purchase of the building and will pay for utilities. We look forward to a "wet down" (ribbon cutting fire department term) by May 2014.

The State Fire Marshal's Fire Management Office (FMO) has recognized the Pueblo of Jemez as a Fire District. Our assigned fire station is District 6-4. To date, we have a fire apparatus (mini-pumper) housed in the EMS building that is capable of an initial attack on a structure fire. Along with the new building, Sandoval County will equip the station with all necessary fire apparatus including a new brush truck. I am proud to report that District 6-4 has 12 active Jemez Pueblo members. We would like to see more members in the near future.

On a business note, I want to congratulate Virgil Gachupin for being elected as the new District 6 Fire Department Chief at the monthly fire district business meeting on Nov. 25. Chief Gachupin will oversee all fire departments in District 6, which includes: Ponderosa, Canon, San Ysidro and Pueblo of Jemez. Harris Toya was nominated as Assistant Chief for District 6; voting for this position will take place on Dec. 30.

Once again, I want to reiterate on how proud I am of the members who have sacrificed so much of their time to get the training necessary to become firefighters.

New Fire Department Chief Virgil Gachupin *(foreground)* and Merlin Gachupin, working with the Natural Resources Department, Public Works and other volunteer firefighters to clean out a culvert. Virgil and Merlin also volunteer with the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Department. *Photo by Dave Ryan.*

NATURAL RESOURCES

NRD Updates

Geothermal Project

The Pueblo of Jemez Geothermal Exploration Project successfully concluded on November 25. The well was drilled to a depth of 5,700 feet (more than one mile) to intersect with the Indian Springs Fault. Although it will be approximately 30 days before the NRD will know how hot the water is at that depth, geologists on the project predict temperatures over 200 degrees, which is hot enough to produce electrical power.

Several tests will be performed to verify with certainty the amount of water available, the temperature and its chemical composition. It will then be up to Pueblo leadership to determine how best to develop the resource. Several options include energy generation, heat for buildings, commercial greenhouse agriculture, a spa resort, and others. It may be possible to develop a combination of these options as well.

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) is proud to report that the project was completed under budget and without a single injury. Future work will consist of testing the well and disposal of the drilling cuttings at the drill site.

Ditch Repair Update

Work continues on the East and Pecos ditches to recover from September storm damage. Those storms filled both ditches with sediment, damaged large sections of the ditch liners and plugged many of the pipelines and siphons.

The NRD has formed a work crew to replace the broken concrete ditch liner, reconstruct broken headwalls at culverts and siphons, and clean out the siphons. This work is underway. In addition, a contractor was hired to repair the substantial blow-out on the East Ditch across from the Transfer Station. That work is complete and the ditch now has a new collection box and several new sections of pipe to transmit water under the arroyo.

The NRD will apply for funding through the USDA-NRCS to re-line the East and Pecos ditches where they were most severely damaged. These funds will also allow the 16-foot rights-of-way on both sides of the ditches to be cleared, grubbed and re-graded to allow better access along 100% of the ditches for maintenance and repairs.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING

January 13 - 17, 2014 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walatowa Visitor Center

Planning and Development will sponsor a free training to obtain a commercial driver's license. Call P & D to register at (575) 834-0094. The training is limited to 10 people, so register early. For more information, contact Paul Chinana, Transportation Manager.

PUBLIC WORKS

Prevent Frozen Pipes

Every year, frozen pipes cause messy and expensive damage to homes. Be prepared and protect your home!

Why Pipe Freezing is a Problem

Water expands as it freezes, putting great pressure on whatever is containing it, including metal or plastic pipes. No how strong a container may be, expanding water can cause pipes to break.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Remove, drain and store outdoor hoses. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to let water drain. Keep the outside valve open so any water remaining in the pipe can expand without breaking the pipe.
- Check your home for water lines in unheated areas, such as the crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Insulate both hot and cold water pipes in these areas.
- Consider installing products made to insulate water pipes like "pipe sleeves" or UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Newspaper can provide some insulation and protection to exposed pipes; even ¼" of newspaper can provide protection in areas that don't usually have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Add insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing. Be sure to remove harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold, let cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat at the same temperature both day and night. You may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you go away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set no lower than 55° F.

To Thaw Frozen Pipes

If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.

- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.
- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you can not thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check other faucets. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

Understanding the New Utilities Rates

Tribal Council and the Utility Board approved a rate increase effective on January 2014 bills. The rate increase is needed reduce the amount of tribal funds used to support the utility. The fees include water, sewer and waste disposal at the Transfer Station.

"Currently, the break-even point is about $75 per month," Director Mike Silva explained. "Even with this rate increase, $32.50 of tribal funds are used to support each household's utility service. This practice cannot be sustained."

The department has proposed a path to sustainability that will bring the cost of operating the utility to around $65 per month, with rates matching that amount in four to five years.

"No one likes to raise rates. But we don't have the luxury of any other revenue sources to offset the costs," Mike adds. "We will be more aggressive on collections to ensure that anyone with a balance of $250 or more has a payment arrangement. Also, with new "illegal tap" fees, we can make sure all community members are helping to support the utility with regular billings and payments. This will bring in much needed revenue for the tribe."

If you have questions about the rate increase or fee schedule, contact Michael Silva at (575) 834-7942.

UTILITY RATE INCREASES

DESCRIPTION	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE
Residential (6.3% increase)	$40	$42.50
Small Commercial (25% increase)	$70	$87.50
Medium Commercial (25% increase)	$100	$125
Large Commercial (25% increase)	$150	$187.50
Extra-large Commercial (25% increase)	$200	$250

UTILITY FEE SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION	FEE
Illegal Top Fee for Each Type *(such as water & sewer)*	$500
Connection Fees:	
New Service Connections *(such as IHS Scattered Housing)*	$500
Transfer Service *(Account in Good Standing)*	$250
New Service Connection Transfers: waivers available upon approval	
Portable Meter Usage Fee: Commercial	
Installed at fire hydrant for temporary commercial use	$150
Reconnection Fee	
Fee for reconnection due to non-payment shut-off	$25
Potable Water per 1,000 gallons: Commercial Use only	$50
Non-Potable Water per 1,000 gallons: Commercial Use only	$20

Meet P & D

Mission Statement:

"To assist Governance, Tribal Administration, Departments and Programs in developing short- and long-term strategic plans for reaching the goals and objectives of the Pueblo of Jemez; to manage specific development projects as assigned by Governors and Tribal Administration."

What does the Planning Department do?

The Planning & Development Department (P & D) oversees community projects from start to finish. The department's services include grant writing technical assistance, planning process facilitation, small business development, demographics collection and analysis, capital facilities development, road maintenance, and strategic planning in the following areas:

- Economic development (Comprehensive Economic Development strategy [CEDS.])
- Community development (Comprehensive Plans: Vision 2020)
- Transportation (Long-Range Transportation Plan)
- Infrastructure and capital facilities (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.)

Priorities

The department sets priorities according to goals developed by the Tribal Council, Governors and community members through a comprehensive planning process aimed at improving quality of life.

Projects

The Planning Department's current major projects include:

- Pueblo Place Subdivision infrastructure
- Relocating the baseball fields.
- Updating the Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- Implementing the CEDS.
- Indianpreneurship® Program
- Paving the parking lots around the Tribal Administration Building and JHHS.
- North End Drainage Project
- Vision 2020 Comprehensive Plan

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Indianpreneurship

A Native American Journey Into Business

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18 9 A.M. - 12 NOON
Planning & Development Department
(Trailer across from the Red Rocks)

Indianpreneurship is a unique business course that presents the challenges, experiences and opportunities for Native American entrepreneurs. This training is for anyone who is interested in starting a new business or expanding a current business.

P & D will host an introduction to the 12-week Indianpreneurship training program on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The full course offers:

- Case studies relevant to Native American business experiences.
- A guided look at practical business planning concepts for real-world applications.
- Helpful, easy-to-understand worksheets.
- Information on promoting, marketing and financing Native-owned businesses.

The training encourages support network with the instructor, other students and the community. Participants will conclude the course with a completed business plan.

If you are interested, call Monica Magdalena, Economic Development Assistant, between 1 and 5 p.m., or Chamisa Radford, P & D Director, by Dec. 12, at (575) 834-0094 to sign up. The introduction and course are free.

Fee-for-Service Work

The P & D Transportation Program offers services for residential and agricultural sites. Services include use of heavy equipment, such as a loader, water truck, grader, dump truck and/or trailer and a certified operator. The crew can deliver fill dirt; level ground; complete earth work projects, such as building berms to prevent flooding; remove sediment due to flooding, repair pot holes; grade private roads, and other projects.

New Work Order Procedures

Complete a work order request form from Nadia Magdalena.

The request will be submitted to Road Maintenance Manager James Waquiu.

A site visit with you will be conducted to develop a cost estimate.

Once the estimate is complete, you must approve the cost estimate by initialing the form.

Transportation Manager Paul Chinana will review the request to determine if additional action is needed prior to the start of work, such as cultural or realty clearances. If none is needed, payment will be requested.

Full payment must be submitted to the Finance Department before work can begin. No work will begin until payment is made.

Once notice is received that payment was made, the work will be scheduled. A final site visit will be conducted upon completion.

If you need work done or have questions, call Nadia Magdalena at the Planning and Development Office at 834-0094. She will be able to help you complete the work order request process.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

JHHS Awarded New Access Points Grant

Submitted by Maria Clark, JHHS Director

US Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that Jemez Health & Human Services won a New Access Point Grant (NAP) from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care, under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. NAP grants are intended to improve the health of underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services.

Health centers that receive grant funds under Section 330 specifically designate themselves to provide care to underserved populations. These community health centers play a critical role in delivering quality, patient-centered care in communities with high numbers of patients without health insurance and are key partners in improving access to quality, affordable health care.

The 2014 NAP awards total nearly $151 million for 236 new health center sites. In addition to the Pueblo of Jemez, two other sites in New Mexico received grants: the Ben Archer Health Center in Hatch and Presbyterian Medical Services in Santa Fe. Jemez is the only New Mexico tribe to win this grant, and one of only seven tribal health care centers in the nation.

The NAP Grant is for two years but is re-awarded with every new grant cycle. Jemez' initial award of $818,207 covers the period from Nov. 1, 2013 to Feb. 28, 2015. JHHS will receive another $650,000 for the March 1, 2015 to Feb. 28, 2016 budget year.

"These funds will help us offer services as a 'new access point.' This is an investment in our ability to generate revenue through the medical practice," says Maria Clark, JHHS Director. The JHHS Health Board approved action on Phase I of the grant requirement, which is a 120-day implementation plan. One facet is the opening health care services to non-Native patients in the Jemez Valley corridor at some time in the future.

"We again want to thank the Governors and Tribal Council for their support of our plan to expand medical services. This is historic for the Pueblo of Jemez and for Jemez Health and Human Services and was only possible because of their support and encouragement," says Medical Director Dr. David Tempest. "Our goal now is to transform into a Community Health Center and maintain the highest level of care to the people of Jemez Pueblo without impact on traditional ways."

"We will proceed cautiously with implementation," says Gerry Gaul, financial analyst. "Our goal is to ensure that expanded services continue to meet the health care needs of the community as our top priority."

"Implementation planning will address a range of issues affecting not only the clinical care team but also patient registration, the billing office, equipment and supplies, emergency procedures and other areas," Maria adds. The plan includes expanding hours of service for the Medical Clinic and Pharmacy and adding additional providers.

Tribal Council Support

Tribal Council and the Jemez Health Board have discussed the desire to expand its federal mission under Section 813 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act since 2009. This expansion of its federal mission is an expression of tribal sovereignty and the four resolutions that followed were actions taken to exercise tribal sovereignty.

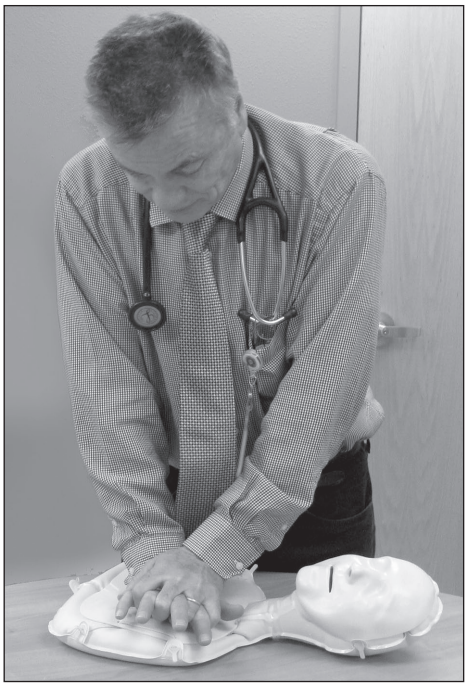
In 2010, Tribal Council expanded its federal mission as authorized by Congress under Section 813 by extending direct health services to non-beneficiaries (non-Natives) who are POJ employees and their dependents, on a fee-for-service, full cost recovery basis. (Resolution 2010-62.) Tribal Council determined that providing health services on a fee-for-service basis to certain non-beneficiaries would not result in denial or reduction of health services to beneficiaries, but in fact would enhance the Tribe's ability to serve eligible beneficiaries.

This resolution was amended in 2011 (Resolution 2011-09) to confirm and clarify that the Jemez Health Clinic would provide dental care to non-beneficiary tribal employees and their dependents. In 2011, Tribal Council clarified the Pueblo's use of pharmaceuticals and other supplies from federal resources per its Title I Contract and later in the Title V Compact in serving non-beneficiaries (Resolution 2011-16.) Tribal Council Resolution 2012-21 noted that, since the enactment and implementation of the previous resolutions, JHHS had further analyzed future funding and scope of service issues. Based on that analysis, Tribal Council determined that it is in the best interest of the tribe to authorize JHHS to extend all direct health care services it provides to the Pueblo's non-Indian employees and to other non-Indians who are not employed by the Pueblo, including, but not limited to medical care, dental care, vision care and nutritional services, to any and all non-Indians.

The most recent resolution (Resolution 2012-21) specifically authorized JHHS to expand services to all non-Indians in response to threats to existing funding (through federal funding cuts and sequestration,) but also to access available funding sources and opportunities to increase revenues under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare.")

"This process recognizes that providing medical care is a business. As a 'New Access Point', we will enhance and expand our health care services, increase revenue and create more jobs," Maria explains.

Updated CPR Training Available



Dr. Tempest demonstrates compression-only CPR.

The American Heart Association now recommends new protocols for emergency cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR.)

"Research shows that compression-only CPR is as effective as compression with mouth-to-mouth efforts," Dr. David Tempest, JHHS Medical Director, explains. "The critical issue is to keep blood flowing through the body. There is enough oxygen in the blood to sustain life for ten to 15 minutes without mouth-to-mouth intervention."

Previous protocols that suggested different compression rates for children and adults have also been modified. "About 100 compressions per minute is what we want, no matter how old the patient is," Dr. Tempest says. "The old procedures were confusing and people were reluctant to offer aid because they were afraid of making mistakes."

This is good news for lay people who may be called upon to provide emergency assistance. Most people are unwilling to provide mouth-to-mouth resuscitation because of fear of disease, or because they are uncomfortable with such intimate contact with strangers.

"It's important to remember that CPR alone will not save a life," Dr. Tempest emphasizes, adding that defibrillation (shock) is necessary to restore heart function. "This means fast action by emergency personnel or use of a portable Alternate Emergency Defibrillator (AED) device."

In the past 10 years, new AEDs have been developed that are now available in many locations, even for home use. All JHHS buildings and the Tribal Administration Building have AED devices, and staff have been trained to use them.

"The first step is always to call 911," Dr. Tempest stresses. "CPR is only a temporary measure until qualified medical personnel arrive on the scene. ***Always call 911 first!"***

Compression-only CPR training will be available at various tribal events through the community. If you are holding an event and want to include CPR training for the participants, contact Dr. Tempest at the Jemez Health Clinic at (575) 834-7413.

Pharmacy Notice

Effective January 1, 2014, please bring your newest insurance card to the pharmacy so your medication profile can be updated.

Thank you!

Reminders from the Dental Staff

Submitted by Angela Torres, DDS, Supervisory Dentist

- The Dental Clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last scheduled appointment is at 4 p.m.

  Emergency patients are seen at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Thursdays, emergency patients are seen at 1 p.m. only. Emergency patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. They will do what they can to make you comfortable, but please understand that if you need a procedure that takes some time, they may reschedule you.

- For the safety of patients and staff, do not bring your children with you to your appointment. It is not safe for them to be in the operatory while you are being treated or having x-rays taken.

- All patients under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian with them during appointments. Parents or guardians ***must*** stay in the Dental Clinic for the duration of the appointment. ***No exceptions will be made.***

- **Denture & Partial Denture Patients:** Remember that if your treatment plan indicates you need a denture or partial, the procedure will take at least four to five appointments with several weeks between each visit. It takes time because the appliance is sent to a laboratory. Because of this turnaround time, appointments are scheduled about every three weeks when the item is returned from the lab.

- **About emergencies:** If an emergency occurs with your appliance — such as a tooth falls off, it gets broken or fractured, a clasp gets bent, and so on — ***please*** do not try to fix it yourself or throw it away! Do not use super glue! Your appliance can be repaired. Just bring it to the Dental Clinic during emergency hours. If you lose your appliance or throw it away, be prepared to start the treatment plan all over again.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Toy Safety

Submitted by Robert Morgan, RN, Public Health Nurse

Don't forget safety when choosing toys for Christmas giving! The US Consumer Product Safety Commission and The Center For Disease Control and Protection offer these guidelines:

TOY SAFETY CHECK LIST

- ★ Follow all age level recommendation and safety precautions when putting toys together.
- ★ Keep toys for older children away from younger children.
- ★ Toys and or parts should be no smaller than 1¼ inch x 2¼ inch in size. Use a paper towel roll as a gauge; if the toy fits in, it's too small for young children.
- ★ Avoid toys with sharp edges, small parts, magnets or electric heating elements.
- ★ Keep all wrapping and packing material off the floor.
- ★ Keep all charging devices away from small children.
- ★ Toys made outside the US and before 1978 may have high lead content in the paint.
- ★ Supervise young children on riding toys and use protective gear such as helmets.
- ★ Follow all manufacturers' directions for washing and cleaning.
- ★ Toys made of fabric should be fire resistant or fire-retardant.
- ★ Make sure toys are stored where no one can trip on them and can be reached easily by small people without climbing or reaching.
- ★ Put away toys that are questionable until you are sure they are safe and age appropriate.

MoGro in Jemez!

JEMEZ SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT
TUESDAYS, 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

Groceries, fresh fruits & vegetables, quality meats, and more!
December Schedule
Dec. 3, 10 and 17: regular hours
Dec. 24: Closed
December 31: Abbreviated schedule 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec. 17: Join us for Holiday Appreciation Day! Refreshments!
Customers who spend $15 or more will get an incentive...
Happy Holidays from Mogro!

SANTA CLAUS FUN RUN

Saturday, Dec. 21
Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Fun Run starts at 9 a.m.
At the Senior Center

Our Jemez Police Department will escort Santa Claus through the village as he leads us to another season of happy holidays, Refreshments will be served. Don't forget to bundle up if it's cold!

SENIOR CENTER

Caregivers' Conference

The Third Annual Caregiver Conference sponsored by the Jemez Senior Center hosted more than 80 people from the Jemez community as well as neighbors from other pueblos. The two-day event was held at the CRC on Nov. 19 and 20.

Geraldine Cain, Title VI Director at Santa Clara Pueblo led the salute to the flag. Fr. Larry Bernard from the San Diego Parish and Patrick Romero offered the opening invocation before the Governors and Program Manager Kathleen Sando welcomed the group.

Participants heard presentations on a range of topics including Striking a Chord: Music, Memory and Meaning about how music can affect Alzheimer's and dementia patients; depression; elder caregiver stress; domestic violence and elder abuse; Medicaid Expansion and the Affordable Care Act; and Caregivers and Diabetes.

The second day included Alzheimer's Journey, A Practical Perspective for Caregivers; information about the new Mexico Direct Caregivers Coalition; Bridging the Gap: Working with "Challenging' People; concluding with Chief Camacho and Keahi Souza returning to the topic of domestic violence and elder abuse. Keahi Souza moderated the program.

Geraldine Cain entertains during a break.
Photo by Cornell Magdalena

SOCIAL SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT

Team Collects Unwanted and Expired Medications

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Social Services Prevention Coordinator

On October 31, a collaboration between the Jemez Pueblo Police Department, Pueblo of Jemez Social Services Program, JHHS Pharmacy, Public Health Programs, Emergency Services, Senior Citizens Center, Veterans Association and Tribal Administration offered the communities of Jemez Pueblo, Jemez Springs and San Ysidro the opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Individuals brought their medications for disposal to the Police Department's mobile command unit located at the Jemez Senior Citizens Center. The service was free and anonymous, no questions asked.

During the four-hour collection period, more than 3,100 pills and capsules were turned in, as well as a lot of liquid medications, including both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The items collected included morphine, anti-depressants, pain relievers and blood pressure medications. Many of these substances can cause dangerous overdoses, permanent injury, life-long addiction or even death.

PoJ Police Chief Pete Camacho and Officers Paul Clendenin, Joe Tsosie and Gerald Toledo teamed with Annette Gachupin and Joline Cruz-Madalena from Social Services to handle the collection and processing of the medications.

As each medication was received, individual identifying information was removed from the containers. When the event concluded, the medications were processed by assigning specific numbers and identifying the medication type before they were photographed. Supervisory Pharmacist Columbus Nettles, PharmD, identified unmarked medications. The collected medications will be destroyed safely so they do not find their way back into communities, our water systems or aquifers. Removing these medications from the community protects the health and safety of our children, families and our water system.

Please help continue this prevention effort. The JHHS Pharmacy accepts unwanted and expired medications at any time. If you have any questions, please contact the Pharmacy at (575) 834-7413.

Did You Know?

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or sold illegally. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Source: U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (www.dea.gov)

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

New Fitness Center Planned

The planning stage has begun for a new Fitness Center to be built near the Walatowa Youth Center on Bear Canyon Road. An architectural firm has been contracted to complete the initial programming phase of the project. The company will collect information about community needs and wants and budget considerations before plans are drawn. Groundbreaking is anticipated in spring of 2014, with about a year needed to complete construction.

The new building will be significantly larger than the current facility and offer separate areas for cardio, free weight and strength training as well as rooms for group classes such as Zumba, Pilates and other methods. New lockers will include showers. A staffed child care area is planned on a fee-for-service basis and a lounge area will be available.

The new Fitness Center will continue to be free for tribal members and tribal employees. However, it may be open to the larger public for a membership fee.

"Usage of the current Fitness Center has doubled since it opened," says Community Wellness Program manager Charles Sandia. "We are really excited about this much-needed new facility."

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

FACING THE HOLIDAY BLUES

The holidays are supposed to be a time of happiness, joy, fellowship and optimism for the New Year. But sometimes everything is not "merry and bright." The holidays are also a busy, stressful time. We have more things to do, more things to buy, more traffic to fight, parking lots and stores are crowded, other people are rushed and difficult. The extra demands on our time, attention, energy and finances can be very stressful. At the same time, we are bombarded with images of joyful, carefree people having fun with friends and family.

All these stressors can trigger the "Holiday Blues." Holiday Blues can range from mild sadness to severe depression. People can get "the Blues" when dealing with unresolved issues such as:

- ★ Past losses.
- ★ Unresolved grief.
- ★ Expectation of a significant loss.
- ★ Negative comparisons between past and current situations.
- ★ Disappointment.
- ★ Comparisons between media images of holiday joy and the reality of one's current experience.
- ★ A sense of increased isolation and loneliness.

This sadness or depression can be prevented or minimized:

- ★ Establish realistic goals and expectations for the holiday season.
- ★ Don't look at the holiday season as a time to cure all problems. The holidays do not prevent sadness or loneliness.
- ★ Limit or eliminate alcohol.
- ★ Accept your inner experience and don't force yourself to express certain feelings.
- ★ If you have recently experienced a loss, like a death or romantic breakup, talk about your needs.
- ★ Know your spending limit and stick to it. Enjoy free and low-cost holiday activities. Don't create problems by buying things you can't afford.
- ★ Express your feelings in a constructive, honest and open way.
- ★ If you need to confront a person with a problem, begin your sentences with "I feel;" avoid accusations.

Kids Get Stressed and Depressed Too

While many of us may think of depression as an adult disorder, kids can experience depression too. Symptoms of depression in kids are similar to those in adults. A child who is depressed may:

- ★ Complain of headaches, stomach aches, muscle aches or tiredness.
- ★ Perform poorly in school, be frequently absent from school, or resist going to school.
- ★ Talk about running away from home.
- ★ Cry for no apparent reason.
- ★ Be extremely sensitive to rejection or failure.

Children who are depressed can be helped. Just like with adults, supportive listening can help. And sometimes, a child or an adult may need medication and/or therapy.

If you or someone you care about needs help, call the JHHS Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258. ***All calls are strictly confidential!***

SOCIAL SERVICES

A time for giving and sharing...

Jemez Social Services Program is pleased to announce our Fourth Annual Walatowa Caring Tree project. This project has been a great success and we want to continue with your help. The joy of seeing happy children is priceless.

Christmas trees will be located at the Governor's Office and the Comprehensive Health Center. The trees are filled with Angels that represent children who are victims of child abuse and domestic violence in our community. Each angel has information on the back about the child's profile and what the child likes. When you choose an angel, you will buy a gift for the child to receive for Christmas. There will be a log sheets with the receptionists; please log the angel you choose with its identification number so we can make sure that all gifts are received.

Please bring your unwrapped gift with the angel attached to Jemez Social Services offices by Friday, Dec. 1. If you have any questions, please call Social Services at (575) 834-7117.

We appreciate and thank you in advance for your contribution by making a child's Christmas special!

Jemez Social Services Staff

School News

San Diego Riverside Charter School News

Submitted by Mike Toledo, SDRCS Teacher

There's a feeling of excitement as the season changes. Nevertheless, students are working hard on their studies and projects.

- Thanksgiving luncheon was held in the school cafeteria for students and their immediate family members. Everett Fragua and his team cooked up a terrific meal and everyone had a great time eating and visiting.
- Dr. Kristina Kommander and the eighth grade, along with her Walatowa ninth graders, plan to visit the aquarium at Albuquerque's Bio Park. Dr. Kommander says this is part of the students' study of marine life and habitat. Students are very excited about this adventure.
- As a part of Gear Up Week at SDRCS, presenters spoke about their occupations to the seventh and eighth grade students. Included in this program were Walatowa High Charter School art teacher Jaymes Dudding, who spoke about his art and teaching art. Chris French from the Jemez Police Department talked about his role as a law enforcement officer. Anna Gomez, our school's nurse, talked about nursing. Dr. Raymond Loretto spoke about his family's influence on his life and his journey that led him to his medical degree. The La Cueva Volunteer Fire Department and Walatowa students in training put on a very realistic practice scenario in the school's parking lot.
- Our students are involved in the Jemez Helping Hands Canned Food Drive. Students have been bringing in cans of food to help those in need.
- We are very proud that SDRCS completed a very successful "lockdown" exercise conducted by the Jemez Police Department. Our principal, teachers, staff, and especially students are to be congratulated. The safety of our students is paramount.
- Basketball practices are underway and we look forward to a great season. Middle school coach Everett Fragua says he has been having good practices. Go Mustangs!

The Jemez Valley School Board will determine the SDRCS charter renewal in December. A public meeting concerning this important issue will be announced.

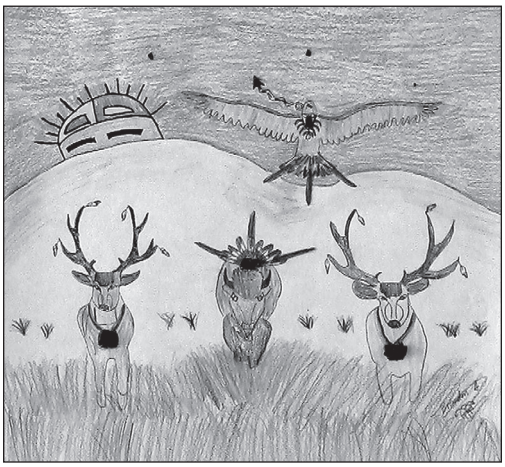
Walatowa Student Artists

Submitted by Jaymes Dudding, WHCS Art Teacher

Walatowa High Charter students participated in the second annual Rio Grande Student Art Show, the premier Sandoval County youth art show. Thirty students entered their artworks and 20 attended the opening event at Sandoval County Office Building "B" in Rio Rancho.

The Sophomore Group project was done by gridding up a 4″ x 6″ image to 8′ wide. Each student started with a 2" by 1" fragment of the original. The original image came from public domain on the Internet. The Sophomore Fine Art 1 class completes this project every year. The purpose is to teach several important lessons including:

Accurate perception. Each 1' x 2' square is visually blown up by individual students onto large pieces of paper. Then, as they complete their drawings, they check the match-up with all their nearby mates. More times than not, the lines match almost perfectly. Corrections and adjustments are made and finally the entire image is taped back together and painted.



Team work. This group project requires that ALL members cooperate and work together for the greater good. Egos must be sublimated.

Patience and not giving up. The project took more than two weeks to complete. The students learned about staying on task over time.

Far left: A pencil drawing by ninth grader Brandon Armijo.

Left: The sophomore art project.

EDUCATION

Jemez Valley Public Schools

Submitted by Laura Mijares, Principal

Honor Roll

Fall has been great for Jemez Valley High School athletics. Warrior athletes brought a season full of honor and pride to the school.

As we end the first quarter, we also want to recognize and honor Jemez Valley High School's scholars. The following students have earned places on the Honor Roll and were honored at a school assembly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S HONOR ROLL: 4.0

Jade F. Altheide
Chase E. Bell
Gus C. Dozhier
Noah M. Haarmann
Moriah K. Lisko
Autumn B. Meskimen
Sage H. Mijares
Michael S. Tolleson

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL: 3.5 - 3.99

Terrilyn A. Chinana
Alexis N. Gomez
Melina N. Sanchez
Cody Benavidez
Valene K. Madalena
Bethany R. Lovato
Zoe G. Shaw
Nathan J. Dickerson
Ceara R. Chosa
Victoria A. Martinez
Kyleen L. Romero
Monique J. Chavez
Diana E. Velasquez-Arratia

HONOR ROLL (3.0 – 3.49)

Isaiah R. Bieniewski
Heather A. Stacy
Kailey S. Fragua
Marissa I. Garcia
Lupe Trujillo
Andrea V. Medina
Valerie R. Shije
Kateri M. Gachupin
Selena T. Lucero
Brianna A. Garcia
Shayline M. Stacy
Michael J. Lucero
Celeste Shije
Gabrielle C. Chavez
Jazmine A. Chosa
Tinesha Gachupin
Jesse Icke
Vance S. Niles
Christian L. Sando
Vincent A. Trujillo
Antonio D. Yepa

Warriors Basketball

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY
		GIRLS		
Dec. 10	4 p.m.	Varsity	Tse Yi Gai	Home
Dec. 12	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 13	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 14	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 16	5 p.m.	Varsity	East Mountain	Away
Dec. 20	5 p.m.	Varsity	East Mountain	Home
Jan. 2	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 3	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 4	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 9	4 p.m.	Junior Varsity	Sandia Prep	Home
Jan. 10	4 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Zuni	Away
Jan. 14	4 p.m.	Varsity	Tse Yi Gai	Away
Jan. 18	1 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Tohajillee	Away
		BOYS		
Dec. 5	TBD	Junior Varsity	Tohajilee	Away
Dec. 6	TBD	Junior Varsity	Tohajilee	Away
Dec. 7	TBD	Junior Varsity	Tohajilee	Away
Dec. 7	5:30 p.m.	Varsity	Penasco	Home
Dec. 10	5 p.m.	Junior Varsity	Tse Yi Gai	Home
Dec. 12	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 13	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 14	TBD	Varsity	Grants Invite	Away
Dec. 21	4 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Bosque Academy	Away
Jan. 2	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 3	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 4	TBD	Varsity	NMNABI	Away
Jan. 9	5 p.m.	Junior Varsity	Sandia Prep	Home
Jan. 10	4 p.m.	JV/Varsity	Zuni	Home
Jan. 14	5 p.m.	Junior Varsity	Tse Yi Gai	Away
Jan. 16	5 p.m.	Varsity	Foothill	Home
Jan. 18	3 p.m.	Varsity	Tohajilee	Away

Warriors Runners Take State Titles

JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

Kiva Closed: *The Process of Redesigning & Rebuilding*

By Matthew J. Barbour, Manager, Jemez Historic Site

The 16th century kiva at Jemez Historic Site was given a roof in the summer of 2004 so it could serve as an interpretive display on Jemez traditional culture. Since its inception and construction, it has been a mainstay of the visitor experience. It provides an interesting contrast to the Catholic church built by the Franciscan friars in 1621 and highlights the religious significance of Jemez Historic Site to Native American people.

However, the kiva has been closed for the past 10 months. The roof, installed over nine years ago, had begun to fail. Beams had started to crack, splinter and bend and some lost their hold on the surrounding walls. It was no longer safe for visitors to stand on the roof or climb down into the structure.

The project was initially developed by former Jemez Historic Site Manager and Jemez Pueblo Governor Joshua Madalena as an experiment. The kiva roof was not designed for long term use or planned to withstand the amount of foot traffic it currently holds. No one could have predicted the amount of interest the kiva would have engendered among the visiting public.

Funds were set aside almost immediately for its repair. For fiscal year 2014, Jemez Historic Site was granted $75,000 in New Mexico Capital Outlay Funds to replace the roof. This was an excellent show of support by New Mexico lawmakers for historic sites and is greatly appreciated. However, it hasn't been as easy as simply getting back in there, tearing off the old roof and putting a new one on.

Jemez Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark and is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Cultural Properties. Therefore, cultural property laws require the new roof be designed and overseen by a New Mexico Historic Preservation Division approved architect. To fulfill these requirements, Jemez Historic Site had to go through a three-bid process and have the selection approved by the Administrative Services Division. This has been a slow and arduous task, but, fortunately we are making headway.

Cherry/See/Reames Architects of Albuquerque and the Pueblo of Jemez Natural Resources Department are currently working together to formulate designs to rebuild the kiva roof. An initial meeting to discuss plans was held on Nov. 1. It is exciting to see what planned; it is quite impressive. The new kiva roof is being built to last the next 25 years with little or no maintenance necessary. It will be strong enough to hold more 20 people on the roof at any time. Rather than simply being a tourist attraction, the new kiva is being envisioned as a place that will also allow expanded use by Jemez Pueblo Societies during traditional cultural observances.

Proposed designs are also taking into account the cultural importance of Jemez Historic Site. All parties are working to ensure there will be no damage to the surrounding portions of the site, even those that remain unexcavated. There will also be no visible metal components. To all who come and see it, the kiva will look much like it did 500 years ago.

Once plans are completed, they will need to be approved by the Pueblo of Jemez and New Mexico Historic Preservation Division. Currently, we are on track to begin rebuilding the structure this spring. The goal will be to have the structure open in time for Pueblo Independence Day (August 10, 2014) if at all possible. Although this is some time in the future, the rebuilt structure will be worth the wait.

A Note From the Chief: Car Seat Safety

Submitted by Chief of Police Pete Camacho

The Jemez Police Department values your safety and the safety of your children. That said, we want you all to know that we are **always** happy to help you install your child car seat properly. Just come by the Police Department and we will stop what we're doing to show you the proper way to install your car seat.

Know the facts and keep your children safe!

- Motor Vehicle Crashes are the Number 1 cause of fatal injury for children and adults from age 1 to 34.
- Riding in the back seat reduces the risk of death by 30%
- Kids riding in the center rear seating position have a 43% lower risk of injury than those who sit in a rear outer position.
- 80% of child restraints are used incorrectly. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Association (NHTSA.)
- Nearly one third of children ride in the wrong restraints for their age and size.
- Car seats reduce the risk of death by 71% for infants and by 54% for children ages 1 to 4, and reduce the need for hospitalization by 69% for children age 4 and under.

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Jemez Historic Site Presents
Light Among The Ruins
Saturday, Dec. 14
5 - 8:30 p.m.

The ruins of Gisewa Pueblo and San José de los Jemez Mission Church will be decorated with hundreds of traditional farolitos. The evening's events will include Native American flute music and Native American dancers performing between two bonfires (luminarias).

Enjoy free wagon rides from Jemez Springs Park to and from the site.

Free Admission

For more information call (575) 829-3530 or go to nmhistoricsites.org.

The Governors and Tribal Administration extend warmest wishes to all in our community for the blessings of a peaceful, joyous Christmas and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year! The 2013 Governors thank the community for their support & understanding throughout our administration.