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FROM THE GOVERNORS

MOGRO™ Is Coming to Jemez!

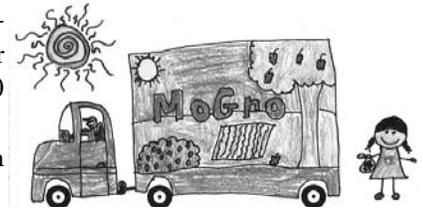
mobile grocery MoGro is on the way! MoGro is a mobile grocery store, a new “grocery store on wheels” that will offer fresh fruits and vegetables, meats and dairy products at a central location in our own community. MoGro has been delivering healthy, affordable foods to other pueblos across New Mexico, and will come to the Pueblo of Jemez starting in June thanks to a joint effort between the Jemez Health & Human Services Public Health Programs, the Governors, tribal administration and the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, which created and sponsors the program.

A MoGro truck will park within the village twice each week, bringing fresh, high quality foods directly to our community. MoGro will offer a variety of frozen, refrigerated and fresh produce, along with other grocery items. The truck will be open and available to Jemez community members as well as neighbors in surrounding areas with an emphasis on affordability and quality.

“With MoGro increasing access to fresh, local produce, it may help our community reduce the risk of chronic diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, cancer and osteoporosis,” says Public Health Program Manager Kristyn Yepa, RN, BSN.

MoGro not only will increase the quality of food available locally, it will save shoppers the time and money spent traveling to the closest grocery stores in Bernalillo and Rio Rancho. MoGro will accept cash, checks, credit/debit cards, and EBT. Jemez tribal members will receive discounts on purchases. “JHHS programs have been active and innovative in initiating projects that encourage healthy lifestyles for our people,” Governor Madalena says. “The Governors are 100 percent behind these initiatives that help our community.”

Look for more information and MoGro’s official launch date in June.



Tribe to Co-Manage Jemez State Monument

On May 17, the Pueblo of Jemez will sign an historic agreement with the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs to co-manage the Jemez State Monument. This is the next phase of an ongoing effort to regain ownership of this important cultural site that was launched with the signing of an historic Memorandum of Understanding in December 2010 between the Pueblo of Jemez and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

During his 2010 administration, Governor Madalena requested the state to conduct a feasibility study that was presented to the Board of Regents.

“This agreement is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to regain responsibility for a part of our cultural heritage,” Governor Joshua Madalena says. Under the new agreement, the state and the Pueblo of Jemez will share decision-making power and oversight responsibilities for the site north of Jemez Springs that includes the stone ruins of an ancestral Jemez village and the San José de los Jemez Church.



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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Attention Livestock Owners

All livestock owners are responsible for ensuring that their animals are properly corralled at all times. Animals roaming in the community endanger themselves and vehicles traveling along Highway 4. Roaming livestock also destroy valuable agricultural and landscaping areas. **Owners will be held liable for any damages and livestock may be confiscated. The Jemez Tribal Code (Section 3-2-53) calls for fines up to \$1,000 for roaming livestock. Keep our community safe – keep your animals (including dogs!) fenced securely!**

GRAZING REMINDER

By order of the Governor, all cattle producers are REQUIRED to participate in the Valles Caldera National Preserve grazing program this summer. Grazing at the VCNP reaffirms the Pueblo of Jemez connection to this traditional domain. In addition, moving cattle away from the Walatowa community will allow lands to recover from the effects of grazing. Cattle must be moved by June 1.

"Historically, our people have used the Valles Caldera for grazing. Now we have the opportunity to return to this ancestral area," Governor Madalena says. "We need to make every effort to take advantage of this great opportunity that reaffirms our historical ties to this region."

No cattle grazing will be allowed within the Walatowa area this summer.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed!

Pueblo of Jemez tribal leaders are encouraging tribal members to volunteer with the Ponderosa Fire Department (PVFD.) The PVFD serves the Pueblo of Jemez as well as surrounding communities.

"Recent house fires emphasize the need to have Walatowa community members quickly available in emergencies," says Second Lt. Governor Juan Toya. "Our community is at grave risk. It's also extremely difficult for homeowners to get fire insurance because we do not have a local department."

Sandoval County Fire Department will provide training for fire suppression and emergency medical services first responders at no cost. Equipment will be provided.

All community members, male and female, are urged to help protect our village and our neighbors. For more information, contact Second Lt. Governor Toya at (575) 834-7359 or Emergency Medical Services Director Dave Ryan at (575) 834-7628.

Ditch Maintenance

Tribal members are expected to assist the Governors and fiscales in maintaining ditches within the community. Please stop and clean or clear any areas that you see need attention. Our waterways are everyone's responsibility. Also remember that all fencing must be at least five feet away from ditches. Thank you for your help.

Reminder: Ditches and arroyos can become deadly in a flash. Remind your children to stay away!

Food Handlers' Cards

To protect the health and safety of our community and the public, and to ensure that all foods for public consumption are prepared in a sanitary manner, all vendors selling prepared foods and/or baked goods within the Pueblo of Jemez must possess a valid food handler's card as of May 1, 2012.

Food handlers' cards are issued through the Indian Health Service (IHS) after successful completion of a two-hour food handler's class. Contact Tom Candelaria, IHS environmental health specialist, at (505) 248-7717 to enroll in this class. The next class scheduled in Jemez Pueblo is May 23 at the Intergenerational Center.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, contact Second Lt. Governor Juan Toya at 843-7359.



Work is progressing on the addition to the Tribal Administration Building. The new wing will provide more space so offices for all tribal administration staff and the Governors are in one building.

To Farmers and Growers

Treated water from faucets and hoses **MUST NOT BE USED TO IRRIGATE FIELDS!** Using treated water is expensive and depletes supplies for our community.

HOUSING

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

BIA Housing Improvement Program

The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department (PoJHD) accepts applications any time to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program. Applications may be picked up at the office. You must provide the following:

- ▶ Proof of income for all household members age 18 and over. If you are unemployed, provide a statement. If you receive monthly benefits (Social Security, VA or retirement, etc.), provide an award letter or monthly entitlement.
- ▶ Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)

There are income guidelines to the program. If you qualify, your application will be submitted to BIA. The BIA Housing Program will determine final eligibility and approval.

USDA Rural Housing Services: Section 502 Loan and Section 504 Grant Programs

These programs are funded directly by the federal government and provide loans and grants to low-income applicants to repair, improve or modernize their homes or remove health and safety hazards. 502 Loans are also available to low-income applicants interested in home ownership. 504 Grants are only available to homeowners who are 62 years old and over. The PoJHD can provide pre-qualification forms to send to USDA to determine eligibility. USDA contact information is available at the PoJHD.

Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program

This program is designed to offer home ownership, property rehabilitation, new construction and refinance opportunities to eligible tribal members through commercial lenders. Applicants must have good credit and employment histories. The PoJHD can offer resources to start the process of obtaining loans to build a home, purchase a modular home, or remodel a current home.

Application Updates

The PoJHD reminds tribal members to update their housing applications. If you applied for assistance before April 2011, you must go to the PoJHD office to renew your application as required by federal regulations. Complete applications must include:

- ▶ Head of household must sign an application and Release of Information form.
- ▶ Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- ▶ Proof of income for household members age 18 and over

- (check stubs, award letters, unemployment statements, etc.)
- ▶ All household members age 18 and over must sign the Release of Information form.
- Reminder postcards will be sent to applicants who have not updated. Contact the Housing office at (575) 834-0305 to check your application status or for any other questions.

Do You Want to Own A Home?

FREE EDUCATIONAL SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 22 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M. AT THE CRC

COURTESY OF COLDWELL BANKER LEGACY & LEGACY MORTGAGE

The US Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 184 Loan Program helps Native Americans realize the dream of home ownership. Join Joetta Cajero of Coldwell Banker Legacy and Cheryl Bullard of Legacy Mortgage to learn more about becoming a homeowner, applying for mortgages, trust lands, financial management and other issues to help you make informed decisions about buying a home. Discussion topics will include:

- ☑ *The Mortgage Process: Where Do I Begin?*
- ☑ *Credit: What Does it Mean?*
- ☑ *What are foreclosures and short sales?*



Joetta Cajero
(505) 980-9030
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- ☑ *What can I afford?*
- ☑ *Is it a good time to buy?*
- ☑ *Flow chart for new construction on tribal land.*



Cheryl Bullard
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(505) 228-1343

The session is FREE.

Please RSVP to Joetta Cajero at
(505) 980-9030 or (505) 857-2202 to
confirm your spot.



(505) 828-1000



(505) 228-1343

Please note that this event is independent of the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Administration and the PoJ Housing Department.

Walatowa Veterans Association

On behalf of the Walatowa Veterans Association, we are deeply honored to recognize our fallen warriors from the Pueblo of Jemez. This Memorial Day, we ask you to take a minute out of your day to pray and give thanks to those who served our country and we have lost. With their sacrifices, America is still a proud and strong country.



Memorial Day 2012: "Remembering our fallen."

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



TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Updating Enrollment Records

Remember that everyone who was born after Jan. 1, 1997 and is listed on the BIA Census Rolls is required to apply for Jemez membership. The blood quantum requirement is one-quarter total Jemez blood to apply for membership. Membership applications are available at the Enrollment Office located in the Health Center. To date, 44 applications are pending that need either birth certificates or copies of Social Security cards. These 44 applications can be finalized when these documents are submitted. Applications with documents missing are noted with asterisks (*) below; some have been in pending for more than two years.

Please take the time to complete your applications so you can be considered an official Jemez Pueblo tribal member.

Reminder: Report any changes to your household (births, deaths, marriages, divorces) at your earliest convenience to the Tribal Enrollment Office.

If you need assistance with the enrollment process, come in to the office in the Health Center, or call Matilda Shendo at (575) 834-3151 or Alberta Sando at (575) 834-3173. Remember Tribal Enrollment is under the direction of the Governors; they depend on the Enrollment Office to keep them informed about current tribal memberships. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

The individuals listed below have tribal enrollment applications out or have applications pending:

Andrew, Darren* (xavier)	Fragua, Aaron	Mora, Jacqueline, Clifton and Clayton	Shendo, George T.
Armijo, Emerson*	Fragua, Alexandria (Darius)	Naranjo, Katherine*	Shendo, Maurice
Armijo, Candice	Fragua, Angelina and Ava	Nevels, Deshawn	Shendo, Victoria and Terrell
Armijo, Marissa, Daniel*	Fragua, Jonathan and Lonny	Ortiz, Renee (6)	Smith, Anthony*
Armijo, Christina*	Fragua, Melecia and Child	Ortiz, Rita and Angelina	Tafoya, Cameron
Archuleta, Tina*	Fragua, Justin and Joel	Padilla, Maria Faustina	Tafoya, Darryl I.
Beasley, Jacob, Jada and Tessa	Fragua, Jr., Joseph M.	Padilla, Randy	Tafoya, Tyron
Benalli, Curtis, Germaine	Fragua, Frank E.	Panana, Cristino	Toledo, Alexander
Benalli, Mary Elizabeth	Gachupin, Amanda and Marlo	Panana, Pete and Marcus	Toledo, Derrick & Zachary
Cajero, Francesca	Gachupin, Alexandria's son	Parrish, Kyannah	Toledo, Andrea R. *
Cajero, Teri*	Shupla (Gachupin), Kateri L.	Pecos, Justine* and Luke	Toledo, Fernandez & Francesca
Casiquito, Clifton, Justin	Gachupin, Kayla and Helena	Pecos, Tahnee	Toledo-King, Janice (5)*
Casiquito, Dominique, Jonathan and Brandon	Henderson, Galen	Reano, Renea and Athena	Toledo, Scott & Thomas Romero
Casiquito, Justin and Joseph	Hyder, Dawn (4)	Reynolds, Michael*	Toledo, Zachary & Lindsey
Casiquito, Simona and Quinn	Largo, Raymond and son	Roman, Joyce (2)	Tosa, Brianna & Eilan
Chama, Javin	Lesensee, Darlene (1)	Romero, Jolon and Kyran	Tosa, Cecilia & Tanyon
Chama, Maria (Samantha, Trevor, Augustus and Skyler)*	Leyba, Treva (3)	Sabaquie, Loren	Tosa, M. Dorela (Daisy)
Charlie, Brian A.	Long, Ambrosia	Sabaquie, Lynnora and Byron	Toya, Annica
Chavez, Antoinette (2 Children)	Loretto, Abraham, Matthew and Alex S.	Salazar, David, Jr., Erma and Autumn T.	Toya, Antoinette & children
Chinana, Charmaine and Jordan	Loretto-Yepa, Eric	Sandia, Coral and Nicolas*	Toya, Brennen*
Chinana, Cheryl, Delonte, Justine	Loretto, Lynette and Bradley	Sandia, Jacoby, Jarren and KC	Toya, Darren A. *
Chinana, Cheryl (Sando)*, Trenton, Tyler, Kelauni, Melaila	Lovato, Marie	Sandia, Julian C. *	Toya, Evangeline (3)
Chinana, Darryl Anthony	Lucero, Clare (Joseph)	Sandia, Maelene*	Toya, Gerald
Chinana, Elijah	Lucero, Delray	Sandia, Rachel (6)	Toya, Jonathan, Andon & Layla
Chinana, Garren, Alana and Holly	Lucero, Racheli	Sando, Lamell	Toya, Jr., Joseph R.
Chinana, Garrick and Kamiyah	Lucero, Randall	Sando, Martin (Myles)*	Tsosie, Derrick
Chinana, Jonathan, Isaiah	Lucero, Zandra and 2 sons	Sando, Nanette (3)	Toya, Lana & Ava
Chinana, Lynyrd, Lee and Orrin	Lucero, William (4)	Sando, Rebecca	Toya, Myra & 2 sons
Chosa, Marla, Twila and Mario	Madalena, Cenecia*	Sando, Danielle and Orion	Toya, Shawna (Tania)*
Colaques, Tamara*	Madalena, Amanda and son	Seonia, Ashley and D'Yannia	Kathy Vallo (2)
Coonsis, Davin J.	Madalena, Kevin, Sofia and Arceli	Shendo, Austin, Cody and Jac	Wagner, Sage
Dahl, Aleena and Lylana	Magdalena, Leona (Carmen, Lorenzo and Triston)	Shendo, Durrent	Waquie, Jr. Augustine P.
DeVore, Dina	Magdalena, Marlene, Brayton	Shendo, Eileen (4)	Waquie, Calvin E.
DeVore, Reyes and Bryant	Magdalena, Sharlene, Kaleigh	Shendo, Joseph	Waquie, Lorenza & Theodore
Danielson, Jonathan and Jaime and 3 Children	Mora, Devin and Ryan		Waquiu, Eric & Krystal
	Mora, George		Yepa, Gavin*
			Yepa, Kaitlyn & Felix
			Yepa, Johnny, Jr. & Byron
			Yepa, Elston & 2 daughters

NATURAL RESOURCES

Site Stewardship Training

Training for volunteers for the Site Steward Program will be held Saturday, June 9 at the Walatowa Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The training will be hosted by Mike Bremer, US Santa Fe National Forest Service archaeologist, and Traditional Cultural Properties Project Manager Chris Toya, Natural Resources Department.

The session will include classroom training in the morning, a 30-minute lunch break, and a field visit to one of the ancestral villages in the afternoon.

All tribal members age 18 and over who are serious about being involved in this important initiative to protect our ancestral and cultural heritage are welcome.

“We need to reclaim the duties and responsibilities of taking care of our ancestral villages and sacred sites throughout the Jemez Mountains,” Governor Madalena says. “This is a great opportunity to learn more and connect with our history and how our people lived in this area.”

For more information, call the Tribal Administration office at (575) 834-7359.



Walatowa High Charter School students visit Say shu kwa, Eagle Dwelling Place, on San Juan Mesa on the Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District with Chris Toya to learn more about their history and heritage. *Photo by Chris Toya.*

Earth Day 2012

Fourth and fifth graders from Jemez BIA Day School and San Diego Riverside Charter School celebrated Earth Day with a trip to the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP) hosted by the staff of the Natural Resources Department. Governor Madalena welcomed the students, reminding them about the importance of the Valles Caldera as the Jemez people’s ancestral home that holds many sacred sites and historical areas for the Jemez people today. First Lt. Governor Larry Chinana and Second Lt. Governor Juan Toya also joined the group.

Britney Van Der Werff, the lead educator with the VCNP, spoke about ecosystems and how they can change due to events such as droughts, low food supply and forest fires. She asked the students to split into groups to play the parts of animals, water, food, shelter and fire to demonstrate how each component makes up an ecosystem.

(Below) VCNP Lead Educator Britney Van Der Werff explains the importance of ecosystems to Jemez students.

(Top right) Governor Madalena speaks about the importance of the Valles Caldera as the Jemez people’s ancestral home.

(Lower right) Greg Kaufman, NRD Director welcomes students to Earth Day at the Valles Caldera.

Photos by Tammy Belone.



SOCIAL SERVICES

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Jemez Social Services Program hosted its Annual Child Abuse Awareness Conference at the Walatowa Youth Center on Thursday, April 18. Governor Madalena welcomed 111 participants and noted that protecting our children is everyone's responsibility.

Prevention Coordinator Joline Cruz gave the evening's presentation. "The children have opened my eyes to the culture, needs and precious resources of this community," Joline said.

Child abuse can include physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Neglect occurs when a parent or caregiver does not provide for the child's needs.

"Physical abuse can take many forms," Joline said. "Not all injuries are visible. Emotional abuse includes threats, rejection and criticism. These wounds are hard to see, because they damage the child's sense of competence and safety in the world. Sexual abuse happens when a child is used for sexual gratification by an adult. In addition to the physical contact, sexual abuse can include exposing a child to pornography and other sexually charged situations.

Neglect is failing to provide for the child's physical, emotional, medical or educational needs. Some indications are medical issues that are ignored, hunger, the home is unsafe, or a young child is left alone.

"It is our responsibility as adults to watch for signs of abuse," Joline said. "Obvious physical signs include frequent, unexplained injuries, burns, cuts and bruises. The child may change the story about how the injuries occurred or try to hide them."

Children who are abused or neglected also show behavioral signs such as:

- ▶ Fearing to go home or to a caregiver.
- ▶ Aggression toward others.
- ▶ Harming themselves.
- ▶ Fear or avoidance of adults.
- ▶ Being tired, reporting nightmares.
- ▶ Acting fearful or anxious.
- ▶ Hoarding food.
- ▶ A sudden change in school behavior, grades or activities.

Abusers are often family members or significant others, but can be caregivers, neighbors, even teachers. "Be alert if you notice any of these changes in a child. **Act** if you suspect a child is being hurt," Joline urged. "You can save a child."

Children's Code

Tribal Council passed a Children's Code that defines how abuse and neglect cases are handled in the community. Reports can be anonymous. Teachers, law enforcement officers and medical personnel are required by law to report child abuse or neglect. "Each school has specific policies and procedures about reporting," Joline adds. "We work together to make sure families are protected."

When child abuse/neglect cases are reported, services are provided to the child and the family. "Sometimes people want to know what is happening with a case they

report. But once a report is made, no additional information can be given to anyone," Joline explained. "Reports are extremely confidential. Only people who are involved as part of their jobs get any information. This protects children and families, as well as anyone who makes a report."

Learning to Parent

"Parenting is hard," Joline observed. "It's part natural and part learned. There are many people you can go to if you have questions — parents, grandparents, teachers, medical staff, or us at Social Services." It's important to stop and think about **this** child, she advised, and suggested some questions parents can ask themselves to help define some of issues of concern: *What are my child's strengths? Where is this child now? Who is my child? What does my child want? What do I like about my child? What do I like about being a parent of child this age? What do I find challenging about my child in this stage?*

"The most development occurs from birth to age five," Joline advised. "Each child is different and matures at different rates physically, intellectually and emotionally." Certain stages can be especially challenging, particularly potty training. "Make sure your child is ready. Children will give signs that it's the right time to start," she said, adding that the process takes time and patience.

Joline offered several other guidance tips including:

- ▶ Set a good example: use your seat belt, watch your language, use table manners. Children learn by watching what you do, not what you say.
- ▶ Encourage your child.
- ▶ Keep a consistent schedule.
- ▶ Communicate with caregivers so you work together; different sets of rules are confusing.
- ▶ Provide choices: peas or carrots, a blue shirt or a red shirt.

Home Alone

"There are no set rules about when a child is ready to be at home alone," Joline said. "Make sure your child is comfortable and ready to follow the rules you make."

If your child is alone after school, be very clear about your rules, such as allowing friends to visit, answering the door or phone, cooking, watching television, using the internet, etc. Leave healthy snacks that don't need to be cooked, and keep a list of emergency numbers near the telephone.

"This community is blessed with a lot of resources to help parents, children and families," Joline concluded.

Elder Code

Henrietta Gachupin gave an update on the status of the Elder Code being developed as a joint effort with the Jemez Health Clinic, Tribal Court, Law Enforcement, Behavioral Health and the senior Center. The code is close to completion for presentation to Tribal Council for approval. One feature will be a talking circle to help families work through issues that can lead to elder abuse.

"Our focus is on helping families," Etta said.

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Joline Cruz

Welcome Mat



Maria Clark-Rickert has taken the helm at Jemez Health & Human Services department director. As a 24-year veteran of the Indian Health Service Albuquerque Area, Maria most recently served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Albuquerque Service Unit and is very familiar with the health care delivery systems in IHS facilities.

Born and raised on the Navajo nation, Maria is of Chippewa White Earth, Wyandotte and Shawnee descent. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in public administration.

"I'm very excited and appreciative of the opportunity to work for the Pueblo of Jemez," Maria says. She lives in Los Lunas with her family that includes three sons.



Farrell Shortman serves as Outreach Specialist at the Social Services Domestic Violence Prevention Program. In this new position, she will focus on education in the community and schools on awareness and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and teen violence. Farrell recently earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from NM Highlands University.

With a degree in criminal justice, Farrell previously worked in law enforcement in Ft. Belknap, MT. "As a police officer, I saw too many women, children and elders who were victims of domestic violence," Farrell says. "I went back to school in social work so I could help give them a voice, teach about these issues and help in the healing process." Farrell proudly maintains her "very traditional" Plains tribe's cultural traditions.

Child Abuse Prevention Month, cont.

Thank you!

Jemez Social Services Program thanks the children, community members, tribal employees, contractors and planning committee, and Governors and fiscales of the Pueblo of Jemez for making Child Abuse Prevention Month a success. "We appreciate your generosity through volunteerism and participation in the Fun Run & Walk, Child Abuse Prevention Conference, Movie Night, and Wear-Blue Fridays," Joline said, adding that 294 people participated in the Fun Run/Walk and 34 people attended the movie night.

The Child Abuse Prevention Conference planning committee included Social Services staff Henrietta Gachupin, Annette Gachupin, Carla Sandia, Carol D. Vigil, Christine Waquie, Dominic Gachupin and Joline Cruz; Carrie Gachupin, Law Enforcement; Kathleen Sandia, Contract Health Services; Lana Toya and Antonio Blueeyes, Walatowa Head Start; Joyce Gachupin, Tribal Court; Audrey Madalena, Public Health; Martha Vigil, Transportation; Jennifer Andrew, Injury Prevention; Karen Toya, Community Wellness; and Courtney Gachupin, Walatowa High Charter School.

Jemez Social Services offers free Parenting Classes!
Call the office for information about the next session: 834-7117.

Save the Date!

JEMEZ SOCIAL SERVICES CHILDREN'S FAIR

Saturday, June 16 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Walatowa Youth Center

THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP
meets Thursdays, May 10 and 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.
at the Social Services Conference room.
If you have questions, call Carol Vigil at 834-7117.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION EDUCATION

JOB/COLLEGE FAIR



Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Education Department hosted a Job/College Fair at the Youth Center on Wednesday, April 18. More than 100 people from the Pueblo of Jemez and the surrounding communities visited booths to get information on job opportunities and college programs.

In addition to the Pueblo of Jemez Human Resources Department, representatives were available from CLP Resources, LLC, Costco, ITT Technical Institute, Brookline College, University of New Mexico (UNM) Hospitals, Hyatt Regency Tamaya, Albuquerque Police Department, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Albuquerque Job Corps, the Institute of American Indian Arts, Northern New Mexico College, Luna Community College, Santa Fe Community College, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, New Mexico Highlands University, UNM Lost Alamos, Central New Mexico Community College, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) and UNM-West.

PUBLIC HEALTH

May Is Healthy Vision & National High Blood Pressure Education Month

Submitted by Mildred Baca, CHR/MCH

May is Healthy Vision and High Blood Pressure Education Month, which makes it a great time to visit the Jemez Health Center for an eye exam at the Optometry Clinic and a free blood pressure check from the Public Health or Clinic staff.

Protect Your Vision: Take Good Care of Your Eyes

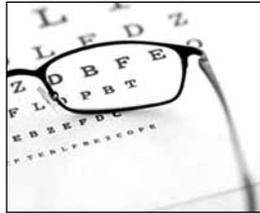
Your eyes are important to your health. There are many things you can do to keep them healthy and make sure you are seeing your best.

Have a comprehensive dilated eye exam. You may think your vision is fine and your eyes are healthy, but the only way to really be sure is to visit an eye care professional for a comprehensive dilated eye exam. Many common eye diseases, such as diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy, often have no warning signs. A dilated eye exam is the only way to detect these diseases in their early stages.

Know your family's eye health history. Talk with family members about their eye health history. Some diseases or conditions are hereditary. You need to know if you are at greater risk for developing eye health problems.

Eat right to protect your sight. A diet rich in fruits and vegetables, especially dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale and collard greens, is important to keep your eyes healthy. Eating fish like salmon, tuna, and halibut is also beneficial to good eye health.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese increases your risk of developing diabetes that can have vision complications such as diabetic eye disease.



Wear protective eyewear. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home like housecleaning and using household chemicals. Many eye care professionals and sporting goods stores sell protective eyewear.

Quit smoking or don't start. Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body. Research shows that smokers have increased age-related macular degeneration, cataracts and optic nerve damage, which can lead to blindness.

Wear your shades. Sunglasses are a great fashion accessory, but their most important job is to protect your eyes from sun rays. Look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of radiation.

Give your eyes a rest. If you spend a lot of time at the computer or focusing on any one thing, you can forget to blink and your eyes can get fatigued.

Clean your hands and your contact lenses properly. Avoid the risk of infections. Always wash your hands before handling your lenses. Always disinfect your contact lenses as instructed.

Practice workplace eye safety. Employers are required to provide safe work environments. If protective eyewear is required as part of your job, make a habit of wearing it. Encourage co-workers to do the same.

For more information about eye health, visit your eye care professional. Contact Cheryl Padilla, Optometry Technician, at (575) 834-7207 to schedule an appointment at the JHHS Optometry Clinic.

MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

Were you registered for the State Coverage Insurance (SCI) or SCI wait list a few years ago? SCI is a low- to no-cost, Medicaid-subsidized insurance program for adults. In October 2009, no more applications were processed and applicants were placed on a wait-list instead.

A new agreement between the state and the University of New Mexico has created a small pilot project that allows 5,000 people from four New Mexico counties to apply for coverage. *Those chosen for the pilot program are receiving **bright yellow applications** with deadlines to apply.*

If you or someone you know has received one of these applications, RUN – don't walk! – to Lisa Maves or Thelma Shendo at the Jemez Health Center so they can help you complete and submit this application.

This option is available only for a limited time and only to a small number of very lucky applicants who have been selected. Please don't wait! If you receive this application, take action

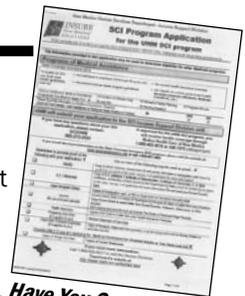
today to complete it and apply for this important insurance coverage.

Medicare

If you are having your 65th birthday this year, you have extra reason to celebrate. You are now probably eligible or becoming eligible for Medicare health insurance coverage.

If you are within three months of your 65th birthday (either before or after) and have not yet received a card in the mail from Medicare, please stop by the Jemez Clinic and visit with Lisa Maves or Thelma Shendo to review your Medicare eligibility and the options once you are eligible. They can answer any questions about Medicare and any other health insurance programs available.

If you have any questions about your benefits, call Lisa Maves at (575) 834-3059 or Thelma Shendo at (575) 834-3040, or stop by their offices in the Jemez Health Center.



Have You Seen This?

PUBLIC HEALTH

Blood Pressure: Know Your Numbers

High blood pressure is a common condition in which the force of the blood against the artery walls is high enough that it can eventually cause health problems such as heart disease. You can have high blood pressure (hypertension) for years without any symptoms. Uncontrolled high blood pressure increases your risk of serious health problems including heart attacks and stroke.

Symptoms: Most people with high blood pressure have no signs or symptoms, even when blood pressure readings reach dangerously high levels. Ask your doctor for a blood pressure reading at least once a year starting at age 20. More frequent readings are necessary if you've already been diagnosed with high blood pressure or other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Children age three and older usually have their blood pressure checked as a part of their yearly check-ups.

Risk Factors: High blood pressure has many risk factors, including age, race, family history, being overweight or obese, being physically inactive, using tobacco, too

much salt in your diet, too little potassium in your diet, too little vitamin D in your diet, drinking too much alcohol, stress and some chronic conditions. Pregnancy can be a factor in high blood pressure as well.

Complications: The excessive pressure on your artery walls caused by high blood pressure can damage your blood vessels, as well as organs in your body. The higher your blood pressure, and the longer it goes uncontrolled, the greater the damage. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to heart attacks; strokes; heart failure; weakened and narrowed blood vessels in your kidneys; thickened, narrowed or torn blood vessels in the eyes, which can lead to blindness; and problems with memory or comprehension.

If you think you may have high blood pressure, come in to the Clinic to have your blood pressure checked. Write down any symptoms you are experiencing so you can ask about them. Make a list of all the questions you want to ask your provider.

It's never too early to make healthy lifestyle changes: quit smoking, eat healthy

foods and be more physically active.

To have your blood pressure checked or to learn more about what your numbers mean, contact Mildred Baca or Virginia Toya, Community Health Representatives, at (575) 834-7207.

UNDERSTAND YOUR NUMBERS

Systolic is the top number that measures when the heart is at work pumping blood into the arteries. **Diastolic** is the bottom number when the heart is at rest or between heartbeats.

- Normal:** 120/80
- Pre-hypertension:** Systolic pressure ranging from 120-130 and diastolic ranging from 80-89.
- Stage 1 Hypertension:** Systolic pressure ranging from 140-159 and diastolic ranging from 90-99.
- Stage 2 Hypertension:** Systolic pressure of 160 or higher and diastolic pressure of 100 or higher.

PUBLIC HEALTH

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Fitt 4 Life Challenge!

The FITT4Life Challenge entered the final phase of the 12-week challenge with competition continuing for the top cash prize for weight lost. At the mid-assessment, the aggregate average loss was eight pounds, well on the way to the ten-pound goal (see chart below.) Exercise scores increased while blood pressure readings went down. Daily activities continue throughout the community.



The Public Health and Community Wellness' team wanted to create something different for the FITT4Life Challenge and developed a course of five challenges at two levels that focused on speed and agility. Participants who were medically cleared tested with the tire pull, lifting and carrying five-gallon water jugs, sledgehammering a tractor tire 10 times with each arm, tossing exercise balls or tires, then running 100 meters to the finish line. Participants chose from three sessions, including ten who met the extra challenge of the 6 a.m. session. Ashley Chinana, Thurman Loretto, Joline Cruz and Frederick Tosa were among the participants. *Photos by Cornell Magdalena.*

FITT RUN/WALKS FOR MAY

May 10: Mother's DAY FITT Run/Walk **May 30: Senior Health & Fitness Day**
 FITT Run/Walks will start at 6 p.m. Locations TBA

F4L ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENT	PRE-TEST RESULTS	MID - TESTS RESULTS
Height	5' 3"	5'3"
Weight	186 lbs	178
BP	120/78	116/73
Chest (inches)	41	40
Waist (inches)	40	38
Hip (inches)	42	41
Thigh (inches)	20	20
Sit-n-Reach	12	13
Push-ups	27	34
Sit-Ups	15	19
12-min test	19	21

Total cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL and blood sugar levels were not tested at the mid-assessment.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Stay Safe in the Sun

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

With warm weather and longer days, there's more time to be outside. But make sure you stay safe in the sun, especially on hot, dry days.

Drink Up!

Staying hydrated is necessary to keep your body healthy, keep your energy high and perform your best. Drinking water is an important part of staying healthy, especially when it's hot outside. When you sweat, you lose some of the water that your body needs to work properly. And if you're playing a sport or running around in the sun, you lose even more water, because you sweat that much more.

Don't wait until you're thirsty; thirst is a sign you've gone too long without water. Sports drinks and soda are not healthy choices: they contain too much sugar and other chemicals, including caffeine. Get a great water bottle you really like and keep it filled so you can keep sipping through the day. Fill it part way and leave it in the freezer overnight to keep your water cool all day.



Don't Feel the Burn

The hot sun does good things: it keeps us warm, makes flowers and plants grow, but most important, it provides Vitamin D. Our bodies use Vitamin D to help absorb calcium for strong bones. Vitamin D also seems to help the function of many organs and systems in the body. Low Vitamin D levels have been linked to increased risks for a variety of health conditions, including diabetes, some cancers

The sun also sends out ultra-violet (UV) rays that are invisible but penetrate our skin. If you are exposed to these UV rays for long periods of time, you get sunburned!

Sunburns look bad and are painful at best. Serious sunburns can blister and become infected. Worse, they can lead to skin cancer in adults.

Prime Time

You don't need to hide from the sun or wrap up like a mummy to protect yourself, but you should take these steps:

- * Always wear sunscreen.
- * Take frequent breaks from the sun by going indoors or



moving into the shade.

These steps are especially important between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest.

Use a sunscreen with an SPF rating of 30 or higher. Put on sunscreen 15 to 20 minutes before going outside. Remember to reapply sunscreen every two hours just to be safe and more often if you are swimming or sweating a lot, even if the sunscreen is waterproof. Remember that you can get sunburned more quickly when you're swimming because the reflection from the water intensifies the sun's rays.

Don't forget that your eyes need protection from UV rays, too. Always wear sunglasses in the bright sun, and make sure they have a label saying that they block UV rays.

To learn more, visit the web site at www.kidshealth.org or www.cdc.gov, or contact the JHHS Public Health Programs at (575) 834-7207.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Senior Enhance Fitness

Launched in October of 2011, the Senior Enhance Fitness Program is designed to improve endurance, strength, flexibility, balance and posture. The goal is to promote the emotional, social and physical well-being of senior citizens.

Between 10 and 20 seniors have committed their time and effort to exercise three times a week. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Senior Center.

"A big thank you to our instructors Felipita Loretto and Karen Toya for doing an excellent job in keeping us fit and trim!" says Arlene Sando. For more information about how you can join this program, call Felipita at (575) 834-3089.

SENIOR PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Senior citizens gathered at the Senior Center to elect the Advisory Council on Jan. 27, 2012. for two year-year terms.

The Council includes:

Florence Loretto, <i>President</i>	<i>Members:</i> Lenore Lupe Lucero
Rufina Toledo, <i>Vice President</i>	Floyd Panana
Arlene Sando, <i>Secretary</i>	Ada M. Toya
Wilma Toledo, <i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Alternate:</i> David Yepa Sr.

"The goal of our committee is to ensure that we meet the requirements of the Jemez Elderly Program," says Arlene Sando. "The Advisory Council is here to serve their needs to the best of our ability. One of our main goals is to increase participation in the program. We encourage everyone over age 55 to join us for lunch, trips, bingo and other fun activities."



Walatowa Head Start Registration

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

The Walatowa Head Start is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year until Friday, June 1.

Stop by the Head Start and pick up an application packet **today**. Please bring the following documentation with you:

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

Head Start News

Submitted by Lana Toya, Early Childhood Program Manager

As we approach the end of the school year, it's wonderful to see how much our children have grown! It's rewarding for us to see children outgrow their shyness or progress in physical and academic development during their time with us and graduate from the Head Start Program. Congratulations to our parents for supporting their children's education and participating in Head Start events throughout the year.

New Staff

I want to introduce three new staff members in our program. William Waquie joined Walatowa Head Start as the new Family Services Coordinator. Mr. Waquie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience working with children and families and is thrilled to serve Jemez children and families. Helen Tafoya joins Walatowa Head Start as the new Health Services Coordinator. Helen has a medical assistant certification and experience working with children in classroom settings. She is excited to be working with children again. Arlan Lucero is our new Transportation/Facility Coordinator. He is CDL/Air Brakes certified and brings ten years of driving experience. He is looking forward to providing safe transportation services to our children and families.

Priority Points

The resolution based on Priority Points that determines recruitment, selection and eligibility for our service area was presented to Tribal Council and passed on March 19, 2012. New Head Start applications were available on March 21.

Our staff also attended the recent Disabilities Awareness Conference at the Youth Center, which marked our first recruitment efforts to reach Head Start aged children for the 2012-2013 school year. Enrollment applications are now available to be picked up at the center during office hours. ***Please note that only complete applications will be accepted along with all required documents. Further, immunizations records should state that no further immunizations are due.***

Program Review

Ms. Vikki Pretlow, Office of Head Start Program Specialist, conducted an on-site follow up review on in-kind procedures on Monday, April 16. This review is a follow up visit from the Federal Monitoring Onsite Review which was held in March 2011. During this time, the program was cited for one non-compliance item in in-kind procedures.



William Waquie, Helen Tafoya and Arlan Lucero have joined the staff at Walatowa Head Start.

We were instructed to submit a corrective action plan within 120 days from the receipt of our review report.

Ms. Pretlow reviewed our documentation and procedures for collecting in-kind donations and services, which are required for all Head Start programs in the nation. We are fortunate and grateful to be able to claim a majority of our in-kind services from our local collaborative partnerships within the Jemez Health & Human Services Department, as well as the Planning & Development Department and parent volunteers. The review was successful and we look forward to a positive follow-up report.

Graduation!

Walatowa Head Start graduation will be held Friday, May 18 at the Jemez Youth Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with 38 students graduating and embarking on their academic journeys into kindergarten and beyond. Please join us on this special occasion!

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

EDUCATION

PUEBLO OF JEMEZ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submitted by Kevin Shendo, Director

Our VISION is to educate all tribal members in gaining life skills by providing educational services and opportunities for the children of today and tomorrow.

Our MISSION is to continue strengthening, respecting and encouraging our traditional language and culture while building on the unique talents of each individual, to develop well-educated, knowledgeable, healthy and competent leaders for a stronger and healthier community.

The Pueblo of Jemez Department of Education was formally established in 1999 and, after a series of organizational changes, was approved in its current state in 2003. The Education staff strives to develop a comprehensive Department of Education that meets the educational and developmental needs of all tribal members from birth to adulthood. "We recognize the need to establish high standards that provide the needed services and programs to ensure student success and high academic achievement," Kevin says. "In addition, we strive to develop and implement culturally appropriate curricula at all Jemez tribal schools so they are inclusive of language, culture, traditions and tribal history."

The Department of Education delivers services that focus on Jemez language and culture infused curricula from grades pre-kindergarten through grade 12, dual language and immersion programs for

children from infants through age five, and community integrated and experiential learning coupled with academic rigor. VISION 2010, a community vision developed in 1999, has guided the Department and the educational initiatives the programs and schools have pursued.

During the coming months, the department plans to publish monthly newsletter articles to inform the community of the progress in various programs, updates on department, and key developments in local, state, national and international educational priorities that impacting our children, youth and community. The department will also host a series of summits, evening information sessions and presentations at parent meetings and school events to keep you updated on the many unique partnerships and innovative programs they are pursuing.

Some key areas where the Department of Education is working collaboratively with

our community schools and partners are:

- ☞ Jemez language immersion, culture curriculum and instruction
- ☞ School transitions and curriculum alignment
- ☞ School and program coordination
- ☞ College and career ready supports and opportunities
- ☞ Intervention and prevention programs both in-school and outside of school.
- ☞ Teacher retreats and joint professional development days
- ☞ Summer and year-round opportunities and programming for students
- ☞ State and federal education policies and mandates
- ☞ National and international education standards and rankings
- ☞ Local, state, national and international research in Native education
- ☞ VISION 2020

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



Towa Game Night

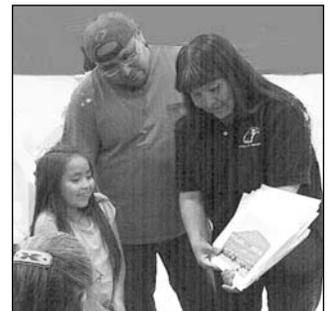
Submitted by Rhiannon Toya

The SPARK program hosted a Towa Game Night on Wednesday, April 18 at the Walatowa Youth Center for children aged 3 to 6 years old and their parents. Participants got a chance to play three different types of games which were all conducted in our Towa language. Two games were created by Eleanor Tafoya, second grade teacher at Jemez Day School.

Families played "Towa Lingo," a game played just like bingo but with pictures instead of numbers. All pictures were named in Towa so the children had to know what was being mentioned. They did a great job! The other two games were "Around the Village" and the old-fashioned "Recognizing" game.

This event gave the families a chance to test their Towa knowledge and to see how fluent our children are becoming. It was great to see family interactions.

Language is so important to the livelihood of our Jemez culture. Please speak to your children in Towa!



EDUCATION

JEMEZ TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Submitted by Sherwin Sando, Program Manager

The Tribal Youth Program (TYP) was developed to target sixth through eleventh grade students who are at risk of school failure. The TYP's mission is: *To increase the number of youth completing a school year and decrease the number of youth going through juvenile justice by incorporating a mentoring program, providing community based projects, and providing a life skills curriculum.*

Sherwin Sando was hired in March 2011 as Project Manager. During the first year of the program, he has been developing and testing program components, including cultural immersion, service learning, school support and curriculum implementation.

"With these components, the Tribal Youth Program hopes to encourage students to stay and do well in school," Sando explains.

The TYP has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Jemez Valley Public School District and the Pueblo of Jemez that permits

the TYP to work closely with Jemez Valley Middle School, Jemez Valley High School, San Diego Riverside Charter School and Walatowa High Charter School. Through this relationship, and with parental permission, the TYP manager can gather student information, visit with students, and make classroom observations of participants in the program.

"These services can be a great benefit to parents, providing additional support for student success," says Sando.

Student Enrollment Criteria

Criteria for TYP enrollment includes:

1. Poor academic performance.
2. Multiple unexcused school absences (five or more.)
3. Multiple unexcused tardiness (10 or more.)

Students not eligible for TYP services may be referred to other local programs to obtain needed services.

Parents/guardians, relatives, and other programs or agencies can refer students

based on the eligibility criteria. Students can also self-refer into the TYP.

The project manager reviews all referrals to ensure that the student's information is complete, and will make a determination of eligibility based on the submitted referral form. Other information may be needed before the eligibility decision is made.

Students and parents will be notified if a student has been accepted into the program. "Participation in the Tribal Youth Program is voluntary. Therefore, it will be the responsibility of the participating student and/or parent to determine the importance of the TYP and the role it will play in the student's success," Sherwin says.

Referral forms are available at the Social Services Program, located on Bear Head Canyon Road across from the Pueblo of Jemez Police Department.

For more information, contact Sherwin Sando at (505) 220-7685 or by e-mail to Sherwin.P.Sando@jemez-pueblo.org.

Jemez Students Visit NMSU Campus

Submitted by Wilmur Toya

Eight Jemez high school students joined Jemez Education Department staff for New Mexico State University's (NMSU) Native American Week in April. The trip included tours of the NMSU campus and presentations to learn more about academic opportunities and campus life at NMSU.

The campus tour included presentations on admissions, financial aid and scholarships. The students got a clear overview of what NMSU student life is like and the classes, meal plans and dorms NMSU offers.

American Indian Student Center Director Justin McHorse, and NMSU student representative Kurt Mora introduced the American Indian Program (AIP) that offers services to help students achieve their collegiate goals. Kurt explained college life and what students must do to graduate and get where they want to go in life, including hard work and being dedicated to school. "It's up to the individual if they want to have a better career and life," he said.

At the Miss NMSU pageant, students watched the contest and witnessed the crowning of the new Miss NMSU. The group then



joined current NMSU students and their families for dinner.

American Indian Week's finale included our students performing the Rainbow, San Felipe Buffalo, Zuni Comanche, and Shield dances.

EDUCATION

Jemez Valley Public Schools

JEMEZ VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted By Brad Parker, Jemez Valley High School Principal

"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." Edwin Way Teale

May seems to open a world of possibilities for us all. For most students, it brings the prospect of moving ahead to the next grade or the next school as we look ahead to the next year. This is especially true for the seniors of the Jemez Valley High School class of 2012. Our students are looking forward to colleges, trade schools, new jobs and serving our great nation in the armed services. High school commencement begins at 11 a.m. on May 12 in the Warrior gymnasium. You are welcome to come celebrate this big day with our graduates and the school community. A big *thank you!* to all the staff who have worked so hard to make this a reality.

On April 3, Jemez Valley High School inducted 11 juniors and seniors into the National Honor Society. The faculty sponsor Cathy Trujillo-Wiseman planned a wonderful evening for all involved. A stirring ceremony in the Performing Arts Center was followed by inspirational words from Sherwin Sando. The following students were inducted into this prestigious organization: Alana Chinana, Cameron Chinena, Michael F. Gachupin, Victoria Garcia, Keith Daniel Gonzales, Christopher Lucero, Jesirae Lucero, Nicholas Orta, Cassie F. Sando, Falisha R. Trujillo and Julia Wall. During the last board meeting, Ms. Madalena asked me to pass on sincere congratulations for work well done and a fine accomplishment. I add my sentiments as well. Nicely done, ladies and gentlemen!

News from the Counselor

A representative from the New Mexico Education Foundation came to help our students obtain financial aid for their post-secondary educational plans. If you have a JVHS senior who needs help with financial assistance, we can help prepare applications for funding. In addition, Abigail Gonzales from ITT visited with the high school administration about the Partners in Education program. Students can participate in dual-credit classes at no cost which count as college credit. All juniors and seniors who are interested in this opportunity, please visit with Ms. Young.

Ms. Young reported that we had perfect attendance for 10th and 11th graders during the NMSBA. I extend my strongest thanks for making sure your students were in class at this important time.

Athletics

"People ask what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

Roger Hornsby

Our sports teams have been remarkable this season. It took a while for our softball team to get started, but now they are finally competing. The first game for the girls was with Penasco on April 17. We won 17-0. The team was led by Kalainia Waquie's pitching and an in-the-park home run. As you can see by the score, our bats were smoking. Our season will be jam-packed into three weeks and will last until early May with the district and state play-offs.

The following report is directly from Coach Glenn Callaway: The Jemez Valley Warrior baseball team is 8-1 overall and 2-0 in District

1-2A. The Warrior's only loss was to East Mountain who is currently ranked third in AA baseball polls. Jemez Valley was ranked 16th, which should change in the weeks left of the regular season. There are seven regular season games left, with the play-offs on May 2. Pitcher Darian Sando had a perfect game against Navajo Prep on Tuesday April 17, but had a walk in the top of the fifth inning. He faced 15 batters, and had 10 strike-outs to clinch the no-hitter 11-0. In the second game against Navajo Prep, Noel Fragua threw a two-hitter with four strike-outs and one walk. Noel also pitched a one-hit game against Native American Community Academy on March 29 with six strike-outs for the 19-2 victory. Raymond Gachupin also had a no-hit game against Native American Community Academy on March 29 with ten strike-outs for a 13-1 victory.

The Warrior bats have been hot, with the Warriors outscoring their opponents 105-16. This year, New Mexico switched to the composite wood or wood bats for a one-year trial and the Warriors are putting the ball in play with the new bats. Noel Fragua hit a home run against East Mountain the first game of the season to account for the Warriors only runs of the game. Raymond Gachupin hit a home run against Monte Del Sol on March 26.

Our track and field teams started strong and have continued that way. Some team stand-outs include Jazmine Chosa, an eighth grader who qualified for state competition early in the season in the shot-put. Her personal best has been a throw of 37'4". Another standout runner is Katie Madalena who, as a freshman, already qualified for state competition in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:56.34. We have a strong girls' team, mostly underclassmen. Standouts on the boys' team include Michael Gachupin, Rodney Toya, Adrian Chavez and Jay Clubb. We have outstanding teams and have performed well in all our meets, consistently placing in the top eight spots. We have a great group of student athletes!

Thank you!

The Tosa family would like to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to all the community members who contributed in various ways during the loss of their special father, grandfather, brother and uncle Christobal Tosa on March 20, 2012. He will be greatly missed and remembered in different ways that each person holds deep in their heart.

May you all prosper in many ways and may the spirits guide you through success.

The Tosa Family

EDUCATION

JEMEZ STUDENTS EARN NATIONAL HONORS

The Jemez Department of Education recognizes two of our students who have earned national awards for their accomplishments.

Emmett Trevor Yepa was chosen as a 2012 Gates Millennium Scholar. Emmett will graduate from Native American Community Academy.

Gates Millennium Scholars is a program funded by a \$1.6 billion grant by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to fund the college education of 20,000 high-achieving minority students. This scholarship is also designed to help develop leaders who represent the ethnic diversity of America in the 21st century.

The Gates Millennium Scholar program is administered by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF.) To help implement the program, the UNCF established partnerships with the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars,

Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. Each year, the program selects 1,000 talented students to receive scholarships that continue through graduation to use at any college or university of their choice. These awards are provided with personal and professional development through leadership programs along with academic support throughout their college career. The Gates Millennium Scholars program is more than a scholarship – it’s an opportunity to change your life.

Darwin Merle Cajero attends Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) and was selected to be the institution’s student representative and speaker for this summer’s celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Morrill Act, the legislation that established the land-grant program – and public higher

education – in the United States.

Chosen from a national pool of nominees, Darwin will speak at the Morrill Sesquicentennial Anniversary Convocation on June 26 in Washington, DC. The event will feature distinguished speakers such as Bill Gates, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. In addition, students representing the land-grant system, including the 1994 land-grant institutions (tribal colleges and universities,) will speak about the importance of the Morrill Act, ideally through the telling of personal stories.

“Congratulations gentlemen and keep up the great work. You are role models for our students and have helped to bring positive recognition to Jemez by your personal achievements!” says Education Department Director Kevin Shendo.



Kellen Lee (on Smokey's right) was honored in a ceremony at the CRC for alerting his grandparents, Ralph and Pauline Sarracino, and his siblings about a fire that destroyed their home in February. Kellen received certificates of appreciation from the Pueblo of Jemez Governors, Sandoval County Fire Department, Five Sandoval Fire Department, and Smokey the Bear. He also received presents from his Head Start classmates to replace what was lost in the blaze. The tribal office is collecting funds for the family to help rebuild their home and replace their belongings. The home was a total loss.



Jemez Children's Art Show

Celebrate our children's creativity and talent! Work from our student artists will be on display in the tribal office through May. Join us at a reception for the artists on Thursday, May 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

MUSIC FESTIVAL!

The Jemez BIA Day School band will give a concert for community members and tribal employees on Tuesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. at the Walatowa Youth Center. Come hear our talented student musicians perform!





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Voter Information

Please register to vote for the 2012 presidential primary election by May 8, 2012. You must be registered with one of the two major parties – Democratic or Republican – to vote in the primary election.

Several tribal members are running for office in this election. Joshua Madalena and Benny Shendo, Jr. are candidates for the New Mexico State Senate, District 22, currently held by Linda Lovejoy. Roger Madalena is running unopposed for the New Mexico State Representative position. Daryl Madalena is running for the Sandoval County Commission, District 5.

Absentee Voting Begins May 8

To vote by absentee ballot, you must complete an application before getting the absentee ballot. You may request an application at the Native American Voting Rights (NAVR) Program at (505) 934-8826 or the Sandoval County Bureau of Elections Office at (505) 867-7577.

Early In Person Voting Begins May 19 and Ends June 2

Jemez Pueblo Precinct 15 will hold two days of early voting at Precinct 15 at the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center:

June 1 and June 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

Election Day is June 5

The Precinct 15 polling location at the Jemez Pueblo Civic Center will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact the NAVR office at Jemez Pueblo Civic Center for more information at (505) 934-8826.

Vote to support your community and our children's future!

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 **SANDOVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
Sandoval Regional Medical Center, Inc. **Town Hall Meeting Thurs., May 24 6 p.m.**

Jemez Valley Community Center Hwy. 4 Cañon

Sandoval Regional Medical Center President and CEO Kevin Rogols will introduce the facility and answer questions about programs and services. Learn about Sandoval County's first community teaching hospital. For more information, contact Hannah Hand at hannah.hand@srmc.unm.edu.

COMMUNITY NOTICE: Pueblo of Jemez Law Enforcement will join the Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, Corrales and New Mexico State Police Forces for a Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, May 26.