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PUEBLO OF JEMEZ WELCOMES NEW TRIBAL LEADERSHIP

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First Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero, Governor Raymond Loretto, DVM, Second Lt. Governor Dominic Gachupin, and Sheriff Joe Steve Fragua.
Photo by Lynn Toledo



PUEBLO OF JEMEZ

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FROM THE GOVERNORS

GOVERNORS GREET TRIBAL EMPLOYEES

Governor Raymond Loretto, DVM, First Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero and Second Lt. Governor Dominic Gachupin hosted a "meet and greet" session with tribal staff on Friday, January 9 at the Community Resource Center.

After the opening invocation, Governor Loretto spoke about the goals and perspectives of this year's administration.

He explained the significance of the Governors' canes and the importance of traditional leadership roles. Recalling guidance he received from the Cacique during his first term as Governor, he emphasized the critical connection with the spiritual leaders for those chosen to leadership positions.

"We are called to serve the community," he said. "Our role as Governors is to enhance, support, uplift and protect our people."

"The people have asked for change," he added. "We need to come together and discuss things: what are the problems? How can we make the situation better? Controversy is not a good way to manage."

He thanked employees for their loyalty and dedication to their jobs and to the community, as well as new employees for the skills and experience they bring to their new positions.

"We will be looking carefully at all programs and budgets," he said. "How much can we buy with what we have? What is the best use of our resources?"

Governor Loretto noted that when he took office in 2003, housing was one of the most critical issues the community faced. "Here we are more than a decade later and it's still a top priority need," he observed.

His business expertise as well as his experience on numerous Boards of Directors, including the Valles Caldera National Preserve Board of Trustees, the University of New Mexico Hospital Board and other regional and national Boards, will be assets in addressing issues facing the tribal enterprise. He added that the Governors will visit all departments and programs to discuss their goals, challenges and resources. "We want to know what keeps you awake at night? What solutions have you found?"

"You know me," he concluded. "I listen. I hear. I feel. I share. That's who I am."

First Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero opened his remarks with an invocation. "We have been here before," he said. "We know how the tribal enterprise works. We are here to serve the people of the Pueblo of Jemez. Everything we do serves that goal."

"We know that being service providers is a tough job," he added.

He advised staff to make "excellence" the goal of everything they do. "Keep on top of your projects and complete them. Follow policies and procedures as set by Tribal Council. Respect their authority; we don't go around them."

The First Lieutenant emphasized the importance of being on time and attending to work responsibilities while at work. "The community pays us to do things right."

"We are here to help you succeed," he concluded. "When you succeed, we succeed. We're only as good and strong as our people."

Second Lt. Governor Dominic Gachupin greeted staff with an invocation. "We are here to help," he said. "You are key to our community. Every department is critical. We have great respect for the staff at Public Works Department who work in the coldest weather and are often called out in the middle of the night to ensure the community has clean, safe water. The Police Department puts their lives on the line every day to protect us and our children. Social Services deal with very sensitive issues affecting our most vulnerable community members." He reminded staff that his experience with the Social Services Program and Tribal Court have made him aware of some of the more serious issues in the community.

He advised managers to treat their staff "with heart." "Our doors are open. We will listen, and do our best to help out."

Tribal Administrator Vincent A. Toya, Sr., explained how becoming a self-determination tribe is affecting how tribal departments function. "We have the respect of other tribes," he said. "We are leading the way."

He explained that tribal administration and the Governors will respond to the community's request for change. "What is needed? How will we get there?" he asked.

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FROM THE GOVERNORS

Government Relations

Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act (S. 285)

The Valles Caldera National Preserve Management Act (S. 285) was included in the US Congress' National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA.) This action transfers management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve from the current Board of Trustees to the National Park Service (NPS) under a preserve model. The NDAA passed the Senate on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, after having passed in the House earlier. President Obama's signature approved it into law.

Pueblo of Jemez leadership has been working on the Valles Caldera lands on several different levels. For the long term, we are still in Federal Appeals Court fighting to regain these lands. Governor Joshua Madalena was also in direct consultation with National Park Service Chief Jonathan Jarvis to work on an agreement that will allow the Jemez Pueblo to co-manage the Preserve. Under this management, the Pueblo seeks to continue to utilize the lands per our traditional religious uses, including hunting, grazing, education and other uses. Under the new management, public access will surely increase, but not at the expense of our traditional/religious uses. The tribe will continue to be involved in shaping of this very critical and sacred aboriginal landscape. If you have questions, please contact the Governors at (575) 834-7359.

Solar Energy Project Proposal

Governor Joshua Madalena and Clarice Madalena made a presentation to Secretary of Energy Dr. Ernest Moniz on a 40-megawatt solar energy project proposed for a 600-acre parcel on Jemez tribal lands near San Luiz. Cherise John, a Navajo student at Arizona State University, was part of the feasibility study team. "The Pueblo of Jemez is taking the lead in Indian County to develop renewable energy resources," Gov. Madalena noted. "These initiatives reinforce our tribal sovereignty as we deal directly with US federal agencies." Secretary Moniz was invited to Jemez for the ground breaking ceremony.

Memorandum of Understanding with BLM

Danita Burns, Bureau of Land Management District Manager, Tribal Administrator Vincent Toya, Sr., Second Lt. Gov. Isaac Romero and Governor Joshua Madalena signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) opening a 10,000 acres in the La Ventana area for traditional cultural use, including wood gathering, grazing, gathering traditional medicinal herbs, and protection of sacred sites.

State-Tribal Gaming Compact Revised

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez signed a revised gaming compact with the Pueblo of Jemez and other tribes at the end of 2014. The revised compact reduces the percentage of income that tribes would be required to pay to the state. The compact goes into effect upon notice in the Federal Register that it has been approved by the US Secretary of the Interior. Tribal Council approved the terms of the compact.

Congress Funds IHS at \$4.6 Billion

Congress passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill that will keep most of the federal government funded through Sept. 30, 2015. The new budget allocates \$4.6 billion to the Indian Health Service (IHS), \$208 million above the FY 2014 level, with \$4.2 billion provided for services and \$460.2 million for facilities.

Purchased/Referred Care (formerly known as Contract Health Services) will see an increase of more than \$35 million in FY 2015 for a total of \$914 million. The legislation also funds contract support costs (CSC) at almost \$663 million. This amount includes increases for FY 2015 and funds to repay other budget items which were reprogrammed to cover the FY 2014 shortfall.

Governors Greet Tribal Employees, *Continued*

He also thanked the Governors from 2014 for their work on behalf of the tribe. "Our prayers carry us through," Vince added.

He closed by reminding staff to continue to raise the bar, adding that the revised position descriptions to be implemented soon will help redefine expectations and responsibilities. "Be aware the community is watching us. Be mindful of breaks, attendance and being on time to work."

Assistant Tribal Administrator Anthony Armijo thanked the

Governors for bringing the staff together. "We are very fortunate to have our livelihoods here in our own community," he noted. "Many from other tribes envy the opportunities we can provide for our people."

Editor's Note, Acknowledgement: The article "Napoleon Loretto: A Jemez Hero" written by Bradley Loretto and published in the December 2014 Red Rocks Reporter, included quotes originally recorded by A. Alex Sando.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council Report

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

Dec. 15, 2014

Provided certifications and signatory authority for a commitment for title insurance for the property held by the Handmaids of the Precious Blood.

Dec. 19, 2014

Approved revisions to policies and procedures for employees' compensation reflecting changes in federal laws, regulations, other employment and benefits mandates, and common employment practices.

Authorized execution of loan documents for the purchase of the property held by the Handmaids of the Precious Blood.

Dec. 22, 2014

Authorized the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Education to develop a strategic plan to implement a community-wide Jemez Towa language immersion program to maintain the language at current levels, increase fluency levels of marginal speakers, and develop appropriate curriculum resources consistent with protecting Jemez culture, tradition and language. The Department will be supported in seeking additional funds and resources to advance locally based and defined research that prioritizes integration of Jemez language and culture into our unique community-based education systems and tribal programs and provide support and professional development to educators to ensure a viable, community-driven language program for all generations to protect the culture, tradition and language of the Pueblo of Jemez.

Accepted the conditions for the Pueblo to participate in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Program for a home site for a tribal member.

Approved the terms of the 2015 Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact with the state of New Mexico.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Ground-Breaking for New Fire Department Building

The long-awaited plan to expand the Pueblo of Jemez Fire Department came closer to realization with the ground-breaking ceremony for the new fire station between the Fitness Center and the Emergency Services Building on _____. The project was launched in 2006 when former Governor Joshua Madalena served as a Sandoval County Commissioner and is part of an ongoing initiative to improve services in rural areas of the county.

Tribal Council members, staff, community members and guests from Sandoval County Commission and Sandoval County Fire Management Department attended the ceremony and helped start preparations for the concrete pad for the new building.

Governor Madalena thanked Tribal Council for their ongoing vision and support of the project. The new building will house a new fire truck and an engine now being housed in Ponderosa as well as a designated vehicle for the fire chief's use.



"We have people trained and certified to deal with both house and wildland fire emergencies," Chief Virgil Gachupin said.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Please be very careful when walking and driving in this area.

Be aware of heavy equipment in use.

When parking for Fitness Center, please park on the south side. Do not block access to the work area.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

WALATOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

WORKSHOP PLANS NEW BUILDING FOR VETERANS

The Planning and Development Department (P & D) and Walatowa Veterans Association launched the planning process for a permanent building for the WVA. All current and future Jemez Pueblo Veterans were invited to participate in a planning and conceptual design workshop on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 10 and 11, at the Visitors Center.

“As we all know, development is a long process,” says Chamisa Radford, P & D Director. “Sometimes it takes years, even decades, to see our vision come to fruition, but we must start somewhere. We are taking those first steps in developing a building for the Walatowa Veterans

Association to call their own.”

Blue Star Studio, Inc. facilitated the planning session that included an inventory of what is already in place, such as the location; identifying needs for the new building, such as infrastructure, arrangements for meetings, entertainment and other functions; exploring design options, including preferred building materials and consideration of cultural relevance; funding options and volunteer opportunities. The ideas will be used to generate a conceptual design for the future building. The planning process will also refine Walatowa Veterans Association objectives, conduct a facility needs

assessment and produce a construction/purchase strategy.

Blue Star Studio states their core values as: “*We believe in the power of place that comes from a long term relationship between people and the land. This is at the heart of what it means to be indigenous. Blending this with an integrated design practice and using appropriate technology, we explore the challenges of today while bringing projects to life which are beautiful, comfortable, affordable and durable.*”

For more information, contact Chamisa Radford, MURP, at Chamisa.A.Radford@jemezpuablo.org or (575) 834-0094, Ext. 105.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Need a little help staying warm this winter? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help qualified, low-income households pay for part of their primary home heating costs. Applicants' income cannot exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

LIHEAP will begin taking applications on Monday, Jan. 12, at the Senior Citizens Center. Applications will be accepted until all funds are spent.

Apply in Person: Intakes will be held Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this time, applications will be processed immediately, with applicants present to determine their eligibility.

Applicants who cannot stay during the intake time frame may deliver applications with supporting documents any time, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; these applications will be processed on Friday of the same week.

To qualify for LIHEAP you must have:

- ☑ Proof of income for the past 30 days for employed adult household members who are no longer in high school.
- ☑ For those unemployed, a letter of unemployment signed by the unemployed individual and/or unemployment benefits award letter.
- ☑ Award letters from Social Security, Veterans Administration, retirement accounts, pensions, etc., and any other proof of income.
- ☑ Self-Employed: Signed statements or letters supporting self-employment and income earned for each month for the last 90 days.
- ☑ A school schedule for the current semester for college students.
- ☑ Social Security cards for all household members.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED.

For more information, contact Kathleen Sando, Program Manager or Monica Toya, Administrative Assistant, at the Senior Center, (575) 834-9168, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VA Legal Clinics Move

Military veterans enrolled in the New Mexico VA Health Care System (NMVAHCS) who have legal questions on civil matters can get free consultations with licensed New Mexico attorneys. Civil Justice Clinics will be held the second Tuesday of each month at a new location: the New Mexico Veterans Memorial, 100 Louisiana Blvd. SE in Albuquerque from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Clinics offer free legal advice about topics such as consumer rights, bankruptcy, landlord-tenant issues, foreclosure and employment. Veterans may also bring questions about family law, divorce, child support, custody and visitation. The clinic does not handle wills or estate planning.

Veterans are encouraged to bring any documents relating to their legal issues with them.

For questions, please contact Lisa Anderson, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist, at (505) 908-0383, or Camila Lopez, at (505) 265-1711, ext. 3434.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Fight Flu!

Submitted by Rina LeMaster, Public Health Programs Manager



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have officially declared that influenza is now an epidemic in the US. There are reports of serious illnesses, hospitalizations and even deaths throughout the country. At press time, five people in New Mexico had died; four of them were elderly patients.

The flu takes a huge toll on families: time missed work and school, doctors' visits, hospitalization, even death. The very young, the elderly and people with chronic illnesses are especially vulnerable. Fortunately, there are ways to fight back.

Take time to get a flu vaccination. The Jemez Health Clinic and Public Health Programs have free shots available; just stop in and tell the receptionist you want to protect yourself from the flu. Although some mutations of this season's flu viruses are different from those in the vaccine, vaccination offers protection from other strains and can reduce the severity of the illness if you do get it. **Vaccination is the most important step to preventing infection from the most common flu viruses.**

Take daily precautions against the spread of germs:

- wash your hands often.
- cover your cough.
- stay away from sick people.

Antiviral medications can help if you do get the flu. The CDC notes that treatment with antiviral drugs is especially important for people at high risk of serious flu complications or people who get very sick with flu. **Antivirals work best when started within two days of the beginning of flu symptoms.** You will need a prescription.

When you come to the clinic, please tell the receptionist if you think you have the flu, and wear a face mask to help protect other patients and staff.

If you do get sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home from work or school.

You will recover faster and avoid spreading the flu to others. Don't make the people near you sick, too.

Cervical Health Awareness

Submitted by Robert Morgan, RN, Public Health Nurse

You can take action to prevent cervical cancer. HPV (human papillomavirus) is the most common sexually transmitted disease. It's also a major cause of cervical cancer. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV, but many people with HPV do not know they are infected.

The Good News

HPV can be prevented by the HPV vaccine.

Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening (Pap Test), and follow up care.

Protect Yourself

Women should start getting regular Pap test at starting at age 21 and continue to age 65. Please check with your provider about what to do prior to Pap tests.

Women should get the HPV vaccine before age 27.

Parents should make sure their pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12.

Men should get the HPV vaccine if you are under age 22

For more information, ask your health care provider or check the CDC guidelines, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health promotion, US department of Health and Human Services, and the National Cervical Cancer Coalition, which was used as a resource for this article.

CO Safety

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas; it's called the invisible killer because it cannot be seen or smelled. It can make people very sick and can even be deadly. Every year, families die in their homes of accidental CO poisoning. In the home, any heating and cooking device that burns fuel can be a source of CO.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- Install CO alarms outside every sleeping area. **If the CO alarm sounds, get fresh air immediately.** Go outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives.
- Never warm vehicles in the garage, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked.
- During and after snowstorms, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow.
- Clear debris from dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace vents.
- Generators must be used outdoors. Use in a well-ventilated location away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO. Only use them outside.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS CONFERENCE

GLEANS COMMUNITY INPUT

Portions Submitted by David Melton, American Indian Development Associates

The Pueblo of Jemez Social Service Department hosted an Elder Abuse Awareness Conference at Walatowa Youth Center on Dec. 3, 2014. Second Lt. Governor Isaac Romero offered the opening invocation. Henrietta Gachupin, Jemez Social Services Program Manager, welcomed the participants, reminding them that elder abuse issues is a community issue, not just a concern for the elderly.

Community Needs Assessment

The US Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime awarded the Pueblo of Jemez a grant to implement a Comprehensive Tribal Assistance Program. This project is aimed at improving community outreach and service delivery to victims of violence and/or victimization. A key goal is to determine where outreach efforts need to be increased so all community members understand they have a safe place to go in times of distress and help guide them through any issues they are experiencing.

To comply with the grant requirements, the Jemez Social Services Department created the Tribal Victim Assistance program. Tanya Shendo is the Victim Services Coordinator. Since March of 2014, the program has assisted community members and conducted outreach activities, including distributing informational materials about the Tribal Victim Assistance program at community events and gatherings.

A community needs assessment will help guide program development and improve service delivery capabilities. The program is using focus group discussions and a survey questionnaire to gain input from community members about issues involving violence, victimization and property crimes.

Ada Pecos Melton from American Indian Development Associates (AIDA) led a town hall discussion as part of the community needs assessment process. She suggested that participants think about the elders they know in the community. "Our job is to be the voice of the people we live with, our families, neighbors and friends," she said. "Who are you worried about? Who needs help? Do you know where to go for help? Do you know what to do for them?"

A facilitated discussion addressed community perspectives regarding violence and victimization, victim service issues, the effects of victimization on the community, and how the community is addressing these issues. Conference participants spoke about their concerns and shared their perspectives on these issues. A questionnaire with similar topics was also distributed to further document participants' concerns. Similar activities have been completed with other targeted community members and will continue through March 2015. When data from the surveys and discussions are tabulated and analyzed, the results will be made available to the community.

A number of issues were raised in the group discussion, including banned alcohol being sneaked into the community, lack of cultural education, youth disrespecting their elders and traditions, fear of reporting incidents, lack of trust in the system, confidentiality issues and concerns about family disruptions. "It takes a whole community to make things work and create change," Leonard Shendo observed.

"We need to take care of the people who are hurt and the people who are doing the hurting," Ada added.

Elder Abuse: Recognition and Response

Jemez Police Department Chief Pete Camacho discussed raising awareness of elder abuse and how to combat it. He commended the youth in the audience for their concern and commitment to participate in the conference. "This is a very sensitive topic," Pete said. "But it affects everyone."

A video presentation described elder abuse and its effects. "We must define what it is, so we can report and take care of it," the Chief said. "These are human rights violations that cause illness, injury, isolation, despair, depression, even death."

The Chief reminded participants that the Pueblo of Jemez Criminal Code defines abuse as acts that cause "bodily harm, unreasonable confinement or mental anguish to **any** person." He emphasized that both state and tribal statutes require observers to report suspicious incidents. "This is a silent crime," he added. "Only about one in 57 cases are reported."

The abuse can be physical, mental, emotional, sexual or financial. "Sadly, financial abuse is all too common," he said. "People steal Social Security checks or access bank accounts or credit cards, leaving the elders destitute and dependent." Most perpetrators are family members.

"Everyone has eyes. You know what you see: unexplained bruises and cuts, sores, poor hygiene, depression and withdrawal, a mood of fear or agitation. These are all warning signs. Problems will not resolve on their own, but there are professionals in the community who can help victims and abusers both."

Law Enforcement, Social Services, tribal officials and health care providers are **required** to report suspected abuse cases; they face significant penalties if they do not report, he added.

"People can report anonymously. You don't need to verify your concerns. That's our job," he said.

He closed by cautioning participants to be wary of scams that target the elderly. "If you are a victim, report it to police. We can only help if we know there's a problem."

For more information about the Tribal Victim Assistance Program, please contact Tanya Shendo, Victim Services Coordinator at (575) 834-7117.

Learn from and value our elders, for they have walked the path before you.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Promoting Meaningful Connections: Quality Family Time

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Social Services Prevention Coordinator

The ways we use our time differ from person to person, parent to parent, caregiver to caregiver. While our situations and time commitments are different, it is important that all parents and caregivers take time to create quality relationships with their children. The “importance, value, and worth” that we put in the time we spend with our children can make a difference in their lives.

Quality Activities

- ▶ Family dinners.
- ▶ Special holidays.
- ▶ Get out of the house together.
- ▶ Play games.
- ▶ Read together.
- ▶ Have conversations.

Quality time with children allows parents to inspire and guide their children, and increases the outcome of a well-balanced child.

Parenting Your School-Age Child

What's Happening...

Children ages six to 12 go through big changes. As they spend more time at school and away from home, they are working to develop identities of their own. Their bodies grow stronger and change quickly, a process that continues through puberty and the teen years. They are learning to control their feelings, use reason and solve problems. Yet children in this age group still need rules and structure and, most of all, their parents' love and support.

Connecting With Your Teen

What's Happening...

Many teens spend less time with their families than they did as younger children. As they become more independent and learn to think for themselves, relationships with friends become very important. Sometimes it may feel like your teen doesn't need you anymore. But teens still need their parents' love, support, and guidance.

Adapted from childwelfare.gov

PARENTING SKILLS CLASS

The Parenting Skills Class is a 12-session class facilitated by the Social Services Program. The classes meet on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Social Services building. The next PSC group is scheduled to begin Feb. 9 through May 5, 2015. Child care services for children of attendees will be provided. Watch for flyers posted in the community with details.

Contact Joline Cruz-Madalena, JSSP Prevention Coordinator, at (575) 834-7117, ext. 206, for more information.

Looking Ahead: Jemez Social Services 2015 Calendar

The Jemez Social Services Program will host a number of events and activities to serve our community. *(Dates subject to change.)*

Batterer's Intervention Class: Listen to the Drum, facilitated by Danielle Tosa

Elder Talking Circle, facilitated by Tanya Shendo

Parenting Skill Class, facilitated by Joline Cruz-Madalena

Teen Talking Circle, facilitated by Cheryl Chinana

Women's Support Group, facilitated by Carol D. Vigil

April: National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Maltreatment Awareness Activities:

Fun Run/Walk: March 27

Children's Fair: April 11

Conference: April 16 or 29

Family Movie Night: April 24

June: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Elder Abuse Awareness Conference

July: Youth Conference July 21

October: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Bullying Prevention Month

Violence Awareness Activities

December: Walatowa Caring Tree

Watch for more JSSP sponsored activities and events through the year. For more information, contact Joline Cruz-Madalena, Prevention Coordinator, at (575) 834-7117, ext. 206.

*Thank You From
Walatowa Caring Tree*

*The Jemez Social Services Program greatly appreciates
the support and commitment from the Jemez community
and Pueblo of Jemez employees.*

*Your generosity helped make Christmas special
for several children and*

the Walatowa Caring Tree project a success.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year!

EDUCATION

Walatowa Runners At National Junior Olympics

Submitted by Matilda Shendo



Seven runners from the Walatowa Running Club represented Walatowa at the National Junior Olympics in Myrtle Beach, SC, where more than 3,000 youth competed. Melena and Delaney Chama ran for the 9 and under girls. Jalen Toya ran for the 15 and over group. Joseph Armijo and Melena Chama made All American. Unattached runners Marius Gachupin and Brian Madalena also made All-American. Tairia Wanoskia, Elise Toya, Kiera Toya, Cody Toya, Brianna Toya and Alana Toya ran for the Cougar Track Club, with Elise and Taira making All-American. The 8 and under team was not complete so they did not place.



(Top) Age 8 and Under Boys after getting their first place trophies for Region 10 in Flagstaff, AZ: Joseph Armijo, Raekwon Lucero, Antwon Shendo, Jarren Chino, Antonio Pecos and Merlin Pecos with Coach Marlinda Pecos.

The Over Age 8 team at the Regionals (bottom row, left to right:) Daisy Lovato, Byron Sabaque, Iesha Tafoya and Jan Tosa; (second row) Leilani Sabaque, Melena Chama, Antonio Pecos, Delaney Chama, Merlin Pecos, Antwon Shendo, Jarren Chino, Kiyanna Sabaque, Joseph Armijo; (back row:) Devonte Crawford and Lauren Pecos. Some runners are not pictured.



All-American Cross Country stars Melena Chama and Joseph Armijo asked to pose with Governor Joshua Madalena on their return from the National Junior Olympics. "It's very gratifying that our youth are showing respect for our traditions and leaders by making this request," Gov. Madalena observed.

Jemez Valley Public Schools: School Board Elections: Feb. 3, 2015

Position 1: Jemez Springs, La Cueva and Sierra Los Pinos

Position 2: San Ysidro, Canon and Ponderosa

Position 5: At Large. Jemez Pueblo will vote for Position 5: At Large

A declaration of candidacy for a position on the Board to be filled at the election must be filed with the Sandoval County Clerk, on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2014 starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Persons who want to be write in-candidates for a position on the Board must file a declaration of intent with the Sandoval County Clerk before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014 (the 35th day preceding the date of the election.)

Qualified voters must be US citizens, at least 18 years old, and residents of the district. Voters must be registered with the Sandoval County Clerk or any voter registration agent. **If you are not now registered, you must register to vote before 5 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2015.**

Absentee voting begins Jan. 9, 2015 and ends Jan. 30, 2015.

Voting Locations: Precinct 15 at Walatowa Youth Center

Precinct 77 at Community Resource Center.

If you have questions, please contact the NAVR Office at (505) 934-8826 or the Jemez Valley Public Schools at (575) 834-9391.

JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF KWASTIYUKWA PUEBLO

Submitted By Matthew J. Barbour, Historic Site Manager

Kwastiyukwa is a large ancestral Jemez Pueblo located atop Holiday Mesa at an elevation of 7,610 feet. It is located in the northern portions of Jemez Province, which extends from Redondo Peak in the north to the confluence of the Rio Salado and Jemez Rivers on the south and from Peralta Canyon in the east to about a mile west of the Rio Guadalupe.

Kwastiyukwa roughly translates from Towa as “the giant’s footprint.” The name derives from a large footprint petroglyph observed near the site.

The pueblo consists of an estimated 1,250 rooms and four or five large plazas, each with its own kiva. A large, possibly “great,” kiva is also present and a small isolated kiva or shrine is located 100 meters east of the site. Water was provided to the occupants via a reservoir located at the north end of the village.

Kwastiyukwa is believed to be one of seven large Jemez villages mentioned by Captain Francisco de Barrionuevo in 1541. Traditionally, it is believed to date between AD 1350 and 1650. However, these dates are based exclusively on relative dating techniques. Chronometric dating, such as radiocarbon and dendrochronology, have not been performed.

Elliot notes that several room blocks along the north end of the Pueblo appear to be more recent. Some rooms display exposed vigas or beams. It has been suggested that these room blocks could be associated with reoccupation of the site during the Pueblo Revolt Period (AD 1680-1694 in Jemez Province.)

Spanish accounts of Kwastiyukwa are nearly nonexistent. Fray Alonso de Benavides’ survey of New Mexico in 1630 mentions only two Jemez Pueblos, San José (Giusewa) and San Diego (possibly Patokwa or Walatowa.) Kwastiyukwa may have been abandoned at this time. Benavides notes that “hunger and war” had ravaged the province, leaving it nearly deserted.

Population decline in Jemez Province is well documented. Antonio de Espejo estimates a population 30,000 in 1583. By

the time of Benavides, this number had dropped to 3,000. While both numbers are likely inflated, they indicate a 90% decline in the population over the course of 50 years. This decline continued through the seventeenth century. By 1704, the population had been reduced to approximately 300 souls.

Archaeological data about the site is similarly sparse. Test excavations were performed at Kwastiyukwa by Wesley Bradford and others beginning in 1914. Exactly what was excavated remains unclear. Locations of the test pits were poorly documented and initial reports on the site misidentified it as Amoxiumqua. It appears most of the work was done along the southern and eastern peripheries of the pueblo. However, this has yet to be adequately documented.

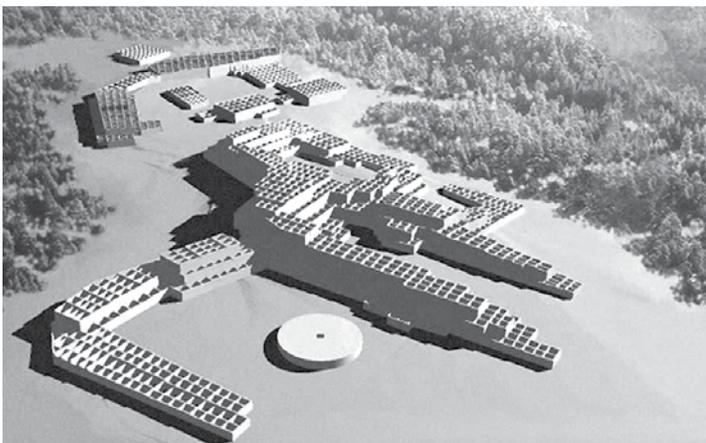
Pot hunter excavations confuses matters further. These holes are located throughout the site. Most are small-scale, but a clearly defined backhoe trench is visible in one of the western most room blocks.

More recent visual inspections by the Forest Service note an extremely high density of surface artifacts. Ceramics include Jemez Black-on-white, Rio Grande glazewares and both plain and corrugated utility wares. Flaked stone consists of chert, chalcedony, basalt and obsidian. The obsidian has not been sourced, but is assumed to have been procured from sources in the Jemez Mountains.

As with most ancestral Jemez Pueblos, our knowledge of Kwastiyukwa remains incomplete and largely speculative. Adequate excavation and documentation has yet to be performed and limited archival evidence provides no real concrete information. Kwastiyukwa was a very large pueblo within Jemez Province and undoubtedly played an important role in Jemez prehistory. However, exactly how Kwastiyukwa fits within the larger culture history of the Jemez People remains a mystery.

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Kwastiyukwa. Photo by Dennis Holloway

JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

A Good Year at Jemez Historic Site

By Matthew J. Barbour, Site Manager

On Dec. 13, Jemez Historic Site hosted Light among the Ruins, our annual holiday celebration. The event included a farolito display, traditional dances, an arts & crafts fair, wagon rides, and Native American music. Even with intermittent rain, sleet and snow through the evening, major road construction along US 550 and Highway 4, and a skeleton staff of only two full-time rangers, Light among the Ruins hosted some 1,009 visitors, making it our most popular event among New Mexico residents. Light among the Ruins capped off an extraordinarily productive year for tourism at Jemez Historic Site.

With over 14,500 visitors, 2014 marked the highest attendance at the site since 2002 and a near 34% percent increase over the expected five-year average. Most impressive is that we had a high number of visitors even though the site was open to the public fewer days (five instead of six days a week) and a smaller staff (two instead of four.) It's quite possible that if Jemez Historic Site had been fully staffed and open seven days a week, 2014 may have been a record-breaking year.

The increase in attendance is the result of many factors. One is the general improvements to the grounds. Massive ruins stabilization and landscaping projects were undertaken in 2014. Funds for these projects came from a variety of sources, including a Youth Conservation Corps Grant, and partnerships such as our collaborative agreement with the Pueblo of Jemez. The product of these endeavors is a Historic Site with a park-like atmosphere and the new appearance of well-preserved architectural features that can be seen from the road to attract casual tourists.

Special events and programs remain an important role in operations. Our Earth Day Hike, Sunrise Easter Service, Pueblo Independence Day, and Light among the Ruins events draw visitors. Also, in its second year, Stories from the Land links Jemez Historic Site with the Jemez Pueblo Community Library and serves an important function in linking New Mexico history and culture with youth reading initiatives. The Elders in Residence Program, made possible by a Small Historic Preservation Grant from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, was introduced this year. The program allowed six Jemez tribal elders to be on site offering a Native American voice in the interpretation and preservation Jemez Historic Site to both staff members and visitors.

The reimagining of Jemez State Monument as Jemez Historic Site and its designation as a National Historic Landmark also helped. While these changes occurred over a year ago, the ramifications are just now beginning to show. Attention among the public, media and academia has noticeably increased. Marketing the new name and what New Mexico Historic Sites have to offer has resulted in features on several television shows and in newspapers and magazines throughout the state. The designation as a National Historic Landmark has brought increased research interest in the site, leading to articles in several regional and national academic journals. All of this attention and promotion reminds potential

visitors of our existence.

Certainly, 2014 had its challenges. The kiva remains closed; It has been closed for nearly two years due to a deteriorating roof. While Capital Improvement Funds were approved to replace the roof at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2014, architectural plans, consultation and securing a construction contract has moved slowly. More important to the public, Jemez Historic Site, remains closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. This is due because we do not have a staff of four, which would allow for continuous operations seven days a week.

Looking ahead to 2015, Jemez Historic Site has some hurdles to overcome. The kiva roof must be replaced. The easiest way to increase attendance is to increase hours of operation. Both of these tasks are possible. However, the latter will require more staff. Regardless, momentum is on our side as Jemez Historic Site staff look ahead to another exciting year.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Employability Skills Training

Feb. 9 - 13, 2015 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program (JVR) will host another employability skills training in February 2015. The free, five-day training will be held Feb. 9 - 13, 2015 at the CRC building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for anyone in the community who wants help improving their job-seeking skills.

Need A Helping Hand ?

Jemez Helping Hands is a local, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping our neighbors in times of need. Contact the following individuals for specific needs:

Fuel needs (propane, firewood, electricity:) Judy, 829-3951.

South Food Pantry (next to the Mission in Jemez Pueblo:) Louise, 834-0402; Susan, 829-3912.

North Food Pantry (at the Presbyterian Church in Jemez Springs,) open third Saturday of month:
Barbie, 829-3816; Louise, 834-0402.

Furniture: Judy, 829-3951; Susan, 829-3912.

Clothes Closet: open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:15 to 1:15; gently used clothing for men, women and kids.



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Serve Our Community!

**Community Intervention Response Team (CIRT)
Community Member Volunteers Needed**

***CIRT volunteers provide emergency assistance to victims
and families of victims in crisis.***

Duties

- ▶ Act as a resource for first responders (POJ Police Department, Tribal Officials, Emergency Services.)
- ▶ Provide immediate aid and support to victims and families of victims of violent and abusive situations within the Pueblo of Jemez jurisdiction.
- ▶ Alternating weekly assignments; a CIRT team leader plus two CIRT field volunteers are assigned weekly.
 - ✦ On-call during non-business hours (5 p.m. to 8 a.m.)
 - ✦ On-call during weekends, national holidays and program closures

Requirements

- ▶ Clear background check.
- ▶ Complete CIRT training.
- ▶ Attend CIRT meetings.
- ▶ Six-month commitment.
- ▶ Confidentiality agreement.
- ▶ Liability waiver.

To volunteer, contact Carol D. Vigil or Cheryl Chinana, POJ Social Services Program, (575) 834-7117, before Jan. 26.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

DUI Checkpoints Continue Through Winter



The Jemez Police Department kept our roads safer for the holidays with DUI check-points on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Children in the checked vehicles got stuffed animals for Christmas. Sober drivers got lottery tickets to celebrate New Year's Eve. The check-points will continue regularly through the winter. Photo by Chief Camacho.

**KEEP OUR ROADS AND COMMUNITY SAFE!
NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE!**