



# Red Rocks Reporter

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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

### Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Field Hearing

New Mexico Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich held an Oversight Field Hearing at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center on Oct. 18, 2016 to prevent the theft, illegal possession, sale, transfer and export of tribal cultural items. The purpose of the Senate Field Hearing was to elicit testimony from tribes and federal entities on the proposed legislation introduced by the Senators known as The Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act, S. 3127 and H.R. 5854 or the STOP Act.

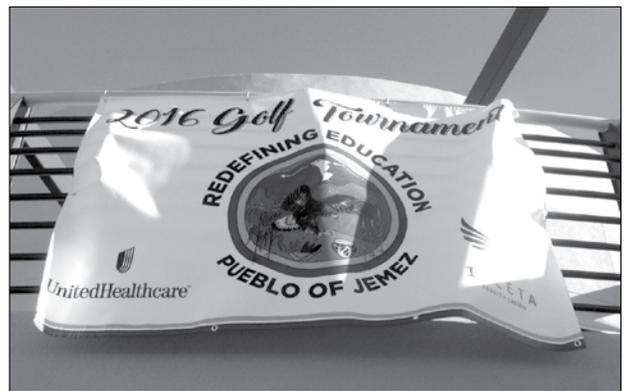
This Act strengthens our ability to protect our important cultural objects from ending up in the hands of those that have no right to possess them. Jemez Pueblo, like other tribes, has had hundreds of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony sold in the antiquities markets at national and international websites like Sotheby's, Butterfield's Auction House, Eve Auction House and the Galerie Flak in Paris, to name but a few, not to mention private collectors selling to other collectors in stores in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Stiffer penalties and an explicit prohibition on exportation to other countries are crucial to prevent the theft and trafficking of our cultural objects. The provisions in the STOP Act are important to allow us to recover those objects that have left our territory and to bring them back to where they belong.

Many tribal leaders, federal officials and congressional staffers were present for the hearing. Due to time constraints, Navajo Nation President Russel Begay, Acoma Pueblo Governor Kurt Riley and Governor E. Paul Torres from Isleta Pueblo as Chairman of the All Pueblo Council of Governors were pre-selected to testify at the hearing. Governor David Yepa was asked to do the invocation and the closing prayer. Most of the Pueblos, including Jemez Pueblo, have submitted written testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in support of the STOP Act.

### Inaugural Golf Tournament

Tribal administration took on a fundraising task for our Scholarship Program and our Tribal Community Library by hosting a golf tournament. These two programs were identified by the tribal leadership as severely underfunded to meet the needs of our students.

The fundraiser golf tournament was held on Oct. 7, 2016 at the Isleta Eagle Golf Course. Approximately 24 teams participated. Many thanks to United Healthcare, our title sponsor, as well as other corporate supporters and other Pueblos who donated to



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Photos by Jaime Loretto



### 2016 Tribal Governors

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Governor

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First Lt. Governor

Ward L. Yeppa  
Second Lt. Governor

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Benny Shendo, Jr.

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## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

### From the Governors, *Continued*

the cause, as well as businesses and individuals.

This inaugural golf tournament was a tremendous success. The Pueblo raised \$55,000 for the Scholarship Program and the Tribal Community Library after all expenses were deducted. Thanks to our Planning Committee and Benny Shendo, Jr. for their assistance in making this tournament a success.



### Film Making at Red Rocks

You may have noticed a lot of activity at Red Rocks within the past week. The beauty of the Red Rocks area seems to grab the attention of many filmmakers and, as a result, is an ideal spot for movies. The filming that occurred was for NetFlix (an Internet streaming movie service,) a six episode TV series entitled "Godless" set to be released in Spring/Summer of 2017. Another filming company filmed in the same area working on a documentary on the life of N. Scott Momaday.

### Self-Governance Quarterly Meetings

Governor Yepa and Tribal Administrator Benny Shendo attended BIA and IHS Self-Governance Quarterly meetings the week of Oct. 24, 2016 in Washington, DC. The Pueblo of Jemez is a Self-Governance tribe operating its own programs that historically had been administered by BIA and IHS. Jemez is the only tribe in New Mexico that is a Self-Governance tribe for both BIA and IHS. Some tribes are working to follow Jemez Pueblos lead.

For the IHS portion, JHHS Director Dr. Gayle Chacon attended the meetings as well. The primary agenda that became the focal point of some of the discussion was the 2016-2017 Presidential Transition Priorities. What is going to happen in the next administration is dependent upon who wins the Presidential election. Should the Republican candidate Donald Trump win the presidential election, it is anticipated that there will be major changes in the federal government. Although there could be some changes if Hilary Clinton wins the election, the changes are not anticipated to be dramatic.

The meetings were beneficial as the tribes were able to meet with Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and other key department staff in BIA and Mary Smith, the Principal Deputy Director of the Indian Health Service.

## TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

# 2018-2022 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plans Submitted to the State of New Mexico

Submitted by Jeri Loretto, Grants and Contracts Administrator

The Pueblo of Jemez receives a number of grant funds from the State of New Mexico. The Pueblo has received funds for housing construction, vehicle purchase, equipment for the Senior Center, improving the Pueblo water and sewer infrastructure, a school bus, improvements to our agriculture system and funds for numerous other projects.

To qualify for these state funds, all New Mexico communities, including tribal communities, are required to submit an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) every year to the State Finance Department. Each time, the Pueblo of Jemez requests state funds, state agencies use the ICIP to determine if the proposed project is listed on the ICIP and identified as a project critical to the delivery of services by the Pueblo of Jemez. Governor Susana Martinez and the state legislature also use the ICIP to grant funds to their constituents. Therefore, the annual development and submission of the ICIP is critical to the Pueblo of Jemez.

This year, 2016, the State Finance Department created an additional step for all communities. Starting this year, all Senior Center facilities were required to submit an exclusive ICIP. Prior to 2016, Jemez submitted one ICIP for overall community infrastructure needs. This year, Jemez submitted two ICIPs – one for overall community infrastructure needs and one for the Jemez Senior Center facility.

The ICIP process helps the Pueblo systematically plan capital improvement projects and is an effective tool to define our development needs, establish priorities among the projects, and help create concrete steps, actions and strategies to accomplish the projects the Pueblo needs. Because funding resources are limited and Jemez has limited general funds, planning is absolutely critical to determine how we stretch our dollars.

## Pueblo of Jemez Projects

This year, Jemez submitted 27 projects for the 2018-2022 ICIP. The top 11 general projects submitted include:

- ◆ Remodel the Walatowa Early Childhood Learning Center (\$1,275,000)
- ◆ Public Works Utility Equipment (\$300,000)
- ◆ Tribal Administrative Services Complex (\$1,935,000)
- ◆ Historic Plaza Rehabilitation (\$1,635,000)
- ◆ Pueblo Place Subdivision Infrastructure Project

(\$1,515,000)

- ◆ Natural Resources Department work center (\$1,900,000)
- ◆ Trails and road improvement (\$100,000)
- ◆ Storm water and drainage control (\$2,400,000)
- ◆ Convenience Store expansion (\$1,725,000)
- ◆ Walatowa Timber Industries Eater/Electric Utility (\$225,000)
- ◆ Public Works Department complex (\$1,900,000)

## Senior Center Projects

The eight projects submitted for the 2018-2022 ICIP for the Jemez Senior Center include:

- ◆ Renovation of the Senior Center entrance (\$25,000)
- ◆ Expansion of the Jemez Senior Center (\$1,000,000)
- ◆ Expansion of the Intergenerational Room (\$500,000)
- ◆ Expansion of the exterior space of Jemez Senior Center (\$700,000)
- ◆ Purchase handicapped-accessible van (\$80,000)
- ◆ Remodel Jemez Senior Center dining room (\$55,000)
- ◆ Expand Jemez Senior Center outdoor patio (\$75,000)
- ◆ Create space to provide aqua therapy (\$500,000)

Jemez Department and program staff met for several weeks to develop the general capital improvement projects. Senior citizens at the Senior Center also met with staff to develop their list of capital improvement projects.

It must be emphasized that funds for all projects listed in the 2018-2022 ICIP have not been secured. Therefore, Jemez department and program staff will work diligently to secure federal, state and local funds to accomplish these capital improvement projects. If you are interested in more detailed descriptions of the projects listed, please contact Tribal Administration.

*With regard to funding support from the state for prior ICIP projects, the Pueblo of Jemez extends sincere appreciation to State Representative Roger Magdalena for his support throughout more than 30 years of helping bring needed funds to the Pueblo.  
Thank you Representative Magdalena.*

## SENIOR CENTER

# SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM NEWS

Submitted by Joseph Fragua and Rose Shendo

### Drum Making Class

The Drum Making Class ended on Sept. 28, 2016. Hats off to Everett Fragua who did a remarkable job instructing the class. All who attended were amazed that they made a drum, a task many thought they would not be able to do.

Participants made two drums. The first was made with full guided instructions and the second was made to test their memory of the process. All passed with flying colors. Participants wanted the class to continue so they could make larger drums.

The class completed evaluations and some comments included: *"This class was not only traditional but also spiritual. I cannot explain the value of this class in words that would do it justice."* ... *"Yes, very beneficial. I learned something that every guy should value."* ... *"I learned something I thought I wouldn't learn at all."* ... *"I am very grateful for what I have learned in this class. It is something I can now pass on to my kids."* ... *"Very beneficial! I will cherish this and appreciate the knowledge that was taught."* ... *"I feel this class is excellent and I believe every step toward drum making was demonstrated."*

Everett took the extra step of restoring three drums; two for the Senior Program and one for Head Start. The renewed drum for Head Start was presented to the Head Start Program Manager Lana Toya at the End of Summer Festive Picnic.

There was much laughter involved, which made it even more fun. The Senior Program trusts that the knowledge gained will be passed on to the younger generation.

Thank you very much, Everett Fragua!



### End of the Summer Festive Picnic

The end of the Summer Festive Picnic was held on Friday, Oct. 7. We were given a gorgeous day to enjoy the Jemez Pueblo Red Rocks for our event.

The turnout was great. The day included exercises done to traditional music, traditional dances, traditional singers, traditional food, and even traditional door prizes. The picnic ended with bingo with prizes. It truly was a great day!

The Senior Citizens Program thanks everyone who was part of the picnic. Not only did the elders help with the event, but many employees helped as well. Thanks to all who helped and supported the event: elders, Community Wellness, Vocational Rehabilitation and Public Health Programs, Tribal Enrollment, EMS and the Governors, who allowed the Senior Program to host the picnic at the Red Rocks.



## SENIOR CENTER

### SENIOR CITIZENS PROGRAM

### Caregiver Support Services



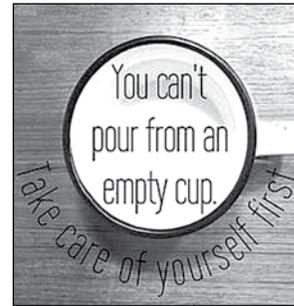
#### Senior Outing

A favorite time of year is Balloon Fiesta. Senior Program elders saw the big balloons go up early on Oct. 5. Everyone bundled up in the cold but that all enjoyed themselves and were enthusiastic about returning in the future.

#### Shuffleboard

#### Challenge at Isleta Pueblo

Fourteen Jemez elders challenged the Isleta Pueblo elders to a shuffleboard tournament on Monday, Oct. 24. Our elders got out and spent time away from home to socialize. Shuffleboard has low physical fitness requirements and the elders enjoy the game and become competitive. Some call it a "mind game" that earns points and takes away points of an opponent. The elders signed up in teams of two and competed in a double elimination tournament style.



### 6TH ANNUAL JEMEZ CAREGIVER'S CONFERENCE

#### Enhance Caregiver's Wellness

Walatowa Youth Center

Thursday, Nov. 17 5- 8 p.m.

A 'caregiver' is anyone who is caring for a loved one. Learn more about improving your well-being as a caregiver.

Everyone 12 years old and older is welcome.

Dinner will be provided and there will be door prizes!

Call Joseph Fragua, Jr. at Caregiver Support Services

(575) 834-9168 for more information.



## MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

# 0.3 Percent Social Security Benefit Increase for 2017

Submitted by Lisa Maves, Medical Social Worker

The Social Security Administration has announced that monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 65 million Americans will increase 0.3 percent in 2017.

The 0.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 60 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2017. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2016. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based

on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$127,200 from \$118,500. Of the estimated 173 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2017, about 12 million will pay more because of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2017 will be available at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act determines how the COLA is calculated. To read more, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).

## SOCIAL SERVICES



# Domestic Violence Prevention Conference

More than 100 people attended the Domestic Violence Awareness Conference at the Walatowa Youth Center on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Second Lt. Governor Ward Yeppa opened the program with a traditional invocation.

Kimberly Benally (Navajo) of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women was the guest speaker. Kimberly pursuing a doctorate in higher education leadership.

The coalition was organized in 1996 to bring together native advocates working in Indian communities in New Mexico to provide assistance and support to Native women who have been battered or sexually assaulted. She opened her talk with a video that described violence against women as a "terrorist threat." "This war is at home," the narrator said. "Violence has become normalized," Kimberly said. "I didn't recognize abuse and violence in my own childhood home because violence was 'normal' in my family as it is in many homes."

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### 'What is Community?'

To start the conversation, Kimberly asked conference participants what 'community' means to them. The responses included family, friends, love, respect, tradition, culture, language, honesty and the dances, songs, ceremonies and prayers that define the Jemez community.

'What is domestic violence?' She then asked. The answer: *power and control, fear and intimidation.*

Abuse can be physical, emotional, mental, financial or sexual. In addition to actual physical harm, abuse can also be male 'privilege,' threats and isolation.

"Power and control is not love," Kimberly emphasized.

### Non-Physical Forms of Abuse

Some non-physical forms of abuse include

- Threatening to hurt or kill themselves if the partner leaves them.
- Demanding that partners drop everything to meet their needs.
- Requiring that partners explain everything they do, everywhere they go and who they see.
- Making partners feel bad about themselves.
- Blaming partners for events out of their control.
- Accusing partners of cheating or flirting.
- Forcing partners to avoid family and friends.
- Demanding that partners get permission for normal activities.

"In most of the US, violence against Native women is perpetrated by non-Natives," Kimberly explained. "Unfortunately in New Mexico, 89% of the perpetrators are Native men."

The statistics are frightening: as many as 80% of Native women will experience violence in their lifetimes compared with only one in four white women; two out of five will experience sexual violence. One third of children will witness violence in their homes.

"These statistics refer only to reported cases," Kimberly noted. "There are many more cases that are not reported."

The immediate physical impact includes black eyes, broken bones, bruises, hearing and vision loss, internal injuries, even death. The long-term psychological effects can be even more devastating including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD,) depression, chronic fatigue, anxiety, suicide and substance abuse.

Sadly, New Mexico ranks third in the nation in violence against women.

### Children of Domestic Violence

There is devastating, often long-term and permanent damage to children who witness violence in their homes: anxiety, depression, poor school performance, aggression, separation anxiety, hyperactivity, even suicide. Children of violent homes are more likely to create violent homes as adults, either as perpetrators or victims who experience abuse as 'normal.'

"Sixty percent or those who experience trauma have increased physical effects such as diabetes and heart disease as well," Kimberly added.

Kimberly also advised that youth be taught that "there is no such thing as 'nonconsensual sex': it's rape," she stressed. "It's important to talk to youth about violence, consent and healthy relationships; knowledge is precious."

Social Services staff presented current statistics on violence within the community and described the Community Intervention Response Team (CIRT) that is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist families. Usually police officers on scene contact the CIRT team once the situation is safe and secure. Volunteers are needed for this critical community service; training is provided. Call the Social Services Program at (575) 834-7117 if you are interested in becoming part of this critical service to the community.

### Voices of Domestic Violence

*Voices of Domestic Violence* is a very moving digital storytelling presentation that includes reports from community members about their experiences with domestic and intimate partner violence. The stories were submitted anonymously and read by Social Services staff members.

### Domestic Violence in the Courts

Tribal Court Judge Allan Toledo is the full time judge for Jemez Pueblo. He explained that the tribal court system has both contemporary and traditional components.

"Tribal Court is the third branch of tribal government," he

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## Domestic Violence Conference *Continued*

explained. "Tribal Council makes the laws. We make sure that there are consequences when laws are broken."

*Jemez Tribal Code Title X* addresses violence against family members. "We have zero tolerance for domestic violence," Judge Toledo noted, adding that often victims don't report the crime. "If there are no witnesses and the victim doesn't report, we can't take action." He emphasized that self-defense that results in injuries is not a crime. The code covers people who are married, living together, who have a child in common, and other family members.

Law Enforcement determines if the victim is a family member and whether Title X applies.

"Conviction for the first offense is a fine up to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail. A second offense is up to one year in prison, and a fine from \$500 to \$1,000/ A third offense is referred to the federal court system and mandatory jail time," Judge Toledo said.

Orders of protection are enforceable no matter where the victim may be. "Protection orders that we issue are enforceable by any local, state or federal officers, anywhere in the country," he said. He added that cases cannot be 'dropped' if a victim is afraid to or decides not to prosecute. "Police are now obligated to proceed with charges, *whether or not the victim wants to*. It's not the victim who presses charges, it's the officers responding," he clarified.

Judge Toledo praised the Social Services programs that address victims and perpetrators, including a batterers' support group and parenting classes. "These people almost always come back to the community. We have to have a way to help them," he said.

"I was hired to protect this community and I'm going to do that," Judge Toledo concluded.

### Law Enforcement

Lt. Clinton Weatherspoon took a moment to acknowledge the work the Social Services Program is doing in the community. "I've witnessed first hand what they do," he said. "They are tireless, compassionate, loving."

He introduced officers Vincent Madalena and Joseph Tsosie who described the process of responding to domestic violence calls.

"It's often very hard to investigate a situation," they said. "Often one party has left the scene and we need to find them. If there are injuries, we call EMS. If the scene is secure, we call CIRT to help the victims." They added that it's heartbreaking to deal with the children who witness the violence.

"If there are injuries, we will file charges. The victim doesn't file the charges and can't refuse to have charges filed. It's the police who file the charges, whether or not the victim wants to pursue the case," they explained.

"Our main goal, our main concern, is the safety of our community," they concluded.

## Understanding Drug Use and Addiction

*Submitted by Vera Loretto, MA, Prevention Coordinator*

Many people do not understand why people become addicted to drugs. Many think that those who use drugs lack moral principles or willpower and that they can stop their drug use by simply choosing not to use. ***The reality is that drug addiction is a complex disease and quitting usually takes more than good intentions or a strong will.*** Drugs change the brain in ways that make quitting hard, even for those who want to stop using.

Addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive or difficult to control, regardless of harmful consequences. The initial decision to do drugs is voluntary for most people, but repeated drug use leads to changes in the brain that challenge a person's self-control and create the intense urge to take drugs. These changes can be persistent, which is why drug addiction is considered a "relapsing" disease.

Long term use of drugs changes the chemical systems and circuits in the brain that affect functions including:

- ◆ Learning
- ◆ Judgement
- ◆ Decision-making
- ◆ Stress management
- ◆ Memory
- ◆ Behavior

Despite being aware of these harmful outcomes, many people continue to use drugs, which is the nature of addiction.

As with other chronic diseases, such as diabetes, asthma, or heart disease, treatment for drug addiction generally isn't a cure. However, addiction is treatable and can be successful. Recovering addicts will be at risk for relapse for years or possibly their whole lives. Treatment that is tailored to each patient's drug use and any co-occurring medical, mental and social problems can contribute to continued sobriety.

***Drug use and addiction are preventable.*** Prevention programs that involve families, schools, communities and the media are effective for preventing or reducing drug use and addiction. Parents, teachers and health care providers have a crucial role in educating young people.

*Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse (Aug. 2016). Drug Facts: Understanding Drug Use and Addiction. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/understanding-drug-use-addiction>*

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# Behavioral Health Matrix Model

*Submitted by Lena Gachupin, Program Manager*

The Behavioral Health Program has now implemented the Matrix Model which started Oct. 3, 2016 and runs Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. The Matrix Model will continue for 16 weeks. The two primary presenters are Shanna Parker, LMHC, LSAA and Carol Gachupin, LADAC, CPSW. The Matrix Model is an evidence based intensive outpatient treatment program for alcohol and drugs, proven effective in the treatment of methamphetamine and cocaine addiction. It has been developed, refined and evaluated through three decades of research.

The Matrix Model is a comprehensive, multi-format program that covers six key clinical areas:

- ❖ Individual/conjoint therapy.
- ❖ Early recovery.
- ❖ Relapse prevention.
- ❖ Family education.
- ❖ Social support.
- ❖ Urine testing (to be implemented.)

This integrated therapeutic model incorporates the following treatment modalities:

- ❖ Cognitive/behavioral.
- ❖ Motivational enhancement.
- ❖ Couples and family therapy.
- ❖ Individual supportive/expressive psychotherapy and psychoeducation.
- ❖ Twelve-Step facilitation
- ❖ Group therapy and social support.

The model has been federally recognized by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT,) National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA,) Office of National Drug Policy and Department of Justice, Drug Strategies and is under review by the National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices (SAMHSA.)

Contact the Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258 for more information.

# Behavioral Health Adds Accudetox® Services

The Behavioral Health Program has added another treatment modality, Accudetox® (ear acupuncture.) Accudetox utilizes the insertion of five small sterilized, disposable needles placed in specific sites on the ear for stress reduction, and the treatment and prevention of addiction, whether to cigarettes, alcohol or other substances. Accudetox treatment improves the ability to sleep; increases alertness and the ability to cope; reduces depression, anxiety and anger; reduces intrusive thoughts; and decreases aches and pain associated with drug withdrawal.

The treatment plan also includes implementing Group Empowerment therapy, using a healing 16-step model addressing the underlying roots of addiction through the steps and accompanying exercises. This group process is based on love, not fear, and encourages creativity, finding one's inner voice and taking action for a better life.

Accudetox and Group Empowerment therapy will be provided by Eleni Fredlund, Certified Auricular Detoxification Specialist. Ms. Fredlund will provide services in a group setting as well as individual sessions. She will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on an abbreviated schedule. If you are interested in Accudetox, contact the Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

# NOVEMBER IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Submitted by Robert Morgan, RN, Public Health Nurse

## What Is Alzheimer's Disease?

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. The progressive disease begins with mild memory loss and can eventually seriously affect a person's ability to carry out daily activities. The disease affects parts of the brain that control thought, memory and language.

## Who Has Alzheimer's?

In 2013, as many as five million Americans were living with this disease. The number of people with the disease doubles every 5 years beyond age 65. By 2050 this number is projected to rise to 14 million, a nearly three-fold increase.

Generally, symptoms first appear after age 60, and the risk increases with age. Younger people may get Alzheimer's disease, but it is less common.

## What Is Known About Alzheimer's?

- Age is the best known risk factor.
- Genetics may play a role.
- Changes begin in the brain years before symptoms appear.
- Evidence suggests that some of the same risk factors for heart disease and stroke (hypertension, high cholesterol, low levels of foliate) also increase the risk.
- Evidence shows that physical, mental and social activities are protective against Alzheimer's disease.

## What Are The Signs of Alzheimer's?

- Unusual incidents of becoming lost in familiar places.
- Has difficulty handling money and paying bills.
- Repeats questions without remembering the answer.
- Takes longer to complete normal daily tasks.
- Displays poor judgment.
- Loses items or misplaces them in odd places, such as car keys in the refrigerator.
- Mood or personality changes.

## How Is Alzheimer's Disease Treated?

Although there is no known cure for Alzheimer's, medical management can slow or delay symptoms and help people maintain mental function.

At the Elder Abuse Awareness Conference at the in June, Dr. Janice E. Knoefel, MD, MPH, gave the keynote

presentation on dementia. Dr. Knoefel is the Director of the Cognitive Disorder Clinic at the Clinical Neuroscience Center at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. (See the *Red Rocks Reporter*, July 2016 edition.)

"Because early diagnosis and treatment are critical, screening for dementia is essential for people without obvious symptoms," Dr. Knoefel said. "Screenings can be done at annual physical exams and other situations using a variety of tools that are fairly easy to administer. Lay people can be trained to use these tools as well...There is no certain diagnosis. We can't take an X-ray and say 'that's Alzheimer's. We do the best we can.'"

If you or a family member is concerned about increasing memory loss or other symptoms, please see a provider at the Jemez Clinic for a complete physical exam that will include screening for Alzheimer's disease.

If the diagnosis is Alzheimer's, early diagnosis can help patients and families plan for the future, take care of legal and financial matters, and make the most of the time they have together.

Source: [www.cdc.gov/aging/alzheimers](http://www.cdc.gov/aging/alzheimers)

## Visit MOGRO!

Get your organic fruits and vegetables at MoGro at the Jemez Health Clinic. Sign up online, or visit the Public Health Program to place your order. MoGro delivers to the clinic regularly. Pick up a box of produce and other items for only \$20! You'll get 10 different organic fruits and vegetables from local and regional farmers. Plus MoGro offers 50% off when you pay with SNAP so you can double your food bucks!

Contact Rebecca at [mogro@santafecf.org](mailto:mogro@santafecf.org) or (505) 670-8741, go to the Public Health office at the clinic, or call (575) 834-7207 for more information.

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## Fun Run/Walks

### GOBBLE WOBBLE FITT RUN/WALK

Tuesday, Nov. 22

Registration: 4 p.m.

Run/Walk Start: 4:30 p.m.

Jemez Pueblo Church

10 Thanksgiving turkey dinners will be raffled!

### 10K HOLIDAY HUSTLE

Saturday, Dec. 17

Registration: 8 a.m.

Run/Walk Start: 8:30 a.m.

San Diego Riverside School parking lot

## WALATOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

## WVA NEWS

Submitted by Vera Loretto, US Navy



The WVA thanks Jemez Tribal Court and the Jail Diversion Program for the First Annual Walatowa Veterans Benefits Fair and especially thank the vendors, veterans, families and community members who attended. It was a huge success and we look forward to the next fair. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact the Veterans Association so they can better serve you and your families.

**November 11 is Veterans Day.** The WVA will offer their annual flag raising ceremony at the Civic Center at 8 a.m. All veterans, families and community members are invited. A light snack will be provided in celebration afterwards.

The Veterans Association is updating the veterans' list. Families of all those currently serving are asked to contact Gail Romero at the WVA office at the Civic Center or Vera Loretto at (575) 834-0161 or by e-mail to [vloretto@hotmail.com](mailto:vloretto@hotmail.com). You may go to the WVA office to check the list to see if the veteran's name is listed; missing names can be added.

For questions or requests about any veteran-associated activity, such as headstones, flag ordering or placement of such items, leave a message for Greg Toya, WVA Commander, at the WVA office at the Civic Center or contact Vera Loretto.

All veterans are encouraged to attend monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please note that the November meeting will be held Tuesday Nov. 15 at 6:30 (after Feast and the presidential election.) It's important to get as many veterans as possible to attend so the organization can continue work for all veterans in Walatowa.

Dear Walatowa Community:

I want to extend heart-felt thanks to everyone who attended and supported the First Annual Walatowa Veterans Benefit Fair. Well over 20 booths provided information on VA benefits, state benefits and health care services for veterans and their family members on Friday, Oct. 21.

Veterans and their families from Jemez Pueblo, Torreon, Kewa Pueblo, Okeh Oweingu Pueblo and Zia Pueblo attended. We were honored to have the following individuals offer their words and songs of wisdom: Walatowa Veterans Association Color Guard; Geronimo Fragua (spiritual leader); Allan Martinez, Deputy Secretary of State; Kelly Zunie, NM Cabinet Secretary of Indian Affairs; Malcom Yepa and The Little Eagles Group; Ava Loretto, Jillian Casiquito and Kyann Loretto from Walatowa Charter High School who recited the Pledge of Allegiance; Frankie Lopez and his Rez Country Band from Torreon; WVA Commander Greg Toya and our emcee WVA member Vera Loretto.

The Veterans Benefits Fair reached out to 261 individuals. A "special thank-you" for the generous support from John Griego, DVS from VA Services, Jemez Tribal Court staff, Dennis Madalena, Public Works, United Health Care and the Walatowa Youth Center staff. The great door prizes were generously donated by Los Ojos Restaurant (Brian and Olga Appel,) Village of Jemez Spring Bath House, Jemez Tribal Court staff, Jim Toya, VA Native American liaison, Weekends shop in Jemez Springs, Jemez Pueblo Police Department and Jemez Pueblo Social Services. We thank you.

Sincerely,

Gail Romero, Jail Diversion/Veterans Service Coordinator

## HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

## JHHS Revenues Soar

Jemez Health and Human Services celebrated a banner year of increased revenues for Fiscal Year 2016:

💰 Third party revenue went from \$4,446,272.32 to \$5,638,509.83, a 28% increase from 2015.

💰 September 2016 saw the highest third party revenue generation on record of \$765,844.79.

💰 Pharmacy also had a banner year going from \$1,016,103.55 to \$1,524,850.95, a 50% increase from fiscal year 2015.

💰 Emergency Medical Services saw a 78% increase from last year, from \$105,024.33 to \$187,075.99.

💰 Transportation saw a 42% increase, from \$29,841.16 to \$42,396.95 from 2015 to 2016.

"Special kudos to John Hahn and his staff for their contributions," says Basil Pina, Financial Analyst. "Everyone involved in patient care can be proud of this year's successes."

"It was a coordinated effort not only with my excellent

staff, but I also need to give a big thanks to Thelma Shendo, Lisa Maves, and the entire billing staff," said Pharmacy Manager John Hahn, PharmD.

"I congratulate the JHHS staff for completing another excellent year of revenue generation," said David Tempest, MD, Medical Director. "Of course, most important is quality, prompt and satisfying care of our patient customers. But revenue helps us improve our care by allowing us to hire needed staff, buy important equipment, and renovate our facility as well as contribute financially to the wide array of services the Pueblo of Jemez delivers to its people. Jemez has not depended solely on its IHS compact funds for many years, and it's the extra revenue earned that makes the difference between basic programs and expanded ones. So again, thanks to all of you; we hope that 2017 will bring a new fitness center and a renovated clinic."

# HALLOWEEN FUN



## 5th Annual Halloween Carnival Friday, October 28

“Thanks to all who helped to make this event such a huge success,” says Matilda Shendo. “Jaime Loretto is to be commended for the organizing of this event.”

**2015**

497 Participants  
75 Tribal Employees Worked  
11 Program Booths

**2016**

685 Participants  
102 Tribal Workers Worked  
17 Program booths

“On behalf of the organizing committee, thank you all for the door prizes that were donated; they were all awarded. We have over 50 prizes including gift cards. The food concession by the Walatowa Running Club was greatly appreciated. Hopefully they made lots of money for their upcoming events.”



## HEAD START NEWS

*Submitted by Walatowa Head Start Staff*

### Updates from the Kiva Room

October was busy. We are still working with the different colors of corn. We experimented with blue corn, shelling, cleaning, grinding and roasting, and using our senses. Then the children helped prepare atole to enjoy.

The theme for the month was "family." We talked about what family is and recognizing and identifying family members in Towa. Classroom activities include developing and strengthening fine motor skills, scribbling, easel painting using fall colors, and working with play-dough.

On a community field trip to the Rock Hill Road we observed our village from the top of the hill. We also enjoyed other nature walks weekly to observe our classmates' houses to learn and identify the areas where they reside. We also discussed the different places within the community.

The Jemez Falls field trip was a great experience for all the children where they observed the color changes in the environment.

### Updates from the Hemish Room

Children in the Hemish classroom have been working with and learning about corn, its purposes and the different types. In learning about corn, we made atole to drink with lunch; it was something new to try for some.

We invited family members to celebrate Grandparent's Day on Sept. 28. In preparation for this special event, the children prepared chile biscuits. They participated in the step-by-step preparation process and baked them using the outside oven. The children and their grandpas danced the "harvest dance" and participated in the "oh-ho" activity. Everyone had a fun time.

We take advantage of the warm weather by going on nature walks and observing the outside environment. We planned a community field trip to the Hilltop to observe our village and see the children's homes as well to learn the identity of the different places within our community. We also visited and celebrated Indigenous Day with San Diego Riverside Charter School with a Butterfly dance and a Bird dance.

On a trip to Jemez Falls we observed the changing colors of leaves and the fall season. The waterfall was a big hit; it was a first for the children to see the water coming down the way it did. We enjoyed our lunch in the mountainous environment!

On Oct. 19, the children helped make their own fry bread to have with lunch. We had a visit from Smokey the Bear, and he helped and participated in our activity too.

On Oct. 26, our class along with the Kiva classroom went to Wagner's Pumpkin Patch and enjoyed the corn maze, pumpkin patch, tractor ride and the environment.

We have three valuable individuals who join us in our classroom weekly. Johnnie Sandia is our traditional singer who sings

to the children; dancing helps the children use and develop their large motor skills. Joseph B. Toledo teaches language and culture education in our daily classroom activities, field trips, outdoor play time and traditional games. Juanita Yepa teaches and sings traditional songs and nursery rhymes she has created using the Towa language. The children enjoy all of their company and teachings; we are grateful to have them be a part of our classroom family.

### Dates to Remember:

**Nov. 16:** PCC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 18 & 23:** Early Release at 11 a.m.

**Nov. 24-25:** Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

WHSLLIP is taking still taking enrollment applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

We invite parents and family members to visit our classrooms or to have lunch with us. Our doors are always open!



## EDUCATION

# Jemez Valley Public Schools

Submitted by Joline Cruz-Madalena, Programs Coordinator for Indian Education



### District Calendar Reminders

**November 11:** No School

**November 23 - 25:** Thanksgiving Break

**December 1:** 80<sup>th</sup> Day Reporting Period

### Save the Date

**November 28 - 30:** NM Smiles GO

**December 7 - 8:** Fine Arts Night

### After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)

Jemez Valley Public Schools' After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) provides a learning environment beyond school hours where middle and high school students have an opportunity for personal and academic growth. ASEP offers programs (such as GEAR UP Tutoring) and activities that are academic, explore the arts, hands-on, fun and community-driven, with college and career exploration opportunities. Students will utilize age-appropriate materials and equipment.

#### ASEP Programs and Activities

- ◆ GEAR UP Tutoring
- ◆ Battle of the Books
- ◆ Chess
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Book Club
- ◆ Open Agriculture Space
- ◆ Makerspace
- ◆ Fiber Arts



Participation in ASEP is a great opportunity and privilege. Students must receive parent/guardian permission to participate. Students must follow all rules in the *Parent-Student Handbook* and guidelines set by ASEP instructors and bus drivers. Students can be dismissed from the ASEP and/or not allowed to utilize the activity bus for inappropriate, disrespectful and/or unsafe behavior toward others or themselves.

JVPS educators and volunteers are working together to ensure the ASEP activities not only expand learning opportunities but also supplement the learning taking place during the school day and provide opportunities to develop student-mentor relationships.

In addition to the GEAR UP Tutoring Programs, JVPS' goal is to provide additional enrichment opportunities to coincide with the four nine-week grading periods. The quantity and type of activities, and expansion of the ASEP is based on the availability of instructors, supplies, materials and transportation. Once the start date for the ASEP activities is finalized, student registration will begin and permission slips will be distributed to students.



### Mobile Food Pantry (MFP)

**November's distribution date is Friday, Nov. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** while supplies last. To participate in the MFP the parent/guardian must have a student who attends Jemez Valley Schools,

and must complete the MFP registration form. If interested, contact Sharon Palma (ext. 314) or Barry Levine (ext. 512) at (575) 834-7393 or (505) 373-0054.

### Child Find

The Central Regional Educational Cooperative and Jemez Valley Public Schools thank the parents/guardians who participated in the free developmental screening of their children (newborn to five years) at the Child Find event held on Thursday, Oct. 13. For more information on Child Find, call Diana Lucero at (575) 834-7391.

### College and Career Readiness: American Indian Senior Day at University of New Mexico

On Oct. 20, seven seniors participated in the American Indian Senior Day held at the University of New Mexico (UNM.) Students had opportunities to interact with current UNM students; learn about educational, cultural and campus life at UNM; identify important campus resources; receive vital information about financial aid, scholarships and admissions; and leave motivated to pursue a higher education. JVPS thanks the parents/guardians for allowing their students to participate in this educational opportunity. JVPS also thanks UNM and UNM's American Indian Student Services for welcoming our students and providing a valuable experience.

### 2016 GEAR UP Student Leadership Conference

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) New Mexico held the annual Student Leadership Conference (SLC) on Oct. 26 – 28 in Albuquerque. The conference was an opportunity for middle and high school students to participate in team and leadership skill building activities, network among their peers, and participate in workshops. This year, 12 JVPS students (four middle school and eight high school) participated.

### JVPS Transportation: Every Student Rider Counts

With increasing budget cuts from the state, JVPS staff, parents/guardians and students must make every effort to increase our student ridership to improve student educational outcomes and fund our Transportation Department. Student use of the District's **free** school bus transportation has benefits, such



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## Jemez Valley Public Schools, Continued

as decreased tardiness and absenteeism, safety in route to school, improved traffic conditions, cleaner communities by decreasing carbon emissions, and maintaining the availability of free school bus transportation within the Jemez Valley Public School District.

When too few students ride the bus to and from school, it impacts the amount of funding received from the state. Funding cuts ultimately affect educational dollars for the classrooms and our students. This year, the Public Education Department specified two days (the 80<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> day of school) in this academic year where the number of student bus riders will be counted to allocate funding for 2017-2018.

**It is imperative that all students ride the bus to and from school on these dates.**

**Dec. 1, 2016: 80<sup>th</sup> Day Reporting Period**

**Feb. 8, 2017: 120<sup>th</sup> Day Reporting Period**

In an effort to ensure ridership, there will be no after school programs or activities on those days. Join us in supporting our Transportation Department, please make sure your student rides the bus to and from school. **Every student rider counts.**

### NM Smiles GO: Free Dental Services

NM Smiles GO will be on the campus of Jemez Valley Public Schools on Nov. 28 – 30 providing free dental services. Students must have a completed Dental Services Permission Form to participate.

Dental services are *free*. Please provide your student's Medicaid or private dental insurance information for billing purposes. If your student does not have Medicaid or private dental insurance, please initial the permission form for a free dental exam.

For more information, contact Elena Gonzales, RN, BSN, or Melissa Garcia, HA, MA at JVPS Health Office at (575) 834-7391 ext. 308 or (505) 373-0053.

### Opportunity for Parents/Guardians NMPED-IED Government-to-Government & Summit

New Mexico's Indian Education Division (IED) and Indian Education Advisory Council invite tribal leaders, school leaders, educators, parents, students, and other interested stakeholders to the fall government-to-government meeting and summit from Nov. 13 to 16 in Farmington.

**Monday, Nov. 14:** Government-to-government meeting to include ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Tribal Consultation. This meeting is open to the public, but there will be no opportunity for public comment.

**Tuesday, Nov. 15:** Enrichment/work sessions/ESSA feedback  
**Wednesday, Nov. 16:** Focus on parent engagement/student support or training

To register or if you have questions, please contact the Indian Education Division at (505) 827-6679.

### JVPS Lunch Program

Eating lunch contributes to a solid foundation of good nutrition. A good lunch benefits gives students the energy to remain alert during class time. It's important that students eat a healthy light lunch to maintain peak academic performance. Students who are hungry because they have skipped lunch may become distracted in the classroom. Habitual undereating may lead to malnutrition that can interfere with normal physical and mental development.



Eligibility for free or reduced price meals within the JVPS lunch program is determined by the Free and Reduced Price School Meals/MILK Family Application that must be completed by the parent/guardian every school year. At the start of each school year and prior to the receipt of a student's eligibility status for the current school year, **new** students will be charged full price and **returning** students will be charged the price determined by the previous year's application. The fee for lunch is charged to students' accounts once they enter their assigned pins. When the student's eligibility status is received, the JVPS Lunch Program will make modifications to reflect the student's eligibility status.

In October, JVPS mailed letters to parents/guardians informing them of their student's eligibility status for the 2016-17 academic year. Students who do not qualify for free meals will fall under the JVPS Cafeteria Charge Policy. This policy is on file with the State of New Mexico Nutrition Department.

#### LUNCH PROGRAM

Eligibility Status	Breakfast	Lunch (price per meal)
Free	\$0	\$0
Reduced Price	\$0	\$0.40
Full Price	\$0	\$2.35

Parents/guardians of students who are either "full pay" or "reduced price" should make arrangements to pay all cafeteria fees as soon as possible. Payment is accepted by cash, check and money order. We recommend that payment be submitted in the form of a check or money order to ensure that the entire payment is received by the cashier. Parents/guardians may prepay for lunch days, weeks or months in advance.

If you have questions about payment or an account balance, contact the JVPS Food Services Department at (575) 834-7391. Parents/guardians who disagree with their student's eligibility determination may request a hearing by calling or writing to Dr. Susan Wilkinson-Davis, Superintendent, at (575) 834-7391.

## EDUCATION

# Jemez Valley Elementary and Middle Schools

Submitted by Dana Pino, JVES/MS Principal

The first nine weeks of the 2016-2017 school year has ended. A special “thank you” to parents and guardians for their participation in parent-teacher conferences on Oct. 20 and 21. Your continued support and involvement in your student’s education is vital to their success and academic growth.

The Trunk-or-Treat held on Oct. 31 was a success. We appreciate all our visitors who distributed Halloween goodies to our elementary students and for cooperating with our safety measures.

Jemez Valley Elementary and Middle School students (kindergarten through eighth grade) were honored on Oct. 31 during an Academic Awards Assembly and the Ultimate Warrior Celebration. Criteria for ‘Warrior Scholars’ to participate in the Ultimate Warrior Celebration includes:

 **Attendance:** No more than three tardies per month (three tardies = one absence), no more than two absences per month.

 **Discipline:** No office referral or offenses according to the Jemez Valley Student Handbook; students who have to be sent to a *buddy teacher* to refocus are excluded.

 **Academic Achievement:** Student Academic Performance growth as documented by their classroom teachers; student will document their progress in the Warrior Binders.

### Save the Date

**November 23. Turkey Trot** for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade at JVPS Track & Football Complex. More details to come as the date approaches.

We appreciate the cooperation of parents, guardians and visitors in ensuring the safety of our students and schools. Please continue to sign in and sign out at the Elementary School Office, and bring your valid state-issued ID.

# Jemez Valley High School

Submitted by Scott Meihack, JVHS Principal

Attendance is among the biggest concerns at Jemez Valley High School. As of October, there were over 70 times when students arrived tardy to school. Our students’ school day begins at 7:44 a.m.

You can help students develop life skills to succeed as adults by establishing routines and accountability for your student’s education, including arriving on time to school, utilizing the free bus service to minimize arriving late, completing his/her classwork and homework, and making appropriate behavior decisions. How many times will an employer tolerate an employee coming late to start their work shift? How many times will an employer allow an employee to receive a paycheck for being non-productive or not completing work projects? How many times will an employer tolerate an employee being disrespectful toward the supervisor or co-workers?

The US Department of Education says, “A student who misses just two days of school each month — 18 days total in the year — is considered to be chronically absent. However, many parents don’t realize that, even when excused or understandable, absences add up and can greatly impact a child’s education. In the United States, more than six million children are chronically absent from school each year.”

In August 2016, research released by the Ad Council found that an overwhelming majority (86%) of parents understand their child’s school attendance plays a big role in helping them graduate from high school. However, nearly half (49%) of parents believe that it is okay for their children to miss three or more days of school per month, and that they won’t fall behind academically if they do. In reality, missing just two days of school per month makes children more likely to fall behind and less likely to graduate.

“Ensuring kids actually make it to school is a vital part of leveling the playing field. Just missing a couple of days of school a month can mean the difference between dropping out and graduating on time. Absences add up. That’s why eliminating chronic absenteeism is a critical part of our work at the federal, state and local levels to ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed,” says US Secretary of Education John B. King Jr.

“To succeed in school, students have to be in school,” adds Mott Foundation President Ridgway White.

“Many parents don’t realize that absences can add up quickly and make children more likely to fall behind quickly in the classroom,” said Lisa Sherman, President and CEO of the Ad Council. “Children who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read at grade level by the third grade. Students who cannot read at grade level by the third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.”

Sections of this article are quoted from the US Department of Education web site on the ‘Absences Add Up’ campaign’ at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

## EDUCATION

## JVPS Raptor Visitor Management System

Submitted by Susan Wilkinson-Davis, PhD, Superintendent

The Jemez Valley Public Schools will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all schools to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times. The Raptor system enable school staff to track visitors, contractors and volunteers and create a safer environment for students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present valid state-issued identification, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering the buildings. It is important to note that the Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore, any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of the visit.

A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. Visitors who do not have identification, will be escorted by a school staff member if given access to the building.

If you want to learn more about the Raptor Visitor Management System, visit the Raptor Technologies website at [www.raptortech.com](http://www.raptortech.com). If you have any questions for district personnel, contact Lisa Simpson at (505) 358-7044.

"The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor Visitor Management System provides a consistent way to help keep away people who may present a danger to our students," adds Superintendent Wilkinson Davis. "Thank you in advance for your understanding and support for enhancing school safety protocols in our district."

## Funding For College

Submitted by Janice Tosa

College and college-bound students can now start filing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2017-2018 school year. Completing the FAFSA is the first step to receiving federal student aid. When students submit the FAFSA, they access the largest source of financial aid to help pay for college. However, the federal government has limited funds, so be sure to apply early.

The federal government offers different types of financial aid including grants, loans and work study. It's important to note that loans offered to students as federal aid must be repaid with interest. Failing to do so will result in credit problems. Grants, on the other hand, do not have to be repaid. Work study is aid that must be earned through a part time job on campus while enrolled in school. Other scholarship programs may also require the FAFSA; for example, the Pueblo of Jemez Scholarship Program requires students to file their FAFSA for their financial aid scholarships.

Students must report income and tax information from the previous year. Students must use tax information from 2015 for the 2017-2018 school year. This change allows students and parents to automatically transfer tax information directly from the IRS into the FAFSA system. The FAFSA uses the tax information provided to determine eligibility and the amount of aid the student can receive. Once applications have been submitted, the institutions send awards defining the amount of federal student aid that has been approved as well as other financial resources the school may offer.

For more information on the FAFSA, call the Education Department at (575) 834-9102. Department staff can assist with filing the FAFSA during business hours.

**Pueblo of Jemez Scholarship.** Deadline for the spring 2017 semester is Jan. 15, 2017. Applications can be picked up at the Education Department, or downloaded from the Pueblo of Jemez web site at [www.jemezpuablo.org](http://www.jemezpuablo.org).

### Additional Resources

The federal government, colleges and private organizations provide funds to help cover the cost of college. Students should contact their prospective institutions about specific scholarships. Some resources to explore include:

New Mexico Higher Education Department: select "Students and Parents," then "Student Financial Aid;" [www.hed.state.nm.us](http://www.hed.state.nm.us)

American Indian Services: [www.americanindianservices.org](http://www.americanindianservices.org)

American Indian College Fund: [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

Indian Health Services (IHS) Scholarship Program: [www.ihs.gov/scholarship](http://www.ihs.gov/scholarship)

Intertribal Timber Council: [www.itcnet.org/about\\_us/scholarships.html](http://www.itcnet.org/about_us/scholarships.html)

College Board: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Scholarships.com: [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

## JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

# New Ranger at Jemez Historic Site

Submitted by Matthew J. Barbour, Regional Manager, Coronado and Jemez Historic Sites

After a careful search and in consultation with both the Pueblo of Jemez and the Friends of Coronado Historic Site, Brenda Tafoya was hired as forest & conservation worker – operational (Historic Site Ranger.) She has a long history with New Mexico Historic Sites



Photo by Marlon Magdalena

and has been the public face of Jemez Historic Site since 1994. Working at the front desk, she greeted visitors and answered phone calls. Yet her contribution to the site went well beyond the public purview. She handled much of the financial reporting and coordinated with vendors for special events.

In 2013, Ms. Tafoya spearheaded the “Jemez Artists of Today” rotating exhibit. She left Jemez Historic Site in 2014 to pursue a job in the medical field and now returns now with a new role. While continuing to serve as a welcoming face and the administrative backbone of operations at Jemez Historic Site, her role will now include more emphasis on updating displays and bringing in new temporary exhibits. The first of these new temporary exhibits is planned for early 2017.

With this addition, the Northern Region (Coronado and Jemez Historic

Sites) of New Mexico Historic Sites is at full staff, enabling Coronado and Jemez to meet all anticipated obligations for Fiscal Year 2017.

Jemez staff also includes Marlon Magdalena, instructional coordinator, and Julian Curtis Vigil, ranger. Matthew Barbour is the Regional Manager. While various staff members are stationed at a specific site, under the reorganization, employees can be effectively moved between stations as needed to deal with special events and labor issues as they arise.

Currently, Coronado Historic is open Wednesday through Monday (six days a week) and Jemez is open Wednesday through Sunday (five days a week.) Both sites are open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person for adults with a joint pass to both sites for \$7. There is no charge for Jemez Pueblo tribal members.

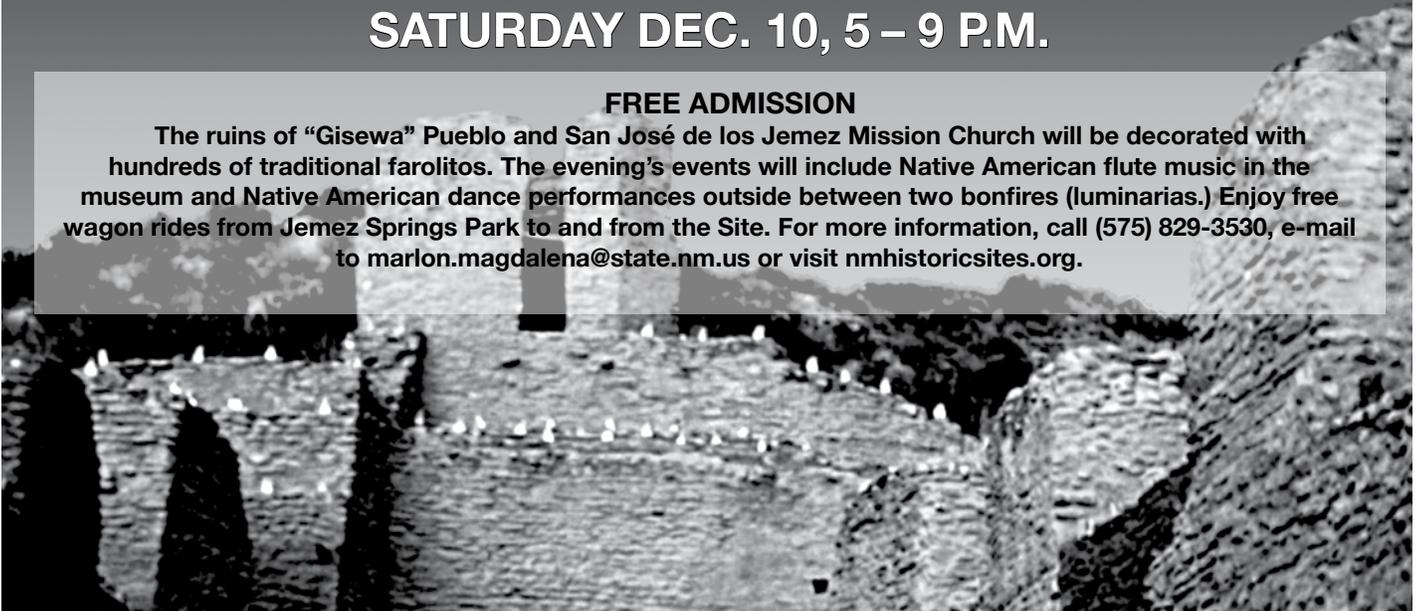
## LIGHT AMONG THE RUINS

### JEMEZ HISTORIC SITE

SATURDAY DEC. 10, 5 – 9 P.M.

#### FREE ADMISSION

The ruins of “Gisewa” Pueblo and San José de los Jemez Mission Church will be decorated with hundreds of traditional farolitos. The evening’s events will include Native American flute music in the museum and Native American dance performances outside between two bonfires (luminarias.) Enjoy free wagon rides from Jemez Springs Park to and from the Site. For more information, call (575) 829-3530, e-mail to [marlon.magdalena@state.nm.us](mailto:marlon.magdalena@state.nm.us) or visit [nmhistoricsites.org](http://nmhistoricsites.org).



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

## AUTHOR'S TALK

### Jemez Springs Public Library

### Saturday Nov. 19 3-4:30 p.m.



## Special Fees at Defined Fitness

Children's book author Vaunda Micheaux Nelson will share the joys and challenges of using family history in the making of her award-winning books and how the voices of our pasts can inspire the creative spirit. While this is not a writing workshop, you may well be inspired to do some writing after attending.

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson's love of history and family is reflected many of her award-winning children's books. *The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore* won a 2016 Jane Addams Children's Book Honor; *No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller* won the 2012 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction and a 2013 Coretta Scott King Author Honor. She received the 2010 Coretta Scott King Author Award for *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy US Marshal*, which also was a *Kirkus Reviews* and *Washington Post* best book of the year and a Western Writers of America Spur Award finalist.

Her latest book, *Don't Call Me Grandma*, is based on her paternal grandmother. The author has been a teacher, newspaper reporter, bookseller, recreation specialist, children's librarian, and has served on Newbery and Caldecott Awards committees. The event is free and open to the public.

Great news for people who want to join Defined Fitness under the Pueblo of Jemez corporate membership: the special initial fee is just \$4 until Nov. 30, 2016. Normally this price is \$80.58 (tax included) per person. This rate applies to new members. If you want to become a Defined Fitness member, now is the time to join.

The \$4 initial fee is separate from the monthly membership fee. The initial fee must be paid at any Defined Fitness gym; please mention you will joining the "Pueblo of Jemez Corporate Membership."

#### MONTHLY FEES

Individual: \$19.83 Family of 4: \$62.61  
Family of 5: \$78.43

Three payment choices are available:

- ✓ In person: pay at the Finance Department
- ✓ By telephone: use your credit card, call (575) 834-9141.
- ✓ Payroll deduction: Tribal employees may enroll in monthly payroll deduction (see Rolanda for details.)

The monthly individual membership fee is \$19.83. Payment is accepted on or before the last Friday of each month at the Tribal Administration Finance Department.

If the Finance Department is closed on a Friday, payments will be accepted the following Monday.

"We thank Tommy Hernandez, Defined Fitness Corporate Programs Manager, for his assistance in helping Jemez tribal members and tribal employees get this awesome price," says Karen C. Toya, Community Wellness Program Coordinator.

If you have questions, stop by the Fitness Center or call Karen at (505) 834-7059.



## INDIGENOUS COMIC CON

National Hispanic Cultural Center  
Friday to Sunday Nov. 18-20

The first Indigenous Comic Con features indigenous creators, illustrators, writers, designers, actors and producers from the worlds of comic books, games, sci-fi, fantasy, film, TV and graphic novels. The Indigenous Comic Con will highlight the amazing work that brings understanding about the indigenous experience to the world of popular culture. The action begins Friday afternoon and continues through Sunday evening.

Explore comic books, video games, tabletop games, graphic novels, film and television, sci-fi and fantasy and all things indigenous.

For more information, go to [www.indigenouscomiccon.com](http://www.indigenouscomiccon.com).



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## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Tribal Council Report

Pueblo of Jemez departments, programs and tribal administration submitted the following resolutions for Tribal Council approval.

### October 21, 2016

**TC 56.** Approved the FY 2017 Total General Fund budget of \$641,800 in revenues and expenditures and a Tribal Court budget of \$87,650 in revenues and expenditures for a total of \$729,450.

**TC 57.** Accepted \$600,000 for the Jemez Police Department from the US Department of Justice (USDOJ) Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office Tribal Resources Grant Program awarded under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fiscal Year 2016 Competitive Grant.

**TC 58.** Supported the grant award of \$450,000.00 for the Jemez Tribal Victim Assistance Program from the USDOJ, Office for Victims of Crime awarded under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fiscal Year 2016 Competitive Grant.

**TC 59.** Approved the Natural Resources Department to pursue a PL 93-638 contract/grant and subsequent contracting with the BIA to implement the Reserved Treaty Rights Lands (RTRL) both on and off Pueblo lands for activities including, but not limited, to cultural consultation, hazardous fuel reduction, forest management activities, prescribed fire, inventory and monitoring in collaboration with other governmental agencies.

### TC 60.

**TC 61.** Waived Pueblo of Jemez Procurement Policies and Procedures for master planning consulting services for the Walatowa High Charter School and approved the sole source contract with Pyatt Studios, LLC.