



Isleta Pueblo News

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Governor's Report

The new year started out in preparation for the New Mexico State Legislative sessions in Santa Fe. This year we are lobbying for capital outlay monies for the Judicial Complex, parks, elderly, library, veterans' post and other projects. Lt. Zuni and Lt. Lujan have been to Santa Fe along with Rick Giron, Ulysses Abeita and Theresa Zuni to lobby for funding. I have not been able to go to Santa Fe due to business concerns here at Isleta, however, I have been in contact with the governor's office and some legislators by telephone. We hope to receive additional funding in the amount of 2.2 million dollars, which will help pay for the proposed projects mentioned.

Administration is working with tribal council in identifying ways to bring much needed revenue to Isleta. Although gaming tribes have signed on to a 37 year gaming compact, challenges from anti-gaming groups continue to surface with compulsive gambling issues being brought before the legislature in Santa Fe and heightened by the media. Off-reservation gaming continues to surface, despite the Department of Interiors decision not to allow off reservation gaming. Gaming tribes in New Mexico are against off-reservation gaming. Off-reservation gaming would allow a mecca of casinos throughout the country, eventually killing gaming if tribes are allowed to purchase land for the sole purpose of building casinos. Gaming tribes continue to monitor yet other proposals for more casinos the state. The tribal compact agreement with the State of New Mexico allows one more casino. The latest proposal is to build a forty million dollar casino in Tucumcari. Other proposals are also being requested. January 14-16, 2007, Lt. Frank Lujan, tribal council members and I traveled to Fort McDowell in Arizona to attend the Southwest Indian Gaming Conference with regard to gaming issues. The main purpose of our attendance was to learn about the latest United States Supreme Court ruling on tribal sovereignty. Although tribes throughout the United States are different in land base and jurisdiction, the impact from court decisions impacts all tribes throughout Indian Country. Tribes hold on to customs and traditions through the sovereignty clause, yet, attorneys find ways to challenge the law. Due to ongoing meetings on this subject matter by tribal leaders and attorneys, I will refrain from commenting on the subject matter at this time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED A HAM COUPON IN DECEMBER, 2007. WE ARE WRITING TO REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE.

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR HAMS AT THE ALBERTSON'S GROCERY STORE IN LOS LUNAS BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2008 IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. HAMS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AFTER THAT DATE. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED ANYONE. IF THERE ARE ANY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED A HAM CERTIFICATE, PLEASE COME BY THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO PICK UP A HAM VOUCHER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT 869-3111.

Water is another issue impacting Indian tribes. The Six Middle Rio Grande Pueblo Coalition continues to monitor water issues impacting the Rio Grande. We continue to protect water transfers and argue with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy on maintenance responsibilities. Other issues concerning voter reform are being monitored.

January 22-24, 2008, Lt. Lujan, Councilman Joe Waseta and I traveled to Washington, DC on tribal issues. On January 23 we met with Congressman Steve Pearce who assured us that he would continue to support our tribe.

On January 25, 2008, I met with high school Principal Claudia Krause - Johnson and the Education 20/20 Program at Los Lunas High School. Ms. Johnson and her staff provided me with a lot of valuable information on the Education 20/20 site at the Isleta Department of Education. At the end of the first semester, Isleta students earned 56 credit hours.

The 20/20 Program is a computer-based credit recovery program where students can make up credits needed for graduation. Once the Students recover credits they return to the regular class schedule at Los Lunas High School. The DOE computer lab has eight computers that students may use to access the 20/20 Program.

On January 30, I, along with Lt. Gov. Frank Lujan met with Los Lunas 20/20 staff including Ms. Johnson, parents, students and the POI — DOE staff to hear concerns from students and parents. I stressed to the students that they need to continue with their education and the need to graduate from high school. I

emphasized that this administration will support all our students in their education.

Isleta Casino & Resort Hotel Management Team

We are only five months away from the opening of our new hotel and the beginning of a new era for Isleta Casino & Resort and Isleta Pueblo. Our Four Diamond Hotel will be completely unique in its design and will raise the guest service standard to an entirely new level. What makes this hotel even more special is that we will be contributing to the operations and guidance of our resort like never before. In the Hotel Pre-Opening Training over half of the participants are Isleta tribal members. From the talented group of trainees, the vast majority of all supervisory and team member positions for the hotel will be filled by these dedicated individuals. There are six key management positions in the hotel, and of the four that have been hired thus far two are Isleta tribal members. Frank Lucero will be our Kid's Connection Manager, and Joy Sutherland will be our Front Office Manager. Both of these tribal members graduated from the Hotel Pre-Opening Training, and are ecstatic about working in a managerial position for the Pueblo. This is a wonderful time for our people and our community. We now have a major voice at every level of our biggest enterprise. It is now up to us to create a success of our destiny.

Submitted

Eric Abeita-Hotel Sales Coordinator



Senior Olympics

All Indian Game Day

Save the Date!

Where: Pueblo of Isleta Recreation Center
When: March 27 & 28, 2008
Fees: \$5.00 per person
Contact: Your Local Elder/Senior Program Director
for registration details LeeAnne Zuni 869-6661



Sports Competition

100M Dash
400M Power Walk
Basketball Free Throw
Softball Distance
Soccer Accuracy
Frisbee Accuracy
Frisbee Distance
.....and more!

Fun Events

Bowling Pins
Chair Exercise
Fun Relays
.....and more!

Sport Clinics & Workshops

Washers
Water Exercise
Shuffleboard
Field Events
.....and more!

Special Events

Opening Ceremonies
Parade of Athletes
Awards Ceremony
Health Fair
Social*

Pick Up Entry Forms at Isleta Elderly Center *additional fees may apply
Deadline for Registration: February 15, 2008

Plan now to attend and help your team win an award!

- All Indian Game Day introduces senior elders to competition events offered by Senior Olympics during this two-day event
- Competition is divided into five-year age divisions for men and women. Ribbons are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place
- Awards are presented to the Tribal teams with the most points

RECREATION

As January, 2008 comes to an end, many of our Pueblo members have been busy partaking and trying, and fulfilling New Year's Resolutions. The New Recreation Center probably has never experienced so many people being involved in fitness activities like we are presently. That's Great. However, every year about early February we have a major decline in participation. What do you say we buck the trend of years past and continue working out throughout the year? Spin Classes have been a great reason why so many people have been out in great numbers. Not only are we continuing with our regular classes, which are offered on Monday through Thursday from 12 noon until 12:40 pm and Tuesdays and Thursday from 5:30 am until 6:15 am, but also we have added two additional classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:15 pm and again at 6:00 pm. Fitness Specialist and Personal Trainer, Ray Mora teaches both of those classes. Lee Ann Lente, Feather Anderson and Derrick Jiron teach the classes on Monday through Thursdays on a rotating basis. Michael Lente teaches classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. All instructors listed are certified Personal Trainers and Spin Instructors. They can also assist you in setting up programs to meet your individual needs. If you don't ask, they can't help!

2007 Duke City Marathon

Now is the time to set your sights on the 2008 Duke City Marathon! Why not make it part of your New Year's Resolution to train for one of many races held every year in October. There are the 5K, the half marathon, the marathon and various walking events, not to mention the Marathon Relay.

The Isleta Parks & Recreation Department sponsored two marathon relay teams again this year, and all runners had a great time. The event was held October 21st, and although the weather was quite brisk and windy, it was a good day for a marathon. The Isleta Spinners have competed for three years now and this year placed 8th in the women's relay race, 83rd overall, in a time of four hours, ten minutes and 8 seconds. Kathy Black was the captain, with team members Caroline Dailey, Rochelle Apodaca, Sharon Lucero, and Katie Abeita (see photo). The Isleta Wreck Crew's captain was Mike Lente and his team included Ashley Zuni, Chrishelda Abeita, Alex Flores, and Chrystal James (see photo below). They came in at a respectable four hours, twenty-one minutes and eleven seconds for 88th place. Chrishelda and Chrystal were first time racers. Congratulations to all, and let them be an inspiration to you.



Basketball

Well, the Isleta Youth Basketball League is back in full swing. Our children who are participating in the Southern Pueblo's Agency League have had a full schedule this January playing most of their games on Friday and Saturdays. This was done so we would have as little interruption as possible with the children's education. The only exception so far has been the games held on Wednesday January 23rd, against Santa Clara Pueblo on early release day. This was the first game ever held at the Isleta Elementary School. Incidentally, our Tribal youth member Taylor Sandoval, Coach Bernie Jojola's granddaughter, scored the first basket ever at the gymnasium in a game setting. Additionally, the team won the game as well as all the other Isleta teams that day. Pictured are the all the teams representing us in the SPA League. The 3rd and 4th Grade Girls will be featured next month.



The girls 5th & 6th Girls from left to Right Top Row is Coach Blane Sanchez, Leandra Abeita, Vanessa Bitsilly, Cassandra Lilly, Briana Olguin, Kaylee Jojola, Breanna Abeita-Sanchez, Dawn Chewiwi, Kaitlyn Lucero. Bottom Row Left to Right Dolores Howlingcrane, Jackie Jiron, Rhealyn Chewiwi, and Akasha Jiron.



Pictured above are the 3rd & 4th Grade Boys. Top row Left to Right are: Coach Bernard Chavez, Aubrey Lujan, Cody Morris, Wayne Abieta, Andre Galbodon, Jacob Abieta, Coach Bernie Jojola, Bottom Row Left to Right are: Marcello Chavez, Issaih Chavez, Jayleen Danielson, and Darren Jojola.



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Pictured Above are the Boys 5th & 6th Grade Boys Left to right Top Row: Tristan Povijua, Juwan Vigil, Coach Carl Anderson, Tristan Lucero, Jesse Maesta, Nick Trujillo. Bottom Left to Right are Donovan Yazzie and Myron Tenorio.



Picture above are the Isleta Cheerleaders from Top Row Left to right are: Shandine King, Briana Roybal, Kasey Givens, Taney Jojola, Dakota Kuticka and Coach Rebecca Olguin. Bottom Row Left to Right are: Alexis Sandoval, Briana Mariano, Morgan Davenport, Audrey Sandoval and Jenna Coley.

Aquatic News

Did you know that the High School Swim season is a winter sport? It's not the time of year most people consider wearing a swimsuit but swim teams all over the country are involved in competitions! The Isleta Recreation Center hosts the Los Lunas High School swim team practice. Tribal member Kaitlin Jaramillo is the swim team captain. She is the daughter of Larry and Kristine Jaramillo. Kaitlin is an eleventh grader on the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society. She does an outstanding job as the team captain and is a valued member of the Isleta Recreation Center Lifeguard staff. Kaitlin, Keep Making us Proud. The pool area will close February 23rd for its yearly major maintenance program. The entire deck area is off limits due to the chemicals and equipment used for various projects. All three

of the pools will be drained and acid washed along with additional electrical and mechanical projects, which will be addressed at this time. If everything goes as planned, the pool will reopen on March 3rd. **Sorry for the inconvenience, but it must be done.** Before February 23rd, take advantage of the various conditioning programs available in the pool. Water Aerobic classes are held every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 5:30 am to 6:15 am and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 7 pm. Adult lap swimming is Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:30 am to 8 am. On March 10, 2008 Adult and Child Swim Lessons will begin. Children must six to 15 years of age. Space is limited so please call the pool office at 869-8557 and sign up.

Fitness Challenge

The fitness challenge, which started on 01/22/08, has brought in another set of new tribal members to the facility. This is a personalized fitness challenge that can be arranged at your own convenience. This challenge includes: Body composition, equipment orientation, fitness log, and tri-weekly follow up on progress, and optional personal training sessions by appointment. The minimum commitment is a 30-minute work-out twice a week. It includes you checking in every three weeks after the initial weigh in. This is a fitness challenge that incentive and prizes will be awarded along the way, along with a grand prize awarded at the end of the challenge. If you are interested in entering or would like more information, please contact Marcelina Anderson at 869-8557.

Pueblo of Isleta ELDERLY CENTER

****Now Recruiting For
Legacy Corps Program****

What is LEGACY CORPS?

Legacy Corps is an opportunity to make a difference in your life and in the lives of those around you. By signing up as an AmeriCorps member, you receive caregiver training, as well as a small living allowance, for financial assistance. You work 10 to 12 hours per week as a Respite Caregiver.

The Isleta Legacy Corps is housed at the Isleta Elderly center. It is funded by an AmeriCorps grant through the University of Maryland, Center on Aging.

Legacy Corps members must be 18 years of age or older. Call the Elderly Center at (505)869-6661 for more information.

MEAL PROGRAM COMMUNITY SURVEY

We are always on a continuous improvement track at the Elderly Center, and we always need the input of the community to be sure we are doing just that. Please help us by giving us your feedback!

Home Delivered meals are available five days a week to elders age 60 and above, who are homebound; in other words, not able to come to the congregate meal site. Eligibility requirements are set by our funding agencies within the Federal and State governments. Client assessments are provided by either the Elderly Program Site Manager (Alberta Lente) or Home Services Manager (Patricia Lucero). Call 869-6661 for information.

Congregate meals are provided at the Center for elders age 60 and above, also five days a week, with some exceptions. Pick up meals are available by calling in advance. The meals we provide for both programs are required to provide 1/3 of the Required Daily Allowance (RDA), and follow the U.S. Dietary Guidelines. Our menus are prepared by a registered dietician, who is employed by the Isleta Diabetes Program.

1. What foods would you like to see more of on the menu?

2. What foods that we serve do you not enjoy?

3. What are your favorite vegetables?

4. Which vegetables do you not prefer?

5. Regarding portion size: please know that you are more than welcome to ask for seconds, if you like. Our portions are based on a standard, but individuals have different appetites and dietary needs. For the home delivered meals, you may request a larger meal by calling the office.

Please add other comments on a separate sheet of paper. Thanks for your participation! PLEASE RETURN TO THE ELDERLY CENTER OFFICE OR STAFF.

Robert Adam Edaakie

Graduates from UNM

Mary Jane & Adam Edaakie are proud to announce the graduation of our son Robert Adam Edaakie Jr. from the University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management. He received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting on December 15, 2007. He is a former employee of the Isleta Golf Course and is currently employed with the public accounting firm of Sloan and Company in Albuquerque.

All of his family including his girlfriend Laura Shije and lovely daughter Kendra celebrate his accomplishments. Congratulations Robert! We are very proud of you and wish you continued success.



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) PROGRAM
PUEBLO OF ISLETA

WIA PROGRAM SERVICES

Registered Apprentice is now available

Registered Apprenticeship is a high flexible training model combining on-the-job training and related classroom instruction in which paid employees receive technical and practical training in high-skilled occupations.

Apprentices/Employees receive:

- On-the job Training
- Related Instruction
- Mentoring
- Incremental Wage Increases

The WIA Program is partnering with businesses in the Albuquerque Area to provide the Registered Apprentice Program to Native Americans. Individuals can work and attend classes to learn a new skill or advance in their present career field. The Registered Apprentice Program is offered to adults 18 and over.

For more information, please contact Mary Abeita at the WIA Program, 766-6652 or stop by the WIA Office (next to HR) in the Tribal Administration Bldg.

Are you ready for a new look for theNew Year?

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D's Salon, 3671 Hwy 47, Peralta

Men's & Women's Haircuts & Styles, Hair Coloring,

Highlights / Lowlights, Manicures / Pedicures

Call me at 869-3163 to schedule an
appointment Monday-Saturday

Receive a complimentary gift with a scheduled appointment

Tribal Council Report (January - April 2007)

The 12 member Tribal Council began established meeting dates for Tuesday and Thursday of each week. However, as time went on we realized that the workload to conduct Tribal business was overwhelming and the need to meet more frequently was evident. The Council also meets twice a month on Casino and Housing matters.

As you are aware, the Tribal Council is the Legislative Body of the Pueblo Government. The Governor and his staff are the Executive Branch and the Tribal Judges through the courts represent the Judicial Branch. Each Branch is a separate entity with distinct duties. All three Branches must work together in order to have the Tribal Government operate effectively and efficiently. The Tribal Council realized that in order to assist in managing the pueblo government, it needed to establish and appoint committees and boards. Thus having community input in the decision-making process. The listing of the boards and commissions along with the membership was published earlier.

Mesa del Sol

Mesa del Sol is a very large planned community development project located immediately north of the pueblo. For the past ten years we have opposed this project due to the impact on water, traffic and lack of infrastructure; however, we know this project will commence forward. Being the case, our option is to capitalize on their plans by developing a partnership for jobs and business opportunities. It will be at least 20 years before the entire project is complete and a buffer between the project and the reservation have been established.

Event Center

An Event Center has been proposed by a development firm to be located adjacent to the Casino to host various events such as professional arena football, basketball, rodeos, concerts, etc; and other stores and restaurants. The Governor's office and Council are still in the process of acquiring all the necessary data to determine the feasibility of such a project. The developer is proposing to build the facility at no cost to the pueblo and to assume the entire financial risk. No action has been taken as of this date.

Comanche Ranch

The pueblo purchased the 110,000 acre Comanche Ranch in 1997 and continues to manage the operation as a working cattle ranch with approximately 2000 head of cattle. Mr. Martin Abeita was recently hired as the Manager.

Cattle Permits on Pueblo Range Lands

On March 13, 2007, 146 permits on 29 pastures were approved for a 5 year term. These permits represent 1,854 head of cattle. The Range Patrol Department monitors and provides enforcement services on range lands.

Housing

The following is a history of the Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority (IPHA) authored by Denise Chee, Esq., Counsel for IPHA.

1. From 1966 to 1996, the Pueblo of Isleta, along with other Pueblos, was a member of the All Indian Pueblos Housing Authority ("AIPHA"). AIPHA was established as an Indian Housing Authority ("IHA") to allow its member Pueblos to receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") funding under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. To receive funding under this Act, a

tribe had to establish an IHA. During this period, Mutual help units were developed in Isleta Pueblo.

2. On October 26, 1996 the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 was replaced by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA"). Under this Act, tribes could receive funding directly rather than through an IHA. The Act also allowed a tribe to establish a Tribally Designated Housing Entity ("TDHE") to receive the funding. Alternatively, a tribe could decide to continue receiving funds through an IHA. Funds received under NAHASDA are referred to as Indian Housing Block Grant ("IHBG") funds.

3. After passage of NAHASDA, all the Pueblos that were a member of AIPHA, including Isleta, withdrew from AIPHA and created their own TDHEs or housing departments. As a result, AIPHA was dissolved.

4. On November 5, 1996, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 96-093, passed Ordinance No. 96-001, and further established the Isleta Tribal Council as the Board of Commissioners ("Board") to operate as the managing body of IPHA. The Ordinance also allowed for the appointment of a five-member Board.

5. On June 23, 1998, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 98-027, amended the IPHA Ordinance to clarify IPHA's powers and authorities and to establish a five-member Board of Commissioners to manage the IPHA operations. On that same date, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 98-028, designated IPHA as its TDHE to receive and administer IHBG funds on behalf of the Pueblo.

6. On July 13, 1998, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 98-30, appointed a five-member Board to manage IPHA. Two of the Board members were members of the Tribal Council.

7. On August 11, 1998, By Board Resolution No. 98-01, the IPHA Board adopted the IPHA bylaws.

8. On October 13, 1998, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 98-54, transferred all housing related funding contracts, including Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Project ("HIP") and Indian Housing Service ("HIS") contracts, and authorized IPHA to apply for and administer said funds.

9. On September 30, 1999, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 99-82, approved the dissolution of the IPHA and directed IPHA to initiate dissolution proceedings. This action was taken to resolve conflicts with the tribal administration which treated IPHA like a tribal program which resulted in IPHA not being able to receive any of the benefits from its status as a legal entity. Examples of IPHA being treated like a tribal program were the tribal administration insisting on signing IPHA contracts and checks and giving directives inconsistent with IPHA's Indian Housing Plan. Sometimes during this time, the Tribal Council also removed the Board of Commissioners.

10. On October 14, 2000, the Isleta Tribal Council, by Resolution No. 00-118, rescinded Resolution No.

99-82, and directed IPHA to coordinate the transfer of IPHA's financial activities from the Pueblo of Isleta's Treasurer's Office to IPHA. This action was taken as a result of a determination by IPHA's auditor that IPHA activities would be more efficiently performed by an entity separate from the tribal government.

11. Current state- From IPHA's inception in 1996 to 2003, the Tribal Council has deliberated between dissolving the IPHA and making it a tribal program and leaving it as a separate entity. Within the last three and a half years, IPHA has addressed a number of issues that has improved its effectiveness- it has adopted policies for all its operations, closed grants, addressed HUD management review findings and reports directly to the Board. IPHA remains a separate legal entity with its own federal tax identification number and a set of laws (the "Ordinance") which sets forth its powers, authorities and limitations, and governs its activities. IPHA operates under the direction of the Tribal Council and coordinates its activities with the Governor's Office. The twelve member Tribal Council has been serving as the Board of Commissioners of the IPHA since 2000.

IPHA Housing Activities and Programs

IPHA's primary purpose is to provide housing and housing services primarily to low-income Isleta families. IPHA receives funding from both HUD and the Pueblo of Isleta ("POI"). IPHA's primary activities consist of constructing, rehabilitating, repairing and managing housing units pursuant to established policies. IPHA performs the majority of its financial activities. Its check disbursement is performed by the Pueblo of Isleta Treasurer's Office. The IPHA is required to perform the following activities each fiscal year:

- A. Prepare the Indian Housing Plan (IHP)- due to HUD July 1 of each year.
- B. Prepare annual performance report due to HUD sixty (60) days after year end.
- C. Prepare HUD quarterly reports.
- D. In coordination with the Governor's Office, prepare the HIP funding application.
- E. In coordination with the Governor's Office, prepare IHS funding applications.
- F. Perform an annual audit, and respond to audit findings.

Summary of Projects Completed in 2007

Prepared by Edward P. Torres, Housing Director

The following number of projects that the Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority accomplished in 2007.

1. Twenty-seven (27) roofing projects, which were done by roofing contractors.
2. Ten (10) home remodels that included handicap bathrooms.
3. Twenty-one (21) projects that needed handicap ramps, handicap rails or grab-bars.
4. Fourteen (14) home renovations.
5. Three (3) new home construction projects.

Two (2) of the new homes were HUD funded projects. USDA Rural Development Grant funded two (2) home remodel projects. The other projects were Pueblo of Isleta funds.

The Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority is currently working on two (2) home, renovations and four (4) new homes, all to be HUD funded. There are also approved plans for nine (9) more home re-models and nine (9) more new homes, all to be funded by HUD for 2008.

Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority is currently in the process of developing a mobile home park for transitional use. Pueblo of Isleta was awarded twelve (12) brand new mobile homes by FEMA. These homes will be placed on this park. Also, IPHA is purchasing seven (7) mobile homes. Three (3) will be purchased with Pueblo of Isleta funds and four (4) with HUD funds. These homes will be issued through Tribal Council approved families.

Education

An education Board has been established and members are as follows: Terry Lente, Charlene Lucero, Rodney Jones, and Terri Wilson. During this writing the Director position is vacant.

The Department of Education (DOE) has the primary responsibility of providing educational services for all tribal members from birth to adulthood. The DOE has several educational service programs available to community members: Higher Education, Johnson O'Malley, Adult Education, Continuing Education, Parent Pride, Head Start, Child Care, and Tiwa Language. The main goals of the DOE are:

- Developing and implementing a comprehensive five year education plan based on the needs of the community.
- Developing and implementing Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) with local public school districts and community agencies to ensure Isleta students' needs are addressed in a cooperative and supportive manner.
- Developing and implementing MOAs with higher educational institutions to assist Isleta students with tuition and partnership with Isleta Higher Education Department.
- Developing and implementing MOA with the New Mexico Public Education Department for the certification process for community members to obtain a Native American Language and Culture K-12 teacher certification
- Reviewing department policies (higher education), federal guidelines and contract requirements for educational services.
- Identifying resources (grant and proposal writing) to enhance the education department and educational services for all tribal members.
- Monitoring the Challenge 20/20 Program (a computer based credit recovery program for high school students) in cooperation with Los Lunas High School
- Providing professional development for education department staff, parents and students (Example: students and parents will be attending the National Indian Education Association Conference October 23-29, 2007)
- Monitoring a proposal for the planning, designing and construction of a new educational complex:
 - o Construction of a new library
 - o Construction of offices and classrooms
 - o Construction of a computer lab

- Developing Tiwa language curricula materials, providing training for Tiwa Language teachers, long range Tiwa language revitalization plan and revising tribal policies on Tiwa language usage and instruction.
- Developing a database management system within the education department for program planning, reporting and delivery of service.
- Collaborating with other educational institutions (tribal educational departments, state education agencies, public school districts, Bureau of Indian Education schools and higher education) to ensure equitable and quality educational services are afforded to Isleta students.

Conservation Department
The Tribal Council convened a task group to review and provide recommendations on enhancing the farming operations. With the assistance of Mr. Mike Jiron, manager the review team, found that many improvements were needed to bring farming equipment to standard. Additional day laborers were also required. New marketing methods were recommended for sale of products. Other services for farmers are also recommended to assist in developing additional farm land production.

St Augustine Church Restoration
This project was initiated by Mr. Allen Cherino, Gene Jojola, and Father Hilaire on a volunteer basis. However, as the project progressed it became apparent that the project was overwhelming. The Tribal Council and Governor’s office were approached to consider taking over the project and was approved. The lead person to undertake their task will be Lt. Frank Lujan. The approximate cost of the project will be 3 million which will consist of a new CCD Building. The pueblo is advertising for a full time project manager.

Future Projects
Other issues and projects the Tribal Council dealt with were pending and future projects. Many of these initiatives have been discussed by previous administrations and some are future plans. Many of these projects are contingent on the availability of funding. Many are also subsidized by Federal and state grants, however the majority of the funding will have to be provided by the Pueblo. The Planning Department directed by Simon Shima has provided a listing of projects which are under consideration by the Governor’s office and Tribal Council but are not definite. The cost associated with the projects are projections and not actual. These projects will also have to be prioritized. Some of the cost will be borne by the Mismanagement funds the Pueblo received from the Federal Government.

- Village proper sewer lines \$3,700,00.00
- Village proper lagoon transfer \$750,000.00
- Connect east & west side sewer lines \$300,000.00
- Housing development infrastructure \$2,500,000.00
- Village community center \$3,000,000.00
- Education Complex \$3,750,000.00
- Chical Sewer Infrastructure \$2,000,000.00

- Ranchitos Sewer Infrastructure \$2,000,000.00
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Ranchitos \$6,500,000.00
- 314 TR 82 Sewer Loop \$4,500,000.00
- Long term Care Facility \$1,832,000.00
- Health Center Expansion \$2,000,000.00
- Judicial Complex \$8,354,669.00
- Administration Building \$9,079,440.00
- Elderly Handicap ramps \$10,000.00
- American Legion Post 209/ Community Building \$2,000,000.00
- Replace Ambulances \$100,000.00
- Pickle Heights Rec Restoration \$750,000.00
- Visitor Center @ RR Station \$1,250,000.00

Relocate Westside Casino to South end of Reservation on 1-25 Feasibility study underway

A plan is being developed by the Natural Resource Committee to identify the projects related to Forest lands, agricultural, infrastructure, and land improvements which will be paid for from funding received from the Federal Government under the Land Claim Restoration Act. The next report will be for the months of June through September.

Title VII Indian Education
Los Lunas High School / Valencia High School

THANK YOU parents / students, that attended our college career day on January 26. We had about 30 colleges and several businesses taking job resumes for student employment. After-school tutoring is still offered at the Isleta Higher Education, Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Please encourage your child to take advantage of any educational assistance that is needed.

- Important Dates**
- Jan.31st Meeting with Governor Benavides/parents/ staff... Isleta students 20 /20 Challenge Program. 6:00 pm
 - Feb.5th Parent/Senior meeting, FAFSA (The FAFSA is the application form required by most colleges for financial aid)
 - Feb.8th French class Dinner Fundraiser @ 6:00 p.m. (cafeteria)
 - Feb.9th LL Title VII / Isleta JOM parent/student meeting 9:00 am Isleta High Education
 - Feb.11th LLHS open house, parents will visit their student’s classrooms/teachers and receive a class syllabus for Semester II, 2008.
 - Feb.11th NM State on campus to visit students A/B lunches.
 - Feb.12th VHS Parent Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm (School Library) Suicide Prevention
 - Feb.13th Early release day (Staff Development Day)
 - Feb.14th LLHS Band Concert 7:00 pm auditorium
 - Feb.15th Report cards issued to parents/students
 - Feb.18th No School, Presidents Day

ISLETA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Greetings everyone! Our second nine week period ended on January 7th. Our students continue to learn and grow every day.

The Isleta Elementary School works with various programs to provide additional activities for our students throughout the year. On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to thank them for their efforts, The Pueblo of Isleta Project Venture program provides experiential activities that build trust, promote self-esteem, and team building activities. The Isleta Diabetes Department provides diabetes and health awareness. Stephanie Schaffer, Health Educator from the Pueblo of Isleta Health Clinic, provides information for various health topics to our classrooms. We appreciate the work that you do for our students.

246 Total Absences

31 students were absent with excused medical statements

5 students were checked out and returned back to school

39 students were checked out early

3 students absent due to religious reasons

16 students checked out because they were sick or had excused medical appointments

1 students was tardy with an excused medical statement

217 students tardy

3 students were tardy and checked out early on the same day

As you can see, we have an excessive amount of tardies and absences. When students are late, they miss morning announcements and disrupt the classroom. It is very important that your child is on-time, prepared, and stays in school all day to maximize their learning time.

Our third through sixth grade students are preparing for the annual Criterion Reference Tests (CRT) March 10-14th. *It is very important that students get plenty of rest, eat breakfast and come to school on-time.* Students who are late during testing days must make-up the tests at a later time. Snacks are provided on testing days.Thank you, parents, for your continued support and cooperation! Please come by and visit.

Our basketball program is in full swing with the Isleta Recreation Center I would like to thank Carl Anderson, Bernie Jojola. and Blaine Sanchez for volunteering to coach our basketball teams. Please come out and support our students at the games!

The Pueblo of Isleta Truancy program continues to work with our administration to monitor student attendance. We all must work together to get our students to school everyday, on-time, and prepared to learn. From January 7 through January 28th our attendance is as follows:

Parents / Seniors
If you were unable to attend the Parent/Senior meetings held on January 26th (Isleta College/Career), or January 28 (LLHS auditorium) you need to call Ms. Pam Davis @ 865-4646 ext.252. E-mail pd078@llschools.org. The 2008 graduation information is posted to help you plan accordingly.

LLHS Senior/parent/grandparent/Staff POW-WOW has been scheduled for April 12, 2008 at Isleta Recreation Center. Three pre-planning parent meetings for the Pow-wow will be scheduled. (Dates TBA.)

May 11, 2008 Mass for LLHS Parents / Grandparents will be celebrated 10:00 am, Graduates are expected to wear full graduation attire for the Mass.

LLHS REPORT CARDS DATES, 2008
Jan. 11th April 29th
Feb.15 May 30th -this report card will be mailed March 18th

Home work...do you want to know the assignments that are required by your teachers? Go to www.schoolnotes.com to get homework and make-up assignments. Just enter LLHS’s zip code (87031). Teachers can also receive emails from the site.

As always, we continue to invite parents to be involved as much as possible in your child’s education. Together we can make a difference. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Mr. Analla, LLHS Indian Education Title VII Office @ 865-4646 ext 272. e-mail b.analla@llschools.net

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

The Library has restarted the Every Child Ready to Read outreach program with the Isleta Head Start & Child Care Center. The Every Child Ready to Read program is a time when the children come to the Library for story time. It is also a time for the children to interact with a variety of books of all shapes, sizes, textures, and reading levels. This generates an appreciation of books by the children and the yearning to learn how to read. However, story time does not only have to be when the children come to the Library. Parents and Head Start children are encouraged to visit the Library on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis to check out books. As of this moment, the Child Care classes have decided to attend the Library for Story Time on a weekly basis. As for the Head Start classes, some have decided to attend the Library on a weekly basis and others are attending every other week. Parents and Guardians of children that are not in Head Start are also welcome to attend the Library and to get a Library Card. We have every type of book from picture books, to pre readers, to cardboard books for those children who play rough, and even audio books for children. If you should have any questions about what type of book to recommend for your child, then come on in and visit with a Library Staff member.

Jennifer Zuni, the tutor of the After School Homework Program has created an incentive program for all students and children who would like to see the upcoming Dr. Seuss movie, Horton Hears A Who. Students and children that decide to participate in the program will have to earn 30 points by March 13, 2008 beginning January 22, 2008. There are two ways to earn points; complete assigned homework or read for 15 minutes at the Library. Homework must be done first. Admission to movie will be paid by Library. Transportation to and from the movie in Los Lunas will be provided, as well as dinner at Dion's prior to seeing the movie. Children who are unable to read and need assistance can have an adult or an older child read to them for 15 minutes at the Library for points, but the Library Staff must be notified. Parents, if you have any questions please call the Library at (505) 869 - 8119 or stop by and ask a staff member.

The Teen Library Board has been established and the members are as follows, Kyle Lujan, Tasha Lujan, and Jeremy Francis. Their first meeting has been set for February 6, 2008. They will represent the teen community to the Library and the Library to the teen community. So, to any young adults out there, if there is a book, cd, movie, a certain magazine you would like the library to carry or if there is a program that you think that would be fun and beneficial to the teen community then, they are the ones to inform. The Library is always open to suggestions from the community.

The Isleta Pueblo Public Library is one of many Libraries to participate in the None for the Road: DWI Awareness Program, for first time New Mexico License goers. The UNM Continuing Education and New Mexico Department of Transportation have provided the Library with three DVDs (2 English & 1 Spanish) for all first time licensees to view and complete a test afterwards. After completion of the test a Librarian will provide the needed signature on the test. DVDs will not be available for check out because the last two DVDs were NEVER RETURNED. However, the Library has DVD players installed on the computers provided to the community in the Computer Lab. Headphones are available to the community as in-house only.

Both New Mexico State & Federal (IRS) Income Tax forms are available at the Library. However, some instruction manuals are for in-house use only for the simple fact that there are too many pages to print.

The Video Game Day on January 3, 2008 was a blast and went smoothly. So, I (Nathaniel Lujan) would like to Thank the Library Staff and the Children who attend the Program for helping and cooperating in making it a Fun and Joyful Event. For more Video Game Days at the Library, please check the Event Calendar on the Library's MySpace Page at www.myspace.com/isleta_pueblo_library.

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, February 18, 2008 for President's Day. So from the Staff at Isleta Pueblo Public Library, have a fun and safe three-day weekend.

As some of you might know, the Isleta Pueblo Newsletter is now available in PDF format. All you need is a valid e-mail address and Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at www.adobe.com. Just send us a message (through myspace.com) or an email, letting us know that you would like the monthly newsletter e-mailed to you. E-mail requests should be sent to poi_library@hotmail.com. Please include your first and last name and the e-mail address you would like the newsletter sent to. We will add you to our distribution list and send out the newsletter as soon as it's available to us. Please remember that the distribution address will be different from the library's primary e-mail ~ so any comments, request, messages, etc, received in that inbox will be deleted immediately. Should you need to contact any of the staff at the library, feel free to reach us at poi_library@hotmail.com or at the library telephone number.

The latest news concerning the Library, the Library's Policies, the Library's hours of operation, and the Library's contact information can be found on the Library's MySpace page at www.myspace.com/isleta_pueblo_library.

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

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Operation Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8am - 8pm

Friday: 8am - 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Every Child Ready to Read Outreach Program



One of the Head Start Classes during Story Time at the Isleta Pueblo Public Library!



Library Aide, Ashley Aragon (Youth Development Corporation) interacting with the Head Start Students after Story Time!



Mary Jane Edaakie (Librarian Aide), reading another book to the Head Start Children after Story Time!

A Head Start Child Lost in the Book!



Video Game Day at the Isleta Pueblo Public Library (January 3, 2008)



Step Aside Ramblers; we're taking over this Reservation!!!

(Matthew Jojola on Drums, Wayne Abeita on Vocals, Jeremy Francis on Guitar, & Eugene Abeita on Bass; on the Video Game ROCK BAND)



**Oh, Hello Ladies! I'm Timothy
and Yeah, I play the Guitar!**
(Timothy on Guitar Hero III)



**Just stand on the side, BOYS!!!
I'll show you how to play the
Guitar!**

(Bernadette Correa, shredding on
Guitar Hero III)



Tuning Up to Play the St. Augustine Feast in the Village!!!

(Eugene Abeita on Drums, Keenon Gurule on Vocals, Dyllian Powell on Guitar, Timmy Yazzie on Bass on the Video game ROCK BAND)

Listen, Learn & Pass It On!

Tiwa Classes offered by
The Isleta Language Program
at the
Old Elementary School
Ages 5 and up are encouraged and
welcome to attend
Mondays and Thursdays
from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



For More Information Contact Paul Lujan
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HEALTH BEAT

Heart and Circulation

By: Stephanie Schaefer, Health Educator

February is American Heart Month. We all need to be aware of our heart and how to keep it healthy. One important way to keep your heart healthy is to be aware of your blood pressure. Blood pressure is the force of blood pushing against the artery walls. Your blood pressure will increase when you are in a hurry or angry and it will go down when you are relaxed. There are other reasons why your blood pressure might rise and some of these reasons can be deadly, including a blocked artery or kidney disease. If your blood pressure stays high, it can cause serious health problems. Because of this, it is important to be aware of your blood pressure rates.

You can read your blood pressure by looking at 2 numbers, one above the other i.e. 110/70. The first number is the number where your pressure peaks with a beat and the second number for the pressure when your heart relaxes between beats. The blood pressure numbers that you want are 110/70. The blood pressure numbers that should cause you to be concerned is 140/90. The technical term for high blood pressure is hypertension. This is the leading cause of a stroke, as well as a cause for a heart attack and heart disease. High blood pressure also damages the eyes, kidneys and brain.

Heart attacks indicate that there is a serious problem with your heart. Symptoms include crushing or squeezing chest pains or tightness that lasts 10 minutes or more. It often starts in the center of the chest, then spreads to the jaw, neck, back or arms. Cholesterol is another thing to be fearful of. High levels of cholesterol may also put you at risk for a heart attack. There are two different kinds of cholesterol. One is good cholesterol, high-density lipoproteins-HDL, which actually helps move along the bad cholesterol. While the other cholesterol is bad, called the low-density lipoprotein, and this clogs arteries.

Heart & Circulation, SavonHealth.com

WOMAN'S - LADIES SELF DEFENSE CLASS

Date: Sunday, February 10th, 2008

Time: 12:00 pm-2:00pm

Who: Woman from 16 to 60+ years of age

Where: Isleta Recreation Center - Gym.

Please: no men

March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Brain Injury Awareness Month	National Endometriosis Awareness Month	National Nutrition Month	Save your Vision Month	National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month	1
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National Patient Safety Awareness Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
National Problem Gambling Awareness Week						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
National Inhalants and Poison Awareness Week						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	American Diabetes Alert Day				

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