

SPECIAL ISSUE

Newsletter...Special Issue

This is a special issue of the Tribal Newsletter. There were some articles that were not submitted on time for the regular monthly newsletter, and therefore to keep the community informed we decided to publish this special issue. Unfortunately, because of the high cost of postage we will not be mailing out this, nor any special issue newsletters. Newsletters will be available for pickup at the Tribal Administration Office, Recreation Center, Health Clinic, Tribal Library and WIC office.

As they say in the scientific world, "this is an experiment" and there have been no definite plans to continue with the publication of a "special issue newsletter".

For any comments, please call Ulysses or Beverly at 869-2680. (Constructive criticism is acceptable).

Thank You... Ulysses

LLHS Pow - Wow Meeting

On April 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM, there will be a Pow-wow planning meeting for all Seniors and their Parents/Grandparents in the LLHS cafeteria. For more information, please call Mr. B. Analla at 865-4646 ext. 272.

Institute of American Indian Arts - Governor's College Night

IAIA representatives will be at Isleta on April 10, 2008 at 6:00 PM to provide information to all students in grades 10 - 12 on IAIA. IAIA is a nationally recognized Native American Indian organization.


There has been no site designated for this event at this time. Look for posters, check with your school counselor or call the Department of Education at 869-2680 for more information.

2008 SENIORS!!!! 2008 SENIORS!!!! 2008 SENIORS!!!! 2008 SENIORS!!!!


Yes.. there will be a Senior Banquet for 2008 Graduating Seniors. The Senior Banquet will be for all JOM eligible Native American graduating seniors attending Los Lunas High School or Valencia High School, all Pueblo of Isleta graduating seniors attending APS, Santa Fe Indian School or any other school.

We are still working on a date and site for this event.

Please call Beverly at 869-2680 ext. 434 to have your name placed on the senior graduating list and for more information.



PRESENTING... STORY TIME !!



Come to the **Isleta Pueblo Public Library**

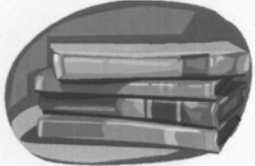

Every Tuesday and Thursday
5:30pm— 6:30pm
Beginning Tues., March 11, 2008

Library Staff Invites everyone interested in **READING** to come in and...

- ♦ Listen to a story
- ♦ Tell a story of your own
- ♦ Read to your child or someone special

Refreshments will be served.

For more information call us at 869-8119.

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

The Library staff has come up with a Story Time. Starting March 11, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. we will be having "Story time". We invite everyone to come in to listen to a story, tell one of your own or read to your child. Light refreshments will be served.

There has been a change of time for the Halo 3 Game Day at Pueblo of Isleta Public Library on March 27, 2008. The new time is 12pm (noon) to 4pm, just an hour earlier. The inclusion of the game Rock Band is still a possibility. For more information, please call the library.

The Library Staff and the J.O.M. Tutors have teamed up for another incentive program to encourage the youth to do their homework and to promote reading; this time around it's for bowling and pizza at the Isleta Fun Connection. The rules: Youth must obtain 30 points to go bowling on Friday, April 18, 2008. Points can be achieved by doing homework first and additional points are given for reading for 15 minutes. This program will start on March 17, 2008. For more information, please call the Library.

The Library Board will have their 2nd meeting at 6:30pm on April 9, 2008 at the Pueblo of Isleta Public Library. The Board members will be accepting suggestions for library books, audio books, magazine subscriptions, CDs, and movies to add to our already going collections. Suggestions for programs and other activity ideas, that will be beneficial to the community, are also appreciated. The Agenda for the meeting will be available to the public 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Agenda will be posted

at the Library, WIC Office, Health Center, Administration Office, Post Office, and both Recreational Centers. Additional agenda topics may be added only if the Library is notified no later than 3pm on April 9, 2008. Library Board meetings are open to the Public. The Library Board Members are President Adrian Abeita, Vice President Arthur Abeita, and Secretary Elthia Lucero.

The Teen Library Board will have their 2nd meeting at 4:30pm on April 16, 2008 at the Pueblo of Isleta Public Library. Like the Library Board, the Teen Library Board will be accepting suggestions for library books, audio books, magazine subscriptions, CDs, and movies to add to our already going collections. Suggestions for programs and other activity ideas, that will be beneficial to the community, are also appreciated. The Agenda for the meeting will be available to the public 24 hours prior to the meeting. The Agenda will be posted at the Library, WIC Office, Health Center, Administration Office, Post Office, and both Recreational Centers. Additional agenda topics may be added only if the Library is notified no later than 12pm on April 16, 2008. The Teen Library Board Members are Kyle Lujan, Tasha Lujan, and Jeremy Francis.

The summer reading program begins in June and the Library is looking for volunteers to help out with the program. They will be assisting the staff with daily activities, reading to the younger children, field trips and other tasks. A meeting with the staff and volunteers will be set in April, to discuss the program. Anyone 16 years of age and older, interested in volunteering, please call

or stop by the Library and speak with Nathaniel. 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 e-mail, 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, its policies, hours of operation, and contact information can be found on the Library's MySpace page at www.myspace.com/isleta_pueblo_library.

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

Contact Information:

Phone Number: (505) 869 - 8119

Fax Number: (505) 869 - 7690

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poi_library@hotmail.com

Web Address:


www.myspace.com/isleta_pueblo_library

Operation Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8am - 8pm


Friday: 8am - 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed




Come on bowling with the Pueblo of Isleta Library!

WHEN: April 18, 2008
WHERE: Isleta Fun Connection



All you have to do is come to the Library and do your homework. If you don't have any homework you can read for 15 minutes. Doing your homework or reading will earn you 1 point. Remember students your homework must be done first. You will have to earn 30 points to join the fun on April 18, 2008. You can start earning points on March 17, 2008 till April 17, 2008. Parents if you have any questions please call the library @ 869-8119.



Comanche Ranch

Hello From Comanche Ranch

My name is Martin Abeita. I was raised in the Pueblo of Isleta, being adopted in 1966 by a tribal family, and will always consider Isleta as my home. Some of you may know and some may not. I spent most of my younger days around Isleta, but as I got older, I moved north to ranch for a living. Through the years, I have helped many people with their cattle both on and off the reservation. I have also driven trucks throughout my life.

In July 2007, I came home and found that the tribe needed someone to manage the Comanche Ranch. I had in the past applied for the manager position several times when the position was open. I was living up north during these times, and looking back, I am glad that I was not hired when he ranch was first bought. Working on a ranch gave me the experience that I now have. With the experience I now have, I firmly believe that I will do a good job managing Comanche for the people of Isleta Pueblo. I would like to thank the people of Isleta and its leaders for giving me the opportunity to share my ranching experience with the tribe and for treating me as one of your own.

Comanche Ranch Manager, Martin Abeita

The Comanche Ranch

The ranch was purchased about eleven years ago. This ranch was purchased for its land value. It was a cattle ranch since the 1800's. We all know that the Valencia County area population has had a rapid increase, especially in the last ten years. With this in mind, I am of the opinion that the tribe made the right decision in purchasing this ranch. The value of this land increases daily.

The land to this day is still a cattle ranch. We run around 1000 head of momma cows and over 200 replacement heifer plus our bulls. We run a commercial herd that consists of Black Angus/Hereford cows. At the time, our bulls are Black Angus. Our replacement heifers are Black Angus with motley faces and a few Herefords cross. We run approximately 1500 head of cattle throughout the year. Before calves are shipped in the fall, we run around 2300 head of cattle. I will keep you informed on this year's calf crop.

The resources of the land must be utilized responsibly in order to maintain proper stewardship. This ranch has paid for its operations for this year. Our goal for this ranch is to make it feasible for the overhead of the operation and make a profit in the years to come with an increase of the herd and the quality improvement of the cattle herd.

You will be hearing from me periodically throughout the year, as I will keep you informed on what we have going on at the ranch.

Thank You...Martin Abeita

Johnson O'Malley Outdoor Science Summer Program



The Johnson O'Malley Program is offering an Outdoor Science Program for students grades K-12. During the summer, the students will participate in different hands-on activities in and around the Isleta Pueblo. They will be visiting sites along the Rio Grande River and become familiar with the different plants and animals that occupy the area. We will be conducting many different fun and exciting experiments throughout the summer. A different topic will be studied each week and at the end of the week we will be taking the students on field trips related to that topic or have guest speakers come and have presentations. We are looking forward to going out into nature, getting our hands dirty, and learning about our environment outside of a classroom.

The program will also be working with the Elderly Center to plant a garden consisting of fruits and vegetables that are native to the pueblo and New Mexico culture. The students will be given journals to record experiments and activities and document interesting facts they learn from field trips and presentations. They will learn to use scientific tools like microscopes to look at water, or binoculars to observe the wildlife of the Rio Grande. We have many more fun things planned for this summer so please let us know if you have any questions!



The Outdoor Science Program will be lead by the JOM Tutors, Jennifer Zuni and Bernadette Correa, and will start on June 9th, 2008 and end on August 1st, 2008. Registration is now open and if you are interested in signing up your child or children, please feel free to stop by the Department of Education and pick up a registration/information packet. *There are limited spaces available in the program so please turn in the registrations as soon as possible.* ALL registrations must be submitted by May 16th, 2008. Or, if you have any questions please feel free to call either Bernadette or Jennifer at 869-2680.

Parents



If your child needs help with homework or studying the Johnson O'Malley Program can help. The Johnson O'Malley

Program has an Elementary and a Math tutor available Monday thru Thursday. The library also provides help for the children. If you have any questions please call the Department of Education @ 869-2680 or the Library @ 869-8119.



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2008 EXPANDING THE CIRCLE (ETC)
 'RESPECTING THE PAST & PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE'
 June 7th -- 21st
 Summer workshops for transition to college

This summary serves as an introduction to an exciting opportunity for Native high school seniors and juniors planning to go to college. The Learning Support Center at IAIA offers a two-week series of residential workshops for college transition—*Expanding the Circle: Respecting the Past and Preparing for the Future*. The program takes place at the IAIA campus from June 7 through June 21, 2008.

As you may know, research studies of college persistence rates support a need for transition strategies for most students who begin college just after high school. The need is particularly apparent for American Indian students. In our work for student success here at the Learning Support Center at IAIA and with colleagues at other institutions, we have learned that the ability to make a success of the often jarring transition from high school to college is critical to student persistence. The difficulty of this transition seems to affect students regardless of academic achievement in high school.

Transition curricula are not new to the education field, and there is also a variety of materials that address the educational and cultural needs of Native students in an educational setting. However, little has been done to combine these components to address the particular needs of American Indian youth in their transition to a post-secondary experience. The *Expanding the Circle* curriculum is designed to offer a structured process and a set of culturally relevant activities that will facilitate successful transition for Native high school students to whichever college they plan to attend.

Post-secondary students who have successfully completed their first year of college are encouraged to apply to be mentors to the 2008 Expanding the Circle high school participants.

If you have questions after reading the summary, please feel free to contact Alissa Chavez, Program Manager at 505-424-2341, or by email at achavez@iaia.edu.

This summer, 20 program scholarships will be awarded to students selected to participate in the 2008 'Expanding the Circle' pre-college summer program. We are especially seeking current high school juniors and graduating seniors who have a commitment to pursuing higher education and who have shown potential to succeed in higher education. This potential can show itself in any number of ways. For example some students may have a stellar academic record and be less involved in the community; other students may excel in leadership or non-academic personal achievement and not be at the top of their class academically. All applications will be given careful consideration.

Application Instructions: Please fill out the **ETC Student Application** completely. In addition to the ETC Student Application you will need to include the following:

> A **one-page essay** (typed, double-spaced) beginning with one of these phrases:

- When I think about the future...
- Something I would like to change...
- My biggest concern about life after high school is...
- I believe in...
- My greatest hope/dream for the future...
- I feel most peaceful when...

> A **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, counselor or member of your community who knows you well and is aware of your plans to pursue higher education.

> A copy of your **unofficial high school transcripts**

Application packet must arrive at our office no later than Friday, May 23, 2008.

Mail to: Expanding the Circle 2008
 IAIA Learning Support Center
 83 Avan Nu Po Road
 Santa Fe, NM 87508

FAX to: 505-424-0909

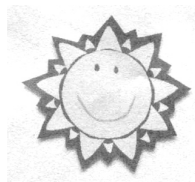
Email to: achavez@iaia.edu

2008 Expanding the Circle Student Application
Deadline for application: Friday, May 23, 2008

2008 SUMMER PROGRAM

Presented by
 the Department of Education / Johnson O'Malley

June 9th, 2008-August 1st, 2008



Activities include:

- **Field Trips**
- **Garden Project**
- **Fishing**
- **And More**

The DOE/JOM Summer Project is open to all Native American Students K-12.
Registration starts at the beginning of April and closes on May 16th, 2008.
Space is Limited !

If you or someone you know would like to sign up for the summer program or have any questions, please call Jennifer or Bernadette at 869-2680.