



Isleta Pueblo News

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Governor's Report

As the 49th New Mexico State Legislative Session convened on March 21, 2009, there was good news that came forth for the New Mexico tribes, as there were several bills passed that will benefit the tribes. Two bills in particular, which are of great interest to the tribes, were Senate Bill 196 and House Bill 37.

Senate Bill 196, the State-Tribal Collaboration Act, which was sponsored by Senator John Pinto, promotes and strengthens the relationship between the State and the twenty-two sovereign tribes of New Mexico. The Act enhances government-to-government communication and collaboration between the state and tribal governments. The Act requires cabinet level agencies to develop policies that promote communication and cooperation between the state and tribal governments to ensure that each of the thirty-four executive agencies permanently designate a tribal liaison. It also provides for an annual state-tribal summit, training for state agency managers and employees who have on-going communication with tribes, and submission of an annual report that accounts for each agency's activities pursuant to the Act. It also provides for dialog for tribal and state leaders to forge a partnership, and to address issues important to all New Mexicans, including education, health, environmental protection, infrastructure and economic

development. Senate Bill 196 was endorsed by the interim Indian Affairs Committee for the State of New Mexico, and was fully endorsed by the New Mexico tribes. The Act was signed by Governor Bill Richardson on March 19, 2009, at a ceremony held at the Indian Pueblo Culture Center in Albuquerque. All the tribal leaders from each of the twenty-two tribes attended the signing ceremony.

House Bill 37 relates to real property, amending the New Mexico Subdivision Act, and provides for tribal notification in specified cases that affect Indian tribes. With increasing development in New Mexico, tribes are beginning to realize the negative impact on the environment from drilling for water and encroachment on Indian lands. The Act requires for tribes to be informed by developers and county governments on any new developments that may have an affect on tribal lands.

On March 26, Councilman Seferino Lente, Tribal Legal Council David Mielke and I traveled to Washington, D.C., where I testified before the Committee on Appropriations. Tribal leaders testifying before the Committee are hopeful that the tribes will receive increased funding for education, Indian Health Services and law enforcement. Isleta is hopeful that funds will be appropriated to replace Pueblo water lines, complete the Tribal Service

Complex and for natural resource projects that include forest thinning in the Manzano Mountains, restoration of the water-logged areas along the Rio Grande, removal of unexploded ordinances and range land recovery.

We met with Senator Jeff Bingaman's and Tom Udall's staff and we requested funding for the above projects, for flood control on the north boundary of State Road 47 and basalt building block project.

We also had meetings with Congressmen Martin Heinrich and Teague, and with Congressman Ben Lujan's staff. Congressman Teague informed me that Isleta will be receiving monies from the Department of Energy, but he did not elaborate in what amount, or for what project. We are hopeful that these monies will be designated for housing projects. Congressman Teague traveled to Isleta on Sunday, March 29, where Councilman Seferino Lente and I gave him a tour of pending projects, the diversion dam and some of the homes that the Isleta Housing Authority is building from cinder block. The Tribal Administration attended the opening ceremonies of the All-Indian Game Day held on March 11-12, 2009 at the Isleta Recreation Center. I want to extend a big "Thank You" to the elders and staff for their participation and for inviting us. Keep up the great work!!

Tribal Education Department Board of Education

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 30, 2009

TRIBAL BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Community:

Pursuant to §1(D) of the Pueblo of Isleta Board of Education policy and procedures, the Tribal Board of Education is announcing a vacancy for a position on the Board. Interested community members shall submit a letter of recommendation and resume to the Board. The Board will submit its recommendation(s) to the Tribal Council for final approval of appointment. Documents may be addressed to the following:

Mr. Rodney Jones, Chair
Tribal Board of Education
PO Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022

No electronic or facsimile will be accepted. For any additional information concerning the vacancy please contact Mr. Rodney Jones or the Executive Director, Isleta Education.

/s/ Rodney Jones, Chair



A Call for Old Photographs

The Pueblo is collecting old photographs of Isleta people, places and events to be preserved at the new Isleta Cultural Center Archives. As part of our archive, these images will help in the education of our young people and benefit all Isletans for many generations to come. Some photos, with your permission, may also be included in an exhibit on Isleta History that is now being designed.

If you have old photos you are willing to share, bring them to the Archive at the old Elementary School-Building #551 (Cultural Affairs) Phone #766-6657

April 3, 2009 10am and 4pm

Your images will be scanned and returned to you immediately. You will be given a copy of the scans on CD that you can use to preserve your pictures and from which you can make additional prints.

Hello from Comanche Ranch

Spring is here and the baby calves are hitting the ground. We will most likely brand in June this year. Things are dry out on the Comanche Ranch. Other than that, all is well. It is the time of year that we all ride and make sure that all cows are calving alright and not having any problems.

This year we did some testing on some bulls for a disease called Trichomoniasis. This is a STD that cattle can get. The short version is called Trick for short. The reason I'm writing this in this letter is to inform the cattlemen and women of the Pueblo of Isleta that this is a very dangerous STD. It is a form of VD.

(How the bulls can catch it) If a cow is bred by a bull that is infected, the cow will carry this STD until the cow calves out and most likely the cow will abort her calf. If another bull mounts the same cow, that bull would be infected, as well, and before you know what's happening the whole herd is infected. The cows will lose their calves. The cow will recover; it takes a couple of cycles for the cow to pass this STD.

The bull will never be usable again. If the state is aware of the problem on your ranch they will quarantine your ranch and you

will not be able to sell any cattle unless it's for slaughter only. This STD will not hurt the meat. It will hurt just the breeding of your herd.

This is showing up more and more in the State of New Mexico. The best way to prevent this is when you buy a bull, make sure it is a virgin bull. This will reinsure that the bull you purchased is clean. You can get the bull tested to be sure you are on a safe note. If any of you have any questions on this STD, you could contact me at 505-917-4217 I have some information on this and any of you are welcome to it. All you have to do is get hold of me, and I will get you some copies and leave them at the Governor's office.

After we are done branding this spring, I will inform you all on the calf crop and what percentage the ranch gets for 2009. I will try to get something in the July news letter.

On behalf of the Comanche Ranch Manager and staff we would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Comanche Ranch Manager. Martin Abeita.

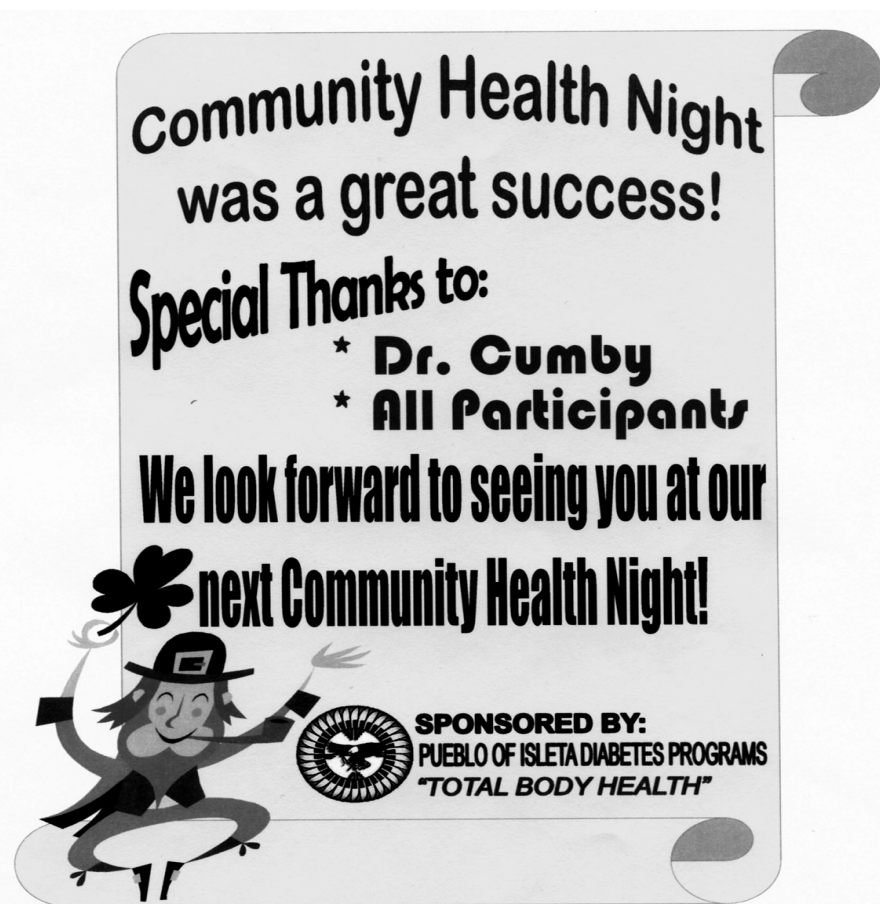
Attention Ranchers and Farmers

Register NOW for the New Mexico Indian Livestock Days!!

Topics will range from the Farm Bill update; Heifer Selection; Horse Nutrition; Marketing Livestock; Erosion Control and many others.

This year's event will be held on Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13 at the Route 66 Hotel and Casino. For registration information, you can contact the McKinley County Extension Office at 1-866-863-3432. Cost of the event is \$50 for both days, lunch and breaks or \$30 Tuesday only or Wednesday only. Deadline for registering is May 1, 2009. For special room rate call 1-866-352-7866 and ask for the NM Livestock Days group rate of \$66.

For further information and sign up forms, please contact John Romero at 977-2366.



Community Health Night
was a great success!
Special Thanks to:
 * **Dr. Cumby**
 * **All Participants**
We look forward to seeing you at our
next Community Health Night!

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The families of Joe D. Jaramillo wish to thank you for all your love and support at the time of our sorrow. May our dear Lord take care of you and your families and May God Bless you all.

To my dearest family and friends.
 Here are some things that I would like to say.
 But first of all to let you know, that I arrived ok today.
 I'm writing this from heaven, here I dwell with God above,
 there are no tears or sadness, there's just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy, just because I'm out of sight.
 Remember that I'm with you,
 every morning noon, and night.

That day I had to leave you, when my life on earth was
 through. God picked me up and hugged me,
 and said "Narwiju, I welcome you."

Joe D. Jaramillo
 Born: August 13, 1913
 Died January 28, 2009

RECREATION

With March coming to an end, spring break along with March Madness (Basketball) will be but a memory. With April now here, we start to focus our attention to the start of Little League Baseball and softball for all of our interested youth. For the 2nd year in a row, Vernon Abeita will once again be at the helm as our League Director. He did a fantastic job last year and we hope he stays for many years to come. Initially he reports that fewer parents have come out to assist as coaches, but he does expect for that to

change now that the weather is warming up, along with official beginning of spring. The official opening of the league will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009 with the parade of teams. With the addition of 3 new fields that are now grassed and clay infields, Vernon expects a great improvement with the play and teams wanting to play here at our Pueblo of Isleta.

Spring Break

During this year's spring break (March 23-27), a number of special activities were

offered for our children to enjoy and parents to have some peace of mind that the children were safe and being kept busy. The whole idea was to have a safe haven for our children because many parents and guardians didn't have the luxury of being off with them and yet they were with many of their friends in a safe and wholesome environment. Those who attended were treated to several field trips to the movies, arts/crafts, swimming and the Fun Connection.

Basketball

By the time everyone receives this newsletter, our March Madness for our Southern Pueblo Agency Youth Basketball League will be but a distant memory. Our 3rd and 4th grade girls coached by Christine Jojola finished in 1st place in their final tournament of the year hosted by our Pueblo of Isleta. They had a barnburner winning the championship by 3 points over the Jemez Riverside, a team they had not beaten all year.

Our Boys 3rd and 4th graders finished their season on the weekend of the March 28th, with an overtime loss to Jemez Riverside in the championship game. All in all, five of our teams had some outstanding games throughout the season as they learned and honed down their skills. All coaches report that they did well in learning their basic skills that will take them a long way down the road, especially if they choose to continue playing basketball in Mid and High School.

CONGRATULATIONS, AND GREAT JOB.

Pictured are our 3rd and 4th grade girls displaying their championship trophy.



Park Management

As mentioned earlier, we have the addition of 3 new fields thanks to our Park Management Staff. One of the fields is for our youngest players who start off by playing T-Ball. Many of the coaches and parents are already proclaiming this field as the "best" our youth will play in all season long. The other two fields (which are also grassed) are directly across the New Rec. Center on the old Elementary School grounds. This property was better known as the gravel pit because of all the rock that was endless. Assistant Park Superintendent Robert Apodaca said it was better to bury the rock than to try to remove it. So they added several thousand tons of dirt to the fields. At the onset, many onlookers thought it would be an impossible task to build on, but Mr. Apodaca said not only would it be done in a timely fashion but the ultimate goal was to build these fields to be the best in the State and the Southwest region, as well. Although both fields will be playable during the start of the season, it will take several months for the rest of the park to grow out. For those of you who do come out to watch our children, we ask that you please stay off the newly seeded areas. Although the fields will be used for the season, the official grand opening celebration will be on Memorial Day weekend. We will keep everyone posted. Pictured right and below are two pictures of the two new Little League fields. The 3rd picture is the addition of the new jogging trail to the old one, which is directly across the street.



RECREATION (Continued)

Adult Basketball

With the ending of our Youth Basketball Season, it is now time for the beginning of our Adult Basketball League. Adult Coordinator, Carl Anderson reports that teams from the entire City Metro area have heard about our outstanding league that they were hoping to get into the action here at our Pueblo of Isleta. This however, we had to limit the number of teams because of the much anticipated renovation of our Church. The church renovation will affect the weekend delivery of service to our participants when services are moved into our gymnasium for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Our Adult Basketball League runs on Sundays beginning at 10 am until about 2 pm. Pictured below are two different games that were being played on Sunday morning, March 29th, the beginning of the League action.



Department of Education
Computer Lab

April, May and June Computer Training

Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday
8:00am-9:00am	4:00pm-5:00pm
Intermediate Excel	Basic PowerPoint

Tuesday Nights
5:00pm-6:00pm
Basic PC

Please contact the DOE, Computer Lab
(505)924-3185, ext. 440,
if you have any questions.

Isleta Education Information

The Department wanted to share this information with those parents who might have 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders that could benefit from this announcement.

In an attempt to help 1st-3rd grade students offset summer reading loss/setback and to show up next year ready to read, we have created a new FREE 6-week summer reading event called Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009. You can learn more about Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009 at www.letterpals.org. Teachers can start signing up their classrooms now. Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009 will start on June 22.

This year's Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest reading event will run from June 22 to August 2 and will consist of a set of 24 online Pet Shop Pen Pals weekly letters, which are delivered one at a time, every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at the Letterpals web site. Each daily letter is personalized with the child's name, is 3 pages in length, professionally written, beautifully illustrated, and reviewed by reading specialists for use in a shared/guided reading environment. To see what a sample letter looks like, click on the computer on the home page.

There is also an additional special feature page, called "Paws for Reading." It follows the third page of the letter and includes specific questions and answers for each letter. It is intended to bring the most meaning to each letter. We have also highlighted 8 key words in red within each letter that will be used in a daily crossword puzzle and word search. We feel the 8 key words help round out the reading experience by providing some basic vocabulary and spelling practice. Any student who completes all of the letters, crossword puzzles, and word searches will receive a prize.

To date, schools in 42 states have participated in our school year Letter P.A.L.S. program to great reviews. It was based on their feedback that we are now offering a summer event to help them deliver students to the next grade at the reading level they worked so hard to develop. In fact, Letter P.A.L.S. 2010 will include programs for grades K-6. Please email me back if you have any questions.

Letter P.A.L.S. Summerfest 2009 - Reading and Fun Wrapped Up in One!

Summer Community Health Night

"If the Shoe fits"

Sandra Yauk, C. Ped.

Roadrunner Footwear

Are you wearing the right shoes?
How does shoe style affect your body?

Find out!!!

Date:

July 22, 2009

Time:

6:00 PM

505.869.4595

Location:

Isleta Health Center

Door Prizes!

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ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE

BURGLARY PREVENTION

The Isleta Tribal Police Department has responded to approximately 15 residential burglaries since the first of the year. Each year in the U.S, there are more than five million home burglaries. With the recession and a high unemployment rate, commercial and residential burglaries are on the increase. Nine out of ten of these crimes are preventable.

IPD Records Management Division reported the primary time for the burglaries have been between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Burglars know when family members leave and when parents and children start to arrive back to their residence.

Mondays through Thursdays have been the most active days, but the burglaries have happened every day of the week. Entry for the majority of the burglaries has been by kicking in the front or back entrance of the residences and forcing the door open. Burglars are in and out in a matter of minutes.

The losses during these burglaries consist of cash and electronic devices such as DVD players, game systems, computers, cellular telephones and other items. Items which are easy to pawn or sell on the streets. The Isleta Police Department encourages residents to pay attention to your surroundings and call the Isleta Police Department Dispatch at (505) 869-3030 to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Many burglaries are solved because someone took the time to call the police when something "just didn't look right". The risk of being burglarized can be greatly reduced by taking simple steps to make your home more difficult to enter and less enticing to would-be burglars.

The burglary basics:

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Isleta Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- If you have a lawn, arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.

- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Don't tempt a thief:

- Lawn mowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Locks...get the best:

- No lock, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in dead bolt locks provide minimum security. Ask a locksmith for advice on your situation.
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.

Targeting the Outside:

- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.

Windows:

- Most windows can be pinned for security.
- Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame - place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

Alarms:

- An alarm system is excellent for home security. It provides peace of mind to homeowners, especially while on vacation. There is a wide variety of alarm systems on the market.
- Make several inquiries to different companies for the best security system available to you.

If Your Home Is Broken Into:

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

- Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use a neighbor's phone to call police.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.

Other precautions you should take:

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -burglars know where to

look for hidden keys.

- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home -- this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars. Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from your precinct. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.

The MOST important thing YOU can do is **CALL THE POLICE** to report a **CRIME** or any **SUSPICIOUS** activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes!

Remember the three L's of Crime Prevention: **LIGHTS, LOCKS & the LAW!**

Light up your residence, lock your doors at all times, and call the Law when you see something suspicious.

ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH — EMERGENCY 911 OR (505) 869-3030

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INTERNET SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

Isleta Police Department Public Safety Message

For teens, MySpace is a popular online hangout because the site makes it easy for them to express themselves and keep in touch with their friends. As a parent, please consider the following guidelines to help your children make safe decisions about using online communities.

- **Talk to your kids about why they use MySpace, how they communicate with others and how they represent themselves on MySpace.**
- **Kids shouldn't lie about how old they are. MySpace members must be 14 years of age or older.** We take extra precautions to protect our younger members and we are not able to do so if they do not identify themselves as such. MySpace will delete users whom we find to be younger than 14, or those misrepresenting their age.
- **MySpace is a public space.** Members shouldn't post anything they wouldn't want the world to know (e.g., phone number, address, IM screen name, or specific whereabouts). Tell your children they should avoid posting anything that would make it easy for a stranger to find them, such as their local hangouts.
- **Remind them not to post anything that could embarrass them later or expose them to danger.** Although MySpace is public, teens sometimes think that adults can't see what they post. Tell them that they shouldn't post photos or info they wouldn't want adults to see.
- **People aren't always who they say they are. Ask your children to be careful about adding strangers to their friends list.** It's fun to connect with new MySpace friends from all over the world, but members should be cautious when communicating with people they don't know. They should talk to you if they want to meet an online friend in person, and if you think it's safe, any meeting should take place in public and with friends or a trusted adult present.
- **Harassment, hate speech and inappropriate content should be reported.** If your kids encounter inappropriate behavior, let them know that they can let you know, or they should report it to MySpace or the authorities.

Vernon N. Alvarez, Captain of Police
Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

Pueblo of Isleta Tribal
Police Department
P.O. Box 699
Isleta, New Mexico 87022

The Isleta Police Department Records Section has moved from the Main Building to the "Old" elementary school barracks. We are now located in Barrack #569.

Changes have been made for the following services:

Record Section Service Fees:

- Accident report - \$10.00
- Police report - \$10.00
- Copy of citation - \$1.00
- *Request for a set of reports - \$25.00
- *Request for video transferred to DVD - \$10.00
- *Request for photos transferred to CD/ DVD - \$10.00
- *Request for Statistics - \$25.00
- Extra copies - \$1.00

At this time, we are working on getting a direct phone line. To request police records, please call 869-6511, extension 345 (Edwina Jojola) or 351 (Therese Jiron). Calling ahead of time will ensure that your documents will be ready when you get here.

*A letter of request must be submitted to the Chief of Police for approval.

Flea Market

AT THE
ISLETA PUEBLO PUBLIC LIBRARY
PARKING LOT

Contact person:
Nate Lujan

8am-12noon
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

869-8119

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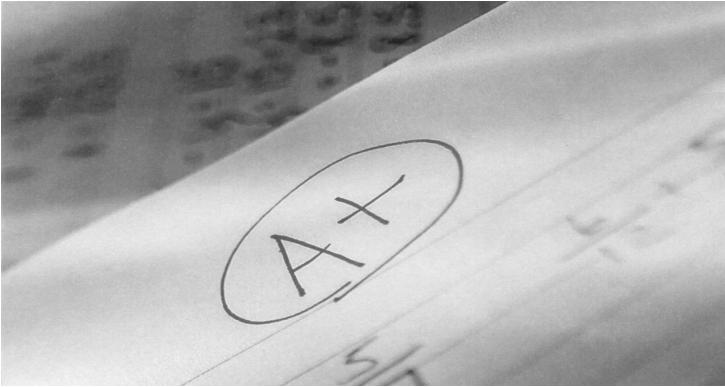
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fry Bread, Oven Bread, Sodas,
Chips, and other treats!

Proceeds from this Library Fundraiser will benefit
Youth Programs such as fieldtrips, reading incentive
programs and craft supplies.

A summer program offering
at the Learning Resource Center

One Super Duper Math Camp!

"Native Hearts, Native Minds Preparing for Life"



- Who: 4th & 5th Grades
- What: Summer Math Camp
- Where: Learning Resource Center (Language classroom)
- When: Class in Session: July 6 - July 24, 2009
- Sign-Ups: May 1-May 29. Application available at the Department of Education

MUST HAVE MINIMUM OF 15 TO OFFER CLASS

Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education
PO Box 1270 Isleta, NM 87022
Phone: 505-924-3185 Fax: 505-869-7690
E-mail: poi08100@isletapueblo.com

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

The staff here at the Library wants to give everyone a big hello. We hope that everyone enjoyed the month of March because it sure did seem to fly by. March was filled with many activities not for just the children, but the adults as well. With April peeking around the corner, the Library will keep up with many new activities to keep our patrons busy.

The first trip of March went to our super readers that participated in our reading incentive program. They worked hard to complete their homework and read extra to gain points for the free trip to IT'z. They really had a good time and can't wait for the next one. If you have any ideas of where you would like the next trip to be, please feel free to let any of the staff members know.



Samuel Abeita, Tehya Anderson, and Jessica Bridge trading in their tickets for prizes at IT'Z.

The trip to A River Apart tour, at the Museum of Indian Art and Culture, turned out to be a great experience for everyone that attended. We made two trips to the tour in Santa Fe, with the tribal members and then again with elders. The tour had amazing artifacts and a collection of pottery from the early years of Cochiti and Santo Domingo Pueblos. We also went to the Indian Arts Research Center and were allowed into a vault with beautiful artwork from pre-contact era to the present, that everyone must go see. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and want to return again because there were so many things to see. We would like to thank Rick Giron and the Recreational Center for providing the van for the trip.



Veronica Lucero, Margaret Abeita, Diane Wade, and Emma Chinana enjoying their time at the River Apart Tour.

As many of you know, our very own library aide, Mary Jane Edaakie is a baker. For those of you who have tasted her

homemade, traditional bread, cookies and pies by using an horno, know just how delicious they are. For one Saturday in March, Mary Jane offered her baking skills to teach those not only our sacred ways to make bread, but how to bake the bread using a horno. The library teamed up with the Language Department to present this opportunity to the community. This event was so successful that we had requests for another gathering, but this time making cookies and pies. This date hasn't been set up yet, so keep an eye out for a flyer with more information.



Joseph and Veronica Lucero are showing off their new baking skills.

Jerry's Market was very gracious to donate all of the supplies used for the baking and also, Isodore Jaramillo for donating the wood. Paul Lujan from the Language Department put in much effort and was very helpful. We are thankful for everyone's help and contributions.



Domacio Zuni, the lucky winner of the skateboard.

Our much anticipated bike and skate board contest was a big hit. It consisted of three rounds of head to head challenges between our patrons. The first round was a trivia game, then Tiwa Jeopardy, and finally a spelling bee. The trivia game consisted of various questions covering math, history, and English. The Tiwa Jeopardy was our favorite round. We played the original Jeopardy but used our language as the answers and questions. Like all games, it came down to the very last round



Alex Edaakie and Jasmine James just won two free bikes!

of the spelling bee to determine our lucky inners. Since we had two bikes, each one customized for a boy and girl, and one skateboard, we had three winners. The two lucky bike winners were, Alex Edaakie, Jasmine James, and Domacio Zuni, winning the skateboard. We wouldn't have been able to give away these great prizes if it wasn't for Gary Martin and the Department of Education, so we want to give a big thank you for donating the bikes and skateboard.

In March we also held our Teen Tech Week. During this week we had a representative from Apple come into the library to better inform those of us from the community about the new technology. We knew that many of our children want the latest new devices, iPods, iPhones, and computers being just a few and we wanted to give you a chance to learn more about these products. We had a good turnout and many students came in because, even though they already have one of these items, our representative helped them with quick answers to some problems they were having and showed them how to use their devices to its full potential. Rob Syslo was our representative, and everyone who came wants to show him our appreciation and gratitude for informing and helping us with our questions.



Rob Syslo from Apple, during Teen Tech Week.

The Library is currently understaffed so during the week of the Balloon Museum trip we weren't able to take the children and we wanted to give our apologies. Don't let that make you think that we are going to be slowing down because in April we have many exciting opportunities in store for you.

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Library (Continued)

We all know that Easter is just around the corner and the Easter Bunny wants to make a quick stop by the Library to see all the boys and girls. He will be taking pictures with the students on April 7th from 2pm-6pm. Just bring in your smiling faces and have a good time. The pictures are free and will be able to get picked up a couple of days after. The Library will also be closed that Friday in accordance of Good Friday. We will resume our normal business hours the next week.

April means spring, and spring means spring cleaning! Now is the time to start cleaning out your closets, garage, and houses and bringing your unwanted items to the library parking lot. We are having a Flea Market and everyone is more than welcome to come and sell their miscellaneous items. There is a \$12.00 booth fee, but the library will also be selling food. Hotdogs, hamburgers, fry bread, to name just a few, plus the library will have an open house. This will happen Saturday, April 18th from 8am to 12pm. Please reserve your spot immediately

because space is limited. So stop on by or call in to let any one of our staff members know. What better time would it be to start planting flowers? On April 22nd, Earth Day, anyone is welcome to come in and help us plant our very own flowers. Earth Day is a wonderful time to start contributing to make mother earth a beautiful place, so come in anytime from 3pm-6pm. The library will also be closed Friday, April 24th, so we may attend a library conference.

All of April is Poetry Month. We will have a special job for the kids called Poem in your Pocket. Each child will either write their own poem or choose from a selection of poems to read to someone. For each time the poem is read to a different person the listener will write their signature acknowledging that the poem was read to them by the student. The student with the most signatures will win a prize.

In a news update, the Library will possibly have an employment opportunity for someone to be a library aide. This is a full time position and we will keep you posted

with more information as it comes.

Here is a quick overview of the important dates to remember: April 7th Easter Bunny Pictures, April 10th Library Closed, April 18th Flea Market, April 22nd Earth Day at the Library, and April 24th Library Closed. If there are any changes we will be sure to let you know. We hope that you all have a safe and happy Easter.

If you have any questions about the information mentioned, please let us know. Our contact information is below

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

Contact Information:

Phone Number: (505) 869-8119

Fax Number: (505) 869-7690

E-mail Address: poi_library@hotmail.com

Web Address:

www.myspace.com/isleta_pueblo_library

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday 8am- 8:00pm

Friday: 8am- 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

**HIPPITY HOPPITY**

Easter's on its way!

And we at the

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

**Tuesday,
April 7, 2009
From 2-6pm**

**INVITE YOU OVER TO
HAVE YOUR PICTURE
TAKEN WITH THE
Easter Bunny**

**PHOTOS ARE *FREE* AND CAN BE
PICKED UP BY THURSDAY.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, CALL
US AT THE
LIBRARY AT
869-8119.**

**Health Beat**

National Infant Immunization Week

April 25-May 2, 2009

Health Educator: Stephanie Barela, 869-4479

National Infant Immunization week is April 25-May 2nd, 2009. Are your children immunized? Children's first vaccines protect them from 8 serious diseases that are caused by viruses and bacteria. In the past these diseases have injured and killed many people, both children and adults, however, since vaccines were found, less and less people have died from these diseases, but there are still people that get sick from these illnesses and that is why it is so important to get vaccinated. Without vaccination these diseases will become more common and will eventually become a big health risk once again, like they were before vaccines came about.

"Vaccines work by preparing a child's body to fight illness" (KidsHealth). The body will learn how to combat these illnesses so that if and when the child comes into contact with these germs, the body will fight it off and not get sick. Some people may be concerned that there is a link between some vaccines and different illnesses such as autism, AIDS, Multiple Sclerosis or other problems; however, there is no reason to believe this. There have been several studies done and there have yet to be any connection found between immunizations and these conditions (KidsHealth).

SAVE THE DATE

**Isleta Health Center's
Annual Community**

Health Fair

July 11, 2009

**at the Isleta Rec Center
9am-Noon**



Isleta Education

"Native Hearts, Native Minds Preparing for Life"

From the Director's desk,

O-si-yo (hello),

I thought I should stop coloring Easter eggs (a partial stimulus package for the big Bunny guy) for a moment and share some summer academic information with you. First of all I wanted to share an excellent opportunity for our students taking place on the Haskell Indian Nations University campus.

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

At Haskell Indian Nations University
June 15 through 19, 2009

Program Overview:

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is sponsoring the Youth Leadership Challenge 2009. The program will provide a rigorous schedule of instruction, events, challenges, recreation and social activities that are designed to create awareness and improve the knowledge base of young tribal members in the unique Nation to Nation relationship that Indian Tribes have with the United States Government. Participants will receive instruction from tribal leaders and other experts in the field based upon a curriculum that will provide knowledge and information on the historical, political, legal and social development of tribal governments as the instrument to carry out this nation to nation relationship. Activities that enhance knowledge and promote problem solving skills will be integrated into the program. Competition between groups and evening social activities will provide motivation and foster communication and sharing among participants and facilitators. Follow up challenges, projects, and activities will be continued throughout the year for participants completing the challenge.

Eligibility Requirements:

The program is open to American Indian/Alaska Native students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year during the fall of 2009. Students from all BIE operated and funded schools are welcome to apply. Schools, community and tribal organizations are encouraged to sponsor students to attend the challenge. Food and lodging will be provided. Travel to and from Haskell will be the responsibility of the participant or the participant's school or sponsoring organization. Students should plan to arrive on campus anytime after noon on Sunday, June 14, and depart for home Saturday, June 20. A total of 150 to 200 applicants will be approved to attend the challenge. Students that demonstrate leadership skills and those that need a little motivation are encouraged to apply. Students will need to complete the following check list, to apply.

Youth Leadership Challenge
Program application

Recommendation forms completed by a teacher and school counselor.

A 250 to 300 word essay (Written or Typed) identifying the four major areas (economic development, education, social programs, cultural activities, etc.) that the student's tribe is involved in that have a positive influence on their lives. The essay should also identify the top four challenges that the student feels his/her tribe faces and recommend solutions to those challenges.

Verification of Enrollment in grades 9 through 11. (for example, the student's Report Card or a letter from the school administrator)

Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or letter from tribal official verifying eligibility for tribal membership.

A one page essay that demonstrates the student's interest in Leadership and Tribal Government

A parent's or guardian's signature on the application

A recent photograph and shirt size

A list of any medical conditions and medications that may present challenges to participation in some activities

The application and supporting materials must be received by May 1, 2009. Applications must be complete to be considered. Applicants that are selected will be notified no later than May 15, 2009. Please submit applications to: Stephanie Birdwell, Deputy Director, Policy and Post Secondary, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street, NW; MS-3609 MIB Washington D.C. 20240. If you have any questions about the Youth Leadership Challenge, please contact Ms. Birdwell at: 202-208-4397 or via email at: sbirdwell@bia.edu.

Math Camp

(trust me, this is gonna be fun!)

Closer to home, the Department is planning for a multi week math camp in the pueblo. We are working with Title VII staff to identify a grade range that might benefit. The class will be taught by a certified math teacher who is under strict instructions to make it a fun class as a learning opportunity. Tentatively we are looking at a morning block of instruction, Monday thru Friday. We need a minimum of 15 warm bodies in grades 4 & 5 to sign up. More information later or call the Department at 924-3185.

Tribal board of Education

An activity the Board has been tasked is the recognition of a need to provide families with supplemental funding to assist their children in their educational needs. One way to accomplish this task is thru the Isleta Educational Assistance Fund. An application is required to assist qualifying tribal members. The following categories are used in evaluating educational requests:

• A: Students K-12: Tutoring, Study Skills, Test Preparation

• B: Students K-12: Children with Disabilities needing educational materials and supplies

• C: Students K-12: Private institution costs

• D: Students K-12: Extra-curricular activities

• E: Educational programs or trips outside of regular classroom

• F: Adult Education: Special interest, career development classes

• G: Recognized Groups: Kateri Circle, Senior/Elderly Program, other

Q&A's

When does the Board review requests? Applications shall be reviewed the 3rd week of January, March, June and September.

Are there any eligibility requirements other than an application? Yes, requirements are available when you pick up your application at the Department.

Is there any follow-up documentation I need to give to the Board when I am approved? Yes, information is available with your application.

Is there any residence requirements? Yes, all enrolled tribal members making an application need to reside within a sixty (60) mile radius of the Pueblo.

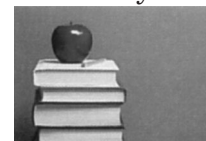
A next to the last thought, if you need school credits, don't forget to enroll with the Los Lunas 2020 program. The program will be available at the Department, classes beginning June 1st. Enroll with the high school. Due to budget constraints the Department will not be providing summer transportation to and from the 2020 program.

Also, bring your senior and family to the annual Awards Banquet to recognize our graduates. "Big time" to take place on May 8th, at the Rec Center.

And lastly, something I know,

When the Trail of Tears started in 1838, the mothers of the Cherokee were grieving and crying so much, they were unable to help their children survive the journey. The elders prayed for a sign that would lift the mother's spirits to give them strength. The next day, a beautiful rose began to grow where each of the mother's tears fell. The rose is white for their tears, a gold center represents the gold taken from Cherokee lands, and seven leaves on each stem for the seven Cherokee clans. The wild Cherokee Rose grows along the route of the Trail of Tears into eastern Oklahoma today.

Garry R. Martin,
Executive Direct



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Michael Candelaria

Ma Gu Wam,
First of all let me introduce myself, I am Michael Candelaria/your new Director of Public Works. Next is our newly formed Public Works Department. You are already used to working with most of the departments but PWD is made up of the following departments:
Roads • Maintenance • Plumbers and Septic Pumper Drivers • Solid Waste • and the newest Water/ Waste Water.

The first thing I tackled was to work on that awful odor coming from the sewer lagoons by the Recreation Center. The septic pumper trucks now take their waste to one of the two waste treatment facilities located on the reservation. This will be a huge help in controlling the smell. It does however take time for the bacteria levels to even out and the odors should get better by midsummer.

Which brings us to some very important septic tank information; Septic tanks are designed to hold solids and pass liquids to the drain field. Over a period of time, solids will accumulate in the septic tank and will need to be pumped so as not to flow into the water side of your tank.
Things to Remember:

- A septic tank should always be full with water. That is what helps the bacteria do

- its work and that is what keeps the liquid flowing to the drain field.
- To keep your septic tank healthy you should only have it pumped once a year
 - If you have a pressure type septic system (it will have an electric panel) it should be pumped once every 3 years.
 - DO NOT drive over your drain field or your septic tank. The weight of vehicles can crush pipes and compact your drain field area making it difficult to get good drainage.
 - Keep trees and plants away from your drain field and tank. Remember roots can travel a long way to get to water. Trees love drain fields which can plug up your pipes.
 - When irrigating your fields remember that if you irrigate within 30 feet of your drain field, you could saturate the ground making your system back up.
 - Fix all plumbing leaks! A dripping faucet or leaky toilet can cause your system to saturate the drain field.
 - Last but not least. Do not do all your laundry in one day. Try to wash clothes several times a week.
- These small items can make a difference between a septic tank that works and one that fails.

The Water Waste Water department will

be replacing hydrants in the upcoming months. The big yellow hydrants are for fire protection and the smaller red ones are for flushing the drinking water system.

If you need to place a work order with us please call the Public Works office and speak to Nadine Abeita. She is the new Administrative Assistant and will help you. Our phone # is 766-6658. You can also come by our office which is located at the old Elementary School; we are in building #627.

Feel free to call us with any questions you may have. We look forward to serving our community and having the privilege to speak with each of you.

All Community Members

Maintenance plumbers for the public works department will be serving the elderly, 60 years and older, the handicap and all tribal offices. All request for septic tank pumping and plumbing work orders need to be submitted to the Public Works Department from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Please note that due to Budget Constraints we will not be pumping septic tanks after hours or on weekends.
If you have any questions, please contact our office at 766-6658.

Roads Department Announcement

Community Members,

Isleta has many diverse road conditions throughout the Pueblo. Our roads vary from single lane dirt roads to paved roads. The goal of the Road Department is to maintain and improve roads and focus on making the roads in Isleta as safe as possible.

Control the flow of water

Water in any of its forms- snow, ice, sleet, or rain- is the number one enemy when maintaining a dirt road.

The first step to drain water away from the road is to slope the road bed slightly from side to side. Some people “crown” a road, that is, they make the center of the road bed higher than the sides letting the water drain from the middle of the road to either side. We have found making a crown and cutting drainage ditches on both sides hard to do, especially because of the single lane narrow roads. The roadside ditch is done only if the lands contour warrants it. Cutting drainage ditches can also reduce the driving width of the road. We also have to be cautious of underground utilities such as shallow phone lines. For these reasons, we reshape the road surface to slope to one side for drainage purposes. The road is lined by a drainage ditch to collect water after storms to force the water to run off the side instead of following the road bed.

All citizens should be aware that after rain, dirt roads become slippery and rutted. All motorists should drive on dirt roads with extra caution and especially so after rains.

Motorists should exercise extreme caution when driving in the area of a grading operation. Be patient, stay behind the grader and do not cross over the dirt window that may be present. Operators will move out of the way only when it is safe to do so.

Isleta’s road maintenance crew works hard to grade dirt roads when needed and add materials as necessary. The grading schedule for each road is determined by traffic volume and road condition. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the Public Works Department at 766-6658.

Water/ Waste Water Department

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the personnel within this department

Name	Position	Water	Certifications Waste Water
Eugene Gaudern	Operator	Water IV	Wastewater IV
Tim Amodeo	Operator	Water III	Wastewater IV
Floyd Jojola	Operator	Water	Wastewater
Joseph Abeita	Operator	Water I	Wastewater I
Richard Lente	Operator	Water I	Wastewater I
Lyndon Thomason	Operator	Water I/ Water Sampler I Water Sampler I	
Dean DeLara	Operator	Water II	
Daniel Lujan	Plumber		
Andrew Jojola	Plumber		
Raymond Abeita	Septic Pumper		
Cruz Abeita	Septic Pumper		

All of the certified operators have staggered days off to accommodate seven day coverage of the water and wastewater operations and systems to insure public safety.

You may have noticed that a flushing program was started the first of the year in the Eastside water system (Chical). Due to the size of the system it is going to take another quarter of the year to complete. After this is complete the flushing will continue every month throughout the other three water systems, including the Westside, Los Charcos and the Subdivision. Along with these duties, we also address water leaks, line spots and water shut offs. This is accompanied with the assistance of the plumbers.

As you all know the weather is getting warmer and a lot more watering is being done. In order to help conserve water and cause less strain on the wells, which are starting to age, it is recommended to either do your watering in the early morning or later in the evening to help reduce water consumption due to evaporation.

If there are any comments or suggestions, we would appreciate hearing them through the Public Works Department.

Greetings from the Isleta Transfer Station

New daylight savings time is now in effect and we are open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, 7 days a week. The only days the Transfer Station will be closed and trash pick up will be cancelled is on holidays and during traditional/religious activities. Before you pull out your trash cans for pickup or before you load your truck with trash to haul off to the transfer station on a holiday, or traditional/religious activity day, call the Public Works Department at 766-6658 or Frank (Larry) Benavides at the transfer station at 264-6787.

The following are helpful hints in helping us serve you and our community better.

1. First is safety for our drivers. Please do not put the following in your trash cans: Any sharp objects which may injure the employee. Examples are syringes with needles and lancets for checking blood sugars. These items can be properly disposed of by keeping them in a safe container with a lid and taken to the Isleta Health Center for proper disposal. Please call the clinic for more information at 869-3200. Please note that the drivers have to clean their trash trucks daily and they constantly find these types of DANGEROUS objects.

2. If our truck could say "Ouch", they would. Please remember, **DO NOT PUT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS IN YOUR TRASH CAN.** They can damage the moving parts on our (your) trash truck, which means, broken trash truck, no trash pick up!

1. The following are some examples of items which may damage parts in our (your) vehicles: Metal, car parts, bicycles, TVs, vacuum cleaners, and small appliances, etc.

3. To help us do our job more efficiently, please do the following during trash pick up day.

1. Please take your trash can out early.

2. When setting your trash can out for pick up, please face the arrows shown on top of your trash can pointing toward the road.

3. Please, if you have more than one trash can, space your trash cans apart at a minimum of two (2) feet for easy pick up.

4. Is there a safety issue in picking up trash cans? Absolutely!

1. Over filled trashcans may become a life threatening situation for our drivers and the people driving our highways. When an overfilled trash can is being dumped, sometimes the bags have a tendency to fly over the truck and into oncoming traffic. 9 times out of 10, the trash bag always ends up in the middle of the highway. When this happens, the driver has to get off his truck and play dodgeball (car) with oncoming vehicles. He literally puts his life on the line to eliminate a dangerous situation.

2. If your trash cans are always over filled, or if you think you just need an extra trash can you have two options for getting that extra trash can as follows:

i. If there are seven people or more living in one house hold, you are entitled to receive an extra trash can, **FREE!** Call Frank (Larry) Benavidez at 264-6787.

ii. If you need to buy an extra trash can, call the Treasury Department at 869-1808. They are \$45.00.

3. Please always use trash bags to put trash in before taking it out to your trash can. If not, it creates the following problems:

i. Loose trash gets jammed up inside the moving parts of our vehicles, and creates a problem for the driver because he has to clean his vehicle daily.

ii. Loose trash also creates a littering problem for our community. When it is being dumped it flies out of the trash can and on to our roads and highways.

Please help keep our drivers safe and help us keep the trash trucks in good working condition, and also remember what we do in our daily lives has an effect on our neighbors and community.

Thank you for
Your help and support.
The Transfer Station



The above photo is to introduce you to your trash truck drivers, Richard Lente and Sigmund Sutherland.

These guys are the ones who drive long hours, 5 days a week picking up our trash, and I believe we owe them a thank you.

Thank you Guys!!

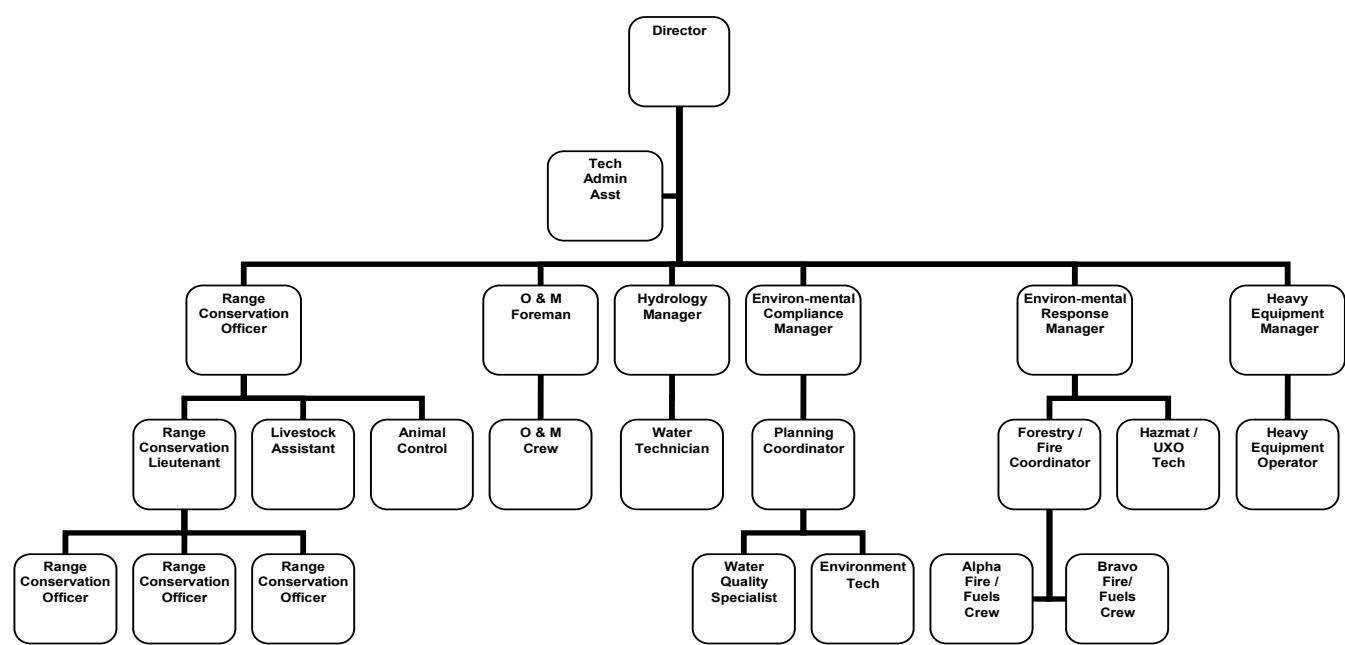


SAVE THE DATE
Isleta Health Center's
Annual Community
Health Fair
July 11, 2009
at the Isleta Rec Center
9am-Noon

Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources was officially created by Tribal Council on August 12, 2008. Since then we have been working on becoming a more efficient and cost effective organization. The Department consists of 39 positions in 6 staff sections.

ORGANIZATION CHART



Our Mission Statement:

“ To serve the people, protect natural resources and maintain cultural values, within the authority and jurisdiction of the Pueblo of Isleta.”

Our Vision Statement:

We as the Natural Resources Department of the Pueblo of Isleta have been charged with the enormous responsibility of protecting and maintaining our Pueblo’s Natural Resources. Because these resources have been gifted to us through the struggles of our elders it is paramount that we strive to preserve these resources for the future generations to come. We will accomplish this task by:

- Holding, as one of our core values, the utmost respect for our cultural heritage to maintain a balance between cultural use and best land management practices when planning projects.
- Earning the trust and respect of the people of the Pueblo of Isleta whose future well-being and prosperity depends on our ability to make sound environmental decisions concerning development and use of its resources.
- Consistently collaborating with our Cultural and elected leaders in order to insure that the most informed decisions can be made concerning projects that will have a lasting impact on the Pueblo and its resources.

Director and Technical Administrative Assistant

Director: Abel Camarena (869-5748)
Tech. Administrative Assistant: Roberta Jojola (869-2710)
The Director provides overall direction, develops the budget, establishes performance expectations, and maintains effective working relationships with internal and external stakeholders. The Technical Administrative Assistant works closely with the Director to ensure the Department is operationally efficient and cost-effective in delivering goods and services to the people of the Pueblo of Isleta.

Range Conservation and Animal Control

Program Manager: Randy Lujan (724-9284)
Law enforcement is an integral part of the overall management and protection of the forests, rivers and grasslands of the Pueblo. The Range Conservation and Animal Control section is responsible for upholding federal, state and tribal laws, regulations and ordinances for the protection of natural resources, tribal members, and cultural properties within the Isleta Reservation and Comanche Ranch. Livestock grazing administration is another area of responsibility that is handled by this section.

Operations and Maintenance

Supervisor: Herman Lente (869-2710)
Operations and Maintenance is responsible for achieving the following goals in support of the Natural Resources Department:

- Mitigate threats to public health, culturally sensitive areas and limit damage to the Pueblo’s natural environments.
- Maintenance of tribal boundary fences in support of Range Management, in addition to specific security requirements of restricted areas.
- Maintenance of windmills, pump wells, and stock tanks as needed throughout the year.
- Completion of assigned work orders issued through the Governor's office.

Hydrology

Program Manager: John Sorrell (869-9623)
The Hydrology section strives to protect and develop the water resources of the Pueblo of Isleta and to prepare for the adjudication of water rights in the Middle Rio Grande Basin. This is accomplished utilizing the following processes:

- Interaction with Tribal Administration and Council to identify programmatic water supply needs for all tribal resources, including water quality assessments.
- Participation in conservancy district management and operations activities to ensure compliance with the Conservancy Act of 1928.
- Systematic review of all permit applications for water related purposes by the Middle Valley users to the State Engineers Office (SEO).
- The design and implementation of new water well drilling projects.
- The development of a Pueblo of Isleta Water Code.

Environmental Compliance

Environmental Planning Coordinator:
Ramona Montoya (724-9240)
The Environmental Compliance section is responsible for addressing all of the environmental concerns of the Pueblo of Isleta, including:

- Planning - To provide responsible, timely, and adequate environmental support in the development of projects throughout the Pueblo of Isleta.
- Air Quality – Monitor potential impacts to the Pueblo’s air quality from neighboring municipalities, military installations, research facilities and major transportation systems.

- Water Quality – Routine measurement and testing of the Pueblo's surface and sub-surface water quality.
- Land and Soil – Preserve the Pueblo's soil resources to maintain cultural and economic viability.

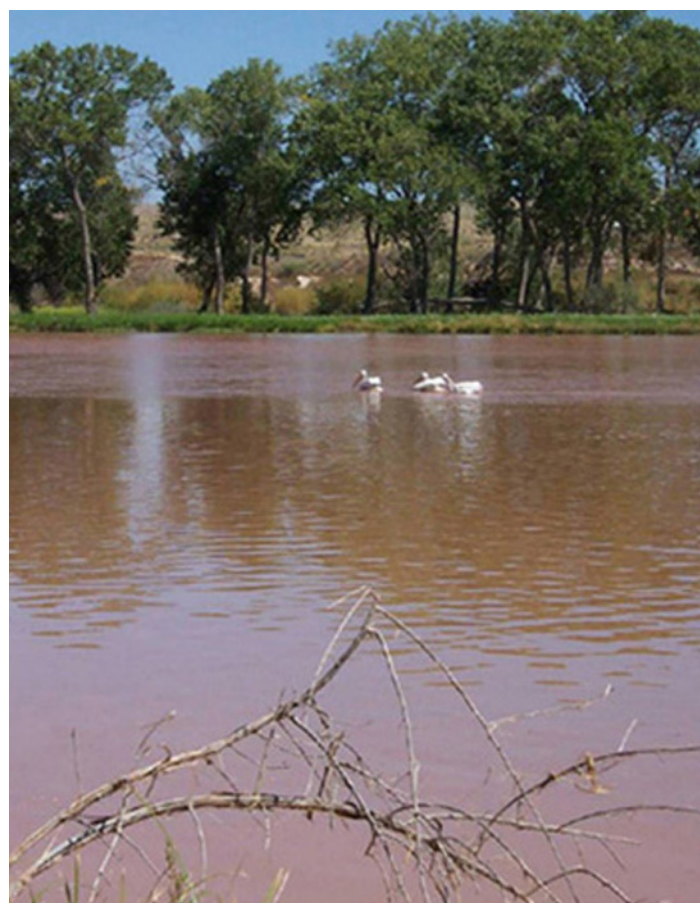
Environmental Response

Program Manager: Steve Abeita (724-9279)

The Environmental Response section is responsible for mitigating environmental emergencies and impacts, in addition, to the protection and restoration of forested lands. Major responsibilities include:

- Responding to any and all environmental emergencies that occur on tribal lands.
- Providing support to Isleta police and fire departments as incidences warrant.
- Responding to all wild land fires on tribal lands, working cooperatively with BIA fire suppression crews and outside agencies to reduce fire severity and damage.
- Work cooperatively with the Department of Defense to cleanup unexploded WWII and post-era military ordnance on Pueblo lands.
- Develop and implement a Hazardous Materials program.
- Develop and implement a Fire/Fuels management program in collaboration with Federal and State agencies to develop, protect and sustain healthy Pueblo forested areas.

**These pictures are furnished by the
Natural Resources Department.**



Heavy Equipment Operations

Supervisor: Phillip Jiron (869-4106)

The Heavy Equipment Operations section provides assistance to the accomplishment of work projects in the other Department Sections by:

- Maintaining a competently trained staff that is able to respond and support multi-disciplinary projects in varied terrain.
- Providing heavy equipment support by:
 - >Creating fuel breaks (fire lines) during wild-land fires.
 - >Creating water containment barriers to help control potential flood water damage during major rainfall events.
 - >Assisting in the mitigation of any damage due to significant weather events.

The Heavy Equipment Operations section is also utilized in residential cleanup, hauling and debris removal services throughout the Pueblo.

The Department of Natural Resources will provide more information on programs and services in future editions of the Isleta Pueblo News.

/s/ Abel Camarena
Director



Los Lunas/Valencia High Schools Title VII Indian Education

TUTORING SERVICES...

Please take advantage of all the tutoring services that are offered to students at Isleta Pueblo and the Los Lunas School District. Within the past week we have held several Parent/Teacher/Student conferences and out of these meetings the parents are taking advantage of the tutoring services offered where students realize that the educational help they have received has brought their grades up to passing all their classes. Isleta Pueblo phone number is 764-5764 and for Spanish tutoring the number is 975-4269, held on Tuesday and Thursday, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, next to the Isleta Library. For Los Lunas High School, students need to pick up a form in the main office, and tutoring is offered right after school Monday through Thursday, with transportation provided.

PARENTS/STUDENTS

Please be aware that a lot of summer educational deadlines are fast approaching. Some have passed as we send this notice out. The LLHS/Isleta E2020 Program is offered to all students who will attend Los Lunas, Valencia High Schools in the fall of 2009. Any student who does not meet this qualification must be approved by the administration.

Location: Isleta and LLHS

Dates: June 1st through July 16th COST: \$50 CASH, CASHIER

Days: Monday through Thursday CHECK OR MONEY

Times: Session 1...7:30-11:30 ORDER ONLY

Session 2...12:00-4:00 (Payable to Los Lunas Schools)

There is no charge for students

on free and reduced lunch

Registration: @ LLHS 7:15am to 3pm until May 8th

ALL STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND SCHOOL RULES AS CONTAINED IN THE LLHS STUDENT HANDBOOK.

TESTING FOR ALL JUNIORS...NM STANDARDS BASED ASSESSMENT..April 7th/8th/9th, 2009... No school for 10th or 12th graders for these three days.

Freshmen will attend a GEAR-UP FIELD TRIP..(they have previously been split into two groups for this trip) Freshmen parents received a letter outlining this trip.

Seniors...Do you have an interest in math, science & engineering? UNM Freshmen Summer Bridge Program will offer this program.

Website..unm.edu/~fsbp or carlon@unm.edu...277-0346, Carlon or Maurice Thompson, 277-5846, email moncisco@unm.edu

LLHS Native American Studies Class..Teacher, Mrs. Darlene

Munoz. Guest Speakers.. April 2nd ...Andrew Thomas

April 16th...Gil Vigil

April 17th...C.S. Sodhi

April 21st....Jimmy Abeita

April 28th., Hayes Lewis

April 10th & 13th..No school..Spring Break

April 15th..Senior/Parent Pow-wow Planning Meeting..6:00 pm

LLHS Cafeteria

April 22.. LLHS/VALENCIA H.S. NATIVE AMERICAN CLUBS ..

8th Annual Senior/Parent/Grandparents/Staff Pow-wow..5:00 pm to 9:00 pm @Isleta Pueblo Recreation Center.

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 concerns, feel free to call Mr. Analla, Title VII

Indian Education at 865-4646 ext 272,

or email banalla@llschools.net

Attention High School Seniors!

You will be receiving an educational survey. The Department of Education has mailed out letters and a survey for your completion. Please complete and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. If you are a high school senior and didn't receive a letter from the Department of Education, please contact the Department at (505)-924-3185.

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library Summer Reading Program

Hello, Fellow Community Members

Summer is around the bend and that means that our Annual Summer Reading Programs are not too far away. This summer we the Library will not be participating in the National Summer Reading Program theme, instead we have decided to make our own theme focusing on our Indigenous Community. The Summer Reading Program will still be broken into two programs: the Toddlers and the Youth. Both programs will share the same curriculum, philosophy, and activities; however, the Toddler's activities will be scaled down to their capabilities. **The overall Summer Reading Program will be open to ALL Tribal Community Members; Blood Quantum will not be a factor.**

The Toddler Program will serve the ages of 3 thru 7 and will be from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., Monday thru Wednesday with the exception of one Thursday at the end of the Program. The Youth Program will serve the ages of 7 thru 18 and will be from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M., Monday thru Thursday with the exception of two Fridays at end of the months of June and July. **Both programs will start on June 1, 2009 and will end on July 23 & 24 of 2009.** During the week of the 4th of July, both programs will be off so they may relax with their families.

As stated at the top, the Library's Summer Program will be a Reading Program and all youth participants of the program will be expected to read for a minimum of 20 minutes in the beginning of each day and will have to complete a short three to four question survey about what they had read. Surveys will serve as their tickets to Field Trips and out of the Library Activities. Weekly activities for both programs will be based on the Pueblo of Isleta Culture. The Toddler's Program will make Clay Bowls for Food Offering or Drinking Water, Making Leather Pouches for their Arrowheads or Corn Meal, Paintings, Clay, Animals, Indian Drums, toy Indian Rattles; and on one week the boys will make Kilts while the girls make Shawls. The Youth Program will make the same Clay Bowls, Medicine Bags (Leather Pouches), and Paintings as the Toddlers, but will also be making Authentic

Traditional Regalia. The boys will assemble their own Turtle and Bells (February Dance) and will make their own Rattle; while the girls construct their own Necklaces, Scarf, and Shawls. Both boys and girls will also learn how to build Hurnas so they could repair a /some Hurnas for community members. **For more details about the Library's Summer Reading Program, Please attend the Pueblo's Summer Program Fair that will be offered to the community in the month of May.**

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, TRADITIONAL LEADERS, and ADMINISTRATION

Since the primary focus of the Summer Reading Program is Community, we are asking the Parents, Grandparents, Community Members, Traditional Leaders, Tribal Council, and Administration to get involved with our program. This Summer Reading Program was also created for you, the Community Member, because your Pueblo knowledge needs to be passed on to the younger generation to insure our place in tomorrow's world. This is the opportunity that many of you wished would happen. The question now is, are you willing to partake in this momentous moment?

Here is a list of where we could use your Indigenous Knowledge and Expertise:

Story Teller for the Toddler (once a week), Historian for the Youth (once a week), help with making Clay Bowls, Kilts, Shawls, Indian Drums, Medicine Bags, Clay Animals, Turtle (February Dance), Bells, Necklace, Scarf, and Rattles.

If you are interested in enlightening and motivating our youth into becoming more involved with the Pueblo of Isleta Culture, please call the Library and we will set up a meeting to discuss how we could collaborate for the common good of our Youth and our Community. The number to the Library is (505) 869-8119 and ask to speak to Nathaniel Lujan. **You are all invited to attend our booth at the Summer Program Fair that will be held at the New Recreational Center in the month of May.** We will be more than happy to answer your questions there, as well.

Greeting from the Language and Cultural Preservation Program:

Paul Lujan

I want to start off by offering a great big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the "Tiwa Language Summit." The summit was held January 29 and 30 at the Isleta Hotel. We had participants from Taos Pueblo, Picuris Pueblo, Santa Anna Pueblo, Sandia Pueblo, and here at Isleta. The conference touched on some very important issues regarding Language revitalization efforts.

Day one activities began with the Executive Director of Education, Mr. Garry Martin, who gave a short introduction and welcome to those in attendance. 2nd Lt. Governor Frank Lujan gave the invocation and welcome to the Pueblo of Isleta. There were presentations from Mr. Sam Montoya of Sandia Pueblo who gave a presentation on the Sandia Pueblo Language Program. We also had a presentation from Dr. Christine Sims of UNM who gave a presentation on Tribal Value of Language preservation "Envisioning the future of tribal language: Implications for Long-term Planning".

The afternoon sessions began with two breakout sessions. Those in attendance were divided into two groups with one group participating in a Mission Statement breakout session facilitated by Dr. Sims. The group's mission was to develop a mission statement that will define the overall purpose of sustaining our Tiwa Language.

The second group participated in the Goals and Objectives breakout session facilitated by Denise Zuni, Attorney, Sh'eh Weef Law office. The mission of the second group was to develop goals and objectives that will put forth realistic and reachable outcomes, identify any challenges and proposed remedies.

Day one activities were wrapped up with a brief summary of the day's activities and the closing invocation by Ta-Ta Michael Jojola.



Day two began with the morning invocation delivered by 1st Lt. Governor Max Zuni who also stressed the importance of language revitalization. The breakout session groups presented the outcomes of each session.

Group one developed the following mission statement:

The mission of the Tiwa Communities is to unify our communities with lifelong language learning among all generations with approaches to language teaching that will support the interests of all ages in the communities for language initiatives among all levels of leadership in the community."

Also, some points were brought up about Language Preservation

I. For what purpose?

- Social/cultural Preservation
- To preserve traditions, beliefs, and traditional ways.
- To honor who we are

II. Consider approaches to language teaching beyond a classroom.

- Education the larger community about how to support language learning
- The challenges of supporting whole families in language learning
- Changing language habits
- Support language and identity in the community

III. Language as a unifying factor in our community.

- Including different groups in the community to discuss language plan or initiatives
- Importance of creating a positive language learning environment
- Language as a unifying factor in our community
- Find ways to support lifelong language learning among all generations in the community
- Look for approaches to language teaching that will support the interest of different age groups in the community
- Engage the support of language initiatives among all levels of leadership in the community

Group two gave their presentations on the development of Goals and Objectives. The following Goals and Objective were presented.

Goal: My child will speak conversational Tiwa to elders and in the home.

Objective 1: Will orally state at least 6 greetings in a proper manner within two weeks

Activities:

- a) Teach the child to respect their elders by greeting their elders.
- b) Teach child to orally greet family members through role-playing. Greeting will be based on gender, relocation, time relationship and position in community.
- c) Take a trip to the village and ask the child to greet whomever they see by hearing and repeating the greeting
- d) Record the greeting with picture flashcards of people greeting each other, and have the child state the proper greeting.
- e) Take the child to traditional, community and social activities where Tiwa will be heard. Ask child to listen and observe, then the child will draw the event and discuss proper greetings.

Objective 2: The child will orally identify at least 15 foods from the kitchen within 30 days.

Activities:

- a) During food preparation and at mealtimes, names of the food will be identified by the adult, then have the child repeat it. (while out grocery shopping identify a variety of foods to the child)

Goal: I am a parent and want to teach my child to speak Tiwa.

Objective 1: Learn 10 phrases during a 5 day period to have and gain correct pronunciation and learn meaning of each phrase.

Activities:

- a) Tape phrases in Tiwa and review with the child for proper pronunciation and meaning. This activity should be repetitive, 30 to 45 times an evening.
- b) Use story books related to the phrases. Read in English and repeat in Tiwa, every night, 5 days a week, evaluate at the end of each week to determine comprehension.
- c) Parent should address their children by their Indian names and teach them number in Tiwa on a daily routine.

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Language Preservation (Continued)

- d) Identify objects, colors, and body parts through songs or repetition daily.
- e) Develop simple sentences describing their surroundings.

Goal: Honor who we are.

Objective: Know their Indian name and the meaning of their name. Most importantly encourage the child to participate in tradition activities.

Goal: Children to speak Tiwa in order to express their needs and feelings.

Objective 1: Our children need Tiwa speaking teachers to teach our Tiwa students in the classroom on a daily basis.

Objective 2: The children will know how to greet properly, know their colors, number 1-20, and understand kinships, names, and directions by the end of the school year.

Activities:

- a) Take the children on outing to utilize their environment as a learning tool.
- b) Tell stories, teach songs.
- c) Get community, parents and elders involved.



Again, thank you to everyone who contributed to this event. Isleta Casino and Resort, Governor, Lt. Governors, Tribal Council, Language Instructors, Department of Education, Isleta Elderly and Community, and our invited guests: Sam Montoya, Dr. Christine Sims, Taos Pueblo, Picuris Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, and Sandia Pueblo, Inee Y. Slaughter of Indigenous Language Institute, and Project Venture Jennifer Padilla. The Isleta Language and Cultural Preservation Program will plan to move forward on these great ideas in the near future.



We will keep you all informed.

"Hope to see you at the next Summit"

NEW FACES AT THE CLINIC

Health Educator: Stephanie Barela, 869-4479

Kimberly Champion Conkkan-MS LMHC, LPC is the new Mental Health Therapist and Grief Therapist at the Isleta Health Center. Kimberly was born and raised in Oklahoma and has just recently moved to Albuquerque. Kimberly graduated with honors in the Masters Program at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma.



She has worked in the medical field as a nurse and the mental health field as a Grief Therapist. Kimberly was the Director of the Bereavement Department and the Director of the Grief Resource Center for Hospice of Southwest Oklahoma. She is a member of the American Counseling Association and a member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling. Kimberly has organized Community Groups for Caregivers and Survivors of Suicide.

Kimberly is happily married to John and has an 18 year old daughter, Gabrielle, who is attending La Cueva High School. Kim and John love nature, bicycle riding and traveling.

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Corner

The Pueblo of Isleta Breastfeeding Task Force will be producing the 2010 Breastfeeding Calendar. We are currently looking for photos of mothers breastfeeding to be included in this calendar.

Photos may be of mothers:

- ♥ Breastfeeding an infant
- ♥ Breastfeeding a toddler
- ♥ Breastfeeding in public
- ♥ Breastfeeding and fathers/families
- ♥ Breastfeeding in a notable situation (unique, humorous)



The calendar is distributed throughout the state of New Mexico. Photos need to be submitted with an entry form that can be picked up at the WIC office. You can also call us and we can send an entry form to you. If you have photos you would like to submit to be chosen for the calendar, please send them to our office:

WIC Program
P.O Box 670
Isleta, NM 87022

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling: # 924-3180

SAVE THE DATE
Isleta Health Center's
Annual Community
Health Fair
July 11, 2009

Spring Jiggle

Fun Walk/Run & Balloon Pop

"Exercise is the Remedy"

New Date! **New Location!**

DATE: Saturday April 18, 2009

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Isleta Library

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PUEBLO OF ISLETA DIABETES PROGRAMS
"TOTAL BODY HEALTH"

FREE T-SHIRT
for
Isleta Participants
&
their families!!!

Please detach registration form & submit to the Diabetes Center

REGISTRATION FORM:

Print Name _____	DOB _____	Sign me up for: _____ 1 Mile Run	T-Shirt Size: _____ Large
Address _____	City _____	_____ 1 Mile Walk _____ 2 Mile Run	_____ Small _____ X-Large
Contact Number _____		_____ 2 Mile Walk _____ 3 Mile Run	_____ Medium _____ XX-Large

By submitting this registration, I hereby waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against the organization sponsoring "Exercise is the remedy" walk/run to be held on April 18, 2009 for any and all injuries suffered by me in this event. I hereby authorize the organizers sponsoring and support personnel to obtain any appropriate medical aid I may require during this event.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____ Staff Initials & Date _____

Questions or Register by phone call 505.869.4595

Exciting WIC News Update

Beginning in the Fall 2009, WIC will be giving Fresh Fruits & Vegetables and Grains as part of the New WIC food package. It's time to make Healthier Choices!

If you're interested in taking advantage of this exciting new change, give us a call or stop by. You can qualify if you have children under the age of five, if you are pregnant or breastfeeding. Our phone number is 924-3180.



Many of you are probably wondering who the new face is at the front desk. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Darlene Flores back to our program. Darlene has worked with WIC before and she is eager to serve our community and meet new faces. We hope that you will enjoy meeting her as much as we enjoy having her in our office.



1-877-725-2552

24 Hour Nurse Advice Line
Free

for all Isleta Health Center Patients

- Call any time of the day.
- Get quick and accurate medical advice.
- Don't waste time going to the Clinic for minor health problems, call and find out what to do.
- Don't call 911 for minor problems, call this number and find out what to do.

8 Main Diseases That Are Prevented By Childhood Vaccines.

Please get your child vaccinated so that they do not get sick from these diseases:

1.DIPHTHERIA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from contact with an infected person• Signs and Symptoms include a thick covering in the back of the throat that can make it hard to breathe.• Can lead to breathing problems, heart failure and death.	pneumonia; infections of blood, joints, bones, and coverings of the heart; brain damage, deafness and death	7.HEPATITIS B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from contact with blood or body fluids of an infected person. Babies can get it at birth if the mother is infected, or through a cut or wound. Adults can get it from unprotected sex, sharing needles or other exposure to blood• Signs and Symptoms include tiredness, diarrhea and vomiting, jaundice (yellow skin or eyes) and pain in muscles, joints or stomach.• Can lead to liver damage, liver cancer and death
2.PERTUSSIS (whooping cough) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from contact with an infected person• Signs and Symptoms include violent coughing spells that can last for weeks that can make it hard for an infant to eat, drink or breathe.• Can lead to pneumonia, seizures (jerking and staring spells), brain damage and death	4.POLIO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from close contact with infected person• Signs and Symptoms can include a cold-like illness, or there may be no signs or symptoms at all• Can lead to paralysis or death	
3.HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae type b) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get if from contact with an infected person• There may be no signs or symptoms in mild cases• Can lead to Meningitis (infection of brain and spinal cord coverings);	5.PNEUMOCOCCAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from contact with infected person• Signs and Symptoms include fever, chills, cough and chest pain• Can lead to meningitis, blood infections, ear infections, pneumonia, deafness, brain damage and death	8.ROTAVIRUS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from contact with other children who are infected Signs and Symptoms include severe diarrhea, vomiting and fever
	6.TETANUS (lockjaw) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can get it from a cut or wound• Signs and Symptoms include painful tightening of the muscle, usually all over the body• Can lead to stiffness of the jaw, so that the victim can't open their mouth or swallow. Leads to death in 1 out of 5 cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It can lead to dehydration, hospitalization and death <div>CDC Vaccine information statement9/2008</div>

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

History of the Blue Ribbon Designation. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) was passed in 1974 to increase public awareness of the need to ensure the safety and welfare of children. CAPTA has been amended over the years, but its original intent remains. Today, the Children's Bureau, under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the Federal agency charged with supporting States, Tribes, and communities in providing programs and services to protect children and strengthen families.

In 1982, Congress, recognizing the alarming rates of child abuse and neglect, set aside June 6-12 as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week. In 1983, April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since then, child abuse and neglect awareness activities have been promoted yearly during April across the country.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign began in 1989 with a Virginia grandmother tying a blue ribbon to her car antenna as a memorial to her grandson, who had died of abuse. By this act, she alerted her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Campaign has since expanded across the country, and many wear blue ribbons each April as remembrances of abuse victims. Blue represents the bruises that mark child abuse victims. More recently, the focus has shifted towards a positive celebration of "blue ribbon" individuals, organizations, and communities who work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Isleta Events. For many years, several Isleta agencies have worked diligently with Isleta Social Services to provide several awareness-raising events. This year, the highlight of the events will be a parade at 9:30 am on Friday, April 17th. It will begin and end at the (new) Isleta Recreation Center and will be followed by a variety of educational booth displays focusing on the theme of child abuse awareness and prevention. All displays will be inside the recreation center in the gym. The community is invited to this event, which will also include a barbeque. Weather permitting, the Wells Fargo hot air balloon will offer rides from 6-9 am that morning.

In addition to the parade, the Isleta Elderly Center will dedicate its April General Meeting, 9:00 am, April 30th, to the topic "Parenting: Traditional and Contemporary." This will include a panel discussion featuring elders. It will be held at the Kiva Room at the Isleta Elderly Center.

Please join the service providing agencies of the Pueblo of Isleta in making the 2009 Child Abuse Prevention Month a resounding success.

NOTE: Isleta Social Services is in the process of recruiting for foster homes. We will have application packets available if anyone is interested in becoming a licensed foster home for children in need of placement in Isleta.

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
American Stroke Month	Mental Health Month	Natonal High Blood Pressure Education Month			1	2
3	4 Melanoma Monday	5	6	7	8	9 Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Awareness Day
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	National Alcohol and other Drug Related Birth Defects Week					
	National Women's Check-up Day					
17	18 HIV Vaccine Awareness Week	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	29	29	30
World NO Tobacco Day 31	Older Americans Mental Health Week					

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