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Governor's Report

On March 31, 2008, Office Victor Day from the Isleta Police Department retired after 39 years of service. Victor started his career in 1969 with the Laguna Police Department, and later joined the Isleta Police Department. Victor is a person that is well liked by his peers and the people he served. Although Victor is retired he still comes to Isleta for special events as he did during the Child Awareness Parade held on April 25, 2008. I've known Victor for 36 years during my years in Law Enforcement and I must say he served the people well, From the Pueblo of Isleta "thank you for your dedicated service to our people and wish you and your family all the happiness on your retirement".

As the school year ends, preparations are being made for our graduating seniors. Graduation night will be the proud moment not only for the

seniors, but the parents who have waited for this day which seemed so long, but really wasn't. Some of you will join the work force, while others continue your education. What ever you choose in life we wish you success. We congratulate our seniors, and the parents for making this graduation possible.

Lieutenant Governors and I want to thank Social Services for a successful turn out on April 25th for the Child Abuse Awareness Parade. The number of floats has increased, and the parade gets better each year. Let's get involved and make next year an even better event. We thank the participants for the hard work and beautiful floats you entered. We encourage everyone to get involved as child abuse is real and is happening in our community. Please love your children, and give them the care they deserve, their future depends on it.

Lieutenant Governors and I try to attend as many tribal functions as possible, such as Officer Day's retirement, student meetings like the one at Valencia High School, Little League opening day, Los Lunas High School Golf Tournament at Isleta Eagle Golf Course, Governor's College Night with Institute of American Indian Arts at the Isleta Golf Course and the Child Abuse Awareness Parade. We apologize, but due to other commitments, we were not able to attend the Los Lunas High School sponsored Pow-Wow.

We are planning a community meeting for May 10, 2008, at 9:00am at the Isleta Casino and Resort. Notices will be mailed out providing further information.

Pueblo of Isleta Silent Auction

Date: May 17, 2008

Time: 9am to 2pm

Location: Isleta Cinder & Gravel Plant

1 Mile South from the Junction of Coors & Isleta Blvd. (1 mile south of the Palace West Casino on Hwy 314)

Silent Auction Forms will be available at the Cinder Plant the day of the auction. Vehicles and Equipment can be viewed at the Cinder Plant the day of the auction. Below is the listing of items to be auctioned.

1991 Ford Ranger P/U
1975 Ford Water Tanker
1987 Chevy School Bus
1978 Ford Fire Truck
1987 Chevy Septic Truck
3 each 2001 Ford Crown Victoria's
2 each 2004 Ford Crown Victoria's
1994 Dodge Van
1997 Duratech Tub Grinder
1978 International Trash Truck
1980 D20 Dodge Truck
1992 Toyota Truck
1986 Plymouth Reliant
John Deere Model 347 Baler
2 John Deere Mowers
2 Sewer Pipe Cleaners

If you have any questions, please contact Paul (724-9256) or Cyndi (724-9247) at the Treasurer's office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Public Hearing

EPA REVIEWING THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA'S ARSENIC EXEMPTION REQUEST

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing its review of the arsenic Exemption request from the Pueblo of Isleta Eastside Water System. The Exemption would allow the Pueblo of Isleta Eastside Water System more time to comply with the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) in drinking water. The Arsenic Rule sets the concentration of Arsenic allowed in public water supplies at 0.010 mg/L. The Pueblo of Isleta Eastside Water System suppliers are looking into any one of, or a combination of, three options to comply with the arsenic MCL. The options are 1) acquiring a new source, 2) regionalizing the water system by tying it into another system with a lower arsenic concentration in its finished drinking water, and 3) acquiring treatment to lower the arsenic concentration in its finished water at the Pueblo of Isleta Eastside Water System. The EPA will determine if the Exemption request follows the requirements in the federal Variances and Exemptions regulation and will make a determination this year (2008). This Notice is given in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements and the requirements of implementing regulations found at 40 CFR § 142.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this decision and may request a public hearing. Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by May 31, 2008, to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 6 address shown below. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by May 31, 2008, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval, this determination shall become effective on May 31, 2008.

A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Drinking Water Section, Arnold F. Bierschenk, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 (6WQ-SD), Dallas, Texas 75202
- Jim Piatt, Environmental Director, Pueblo of Isleta, P.O. Box 1270, Isleta, New Mexico, office (505) 869-5748, cell (505) 917.2936
- Robert Benavides, Governor, Pueblo of Isleta. P.O. Box 1270, Isleta, New Mexico, office (505) 869-3111, cell (505) 715-8163

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TRIBAL COUNCIL BRIEFING

Housing Issues and Information

The Housing Board approved a motion to contract out all of HUD approved projects contingent on an updated clean list inclusive of tribal members who qualified due to a rank and rating system.

The Housing Board selected Sloan & Company to conduct the **2006 Housing Audit**.

Travel Center

Council approved change orders to the Travel Center in the amount of \$20,599.85 regarding changes to entry of Highway 47 and \$8,084.28 to change asphalt curb to concrete and add a concrete sidewalk. A motion was made that the Council will not entertain any change orders without prior Council approval and any initiated changes on contracts shall be approved by Council prior to execution.

Education Issues

Isleta Head Start was appropriated \$150,000.00 in POI monies to **Fund an Extra Classroom** to accommodate Head Start children on a waiting list. The funding will provide for a teacher, assistant teacher, furniture, supplies and materials.

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Parents requested and were given \$5000.00 from the IC&R Sponsorship line item for assistance to cover travel expenses to attend the National Indian Education Conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii and for Councilman Ron Olguin to attend the trip as a parent.

Due to the Council receiving the wrong draft of the **Amended Higher Education Policies & Procedures**, and the Education Board not having an opportunity to review the draft for appropriate corrections and amendments prior to presentation to Council, a motion was made to table the Higher Education Policies & Procedures. The Board stated they were not comfortable making policy decisions without data and are waiting to the end of the semester to secure more accurate student data. Administration was directed to meet with the Board along with the Education Director to provide a clean amended copy of the Higher Education Policies & Procedures.

A letter was received from Team Moms, Pauline Lucero and Jennifer Zuni, requesting a donation for the **Isleta Eagles Girls Basketball Team** in the total amount of \$2,225.00 for sweat suit outfits (\$850), trophies (\$175), incentives (\$350) and a banquet (\$850). These are estimated amounts and receipts will be turned in. The team has raised an unknown amount to purchase shoes. Donation request are for the team of nine players, coaches, and eighteen (18) parents. After some discussion, a motion was made to partially honor the donation request in the amount of \$1,800, with exception of 18 parents from obtaining sweat suit outfits and for funds to be administered by Lt. Lujan and Rick Giron from the Recreation Center.

Tribal Court Issues

Due to the Tribal Court's need to produce **Court Case Transcripts** at a faster pace, the Courts requested and received Council's approval for court recordings to be transcribed at the amount of \$2,500 for November & December and transcripts for Appeals Court for \$1,500. The transcripts will be done for a total of \$2,500 to Sober New Mexico and \$1,500 to Paul Baca Professional Court Reporters.

Community

Council authorized the **Sale of Railroad Ties** at \$5.00 per railroad tie to Tribal Members. The Tribe received a letter from Raymond Jojola dated September 14, 2007, requesting permission from the Tribe to allow him to began the process of putting his **Fee Land into Trust**. Council allowed Raymond Jojola to proceed with the process of putting his property into trust with the Pueblo.

Council authorized \$2,800 (with receipts to be turned in) in **Assistance to Frank Lucero, son of Stella Lucero**, who is was at the time residing in San Diego, California, for motel expenses. Mr. Lucero had been unable to return to his place of residence due to fire damages caused by the San Diego fires. He was paying \$700.00 per week for motel expenses.

Boundary Issues & Related Issues

In regards to the **Rosenda Cata Property** issue, a motion was made to reassign the property line and align boundary with Florentino Zuni property survey.

The Council met with Floriene Gutierrez regarding the **Encroachment on the Meadow Lake East Boundary**. Southern Pueblos Agency will address the encroachment and clean up of the Tribal property.

Alma Alanis, who has had **Billboards Posted along I-25 South** from the reservation line to the water tank on the west side of the reservation on 1-25 South for quite a few years, was directed to remove all billboards. Gary Brownell, Legal Counsel, was directed to write the final letter to Alma Alanis regarding the removal of billboards along 1-25 by January 31, 2008.

Enrollment Information

The Tribal Council determined that there is a need in Tribal Government to provide administrative oversight of the essential functions of the Isleta Enrollment/Census Office to better manage and preserve tribal membership documents that are essential to ensure the Tribal Membership Roll. There is presently a Census Technician and Census Clerk in the office. Council approved the Tribal Enrollment Coordinator position and for the position to be paid out of the Aid to Tribal Government Grant.

Project Status & Related Issues

Council approved a Request for Proposal for the **renovation of the CCD Building** and for

a Land Use Plan to be developed.

The Council approved the **New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Fund** (NMTIF) Plan for the Tribe as presented by Andrew Teller, Tribal Treasurer. The Plan identifies Tribal needs such as a Waste Water Treatment System for the Chical area and replacement of water lines in the village proper.

The Council directed the Realty Department to survey the land south of the existing Elderly Center to include the old Isleta Elementary cafeteria on the west up to the community center at the request of the Elderly Advisory Committee for the construction of the future **Long-Term Assisted Living Facility**.

Council approved a request for the traveling Museum for **Photographic History of Isleta Pueblo** to be constructed at the old Elementary School site. The request was made by the Cultural Affairs Committee. The exhibit will use photographs taken of many of our ancestors involved in community life very different from what it is today. An archive will be built to house these photographs.

The Tribe received a Grant for \$328,000.00 from the National Endowment of Humanities and with the funds will build a traveling exhibit and afterwards put this exhibit in an Archive Museum. The exhibit will contain 17,000 photos taken of Isleta from the 1800's and are presently being stored in the Southwest Museum in California.

\$750,000 was awarded to the Tribe from the Tribal Infrastructure Board for the Construction of a **Village Proper Water Main Replacement**. A Scope of Work was submitted to the Capital Outlay Unit by the deadline date of January 4, 2008. IHS and the Treasurer's Office were directed to develop a Request For Proposal to select a company to perform the work.

To allow for better planning, a list of **Potential Construction Projects** planned for the future was identified by Council on December 18, 2007 as follows:

Construction Projects	Estimated Cost
1.Public Safety Complex	\$ 8,000,000
2.Administration and Council Building	\$ 8,600,000
3.Library	\$ 1,300,000
4 Long Term Assistance Care Facility	\$ 2,000,000
5. American Legion Hall 209	\$ 2,000,000
6. Community Center	
7. Church/CCD Building	
8. Cultural Center	
9. Old Elementary School (Offices)	

Infrastructure

1. Enterprise Area Drainage	\$ 3,300,000
2. Village Waterline/Drainage	\$ 1,700,000
3. Facility Management System	\$ 200,000
4. Sunset Hills Subdivision Plan & Design	

Due to lack of information regarding the above projects, the Treasurer and Tribal Planner were directed to compile a more accurate report as follows: description of each project, estimated cost of project (if known), grant funding already received, capital outlay funding already received, 2008 capital outlay request for each project (if any), and the P01 funding match.

Conservation

Due to the loss of money in the past years, the Council determined that the **Conservation Program** needs to be reviewed to see how the program can be turned into a money making enterprise. The Task Group assigned to this task are: President Fred Lujan, Vice President Robert Lucero, Ralph D. Jiron, Valentino Jaramillo, and Alvino Lucero.

Council received a letter written in association with Isleta Acequia Madre Members by Eugene Abeita, currently serving on the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy (MRGCD District). Mr. Abeita shared his concern with the Tribal Council on the **Infestation of Prairie Dogs** on the Acequia Madre and indicated in his letter (photos provided) that the Tribe requested assistance from USDA, along with the Tribe's Environmental Department, in 2003 with follow-up on the infestation to be done in 2005 and 2006.

The Isleta Acequia Madre Members have not received any assistance as of this date and are requesting assistance in solving the prairie infestation problem likely to occur in Spring of 2008. Since it appeared as if Jim Piatt, Environmental Director, has not in the past been responsive in addressing this request, the Council directed Lt. Lujan to communicate with Jim Piatt, Environmental Director, to determine what actions can be taken to assist the farmers. Jim Piatt, Environment Director provided three alternatives to addressing the infestation problem:

1. The farmers could become certified themselves and purchase and apply the rodenticide,
2. A Tribal Staff member could become certified and purchase/apply the rodenticide,
3. A firm with the necessary certifications would need to be hired

Since training will result in certifications of tribal farmers to utilize chemicals for spraying, the Environment Department was directed to meet with Conservation personnel and Administration to plan and host an awareness/training program regarding prairie dogs and aphids infestation with tribal farmers.

Comanche Ranch Issues

Martin Abeita was hired as Comanche Ranch Manager and was given the task of creating a Cattle Management Plan and will be supervised by Administration. Requested items needed for improvements, and approved by Council majority vote, were:

- Truck F250 4x4 super cab pickup \$31,131.00
- Truck F250 4x4 super duty regular cab pickup \$29,372.00

- Drinking tubs 20' 8 footers @ \$425 ea \$ 8,500.00
- Drinking tubs 20' 6 footers at \$200 ea \$ 4,000.00
- 2 or 3 horses \$15,000.00
- Feeder for feed trucks; 2 @ \$2,600 ea \$ 5,200.00
- Flat beds for 2 trucks; 2 @ \$1,400 ea \$ 2,800.00
- Replace roof on north camp as well as bunkhouse
- Total \$96,000.00

Mark Dixon, Environment Department, notified the Tribal Council that the Tribe is facing suspension with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant. The Tribe has 30 days to start working on the Cross Fencing at Comanche Ranch. If the project is not completed the State will terminate their contract with the Tribe and the Tribe will be suspended from using the program. The Tribal Council met with Environment, Fence Crew, and Comanche Ranch workers to insure that the scope of the work for the grant is completed.

The Council requested a Social Services Program Review from Southern Pueblos Agency, similar to the program review conducted with the Isleta Police Department. The review with Social Services was requested because there is a high rate of crime, drug/alcohol abuse in our Pueblo. In general, there is dysfunctional family life, and it was felt that the review will assist the Tribe in determining what are our responsibilities as parents, grandparents, and family members are.

Tribal Membership Appointments

Health Board appointees were Edwina Abeita and James Abeita. Richard Jaramillo, Sr. was appointed to serve on the **Cattle Committee**, and Thomas Lucero **was appointed to the position of an Appellate Court Judge.**

Council approved the **Water Task Force Members** and structure, which consist of: Governor- Ex Officio, President—Ex Officio, War Chief- Ex Officio, Water Attorney and Tribal Resource Staff John Sorrell, Cody Walker and Jim Piatt. The Members at Large are:

Norman Jojola- Natural Resource Manager/
Wildlife Biologist
Blaine Sanchez- Range Conservationist/
N.M. Interstate Stream/Commission
Ramona Montoya- Environmentalist
Gene Abeita- Irrigation Water Expert/ Board
Member, MRGCD
Helen Padilla- Attorney/Director of UNM
Indian Law Center

Tribal Government Exit Audit

The Auditor's Report to Council and Administration and reviewed significant transactions which took place in 2006 emphasizing that the audit represented a "clean" opinion on primary government with emphasis that the Housing Authority is excluded from financial statements; "clean" opinion on Governmental Services Department (Single Audit Report); and that

the financial statements presented fairly the financial position and changes in financial position.

Single Audit findings indicated that an inventory of equipment for all programs needed to be addressed as well as following through with character investigations (background checks) for POI employees, with no questionability on various governmental costs. Operational suggestions provided included:

- Disaster recovery plan related to accounting
- General ledger reconciliation procedures
- Physical inventory of capital assets
- Centralized purchasing and receiving
- Collectability of enterprise inter-fund balances
- Address fund deficits for the Isleta Conservation Services of 1.3 million and Isleta Cottonwood Facilities of 3.8 million

Upon recommendation of Andrew Teller, Tribal Treasurer, the Council approved the POI Primary Government and Governmental Services Department 2006 Audit conducted by REDW.

Policy Related Issues

In regards to **POI Employee Health Premiums**, Council made the determination to continue with United Health for one year, January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008 and direct the Finance Committee to meet with the HR Director and General Manager to do an analysis of health premium costs to prepare for 2009 health premiums due to the increase cost and renewal of dental, medical, and vision insurance. Pueblo Insurance Agency (PIA) is the broker acting on behalf of the Tribe.

The total percentage of insurance participants from Tribal Employees is 25% while the remaining 75% are IC&R employees. Currently the Tribe is paying \$329.49 per person, which is 90% of the medical fees.

In regards to **Minimum Suitability of Background Standards** and the cost of background checks, the Tribe will experience an increase from \$26.00 to \$40.00 for background checks. Jackie Johnson, from Personal Security Reports, has been contracted by BIA to do background checks as of September 6, 2007. A minimum of seven (7) years is required for background checks. The Tribe must now meet minimum standards mandated by the Contractor and has requested the Tribe to identify an Adjudication Officer. Veronica Johnson, Human Resources Director, was appointed by Council as the Tribes Adjudication Officer for POI employees.

The **Grazing Management Plan** will be amended to state that the Council determined that non-member spouses will not be allowed to graze their animals on tribal land, and directed the Cattle Committee to amend the Grazing Management Plan as soon as possible regarding non-member use of tribal land.

Transportation Issues

A request for proposal for professional appraisers for **Tribal Roads Right-of-Way Appraisals** was published in the Albuquerque Journal. Three proposals from Albuquerque-based individuals and firms were received and the Council selected Godfrey Appraisal Services with a one year professional rights-of-way appraisal contract. Upon completion of appraisal for TR 2, appraisals for TR 78, 90, and possibly 33 will be conducted in one year.

BIA has nearly completed the design work for TR#2 with 1.5 miles to finish. The Contract with BIA has to be modified for TR #2. TR #90 which is State Road 314 west to TR #45 to the MRGCD ditch will be paved 12 ft on each side of the road. There will be 2 ft of ribbon curve. The amended contract is for 1.6 miles long, also need the scope of work. Speed bumps cannot be installed because of safety issues for emergency vehicles.

On October 23, 2007, Lt. Governor Diane Denish, for the State of New Mexico and Carlos Acosta, Aide to Lt. Governor Diane Denish met with Administration, and Tribal Council regarding a variety of transportation issues. **The New Mexico Highways Improvement Needs**, a list previously reviewed and approved by the Tribal Council, was provided to Lt. Governor Denish. Simon Shima, Tribal Planner, formally reviewed the list on behalf of the Tribe. Improvement and Maintenance identified needs presented were as follows:

A. Construction & Reconstruction

1. NM 47 Center Median Turning Lane
2. Access to I-25 at the Southern Isleta Boundaries
3. NM 314 / NM 45 "Y" Intersection Reconstruction
4. NM 314 / NM147 Intersection Reconstruction
5. Signalized Intersection at New Isleta Public Safety/Service Complex on NM 47
6. Connector Roadway from NM 45 to NM 314 for I-25 Access
7. NM 314 over RR Bridge Deck Replacement South of the Village

B. Maintenance

1. NM 47 Intersection at NM 147
2. NM 47 Culverts

The Tribe informed Lt. Governor Denish that they were willing to work with the Department of Transportation and her office regarding the possibility of the Tribe foregoing some land, particularly for access to I-25 at the southern boundary of the reservation, an area set aside for future economic development.

Lt. Governor Denish informed the Tribe that scheduled State transportation construction and maintenance work was behind and the Federal Trust Fund will be zeroed out. Lt. Governor Denish also stated that she did not know how the State was going to fund transportation needs for the State but was considering an additional gas tax and heavier user fees for vehicles coming in and out of New Mexico.

Other items discussed was the importance of the transportation systems to economic development; that the Bike Trail proposed by the State would not be considered until the road safety issues on I-47 were taken care of; the possibility of having a shuttle system running from Los Lunas and Bosque Farms to the Isleta Rail Runner site; and a Water & Transportation Forum will be scheduled in the Spring. Follow-up on the transportation issues will be done at that time.

Council approved a contract for Jerry Marmelstein from Riser Management Services, Inc., which involved the valuation and subsequent negotiation of **Renewed Rights-of-Way for AT&T** fiber optics lines crossing the Reservation at a \$350.00 hourly rate.

Subsequently, through the negotiation of Jerry Marmelstein and other experts, AT&T initially offered the Pueblo four million for the right-of-way, an initial 10 year renewal term, with automatic renewal for an additional 10 year-term. AT&T also stated they would like to add the ability to replace and/or upgrade its facilities during the renewal term. During the upgrade, an additional temporary easement width would be necessary to support construction and restoration of surface features to their prior condition would be performed by AT&T at its expense.

The easement and the existing system on the Eastern side of the Rio Grande River was constructed as a conduit system, while the system on the Western side of the Rio Grande was direct buried, which means the cable is not encompassed within a conduit. It would be replaced with a 2" conduit and only 1 fiber.

The Council accepted \$6.3 million for 10 years starting on January 1, 2008 and to expedite the agreement and payment by execution of agreement.

In regards to several reports of **Rail Road Crossing Endangerment** issues arising with the lack of synchronization of the railroad crossing arms, with the arms lifting signaling for traffic to cross the tracks immediately following the passing of vehicles, the Rail Runner narrowly missing hitting crossing vehicles. Gary Brownell, Legal Counsel, was directed to take note of the incident and write a letter to Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRCOG) and Department of Transportation (DOT) for the Governor's signature, should future liability issues arise. The Council approved the Easement Right-of-Way Agreement for Chical Road (TR 2) on December 13, 2007 with the Tribe to receive right-of-way compensation in the amount of \$77,000.

Hotel/Convention Center Project Update

Briefly, the Hotel/Convention Center is slated to be opened by July 2008 with 90% of the mounting of the A/V on the walls of the rooms completed. Remodeling of the Non-Smoking Slots and former High Stakes

Slots rooms has begun. Painting on Level 2 and Level 3 by Lente Painting has occurred. Anticipated number of parking spaces is 700 including above the required number of spaces for handicapped; bus shelters will be added. One inside employee was caught stealing copper related materials. Isleta Police Department was called and the non-tribal was arrested and jailed.

There are 173 participants in the Hotel/Convention training program with 102 of the participants identified as tribal members. Out of the 102 tribal members, 25 are employed by IC&R and 70 out of the 102 are not employed by the Pueblo of Isleta. Seven of the 102 tribal members are employed by the Pueblo of Isleta. **These numbers are in a constant state of flux as more people apply for positions, people do not complete training, and others leave their jobs.** Management positions will be hired in December, Supervisors in January and Front-line positions will be hired in April. Two tribal members have been offered Managerial positions: Child Care and Front Office. An 8 Hour vs. 8.5 Hour Work Day continues to be an issue for approximately six employees. Upon review of the Annualized Cost Impact of Re-aligning Work Schedule, it was determined that should the shift be made to put all employees on a 7.5 hr. day with paid lunch, the cost will be an additional \$300,171.07, not including benefits. Tribal Council determined that no action will be taken and that the employee shift hours will remain status quo.

Community Health Issues

The Council explored the possibility of entering into an agreement with **Second Chance Center**. This Center is a secure, long-term Rehabilitation and Transition Center for offenders who are failing or have less than a year on their sentences. This offer is an alternative sentencing option to jail in a secure facility for approximately 6-months. The program handles all substance and alcohol abuse.

The program includes an effective process of detoxification. It does not rely on habituating medications such as narcotic medications in the process of detoxification. It relies on nutritional substances and techniques.

The rehabilitative procedures help participants to evaluate the impact of their behavior on their family and others in the community. This facility is operated by Federal Grant Funds. The average charge is \$55 to \$75 per day for one person. The capacity is 300 people. After Chief Judge Teller and several Council members toured the Center, the group recommended to the Council that the Tribe not enter into an agreement since the cost was too high.

Seventeen program representatives, along with Council and Administration, were present at a **Community Based Alcohol and Drug Awareness Meeting**, organized by various programs due to the high level of gang and drug/alcohol use of many members of the Tribe.

Council member comments are summarized as follows:

- The role of Tribal Council is that of a legislative body
- There is an infiltration of drugs/alcohol into schools
- The reservation boundaries are not protected
- Prevention is more effective than intervention
- Individuals who have been banished from the Pueblo for alcohol/drug related activities keep coming back to the reservation
- We used to build homes, now we give them away
- There is community denial of problems
- You can no longer punish children; it's considered child abuse
- It costs \$133.00 a day for treatment
- The Tribal budget (POI) for 2007 is approximately \$23 million and yet we are unable to fully address our community problems
- There is a clash between the values of the larger society and cultural values of the Tribe
- Who lives in our community? There must be an exertion of tribal customs and traditions (use of Sheriff)

Following are strategies that can be implemented IMMEDIATELY:

- Print DWI names, dates, etc. in the Tribal Newsletter, pictures upon conviction (Tribal Courts)
- Write, approve and enforce a Gang Prevention Ordinance (Isleta Police Department/Tribal Council)
- Publish the monthly pay of jail fees and names of individuals (Governor's Office)
- Direct parents to come before leadership with their children to determine what they will do; take ownership (Governor & Tribal Council)
- Enforce the curfew (Isleta Police Department/Tribal Courts)
- A strong message is being sent to individuals living in the housing units; given thirty (30) days to straighten up or be evicted (Housing Department)
- Reconvene the core group that planned and hosted the Partnership for Community Awareness — Service Provider Summit/Retreat, to start addressing the issues brought up today ((Courts and Key Service Providers)
- Pay for information — HOT LINE — with information to be independently verified within a three-week period (Isleta Police Department)
- A Resident Ordinance needs to be reviewed and amended (Tribal Council)

The Council approved a **Modular Building for a Diabetes Program Wellness Center** and related utilities and equipment to be located west of the Isleta Health Center, using Diabetes Grant funding, in an amount not to exceed \$265,000.00.

The Tribal Council approved a Resolution to support the application submitted by

Behavioral Health to the State of New Mexico for Native American Behavioral Health Facilities Funding for a new **Behavioral Health Building** on December 13, 2007.

Projects Proposed to the Tribe

Joe Frank, Sr., Indian Land Development Corporation (ILDC) met with the Council for the presentation of a **Proposed Event Center**.

The construction of the Event Center would include:

- An estimated cost of \$45,000,000.00 with 7,000 seats and 30 suites
- Configuration changes of the Center would host concerts, ice hockey, rodeos, basketball, boxing and other related sports events
- Casino floor expansion would occur (cost not part of the Event Center cost) with a 100 seating capacity increase in the Triple Seven
- Approximately twenty-five (25) million profit with minimal dollar cost to the Tribe
- The Tribe can "buy-out" the Company at any time
- Forty to sixty per cent of the people who attend events at the Show Room go the Casino, resulting in increased slot and food revenue from \$30,000 to \$50,000
- It will take six to eight months for the design and actual construction will take approximately fourteen (14) months
- Hard Rock Café being located on the property is a possibility

The construction and maintenance funding of the Event Center will be secured by IDLC, with no cost to the Tribe. The urgency in approving the Event Center was related to tying in the WNBA 2009 Season with confirmed dates and games. IDLC was requested to provide more detailed information before a decision could be made.

Regarding a standing motion for a **Feasibility Study for the Southwest Side of the Reservation near the Los Lunas/Isleta Reservation boundary**, the Council approved TMG to do a feasibility study on the southwest economic development area in the amount of \$48,575, including expenses in the amount of \$7,000, not to exceed \$55,575. The feasibility study will allow the Tribe to plan the type of future economic projects that may take place, traffic flows, and population demographics. The Tribe has long discussed the need to move Palace West from its present site to a safer and more accessible area.

Joe Hale, with CJ Materials came before the Council on December 11, 2007 with a proposal to consider the following options for an **Aggregate Mining Facility** on Pueblo of Isleta lands. The following options were presented to the Council:

Proposal Option I

Request for a ten-year right to remove mineral aggregates from 1,100 acres of Pueblo lands, on the west side of I-25 South, with an option to extend the lease for additional ten-year increments. CJ Materials will pay monthly

to Isleta a per ton royalty for all mineral aggregates removed from the lease site and per 1000 gallon royalty on water used for dust suppression and material manufacturing.

Proposal Option II

The Pueblo would be an equity partner with CJ Materials and would provide a portion of the capital investment. The royalty would be paid to the Tribe on a per ton sold basis, but at a reduced rate.

Proposal Option III

The Pueblo would have full ownership of the aggregate operations on tribal lands. CJ Materials would manage the operations and sales for the Tribe and be paid a fixed monthly fee, plus a per ton commission based on sales and profits. Employment and training opportunities will be available for Tribal members.

No action was taken on this proposal but was decided to place John Sorrell, Hydrologist on the agenda regarding possible project water issues.

Another proposal was presented by **Strategic Services, Manufacturing Service and The Southwest Working Group** came in with a proposal to bring highly skilled clean jobs to New Mexico specifically in the areas of Defense, Healthcare and Education industries. The goal of the group is to win several contracts at Mesa Del Sol in concert with the assistance of the Tribe. A partnership was proposed with the Tribe providing a matching investment of \$25,000 for POI, with Covington, and AE Com each providing \$25,000 to write grants and secure State and Federal dollars.

Ulysess Abeita and Theresa Zuni, representing Veterans Post 209, requested approval from the Tribe to request a Veterans Capital Outlay Request from NM Capital Outlay Funding for planning, design and construction of a Veterans Center to be located within the Isleta Indian Reservation in the Los Charcos area, comprising a total acreage of eight (8) plus acres, donated to the Veterans by Mr. Baker, Tribal Member. The estimated cost of the project calculated at \$250 per sq ft. for a total of \$2,275,000. An additional \$20,000 is being requested for a van to provide transportation to Veterans facilities. The total New Mexico Capital Outlay Funds request for this project is \$3,205,000.


In regards to the **Tecumseh Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Project**, Governor Benavides presented a letter addressed to Steven P. Roche, CEO and Robert A. Winfield, President from Tecumseh Professional Associates, Inc. confirming the Tribe's offer to work with Tecumseh Professional Associates, Inc. exclusively, for one year from the date of this letter, in connection with a proposed natural gas pipeline project which would run through the Tribe within the I-25 corridor. In addition, the Tribe will receive a nonrefundable commitment fee of \$50,000 to offset the expenses the Pueblo has incurred and will incur in evaluating the project. The Governor was given signatory authorization by Council.

January: 8	May: 10	September: 8
February: 5	June: 6	October:9
March: 9	July: 4	November: 6
April:10	August:6	December: 7

BERNALILLO COUNTY V

June 03, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION

DATES to remember for the upcoming Election

DATE/ TIME	ACTIVITY	More information
May 06, 2008 (Tuesday) 	Voter Registration	Voter Registration <u>Closes</u> at 5:00p.m. The County clerk shall accept mail in voter registration cards postmarked 28 days prior to the election.
	Absentee Voting	The <u>first day</u> that voter may cast a paper absentee ballot is 8:00a.m.
May 17, 2008 (Saturday)	Early Voting (In-person)	The <u>first day</u> voters shall vote in person on the voting machine at <u>Alternate Sites</u> throughout Bernalillo County.
<u>1-1 site</u> May-06-08 thru May-30-08 Monday-thru Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm Saturday May -31-08 10:00am – 6:00pm	1. Clerk's Office Annex Downtown 620 Lomas, SW	
<u>2- 16 sites</u> 12:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday –thru- Friday 10:00am to 6:00pm Saturday	2. Plaza Paseo Del Norte 9231 Coors NW Suites R-8,R-9 3. Siesta Hills Shopping Cntr 5407 Gibson SE 4. Daskalos Shopping Cntr 5339 Menaul NE 5. Del Norte Shopping Cntr 7120 Wyoming NE Suite 16 6. Coors Plaza Shopping Cntr 3200 Coors NW Suite A 7. Los Ranchos Villa Shopping Cntr 6601 4 th St NW Suite A,B,C 8. Tijeras City Hall 12 Camino Municipal 9. Integrity Plaza Shopping Cntr 1512 Wyoming NE Suites F & G	10. Juan Tabo Plaza 11012 Montgomery Blvd NE 11. Paradise Hills Community Cntr 5901 Paradise Blvd NW 12. Goff Plaza 1720 Bridge Blvd SW Suite G 13. Market Center East 11110 Lomas NE Suite E-4 14. University of New Mexico Student Union Building 15. 98 th & Central Shopping Cntr 120 98 th St NW Suite B-5 16. CNM – South Valley Campus 5816 Isleta Blvd SW
Other alternating sites on <u>Tribal reservations</u> : (Questions call: (505-468-1228))	Absentee Early Voting Site	
	Isleta Elderely Center : May 8, 9, 15,16, 21, 22, 29, 30 (8:30am-4:30pm)	
	Isleta Education Center: May 17, 31 (9:00am to 4:30pm)	
May 30, 2008 (Friday)	Absentee Voting By Mail	<u>Ends</u> at 6:00pm.
May 31, 2008 (Saturday)	Early Voting In-person	<u>Ends</u> at 6:00pm.
June 03, 2008	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	Note: <u>New registered voter</u> , registered

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Petition to Probate of the Estate of Jose Delano Papuyo deceased on February 23, 2008 has been filed in the Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify the Tribal Court Clerk. A summons will be sent to each individual to appear before the court and make known their claim to the estate.

A Petition to Probate the Estate of Maria Dolores Abeita deceased in 1983 has been filed in the Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify the Tribal Court Clerk. A summons will be sent to each individual to appear before the court and make known their claim to the estate.

Chief Court Clerk Edwina Jiron
Isleta Tribal Court
P.O. Box 729
Isleta, New Mexico 87022
Phone (505) 869-6510 Fax (505) 869-8138

**Baby
Basics
Birthing Class**

Sometime in late
July

Sign up now and we will try
to pick a date that works for
you.

from 6pm-8pm
@ the Clinic

YOU,
YOUR
DAUGHTER,
NIECE,
SISTER,
GIRL-FRIEND
WIFE,
ANYONE
ELSE
CLOSE
TO
YOU?

ARE YOU OR SOME-
ONE CLOSE TO YOU
EXPECTING?

THIS PROGRAM WILL
NOT ONLY BE HELPFUL
FOR THEM, BUT IT
WILL ALSO BE GOOD
FOR YOU.

Sign up for this one
evening birthing class to
learn about....

- Understanding labor
- Comfort and Breathing techniques
- Post Partum
And Much More!!

Door Prizes,
Information and MORE!!!

Be prepared for this new addition and SIGN UP for Baby Basics.

Contact **Stephanie Schaefer, 869-4479**
for MORE INFORMATION

Isleta Health Center

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NOTICE
FIRE RESTRICTIONS

SouthernPueblos Agency (S.P.A.) is currently under FIRE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III. This means the Tribal lands are in **High to Very High Fire Danger**.

Due to abnormally high temperatures, low humidity, high winds and the abundance of dry, fine flashy fuels and the high risk of a large fire, the Agency has implemented restrictions on the Pueblos:

STAGE-1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

- All open campfires are prohibited, including charcoal grills, except in developed camps and picnic grounds where grills and fire rings are provided.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed building or vehicle equipped with ashtrays; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Fireworks are prohibited.

Burn Authorization

Traditionally fire was used to clear the land of vegetation and debris so that it could be prepared for planting or other uses. The intent of the burn authorization permit is not to stop people from burning or take away from traditional use. The burn authorization system is in use to ensure that safeguards are in place so that burning is conducted safely without endangering lives and property.

The most common cause of wildfires on the reservation results from debris burning that includes people burning their fields; burning ditches; burning weeds; or debris in their yards. These fires can spread quickly, have high heat intensity, and are often difficult to control. They often cause damage to public and private property: telephone poles and telephone boxes are burned causing phone outages; fence poles; haystacks; heavy smoke crossing roads or highways could cause a vehicle accident; and outbuildings such as sheds or barns are destroyed. Agricultural farm land that was once wide open is continuing to be occupied. Homes are being built on fields that were previously farmed or adjacent to land that is farmed. Fires that could once burn from field to field are no longer feasible with the number of homes that now exist in these areas.

Precautions need to be taken to keep fires within their intended perimeters. Clear the area around your intended burn area by raking around your piles or disking

around your fields. Ensure you have water and tools on hand to suppress your fire. If you are burning a large area, ensure you have enough personnel on hand to conduct the burn safely without the fire getting out of control. Be sure to check the weather forecast and contact the Police Department to see if it is a burn day and notify them of your authorization number and the location you will be burning at. Monitor your fire at all times and never leave it unattended. If possible, contact the Police Department and notify them when

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed.
2. Traditional fires, such as outdoor ovens and outdoor cooking fires are allowed.

Please report any and all unlawful use of fire and/or fire works on tribal lands to Albuquerque Zone Dispatch and/or Tribal law Enforcement.

Albuquerque Zone Dispatch (505) 346-2660

BIA/Southern Pueblos Agency Police Dept. (505) 346-2448/2449

SPA Fire (505) 563-3655

These recommended restrictions will become effective on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 0800 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Thank you for your cooperation. If there are any questions, please contact Jose Tenorio, Fire Prevention Technician at (505) 563-3655.

you have completed burning. Currently, the fire danger is at Very High. There has not been any significant rainfall for over two months. The fuel conditions are very dry allowing fires to spread rapidly. Winds have been blowing almost daily. Because of the high winds, No Burn Days are issued due to the potential for a fire to escape and also for public safety. When feasible, authorizations to burn are allowed up until noon when high winds are forecasted.

Following these procedures will

help reduce the number of human caused wildfires. These fires cost taxpayers millions of dollars each year. We encourage homeowners to clear around their yards or property to protect their homes from wildfires.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in utilizing the burn authorization system. For more information on safe burning or any other questions, please contact BIA Southern Pueblos Agency Fire Management Staff at 563-3655.

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WIC Notes - Nutrition Quiz

These days there is so much information about nutrition it can get confusing. Take this quiz to test your nutrition knowledge.

1. Small amounts of chocolate may actually be healthy.
a. True
b. False
2. Cottage Cheese is not a particularly good source of calcium.
a. True
b. False
3. Butter and margarine have about the same number of calories.
a. True
b. False
4. Popeye was right: Spinach makes you strong.
a. True
b. False
5. Snacking does not always contribute to being overweight.
a. True
b. False
6. Canned or frozen fruit and vegetables contain fewer nutrients than fresh fruits and vegetables.
a. True
b. False

Nutrition Quiz Answers

1. **True.** Cocoa, an ingredient in chocolate, may help prevent plaque from building up in our arteries and may reduce the risk of heart disease. The important thing to remember is to eat no more than about 3 oz of dark chocolate a day. Dark chocolate is much better for you than milk chocolate.
2. **True.** There are only 65 milligrams of calcium in a 1/2 cup serving of cottage cheese. An 8 oz serving of milk or yogurt contains almost 300 milligrams and an ounce of cheddar cheese about 200 milligrams.
3. **True.** Butter and margarine do have about the same calories; however, margarine is made from liquid oil that is turned into a solid. This process is called hydrogenation and adds unhealthy trans fats, which increase the risk of heart disease. Butter is a better choice.
4. **False.** Leafy green vegetables are rich in important nutrients that are good for our bodies, such as folate and iron. However, exercise is what builds muscle strength, not iron or any other nutrient.
5. **True.** Snacking does not always contribute to weight gain. The bottom line is the total number of calories you consume, not how often you consume them. Snacking can take the edge off hunger so that you don't overeat at mealtime. Choose healthy snacks.
6. **False.** Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables are processed at their peak ripeness; therefore, have about the same nutrients as fresh. When choosing canned fruits and vegetables, however, it is important to read the label and choose varieties with no sugar or salt added.

If you have nutrition questions or requests for information you would like to see in WIC Notes, please contact us at your WIC office 924-3180.
Heidi Lanes

MAY is AsthmaAwareness Month,Are you AWARE?
Health Beat

Health Educator: Stephanie Schaefer 869-4479

What is Asthma?

- A long lasting (chronic) disease. It can be controlled with proper care, but it cannot be cured.

When you have Asthma:

- Airways narrow and breathing becomes difficult. This causes wheezing, coughing and/or tightness in the chest
- Airways become inflamed and swollen
- Airways react to triggers such as smoke, pollen, dust, and others

What are the signs of Asthma?

- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Tightness in the chest
- Cough
- Not all people with asthma wheeze. For some, coughing may be the only symptom

Your asthma can be controlled.

- Treatment can reverse asthma symptoms
- It's important to treat even mild symptoms

What to expect from your asthma treatment

- Minimal or no symptoms from asthma
- Sleeping throughout the night without asthma symptoms
- Full participation in physical activities
- No emergency room visits or stays in hospital
- Little or no side effects from asthma medication

Learn what things start your asthma and control them now:

- Animals (dogs, cats, and other animals)
- Colds or Flu
- Pollen from trees, grasses and weeds
- Dust or mold
- Strong odors (perfumes, paints, sprays and others)
- Smoke from cigarettes or from burning other items
- Weather changes or very cold air
- Air pollution
- Crying, laughing, shouting
- Aspirin or other meds
- Hormones, Pregnancy or PMS
- Stress

How to work with your doctor to get the best care:

- Ask Questions
- Give information. For each doctor's visit bring: symptoms chart, peak flow charts, medicines, and the written treatment plan
- Talk about your concerns, problems or fears. Be honest. Feel free to share your feelings.
- Tell your doctor when you have trouble doing what they ask.
- KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENTS!!! If you cannot keep your appointment, call and change it.

** Keep track of your asthma by knowing the Symptoms and by using a peak flow meter.*

** Do not forget when medicines need to be to taken.*

A NEW FACE AT THE CLINIC

Health Educator: Stephanie Schaefer, 869-4479

Sue Sanchez is the new Program Manager at Isleta Behavioral Health. Sue is a M.S.W. and a New Mexico Licensed Independent Social Worker, L.I.S.W. with 28 years of experience in the field. For the past 8 years, Sue was the Clinical Director at Acoma Pueblo's Behavioral Health. She lives in Los Chavez so is excited about the prospect of working closer to home.



WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Corner

Smart Fats for Growing Brains

Pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers should be consuming Omega 3 Fats in their diet. These fats are essential for brain and vision development in babies. Omega 3 fats have also been shown to help us cope with stress and prevent inflammation.

Omega 3's can be found in foods like: Salmon, Sardines, Halibut, Herring, Walnuts, Tofu, and Flaxseed.

These important fats are found naturally in mother's milk, but more will be found in the milk of breastfeeding mothers who eat these foods in their diet.

For more information about nutritious eating during pregnancy and breastfeeding, call the WIC office. WIC # 924-3180

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH IN MARCH

Thank you to everyone who came by to see the weekly nutrition display in the Isleta Health Center Lobby & attempt to answer the trivia question. I received a lot of good feedback that people learned something from it & would like to see more displays in the future!

In case you're curious what the answers were to the trivia questions & who won the prizes, here it is:

Week 1: Q: How many grams of protein are in the jar of beans that was displayed? A: 252 grams of protein

Winner with the closest answer (221 grams):
Alicia Manley

Week 2: Q: How long would a 150 pound person have to walk at a moderate pace (3 mph) to burn the calories in this meal (McDonald's Quarter Pounder with Cheese, Large Fries & Large Coke)?

A: 6 hours & 12 minutes

Winner with the closest answer (8 hours):
Kristyn Yepa

Week 3: Q: How many sodas (number of 12 oz. cans) does the average teenager (both boys & girls) drink in a year?

A: 975 cans

Winner with the closest answer (950 cans):
Tish Howard

Please feel free to contact me at any time with your nutrition questions or concerns.

Terri P. Elisberg, RD, LD, CDE
Nutritionist, Diabetes Programs
Pueblo of Isleta
869-4093 or telisberg@islclinic.net

Freedom from Smoking

WANT TO QUIT SMOKING, BUT AREN'T SURE HOW?

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Sessions Start this Summer
Call to learn more about these
sessions.

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Session 1 (On the Road to Freedom)	Session 5 (The New You)
Session 2 (Wanting to Quit)	Session 6 (Staying Off)
Session 3 (QUIT DAY)	Session 7 (Let's Celebrate)



To learn more and to sign up
call **Stephanie Schaefer**
at **869-4479**



Isleta Health Center

Keeping Our Community Healthy

Taking Control of Your Diabetes Diabetes Conference & Health Fair

For All People with Diabetes and
Your Family Members

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TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR DIABETES

Saturday, May 31, 2008 9:00am — 4:30pm
Albuquerque Convention Center
\$20 Onsite Registration Fee
(800) 998-2693

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Greetings from the Library! We'll start this off with some good news.

On Friday, April 18, 2008, two of our staff members and library board member chaperoned the After School Homework Program incentive field trip to the Isleta Fun Connection. The students that earned their 30 points were treated to an evening of bowling, arcade games and pizza. Great job students! High-five for working hard on your homework and reading!

Just recently the Library participated in the Child Abuse Prevention Fair held at the Recreation Center, Friday, April 25, 2008. Although we didn't get to partake in the parade itself, we managed our own booth. We were thrilled to see so many familiar and new faces stop by our booth and pick up some information. We hope that everyone got a chance to read the activity book with their children and read up on our flyer regarding our Summer Reading Program.

Earth Day has come and gone and to those who planted some seeds with us, we hope you're taking good care of your flowers. We'd also like to say thank you for taking the time to plant with us. We hope your flower continues to grow and that it encourages you to go out and explore more about garden life. You're helping out Mother Earth by planting your seeds. Way to go!

On March 11, we began our Story Time and currently we have a small group of young readers. Although much of the participants are children, we encourage everyone to come in; all ages are welcome to come in, relax and share a story. This is a great chance to spend some quality time with your child. If they see you're interested in a book, they will take to that enthusiasm. Please join us; Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Story time is not limited to the staff reading to the group; in fact, we love it when one of our group members chooses to sit in the "reading chair" and share their favorite book with us.

Mothers, your day is right around the corner. We will be doing arts & crafts for Mother's Day from May 5-8, 2008. And that's not all. We will be having another photography session on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Once again we will construct our own backdrop and will be capturing the pictures with a digital camera. The prints will be ready the next day after 1 p.m. Those who have not had their picture taken will be asked to sign a permission slip as well. The photos make great Mother's Day gifts. We invite everyone to stop in and give us your best pose for the camera.

The Library and J.O.M. are once again working together on another incentive field trip. Students who earn 30 points by May 23, 2008 are welcomed to see the new movie "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull". As with the other incentive field trips, the students can earn their points by completing their homework and reading for 15 minutes. If the student does not have homework they are encouraged to read for 15 minutes to earn their point; however, homework must be completed before any additional reading can be done. This time around the staff has added

a couple different rules: The number of points earned may vary on the amount of homework required of the student; Students may also score additional points for different projects. Extra points for projects are awarded at the staff's discretion. Students began earning points on Monday, April 21, 2008. They have until the day of the trip to earn the points. For more information, please contact a staff member at the Library or Jennifer Zuni, with J.O.M.

On Monday, May 5, 2008, we will begin accepting registration for our Summer Reading Program, which we will kick off June 2 and run through July 25. The program will include daily activities; such as, arts & crafts, outdoor recreation, reading, keeping journals and weekly field trips. All the projects and activities we will be conducting will not only be fun, but educational in the process. The program will be split into two age groups: Toddlers, ages 3-6 years and Youth, ages 7-16 years. The toddler group will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the youth will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Space is limited. We will admit the first 20 toddlers and 30 youth. Registration will only be accepted by coming into the library and filling out a registration form. Our Summer Reading Program is looking for a few volunteers. The volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. The duties of the volunteers will include assisting the staff with activities, projects and so forth. The volunteer will be under the direct supervision of the Library director. For more information on the program and the volunteer positions, please call or stop by the library.

The Library is always busy with different activities; whether it be arts & crafts, reading, story time, movies, game days and so on. We'd like everyone to stop on in and see what the library staff is up to. If there is a book you're looking for, let us know. If we do not have it on our shelves, we'd be happy to order it for you. We love to add to our collection. Currently we have a small selection of DVDs and CDs in our collection, which are available for check-out. All that you need is a library card. If you do not have a card, please come in and fill out a

registration form. It takes only a couple of minutes. As a reminder, children under 14 years of age must have a parent or guardian fill out the registration form for them before they are able to receive a card. DVDs with an R-rating must be checked out by a parent or guardian; the same rule applies for CDs with the Explicit Lyrics label.

The Isleta Pueblo Newsletter is still available via e-mail, 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; therefore, 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's phone number.

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

Isleta Pueblo Public Library

Contact Information:

Phone Number: (505) 869 - 8119 Fax Number: (505) 869 - 7690

E-mail Address: poi_library@hotmail.com

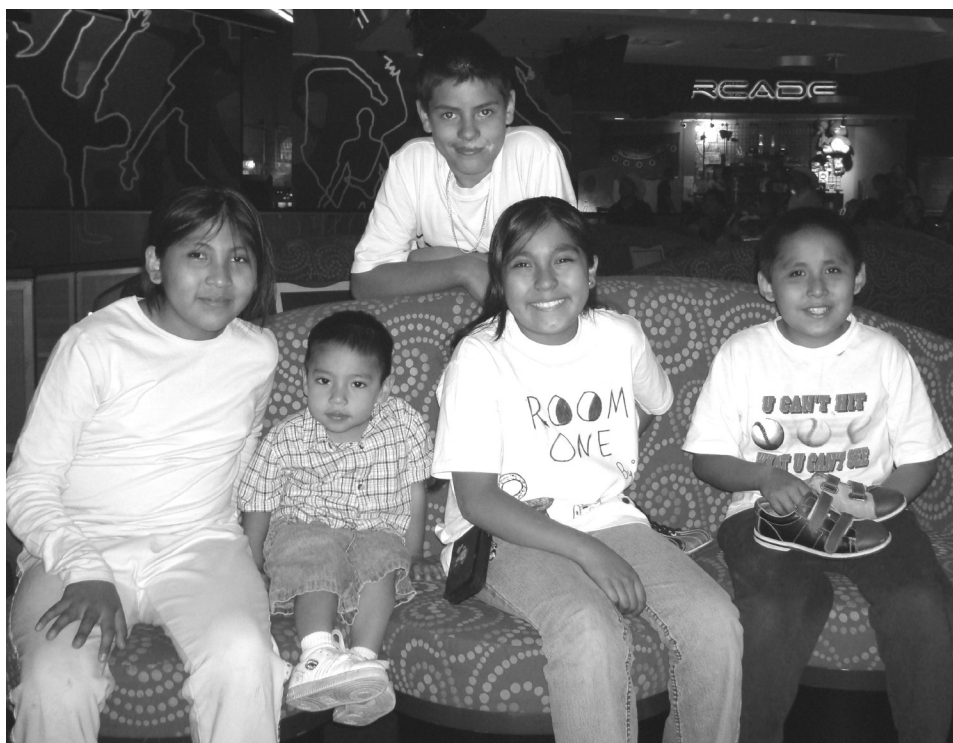
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Operation Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed



The students are all smiles after enjoying bowling and pizza.



Adam Wasita showing Nate Lujan how to get a strike.



Sister Shania and Kaylene enjoy waiting their turn.

Isleta Community Health Fair

July 19, 2008

at the Isleta Health Center

9am-Noon

Offering Isleta Community Members:

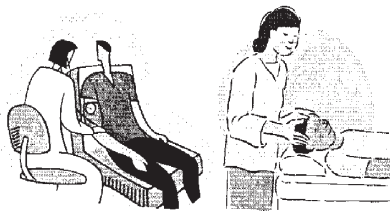
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Fun Jump for the Kids!

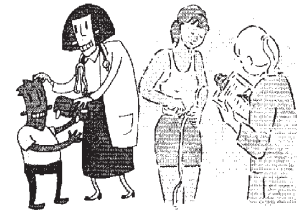
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Excitement for All!!

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Boxed Lunches for everyone!!
T-shirts for the first 200 people



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Recreation

The Parks & Recreation program continues to see record number of participants utilizing the facilities at Old Rec., New Rec. and all of our Parks within the Pueblo proper. This is exactly what the facilities were meant to be for, our Pueblo residents taking advantage of what we have available. Since the weather has turned somewhat decent (minus the wind) our parks are getting reserved at record pace, which is great. Just a reminder, when you reserve the parks, please remember we are an alcohol free zone and please clean up after yourself. That means hauling your trash out of the park to keep dogs from making a mess out of it. Trash hauled from the park after usage can be disposed of at the New Rec. Center trash bins. If we continue to help each other like this, this will avoid us having to charge a cleaning deposit. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Park Management

With the start of the spring brings us to the grand opening of another recently completed park in the Pickle Heights Neighborhood. The grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008 (Armed Forces Day) beginning at 10 am. There will be a number of special guests invited as well as our Governors and Council members. Everyone is welcomed to participate. After all the ceremonies are completed, a barbecue will follow it up for all who attend.

Summer Program

With summer approaching, the staff have been busy preparing this year's summer program. The program will begin on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, from 9 am until 3 pm. Note: this is the day after the Memorial Day weekend. The program at the New Rec. will be for 6 year olds and up. All children are broken down into age groups. The age groups will be 6 & 7 year olds, 8 & 9 year olds, 10 & 11 year olds and 12 and up. The 4 and 5 year-old program will be held at the Old Rec. Center and coordinated by Andrena Martin. That program will begin on Monday June 9, 2008. That program is on a first come first serve basis for the first 25 who register. For more information please contact Andrena at 869-5741. Once again we will be participating with the Free Breakfast and Lunch program that will begin June 9, 2008. We are working on trying to feed all our children with lunch prior to that date. We will keep everyone informed. Any parent interested in having their children or grandchildren participate we ask that you fill out a new registration form. Registration will begin on Thursday, May 1, 2008 and will continue until the start of the summer program. Once again our major field trips will be held every Friday for all who participate. For all children to qualify for the major field trips, we ask that the children participate at least 3-times per week unless they are going to summer school and all must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. We will once again be picking up children beginning as early as 7 am and will begin busing the children home at 3 pm. For particular pick up times and places please call Lil Bernadette at 869-8557.

Arts/Crafts

With April being Native American month many of the activities took place in honor of American Heritage. Art Activities that took place were the making of Toma-Hawks, Necklaces with Beads, traditional Indian pouch bags for girls, coloring of Indian Pottery, covered Indian Wagons, and Mesh Embroidery just to name a few. Also, our Instructors, the Nanas Abenita, Marie, and Gloria posted pictures of Isleta Pueblo of life from the past, with stories of how many of our ancestors lived to the children, which generated lots of interest and many round table discussions. Additionally, the children participated in the Child Abuse Awareness Parade held on Friday April 25, 2008 and also hosted an Open House at the New Rec. Center of many of Arts/Crafts which they had completed. Great Job. Pictured below are several of our children with the Nanas along with many of the crafts, which are posted on the wall behind them. Below them, are many of the pictures, which were part of the story telling that the children were engaged with.



Massage Therapy

As most of you have probably heard, Yolanda K. Chavez our Licensed Massage Therapist has left the program to finish her education, a goal she set for herself several years ago. Yolanda was with us for the last eight years and will be sorely missed. She definitely set a high standard that will be tough to replicate but we will try. At the present time her position has been posted for any Pueblo resident with the proper credentials to apply for. We will be trying to get this position fill as soon as possible. In addition to Yolanda pursuing her Bachelor's degree, she also has her own private practice, which she runs out of her home here on the reservation. Best of Luck, we will miss you. Pictured below are Yolanda Chavez, Feather Anderson and Lee Ann Zuni at a going-away Luncheon, which was held in her honor, hosted by all the staff members of the Parks & Recreation Department.



Little League

The Little League Opening Day Ceremonies, which were held on Saturday, April 5, 2008, were a great success. Thanks to Vernon Abeita, President of the League, and his Assistant Dominique Zuni and all of their Board members this year's season is off to its best start ever. The day's activities included some inspiring words from our Governor Robert Benavides and Lt Governor Max Zuni who led us in our prayer (traditional) and the parade of all the teams and players who are participating in this year's league. Vernon reports the biggest numbers in registration ever. A special thanks goes out to our Council for the special appropriation to the Little League program. This assisted in keeping the registration fees etc. down to a minimum and allowing the program to pick up some much needed equipment and allow the purchase of the Concession Stand building. Thanks Tribal Council. Pictured below are the teams and players who participated in the parade of teams for the grand opening of this year's season.



New Mexico Senior Olympics

On Thursday, March 27, 2008 and Friday March 28, 2008 the New Rec. Center was the host site for the New Mexico Senior Olympics All Indian Game Day. A number of activities took place for all to compete in and also enjoy. Tribes from throughout the area were on hand enjoying our beautiful facilities and program for the two days of activities. Activities included Basketball free throw, Frisbee Accuracy, Bowling, Fun Relays etc. just to name a few. Not only did the people who participated enjoy our facilities but also many comments were made about, "How come we don't have facilities like this back in their Reservations." Because many enjoyed the program and facilities many will begin to immediately prepare for next year's games, which they would like us to once again host here at the Pueblo of Isleta. A special thanks goes out to LeeAnne Zuni who put countless hours coordinating to insure that we the Pueblo of Isleta put our best foot forward to showcase our Pueblo. Pictured below are many of the participants seated prior to the parade of teams.



Brother and Sister Serve In the Army

It is very unusual for two members of the same family to serve in the same branch of the military simultaneously.....but for the Lente/Jojoba family the brother and sister team are two very unique and dedicated individuals. They did not hesitate when the warrior spirit called upon them to serve during war time recognizing duty/honor as important values. The proud parents of these two Isleta/Jemez Pueblo members are Alfred Jojoba and Debbie Lente-Jojoba and Grandparents, Raymond & Reyes Jojoba and Prudence Lente.

PFC Jesse Jojoba and his sister PFC Basa Jojoba both serve in the US Army and have been in active duty for approximately 1 and 1/2 years. Both received their basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in October 2006 and completed AIT training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Gordon, Georgia, respectively.

PFC Jesse Jojoba has been recognized for his exemplary leadership and sharp shooting abilities as a nominated Soldier of the Cycle and earned an Expert Marksmanship medal during his basic training. His specialized AIT training is in the field of Light Weight Engine Mechanics.

PFC Jesse Jojoba was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, home of the 101st Airborne, and was recently deployed to Afghanistan in March 2008. His expert marksmanship abilities were once again recognized and identified him as only one of two in his company to carry a second weapon, the M-14. During the issuance of both his standard and specialized weapons, his Captain spoke "highly of his marksmanship abilities and the ease of his skill in handling the rifle". The captain also expressed to his family how proud they should be of PFC Jesse Jojoba's talent!

PFC Basa Jojoba is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, home of the 82nd Airborne and her MOS is Computer/Telecommunications Operations. She has been at Fort Bragg since October 2007. This line of work includes all ground communications both computer, telephone, etc. Her company is scheduled for deployment in 2009. While she misses family and "chili" she loves the east coast traveling and meeting new people.



Military life is not unusual to both PFC Jesse Jojoba and PFC Basa Jojoba as both sides of the family have served proudly in the military. The late Joseph R. Lente, Sr., grandfather, and late Uncle Dale V. Lente served in the Marines. In fact all the Lente Uncles, late Jose Alcario Lente and Robert Lente were also in the Marines. Their paternal grandfather, Jose Raymond Jojoba was in the Army and recently received his Purple Heart.

The Lente and Jojoba families are extremely proud of PFC Jesse Jojoba and PFC Basa Jojoba for their service during war time and ask for continued prayers for all military families and young adults from Isleta Pueblo who proudly serves their country. HOOAH!!!

The family of PFC Jesse Jojoba is asking for any donations to send to him and his unit of approximately 90 soldiers. Any items such as gum, hard candy, magazines, sunflower seeds, beef jerky, AA batteries, sun block, Chap Stick, hand sanitizer (individualized), tooth paste, deodorant, etc. WE all need to support our tribal members and the troops serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Jacquelyne R. Abeita Inducted into the National Honor Society



Jacquelyne R. Abeita, who is a sophomore at Valencia High School was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She was the only Native American who received such honors from her school. Jackie and the other inductees were the first students to get into the National Honor Society of her school. She is the daughter of Agnes Olguin and Cruz Abeita. She had mentioned in her little speech that her sister Sabrina is the inspiration to her; and by helping her on how not to judge people on how they act or dress and just to be who you are. She also thanks her uncles for being there and letting her ride the four-wheeler. She wants to finish high

school and go on to college to become a veterinarian or a chef/baker and wants to open her own bakery someday. I am very proud of her high accomplishments and wish her all the success and happiness that life has to offer. "Love Mom, Sabrina, Renee and Layne"

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Project Venture is about fun, about action, about activities. BUT more than anything else, Project Venture is about making a difference...in yourself and in your community.

A prevention program funded by a Substance Abuse and Treatment Grant (SAPT) through the state of New Mexico, Project Venture is experiential learning that engages participants to share who they are, what they want to nurture, and what they want to change. Through Project Venture, participants EXPERIENCE the activity, SHARE the results, PROCESS the experience, GENERALIZE to the "real" world and APPLY to similar or different situations.

For the next few issues, the participants of Project Venture would like to share what they see in their community and what they like about Project Venture. The kids have written articles, poems and have drawn pictures. We hope you **EXPERIENCE, SHARE, GENERALIZE and APPLY!!!**

Liz Lopez,
Project Venture Director

Understanding the need to continue our language, culture and tradition we are looking for dedicated community members to volunteer their services to our participants.

As time passes, our children become less aware of their identity as Native peoples and fall victim to the dangerous world of media influence, drug and alcohol abuse, gangs and other social problems. It is our duty, as a community, to direct our children appropriately, honestly and with unity toward a life that is full of respect, honor and belief in our Native ways.

If you have a talent that has been handed down, have knowledge of a dying art, can tell stories or legends, know the mountain terrain and are willing to share please contact Liz Lopez or Jennifer Padilla at (505) 604-1174. By passing down your knowledge to our children you will be remembered for your willingness to invest in their lives by carrying on our native heritage.

Jennifer Padilla,
Outdoor Experiential Educator



RECRUITING

We are looking for youth mentors between the ages of 14-18 to help us with our hiking trips and after school and weekend activities. If you like the outdoors and enjoy a workout please call us for more information.

SUMMER CAMPING TRIP

JUNE 3-5, 2008

Children over the age of 11 are invited to register. Contact us if you are interested!

Isleta Pueblo

By Mariah Montoya

There are many good things about Isleta. We have feasts and dances. When we have feasts we have stands and rides. We dance with proudness. In Isleta we have lots of fun and are nice to each other. I like Isleta because all my friends are here. If I were you I'd live in Isleta!!

Isleta

By Briana Roybal

I sat today at our new school thinking about the beautiful town I live in. I thought about all the fields that the harvesters harvest. I also thought about the many traditions and celebrations we have in our little reservation. Our village represents a lot of things. I thought about the bad and good things. I now know why I live in this beautiful, spiritual town of powerful spirits. I can see many friends talking in our language. I see our language as a secret code. I now know why I live in the beautiful, spiritual town of powerful spirits ...Isleta.

Isleta

By Patrick Benavidez

I is for Indian.
S is for a safe place.
L is for loving people.
E is for beautiful evenings.
T is for taking care of each other.
A is for always caring.

Isleta

By Rebekah Lovato

*The best place to live
Isleta is my own home
I get to live here.*

Isleta

By Taylor Jojola

*Isleta Pueblo
So Peaceful and beautiful
So native and strong.*

Student Quotes

My community is special because the people I live with influence me and take care of me. - Eugene A.

Kids should do something that fits them it doesn't matter what sport you play, what matters is how you feel about the game. Play the game that fits you and just be yourself. No matter what, ALWAYS be active.

- Rhiannon J.

If you play games too long it will mess up your brain. It is healthy to play and interact with others outside on the playground.

-Samuel A.

Drinking Beer by Bow



Do not drink beer in front of your kids. Because when they grow up they might drink beer. A young boy was at home and his mom and dad came home drunk because they were drinking beer and whiskey. They started yelling at each other. The young boy called the cops. I am so proud of him. If that was me I would do the same thing.

PITBULL ATTACK



Dogs are attacking little kids. I remember when I was 6. I was walking to my cousin's house and a pitbull attacked me. It came running to me and I ran away from it. The dog bit me on the ankle. After the attack I ran inside and my dad called the ambulance.

Always chain your dogs every time you go out.

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Cancer Survivors Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	Sun Safety Week					
	National Men’s Health Week					
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