



Isleta Pueblo News

Volume 9 Issue 5

May 2014

From the Office of the Governor

Indian Health Service Honor Awards Ceremony

On April 4, 2014 the Pueblo of Isleta and Isleta Resort & Casino hosted the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service Honor Awards Ceremony in the show room of the Isleta Casino. The event commenced with a posting of colors by the Pueblo of Isleta Veteran Honor Guard followed by a welcome by IHS Area Director Richie K. Grinnell. 2nd Lieutenant Isidor Abeita provided an opening traditional prayer followed by a keynote address by Governor Eddie P. Torres. The event was held to recognize special achievements by IHS staff and Tribal personnel from throughout the Albuquerque wide service area. We are particularly proud to recognize our tribal members who have made significant contributions toward the IHS mission through their exemplary performance in carry out their job responsibilities.

Pueblo of Isleta, Palace West Casino

On April 11, 2014 the Pueblo of Isleta celebrated the public grand opening of the new Palace West. The dream of a new facility for the public became a reality thanks to the persistence of Ms. Pamela Gallegos, CEO and her dedicated staff and a special thanks to the Isleta Tribal Council for their support of the project. The Palace West Casino is a non-smoking 12,500 square foot space with an upgrade from 80 slot machines to more than 250 and will offer a new restaurant.



Governor Eddie P. Torres and Pamela Gallegos CEO at the Palace West Casino Ribbon Cutting

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, NM.

On April 17, 2014 the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), a National Indian Community College, held their 2014 Commencement Ceremony at the SIPI Gymnasium. The commencement speaker for the event was Sally Jewel, U.S. Department of Interior, and President's Message by Dr. Sherry Allison, President of SIPI. We are very proud and honored to recognize the following Pueblo of Isleta students who have attained Degrees/Certificates:

- Tiffani E. Jojola, Pueblo of Isleta AAS Accounting
- Tiffani E. Jojola, Pueblo of Isleta

- Certificate Business Administration Debra A. Jiron, Pueblo of Isleta AA Liberal Arts
- Dominique D. Zuni, Pueblo of Isleta AAS Natural Res. Management
- Jessica A. Tenorio Pueblo of Isleta Certificate Office Info. Management
- Andrea L. Vicente Pueblo of Isleta AA Early Childhood Education

The event was attended by Governor Eddie P. Torres along with Governors from the nineteen Pueblos.

New Mexico Governor's Ball

On April 5, 2014 the Pueblo of Isleta and Isleta Resort & Casino hosted the Governor's Ball which is an annual fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Sol for New Mexico's Children. The event was attended by past New Mexico Governors and Pueblo Governors. The event was well attended by approximately 500 people from throughout the state. The highlight of the evening was a speech by Governor Susana Martinez on the importance of protecting the future of our children through contributions made to children's charities. Since the Governor's Ball was established in 2004, over \$800,000 has been distributed to New Mexico Children's charities. The Pueblo of Isleta was represented at the event by 1st Lieutenant Governor Antonio Chewiwi.

Pueblo of Isleta Solar Array Ribbon Cutting

On Monday, April 21, 2014 a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the newly installed solar array at the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Service Complex. Event Speakers, in order, included Governor Edward Paul Torres, Sr. - Pueblo of Isleta, Joe Herrera-Integrated Control Systems, New Mexico Senator Michael Sanchez, Ron Darnell-PNM Senior Vice President of Public Policy, and United States Senator Tom Udall. Also in attendance were 2nd Lt. Governor Isidor Abeita, former Governor Frank Lujan, Tribal Council member Joseph Lucero, Tribal Council member Phillip Jiron, Ron Solimon-Center for Lifelong Education at the Institute of American Indian Arts, representatives from Consolidated Solar Technologies, PNM representatives, and Tribal Services Complex employees. In late 2012, under the Tribal Leadership of Governor Frank Lujan and the Alternative Energy Committee consisting of Tribal Council members helped implement this project. The Pueblo of Isleta contracted Integrated Control Systems, Inc. to design and install the solar array at the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Services Complex. The project was completed and put into service in February 2014. The array consists of over 1500 rooftop and ground mounted solar panels which can produce 591 kW of solar energy and will reduce the PNM energy costs at the Tribal Complex.



U.S. Senator Tom Udall, Governor Eddie P. Torres and NM Senator Michael Sanchez at the Solar Array Ribbon Cutting.

Earth Day Tree Planting Ceremony

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014 an Earth Day Tree Planting ceremony was held at a site where extensive habitat restoration work has been done by the New Mexico State Land Office. The site is directly south of the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (old Valley Gold Dairy farm) in Albuquerque's south valley. The event was attended by Governor Eddie P. Torres, who provided opening comments along with Valentino Jaramillo, Director, Cultural Affairs, who gave the opening prayer at the event.

State Land Commissioner Ray Powell, along with officials from AMAFCA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Bernalillo County, and students from Menaul High School were on hand to plant a native New Mexico cottonwood tree. The Commissioner pointed out native trees and vegetation that were planted as a result of funding from the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) as well as a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation under the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program. This collaborative effort will help to reduce fire danger, encourage growth of native plant species, and will create habitat for the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow.



Governor Eddie P. Torres, Ray Powell, NM State Land Commissioner at the Earth Day Tree Planting

(Governor's article, continued)

New Parish Building

In response to our community members request for easier access to St. Augustine Parish and Father George, a modular building has been placed at the vacant lot adjacent to the north side of the Governor's Administration building. This modular building will be used as a temporary site pending completion of the CCD and Parish construction project. The temporary Parish office will be in operation about mid-May.



New modular building and site of the St. Augustine Parish

Retirement of Fire Chief Robert Jojola

With great admiration I recognize Mr. Robert Jojola our Fire Chief who after 20 years of dedicated service to the Pueblo of Isleta has retired from his position. On behalf of all the residents of the Pueblo, I would like to take this opportunity to express to you, Chief Jojola, our most sincere appreciation for your unselfish volunteer services as Fire Chief for the Pueblo of Isleta Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). You have dedicated a large amount of your personal time and energy in service to your fellow tribal members and other citizens.

Your work involved helping to preserve the homes and property of pueblo residents as well as responding to structural fires and other devastating emergency situations

within the Isleta Reservation. May our Great Spirit keep you close to his heart and continue to guide the life he has set before you. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely, Eddie P. Torres, Governor

Community Meeting

The Pueblo of Isleta Community meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2014 and will be held at the Isleta Resort and Casino Hotel ballroom. The community meeting will start at 9:00 am and will end around noon. I am looking forward to seeing a good turn out and participation by our community membership. Attached is an agenda of subject matter to be presented:

Casino Facilities Update

Pamela Gallegos CEO

- Palace West Casino
- Golf Course Improvement
- Casino F&B improvement

Community Facilities Project

Updates: Presenter: Shawna Ballay/staff

- CCD Building
- Silt Removal
- Traditional Site
- Chical Headstart Renovation
- Cemetery Wall
- Old Elementary School Renovation
- Transportation Projects

Lava Rock Facility Upgrade/Economic Venture

Governor Eddie P. Torres

- Upgrade of Equipment
- Projected Production output
- Marketing Strategy
- Employment Opportunities

Assisted Living Facility Update

Natalie Abeita, Director ALF

- Construction Timeline/ Shawna Ballay/Natalie Abeita
- Logistical breakdown
- Eligibility Criteria
- Availability of Services

Application for Health Coverage Exemption for American Indians

David Antle, Director Isleta Heath Clinic

Law Enforcement Crime Report

Chief Kevin Mariano

- Part I Part II Crimes

State/Federal funding levels

Andrew Teller, Treasurer / Kristie Anzara, Contracts and Grants

Recreation Fire overview

Vernon Abeita / Steve Abeita

Washington D.C.

On April 30, 2014, Governor Eddie P. Torres, Chairman of the All Pueblo Council of Governors and other Tribal Leaders from across the country will be meeting with the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee in Washington D.C. to discuss ways to strengthen economic opportunities, ensure more adequate access to health care, and the provision of the recently reauthorized Violence Against Women Act created to protect victims of domestic violence in Indian Country. We will provide an update of the meeting in our next newsletter.

Message from the Governor

Let us all be grateful and give thanks every day to our Creator for being blessed with positive visions to broaden and build on our experiences, to broaden our mindset, opening us to new possibilities and building on our resources. Thank for your support, Eddie P. Torres, Governor

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SET TO BEGIN IN MAY

Big changes are coming to the Isleta Health Center. In May, the use of electronic health records will begin. This is an important and necessary change to the way health services are documented. It is intended to move information more quickly between health care providers and to improve health care services. Unfortunately, the conversion to electronic health records is also very challenging. Health center staff will be learning new software and will be entering more data directly into the computerized record. This will require more time for each patient encounter, thereby reducing the number of patients that can be seen each day.

The project will be launched during the week of May 12, 2014. Health care providers will be in training the early part of the week and will begin using their new skills by the end of the week. Services will be maintained throughout by staggering the training such that some staff will be on duty while others are in training. In anticipation of the time needed for this conversion, the number of scheduled appointments has been reduced during this time. Although walk-in services will still be available on a limited basis, patients will be triaged for priority. Patients can also utilize our Nurse Advice Line (toll-free, 1-877-725-2552) for telephone triage and/or home care solutions. Emergency medical services will continue to be available 24 hours per day via the Pueblo's 911 emergency telephone system.

If you are seen at the Health Center this month, expect to see computers in all the exam rooms and nurses and doctors entering information during your visit. Prescriptions will be transmitted electronically to the pharmacy. As it is impractical to enter old data on thousands of patients into the computer, paper charts will still be referred to, but all new data will be entered into the electronic record. The medical and pharmacy operations will be impacted most initially, with other clinic services being "tied in" over the next several months.

Your personal health information will remain secure and confidential. The software being used was designed and tested by the Indian Health Service and is in use in many other federal and tribal health facilities. Our network has also undergone "penetration testing" to assure that appropriate firewalls and other security measures are in place.

While we'd like to make rosy projections of a perfectly smooth implementation, experience has taught us that there will be "bumps" along the way. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we make this essential improvement!

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECOND NOTICE. A Petition to Probate the Estate of Jose Edward Jojola, deceased March 30, 2010, Case No. CV-PR-0925-2013, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for May 13, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Isleta Tribal Court Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

RE-SCHEDULED NOTICE. NOTICE OF HEARING. A Petition to Probate the Estate of Rey Louise Chiwewe, Case No. CV — PR — 0918 — 2013, has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM

Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

A Petition to Probate the Estate of Jose Alfredo "Alfred" Lente, deceased March 2, 2013, Case No. CV — PR — 0019 -2014, has been filed with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **Monday, June 30, 2014 at 1:30 PM.**

Claims must be filed in writing with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

A Petition to Probate the Estate of Maria Demacia Zuni, deceased February 15, 1993, Case No. CV — PR 0027 — 2014, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest 30) days from the

date of this notice being posted. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **Thursday, July 1, 2014 at 3:00 PM.**

Claims must be submitted in writing with the Isleta Tribal Court Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME. TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Pueblo of Isleta Court requirements, the petitioner, **Orlando Angelo Trujillo**, has to the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts for an **Order for Change of Name from, Orlando Angelo Trujillo to Lonnie Angelo Trujillo, Case No. CV — NC — 0021 — 2014.** A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 1:30 PM.** Any person claiming an interest in this matter may notify the Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

EXEMPTION NOT AUTOMATIC

You've probably heard that the Affordable Care Act requires individuals to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty. You may have also heard that Native Americans are exempt from this insurance requirement. However, did you know that you must apply for the exemption? It doesn't happen automatically and if you don't secure an exemption certificate (and you don't have insurance) the Internal Revenue Service will charge you the penalty! (The penalty does not apply to those whose income falls below the level which requires you to file federal taxes.)

There are two exemptions specifically for Native Americans. Each has its own procedures, so your first step is to figure out which one best applies to you. The first, and preferred, exemption category is for enrolled members of an Indian Tribe (or Alaska Native corporation). To claim this exemption, you'll need an enrollment/membership card that contains the tribal seal and/or an official signature or a Certificate of Indian Blood. If you choose, you can file the application and required documentation at the time you file your 2014 income taxes. However, it may be better to apply for the exemption in advance, so that it doesn't hold up your income tax processing.

The second exemption is for Native Americans who lack tribal membership, but have proof that they are descendants. This is considered a "hardship exemption" and is available to individuals who are eligible for services through an Indian health care provider (such as the Indian Health Service, a Tribal provider, or urban Indian clinic). This exemption must be obtained in advance of filing your 2014 income tax. You cannot wait to send it with your tax return. There are numerous documents that may be used to substantiate this hardship exemption, including a tribal descendant card that contains the tribal seal and/or an official signature, a Certificate of Indian Blood, or a letter on healthcare facility letterhead with official signature verifying eligibility for services. The Pueblo of Isleta Census Office (869-9766) will soon be issuing new identification cards for descendants, which should suffice for this purpose. Individuals without a tribal identification card who need a letter of eligibility for health care services should contact the Isleta Health Center Patient Registration Office.

Applications and instructions are available at www.healthcare.gov. These documents will also be available on the Tribal Community page of the Pueblo's website (<http://www.isletapueblo.com/tribal-community.html>). Paper copies can be found at the Governor's Office or the Health Center.

We encourage you to act now to obtain your Certificate of Exemption. Even if you currently have health insurance coverage (including

Medicare, Medicaid or commercial insurance), you should consider establishing your exemption in case your insurance situation changes. Once established, your exemption will be good for years.

If you file federal taxes, don't have insurance and don't secure an exemption, you'll pay 1% of your household income or \$95 for each individual (or \$47.50 for children under 18) non-exempt dependent person within the household who does not have health coverage in 2014. That fee will rise to \$325/person in 2015 and \$695/person in 2016!

Don't wait! If you don't do anything, you'll pay the penalty!

Isleta Social Services Advisory Committee Members Wanted

Isleta Social Services invites Isleta Tribal Members who reside in Isleta Pueblo to submit a Letter of Interest to sit on an Advisory Committee that will be developing Policies and Procedures for a Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program. We are looking for a total of four community members who may have some knowledge about domestic violence, intimate partner violence, teen dating violence and the multiple impacts that this creates for the victims, children and the community. We are hoping to have representation from each of the Pueblo of Isleta residential areas. Please submit your Letter of Interest to Isleta Social Services to the attention of Caroline Dailey. If you have any questions, please contact us at 869-2772.



TRIBAL ENROLLMENT/CENSUS DEPARTMENT

The Isleta Tribal Enrollment Committee (TEC) and Enrollment Staff are resolved in being responsive to the people whom it serves. The Isleta Enrollment Staff is held accountable for establishing accurate, consistent, and permanent records for its Pueblo and constituency. Many programs and services offered by the Isleta Pueblo depend on the certification processes that the Isleta Tribal Enrollment Staff implements.

Tribal Identification Cards:

DESCENDANT TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS ARE HERE!!!

On April 3, 2014, the Tribal Council approved for Identification cards to be issued to Tribal Descendants who are less than ½ Isleta and are registered with the Pueblo of Isleta for ages 10 and up. This process of issuing Descendant cards will begin **Monday, May 5, 2014.**

All Tribal Identification cards will be issued on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am – 11:30am and 1:30pm – 4:00pm. NO appointment is needed. Our office will accommodate those members and descendants that live out of state.

Reminder ALL TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE OF FIVE (5) YEARS. IF LOST OR STOLEN THERE IS A REPLACEMENT FEE OF \$10.00.**

****ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT/CENSUS OFFICE PRIOR TO RECEIVING A TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD. ****

Certificate of Verification Forms (CIB):

Tribal Certificate of Verifications for Tribal Enrolled members and Descendants may be requested at the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm.

BIA form 4432

The Tribal Enrollment/Census Office has recently had many requests for the BIA Form 4432 for Government applications. There have been a lot of changes within the Tribal Government section at BIA with Authority Signatory for certain portions of this form.

These forms may be requested through the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office in advance to application deadlines. For more information regarding this form, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (505) 563-3600.

Category A – ONLY those individuals that are members of federally recognized tribes. Signature at the tribal level **will include the Governor, Chairperson, President or, in their absence, the persons "acting" for them and familiar with the form and rules.**

Category B - Descendants of Members of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Bands, or communities who were residing on any Reservation on June 1, 1934.

- **Tribes are NOT authorized to sign off on this category.** Note that the FORM does NOT provide for tribal signature, **ONLY BIA OFFICIALS.**

Category C – Persons who possess at least one-half Degree Indian Blood Derived from Tribes Indigenous to the United States.

- **Tribes are NOT authorized to sign off on this category.** Note that the FORM does NOT provide for tribal signature, **ONLY BIA OFFICIALS.**

In order for the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office to verify census information and to provide proper documentation for Categories B and C, all personal census information needs to be updated.

Birth Certificates:

State of NM Birth Certificates may be obtained thru the Santa Fe and Albuquerque offices. A Birth Search form may be obtained at the Tribal Enrollment/Census office. Our office is willing to assist anyone in obtaining these certificates for those that are limited with transportation.

Authorization forms may be signed and notarized at the Tribal Enrollment/Census office. The cost for each certified certificate is \$10.00.

NM Vital Office Locations:

Santa Fe Office: 1105 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87502

Albuquerque Office: 2400 Wellesley Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

Death Certificates:

All death certificates are now processed through the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office. Death certificates are now submitted to the NM State Vital Office through an online process. Once the death certificate has been approved and registered with the NM State Vital Office, all certified copies requested by families will be directly mailed via Regular US Mail to the recipient listed on the application form.

All Certified Death Certificate copies are \$5.00 each with check or money order payable to: NM Vital Records Office.

Please contact the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office for any questions at (505) 869-9766.

Address Updates:

Due to a large number of returned mail, the Tribal Enrollment/Census Office would like to REMIND Everyone to please update all current addresses with our office.

Tribal Enrollment/Census Office Hours:

Mon – Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm.

For any inquiries you can reach the Tribal Enrollment/Census office at 869-9766.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA
PARTNERS IN YOUR HEALTH CARE
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR 2014
 Sponsored by: Isleta Health Center and Pueblo of Isleta Head Start

SATURDAY - JULY 12TH

ISLETA HEALTH CENTER

9:00 AM – NOON

**OFFERING ISLETA COMMUNITY MEMBERS
 A WEALTH OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

AND

EARLY DETECTION AND SCREENINGS.

*Learn What the Programs in Isleta Have to Offer
 Sign Up for Health Insurance!*

Isleta Health Center
 POI Head Start & Child Care

Win Prizes, etc.

For more information
 contact
 Stephanie @ 869-4479

Parks & Recreation

As we are approaching the summer season we are also experiencing many special events taking place at our Parks & Recreation facilities. April 2014 was by no means an exception. On Thursday, April 10th we assisted our San Augustine Church with transportation services on our vans to Santa Fe, New Mexico for a religious outing and service (Chrism) with our Archbishop Michael Sheehan. On Friday, April 11th, we were the host site for the Los Lunas/Valencia High Schools Pow-Wow in our gymnasium. The very next day we changed gears and were the host site for Social Services Annual Child Abuse Awareness Parade and barbecue. Then the week of April 14th through 18th we hosted Spring Break activities for our children from our Isleta Elementary School. Also on Thursday, April 17th we assisted the Social Services Department with the Child Abuse Fun Walk/Run over at Cottonwood with the Emcee duties. On Saturday, April 19th we hosted our Annual Easter Egg Hunt with over 5000 eggs and several hundred children on hand for this wonderful event. On Saturday, April 26th we will be hosting the annual Bernie Jojola Memorial Run over at Big Momma Hill of which I will report on next month because of newsletter time constraints. So once again our staff was very busy with special events as well as the normal day to day operations of running our program.

St. Francis Church in Santa Fe

On Thursday, April 10th we (Antonio Garcia) assisted our San Augustine Church with the transportation services of 15 of our tribal members who went out to celebrate the Chrism Church services with Archbishop Michael Sheehan at the St. Francis

Church on the plaza in downtown Santa Fe, New Mexico. Our very own Father George, along with most of the priests from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, was on hand for this beautiful celebration. Our tribal members really enjoyed the services as well.

Summer Recreation Program

The Summer Recreation Program begins in earnest on Monday, June 2nd. Registration for the program begins on Thursday, May 1st. Registration forms can be picked up at the New Rec. facility. The 4 & 5 year old program will be at the Old Rec. Center at Pickle Heights from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Kimberly Chiwewe at 382-0208. That program has a registration limit of 25 students. The program for 6 year olds and up will be at the New Rec. Center. We start accepting children as early as 7:00 am and run until 3:00 pm. We will be picking up children from throughout the Reservation. Please call us at 869-9777 for more information about this service. The children are placed in groups according to age. The 6 & 7 year olds are together, the 8 & 9 year olds, the 10 & 11 year olds together and then the 12 year olds and up are placed together. We will be serving a cold breakfast and lunch program every day of the program. If you don't register them with the Recreation program, please place in someone's program like the Library or JOM etc., just so the children are kept busy throughout the summer. There are plenty of things for them to do without staying home in front of a television.

Los Lunas/Valencia High School Pow-Wow

Once again, we were the host site for the annual Pow-Wow for Los Lunas/Valencia High Schools held in our gymnasium on Friday, April 11th. Native American Club Coordinator and High School Counselor Ben Analla, once again were successful in putting on another beautiful event honoring our Native American High School Seniors who are scheduled to graduate in mid-May. This year, Ben Analla had 8 different drum groups and over 30 vendors displaying and selling their wares participate and several hundred students and approximately 1000 visitors and spectators make it through the event that was run from 5:00 pm through 10:30 pm. Also on hand to officially welcome all participants and honor our High School Seniors were Governor E. Paul Torres, and Lt. Governors Antonio Chewiwi and Isidor Abeita. The gym was filled with drum groups and many colorful dancers from different tribes from throughout the country. Pictured below Coordinator Ben Analla are several pictures of the many that made up this beautiful and colorful event.



(Continued Next Page)

Child Abuse Awareness Parade

On Saturday, April 12th Social Services Department headed up by Director Caroline Daily had another successful event in honor of our Pueblo of Isleta's 16th Annual Child Abuse Awareness Parade. The month of April is celebrated nationwide as Child Abuse Awareness month. This year's theme is: "Together We Journey to Promote Healthy Relationships Between Families, Children and Communities." Events included a parade through the Village proper, a barbecue with over 1000 hamburgers and hotdogs being served and over 30 different agencies who assist with child protective services throughout the surrounding communities on hand to make their services known to those attending. Once again, Governor E. Paul Torres and Lt. Governor Isidor Abeita were on hand to welcome everyone present and those agencies who participated in this worthy event. Governor Torres and Lt. Abeita also led the parade on horseback. Miss Indian New Mexico, Ashley Pino was also present to kick off this celebration of our children, who are the most vulnerable. Pictured below is a collage of pictures depicting the event with the first being of Social Services Director Caroline Daily and Nadine Waconda directing traffic as the parade was getting ready to begin.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Zoey Abeita



Anthony Lucero



Tino Abeita



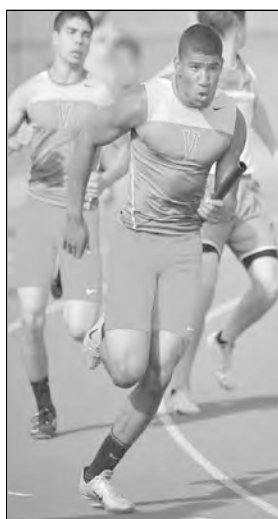
On April 19th we hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt for our children from the Pueblo of Isleta. Although the weather this particular morning was a little balmy, cold and rainy the several hundred children who were in attendance had a lot of fun and plenty of eggs to find. We had over 5000 eggs for the four different age categories. The children 3 years and under were on the T-ball baseball field, the 4,5, and 6 year old were on Field #1, the 7, 8 and 9 year olds were on the soccer field and the 10, 11, and 12 year olds were on Field #3. Each category had a golden egg in their hunt and those who found them were given a special \$25.00 gift card for local businesses. Also 4 separate Easter baskets were given in each age category for a certain number of eggs found. The Easter bunny was also on hand taking pictures with those kids and family members who cared to do so. Pictured with the Easter Bunny are the four who found the Golden Eggs, three were identified as Anthony Lucero, Tino Jojola, and Zoey Abeita, along with several pictures of children with the Easter bunny prior to hunts beginning.



Parks & Recreation/Afterschool

On April 14th through the 18th we had a number of spring break activities for our children from our Isleta Elementary School. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, this year's spring break was different for all the local schools in our surrounding communities. Needless to say, we handled both spring breaks with no problems and those children who were involved had plenty of activities to keep them busy. They also had a number special events take place.

Parks/ On a sad note, we once again had the Veteran's park at Pickle Heights Neighborhood by the Head Start building vandalized. This park has been closed since they burned the wood chips and play structure. This has caused a major inconvenience for our residents, especially those who wanted to use them for picnics on Easter Sunday. The park will remain closed until new replacement parts come in and are installed. It is far too dangerous to have anyone use the park until repairs are made. Once again, we ask all of our residents to be vigilant in watching for and reporting any suspected vandalism to our parks. This latest vandalism will set us back several thousands of dollars. Ultimately, it is costly to all tribal members because we have to spend monies from our program budget that could have been used for other worth while events. As far as this latest incident is concerned, our Isleta Police Department is investigating and has a few new leads in this case. If the culprits are caught, they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Please, help us solve this latest senseless crime. Pictured are the results of the burning of our play structure.



Joshua Burbank, (Koa-kup-too), Valencia High School All – Around Athlete

Joshua Burbank, the son of Dianna Lucero, grandson of Joe “JR” Lucero, and great-grand son of Joe (Kimo) Lucero, Sr. has been drawing a whole lot of attention not only on the athletic field, but also in the classroom. All the football running, tackling, evading tacklers, and running at almost horse-racing speed may have had a positive effect on his academics. He maintains a 4.0 GPA.

Joshua, the seventeen year old junior has excelled on the football field as an offensive and defensive back, making the 1st Team All-District as a Running Back, NM Preps All-State Running Back and 2nd Team Offense All-Metro. He has been invited to the NM Preps Elite Combine for the last three years, setting the top mark for the 40 yard run at 4.4 seconds, and had one of the top twenty-five shuttle times. He will return as a senior as one of the top running backs in rushing yards, touchdowns, and yards per carry.

Joshua has become the fastest high school athlete in the State of New Mexico. He has placed first in the State All-star meet in the 100 and 200 meters dashes at the University of New Mexico Complex. Joshua and the Jaguars competed in the Richard Harper Memorial Track Meet, the oldest and most prestigious meets in our state. The meet is an invite to the top 30 teams in the state. In this meet, once again, Josh placed first out of 70 sprinters in both the 100 and 200 meter dash, solidifying his place as the top sprinter this year in the speed events. Burbank is also part of the 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relay teams, where he anchors these events. On the track he has run the 100 meters in 10.55, which is the Valencia High School record, as well as holding the school record in the 200 meter run. And to top that off, he is a part of the record-setting 4 x 100, the 4 x 200 and the 4 x 400 relay teams. The 4 x 100 team has set the school record and is only 0.2 seconds off the state record that is 15 years old. The 4 x 200 team also holds the school record and is only 0.04 seconds off the state record. Joshua has also proven to have the range and endurance to run the 400. He is the leadoff man for the 400 meter relay, and posted the fastest split on the team. Burbank has proven to be the most complete track and field athlete the school has ever produced. Joshua has had letters of interest from the University of Montana and Texas Tech. He is looking at colleges in Texas, Arizona, Colorado and California. He wants to be far enough away from home to gain independence...but close enough, so that when he misses home, he can make a weekend home visit to watch his little brothers play football, and eat good chile and fry-bread!

The NM State Track Meet is on May 16 & 17, 2014 at UNM Complex. Joshua and the Jaguars will be there ... setting new state records. The words of VHS Track Coach Wesley Rogers, “Everyone in the state believes Joshua is the best.” Go to the state meet and watch the best !!!

Community Meeting



Greetings, The Isleta Police Department will be hosting a community meeting on March 20, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Elderly Center. The Police Department is seeking input from the community members as to problems the community is facing and how to address such problems. I will reiterate we must address these problems as a "team" and make this a safer area to call home. We have hosted two community meetings and have had 20 to 30 members in attendance, but this community is comprised of many more than 20-30 individuals. I hope to see more community members in attendance and have ideas to share on problems that you see within the community.

The community meeting on March 20, 2014 will have the Tribal Courts presenting. There are many new faces employed by the Tribal Courts, and the new judges have great ideas. The judges will present their ideas which is a proactive and positive approach. Also, I have invited the new Public Defender to introduce himself and provide a presentation.

Again, do not forget to utilize the community "Anonymous Hotline" to report any gang, drug, vandalism, or illegal activity. The telephone number is 505-264-7258, this number should not be used if police are needed immediately. When a person calls to report the activity, leave as much information so we can investigate the activity. Any information reported by anyone thru the number listed will not be disseminated.

Police Department and Community updates:

The Police Department along with tribal departments organized two community events during the holiday seasons. During the Thanksgiving Season, Detective Kathleen Lucero put together a food drive. The drive was put together in two weeks and the target number of families to feed were 10. Detective Lucero was able to feed approximately 25 families. She was able to reach this amount by asking students from the Isleta Elementary School to assist in bringing non-perishable food items to give to other community members in need. Detective Lucero asked Social Services to provide names of families who could use these food baskets.

The month of December, The Police Department and other tribal departments organized "Reaching for the Stars." This community event was targeting children who are not as fortunate as others to celebrate the season. We like to thank the Council for assisting in this endeavor along with other community members who provided food and drinks for over 100 individuals in attendance. The target number of gifts were 25, although due to the generosity of tribal employees, we were able to provide an excess of 50 gifts. I would like to thank the 3 police cadets for giving to the community by acting like Santa Claus and his Elves.

The Police Department participated with "Light the Path Memorial Walk" and enjoyed the company of well over 200 community members who participated. Many of the police officers helped with preparing and setting up the luminarias. Several officers and communication operators donated their time by serving food to the participants.

In closing, we as a department wish to see you in attendance and hopefully offer some of your ideas of problems we can address. We need the community members' input to make the community a safer place to call home, but we must do it as a "team." If there are any suggestions, feel free to contact me at 505-869-9707.

Respectfully,

Gerald S. Maestas/Captain
Isleta Police Department

Attention Isleta Irrigators

Please attend an

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

At Isleta Resort & Casino

Manzano/Sunrise Room

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Background by the Tribal Attorney
2. Water Availability Update
 - Reservoir storage report (Amount to be stored for Prior & Paramount Water)
 - Runoff projections
 - Long-term water & weather forecast
 - Operational Plans (Endangered Species Act compliance)
3. MRGCD Water Delivery and Distribution Policy including:
 - Delivery of Prior & Paramount Water this season
 - Enforcement of unlawful diversions by MRGCD users
4. Call(s) for P & P Water
5. Discussion on water situation this season
6. Questions & Answers from audience
7. Closing

INVITED GUESTS

MRGCD Board Chairman, Derrick Lente
MRGCD Board Members
MRGCD Hydrologist, David Gensler
Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager, Mike Hamman
Bureau of Indian Affairs Acting Designated Engineer, Sandra Lucero

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

Your Mayordomo
or
Michael Allen Lente, Tribal Council President

THIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING IS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Hosted by the Isleta Water Commission

The Pueblo of Isleta Public Library wants you to join our
Teen Advisory Board!



Snacks Provided!



KEEP
CALM
AND

JOIN THE
TEEN ADVISORY
BOARD



We are looking for a group of teens ages 12-17 years old to assist us in selecting books, creating teen programs, and providing us suggestions for improving our teen services and teen section of our Library. We will meet every last Wednesday of each month.

Bring your friends! :)

If you are interested please speak with Tara Abeita at the Isleta Library.

Phone Number: 505-869-9808

Facebook: www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library website: www.isletapueblo.com/library.html

From Social Services: Thank You Everyone

The Social Services department would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2014 Child Abuse Awareness events throughout the month of April, including the fair, parade, and barbeque that took place on April 12th. The event was a big hit which involved groups from the Pueblo of Isleta and the surrounding communities, as well as individuals just like you! We would like to acknowledge all the departments within the Pueblo of Isleta who participated and helped in anyway during our events. Isleta Social Services appreciates the work of the Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Planning Committee, a team that attended meetings on a bi-weekly and even weekly basis months before the activities and events. They helped organize all the parts that came together as a whole, volunteering their time and offering suggestions whenever possible. Without the hard work and dedication of this team, the event would not have been as successful as it was this year.

Isleta Social Services would like to personally thank Governor Eddie Torres Sr., 1st Lt. Antonio Chewiwi and 2nd Lt. Isidor Abeita and their families for their participation in the events. Thank you for your support and your monetary donation to support the child abuse awareness and prevention events in the month of April. Isleta Social Services would like to thank the Isleta Police Department officers and staff that protect and serve our community that have contributed their time to ensure the safety of those in all attendance at the functions. Also from the Isleta Police Department, we would like to thank Sharon Mitamura for singing the National Anthem, it was beautiful. Isleta Social Services would like to recognize Rick Giron for graciously supporting this event throughout the years. Thank you for your time, facility, support and commitment to the cause and for the recreation staff that has actively participated in these events. Isleta Social Services would like to thank and acknowledge Chip Martin, Isleta Business Cooperation, as well as Martin Abeita, Comanche Ranch, for the generous donation of the beef and processing. Isleta Social Services would like to thank Joshua Sanchez for his participation in the parade and his generous donation of Walmart Gift Cards for the grocery bingo. Isleta Social Services would like to thank the three council members, Barbara Sanchez, Philip Jiron and Juan Rey Abeita who were in attendance during the parade, barbeque and fair. Isleta Social Services would like to thank Ignacio Lujan, Avelino Zuni and Joe Lucero for serving as judges during the parade and for donating their time.

In addition to these groups, we would also like to give special acknowledgement to all the parade and fair participants. The traveling parade trophy will be shared among MIS and Survey & Mapping, the Isleta Recreation Center After School Program and the Isleta Police Department. Congratulations to all of you for providing

a special flavor and enthusiasm during our gathering! And speaking of providing a special flavor to the event, Isleta Social Services would like to recognize Mike Abeita and his drum group, Thunderknife, for providing entertainment to the fair and parade. We also recognize the contributions individuals and organizations have made to the cause over the course of the last few years. Most importantly, we appreciate all of those who took the time to connect with their fellow community members and who demonstrated how much they care about the wellbeing of children and families. Thank you for making the day an even better experience and an overall success. Earlier in the month, our department was happy to see those who participated in the Youth Forum, which provided kids, teens and their family members with the opportunity to engage in an educational and informational session pertaining to youth issues and topics, thank you Carol Lucero for the use of your classroom. In addition, Isleta Head Start and Child Care Program sponsored a family night geared toward healthy parenting, presented by Jeff Aragon from Youth Development Incorporated. Also, there was a good turnout and involvement at the department's fun walk/run, Jonelle

Jiron won the t-shirt design contest for the community t-shirts distributed at the fun walk/run and a winner who attends school at NACA won the t-shirt design contest for the committee t-shirts. Additionally, thank you Phil Cordova for the warm-up and your contributions to this event. The last event hosted, the Grocery Bingo was a success. Isleta Social Services would like to thank the Isleta Head Start and Child Care Program for providing the snacks and drinks and a basket, and the Isleta Recreation Center for providing the popcorn. Isleta Social Services would like to thank the following departments for their kind themed basket donation to the grocery bingo; Governor's Office, Isleta Police Department, Department of Education, Isleta Library, Surveying and Mapping, and Isleta Recreation Center, MIS and Isleta Truancy who donated several baskets, as well as last year's prizes for the parade winners. A special thanks to Chief Kevin Mariano and Captain Gerald Maestas with the Isleta Police Department for facilitating the grocery bingo. Last but not least, thank you to all those that participated in the planning and taking the time to be a part of these events. We hope to see all of you again at next year's events!

IBHS
COMMUNITY
GARDEN



**Isleta Behavioral Health Services Welcomes You
To Join the 5th Year of
The Community Garden:**

“Planting Party”

Join Us on Friday, May 23, 2014
Behavioral Health Services
(Isleta Health Clinic)
Time: 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
Activities: Planting, Diabetes Topics,
Farming Topics
BBQ, etc.





Come Help Plant: Corn, Squash, Beans, Melons, Chili, and Tomatoes





IBHS Community Garden is Maintained by the efforts of:
Isleta Community Members, Community Service Workers,
Collaborating Departments and IBHS Prevention Groups:

If you need more information
contact Isleta Behavioral Health
Services @ 505.869.5475



Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Greetings to you all from the Pueblo of Isleta Public Library. This month we would like to remember our loved ones who have gone and the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Blessings to you and your family. A very special Mother's Day shout out to mothers, grandmothers, aunties, sisters, and fathers who also play the mother role. Your special day is almost here and we would like to say thank you for being such a great person!

News

The Library will be opening at 12:00pm May 7th due to our monthly staff meeting. We will be discussing improvements to our library environment, preparing for our Summer Reading Program and working on ideas for programs for adults, teens, and children.

The Library will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Please take the time to remember your loved ones and the men and women who died while serving our country.

The Library will be opening late on Thursday May 29 due to library training for our Summer Reading Program, which is based around photography. Library staff will be learning how to work features on cameras as well as learning different lighting angles with the help of the staff of APT Camera Store in Albuquerque. We will acquire camera skills then teach the children in our Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading program registration will be Friday, May 16. Doors will open right at 7:00am and will remain open. Please keep in mind that registration might fill up quickly and your child will be put on a waiting list. We have 30 spots open our Youth ages 7-18 which will start on June 9th from 1:00-4:00pm. We have 20 spots for Juniors ages 3- which will start on June 16th from 9:00-12:00pm. All 3 year olds MUST be potty trained. Lunch will be provided every day thanks to the Bernalillo Summer Lunch Program. This year's Summer Reading Program will be based on Photography and Yearbook. Children will learn how to take pictures taking turns with a camera, posing for the camera, focusing, lighting angles and putting it all together to form their own Summer Reading Program Yearbook 2014. Along with learning about cameras, children will read in reading groups, do reading logs, and work on crafts with their pictures. We have also planned a special digital pen pal activity with the Laguna Library and children will get to visit them at their library. The children also have to opportunity to win prizes such as cameras, tablets, iPods, and many other selections by reading and turning in a book report. If you have any questions about our program please give us a call at 505-869-9808.

The Library staff has made some changes on our daily activities for our After School Homework Help Program and we will be following a daily schedule. We found that having the Xbox and Wii played every day was causing conflict of interest among students. We will now have the game consoles on twice a week and the other days we will plan crafts, games outside in the warm weather and movie days. A calendar

will be available for each month and will be posted at the Library. Keep a look out for Adult and Teen calendars as we plan to have programs and activities in the near future.

A reminder if you have a library fine, come to the Library and pick up a Library Punch card. For every 20 minutes of reading patrons will receive \$1 OFF Library fines. Ask a Library staff member about this special promotion which runs through JUNE for ALL AGES. Adults come take advantage of this promotion!

Upcoming

The Library has started up our Teen Library board and will be having meetings every last Wednesday of each month. The Teen Library board will be open for ages 12-17 years old. What is a Library Teen Board? It is a group of teens along with a Library Staff member who come to together to discuss how teen services can be improved at the Library. Come with suggestions about Teen Programs, Music, books and more! Snacks will be provided! Teens may also claim these hours as volunteer hours for school if needed. This will also look good on future job applications as well as learning how to voice opinions and learn organization skills. During the first few meetings we will be electing a President, Vice President and Secretary, if you have any questions please contact Tara.

We will be hosting a Mother's day craft for children on Thursday May 8th from 4:30 to 5:30pm. Children will be making a special gift for their special woman in their life. We would spill the beans about what they are making, but that won't be much of a surprise for all the women reading this right now. For more details, please call the Library and speak with Dianna.

It's almost the end of the school year and the Library would like to invite students to participate in our End of the Year Field trip to Hinkle Family Fun Center May 23rd. Students must earn 30 points doing homework or reading for 30 minutes. If your child's in Kindergarten or Pre-school they would need to be read to for 20 minutes. The first 20 students to earn all 30 points will be able to go on the field trip. Bring your child in to earn points while you read to get money off your Library fine!

College Finals are just around the corner! College students, come utilize the Library Computers, printing, Free WIFI and conference room (please call ahead to reserve). The Library would like to wish all college students good luck and don't stress out too much, it's almost the end of the semester. A shout out to our Library staff members Diane, Dianna and Cheyenne as

they take their finals! Knock them out of the park, ladies.

The Library goes through movies and cds every month and deletes ones that do not get checked out regularly by patrons or they are simply out of date. These items will be out for a money donation of \$1 or more on May 2nd from 8:00am-4:00. Come by and check out the selection of movies and music. Discs are sold as is. The Library does disc cleaning for \$2.00.

Recap

Our Library incentive field trip was attended by 7 students who earned 25 points by doing homework and reading. The students enjoyed the RIO 2 movie and Fuddruckers. Students that earned 30 points earned a snack pack that consisted of popcorn, drink and a treat. Thank you to the Department of Education and the Recreation Center for the use of their vans. Congratulations to the students that earned their way on the field trip by doing homework and reading. You all rock!

The Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Parade/Fair turned out to be a great event held by the Isleta Social Services. The Library had a booth set up handing out information on our Summer Reading Program, Library Services, Easter Pictures and Easter crafts. We handed out lanyards and backpacks to people who visited and were lucky to get one before we ran out. We also handed out \$5 OFF tokens good towards Library Fines! Thank you Isleta Social Services for such a great event and bringing awareness to this issue.

The Easter bunny hopped on his way to the Isleta Library April 14th from 2:00pm-



A quick picture with the Easter Bunny before their game!

6:00pm. We had a great crowd of children, adults and a dog; yes a dog, which came to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Children that attended were entered in our Free Easter basket giveaway. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Picture Program. He will be back again next year! Parents/Guardians don't forget to pick up your pictures here at the Library.

The Library hosted Spring Time crafts, which fell on the Isleta Elementary spring break. We hosted a variety of crafts such as ice cream sandwiches, plastic Easter egg craft, Smores, and Easter chicks made of jellybeans and furry pom-poms. Thank you to everyone who joined us and had fun creating these Easter treats.

During the same time as our crafts we hosted a Robotic Lego workshop for the students who attend Isleta Elementary School. While they were on Spring break we had a total of 7 students who were handpicked by Library staff based on good behavior while attending the Library. The students attended a 5-day workshop that consisted of building Dragsters, Bull dozers, Carousels, Ferris wheels, and catapults just to name a few with Legos and adding a motor to them to make them move. The last day of the program the students received a gift bag and a free Bricks for Kidz T-shirt. Thank you to Pat from Bricks for Kidz for making this happen for the students. They had a great time!



Students concentrating on making their Lego models.



Enjoying Free Time with Legos.



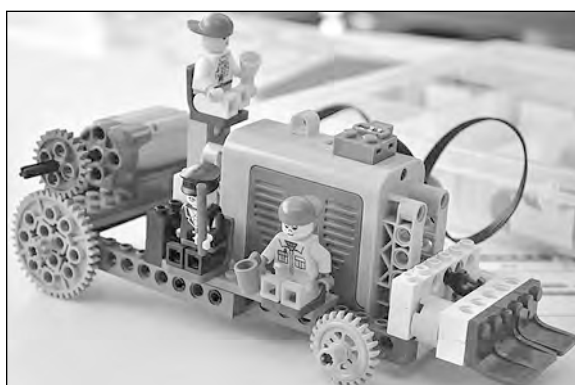
Last day of the program. Students posing with their Lego Models.



Enjoying his time making his Lego model to drive around the Library.



Getting some help from a Bricks for Kidz staff member.



A student's Lego Model ready to drive around!

Library Hours

Mon-Thurs

8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed on Sundays, all federally recognized holidays and also Isleta traditional holidays.

Please contact library for more information on closures.

Connect with us:

Website:

<http://www.isletapueblo.com/library.html>

E-mail:

poi02002@isletapueblo.com

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary>

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/poiLibrary

Isleta Pueblo News



Editor:

Ulysses Abeita

Asst. Editor:

Beverly Piro

Published By:

Valencia Express

JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM

A HUGE THANK YOU!!

Giant thank you to the families who came out and joined us for our April Family Night — Easter Treasure Hunt! The JOM Staff was so very happy to see everyone. Despite the delay and confusion, we got really positive feedback and we enjoyed ourselves very much! We hope that you all enjoyed some family movie time with the goodies you got. One lucky family won the grand prize "Golden Egg" which was filled with three board games (one for concentration and focus, one for spelling and vocabulary, and one for critical thinking and strategy), candy, popcorn, and drinks...all the essentials for a family game night! Do you have an idea for a Family Activity Night? Let us know!

WHAT'S UP?

This month has been a very busy one for the JOM Program. Staff attended the 2014 American Indian Education Conference at the beginning of the month where they gained valuable connections, learned about great summer opportunities for youth, got info on scholarships and college assistance, and even info on food services for after school or during the summer. Staff started First Aid/CPR Training and will be fully trained by the start of the summer program. We even paid a visit to the Senior Pow-Wow put on by Los Lunas School District and were able to get a few more students signed up for the Senior Banquet.

We are very happy to report that the progress on the classroom is going well. Things are getting organized and it is starting to look more like a classroom every day! Soon we will be adding the finishing touches and it will be ready for use by the start of the summer program. As far as the summer program goes, this is the first year that Mellerie and myself (Bernadette), will do the Summer Bridge Program, but with the help and guidance of Geraldine and Beverly, we know that it will be a great learning experience, not

only for the kids but for us as well. We are still working out the details of the summer program, but keep your eyes peeled and feel free to call us for more information.

Something new that we are trying out is a Facebook page for the JOM Program. The main purpose is to provide a very quick and easily accessible (since most of us have a Facebook) option for JOM information. All events, including upcoming family nights and fieldtrips, will be on the calendar for you to see and plan for. You can find the page by searching for Pueblo of Isleta Johnson-O'Malley Program and when you do find it... "like" us! This is also a great opportunity for us to reach those JOM Students who do not currently receive JOM Services because parents/students who have already liked the page can share it with their friends who might not know about us but are eligible to participate. So please, we encourage you to go like the page, share it, and help us grow our JOM Community!

UPCOMING!

May is going to be a busy month for us behind the scenes, but the main even for both the JOM Program and the Department of Education is the Senior Banquet! For all the graduating students and their parents...CONGRATS! Remember that just because you (the student) or your student (if you are a parent) are graduating, doesn't mean that your time with the Department of Education is done! The Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education is still here to help you with your educational needs. If you have any questions regarding applying for college, filling out your financial aid paperwork, what types of scholarships are available, or even about visiting a local college campus, please give us a call! Our number is 869-9810 (JOM Program) and 869-9790 (Dept. of Ed.). Again, congrats students and proud parents! Hope to see you all at the Senior Banquet!

-WIC Notes-

10 Tips for Picky Eaters

Has your preschooler refused to eat anything other than peanut butter sandwiches for the past two days? Or would your toddler rather play than eat anything at all? That is normal child behavior.

We hear from parents all the time about how they worry about what their children eat — and don't eat. However, kids will not under eat. A preschooler stomach is very small and it doesn't take much to fill them up. They get plenty of variety and nutrition in their diets over the course of a week. It's important to not force food on your child.

Until your child's food preferences mature, consider these tips for preventing mealtime battles.

1. Respect your child's appetite — or lack of one Young children tend to eat only when they're hungry. If your child isn't hungry, don't force a meal or snack. Likewise, don't bribe or force your child to clean his or her plate. This may cause you child to develop an unhealthy relationship towards food.

2. Stick to the routine

Serve meals and snacks at about the same times every day. Do not offer snacks (including beverages) for at least one hour before meals. If your child comes to the table hungry, he or she will be more motivated to eat.

3. Be patient with new foods

Young children often touch or smell new foods, and may even put tiny bits in their mouths and then take them back out again. Your child may need repeated exposure to a new food before he or she takes the first bite. Encourage your child by talking about a food's color, shape, aroma and texture — not whether it tastes good.

4. Make it fun

Cut foods into various shapes with cookie cutters. Offer breakfast foods for dinner. If your child does not want a particular food do not push it on her. Try again another day.

5. Recruit your child's help

At the grocery store, ask your child to help you select fruits, vegetables and other healthy foods. Don't buy anything that you don't want your child to eat. At home, encourage your child to help you rinse veggies, stir batter or set the table.

6. Set a good example

If you eat a variety of healthy foods, your child is more likely to follow suit.

7. Be creative

Add chopped broccoli or green peppers to spaghetti sauce, top cereal with fruit slices, or mix grated zucchini and carrots into casseroles and soups.

8. Minimize distractions

Turn off the television during meals, and don't allow books or toys at the table.

9. Don't offer dessert as a reward

Withholding dessert sends the message that dessert is the best food, which may only increase your child's desire for sweets. You might select one or two nights a week as dessert nights, and skip dessert the rest of the week — or redefine dessert as fruit, yogurt or other healthy choices.

10. Don't be a short order cook

Preparing a separate meal for your child after he or she rejects the original meal will encourage your child's picky eating. Keep serving your child healthy choices until they become familiar and preferred.

If you're concerned that picky eating is compromising your child's growth and development or if certain foods make your child ill, consult your child's doctor and talk to us here at the WIC office.

In the meantime, remember that your child's eating habits won't change overnight — but the small steps you take each day can help promote a lifetime of healthy eating.

Heidi Lanes, WIC Nutrition Coordinator

Health Beat

Health Educator, Stephanie Barela
869-4479 □ sbarela@islclinic.net

Name Changing from CHS (Contract Health Services) to PRC (Purchased/Referred Care)

The Isleta Health Center announces the approved name change for the Isleta Contract Health Services Program (CHS) to Purchased/Referred Care (PRC). This new name will **NOT** change the program, or any of the current policies, practices, and improvements.

Approval of New Name

The Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2014 signed by the President included approval of the new name Purchased/Referred Care.

If Isleta PRC is requested to pay for outside services, patients must be eligible for direct care and meet the following requirements:

- o Residency requirements
- o Enrolled Isleta Tribal Member (I-Census#)
- o Notification requirements
- o Medical Priority
- o Use of alternate resources

Frequently Asked Questions Question:

Why am I required to apply for Alternate Resources?

Answer:

PRC is the "Payor of Last Resort". Therefore, all alternate health care resources (Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance, Worker's Comp, VA Benefits, etc.) must be exhausted FIRST.

Current alternate resources are considered to be the primary payor. When an alternate resource is considered to be 100% coverage, PRC will not be responsible for any remaining balance. See 42 C.F.R. 36.61

Question:

An Isleta Health Center doctor refers me to a specialist, why am I being held responsible for the bill?

Answer:

Referrals are not a guarantee for payment. Your referral is a recommendation for treatment/test only. The PRC program must review the referral to make the determination for approval of payment. All PRC eligibility requirements must also be met. See 42 C.F.R. 136.23, 136.24 and 42 CFR 136.61.

Fast Facts

- Any medical/dental care provided at Isleta Health Center is called Direct Care.
- The PRC Program is for purchased medical care provided outside of the Isleta Health Center.
- PRC is not an entitlement program and an Isleta Health Center referral DOES NOT imply the care will be PAID for by PRC.

For questions, please contact Jenny Davis, PRC Manager (505)869-4488

Isleta Pharmacy Changes

The Pharmacy staff would like to inform the community of some recent changes in our work flow concerning prescription drop off and pick up. The first window is for the drop off of prescriptions and the second window is designated for the pick up of medication only. Signs have been ordered and will arrive soon, please bear with us in the meantime. We expect these changes to benefit our patients by decreasing wait time.

It has also come to our attention that some patients are receiving letters from their insurance companies regarding their medication(s). The letter states that the patient's insurance company has provided them with a temporary supply of medication because the drug is either not included on the insurance company's list of covered drugs, also referred to as their formulary, or there are limitations on the drug. The letter also stresses that the insurance company will only provide the patient with a 30 day supply. We understand your concern and would like to reassure you that there will not be an interruption in the supply of your medication as long as the medication is filled at our pharmacy. Please be aware that your physician also receives a copy of this letter. If any issues need to be resolved, the pharmacy has designated a staff member to address these concerns and will contact your insurance company on your behalf if needed. If you have any questions regarding your medication please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank you,
Pharmacy Staff

3 out of 4 Child Safety Seats Are Used Incorrectly.

Could yours be one of them?



Have your child safety seat or booster seat inspected for recalls, broken parts, improper installation, and appropriateness for your child. Learn the child restraint law in New Mexico. There is no charge for this service.

Isleta Rec Center
7 Tribal Road 64

Friday, May 30th, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
ONLY!!! CLOSING AT 11AM

For an Appointment and
for more information, please call
Frances Anchondo 869-4482
Stephanie Barela 869-4479



New Mexico DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

SAFER
New Mexico Now

Invitation Announcement

Pueblo of Isleta Head Start & Child Care Center

The Isleta Head Start & Early Head Start programs invite you to join our family by completing an application for the upcoming 2014-2015 program year.

Mission: To develop the whole child in all comprehensive areas reflecting the traditional Isleta culture and language. A safe, positive, healthy, and family-centered environment is supported with: a highly competent staff; parental enrichment and enhancement of their child's education; a structured developmentally appropriate learning environment; strengthened community collaboration; & sustained stakeholder communications.

Options for you and your child:

Head Start - 3 to 5 years old

A 6-hour, 5 day-a-week program. Classrooms are equipped with hands-on, age appropriate materials and qualified teachers.

Early Head Start- Prenatal to 3 years (3 options to choose from)

1. Home Based for Pregnant Mothers: Home visits from a Home Visitor who brings information and materials about pregnancy & child development.
2. Home Based for Parent & Child Birth to 3 years: Weekly 90-minute home visits from a Home Visitor who provides information and materials about parenting and child development. Bi-weekly Socialization activities in a group setting (i.e. fun walks, field trips, child development, & more).
3. Classrooms ages 3 months to 3 years: A 6-hour, 5 day-a-week program. Classrooms are equipped with hands on, age appropriate materials and qualified teachers.

We invite you to come in and fill out an application:

Call to schedule an appointment to apply.

You need to bring ALL of the following:

- ✓ **Tribal Identification w/CIB #** (required if residence is outside of the Isleta Reservation)
- ✓ **Proof of Residency** to ensure your residence is within the Program's service area (New Mexico Driver's License, Utility Bill, Government/Tribal ID)
- ✓ **Proof of income for previous 12 months** (Such as: Public Assistance Award Letter, 2013 tax forms, W-2, paystubs, etc.)
- ✓ **Proof of Child's Birth** (State issued birth certificate, CIB Letter, Baptismal Certificate)
- ✓ **A copy of your child's IFSP/IEP** (if applicable)
- ✓ **For Prenatal option, Pregnant Mothers need to provide proof of pregnancy**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at **869-9796**. We look forward to working together with you and your family to make your child's learning fun and successful!



Thinking About Quitting

90 minute support session to increase your motivation to quit smoking whether you are ready to quit or not ready to quit.



You will receive (free):

- The Guide to Help You Quit Smoking – your own personal workbook
- Help in identifying your barriers to quitting commercial tobacco
- Help in identifying your personal motivations for quitting
- Pack Tracks to identify the kind of commercial tobacco smoker you are

Topics Covered include:

1. Am I ready to quiton a scale of 1-to-5?
2. How addicted am I to nicotine?
3. Using over-the-counter (OTC) Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
4. Free NRT & assistance @ Quit Line 1-800-QuitNow or enroll at QuitNowNM.com
5. Pros and Cons of Quitting Smoking... Identifying Barriers and Motivators
6. Closing Backdoors
7. Introduction to The Guide to Help you Quit Smoking
8. Pre-view of Pack Tracks – using them to cut back before Quit Day
9. Preparing a Quit Kit – tool for surviving the first two weeks after quitting
10. Using a Calendar to reward yourself (optional)
11. Dealing with Losing your Best Friend the Cigarette
12. How to support your friend or family member who is Thinking About Quitting
13. Other tools to help you quit: Freedom From Smoking® Online at www.ffsonline.org

Call Stephanie, Health Educator
@ 869-4479 to Sign Up
Isleta Health Center

2014 ICES Schedule

Isleta Cancer Education & Support 2nd Tuesday of the Month

10:30 - Noon at the Isleta Health Center (unless otherwise noted)

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
5/13/2014	Newly Diagnosed and People Living Through Cancer <u>In Health Center Kitchen</u>	Julie Hughes	People Living Through Cancer
6/10/2014	Evening Session 6-7:30pm 3 Time Breast Cancer survivor	Wynona Holton	
7/8/2014	Finding the Best Cancer Treatment	Dr. Naraev	New Mexico Cancer Center
8/12/2014	Prostate Seed Implantation	Dr. Guo	New Mexico Cancer Center
9/9/2014	Evening Session 6-7:30pm “Cancer Treatment: How to make informed choices about standard care and clinical trials.” DINNER SERVED	<i>BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH</i> Meeting in the Kitchen at the Isleta Health Center	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
10/14/2014	Prevention	Joseph Toledo	Jemez Pueblo
11/11/2014	Canceled due to Veteran's Day		
12/9/2014	X-Mas Party/ Survivor Panel		
Topics are Subject to Change. CONTACT Stephanie Barela to Sign Up and to Learn More 869-4479			

REDUCE YOUR RISK

Get Smart. Get Fit. Get Checked.

Isleta Health Center Health Educator:
Stephanie Barela 869-4479
(Information from the "Guide to Preventable Cancers")

The key to leading a long healthy life is to get smart, get fit and get checked! We can all play a part in reducing our risk for cancer by choosing a healthy lifestyle that avoids commercial tobacco and includes healthy food choices, exercise, and protection against too much sun, moderate alcohol consumption and regular cancer screenings. Learn about ways to PREVENT OR REDUCE YOUR RISK FOR CANCER in this section in the Newsletter and come to the Isleta Cancer Education and Support Meeting, which are the 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 10:30-noon at the Isleta Health Center.

PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate Cancer is the MOST COMMON cancer in American Indian/Alaska Native men and it is the 2nd leading cause of death for Native men (after lung cancer). Most prostate cancers are diagnosed in men over the age of 65. As a group, the rate of prostate cancer is lower in NI/AN men than among white men.

RISK FACTORS

- All men over age 50
- Men with a family history of prostate cancer. If you have a father or brother with prostate cancer, your risk is more than doubled.
- African American males have the highest risk of developing prostate cancer.

RISK REDUCUTION AND EARLY DETECTION

- Eat foods containing lycopene: tomatoes, tomato products, red grapefruit, watermelon or apricots.
- Eat foods containing selenium: light tuna, cod, beef, oatmeal or whole wheat bread.

- Watch your intake of calcium: diets high in calcium may increase your risk.
- Talk to your health care professional about screening. Some experts encourage men at average risk to have these tests annually, beginning at age 50.
- PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test.
- DRE (digital rectal examination)

SYMPTOMS

- Urinary Problems (not being able to urinate, having trouble starting or stopping urine flow, having a weak or interrupted urine flow, feeling pain or a burning sensation while urinating).
- Blood in the urine
- Painful or difficult erection
- Pain in low back, pelvis or upper thighs (urinary symptoms may also be caused by other health problems, including an enlarged prostate or benign prostatic hyperplasia)

TREATMENT

Treatment options vary, depending on the stage of the cancer and other medical conditions of the individual.

- Surgery, radiation or hormone therapy (sometimes there is a combination of those)

**SUPPORT THE HEALTH OF YOUR FAMILY
EDUCATE YOURSELF ON CANCER AND
REDUCE YOUR RISK**

step into
SUMMER

\$10 off a new pair of Sandals or a Wellness Pedicure!

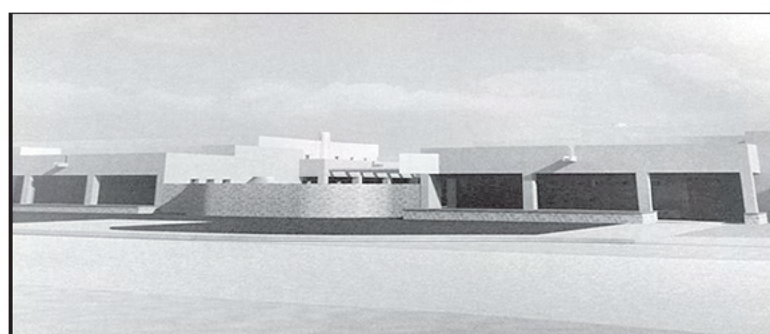
Purchase your new pair of sandals at
Enchantment Gifts and receive \$10 off a
Wellness Pedicure at The Spa
or
Purchase a Wellness Pedicure at The Spa
and receive \$10 off a new pair of
sandals at Enchantment Gifts!

The Spa the VAULT

Cannot be combined with any other offers, promotions, or discounts. Must present receipt from purchasing venue to receive discount in partnering venue. Only one discount per guest. Management has the right to cancel or modify this promotion at anytime. Offer valid May 1 - July 31 or while supplies last.

LIKE US ON FOLLOW US ON
f t

ISLETA
resort • casino



Assisted Living Facility General Community Meeting

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014
6:00 pm
Elderly Center Kiva Room**

Topic

**Type of Services
&
Project Update**

Refreshments to be served

Isleta Health Center Calendar

Questions? Call 869-3200

May 2014

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
				1 Women's Path to Recovery: 1-2:30pm @ BHS. Str8 Rez: 4:30-6pm @ BHS. Grief Group: 1-2:30pm @ BHS.	2 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS.	3
4	5 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS. Young Leaders Youth Krew: 4:30-6:30p @ BHS.	6 Behavioral Health Women's Group: 10-11am @ BHS. Adult Wellness: 5-6pm @ BHS. Isleta Cancer Education & Support (ICES): 10:30-12pm @ Health Center in Kitchen. Acu-Detox: 1-2pm @ BHS.	7 Parent Group: 9-11am @ BHS. Anger Management Skills: 1-3pm @ BHS.	8 Women's Path to Recovery: 1-2:30 pm @ BHS. Str8 Rez: 4:30-6pm @ BHS. Grief Group: 1-2:30pm @ BHS. I.D.O.P.A.G. Group Meeting: 1-2pm, Health Center — large conference	9 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS.	10
11	12 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS. Young Leaders Youth Krew: 4:30-6:30p @ BHS.	13 Behavioral Health Women's Group: 10-11am @ BHS. Adult Wellness: 5-6pm @ BHS. Acu-Detox: 1-2pm @ BHS.	14 Parent Group: 9-11a @ BHS. Anger Management Skills: 1-3pm @ BHS.	15 Women's Path to Recovery: 1-2:30pm. Str8 Rez: 4:30-6pm @ BHS. Grief Group: 1-2:30pm @ BHS.	16 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS.	17
18	19 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS. Young Leaders Youth Krew: 4:30-6:30 p @ BHS.	20 Behavioral Health Women's Group: 10-11am @ BHS. Acu-Detox: 1-2pm @ BHS. Adult Wellness: 5-6pm @ BHS.	21 Parent Group: 9-11am @ BHS. Anger Management Skills: 1-3pm @ BHS.	22 Women's Path to Recovery: 1-2:30pm @ BHS. Str8 Rez: 4:30-6pm @ BHS. Grief Group: 1-2:30pm @ BHS.	23 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS.	24
25	26 Early Recovery Skills: 9-11am @ BHS. Young Leaders Youth Krew: 4:30-6:30pm @ BHS.	27 Behavioral Health Women's Group: 10-11am @ BHS. Adult Wellness: 5-6pm @ BHS. Acu-Detox: 1-2pm @ BHS.	28 Parent Group: 9-11am @ BHS. Anger Management Skills: 1-3pm @ BHS.	29 Women's Path to Recovery: 1-2:30pm @ BHS. Str8 Rez: 4:30-6pm @ BHS. Grief Group: 1-2:30pm @ BHS.	30. CAR SEAT CLINIC @ Isleta Rec Center 9am-11am For an appointment and more info, call 869-4479 or 869-4482. Early Recovery Skills: 9-	31



Freedom From Smoking

NEED HELP STOPPING SMOKING?

SIGN UP FOR
THE ISLETA HEALTH CENTER'S

Freedom From Smoking PROGRAM NOW!

GROUPS ARE SCHEDULED USUALLY TWICE A YEAR.

SIGN UP NOW TO GET A GROUP STARTED!

97% OF THE PARTICIPANTS THAT ATTENDED
EVERY SCHEDULED SESSION QUIT SMOKING!!



Weekly Prizes!

→ Nicotine Replacement Therapy for those clinic patients who attend weekly sessions!

→ Get support from others that are going through the same thing.

CONTACT:

Stephanie Barela @
505-869-4479

for more information or to
reserve your spot in this class!



Sponsored by the
Isleta Health Center



Isleta Cancer Education & Support Group

Newly Diagnosed and People Living Through Cancer

Julie Hughs
People Living Through Cancer

May 13, 2014
10:30-Noon

ISLETA HEALTH CENTER
KITCHEN

SIGN IN AT REGISTRATION TABLE AND GET VISITOR'S BADGE

Please join us!



Everyone welcome!

Please contact Stephanie Barela @ 869-4479 if you have questions.