



# Isleta Pueblo News

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## From the Desk of Governor Frank Lujan

August is ending and with it comes our annual St. Augustine Feast day followed by the St. Augustinito Feast in September. We all look forward to these celebrations as we continue to honor our patron Saint, St. Augustine. We now have full use of our church again and this year's feast will begin a new era. Let's all come together and celebrate, enjoy, and continue on with our traditional ways.

Let me back up a bit to July 30, the date on which I delivered the State of the Pueblo Address. We issued a Special Edition of the Newsletter and printed the speech in its entirety. For those you who would like a copy of the speech, you may pick up a copy at our office. We still have a few available.

I just want to once again give a big THANK YOU to all of you who volunteered to make the The St. Augustine Re-Dedication a huge success. It was estimated that over 1000 people attended. A special thank you to Ms. Shirley Zuni and my staff, Carmella, Elaine, and Laura, the St. Augustine Restoration Committee, and all others who all orchestrated the re-dedication event. What a huge success as evidenced by the stories published in the Albuquerque Journal and the Valencia County News. I found out that the evening news in Los Angeles also reported this event. Awesome.

On August 25, 2011, we received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs their approval of the revised Residence Ordinance enacted by the Tribal Council on July 5, 2011. What this means is that we will now begin enforcing the Ordinance. My Lieutenants, my staff and I will develop a process to make it easy and least stressful as possible. The applications are for permission to reside and consent to continue to reside. As was requested during the community meeting, and I agreed, a meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible to provide you with additional information as we move forward. We will post date, time, and location. Please be patient with us.

Lt. Torres, Vice President Joseph Lucero, Sec. Barbara Sanchez, Councilwomen Regina Zuni and I will be attending the State - Tribal Summit at Buffalo Thunder on Monday, August 29, 2011, meeting with Governor Susana Martinez along with other Governors, Presidents, and Chairmen of other Pueblos, Nations, and Tribes to present to Governor Martinez issues pertaining to

the Pueblos, Nations and Tribes. This meeting is pursuant to the enactment of the State-Tribal Collaboration Act signed by then Governor Bill Richardson. It is intended to strengthen government to government relationships with tribal governments. We intend to present to Governor Martinez our issues relating to water, economic development, health, and education. We were to provide four topics however. We will include and ask the State to maintain the Tribal Infrastructure Fund, and the Capitol Improvement Project funds. This is where we get assistance for projects we are undertaking, for example, the Long Term Care Facility. We want to use this meeting for us to introduce ourselves to her and her cabinet secretaries to further and establish a meaningful working relationship with the State. I am looking forward to this meeting.

The Tribal Council approved a Per Capita distribution of \$1,200. The date is October 4, 2011, one day only. The date has been moved up to help with school children in need of school supplies and clothes and other needs you may have. In addition, we made a recommendation and the Tribal Council approved a one time 5% Cost of Living Payment for Pueblo of Isleta employees except for those who are in elected, appointed and employees who do not qualify as a result of their employment status, however. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the council as employees have not seen any pay adjustments for quite some time. We are experiencing economic hardships and this will help some with your needs. Thank you to the employees. Know that you are appreciated.

In closing, this is the best time of year for me. Chiles are roasting, football will start, hunting, and other fall and winter activities. School has started and I know the summer went by so quick. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and now look forward to this school year. As always, we are here to help you the students and the parents in any way we can. Call my office or call the other departments should you need assistance. Do not be shy and PLEASE stay in school. You are preparing yourself for your future, preparing yourselves for a career, and setting your sights for a bright future. But mainly have FUN. I've got to say this with no disrespect to other schools, "GO TIGERS".

## Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority

The Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority is accepting applications for the Home Improvement Program (HIP) for safety or sanitation repairs, renovations, and replacement of a home for substandard dwellings. Applications are available at the Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority Office. After submission of the application with all required documentations it will be determined if you meet the "eligible" criteria for the HIP Program. The deadline to submit application has been extended to December 15, 2011.

Documentation required with the application:

1. Copy of C.I.B. (Certificate of Indian Blood)
2. Proof of Income (Last year's Tax Return, SSI Award Letter, etc.)
3. Most Important: Proof of ownership to either the existing home and/or land.
4. Provide documentation if the applicant is stating family member has disability or is handicap (Letter from a "Doctor", Veterans' Administration, or Social Security, etc.)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Bernadette Lente, Program Manager at (505) 869-4153 Ext. 373.

### HEALTH BEAT

#### MAKE YOUR CHILD SAFER, GET YOUR CAR SEAT CHECKED!!

Isleta Health Center Health Educator,  
Stephanie Barela, 869-4479

THANK YOU to all the families that attended the Child Safety Seat Clinic on August 12, 2011 from 1-3pm at the Isleta Health Center. In total there were 38 child safety seats checked. Of those 27 were incorrectly used (71%) and Only eight of the car seats were correctly installed (21%). This shows how easy it is to incorrectly install your child's safety seat!!

**MAKE YOUR CHILD SAFER  
AND SCHEDULE AN  
Appointment for a  
CAR SEAT CHECK TODAY!! CALL  
869-4482 or 869-4479.**



## St. Augustine Church Rededicated — Thank You!

Submitted by Alan Cherino,  
Church Preservation Committee Co-Chair

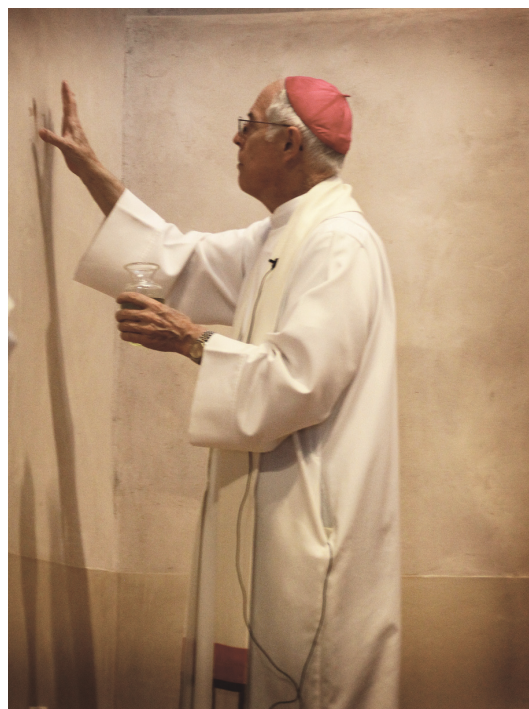
The Rededication event of the St. Augustine Church was a huge success! We estimate that approximately 1100 people attended the event. This was a historic event for the Pueblo of Isleta. Just think, when will our people ever restore the church again of this magnitude and rededicate it as a place of worship? Maintenance work and improvements will come in future years, but a complete restoration? Probably not for another 150 years or more!

The Church tells a story of our people since the arrival of the Spaniards. What they were looking for and the difficult relationship among the Pueblo and Spanish people in these early years of the New World have been told over and over by many historians. I won't go into that but I will say that what the Spaniards left behind was a legacy of worship that our People have not only adopted but have also integrated into our Pueblo lives. So while the church tells us some of our history, we have also become part of its history by being part of the Isleta community who saw the Church's Restoration and Rededication event come alive!

Planning the Rededication event for August 13 was a huge endeavor that took several weeks of planning and coordination. Archbishop Michael Sheehan was very pleased with the day's events and quite proud of Isleta's efforts to restore the church. Following the Rededication Mass, our traditional Isleta fiesta meal was served to the public along with several Native dance performances, and a running slide show of the church's restoration. Thank you to all who helped plan, contribute, and work the day's activities!

With respect to the Rededication Planning Committee, I want to thank Governor Lujan and his Lt. Governors, their Tribal Administration staff, Police Chief Alvarez and his staff of officers, Fr. George and the St. Augustine Parish Community, the St. Augustine Choir, and Sara Zuni for her beautiful photography! Thank you very much for all your time, your effort, your hard work, your dedication, and your contributions. And a huge THANK YOU to Shirley Zuni and her assistants who worked very hard and long hours keeping the rest of us on track and coordinated to deliver such a beautiful Rededication Mass and a day of celebration.

There were many people involved in restoring the church. Several key individuals and committees were acknowledged during the Rededication Mass. However, we neglected to acknowledge some of our own Isleta people who were hired as part of the contractor's restoration crew. I'm glad that some of our people were given an opportunity to actually work and rebuild the church. Individuals who actually worked on the church "hands-on" were Jose Olguin, David Trujillo,



Nathan Jiron, Dominic Jojola, Derek Jojola, Charles Zuni and Ronald Olguin. You guys did an outstanding job! Thank you!

Thank you to the Isleta Tribal Administration — past and present. Our Tribal Governors and the Tribal Council have always been supportive of our efforts and endeavor to see this project to the end.

I also want to thank the Restoration Planning Committee which was comprised of the project manager, Neil Carter, Ed and Jess Crocker (restoration contractor), the Tribal Planning Office, the Tribal Procurement Office, the Culture Committee, and the Church Preservation Committee. The Planning Committee met bi-monthly throughout the entire project duration.

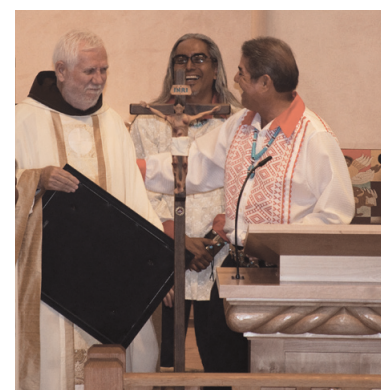
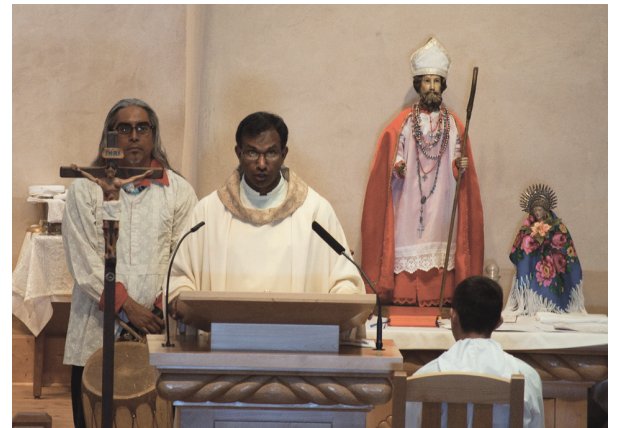
We discussed and evaluated options and made some tough decisions along the way — all with good intentions in mind. I am personally grateful for the Cultural Committee's participation and input in these meetings. Their advice and guidance was valuable. Thank you!

And finally, I am very grateful for my Church Preservation Committee who came together in 2004 with a vision to save St. Augustine from a future catastrophe of falling. We did not know whether the church would fall and if it were to happen, we could not predict when. However, take note of the more recent tragedies of several churches in New Mexico that have fallen and had to be closed until they can be restored. Some are being restored now and some are



still searching for restoration solutions. I'm glad we did not wait for something like to this happen to St. Augustine. I offer a special thank you to Gene Jojola (my co-chair) and Fr. Hilaire for hanging in there with me on this committee and not giving up on our vision. I'm also glad that Fr. George came along when we needed him in our committee and parish as well. Other committee members who helped along the way, at one time or another, were Cynthia Jaramillo, Ernest Jaramillo, and Dr. Ted Jojola. And, a word of thanks to Cornerstones Community Partnerships of Santa Fe, too. They got us started and helped forge our committee to understand what needed to be done.

Thank you all! May our Gracious Lord bring you many blessings!



### Congratulations to Cyrus Jiron



Cyrus Jiron, of Isleta Pueblo, caught the tagged catfish worth \$10,000!

of Isleta Pueblo for being the lucky fisherman who caught "Mudcat" he was the catfish worth \$5000.00 but since Cyrus caught him on a Wednesday that doubled the value of "Mudcat" to \$10,000.00!

Way to go Cyrus!

### Isleta Pueblo News



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## Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Happy Fiesta and Labor Day, people of the Island. I hope everyone is ready for the new football season and may your favorite football team/players have a good season. Most importantly, may your team give them Dallas Cowboys a beat down on the "Grid Iron"!

### NEWS

In last month's newsletter, the library announced that it would be taking down the shelves in preparation of moving to the new library/educational complex. Well, we still have not moved, but our shelving has been taken down and the books as well as the other library material are all boxed up. However, this does NOT mean that the library is closed; it just means our services are limited. Our computer lab is still open and we are still offering tutoring services as all schools are now in full swing of things. If Xerox copies are what you need, you are still more than welcome to come by to fulfill your needs.

Starting September 6, the library will extend its hours of service to 6:30pm for those extra hours of tutoring services and internet needs. The library will return to its normal business hours of operation when we open up the new library complex which should take place sometime in the month of September.

Overdue notices and fine notices have been sent to those patrons who still have library material out or have an outstanding account. If books are returned, fines will be waived if books are not damaged. If fines are a result of lost, damaged, or late multi-media material, please talk with the librarian about your fine to possibly work out a solution.

### UPCOMING

The library is thinking about starting a book club, but instead of using normal books, we are looking into purchasing five to ten nook colors from Barnes and Noble. This way we can introduce the interactive books, Vooks (Video Books), and other formats of books to the community. We are still discussing the digital book licenses, leasing agreements (patrons), replacement prices, and other minor things, BUT we are interested in how many community members would want to be a part of such a group. Please, come by the library, send us an email, or give us a phone call and let us know if you would be interested in being a part of a book club. Also, let us know what titles or formats of books you would like to read in the book club.

During the last week of September, the Isleta Behavioral Health will be conducting its third round of the Photo Voice Program and they will be using the library's computer lab on Tuesday evenings for six weeks. So, please plan your internet usage accordingly as the Photo Voice students will have first priority of the three Macs and three Computers with the Photoshop software. For more information pertaining to the Photo Voice Program, please contact Jennifer Padilla or Juan Rey Abeita of the Isleta Behavioral Health Department at 505.869.5487.

The next After School Homework Incentive Program will take place after we get established in the new library. So, give us a month after we open our doors in the new complex. At the moment, we have not put any thought into what we will do or offer first. Until then, please check the library's Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary) for the most recent and current news as it is updated on a weekly basis, if not daily.

### RECAP

On Friday, August 26 the library hosted the "Drop The Beat!!!" student concert in the courtyard of the current library/educational complex. The concert gave the four Isleta students in the Hip Hop Music Class an opportunity to showcase their new found musical talents to an audience of fifty to sixty people. The student performers were C-Krit, Amuze, Code-E, and Make-Up Girl collectively known as the music group MCCR. MCCR performed their three songs titled, "Get Up", "Robots", and "Why?" to a supportive crowd which cheered them on to the point where the performers became nervous, but quickly regained their composure and handled their business by rocking the mics. They even took time after their performance to hand out buttons/pins of their group photo, CDs, pose for pictures, and took the time to sign CDs for their fans. Thank you, MCCR for being the first participants of the library's Hip Hop Music Program and, with all honesty, you rocked the show and deserved all the cheers on that evening. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



*Frosted Fusion taken a moment to pose for a quick pic.*

Guest performers/opening acts for the students were the student's instructors and mentors who helped them during the six week program. They were: Savannah of Isleta, Davin "Legun" Coriz of Santo Domingo, Jimmy James & Nate Raves of Los Lunas's FameKrew, Carl "Watermelon 7" Anderson of Isleta, and Ian "DJ TyKne" Talahaftewa of Isleta. Without the help and proper guidance of these mentors the students would not have the talent or confidence to do what they did on August 26. The library and the students are VERY GRATEFUL to Ian "DJ TyKne" Talahaftewa for his time and willingness to create the six curriculum and for finding mentors with the patience and skills to work with the students. If you know any of the instructors mentioned, please Thank them for sharing their musical talents with our youth of Isleta.



*From Left to Right: Code-E, Amuze, C-Krit during the "Drop the Beat" Concert*



*Make-Up Girl ripping the Mic.*

The concert was also catered by the ladies of the company of "Frosted Fusion". They served beef sliders, chicken chimichangas, pork wonton tacos, cupcakes, virgin mojito, and ice tea to the grateful crowd. As a surprise the ladies made chocolate gold dusted BOOM Boxes for the student performers, which they loved and claimed NEVER to eat. Thank you, Frosted Fusion for great food and a surprise for the students.



Just to give you all an idea of how big this program/event was, let me give you a quick rundown of what kind of publicity the program generated in the library profession. The New Mexico Library Association (NMLA) has requested the Isleta Library and students (if permitted) would conduct a session/panel during their October Mini-Conference at the State Library in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Native American Library Special Interest Group (NALSIG) has donated their session spot to our library, if we should agree to do so. Then on the morning of the event, we received an email or a proposal to host a similar session/panel at the 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of



*Davin "Legun" Coriz do his thing for the Crowd.*

Colors in Kansas City, Missouri. When we decided to go through with this program in March, we did not have the intention to exploit the students, the library, or the pueblo. We just wanted to introduce the endless possibilities of the new Macs and its programs which the library purchased for the community members to utilize.

The Hip Hop Music Program would not have been as successful as it was if it had not been for the following people and the Departments. They are and in no particular order: Ian "DJ TyKne" Talahaftewa, the instructors (LeJohn Marquez, Davin "Legun" Coriz, Jimmy James & Nate Raves of FameKrew, and Carl "Watermelon 7" Anderson); the Library Staff; Rick Giron of the Recreation Center; the Department of Education for lending us their tents, chairs, and power for the concert; the ladies at the Procurement Office for setting up accounts and completing unexpected paperwork at moment's notice; Tribal Council for approving the library's 2011 Budget; Administration for approving our contracts; and lastly, the parents of the students who allowed their children to be a part of our program. Thank you,



*Isleta's Watermelon 7 performs "Get It On The Rez" with oldest Son.*



*Nate Raves & Jimmy James of FameKrew show Isleta how Los Lunas does it.*

#### Pueblo of Isleta Public Library Information Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 8am – 6:30pm

Friday: 8am – 4:30pm

Phone: 505.869.8119

Fax: 505.869.7690

Email: poi02002@isletapueblo.com

Web Address: [www.isletapueblo.com/library2.html](http://www.isletapueblo.com/library2.html)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary)



#### *Greetings Everyone,*

As the 2011-2012 begins, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you all. My name is JoAnn Myers and I am the new principal at Isleta Elementary. To provide you some basic background information, I am entering my 19th year in education and I have experience as a classroom teacher, a school psychologist, and a building

and district level administrator. My most recent experience in education was in the Bronx, NY where I founded a middle/high school charter school and I served as the Principal/Executive Director for the last three years. My family and I have recently relocated back to New Mexico and I am excited about the opportunity to work with the Isleta Elementary students, staff, parents, and community members.

We have four primary goals this year and they are:

1. to increase student achievement in reading, mathematics, and science as measured by the New Mexico Standards Based Assessments (NMSBAs) to 75% school wide proficiency by the end of the 2011-2012 school year;

2. to increase student proficiency on the selected priority standards for Isleta Elementary to 85% proficiency by the end of the 2011-2012 school year;
3. to increase our student daily attendance rate to 95% for the 2011-2012 school year; and
4. to increase Isleta's student enrollment to 225 students by the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

Our goals are ambitious but attainable and for those of you who have children attending Isleta, we are confident that you will see the positive impact of the attainment of these goals through your child's academic progress. Members of the community with elementary age students who do not have children attending Isleta, we are hopeful that you will see our strong focus on academics and consider our school as your school of choice for your children.

Again, I look forward to working with the students, staff, parents, and community members of Isleta. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 869-2321 or at [joann.myers@bie.edu](mailto:joann.myers@bie.edu).

**Here's to an academically prosperous  
2011-2012 school year!**



WIC NOTES

Why Babies Come Early

A baby may arrive ahead of schedule for many reasons, the most common of which is preterm labor. Preterm labor can result from infection, bleeding from the placenta, or water (amniotic fluid) that breaks too soon.

Premature refers to the birth of a baby less than 37 weeks gestation. Premature babies are not just smaller versions of full-term babies. Premature babies have medical problems. Because they are born too early, preemies weigh much less than full-term babies. They may have health problems because their organs did not have enough time to develop. Preemies need special medical care in a neonatal intensive care unit.

Despite all the advances in medicine, we cannot duplicate mother's womb, which is the best environment for your developing baby. Therefore, it's important to do everything you can to ensure a full term pregnancy. The most important thing is to get good prenatal care. The earlier the better. And never skip appointments. Skipping prenatal checkups can result in problems going undetected.

Breastfeeding is the natural way to feed all babies and this holds true for premature babies as well. Antibodies and immunity

boosters found in breast milk help all babies fight off infection. Babies who receive breast milk are six to ten times less likely to develop necrotizing enterocolitis-this is a condition primarily seen in premature babies where a portion of the bowel tissues dies.

Know the Signs of Preterm Labor

Many of the signals of premature labor are similar to symptoms that can be present in healthy pregnancies. So it is important to pay close attention to your body and do not hesitate to call your OB if you suspect there may be a problem.

Seek help if you have:

- Contractions that occur every ten minutes or less
- Change in vaginal discharge
- Pelvic pressure, or the feeling that your baby is pushing down
- Aching or dull lower-back pain
- Cramps that feel like your period or any abdominal cramps with or without diarrhea.

Heidi Lanes, WIC Nutrition Coordinator

WIC Breastfeeding Corner  
Women, Infants, and Children  
Program

Hospital practices that support breastfeeding can make a difference in helping to prevent obesity and overweight in children. Currently in the U.S., 1 in 5 preschool children is overweight. Studies have shown that with every month that a child is breastfed, their risk of becoming overweight goes down.

Babies who are **not** breastfed are at a 32% higher risk of developing childhood obesity.

About 70% of babies born to mothers in New Mexico start out breastfeeding in the hospital, but by the end of the first week of life, many infants have already received formula. Many times, mothers are given formula in 'gift bags' from the hospital. The 'gift bags' are actually a cheap way that infant formula companies advertise their expensive brands of formula. Using formula in the early weeks of breastfeeding can really decrease a mother's breast milk production. Hospital practices, such as giving out advertising bags, make it harder for mothers to breastfeed successfully. Without the support from the hospital, 1 in 3 mothers will stop breastfeeding early. In addition to not giving out formula advertising bags, hospitals can also allow 'rooming-in' during the entire hospital stay, instead of separating mother and baby. Hospitals can allow mothers to keep their newborn skin to skin after birth and postpone getting a weight and giving the newborn a bath. In Albuquerque, Presbyterian Hospital and University of NM Hospital are no longer giving formula advertising bags.

Mothers who **do not** breastfeed have a **higher risk** of breast cancer and ovarian cancers. Infants who are **not breastfed, have higher rates** of eczema, diarrhea and vomiting, type 2 diabetes, childhood obesity, and childhood cancers, as well as many other health conditions.

Source: The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding 2011

Call WIC for breastfeeding support! #924-3180



Isleta Health Center



Freedom From Smoking Clinic Program  
Group 15

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Session		Date
1	THINKING ABOUT QUITTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name Cards</li><li>• Decision Process</li></ul>	Sept 20, 2011
2	ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studying Your Habit</li><li>• Building Motivation</li><li>• "Mouseology"</li><li>• <i>If you want bupropion, you need to specify now</i></li></ul>	Sept 27, 2011
3	WANTING TO QUIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coping with Urges</li><li>• Making a Plan</li><li>• "I Quit, How to Stop Smoking"</li><li>• <i>Bupropion given this week</i></li><li>• <i>Choose a NRT product</i></li></ul>	October 4, 2011
4	***QUIT DAY*** <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patches, lozenges, gum given this week</li><li>• "Understanding the Problems of Nicotine and Tobacco Dependence."</li></ul>	October 11, 2011
5	WINNING STRATEGIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recovery and support</li></ul>	October 13, 2011
6	THE NEW YOU <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stress Management</li><li>• Weight Control</li></ul>	October 18, 2011
7	STAYING OFF <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Active Fun, Exercise</li><li>• Assertive Communication</li><li>• "The Stages of Quitting Nicotine and Tobacco"</li></ul>	October 25, 2011
8	CELEBRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relapse Prevention</li><li>• Graduation</li></ul>	November 1, 2011 Possibly at restaurant

LOCATION: ISLETA REC CENTER TIME: 5:30-7pm  
FACILITATOR: Stephanie Barela & Annette Arvizu  
PHONE: 869-4479



# Title VII Indian Education

## Los Lunas High School

Ben Analla

Welcome back all students to the 2011/2012 school year. We hope you all had a enjoyable summer vacation and are ready to start the year. Many educational activities are scheduled as we do have staff members ready to work with you. This year we have a lot of new staff members on board with a lot of new ideas. Many activities are planned for the beginning of the new year, as you will have six classes per day along with intervention and study hall scheduled. Any students that falls behind or has low grades will have the opportunity to get assistance from your teachers to help bring your low grades up to par.

The Program of Study is designed to guide high school students and parents in the Los Lunas Schools District in their selection of appropriate course work during high school. Students have the opportunity to choose from a wide selection of course offerings which are: freshman academy, small learning communities with career pathways, course prerequisites, grade level in which the course is offered, school where the course is offered and special fees. Parents/guardians are encouraged to be a major part of the course selection and registration process. The school can help and guide, but it is parents and guardian who will truly make a positive difference in their student's education.

### Classification of students

- 9th grade - Freshman - a student must be promoted to the 9th grade
- 10th grade - Sophomore - a student must have earned at least 6 credits
- 11th grade - Juniors - a student must have earned at least 12 credits
- 12th grade - Seniors - a student must have earned at least 18 credits

### Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Math
- 3 credits Science (2 lab sciences)
- 3.5 credits Social Studies
  - 1 credit Economics/Gov
  - 1 credit US History
  - .5 credit NM History
- 1 credit PE
- 1 credit in one of the following; a career Cluster course, workplace readiness or a Language other than English
- 7.5 credits Electives

Students who fail to meet the credit requirements for grade advancement will remain in the same grade level the following school year. In some cases, credit deficiencies may be made up in summer school or credit recovery courses.

### Open House

September 20, 2011..6:00 pm -7:30 pm..Los Lunas High School  
September 26, 2011..6:00 pm -7:30 pm..Valencia High School

### Report card grading periods

Send Home..  
September 29, 2011  
November 9, 2011  
January 11, 2012  
February 23, 2012  
April 19, 2012  
May 30, 2012

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 26,27,28, 2011  
January 25, 26, 27, 2012

### Early Release Dates

September 7, 2011	February 1, 2012
October 5, 2011	March 9, 2012
November 2, 2011	April 4, 2012
December 7, 2011	May 2, 2012

### ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The student daily drop off area is at the swimming pool area.. Student..Do you hear ENGLAND calling?? Ms. Mayse is planning a spring break trip to GREAT BRITAIN and you are invited. Come be a world traveler and celebrate St. Patty’s day in IRELAND, buy a kilt in Scotland, and have tea in LONDON. For more information see Ms. Mayse in room E-1..Hurry the world is waiting!!!

Sign up for the 2011/2012 Los Lunas Native American Club. If you are interested in running for a club officer, please sign up and be ready to present in writing and a speech to all club members as to why you will make a choice officer for the club. Yearly activities include Staff Appreciation Breakfast..College/Career day/Powwow for all 2012 Seniors/Parent/Grandparents and Staff and volunteer community work, etc  
Please see Mr. Analla.

If you are interested in joining a school team sports program, please stop by the activity sports office and pick up the information.

### JOIN THE ART CLUB.

Are you interested in strengthening your college resume? Do you like ART? Consider joining the LLHS ART CLUB!! You don’t have to be in Art to join the Art club. You don’t even have to be good at it!! All you need is an appreciation for the arts and a desire to hang out with other like-minded people who enjoy participating in or appreciating the visual arts. Activities planned for the school year include several weekend day trips to Santa Fe to visit museums and artist studios, art-themed food and movie nights, as well as afterschool activities like wheel-throwing (pottery) and life drawing. Grab your friends and sign up outside Ms. Meier’s door ( I-4) in the Fine Arts wing!

### Title VII Indian Education Meeting

September 20th 6:00pm at the Los Lunas Teacher Resource Center..Parents/student we hope to see you at the meeting•••

Parents please make it a note to attend LLHS Open House on September 20th and visit your child (^s) classroom and talk to their teachers.

If you have any question/concerns please call or email. banalla@llschools.net

Contact at: Los Lunas High School @ 865-4646 (M-W-F)  
Valencia High School @ 565-8755 (T-Th)

## Valencia High School

It is exciting to be a senior in high school and be making plans for graduation. We also encourage our seniors to start planning for what will come after high school. This is a huge transition in the life of every person. Leaving the pre-K through grade 12 system and going on to college, vocational school, business college, technical college, on the job training, the military or other is a huge transition. Please take some time to do some planning and to talk to folks who have already gone through it. Ask them if they had it to do over, what would they do this time? It is good to seek out people who have gone down the path that you are thinking of taking and talk to them, as well as to look up topics on the internet related to your chosen field or what you are considering. Talk with your teachers and clergy about it as well.

We urge all seniors to take the ACT or the SAT if they are considering a 4 year college. Information about these college placement exams, financial aid and all the career paths mentioned above is available on our school website.

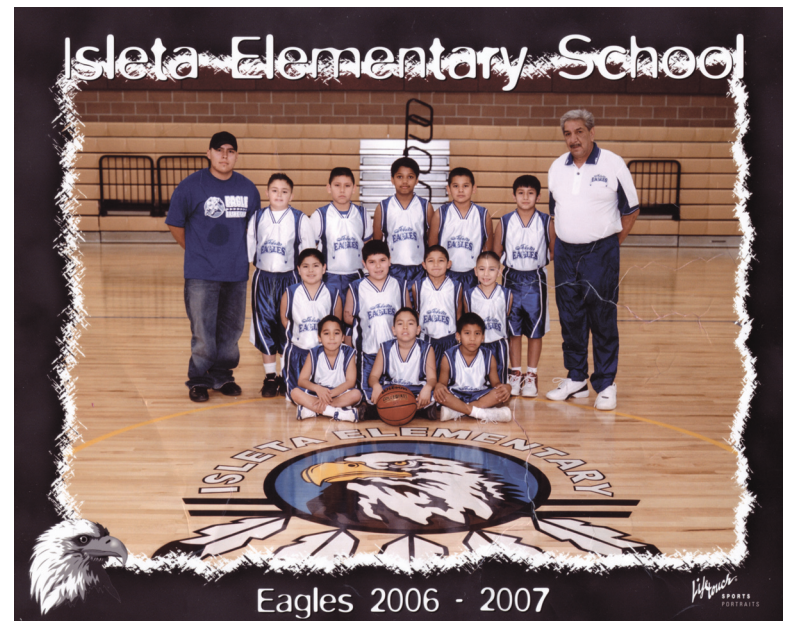
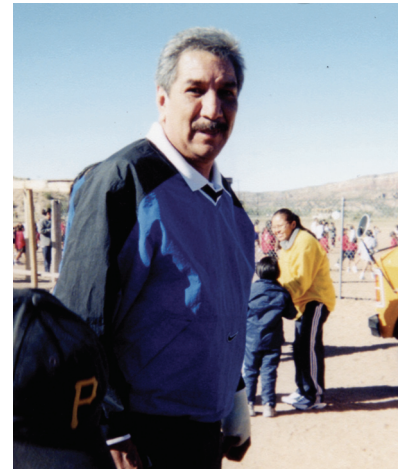
Go to the Los Lunas Public Schools website and then to the Valencia High School webpage and then click on the Counselor section on the left. More later.

*Peter Scherer, Licensed School Counselor, Valencia High School 320-412 Seniors, AP and College Readiness, AVID with Teresa Garde 565-8755 ext. 6214 pscherer@llschools.net*



## Parks & Recreation

The month of August was an extremely sad one for the Pueblo of Isleta Parks & Recreation Department with the passing of Bernie Jojola. Bernie was a long time employee of the Parks & Recreation Department as a Coach of Basketball and of Little League Baseball. He was one of the founding members involved in the formation of the Cross Roads Fun Runs held throughout many of the Reservations in our neighborhood region. He was a long time advocate of teaching the proper fundamentals of basketball and baseball and allowing the children then to realize their potential by letting them grow into the athletes that many of his students became to being. I personally had the opportunity to spend some time with him prior to his death where we spoke of the many things that he loved and enjoyed and would miss. The top of his list was his family and the love, emotions (loss of his two sons) and devotions they shared with him as they grew into the family they are today. We talked extensively about his playing baseball as a young man, his service in Vietnam and his walk from Isleta to the Santuario of Chimayo upon his return from Vietnam. He also talked extensively about him and his brothers and friends life in San Francisco, California as they went to school, work and partied in the Bay City. And last but not least, his coaching days (at the Rec. Center) as he worked with the many children (elementary) who grew up to be outstanding athletes in mid-school, high school and several who became outstanding college athletes, and last year's disappointing lost basketball season where our elementary school children didn't play competitive basketball. Although he knew all students didn't necessarily become athletes, he truly championed the idea that they should learn the fundamentals where the children wouldn't be afraid of playing because of their skills or lack of them. His love for coaching and mentoring the young children was an asset that he loved and truly possessed, and as your Director of the Isleta Parks and Recreation Department we lost an outstanding employee, a co-worker and a true friend and that will be sorely missed. God Bless You, Coach Bernie Jojola and your family, until we meet again. Pictured is Coach Bernie Jojola with the children he coached 2006-2007 Basketball Season, and the second picture was while he was involved with the Cross-Roads Fun Walk/Run Program.



### End of Summer Fun Day/ Barbecue

Because of prints deadlines I was unable get pictures in about our end of summer Fun Day/ Barbecue. As I promised last month, pictured below is a collage of pictures reflecting that last day of our summer activity program which the children, parents and employees who joined in had the opportunity to really enjoy. Activities included: Face-painting, fun jumpers, Roulette, Dunk tank, slip-n-slide, balloon toss, arts/crafts display, snow cones, cotton candy and a barbecue of hamburgers, baked beans, chips and watermelon.



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## Johnson - O'Malley Program

### Back to School No More Sleeping In!

Everyone has officially started the 2011/2012 school year! Early morning buses are a common sight around the pueblo, as well as students walking home in the afternoons. We hope that students and parents alike are making a smooth transition into the school year and, as always, please let us know if we can do anything to help and we will try our best. The remainder of the month, as well as September, is filled with Open Houses! Most run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm with a couple of exceptions. The J.O.M Staff will be attending these open houses so keep your eyes open! Attending the open houses will give us an opportunity to reach families who missed or did not know about School Supply Distribution. Please use these opportunities to speak with us if you need to.

### J.O.M Report School Supply Distribution Information

School Supply Distribution started to taper off by Friday, August 19. During the School Distribution, a total of 438 students received supplies from the J.O.M Program. Approximately 361 of those students are from the Los Lunas School District. This is amazing since it means 61.8% of LL Schools Native Students were served by the J.O.M Program! So far, we have given out 12 TI-83 calculators and will be ordering more. If your student still needs a calculator, please bring in your forms so we have a better idea of how many to order.

Release of Information waivers were also counted and over 90% of parents at some schools gave the J.O.M Program the okay to access student information, if needed. Remember, we will never pull grades or any other student information without letting you know FIRST. We have not yet finished counting all the waivers, but should have the rest of the information at the Parent Meeting on Wednesday, as well as the Needs Assessment results.

I have tested out the email list and out of 140 emails I only had 5 returned undeliverable. This is a huge improvement from previous years. Thank You!

We will continue to do individual meetings with parents who have not yet been able to come in while supplies last. Please spread the word.

### Tutoring Starting Off the Year

In the flyer I sent out recently, I accidentally stated that tutoring would be starting on Sept. 5th. This is incorrect! It completely slipped my mind that this was Labor Day and our offices will be closed. SO! Tutoring will start on Sept. 6th instead. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused. I am currently signing up students for tutoring, however, as you can see by the calendar, September is a busy month for us and we will get off to a slow start. This is

not terribly detrimental though. It will give students a chance to get used to me before we get into the nitty gritty stuff. The days and times for tutoring are:

**Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thurs** at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30. I will also have a homework help/open classroom day on **Saturdays** from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Students can feel free to come and do homework or use the computers. If you have any questions regarding tutoring please feel free to call me, Bernadette, at 924-3189.

### August Parent Meeting Info What's Crackin'?

On August 24, 2011 we held our very first parent meeting and student activity night. First off, we would like to say, "Thank You" to all the parents and students who made an effort to attend our very first event. We also appreciated parents contacting us to let us know that they would not be able to attend our meetings due to scheduling conflicts. We hope to see you at the next one!

During the J.O.M Parent Meeting, The I.E.C made an amendment to the by-laws by adding an additional two I.E.C members. There are now 7 I.E.C members for the Pueblo of Isleta J.O.M program. Two parents, who were present at the meeting, were nominated and voted in. That now brings our I.E.C member total to 6! The last spot is still vacant but can be filled at the next J.O.M Parent Meeting. If you are interested in representing parents and students by becoming an I.E.C member, please come to the next meeting. If you are interested in finding out what it means to be an I.E.C member or what duties/responsibilities come with the job, please feel free to give us a call and we will be happy to explain it.

The I.E.C also held its in-house election. Jeanette Abeita is president, Joyce Jojola, is Vice President, Odessa is the secretary, Karen Olguin and Karen Roybal are members, and there is 1 vacant position available. Joyce Jojola and Karen Olguin are our newest members. Welcome! We look forward to working with you as well as the other I.E.C members to help our Native students.

The National Johnson-O'Malley Conference is just around the corner. This year the N.J.O.M Conference is being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma and we will be taking students. The I.E.C unveiled the criteria that must be met by students who are interested in going.

Students must:

- Be J.O.M Eligible
- Enrolled in High School
- Have a GPA of 2.0
- Have good attendance and behavior
- No suspensions
- Submit an Essay no later than September 9th.

The J.O.M Program will be taking 13 students. The 5 students who were scheduled to attend last year's N.J.O.M already have

their spots saved (assuming that they still meet the criteria). Students who would like to take advantage of this opportunity will need to write and submit an essay. What does the essay have to be about, you ask? Just tell us a little about yourself, why you are interested in attending this conference, and how you think that it will benefit or assist in your education. As mentioned above, essays must be in no later than September 9th.

In addition to taking students to the N.J.O.M Conference, Geraldine and I have been selected to do a presentation. We decided to title our presentation "Empowering Parents and Students by Building Community, That's the J.O.M Way". We will give other members of the J.O.M Community an overview of the types of services we provide to our students as well as the importance of parent involvement in academic success. The N.J.O.M Conference will be held from October 16th to the 19th. We are excited to showcase our program to the rest of the nation's J.O.M Community. We will be reporting on our presentation as well as share the information gained from attending workshops with all of you at the parent meeting following our return.

Our next activity will be a day trip to Tinkertown! Tinkertown is a local attraction located in the Sandia Mountains. This is an all ages, first come first serve, event for K to 12th grade. There are 12 spaces available. Stop by or send us an email to sign up for the trip. Once we receive the permission slip your child(ren)'s spot will be saved. Remember this is all expense paid trip! We will be leaving the J.O.M Tutoring Building at 9am and return at around 4:30 pm. Again, thank you very much to all the students and parents that showed up to the parent meeting! We appreciate the increased interest and hope that we will continue to see you all. Have a great September and keep an eye out for more J.O.M Information!

Geraldine, Beverly, and Bernadette

### Pueblo of Isleta Veterans Association Meeting

The next Veterans' Association meeting will be held on  
September 21st, 2011 @  
6:30 PM. Any honorably discharged veteran may join the Association.

Refreshments will be served.  
Any Questions...call Ulysses at 307-1582.



## September 2011

### Isleta Health Center Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Survival Tips for Caregivers Isleta Cancer Education and Support 10:30- 12 at Elderly Center	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Freedom From Smoking 5:30pm at Rec Center. CALL 869-4479 to SIGN UP	21	22 Native Ways Family Program 5:30-7pm CALL 869-5475 Behavioral Health & Head Start	23	24 Car Seat Checks 2-3pm at Clinic, Call for appointment. 869-4482
25	26	27 Freedom From Smoking at 5:30 at Rec Center	28	29	30	

## Native Ways Family Program



**September 22-November 10, 2011**  
**Every Thursday for 8 weeks**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

*Parent Group*

*Child Care*

*Meals Provided*

**Isleta Behavioral Health Services**

**Phone (505) 869-5475**

**Sponsored by**

**Pueblo of Isleta Head Start/Early Head Start**

**Phone (505) 924-3160**



### IHS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOOD HANDLERS CLASSES



#### JULY-DECEMBER 2011

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
JULY 13	10:00 AM	SIPI (SOUTHWEST INDIAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE) AUDITORIUM
JULY 27	10:00 AM	JEMEZ PUEBLO INTERGENERATIONAL BUILDING
AUGUST 3	10:00 AM	ACOMA PUEBLO SKY CITY CASINO BINGO HALL
AUGUST 25	10:00 AM	ISLETA PUEBLO ELDER CENTER
SEPTEMBER 7	10:00 AM	LAGUNA PUEBLO K'AWAIKA CENTER AUDITORIUM
SEPTEMBER 28	10:00 AM	SANTA ANA PUEBLO SANTA ANA STAR CASINO
OCTOBER 5	10:00 AM	ISLETA PUEBLO HARD ROCK CASINO CONFERENCE A
OCTOBER 26	10:00 AM	LAGUNA PUEBLO K'AWAIKA CENTER AUDITORIUM
NOVEMBER 9	10:00 AM	TBD

**NO RESERVATIONS ~ CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: BOB BATES 505-248-7613  
TOM CANDELARIA 505-248-7717  
DEBRA GRABOWSKI 505-248-7614  
DEBBY CHAVEZ-BIRD 505-248-7617



**Environmental Health Services**  
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## Isleta Cancer Education & Support Group

*Education and support with a speaker scheduled for each meeting.*

**WHEN:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**

**Next Meeting is September 13, 2011**

**TIME:**

**10:30am to Noon**

**PLACE:**

**ISLETA ELDERLY CENTER**

Speaker: Shelly Chimoni, Caregiver

**“Survival tips for Caregivers &  
How to be supportive to someone dealing  
with Cancer”**

**Please join us!**



**Everyone welcome!**

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

*Do you have an E-MAIL ADDRESS?*

*Give us your address and we will email  
you when there are upcoming events  
at the Clinic.*

*E-Mail sbarela@islclinic.net or  
call 869-4479 to get signed up!!*



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Karate Program

*There is still Gold, Silver and Bronze in California.*

Karate One of Isleta team recently competed in the State Games of America, in San Diego, California. The 2011 State Games of America is a property of the National Congress of State Games. The event is a national multi-sport event that is held biennially, for athletes of all ages and skill levels. Medal winners from 45 State Games nationwide earn the right to compete against other winners and match their skills and competitive desire in a national arena. The State Games feature various sports from the Olympic and Pan American Games programs, as well as sports with regional popularity in each state.

This year the biennial event was held in various locations within San Diego, California area. The martial arts event was held on the campus of the University of San Diego in the Jenny Craig Pavilion (Gym). The Karate One of Isleta team competed in several events against 230 other competitors. The thirteen member team brought back 4 First place medals, 10 Second place medals, and 14 Third place medals in various events and age groups. Such as Sparring, Open Kata, Traditional Kata and Weapons Kata competition.

The 2013 State Games of America will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. If you would like to know more about the Pueblo of Isleta, Karate One of Isleta program or the 2013 Games, please contact Sensei Clarence Chavez, 6th degree black belt instructor for the Isleta Recreation Center at 866-4360.

**Congratulations to all of our Karate One members. You make us proud.**



Front Row: Damacio Chewiwi, David Roybal, Dominic Jojola, Marquis Cherino. Second Row: Connor Chavez, Ricky Roybal, Alaynna Loretto, Jenna Coley. Back Row: Sensei Clarence Chavez, Catherine Chavez, Briana Roybal, Benny Lente and Sensei Jimmy Yeats. Scott Gampert not pictured.

Name:	Sparring	Open Kata	Traditional Kata	Weapons Kata	
Marquis Cherino	_____	3	_____	_____	
Damacio Chewiwi	_____	_____	3	2	
Jenna Coley	2	3	3	_____	
Benny Lente	2	2	2	_____	
Alaynna Loretto	2	3	_____	_____	
Dominic Jojola	_____	3	3	_____	
David Roybal	2	1	1	1	
Connor Chavez	3	_____	_____	_____	
Ricky Roybal	_____	2	3	_____	
Catherine Chavez	3	_____	_____	3	
Briana Roybal	1	_____	3	2	
Clarence Chavez	_____	3	_____	_____	Instructor
Scott Gampert	2	_____	_____	3	

Aquatic Program

The aquatic staff has extended summer swim classes into September. All classes have limited space, so please call the pool office at 869-8557 or come by and register. Once each roster is filled, the classes are closed.

**Adult Swim Lessons** are for people 17 years of age and older. These classes are Monday through Thursday, September 19-22 and 26-29 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Child Swim Lessons** are for children ages 6 to 16. The classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday, September 12-15 and 19-22. From 5:15 pm to 6:00pm.

**Parent & Tot Classes** are for parents and their children ages 6 months to 5 years of age. Each child must be accompanied by an

adult. The parent & tot classes begin with a mandatory, one hour adult only orientation meeting on September 6 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Tots will be in the water with the adults on September 7, 8, 9, and 12, 13, 14, and 16 from 5:00 pm. to 5:20 pm.

Did you know there is an Incentive **Program for early morning and weekend fitness class participation?** If you attend 25 early morning or weekend fitness classes, you earn beautiful long sleeve t-shirt. Water Aerobics on Monday and Wednesday mornings qualify for the program. Early morning adult lap swimming on Tuesday and Thursdays also qualify for the program. Once you start working toward better fitness, we hope you don't stop! If you are interested in participating, see or call Mike Lente at the New Recreation Center.





### Team New Mexico Baseball

This year some of Isleta Pueblo's talented athletes had the honor of representing New Mexico playing baseball in the 2011 Indigenous Games in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



*Owen Eastman, son of Delores Lujan and Michael Eastman, Marcello Chavez, son of Bernard Chavez and Adela Bird, Iziah Waseta, son of Rachel Jojola and Paul Waseta.*

Marcello Chavez, Owen Eastman and Iziah Waseta played in the 14U division bringing home the Silver Medal with the team work of other talented athletes from NM tribes and the excellent coaching from Vance and Lance Aspaas, residents of Farmington.

Eugene Chavez and Ryan Lujan represented NM in the 19U division bringing home the Silver Medal also with team work and talented coaches John Romero and Mike Manuelito, residents of Jemez Pueblo.

These athletes played their best and the competition did also, but they held their heads high, win or lose, as all great athletes should. Benny Shendo, Chairperson for New Mexico, was presented with the Spirit Award for good sportsmanship, which is another great honor NM brought home.

This opportunity was a great experience for all the athletes who attended. The boys made new friends and experienced independence they will never forget. They were housed at Marquette University dormitories where they ate meals as a team creating a bond every good team needs, and attended athlete events where they were able to meet and create friendships with other Native athletes from throughout the United States. The athletes were not allowed to leave the team for any reason which they did not mind at all, only allowing the parents time with them during game times.

This experience would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work from these athletes and also the support from the parents, family, community members and local businesses. We are very grateful for Governor Lujan for having the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel and Isleta Higher Education Department sponsor these athletes. We would also like to thank the community for supporting our bake sales, car washes, food sales and raffles. Special

thanks go out to Chical Haystack (Nicky and Daisy Lucero) for allowing us to use their business for the car wash and Isleta Golf Course for their donations for the raffle. Bert Danielson, Pat Jojola, Deanna Lucero, Rudy Jojola, Anthony (Narps) Jiron, Frank (Kuptu) Jiron, Izzy Lujan, Leandra Jojola and Mark Dixon also helped with donations and their time in the food sales and fund raisers. Please forgive us if we forgot to mention anyone else that made contributions to helping this experience a success for these talented athletes. The fund raising helped make it possible for the parents to be a part of their experience and we will never forget it.



*Marcello plays catcher and 2nd base.*

The next Indigenous Games will be held in 2013 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the 14U boys are already talking about attending the tryouts and making team NM in the 16U division. These opportunities keep young athletes interested in sports and out of trouble. These athletes will continue Baseball locally and have been asked to play with other teams having more opportunities to travel because of their talent. They have already made commitments at young ages to attending long practices and to be the best athlete they can be and we as parents commit to supporting them in any way. Again we thank everyone for all the continued support.



*Owen plays pitcher, 3rd base, short stop and outfield.*



*Iziah plays pitcher and left field.*



*Team NM-19U Isleta Players  
Gene Chavez, son of Bernard Chavez and Adella Bird;  
Ryan Lujan, son of Bernadette Lente.*

### Raffle Winners

Theresa Jojola - Year Old Steer  
Norma Beltran - Year Old Lamb  
Margaret Henio - Tim McGraw tickets  
Robert Mariano - 2 Golf Passes for Isleta Eagle Golf Course  
Larry Jaramillo - \$25 Gift Card  
Dustin Chewiwi, Jr. - \$50 Sam's Gift Card  
Shay Jaramillo - \$40 Chili's Gift Card  
Michael E. Montoya - \$40 Applebee's Gift Card  
Cody Lujan - Pottery  
Grandma Lu - Matching Bracelet and Necklace  
Mark Jojola - Necklace  
Anstin Chewiwi - Necklace  
Jeremiah Lujan - Movie Gift Card  
Elaine Montoya - Beaded Pin  
Deanna Lucero - Beaded Pin

***Thanks for all your support! We are all proud of our boys!***