



# Isleta Pueblo News

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## Report from the Desk of Governor Eddie Paul Torres

Ma-Gu-Wam,

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you and your families well. 2013 has started off to be a busy year. We are working diligently to continue the unfinished projects from 2012. Some of the activity you will see will be with regard to the CCD project at Saint Augustine Church, Isleta Cemetery improvements and expansion, Sunset Hills infrastructure upgrade and Isleta Elder Care Center. We are confident that we have the expertise and consultation to see the projects through.

### All Indian Pueblo Council (AIPC)

January 31, 2013, the Nineteen New Mexico Pueblo Governors and Governor of the Pueblo of Ysleta Del Sur from Texas all convened at Santo Domingo Pueblo for the traditional blessing of governor canes. According to tribal oral history the All Indian Pueblo Council has existed for many centuries prior to the date of 1598 which appears on the AIPC logo which was the date of the first recorded meeting in Santo Domingo with the Spaniards under Governor Juan de Onate. The AIPC is a political organization that continues to be a strong political voice in Congress for Pueblo Government interests. The Nineteen Pueblo Governors all reaffirmed their commitment to Protecting and Preserving the Customs, Traditions and Values which are essential for the survival of our Pueblo people into the future. In attendance representing the Pueblo of Isleta were Governor Eddie Paul Torres, 1st Lt. Antonio Chewiwi and 2nd Lt. Isidor Abeita and members of the Isleta Tribal Council.

### Ten Southern Pueblo Governors Association

January 10, 2013, in the first meeting for 2013 of the Ten Southern Governors Association, was held in Albuquerque, NM where the Governors elected officers for 2013. Governor Myron Armijo, of Santa Ana Pueblo was elected as Chairman, Governor Eddie Paul Torres, of Isleta Pueblo was elected as Vice Chairman and Governor Vince Toya from Jemez Pueblo was elected as Secretary/Treasurer for the Ten Southern Governors association.

### American Indian Day at the State Legislature

February 1, 2013, the annual "American Indian Day" at the State Legislature was attended by Governor Eddie Paul Torres, 1st Lt. Antonio Chewiwi, 2nd Lt. Isidor Abeita, Isleta Tribal Council Members and Isleta Community Members. The 2013 theme is "Beyond the Centennial: Building Alliances — Today, Tomorrow, Together". Governor Eddie Paul Torres addressed representatives of the State Legislature on behalf of the Ten Southern Governors Association to present a tribal perspective



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on issues and concerns to legislators and the public at the session. We have submitted funding requests for approval by the NM Legislature and hope to acquire funding for the Veterans' Association building infrastructure and funding for the Sunset Hills housing development.

### Coalition of Six

#### Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos

February 7, 2013, the Coalition of Six Rio Grande Basin Pueblos consisting of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia and Isleta met on February 7, 2013 and elected officers for the Coalition. We are proud to announce that Governor Eddie Paul Torres, Isleta Pueblo, was elected as Chairman, Glenn Tenorio, Water Quality Specialist, Santo Domingo Pueblo, was elected as Vice Chairman and Ms. Ramona Montoya, POI, Natural Resources, was elected as Secretary of the Water Coalition. The Coalition was formed in the late 1920's and was originally called the Indian Irrigation Committee. The name was changed to the Coalition of Six Middle Rio Grande Basin Pueblos in 1998. The mission of the Coalition is to work collectively on irrigation and domestic water related issues affecting the Pueblos, to assess Pueblo future water needs, to develop strategies to ensure fulfillment of those needs, and to protect Indian water rights in the Middle Rio Grande Basin. Governor Torres, as chairman of the Coalition, is the presiding official at all meetings of the Coalition and serves as the Coalition's representative to the Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding irrigation water delivery and storage issues and operation, maintenance and betterment of the irrigation systems.

Soon we will be putting out meeting notices for the appointment of 2013 mayordomos for the various ditch associations. Please make certain to support the annual ditch

cleaning work and keep your account dues current as these funds are for the continued maintenance of ditches for water delivery to your fields.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support of me and my appointed officials. In working together toward positive goals, we will succeed to lay the foundation for a better place for us and our future generations to live in and cherish. Please remember that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and our Social Services and support departments are working to bring another excellent program for your participation.

Thank you. Governor E. Paul Torres

## ATTENTION ISLETA PUEBLO LOCAL ARTISTS

*The Pueblo of Isleta Planning and Development Department is seeking to promote and exhibit local artists' work to be a part of the Pueblo's future development. The goal is to have local art commissioned and incorporated into the design and construction of future projects to include some pieces of the artist's work. A commissioned artist may be asked to create a unique large-scale project of site-specific artwork that is integrated directly into the architecture of a building or landscaping. Artists may have the opportunity to work with a community-based art-selection committee to produce something unique and high-impact.*

*Artists who work with any type of media are encouraged to make an appointment with the Planning Department to discuss the type of art he/she creates and to submit a portfolio of their work. To schedule an appointment, please contact Ms. Rachel Jojola at the Planning Department at 505-869-7589.*



## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT

Report submitted by VP Joseph R. Lucero on Tribal Leaders Summit on December 3-6, 2012 in Washington, DC. The following report is a synopsis regarding his attendance of the NIGA Legislative Summit, Tribal Leaders Briefing, White House Tribal Nations Summit, Energy Development in Indian Country, Tax & Investment Reform Meeting as well as other meetings with National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, National Indian Education Association, FEMA.

### Inter-Tribal Organization Tax Initiative

December 4, 2012 Tribal Discussion Draft Document • Washington, DC

#### THE TRIBAL TAX AND INVESTMENT REFORM ACT LANGUAGE DESCRIPTIONS

##### Tribes as Sovereigns

Indian tribal governments have a unique status in our federal system under the U.S. Constitution and numerous federal laws, treaties and federal court decisions. They have a governmental structure, and have the power and responsibility to enact civil and criminal laws regulating the conduct and affairs of their members and reservations. They operate and fund courts of law, police forces, and fire departments. They provide a broad range of governmental services to their citizens, including education, transportation, public utilities, health, economic assistance, and domestic and social programs. Like states and local governments, tribal revenues are not treated as taxable income — but as the governmental revenues of a distinct sovereign. Any language must reflect these key aspects of inherent sovereignty, the federal trust relationship, and the federal policy of self-determination.

Tribal governments are requesting the disparities in tax and investment laws be improved to reflect these guiding principles.

##### Provision Descriptions

**Section 1. Short Title.** The title of the Act is the Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act.

##### Section 2. Declarations and Affirmations.

The declarations and affirmations highlight the sovereign authority of Indian tribal governments, their responsibility and authority to provide government services and develop tribal economies, and the need for tax parity.

##### Section 3. Treatment of Indian Tribes as States.

Section 3 amends Internal Revenue Code Section 7871 (which treats Indian tribal governments as states for certain federal tax purposes) with respect to: (a), governmental authority to issue tax-exempt debt (b) governmental exemptions from federal excise taxes, and (c) the classification of charities that are funded by and/or controlled by governments as public charities.

*Subsection (a) relating to Tribal Authority to Issue Tax-Exempt Debt:* This subsection repeals the special restrictions that currently apply to tribal government-issued debt, such as the essential governmental function test and the prohibition on tribal private activity bonds.

Under Section 2(a), the only special rule that would apply to tribal tax-exempt debt would be a customized formula for determining the volume cap on private activity bonds issued by Indian tribal governments. This special rule, is similar to state volume caps, but all federally recognized tribes would be treated as one State, and would then determine a national tribal bond volume cap based on the

greater of the minimum state volume cap or the total population of all such tribes (using tribal populations estimates supplied annually by the Department of Interior in consultation with the U.S. Census Bureau). The national bond cap would be allocated among the tribes under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Treasury. Other than the special calculation of volume cap, private activity bonds issued by tribal government would be subject to the same restrictions that apply to private activity bonds issued by state and local governments (including the prohibition on using such bonds to finance skyboxes, airplanes, gambling facilities, health club facilities and liquor stores). Similarly, governmental bonds issued by tribes would be subject to the same restrictions and rules applicable to state and local governmental bonds. Subsection (f) of Section 7871 (relating to Tribal Economic Development Bonds) would be expected to sunset as soon as the full \$2 billion of bonding authority provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has been fully allocated.

*Subsection (b) relating to Excise Taxes:* This subsection specifies that tribes will be treated as states for purposes of the following excises taxes that provide exemptions for state and local governments:

- Excise taxes on luxury passenger vehicles, special fuels, and heavy trucks and trailers
- Manufacturing excise taxes, including the gas guzzler tax
- Communications excise taxes
- Wagering excise taxes
- Harbor Maintenance tax
- Occupational taxes on persons in the business of wagering
- Taxes on distilled spirits, wine and beer
- Taxes on certain firearms
- Structured Settlement Factoring Tax.

The treatment of tribes like states does not mean that tribes will be exempt from all of the above excise taxes, but merely that they will have the same exemptions currently afforded to states under the Internal Revenue Code and that no special restrictions (such as the essential governmental function test) will apply to tribes where such restrictions are not imposed on states.

##### *Subsection (c) relating the Classification of Tribal Charities as Public Charities:*

This subsection treats tribal governmental funding of Section 501(c)(3) organizations as “public support” and also treats charitable organizations formed to support Indian tribal governments as public charities. In both cases, the treatment accorded to charities funded by or formed to support Indian tribes

would be the same as how other government charities are treated under current law.

*Subsection (d) relating to the Federal Legislation to Facilitate Collection of Sales Taxes on Remote Sales:* These amendments to Section 7871 are intended to ensure that tribes, as sovereign governments funded by tax revenues, will be able to participate in the imposition and collection of sales taxes under any federal scheme to facilitate, streamline or simplify the collection of sales taxes on remote sales. Like state and local governments, Indian tribal governments are becoming more and more dependent on tax revenues, including sales taxes, to supplement federal funding and other government revenue streams. It is necessary that Indian tribal governments be afforded an equal opportunity to collect taxes on Internet sales where the purchased goods are delivered to addresses within the boundaries of an Indian reservation. The amendment further clarifies that longstanding federal principles preempting the imposition of state taxes on Indian reservation transactions shall not be overridden by such federal legislation unless mechanisms are provided for tribes to share in sales tax revenues that they have the right to impose and collect, including tribal-state tax collection agreements.

##### Section 4: Treatment of Employer-Sponsored Plans of Indian Tribal Governments.

Section 4(a) would amend the Internal Revenue Code with respect to the following: (1) adding the same distribution rights for tribal and state public safety employees, (2) removing the “essential government function” and “commercial” activity tests that already do not apply to state and local plans, (3) confirming that pension plans may honor tribal court domestic relations orders that meet the same standards applied to state court orders, (4) grandfathering tribal “457” plans that otherwise comply with the Code and were established when it was not clear what plans tribes could adopt, and (5) applying the same employment tax rules for tribal deferred compensation plans that apply to state and local plans. The common theme of these Code amendments is to provide greater parity between Indian tribal plans and state and local government plans.

Section 4(b) would make conforming amendments to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) provisions of federal law relating to governmental plans.

##### Section 5. Exclusion from Income of General Welfare Program Benefits.

Section 5(a) would add a new Internal Revenue Code section (Section 139E) that would exclude payments made by an Indian tribal government to or on behalf of its members pursuant to a qualified general welfare program. Section



5(b) defines a "qualified general welfare program" as one that is (1) established by the tribe's governing authority for a social welfare or cultural preservation purpose, (b) designed to meet the needs of the tribe's members, including for education, cultural enrichment and preservation, funerary and elder assistance, recreation, housing, health care, and employment, and (c) administered by the tribal government using established criteria to ensure that benefits or assistance are provided in a consistent manner. As in the case of payments excluded under the general welfare doctrine recognized by the IRS and common law, the exclusion generally would not be applicable to amounts paid as compensation for services.

#### **Section 6. Exemption of Tribal Government Distributions from Kiddie Tax Provisions.**

Section 6 would amend Code Section 1(g) (relating to the so-called Kiddie Tax, which imposes federal income tax on the unearned income of certain minors and dependent children at their parents' rates of tax) to exempt distributions of unearned income from a federally recognized Indian tribe, including distributions from a minor's trust established by such a tribe, from such higher rates of tax. The purpose of this provision is to limit the anti-abuse rules contained in the Kiddie Tax to those instances of intergenerational income shifting to which they were meant to apply.

**Section 7. Permit Tribal Child Support Enforcement Agencies to Offset Tax Refunds and Access the Same Data Available to State and Local Child Support Enforcement.** Section 7(a) would amend Section 6402(c) of the Internal Revenue Code to permit Indian tribes or tribal organizations receiving funding under Section 455(f) of Title IV-D as child support enforcement agencies to participate in the Federal income tax refund

offset program. Section 7(b) would make a parallel amendment to Section 464 of the Social Security Act, and it would amend Section 453 of the SSA to include tribal child support enforcement agencies in the definition of an "authorized agent" so that such agencies may directly access the Federal Parent Locator Service. In order to be fully effective, tribal child support enforcement agencies need to have access to the same enforcement tools available to state and local agencies.

#### **Section 8. Financing and Investment Parity Provisions.**

Section 8 is intended to put tribes on par with states with respect to SEC registration requirements and other rules applicable to financing and investments. Section 8(a) amends section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77c(a)(2)) by treating tribal governments and their political subdivisions the same as state and local governments, which are exempted from SEC registration when they issue debt. Section 8(b) would direct the SEC to amend its regulations (specifically, Regulation D, 17 CFR 230.15) to include Indian tribes and wholly-owned tribal entities in the definition of "accredited investor" if they have non-trust assets in excess of five million dollars. Section 8(c) defines the term "non-trust asset" as an asset that is under the direct control of an Indian tribe or tribal entity, and which is not held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the tribe.

#### **Section 9. Income Derived from Cultural and Ceremonial Activities**

Section 9 amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that honorarium, gifts, stipends, or other income derived from the performance and conduct of cultural or ceremonial activities of American Indian tribes should be exempt from taxation. In recognition that maintaining and revitalizing culture and tradition is of paramount importance to each

Indian tribe and that numerous federal laws and policies provide for the protection of tribal heritage and culture, the provision recognizes the community benefit provided by those individuals who are charged with by a tribal government and responsible for carrying out community ceremonial, cultural, heritage or religious events. A similar exemption from taxation has been recognized previously in 26 U.S.C. 7873 with respect to treaty fishing rights-related activities.

#### **Section 10. Transfer of Tax Credits by Indian Tribes for Production from Renewable Resources**

Section 10 amends paragraph (3) of section 45(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that relates to the ability of tribes to utilize existing tax credits available to businesses. The ability of Indian tribes to transfer tax credits for the production of renewable energy resources not only incents tribes to become domestic energy partners, but provides tribes with the same cost of investment capital as corporations. The ability to transfer tax credits to investment partners also incents private capital flow to Indian tribal governments. An incentive is needed since there is often additional leasing and administrative hurdles that tribal governments need to navigate which clearly serves as a disincentive for private capital.

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**Isleta Head Start & Child Care**  
**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**



**For the 2013-2014 program  
year!!**

**\*\*Head Start applications for children ages 3 years (as of August 31, 2013) upto 5 years of age will be accepted starting *February 1, 2013 thru June 1, 2013.***

**\*\*Early Head Start applications for families that are prenatal up to age 3 are taken *year round.***

**\*\*The following items are *needed* to fill out an application:**

- ✓ Tribal Identification w/CIB #
- ✓ Proof of Residency  
(New Mexico Driver's License, Utility Bill, Government/Tribal ID)
- ✓ Proof of income for previous 12 months  
(Such as: Public Assistance Award Letter, 2012 tax forms, W-2's, paystubs, etc.)
- ✓ Proof of Child's Birth
- ✓ A copy of your child's IFSP/IEP (if applicable)
- ✓ For Prenatal option, Pregnant Mothers need to provide proof of pregnancy

**Please do not delay, call **869-9796** and schedule your  
application appointment today!**

### **Think your exposure to secondhand smoke doesn't put you at risk? Think again!**

Stephanie Barela

Isleta Health Center, Health Educator

*Even just a small amount of secondhand smoke can put  
you more at risk for getting lung disease (Cancer).*

Researchers from American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine did a study on the genes in cells from people's airways and found that breathing even a little cigarette smoke can affect the genes, which in turn can result in Lung Disease (Cancer). The scientists examined genes from heavy smokers and those who were exposed to only a little smoke. They saw the same type of changes in both, although the amount was less in people who breathed less smoke.

### **This is a warning for light smokers or people who breathe secondhand smoke:**

"Don't think that it's not affecting you. Your lung cells know it. They are behaving abnormally. And for some individuals who are at risk, they are more susceptible for developing lung disease", warns researcher Ronald Crystal.

Article adapted from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HealthBeat.

## Isleta Police Department IHSP Traffic Program

**Mission Statement** of our unit. It is the policy of the Isleta Police Department IHSP Traffic Unit to provide traffic enforcement duties to reduce death and injuries on the Pueblo of Isleta as a result of motor vehicle crashes. In addition to provide and increase DUI/DWI patrols and increase traffic enforcement program for all moving violations.

In plain talk our traffic unit is out patrolling the reservation on a daily basis to help our community members drive safely and provide any assistance to the community to make our roads, and highways a safer place to live. Our Traffic Officers are professional and highly trained officers and will always be courteous with all tribal members and non-members who travel through here on daily basis.

In addition you might see our Speed Sled Machine within the community, this equipment is designed to monitor the speed laws and provide our agency with data on traffic trends, i.e.; **speeding, traffic flow, and radar enforcement**. It's for your safety that is our main concern.

If our traffic unit can be of any assistance to the community, please feel free to contact me, Sgt. J. Reyes, IHSP Traffic Supervisor, at below listed numbers.

Our unit is always available to conduct safety traffic classes for schools, business, or community events.

Thank You and have a safe day . .

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### LEGAL NOTICE

A petition to probate the estate of Caroline G. Olguin deceased July 11, 1997 has been filed in tribal courts. Any person claiming interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify Isleta Tribal Court clerk within thirty days from the date of this notice posted.

## Educational Assistance

Through the Department of Education, specific guidelines have been developed to assist qualifying tribal members striving to reach high levels of district, local and state academic standards. These guidelines shall be used to provide monetary support to students and adults in need of educational assistance. Applications are available at the Department of Education.

Assistance may be provided for the following categories: (Priority will be given to category A, then B and so forth).

#### Category:

- A. Students K-12: Students who are in need of academic support, unavailable through other resources, for example: tutoring through Sylvan Learning Center or other programs.
- B. Students K-12: Students with disabilities.
- C. Students K-12: Students attending private institutions.
- D. Students K-12: Students involved in extra-curricular activities, i.e., band, chess, sports activities, science fair, etc.
- E. Group trips: To give students K-12 the opportunity to attend and explore educational programs or take education trips outside the regular classroom.
- F. Adult Education: Continuing Education, special interest classes, i.e., career development, etc.
- G. Recognized Groups: Kateri Circle, Senior/Elderly Program, etc.

## OPEN HOUSE!!

### THE ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE

ISLETA TRIBAL SERVICES COMPLEX  
3950 HIGHWAY 47 SE, JUST SOUTH OF  
HARD ROCK CASINO

**Thursday, March 21, 2013**

**Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**We are inviting the public and other Law Enforcement Agencies. Come meet our staff and tour our facility. Our IPD personnel will have demonstration/information booths set up and we will provide food and refreshments.**

- Unused medications/pharmaceuticals turn-in
- Criminal Investigations Alternate Light Source Demo
- Traffic Division booth And More!
- **See you there!**

### Turn over your unused Rx medication to the Isleta Police Department for PROPER DISPOSAL!!!

**WHEN:** Open House Night, Thursday, March 21st  
from 5:30 to 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Isleta Police Department at the New Tribal  
Complex Bldg A.  
Contact Bernadette Valencia @ 505-869-9703  
for more information.

**Studies have shown that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including those from the home medicine cabinet. Flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash both pose potential safety and health hazards.**

Preliminary Required documents for:

#### Category:

- A. Parents will need to submit a letter of request and teacher recommendations. Assistance will be provided on a need basis. Documentation from the tutoring source/ educational program will need to be submitted. The source must be accredited with the New Mexico Public Education Department. Maximum assistance allowed shall be 70% of total costs, not to exceed \$1,000.00. Sylvan learning center is an example of a recognized tutoring program.
- B. Students K-12 with disabilities may submit request for educational materials or miscellaneous needs for up to 70% of base costs, not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- C. Letter of request, official tuition & fees from the institution. Assistance shall be 30% of the base costs not to exceed \$3,000.00. Acceptance letter and tuition costs, financial statement from the institution must be submitted with the application. Number of requests allowed shall be one per school year, if granted.
- D. Letter of request with the name of activity your child is involved in and current itemized list of materials and equipment required from the school. Please indicate what costs are due to the family after fundraising. Assistance may be provided for 70% of base costs not to exceed \$500.00.
- E. Educational groups must submit all requests together: a list of participants, informational packet of the desired educational trip, actual costs broken down by travel.



## HB 376 — Native Americans in Medicaid Managed Care

By Edward Calabaza

As of Feb. 27, HB 376 was being introduced the Senate after passing through the House.

House Bill 376, which every tribe in New Mexico supports, was passed in the House on Tuesday, February 26, by a vote of 70-6. The bill was introduced by Rep. Roger Madalena of Jemez Pueblo.

The State of New Mexico has initiated its "Centennial Care" health program which requires mandatory enrollment for Medicaid recipients into Managed Care Organizations (MCO). HB 376 would allow Native Americans a choice to enroll in an MCO or "opt-out" and enroll in a "fee for service option." The bill also would allow Native Americans to enroll or disenroll in a Medicaid MCO or a Medicaid fee for service program.

New Mexico tribes support this bill because it would allow Native Americans to continue to receive health services by Indian Health Service, at tribal clinics or through urban Indian organization (I/T/U).

Isleta, through its lobbying firm, testified before two house committees that it fully supports the bill.

Under the *Affordable Care Act*, Native Americans are allowed a special enrollment period that permits the purchasing of, or changes to a qualified health insurance plan. The state's Centennial Care plan currently does not allow this option. HB 376 recognizes the federal requirement and would give Native Americans the special enrollment.

The state has contracted with MCOs before such as "Optum Health," SALUD and the COLTS program. Each program created a number of problems for Native Americans including geography, reimbursement of fees and cultural sensitivity.

Under a recent MCO plan, members of the Ramah Navajo Chapter were given an MCO that was located in Farmington, NM making it unrealistic to seek medical care more than 100 miles away.

Under the current I/C/U format, the federal government reimburses 100% of the medical services received by Native Americans at an I/T/U, like Isleta Health Clinic. The money is sent directly to the state and the state sends the money to the tribe. But when MCOs are involved, the federal government sends the money to the state which then sends it to the MCO which is supposed to send it to the tribe. This extra step has resulted in delays of payment or non-payment altogether. When this happens, the tribe has to foot the bill until payment is received.

Lastly, an MCO is generally not knowledgeable of tribal communities, customs and traditions. It has been argued that patients heal better and faster when in their own environment. Tribal health care services are coordinated through the involvement of numerous resources in the community. Their primary care providers work directly with community health representative programs, elderly services, wellness centers, etc. all located within their communities. MCOs cannot duplicate this and only serve to displace the traditional role of I/T/Us.

If the bill passes the Senate, Governor Martinez can either sign it into law or veto it and send it back to the legislature. It would take a 2/3 vote in both the House and Senate to override the veto. We will continue to monitor the bill and will have an update for you in our March newsletter.

**Pueblo of Isleta Presents the  
15th Annual Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Campaign**  
*"Together We Journey to Promote Healthy Relationships Between Families, Children, and Communities"*

You are all invited to come help us in supporting and promoting Child Abuse Awareness for the month of April with events for the whole family!



**Fun Walk & Run**  
Thursday, April 4th at 5:30pm  
At Cottonwood  
Registration information to follow



**Isleta Library Presents IXC Our version of MXC  
(Most Xtreme Challenge Elimination)**  
Tuesday, April 2nd at the Library



**Family Night at the Isleta Head start**  
April 10th at 5:30pm-6:30pm.



**T-Shirt Design Contest!**  
Bring in your creative designs and compete to get it printed on this year's Child Abuse Awareness T-Shirts.  
Deadline: February 22

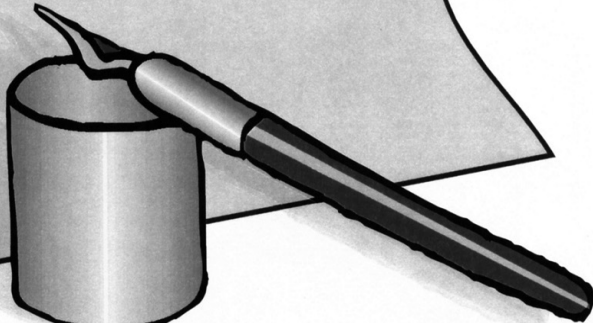


**Grocery Bingo April 16th at the Old Courthouse from 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Child Abuse Prevention/Awareness Parade & BBQ:**  
Saturday, April 20th 9am-1pm at the Recreation Center

**Sponsored by Isleta Social Services**  
**For more information: (505)-869-2772**

Nominate An Isleta Member To  
Be Educator Of The Year.  
Educator of The Year Will Be  
Honored At This Year's  
Graduation Banquet.  
Submit Bio To The Department  
Of Education By April 1, 2013  
For More Information Please  
Call 869-9790







## Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Hello People of the Island and Happy Tax Season and belated Valentine's! Hopefully, your "Shi-Heart" took good care of you...if not, well than Happy Easter!!!

### NEWS:

The Library as well as the entire Pueblo of Isleta has a new website page design thanks to the hard work and collaboration of Melanie Zuni from the MIS Department. Now, the Library's Website is easier on the eyes but more importantly easier to navigate through. Should you find the time to visit our website you will notice that there are forms for you to download (Library Card Registration & Policies), links to our Facebook, Youtube, & Online Catalog; Program Calendar; Isleta Tribal Newsletter Link; hours of operation; and current contact information. Along with the new web site comes a new url which is as follows: <http://www.isletapueblo.com/library.html>.

Since we all survived the Mayan Apocalypse, the Library is now in search for new members to serve on the Library Board and Teen Library Board. We will need a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members on each board. Members will meet a minimum of two times but no more than four times this year, for approximately two to three hours per board meeting. Members will help Librarian update Library Policies, review challenged Library Material, give input on new Library Material, help create and/or think of new programs which the community needs, and work with our Tribal Council Liaison. Should you be interested in becoming a member, please contact the Librarian at 505.869.9808. We are looking for people who actually use the library and its services, so their decision will improve our overall services to the community.

Due to the generosity of Tribal Council Member Juan Rey Abeita, the Library will be having random contests or drawings for two FREE tickets to concerts or other events taking place at our Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (soon to be Isleta Resort & Casino). The Library Staff have created some Contest Rules so every contestant has an equal opportunity at winning. We will post the rules on both our Facebook and NEW Library Website. Contest will be announced via Library Facebook ([www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary)) or during Program Events. So, be sure to like our Facebook Page so you can be in the running for some free tickets!!!

Once again the Library will be one of many host sites for the Social Service Anti-Child Abuse Awareness Program. Our event will be Tuesday, April 2 from 5pm to 6:30pm at Library Complex Parking Lot. The event is our "Isleta Library's Xtreme Challenge To Eliminate Child Abuse" where a child and parent or guardian will have to work together as a team in the five or some

challenges in hopes of winning a family theme prize at the end of the event. There will be obstacle course jumper(s) and other out of the ordinary games. See attached Program Flyer and be sure to complete a registration form so your team may start the contest right away instead of waiting in the registration line. Registration forms can be picked up at the Library, Administration Building, Library's Facebook Page, Library's website, and other willing Departments.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

With Spring Break around the corner for many schools, the Library will once again be hosting two different three day game tournaments starting Wednesday, March 13 through Friday, March 15. One game tournament will be on the Xbox 360 and the other on the Nintendo Wii U. Unfortunately, the flyers have not been created yet but they will be posted on both our Website & Facebook page as soon as they are ready. PARENTS & GUARDIANS: The game tournaments will start after Lunch so be sure to feed your child/children before sending them to the library. We might have snacks for them but a Snack is not a meal. Your child/children may bring lunch with them but they will be expected to eat in a designated area, clean up their mess, throw away ALL their trash, and be respectful to the other children's lunch box. Students who misbehave will be asked to leave and will NOT be allowed to return for the remainder of the Game Tournaments.

"The Guardians" have agreed to send the Easter Bunny to our Library on the Little Island for Easter Pictures on Thursday, March 21 from 2pm to 6pm. We decided



*Another Participant showing off his Final Products.*

to change things up a little, so instead of printing every single photo taken with the Easter Bunny we will print Group Pictures and Family Pictures. All individual pictures will be emailed to whichever email account you provide to us. The reason for the change is because many people do not come for the printed photos and we could use the money for other programs. Once you receive the photos via email, parents and guardians may download and share the photos with family members, friends, Social Networks (if that's your style). In the long run, everyone will be Happy Happy Happy!!!

This year's Easter Craft will be the making of a plush Despicable Me Minion with Easter Bunny ears. Like all the Programs in the past, supplies will be limited so be sure to get to the library early. The craft will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 & 27 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Be sure to look for Flyers within the community and Library Website & Facebook page.

### RECAP:

For Valentine's Day the Library and approximately forty-five patrons created four different Cake Pops for their special Valentine's but honestly a lot of the cake pops did not make it home or to their Valentines before being eaten. Whatever the case was, everyone had fun making a mess. I just hope all those cake pop cook books that were checked out make their way back to the library.

The first Department Homework Help Program collaboration between the Old



*A Participant in our Valentine Cake Pop Craft.*



Recreational Center and the Library has been a success in many ways, therefore we will continue on with a second collaboration program for the end of the 2012-13 school year. On Tuesday & Thursday, the Old Recreational Center would pick up those students whose Parents and Guardians gave them permission to attend the Old Rec's facility for recreation activities after they completed their homework or read at the library. Many of the students loved this new collaboration and are requesting that we keep it going. After they finished their activities, the Old Rec Staff would take the students home. This collaboration helped alleviate the overcrowding of students at the library after school and gave them some more physical activities after a long day at school. So be sure to look for our next collaborative Homework Help Incentive Field Trip Program.

If you can remember back to November, the Library held a Grocery Bingo at the Library where the proceeds were to go toward a field trip for our Elders...well they cashed that Field Trip Voucher in the month of February. So, the Library took approximately twenty Elders which consisted of both the Adult Day Care and the Congregant to Route 66 Diner for Lunch. The elders were overwhelmed and pleased the huge selection of food at the buffet. However, no matter how much or how delicious the food was it was no match for their Casino Fever. It was heartwarming to see them full of joy as they laughed and made fun of one other.

So, if you participated in our Grocery Bingo back in November at the Library, please know that Elders had so much fun due to your monetary contribution and please accept their appreciation via this newsletter paragraph.

Our Dr. Seuss Party Program which was scheduled during the last week of February was moved back a week due to the February Dances. Pictures and a friendly update about that particular program will have to wait until next month's article because by the time you get this copy of the newsletter the program will be taking place. So, if you should want to try your luck, give the

library a call and find out if the Dr. Seuss Program has already taken place.

#### Pueblo of Isleta Hours Info:

Hours of Operations:  
Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 6:30pm  
Friday: 8:00am – 4:30pm  
Saturday: 9am – 1pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

Mailing & Physical Address:  
950 Moon Light Drive SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87105  
Phone: (505) 869-9808  
Fax: (505) 869-8119  
Email: poi02002@isletapueblo.com



*Elders having Lunch at Route 66 Diner courtesy of the Library & donating Community Members.*

# Easter Pictures

Hop on into the Library to have your picture taken with The Easter Bunny on Thursday, March 21st from 2pm- 6pm

Come with a valid email address to receive a Jpeg image by Mar 25th.

Pictures WILL NOT be printed, but emailed out to parents.

For more information please feel free to contact the library @ 505.869.9808

# HAPPY EASTER!

Join the Library in our Despicable Me Easter Craft!

We will be sewing together Bunny Minions plush pillows. All supplies will be provided, but if you want to dress and personalize your minion. You are more than welcome to bring your own fabric to use.

Supplies are limited to the first 30 students. Priority to those who come together as a family.

**Tuesday, March 26th & Wednesday, March 27th**  
4:30pm—5:30pm

For questions or more information please call the Library @ 505.869.9808



## Pueblo of Isleta Higher Education Program

A sincere thank you to our students and community for your patience and understanding of several new changes taking place in the Isleta Higher Education Program.

The following topics will be discussed:

1. How a supplemental scholarship is determined in general
2. How a scholarship transitions its way from IHEP to your student account
3. What institutions you must be enrolled in to be funded from this department
4. Maximum Time Frame minimal funding
5. Descendant membership funding
6. Why it is beneficial to make an appointment with the Scholarship Assistant or Coordinator

### How a supplemental scholarship is determined :

The Federal Government designates every institution's Total Cost of Attendance/Total Standardized Expenses and determines what set amount of expenses to list for students living with their parent(s), students living on campus, students living off campus, and students with dependents. The institution's Financial Aid Department completes a Financial Needs Analysis with what Costs/Expenses the Federal Government designated and any Awarded Resources (Pell Grant, Loans, non-IHEP Scholarships, etc.).

For Example:

All independent students living off campus without dependents who are enrolled Full Time and attending Central New Mexico Community College will have the following expenses for ONE term - these expenses **DO NOT CHANGE FROM STUDENT TO STUDENT IF HE/SHE IS LIVING OFF CAMPUS AND DOES NOT HAVE DEPENDENTS**:

Expenses per Term:

Tuition & Fees:	\$192
Books/Supplies:	\$360
Room/Board:	\$4,401
Personal:	\$693
Transportation:	\$646

**TOTAL expenses per term:\$6,292**

Awarded Resources: (Theses resources **WILL CHANGE** from student to student)

Pell Grant: \$1,000  
Expected Family Contribution (EFC): \$850

**TOTAL resources per term:\$1,850**

### IHEP scholarship calculation:

Total Expenses per term - Total Resources per term = UNMET NEED  
(\$6,292) - (\$1,850) = (\$4,442)

\*\$4,442 IS the IHEP Supplemental Scholarship AMOUNT for ONE term.

\*There are numerous things this department must consider before making FINAL the ACTUAL IHEP Supplemental Scholarship amount. For example:

• Is this student making satisfactory academic progress according to CNM standards?

• Is this student taking ONLY the classes he/she NEEDS to graduate?

• Is this student default on ANY government loans he/she took out during their enrollment in CNM?

### How a scholarship transitions its way from IHEP to your student account:

Through purchase requisitions (PR) submitted by IHEP to the Pueblo of Isleta Treasury Department (POITD), scholarship checks are requested every Friday until all students are funded. Once POITD receives the PR it generally takes ONE week to process and print the actual check. IHEP is then contacted to pick up the check and either will hand deliver it to the institution or mail it via certified mail. Once it leaves IHEP it can be up to three weeks until you see it in your student account.

Please keep in mind there is always the possibility something may come up therefore further delaying the time it takes your scholarship check to reach your student account. At the present moment this department is coming up with better ways to inform you when your check was requested and when it was either delivered or mailed to your institution.

### What institutions you must be enrolled in to be funded from this department:

The IHEP General Policy and Provisions (June, 2008) state one must be enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education by a sanctioned national or regional accrediting agency or association recognized by the Secretary of Education. A student must be working on a Certificate, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master or Doctoral program to be funded by IHEP.

Funding may be available for a student enrolled in special legal summer programs in preparation for entrance to an accredited institution or pursuing a course of study that normally does not lead to a four year degree.

### Maximum Time Frame (MTF) minimal funding:

On December 23, 2011, President Obama signed into law the **Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012** (Public Law 112-74). The law amended the Higher Education Act to reduce the duration of a student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant from 18 semesters (or its equivalent) to 12 semesters (or its equivalent). This provision applies to **all Federal Pell Grant eligible students** effective with the 2012-13 award year. The calculation of the duration of a student's eligibility will include **all** years of the student's receipt of Federal Pell Grant funding. This change in the duration of students' Federal Pell Grant eligibility is not limited only to students who received their first Federal Pell Grant on or after the 2008-2009 award year, as the HEA previously provided when the duration of eligibility was 18 semesters.

Through the Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) this department will be informed if the student has exceeded MTF. Currently, it is this department's decision it to ONLY fund the Tuition/Fees, Books/Supplies and Transportation expenses on the FNA for students who are exceeding MTF.

### Descendant membership funding:

Because of the extremely limited amount of grant money from the Bureau of Indian Education and the number of descendant members requesting supplemental assistance, this department had to make a tough decision: to provide 2 quarters/semesters of funding for our descendant members for the 2013 calendar year. The maximum scholarship amount one can receive as a descendant is up to \$1,500 per quarter/semester. The student will choose what two quarters/semesters.

As mentioned, there are several things this department must consider when determining the actual scholarship amount.

### Why it is beneficial to make an appointment with the Scholarship Assistant or Coordinator:

There are many deciding factors in determining one's eligibility to be funded and at what amount, therefore, it is always beneficial to the student to meet with the Scholarship Assistant or Coordinator, Evangeline Chavez or Jennifer Padilla, respectively. Such meetings will reduce anxiety and frustration thereby ensuring clarity and correct information sharing. IHEP is here for academic support and at the same time must enforce, to the best of its ability, the IHEP Policy and Provisions. This article was written in hopes to provide some clarity in how the internal day-to-day business of deciding one's eligibility to be funded and at what amount is conducted.

Planning for the **2013 Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education Annual Graduation Ceremony** is taking place. If you graduated from college during Fall 2012 or will be graduating in either Spring or Summer of 2013, please contact Evangeline Chavez, Scholarship Assistant, at (505) 869-9790 as this will help us plan accordingly and of course inform our community of your accomplishments!

Jennifer Padilla, LMSW  
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### Isleta Pueblo News



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## USDA Census Form for Agriculture

Anyone who does any farming or ranching on or off the reservation should have received a USDA Census Form.

There will be a meeting on March 14, at Elderly Center, to explain and provide information on what the USDA Form is all about...or for more information, or if you did not receive a form, call Norbert or Cecilia Sanchez at 553-1804 or 321-8110, or email [missychrome@gmail.com](mailto:missychrome@gmail.com).

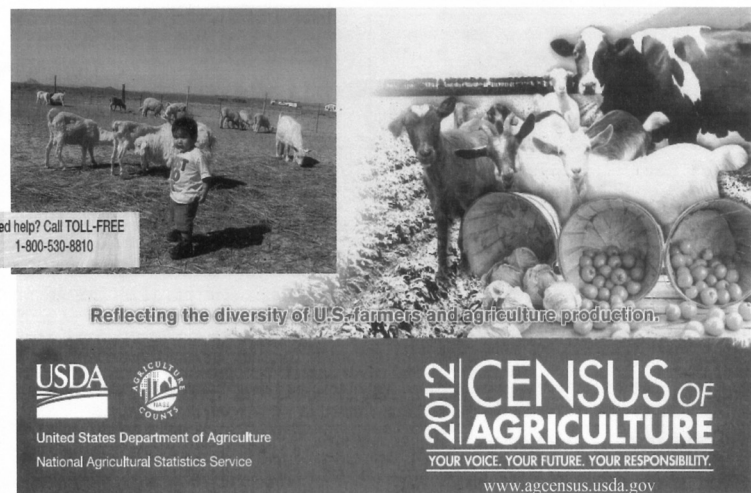
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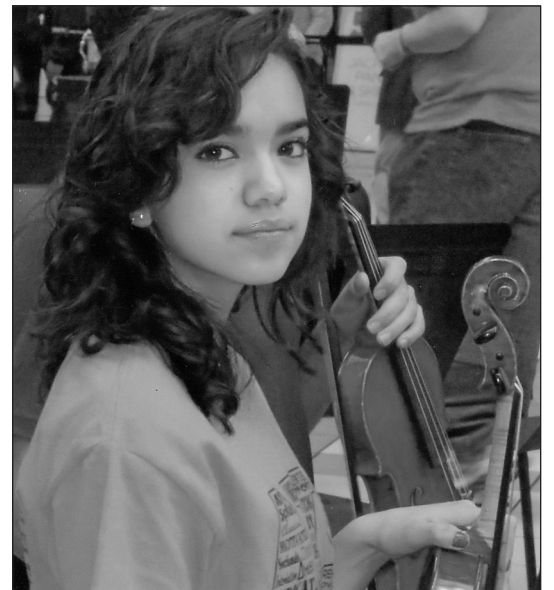
## Aarika Jiron performs with Albuquerque Youth Symphony

Aarika Jiron has been performing with The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program for the past 4 years. She plays the violin and is currently performing with The Albuquerque Youth Concert Orchestra under the direction of Mike Peterson. Aarika is a freshman at Los Lunas High School.

The AYS Program has annual auditions for spots in each orchestra. Existing members and newcomers must compete with one another for a chance to be part of the program. AYS features concerts throughout the Fall and during the Christmas Season. They also perform during the Playathon every Jan/Feb at the food court in Cottonwood Mall. Their final performance of the season ends with a Gala Event at Popejoy Hall in the Spring.

She is the daughter of Robert and Edna Jiron and the granddaughter to Victor Jiron (deceased), Bart and Angelina Jojola of Isleta Pueblo and Joe Martinez of Albuquerque.

Bravo, Aarika we are very proud of you!



## Rebekah Lovato - National Honor Society

Rebekah Lovato, a sophomore at Hope Christian High School was inducted to the National Honor Society on November 12, 2012. She has been a student at Hope Christian for 4 years and has remained on the honor roll. She is active in Basketball, playing on the JV and Varsity teams. She is the daughter of Marsha and Joe Lovato, Jr. Grandparents are Angelina and Bart Jojola and Clara & Joseph Lovato Sr., of Santo Domingo Pueblo. Her sister, Rachel, is in the 6th grade at Hope Christian Middle School. Rachel has also remained on the honor roll while playing volleyball and basketball for the Huskies. We are all proud of your hard work!



Bringing Awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April in Collaboration with Isleta Social Services

**ISLETA LIBRARY'S XTREME CHALLENGE TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE!**

2 Person Team Challenge

\*Team must

consist of Adult and Student

\*Parent/Guardian/Family Member\*

5 Events to compete in



1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place  
Prizes will be awarded  
to winning teams!



To register your team & for more  
information

Call the Library: 505-869-9808

**Isleta Xtreme Challenge**

Tuesday April 2, 2013

At Pueblo Of Isleta

Public Library

5:00pm-6:30pm





## Los Lunas School District News

First of all, we want to wish a warm farewell to Jeanette Garcia, Los Lunas Indian Education Title VII Coordinator, who will be leaving Los Lunas School District within two weeks for a new position at Bernalillo School District. We want to thank you for all your support to all the Native American Indian students in the Los Lunas School District.

### Los Lunas High School Calendar of Events

March 1	Drama Production, "The Dining Room" at 6 PM
March 1	Spring Sports Afternoon Pep Assembly
March 4	Graduation Meeting for Senior Parents at 6:30 PM in Auditorium. Graduation information will be available.
March 5	Career and Internship day for all students from 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM in gymnasium.
March 6	Early Release. Talent Show Try-outs. Contact Person: Mrs. Davis.
March 8	Dodgeball Buyout — Afternoon Assembly - \$2.00
March 11 — 15	Spring Break.
March 19	Los Lunas School Board Meeting
March 21	Talent Show
March 23	Senior Pow-wow at Isleta Recreation Center. 5:00 PM — 10:00 PM
March 26	Navigating the College Process for Juniors & their parents
March 29	No School April Break

### Summer School

**Cost : \$75.00 per 1/2 credit. Free & Reduced Lunch students \$19.00 per 1/2 credit**

Dates : May 29 - July 3 - Monday — Friday

Morning Session : 8:00 AM — 11:30 AM

Lunch : 11:30 AM — 12:00 PM

Afternoon Session : 12:00 PM — 3:30 PM

Format: E2020 — Class of 2014 gets priority

Live Class: PE for incoming freshmen

Students can begin registering after spring break. Application forms will be available in the counseling office after spring break.

I know that there are a lot of questions that both the students and parents will have...see your counselor or Ben Analla, Title VII Native American Liaison at (Los Lunas High School Number) 865-4646.

### Valencia High School

#### SBA Testing

Students with a Graduation Year of (most Juniors) will take the Reading SBAs on March 19, the Mathematics SBAs on March 20, and the Science SBAs on March 21. There are some students with a graduation year of 2013 who are taking the SBAs; and those students have been contacted individually.

2014 graduates and beyond must pass the SBA math, reading and science in order to graduate, as well as complete all other graduation requirements.

Students with a graduation year of 2015 (most sophomores) will take the Reading SBAs on March 19 and the Mathematics SBAs on March 20.

Seniors (with some exceptions) will not have to attend school on March 19, 20 and 21. Seniors should use this time to get caught up on all courses and hand in their **signed** Next Step Plans. **Seniors who have not met all graduation requirements, turned in a signed Next Step Plan, and purchased a cap and gown, will not participate in the graduation ceremonies in any way whatsoever. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Freshmen will also not have school on March 19, 20 and 21 unless they are reclassified, in which case, they will be testing on March 19 and 20. We urge students to use this time off to get caught up and check out colleges.

### Summer School

Dates; May 29 - July 3

Days: Monday — Friday

Time: Morning Session 8:00 AM- 11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM — 12:00 PM

Afternoon Session: 12:00 PM — 3:30 PM

Cost: \$75.00 per 1/2 credit. Cash, Cashier Check or Money Order Only. This is a nonrefundable fee due before student is placed on the summer school list.

### NO TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED

#### Summer School Attendance

Student must maintain excellent attendance. **TWO (2)** absences will result in dismissal from the program and loss of credit. Tardiness to class will not be tolerated.

Summer school students must follow all school personnel and school rules as outlined in the Student Behavior Handbook including the District Computer and Internet Code of Conduct.

**The E2020 Summer School Program** is offered for Credit Recovery only Courses Offered:

**ALL COURSES WILL BE OFFERED THROUGH E2020 ALONG WITH A HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER WHO WILL MONITOR AND SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE CLASS.** Grades are calculated based on 70% as the mastery level. Course credit will be given when the student completes 100% of the course material. Students will be expected to complete the course within the scheduled summer school session. Credit recovery courses offered are:

Algebra I Geometry, Algebra II (first and second semester credit recovery), English I, English II, English III and English IV (first and second semester credit recovery).

All the above is confusing...any questions students/parents may please contact your counselor or Mr. Ben Analla at (Valencia High School Number) 565-8755.

## POI Veterans' Association

Next Meeting will be on March 20, 2012.

We're waiting for definite word from the NM State Legislature on the status of our \$2,000,000 Capital Outlay proposal. Rumor has it that we have been awarded \$180,000. If this is correct, we will most likely use these funds to set up the tribally donated MIS building at the Richard Baker site in Los Charcos. We are also in the process of completing 501 (c) (3) application to become a non-profit corporation.

We are always looking for new members. Any honorably discharged veteran is eligible to join. Annual dues are \$25.

For more info, call Ulysses at 307-1582.

## VALENCIA COUNTY VETERAN STAND - DOWN

13 March 2013 9 AM — 3 PM

1000 Main Street, Los Lunas NM

The Rio Grande Veterans Organization is proud to bring to Valencia County, Los Lunas, NM, "The Veteran Stand — Down 2013".

We will provide a forum to all Military Veterans and their families. Multiple veteran service organizations will be present to get the word out that we appreciate our veterans' sacrifices and want to share with them information about VA compensation and aid the VA health care system, job placement assistance, educational assistance information, and additional benefits information and services that may be available to veterans. Our goal is to help struggling, or homeless military veterans and their families regain their dignity and self-respect.

We also welcome the general public to come out and help support the veterans. There will be many charitable veterans' organizations on hand that need your donations to help our troops have a better life...so come out and show your love and support of our veterans.

We will also serve hotdogs and hamburgers, so come hungry and leave full for a great honorable cause, Thank You for coming and showing your respect and gratitude to our veterans. Remember, it is not a handout, it is a hand up and your veterans need you.

God Bless You.



## Department of Education Johnson-O'Malley

The month of February has been busy for the JOM Program: At the beginning of February we moved into our new tutoring building located at the Old Elementary School. The new location is on the north side of the Old Elementary school where the Realty was housed. Because of limited space at the New Educational Complex we felt it was too crowded for everyone to enjoy our Activity Nights. Now that we are settled in at the tutoring building, we are able to provide service to more students and welcome more parents comfortably.

### Tutoring:

Tutoring is available on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, 4:30pm to 5:30pm or 5:30pm to 6:30pm. JOM Eligible students and their parents must meet with Brandon to determine area of need and scheduling. IF there are any OTHER students in need of tutorial services, OTHER STUDENT is defined as those enrolled in private schools or Isleta Elementary, they too are eligible for tutorial services provided by the Academic Coach, Brandon. For more information please contact Brandon Tewaheftewa at 869-9778.

### Family Activity Nights:

In December we purchased about \$3,000.00 worth of brand new books. On January 29, 2013, we held a Literacy Night event. We set out books for all grade levels and let each student pick five books to build their own personal library at home. We also provided snacks. During this activity we had about 20 students that received free books.

We also had two art activity nights for students, parents and community members who wanted to draw a picture to enter in the National Johnson-O'Malley Association art contest which occurs every year for the conference. This year the theme of the contest is, "JOM.... A River of Many Nations". Students were encouraged to draw the interpretation of this theme without using words. All entries must be received by the NJOMA no later than March 8, 2013. Last year if you all recall, all three award winners were representative of the Pueblo of Isleta JOM's Program. The first place winner received \$300.00, second place received \$200.00 and honorable mention received \$100.00. Combined attendance: 15 participants.

Valentine's Day activity night we had students and parents worked on their own Valentine's Day arts and crafts from making cards or decorating their own Valentines card boxes for school. There were door prizes and snacks that the students enjoy. We had 27 total participants.

### Experiential Learning Opportunity:

We took students on an educational trip to the UNM's PIT to see the Harlem Globe Trotters. Students got a chance to get on the basketball court and participate in different activities with the Globe Trotters. Students were allowed on the court to shoot hoops, learn basketball tricks, take photos and get autographs from team members. The students really enjoyed the event. There were 25 total participants.

### March activities:

Saturday, March 16, 2013 – Kite Making  
Students and parents are welcome to join us in a day of kite making at the Old Elementary School. Supplies will be provided. Participants will have the opportunity to test fly their kites.

### Funding:

Our contract proposals were submitted to BIE in October 2012. As of today, we are awaiting funding for the 2013 Contract Year. Please remember, our funding year begins January 1, 2013 and will end December 31, 2013. Generally, funds are available for drawdown in March, however, because the Federal Government is facing sequestration there may be additional cuts imposed against our funding levels. The cuts can range between 8% and 12% across the board. This means that we may receive less money for the year and services that we provide may be impacted. There may also be a delay in receiving funds if there is a need to recalculate budget proposals. Also, BIE is in the process of switching financial systems. The new system is called Financial Budget Management System (FBMS). With the change in systems all 638 Contracts will be provided a new contract number and additional information and documents are required to be submitted in the system prior to processing of funds. This too is causing a delay in allocation of funds.

The JOM Program Annual report is available for anyone who is interested in reviewing the report. Please stop by and visit with Beverly or Brandon.

## ***Listen, Learn, & Pass it On!***

Tiwa Language classes offered to any and all Isleta people who want to learn the Isleta Tiwa Language. Classes are at the Old Elementary School and everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

### **Tiwa 101 Beginning Tiwa**

Monday thru Friday

10am to 11am & 1pm to 2pm

**\*\*Also available by appointment.**

### **Tiwa 201 Intermediate and Tiwa 301 Advanced**

Monday: 6pm to 8pm

Tuesday: 5:30pm to 8pm (total immersion class)

Thursday: 6pm to 8pm

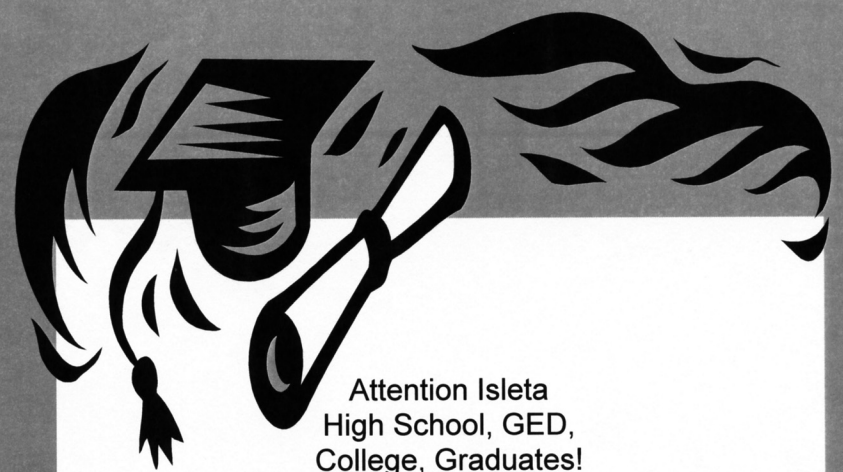
Saturday: 12pm to 2pm

The Department of Education Language Program is in the process of developing an interactive website. Stay tuned for more details to follow and the launch of the new site.

### **Language Program**

Department of Education Phone: 505-869-9795  
P.O. Box 1270 Fax: 505-869-7573  
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022 E-mail: poi08200@isletapueblo.com

*For More information Please contact Paul lujan.....*



Attention Isleta  
High School, GED,  
College, Graduates!

Please contact  
Department of Education  
by April 1st,  
so we may recognize your  
success & accomplishments  
at this year's  
Graduation Banquet.

(505) 869-9790

*High school students please provide your  
information with the JOM program.  
College students please contact the  
Higher Education program.*



## Parks & Recreation

As we wind down with February we are proud to announce the Jemez Eagle Classic Basketball Tournament for 5th and 6th graders held at Jemez Pueblo on the weekend of February 22nd-24th was won by our girls beating San Felipe in the championship game by a score of 30 to 21. Our Boys took 2nd place losing to Jemez Day School by a score of 30 to 22. Now that we begin to get into the warmer months of the year, we start preparation for our busy summer program. Work that will begin almost in earnest in March will be the advertisement of our Summer Youth Employees who are hired to assist us with the summer program. For those youth who are at least 16 years of age and older, we will be hiring about 17 Tribal Members to work with us from mid-May to about the first week of August 2013. You must apply with the Human Resources Department located at the new Tribal Complex. Also in March we begin to fertilize our parks and bump up the watering schedule so our parks will be a luscious green come early spring which begins on March 20th. Also, our children will be involved in the traditional March Madness with our Southern Pueblo Agency (SPA) hosting the end of year Basketball Tournaments. **Good Luck to all of our Teams.**

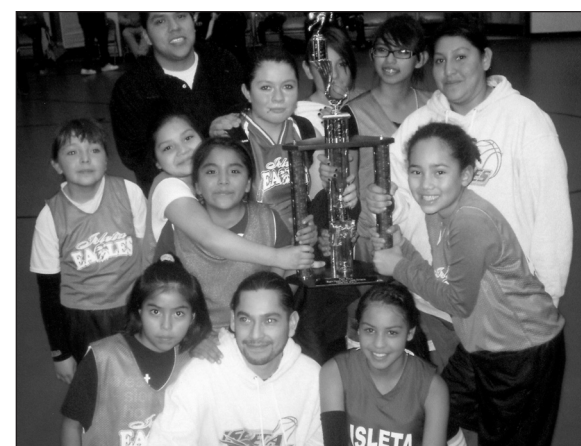
### Girls 5th and 6th Grade Basketball



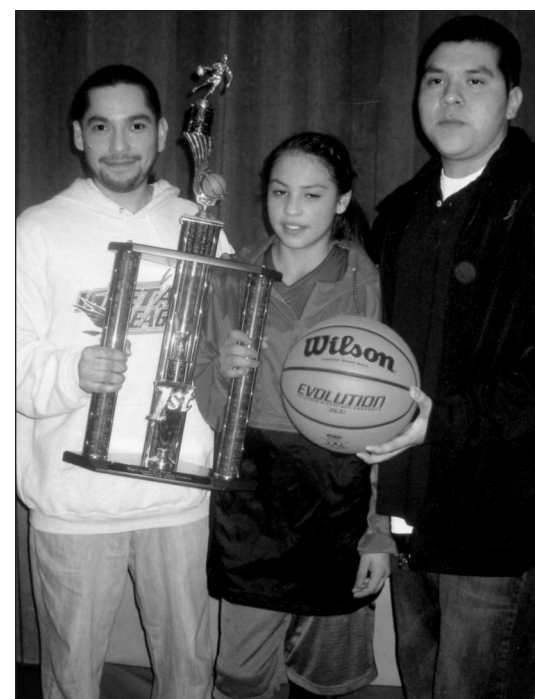
*EAGLE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT  
2-24-2013  
Jemez Day School 27  
Isleta 28*



*Last 58 seconds of the game Coach Jon Lente calls a time out. Gathers girls for one last team encouragement.*



The first game of the Jemez Eagle Classic Tournament held in Jemez Pueblo on the weekend of February 22nd - 24th, 2013, Isleta played St. Francis out of Dulce, N.M. winning the game by a score of 45 to 28. The next game was played against Jemez Day School where the game was a barn burner keeping the fans and players on the edge of their seat with Jemez leading the game by a score of 27 to 26 with 1 minute to go in the game. With the clock running down to 45 seconds, Deanna Jojola of Isleta grabs a rebound and scores the winning basket giving the Pueblo of Isleta a 28 to 27 victory. This victory took them to the championship game with the San Felipe Thunderbirds. This game also turned out to be very intense with our Lady Eagles of Isleta never being up by more than 2 or 3 points until the very end where they eventually won the game by a score of 30 to 21. Marissa Wilson received the MVP award and Shannon Abeita received an All Tournament Team selection. Congratulations to our Lady Eagles, our Coaches Jonathan Lente and Assistant James Chavarillo and to all the parents and fans that followed the team with their wonderful support of our youth. Pictured are several pictures depicting the Eagle Classic and our youth.



On a different note involving our girls basketball team, they were surprised to have a limousine transport them to and from a game at Cochiti Pueblo in which they won. The surprise was a birthday gift to team member Natalie Jojola by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Maestas. Also after the game all the girls were taken and treated to pizza at Dion's on Gibson and Yale in Albuquerque, where a birthday party was provided by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat and Joanna Jojola. Pictured are the girls basketball team along with their coaches prior to getting into the limousine, and the other is the girls and coaches enjoying pizza at Dion's.



*Dion's Pizza Birthday Party*



Boys 5th and 6th Grade Basketball

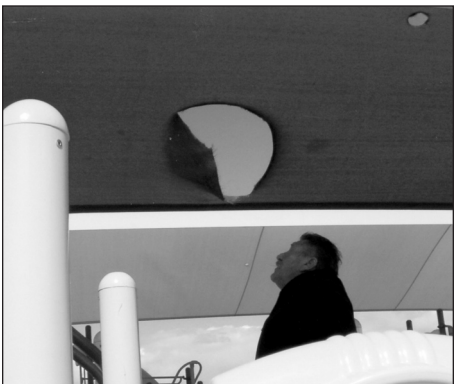
Unlike the girls due to traditional activities, Carl Anderson's team had to finish the tournament playing with only 5 players and in the championship game they finished off the final game with only 4 players due to one fouling out. This resulted in a 2nd place finish losing the game by about 8 points to Jemez Day School. Needless to say, Coach Carl Anderson was so proud of his team knowing they played their hearts out and left everything on the basketball floor even with a depleted roster. Pictured are Coach Carl Anderson and his iron 5 players. **Congratulations on your 2nd place finish.**



Park Destruction

Once again we are asking help from all of our Pueblo members to be vigilant in helping us from experiencing so much destruction of our park property.

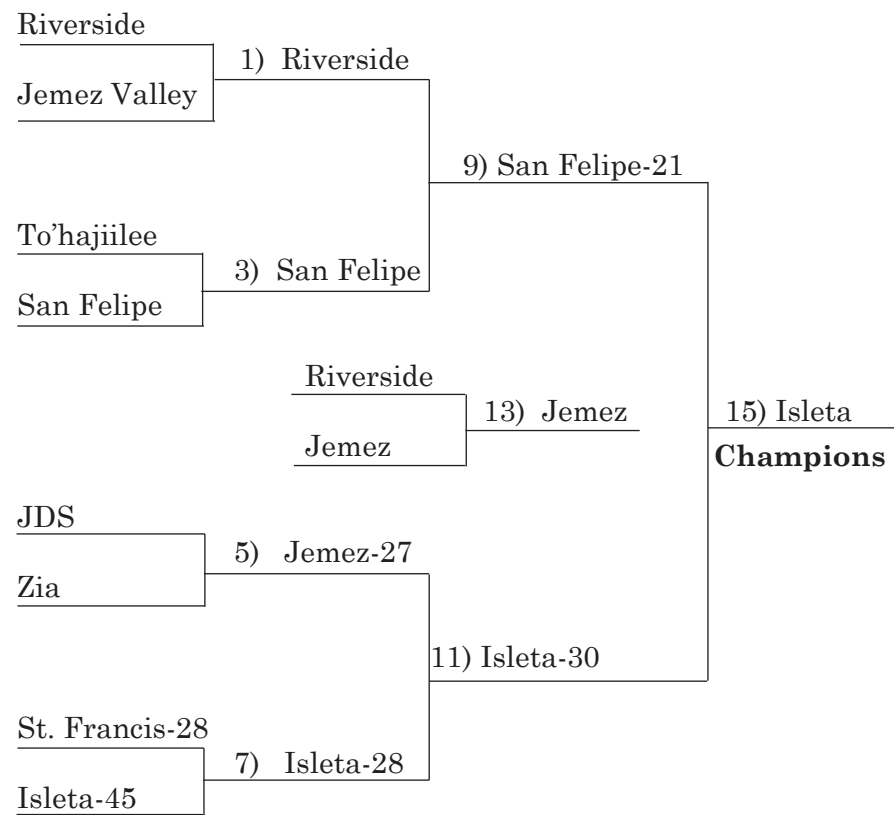
Pictured, we have our park canopys at Veteran's Park at Pickle Heights torn maliciously by someone who is costing us a tremendous amount of money to replace. Also, at Governor's Little League Complex across the street from New Rec. Center someone has put a big hole in the slide and taken some rails from the same apparatus thus making them a public hazard causing us to close them down until we replace the equipment. The preliminary total cost to replace all of this vandalism is approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000. The equipment isn't cheap and if we are to have nice equipment for all of our children to enjoy we must put a stop to this vandalism immediately.



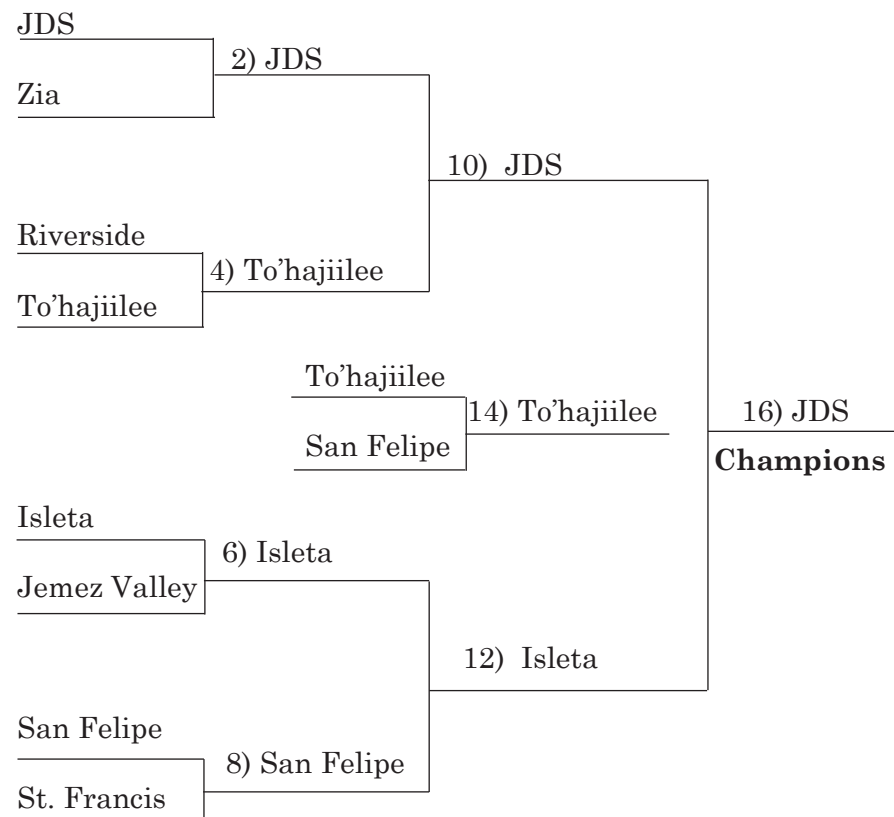
Bernie Jojola Memorial Run

The Pueblo of Isleta will be hosting the Cross Roads Bernie Memorial Run on Saturday April 13, 2013 at 10:00 am at the New Rec. Center. The first 200 people to sign up will receive a free T-Shirt. The Run will consist of a 5-K Run, a 2 mile Run or Walk , and a 1 mile Run/Walk. The Cross Roads Run has a number of Pueblo's Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, Zia, Jemez, and Isleta involved in Fun Runs/Walks promoting Wellness in Indian Country. This year, because Bernie Jojola and Irvin Coriz of Santo Domingo Pueblo were some of the founding fathers of this run, the committee felt it would be fitting to begin this year's Cross Roads Run in honor of Bernie Jojola. Every Pueblo listed will host their own run throughout the summer. If anyone is interested or wants more information in signing up please contact Rick Giron, Bernadette Jojola, Phillip Abeita or Alyssa Jojola at 869-8557.

2013 “Eagle Classic”  
Girls Bracket  
February 21-23 Jemez Day School



2013 “Eagle Classic”  
Boys Bracket  
February 21-23 Jemez Day School



Thank You from the Family of Jose Lalo Abeita

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to "THANK YOU" all for your prayers and support during our recent loss of my husband. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers. Again, Thank You and May the Almighty Bless you and your loved ones. Again, Thank You.

Respectfully, Mary Ann Abeita and Family



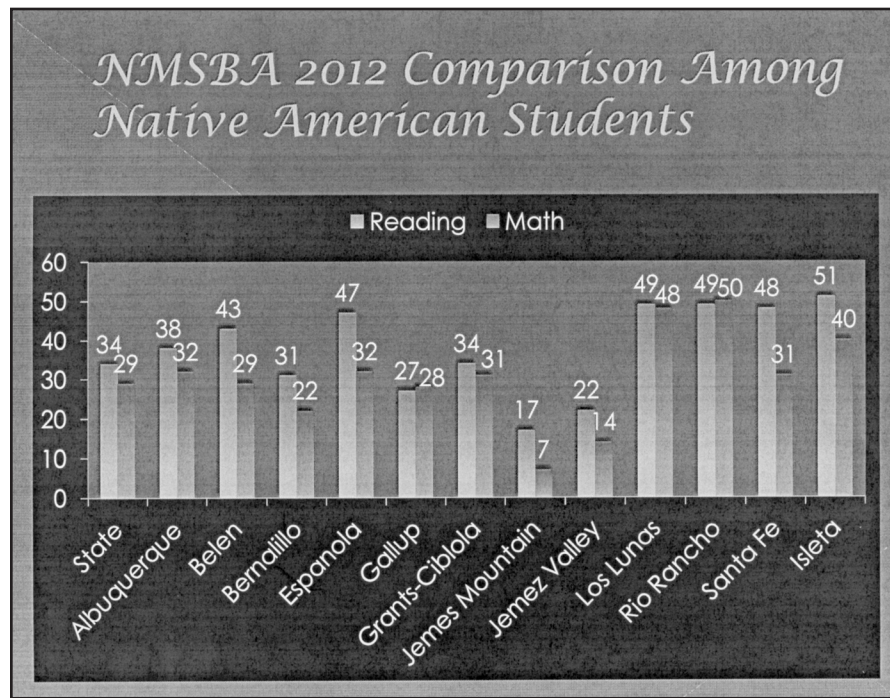
# Isleta Elementary News

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## NMSBA Testing

As required by the No Child Left Behind legislation of 2001, the New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (NMSBA) is utilized to determine the level at which New Mexico students achieve the standards and benchmarks at the school and district level. As you walk through the hallways and into the classrooms at Isleta Elementary School, there is definitely learning going on. Teachers and students are in preparation of the NMSBA. Each year, grades 3-6 are tested in Reading, Math and Science. Students will be testing **THE WEEK AFTER SPRING BREAK** which will be **March 19-21st and the 26th and 27th**. Parents, family and community members, please encourage all students who will be taking the upcoming assessment to do their best by encouraging the following:

- Get plenty of rest the night before
- Eat breakfast
- Be on time to school (late entries will not be able to enter the classroom once the bell ring as testing must start promptly).



## Isleta Elementary earns Accreditation

What a great accomplishment for Isleta Elementary and its stakeholders! The week of February 13-15th, IES was reevaluated through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI) for a 5 year accreditation. The team consisted of educators from around the state with various educational backgrounds.

During their visit, the team looked at all evidence based on the following standards:

- School purpose and direction
- School governance and leadership
- School resources and support systems
- Using results for continuous improvement

What an intense week it was, indeed. Team members of the NCA CASI interviewed students and parents on their view of Isleta Elementary. Team observed each classroom looking for evidence of the above listed standards, reviewed all documentation pertaining to the standards along with a thorough review of how our school operates and functions. In conclusion....

CONGRATULATIONS, the team has recommended, once again, Isleta Elementary to be accredited for another 5 years! Recommendation for accreditation now goes to the National Review Board for final approval. Since the review board meets in January and June, IES will not receive formal accreditation until early summer.

The NCA CASI team was very impressed with school operations. One team member stated, "there is an educational feeling walking down the halls that I don't feel in every school I visit." During the

exit interview it was reported by the team that we at IES are a DATA RICH school that guides our instruction. Teachers meet on a daily basis in grade leveled teams and/or with the principal to review various student data and Common Core Standards to help guide instruction.

A job well done students, staff, parents, and all other stake-holders of Isleta Elementary. We eagles are soaring high :)

Any questions on NCA accreditation? Please do not hesitate to visit IES. Ma Won! Come see what wonderful things we do here at Isleta Elementary.

## Isleta Elementary Mission Statement

*Isleta Elementary School stands for excellence in learning.  
Isleta Elementary School shall provide a learning environment that recognizes the individual needs, cultural heritage and special characteristics of each student.*

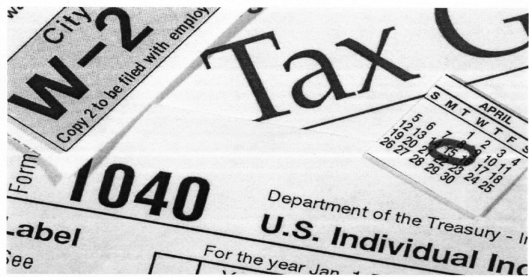
## Isleta Elder Center

March, 2013

## Activities Calendar

- March 4: Commodities  
March 6: Shopping Assistance: Wal-Mart & Lunch (on your own) — 10:30 am  
March 4-8: POI-Senior Olympic Local Games (cont.)  
March 7: Catholic Mass — 11:30 am  
March 7: Food Handlers Training — Hard Rock Casino & Resort  
March 13: FREE Tax Preparation — AARP/TCE Program — 9 am — 3 pm  
March 15: St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Bingo — 1pm  
March 19: Elder Field Day: Laguna Feast — Lv. 9:30 am — Rt. 3 pm  
March 20: Elder Field Day: Bingo at Hard Rock Casino & Resort  
March 21: Friendship Coffee/Breakfast — 9 am - 9:30 am  
March 21: General Meeting: 10 am — 12 noon  
1) POI Assisted Living Facility Update - Construction and Operations  
2) POI Intergeneration Garden Project  
March 27: Easter Luncheon — 12 noon  
March 27: Decorate Easter Eggs w/Day Care — 1 pm

# TAX PREPARATION



**Wednesday**  
**March 13, 2012**  
**9 am – 3 pm**  
**Elder Center**



WIC NOTES

Pregnancy and Allergies

Recently one of our prenatal WIC participants asked "Why have my allergies seemed to have worsened since I became pregnant. ?"

Here is what research says:

Allergies are very common in pregnancy; about a quarter of all expectant mothers experience them. Not all are long-term allergy sufferers — many women with no known prior allergies complain of their symptoms just during pregnancy. Some of the stuffy symptoms are not allergies at all, but are the result of hormone-induced swelling in the nasal passages (which can also make actual allergy attacks a lot more uncomfortable). Others, however, will turn out to be indicators of newly discovered allergies.

**What you can do:** Even if you had already been taking regular medications to treat allergies (whether prescription or over the counter or homeopathic), **check with your practitioner about their safety during pregnancy, and don't continue to use them until you get the go-ahead.** In fact, your practitioner should be the final word on any medications you might want to use. Still, there are some general dos and don'ts regarding the treatment of allergies in pregnancy: Over-the-counter (OTC) antihistamines are generally considered safe in pregnancy, though they do have some side effects, including making you sleepy (and if you're already tired from plain old pregnancy fatigue, do you really want to take something that will add to that exhaustion?). But before taking any medications, even over-the-counter ones, check with your practitioner first to make sure they're safe for your pregnancy.

- Allergy shots are considered safe for pregnant women, but only if you'd been on the receiving end of them for a while before you conceived. Most allergists say it's not a good idea to start allergy shots during pregnancy, because they trigger changes in your already-fluctuating immune system and may cause unexpected reactions.
- Regular decongestants containing the ingredient pseudoephedrine are not a good idea for pregnant women; avoid them during your first trimester in particular, when the risks to the baby is thought to be the highest.

The best allergy defense, of course, is a good offense. Avoid your allergy triggers, whether they are cat dander or pollen or mold. Stay away from people who smoke (and not only because of allergies, but also because secondhand smoke is bad for you and especially bad for your baby), and try to avoid household chemicals which can provoke allergic reactions.

Condensed from Pregnancy Every Step of the Way  
Heidi Lanes WIC Nutrition Coordinator

Health Beat

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

Annual Authorization Needed for Minors

DID YOU KNOW?

In order for your child/minor (17 years or younger) to receive care with a non-parent/non-guardian accompanying them to the Isleta Health Center, you are required to update the "Parent/ Legal Guardian Authorization for Minor to Receive Care at Isleta Health Center" form annually. This form gives your authorization for a non-parent/non-guardian to accompany your minor patient to appointments and to authorize care during appointments/walk-in visits. You have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to Isleta Health Center. Cancellation of this authorization will not affect any action taken prior to receiving your written notification. Please contact Isleta Health Center for more information (869-3200).

2013 Meeting Schedule Ideas			
ICES			
Isleta Cancer Education & Support			
2nd Tuesday of the Month			
10:30-noon at the Isleta Health Center			
Date	Topic	Speaker	Organization
3/12/2013	A caregivers experience with death and dying	John Barton	Breast Cancer Resource
4/9/2013	To Be Determined (TBD)	TBD	TBD
5/14/2013	People Living Through Cancer	Mary Ellen	PLTC
6/11/2013	Stress Management	Anjie Cureton	UNM
7/9/2013	"Fun with Cancer-Fighting Foods."	Deb Openden	Resource Center
8/13/2013	Communication	Mary Ellen	PLTC
9/10/2013	Support	Mary Ellen	PLTC
10/8/2013	Clinical Trials	Sydney Goosing	New Mexico Cancer Care
11/12/2013	Nutrition and Cancer	Amber Abhold	Isleta Health Center
12/10/2013	Survivors Panel	Cancer Survivors	TBD
Topics are Subject to Change.			
CONTACT Stephanie Barela to Sign Up and to Learn More 869-4479			

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Corner

It is estimated that over 900,000 children in the United States are victims of child neglect and abuse. Childhood abuse affects a child’s emotional and cognitive development. There are many factors associated with the maltreatment of children. Children at risk of maltreatment or neglect often receive few expressions of positive affection from their parents. Parents or caregivers may also be controlling, interfering, or interact with their child in a harsh manner.

Early physical contact between a mother and her newborn is beneficial in stimulating normal maternal behavior and may offer protection for the child from abuse. Breastfeeding has been shown to strengthen maternal responsiveness toward her child. Mother’s who breastfeed have normal levels of oxytocin, a hormone sometimes called the ‘love’ hormone that helps mothers respond better to their infants needs. Other studies have shown that breastfeeding mothers have less anxiety and better moods, as well as a better response to stress.

Recent research published in Pediatrics, found that the longer children are breastfed, the less likely they are to suffer abuse from their mothers.

A 15 year study of over 7000 mothers in Australia found that:

- The children who **weren’t** breastfed had a higher risk of maltreatment from their mother.
- Children were **4 times less likely** to be abused or neglected if they had been breastfed for 4 months or longer.

Breastfeeding is an important way to protect the health and well being of the baby, and the mother. Breastfeeding has been shown to strengthen the bond between a mother and her child. Though there are many factors that can contribute to maltreatment of children, breastfeeding, especially for extended periods of time, is one way to help protect children in our communities from neglect and abuse.

**Pediatrics** Does Breastfeeding Protect Against Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect? A 15-Year cohort Study 2009;123; 483-493 Lane Strathearn, Abdullah A. Mamun, Jake M. Najman, and Michael J. O’Callaghan

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling: # 924-3180



## Isleta Health Center Calendar Questions? Call 869-3200 **March 2013**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Isleta Head Start Parent Night POISON Prevention Presentation 5:30pm	6	7	8	9 2nd Annual Isleta Cancer Education Conference at the Old Court House 9am-4:30pm
10	11	12 Isleta Cancer Education and Support (ICES) 10:30-noon "A Caregivers Experience with Death and Dying" @ the Clinic	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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### DATE CHANGE!

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ISLETA CANCER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

**NOW MARCH 9, 2013**

**9am-4:30pm @ the Old Court House**

#### LEARN ABOUT CANCER

- What is Cancer?
- Cancer among Native Americans
- Cancer risk and risk reduction
- Isleta specific cancer numbers
- And more!

Door Prizes! 16 years & older welcome!

**Call Stephanie at the Isleta Health Center to REGISTER: 869-4479**  
**Only a few more spaces left!**

Learn  
Heart Saver  
CPR

**NOTE  
CHANGE  
IN DATE!**

Lunch  
Served!

**Prizes, T-shirts, Lunch, & More!**



### Isleta Cancer Education & Support Group

#### WHEN:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**  
*Next Meeting is March 12, 2013*

#### TIME:

10:30am to Noon

#### PLACE:

**ISLETA HEALTH CENTER SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Speaker: John Barton

### **A Caregivers Experience with Death and Dying**



**Please join us!**

**Everyone welcome!**

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