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Governor's Report

Maguwam,

I hope this newsletter finds our community is good health and spirits. We are reaching the hotter days of the summer, make sure you are drinking plenty of water and keeping yourself hydrated. As we all know we are in a drought and we are at drier than normal conditions. These conditions have a large impact for our community, agriculture, and animals. On another note, I would like to wish all our students a safe and great school year.

On June 30th Lt. Jojola and I participated in a government-to-government consultation meeting with Cibola National Forest leadership. Cibola National Forest Supervisor Heidi McRoberts provided many district updates and briefed the upcoming comment period for the proposed Apache Canyon Fuels Reduction & Restoration Project.

On July 1st the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board finalized its overburdened areas map under the Health, Environment, and Equity Impacts (HEEI) rule. The Air Board passed a motion to include POI on the map as a per se or "historically recognized" overburdened area. POI's inclusion on the map is a significant victory for protecting POI's air quality by limiting emissions from upwind neighbors. I want to thank everyone who has advocated for the Pueblo's inclusion as an overburdened area since the HEEI rule was first passed in 2023, especially the dedicated staff of the Natural Resources Department.

On July 7th-10th Lt. Jojola joined APCG Officers, staff, and several Governors to advocate for Pueblo-specific issues in Washington, D.C. The main focus of these meetings was to advocate for the continued protection of Chaco Canyon. APCG met with representatives from the Department of Interior, EPA, and the Senate Appropriations Committee, among others. On behalf of the Pueblo of Isleta, Lt. Jojola moved forward

discussions on water rights settlements, jurisdiction matters, and impacts regarding the loss of federal employees.

I would like to thank the Kateri Circle and the community who came together to make St. Kateri Tekakwitha feast a great day to celebrate. This year the feast was held on Monday, July 14th, 2025.

On behalf of the Mayordomos for St. Augustine Feast Day, I would like to extend an invitation to our community in celebrating this day. Vespers Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 7pm. We will continue the St. Augustine Feast Day celebration on Thursday, August 28, 2025 with mass at 9am, with the precession and traditional ceremonies to follow.

Last, I want to send my condolences to the families of those who have lost their family members during the month of July.

Ha-Wuh, Eugene Jiron

National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) which highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. We become immune (or protected from) a disease when our bodies create specific antibodies to fight that disease. Vaccines contain ingredients that help your body build this immunity. These ingredients work by imitating an infection to engage the body's natural defenses. Vaccines help the body learn how to defend itself from disease without the dangers of a full-blown infection. Everyone should get all recommended vaccines at the recommended times.

Different vaccines work in different ways, but every vaccine helps the body's immune system learn how to fight germs. It typically takes a few weeks for protection to develop after vaccination, but that protection can last a lifetime. A few vaccines, such as those for tetanus or flu, require occasional booster doses to maintain the body's defenses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a concerning drop in routine immunizations for children and adults. Routine vaccination coverage has not yet recovered among children to pre-pandemic levels. Global coverage rates for vaccines like the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccine, remain below 2019 figures. This decline leaves millions of children vulnerable to preventable diseases.

On-time immunization plays a vital role in protecting children and communities from serious diseases. Vaccine schedules are developed to offer protection from diseases right on time. For information regarding child, adolescent, and adult vaccination schedules, please visit: cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/imz-schedules/index.html.

Please call the Isleta Health Center at (505) 869-3200 to schedule you or your family for your vaccination needs. If you are elderly, or have limited mobility, you may be eligible to receive your vaccinations within your home by one of the two Isleta Health Center Public Health Nurses.

Robert Payette, RN Public Health Nurse, Isleta Health Center

Department of Culture & Historic Preservation (DCHP)



Felicia Bartley, Dr.Henry Walt, Anita Chiwewe, Daryl Lucero

The DCHP works to protect and revitalize our community's cultural knowledge, history and language. Our programs include Land Claims research, Archives & Collections, the forthcoming Research Library, and the Time Exposures exhibit. We're excited to announce a new exhibit, Miguel Trujillo and the Pursuit of Native Voting Rights, on view starting August 18th, with a public reception to follow in September (be on the lookout for the announcement!).

We also have two new staff joining the DCHP, our Archivist and Director. Felicia Bartley is joining the DCHP as the Archivist, and is responsible for the care, organization, and accessibility of our growing Tribal Archives, Collections, and Research Library. Daryl Lucero is joining the DCHP as the Director and is currently overseeing the department's Cultural Preservation efforts, including archives, land claims, exhibits, language and research initiatives.

Hours of Operation: 10am-3pm Monday-Friday Contact Information Dept Culture & Historic Preservation 71 Tribal Road 40 Isleta, NM 87022 (505)869-9767 On July 14, 2025, the Isleta Tribal Court confirmed what was already plain in the Isleta Constitution and under long-standing Isleta tradition: that a Governor is authorized to remove his lieutenant governors at any time and for any reason without any approval from the Tribal Council. Unlike other appointed officers, such as Tribal Court Judges, lieutenant governors are not subject to confirmation by the Tribal Council. The Court reasoned that although the Tribal Council's removal process under Article VII of the Constitution constitutes one method of removal for lieutenant governors, it is not the only method. Rather, "it is clear that the governor's constitutional power to select and appoint his lieutenant governors...also confers upon the governor the power to remove appointed lieutenant governors for cause or no cause at any time." Dismissal Order, pg. 7.

The Court concluded that Mr. Abeita's efforts to continue as lieutenant governor, and to be paid for doing so, were barred by the Pueblo's sovereign immunity, and that Mr. Abeita's petition must therefore be dismissed. The Isleta Tribal Court further determined that because Mr. Abeita's petition asked the Court to "step into the Governor's shoes and function under the Executive branch's Article IV powers, [] contrary to the separation of powers required by the Constitution," dismissal was required.

Although Mr. Abeita has filed a Notice of Appeal of the Isleta Tribal Court's decision, its opinion is comprehensive and rests on solid legal grounds, and I fully expect the decision to be upheld by the Pueblo's Appellate Court. It is unfortunate that Mr. Abeita refuses to accept my decision. From his refusal to return the Pueblo's traditional canes to his outbursts on social media misrepresenting my decisions as Governor, Mr. Abeita's actions since his removal have shown that he does not belong in a leadership role.

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT PUEBLO OF ISLETA ISLETA, NEW MEXICO

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JUAN REY ABEITA, Petitioner, Case No. CV-IN-0059-2025

vs.

GOVERNOR EUGENE JIRON, Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

THIS MATTER came before the Court upon the Respondent's May 23, 2025 Motion to Dismiss. The Court held a Motion Hearing on this Motion to Dismiss on July 2, 2025. Juan Rey Abeita appeared *pro se*. Attorneys Emily Soli and Davide Mielke appeared on behalf of the Pueblo and Governor Jiron in his Official Capacity. Judge Horning presided.

The Court allowed both Parties the opportunity for their legal arguments and positions to be heard. The Court being duly informed finds good cause to dismiss this matter for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Support of this decision is as follows:

Sovereign Immunity

"The Pueblo of Isleta is a sovereign nation which is inherently immune from suit." POI Law and Order Code § 02-01-03(A). "Indian Tribes were self-governing sovereign political communities long before the formation of the United States. As sovereigns, they have the power to determine the jurisdiction of their own courts." *Chavez v. Lucero et al.*, IAC-05-112 at 4 (2017) citing *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community*, 572 U.S. 782, 124 S.ct. 2024, 2040 (Sotomayor concurring). "It is settled law that a sovereign [government] is immune from suit unless there is a clear waiver of sovereign immunity." *Zuni v. Isleta Tribal Council*, IAC-201101 at 3 (2011).

"Neither the Governor nor his Lieutenants nor the members of Pueblo of Isleta Council may be subpoenaed or otherwise compelled to appear and testify in the Court of the Pueblo of Isleta ... concerning any matter involving such official's actions pursuant to his/her order official duties, unless the protections of sovereign immunity have been explicitly waived." POI Law and Order Code§ 02-0I-03(B).

Waivers of sovereign immunity can be created by either, an explicit legislative act of United States Congress abrogating tribal sovereign immunity, or by the Pueblo's express waiver of its sovereign immunity. *Cooper*, IAC-05-011 at 4. "[U]nder, tribal and federal law, a waiver of immunity must be express, unequivocal, and clear and cannot be implied." *Id.* at 6 citing *Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez*, 436 U.S. 49, 58 (1978). "The Party asserting that the Pueblo has waived its sovereign immunity, "bears the burden of showing an explicit waiver by the Pueblo." *Cooper*, IAC-05-011 at 4; see also *Lente v. Tribal Council et al.*, IAC-05-009 at 7 (2017).

"[A]bsent either consent by the tribe or Congressional action, a tribe retains immunity from suit." *Chavez*, IAC-05-112 at 4.

Once it is determined that sovereign immunity bars a suit, the tribal court no longer has jurisdiction to review of the merits of the case and the case must be dismissed. *Zuni v. Isleta Tribal Council*, IAC-201101 at 3 (2011).

Sovereign Immunity Waivers and Individual Capacity Claims Do Not Apply Here

Pueblo of Isleta law recognizes waivers of its sovereign immunity in the following circumstances:

First, the only Congressional abrogation of the Pueblo's sovereign immunity is the **habeas corpus provision of the Indian Civil Rights Act** (ICRA). *Murphy v. POI and Yvonne Santos,* IAC-22-001, at 7 (2023); 25 U.S.C. § 1303. This ICRA provision provides that the "privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall be available to any person, in a court of the United States, to test the legality of his detention by order of an Indian tribe." 25 U.S.C. § 1303. Additionally, the Appellate Court has held that that "Congress did not expressly abrogate the Pueblo's sovereign immunity under ICRA to allow employment-

related civil rights suits in Tribal Court." *Murphy*, IAC-22-001 at 7. Since the Petitioner has not asserted this type of sovereign immunity waiver in this proceeding, nor has he made any allegations that he was detained by the Pueblo, this type of waiver clearly does not apply to the facts of this case.

Second, the Pueblo has waived its sovereign immunity via the **Pueblo's state gaming compact, but only for personal injuries and property damage** occurring on the Pueblo's Casino premises. *Lente*, IAC-05-009 at 6. The Petitioner has not asserted this type of waiver in this proceeding and the Petitioner's allegations do not relate to anything occurring on Casino premises. Therefore, this type of waiver clearly does not apply to the facts of this case.

Third, the Pueblo may waive its sovereign immunity via **express terms of a contract**. *Lente*, IAC-05-009 at 7; *Cooper*, IAC-05-011 at 4. The Petitioner has not asserted this type of sovereign immunity waiver in this proceeding. At the July 2, 2025 Hearing in this matter, both Parties denied the existence of any employment contract or other contract between the Pueblo and/or the Governor in his Official Capacity and the Petitioner. Therefore, this type of waiver clearly does not apply to the facts of this case.

Fourth, the "Pueblo may waive its sovereign immunity by **enacting tribal legislation** ... as long as such waiver is made 'equivocally." *Id.* at 4. To date, Tribal Council has never enacted any legislation waiving the Pueblo's sovereign immunity for any reason(1). Because no legislation to which this type of waiver could apply currently exists, and because the Petitioner has not attempted to assert the Pueblo waived its sovereign immunity via legislation, this type of waiver clearly does not apply to the facts of this case.

Fifth, the Appellate Court has found that Section IX, §5 of the Pueblo Isleta Constitution which explicitly authorizes the judiciary **to determine the constitutionally of "enactments" of Tribal Counsel"** waives sovereign immunity. *Murphy*, IAC-22-001 at 7; See also Olguin v. Padilla, IAC-05-016-CZC at 4 (2006). Here, because the Petitioner failed to assert that any act of legislation by Tribal Council is unconstitutional, this type of waiver does not apply to the facts of this case.

Sixth, the Appellate Court has found that the Section IX, § 5 Constitutional waiver of sovereign immunity extends beyond 'enactments of legislation' and also waives the Pueblo's sovereign immunity to allow "the Tribal Judiciary" to "review the constitutionality of [non legislative] acts taken by Tribal Counsel and Tribal agencies." Emphasis added. *Murphy*, IAC-22-001 at 7; See also Peigler v. POI Tribal Counsel, IAC-22-004 at 1 (2022) (stating that "the Isleta Judicial Branch is authorized to review actions of the Tribal Counsel to determine compliance with the Constitution").

In his pleadings and at the July 2, 2025 Hearing, the Petitioner asserted that this type of waiver applied to the facts of his case, waived sovereign immunity for his claims, and created a path for the merits his case to be heard. Petitioner did not allege any non-legislative actions by Tribal Counsel that could constitute this type of waiver. Specifically, the Petitioner asserted that this type of waiver applied to independent actions under *Olguin v. Padilla* because that case contained language that extended the exception for unconstitutional 'actions of Tribal Counsel' to unconstitutional actions of the executive branch, including the governor. See *Peigler*, IAC-22-004 at 4. The Petitioner did not allege that the Governor had acted according to an unconstitutional act of Tribal Counsel.

The Pueblo argued that this type of waiver did not apply to this case because, in later case law after the 2006 *Olguin* decision, the Appellate Court clarified and narrowed *Olguin*. The Pueblo supported this argument by explaining: 1) that *Olguin* language referencing acts of the executive was non-binding dicta; 2) that in 2010, the Appellate Court narrowed any implicit sovereign immunity waiver mentioned in *Olguin* dicta to <u>only</u> instances where a governor acted pursuant to an unconstitutional directive of Tribal Council, see *ITMO Lucero*, *Jiron*, *Zuni*, IAC- 10-007 at 14 (2010); and 3) that in 2017, the Appellate Court held that waivers of the Pueblo's sovereign immunity must be "express, unequivocal, and clear" and not impliedly or implicitly waived. See *Cooper*, IAC-05-011 at.6.

This Court finds that under current Pueblo of Isleta law, there is no implied waiver of sovereign immunity that would allow the Petitioner to sue the Pueblo or the Governor in his official capacity for the acts alleged. This is because the *Olguin* language upon which the Petitioner relies is non-binding dicta that

attempted to recognize an implied waiver; Later case law which clarified that a sovereign immunity waiver must be "express, unequivocal, and clear," *Cooper*, IAC-05-011 at 6, and which limited waivers for a governor's acts to <u>only</u> instances where a governor acted pursuant to an unconstitutional directive of Tribal Council, foreclosed upon Petitioner's *Olguin* arguments. *ITMO Lucero, Jiron, Zuni*, IAC-10-007 at 14; Therefore, this type of waiver cannot and does not apply to the facts of this case.

Seventh, the Appellate Court has found that the Pueblo's sovereign immunity is waived to allow "a plaintiff to sue a Tribal official or employee in the Tribal Court for declaratory or injunctive relief (not monetary damages), if the official or employee either acted beyond (a) the scope of their authority, or (b) the authority that the Tribe has the power to legally confer." Murphy, IAC-22-001 at 7-8. Here, the Petitioner argued that the Governor had waived sovereign immunity because he acted beyond his authority by removing him from the office of Second Lieutenant Governor without affording him due process under Article VII § 2 of the Pueblo ofIsleta Constitution (2). The Petitioner's position was that the Article VII § 2 removal process was the only way that a governor could constitutionally remove an appointed official and that an appointed official could only be removed if they were found guilty of one of the offenses listed in Article VII and received the process from Article VII § 2. The Petitioner also stated that Article VII § 2 did not apply to him because he was not found guilty of a misdemeanor or malfeasance.

The Petitioner's interpretation of Article VII, fails to consider other ways that appointed officials can be removed. In Murphy, which addressed a governor's termination of a Dental Clinic employee, the Appellate Court found that that governor's termination of an at-will employee was not an "act beyond the scope of his authority." IAC-22-001 at 8. The Murphy Court held that because the Pueblo's "Constitution expressly confers authority upon the Governor to 'to supervise and direct all employees of the pueblo government' it also conferred the power for governors to "terminate employees." Id. at 8 citing POI Const. Art. IV§ 5(a). Similar to Article IV§ 5(a), Article IV§ 6 of the Constitution provides that "the first and second lieutenant governors shall function under the direction of the governor and shall assist him in the performance of his duties." Reading Article IV§ 5(a), and Article IV§ 6 together, in light of the Pueblo's long-standing tradition and custom of having the governor elect select and appoint his chosen lieutenant governors, it is clear that the Governor's constitutional power to select and appoint his lieutenant governors (who are also the Pueblo's employees) also confers upon the governor the power to remove appointed lieutenant governors for cause or no cause at any time. Id. Because the Governor's removal of the Petitioner was within the scope of the Governor's constitutional authority, and because Article VII § 2 is not the only way an appointed official can be removed, the Governor's act ofremoving the Petitioner does not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity. Therefore, this type of waiver cannot and does not apply to the facts of this case.

Eighth, though not a waiver of sovereign immunity, **a true individual capacity lawsuit** is one final way for a Petitioner to surpass the general sovereign immunity bar. Generally, tribal sovereign immunity "protects tribal officials against claims in their official capacity." *Lente*, IAC-05-009 at 8. However, employees of the Pueblo "may be sued individually in certain circumstances." *Chavez*, IAC-05-112 at 6. "If the remedy sought is truly against the sovereign, or if the act sued over is the sovereign's act or one for which it has the primary legal liability, then sovereign immunity applies, naming individual officers of the defendants does not change the character of the suit." *Id*.

"[C]ourts must look beyond the mere allegation that an officer is being sued in his or her individual capacity. Courts must "review the substance of the allegations, including the kind of claims being brought and the relief being sought in order to determine wither sovereign immunity applies." *Id.* To determine whether a case is a true individual capacity lawsuit or is actually case against the Pueblo or a Pueblo official in his or her official capacity, this Court must determine if the Pueblo is the 'real party in interest.' *Id.* The Pueblo is the real party in interest "when the judgment sought would expend itself on the public treasury or domain, or interfere with public administration" or where "the effect of the judgment would be to restrain the [sovereign] from acting, or to compel it to act." *Id.* at 6-8. Where the Pueblo is the real party in interest, the Pueblo is "an indispensable party to the suit due to the nature of the Plaintiff's remedies, which only the Pueblo can provide." *Jojola et. al. v. Chavez et al.*, IAC-03-078 at 2 (2003). The Appellate Court has instructed that the following factors guide a real party in interest determination:

- 1) whether the official's actions were tied to their official duties;
- 2) whether if the desired relief had been authorized at the outset the burden would have been born by the sovereign;
- 3) whether a judgment would operate against the sovereign;
- 4) whether the officials acted to further their personal interests; and
- whether the official's actions were ultra vires (beyond the scope of their legal authority).

Chavez, IAC-05-112 at 6.

In this case, it is clear that this matter is not a true individual capacity suit against the Pueblo. While the Petitioner names "Governor Eugene Jiron" as the sole Respondent, the substance of the allegations show that the Pueblo is an indispensable Party because only the Pueblo itself could provide the relief the Petitioner is requesting. *Jojola*, IAC-03-078, at 2; *Chavez*, IAC-05-112 at 6. Considering the real party in interest factors, 1) as explained above,

Governor Jiron's act of removing the Petitioner from office was within the scope of his official Article IV constitutional duties, 2) the Pueblo would bear the burden of compensating the Petitioner for the monetary and injunctive relief he requests by expending government funds and making governmental changes, 3) any judgment this Court could issue granting the relief the Petitioner requests would require a withdrawal from the Pueblo's treasury (as opposed to the Governor's personal funds) and/or require the Pueblo to act, 4) the Petitioner has alleged no personal interests of the Governor served by this removal (3), and 5) as explained above, this act of removal was within the scope of the Governor's constitutionally authorized power and was not *ultra vires*. *Id.* Because the, substance of the allegations in the Petition show that this matter is truly against the Pueblo, not Governor Jiron in his individual capacity, this matter cannot be permitted to proceed under the general tribal sovereign immunity bar.

Given that the waivers of sovereign immunity discussed above are the only waivers of sovereign immunity recognized by the Pueblo, the Petitioner's assertions that sovereign immunity was waived because he believed he still held office and because the Pueblo's attorneys entered a standard entry of appearance instead of a 'special appearance' are not supported by any legal grounds for this Court to find a sovereign immunity waiver.

Because Petition has not alleged and cannot meet any of the possible sovereign immunity waivers under Pueblo of Isleta law, nor does the Petition allege facts that show this is a lawsuit against Governor Jiron in his individual capacity, sovereign immunity bars this Court from having subject matter jurisdiction to hear this case and, therefore, bars any-part of this matter from proceeding to a hearing on the merits of this case. For this reason alone, this matter must be dismissed.

Political Question

The Political question doctrine is rule that courts will refuse to hear a case if it presents a political question. *Baker v. Carr*, 369 U.S. 186,217 (1962). Political question doctrine has long been recognized under Pueblo of Isleta law as well as in other jurisdictions as a non-justiciability doctrine which bars courts from making the purely political decisions for which the decision-making authority has been constitutionally delegated to other branches of government. *Id.* at 217. See *Peigler*, IAC-22-004 at 2-3 citing *ITMO Lucero*, *Jiron*, *Zuni*, IAC-10-007 at 15 (stating, "the Courts are bound to accept the decisions by political branches within their political authority and "it is not the role of the courts to determine whether an elected official's actions warrant removal").

Here, by asking the Court to essentially reinstate him to the Second Lieutenant Governor position and to remove his successor, the Petitioner is requesting that the Court step into the Governor's shoes and function under the Executive branches' Article IV powers, which is contrary to the separation of powers required by the Constitution and barred by the political question doctrine. Therefore, these non-justiciable political questions cannot be decided by this Court and must be dismissed. See Peigler, IAC-22-004 at 2-3 and ITMO Lucero, Jiron, Zuni, IAC-10-007 at 15.

CONCLUSION

Because this matter is barred by the Pueblo's sovereign immunity and raises non-justiciable political questions, it must be dismissed.

IT IS THEREFORE SO ORDERED ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

- 1. This matter is DISMISSED, in its entirety, with prejudice.
- 2. The July 17, 2025 Hearing in this matter is VACATED.
- 8. All pleadings filed after July 2, 2025 in this matter are moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED on July 14, 2025

HON. MEGAN HORNING
Isleta Tribal Court Associate Judge

- 1 The Pueblo enacted the Governmental Claims Act, 02-01-01 et seq., which codifies many of the sovereign immunity waivers listed in this Order and creates one other waiver for judicial review of POI administrative acts under the Government Accountability Act. § 02-01-04(E). Since this administrative process set fort in the Governmental Claims Act was not initiated prior or during these proceedings, any waiver under the Governmental Claims Act Section 02-01-04(E) cannot apply here.
- 2 Article VII§ 1 requires any elected or appointed officers of the Pueblo who are convicted of a felony to forfeit their office. Article VII§ 2 applies to any elected or appointed officers of the Pueblo found guilty in court of certain misdemeanors, or found guilty by Tribal Council of "malfeasance in office. Article VII§ 2 requires a process for removal or recall of these officials that includes 1) receiving a written statement of the charges against them from Tribal Council and 2) an opportunity to appear and be heard in front of Tribal Council within 10 days.

3 At the July 2, 2025 Hearing, the Petitioner alleged that the Governor benefited from his removal because the Governor wanted him removed and because he had done all the work for the Governor when he was in Office. This Court finds that these reasons do not rise to the level of demonstrating any personal benefit received by the Governor.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEADLINE for September Newsletter articles is set for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 4:30 pm. Articles may be dropped off at the Library or emailed to Nathaniel.Lujan@ isletapueblo.com. Should you email your article, expect a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, odds are it never made it to me and then it's time to panic, so call Nate at 505.869.9808.

People who wish to submit an article or flyer are responsible for generating their own article or flyer. Should you need help, please call the Library at 505.869.9808 and set up a date and time to sit down with a Library staff member who will help you throughout the process. The Library will NOT accept notes dropped off at the Library or information over the phone to generate your article.

PROBATES need to be published in the Newsletter for two consecutive months. Probates are considered court documents, therefore, all submitters must provide: 1) Name of Deceased, 2) Date of Deceased 3) Court Case #, and 4) Date of Court Date. A Probate form can be found on the Newsletter Archive page at http://www.isletapueblo.com/newsletters.html.

CLASSIFIED ADS: The new administration has requested that the Newsletter start a Classified Ad section for Tribal members selling land, houses, mobile homes, vehicles, and farm equipment. Leasing of houses and mobile homes will be accepted. Smaller items that can be sold at the local flea markets or weekly yard sales will NOT be accepted.

Currently, this service is FREE to Tribal members. Land, houses, and mobile homes must be within the reservation boundaries. Ads must meet the 160-character limit. Ads that exceed the 160-characters will NOT be submitted to the Newsletter. A single picture may be submitted with the ad. Submitters of classified ads are responsible for generating their ads as this is a FREE service.

As a reminder, Tribal business owners may submit a small flyer at no charge. Like the classified ads, business owners are responsible for generating their flyers as this is a FREE service.

Classified ads and business flyers will be posted no more than two consecutive months. In the event that the Newsletter may exceed the 24-page limit, classified ads and business flyers will be "bumped" for newsletter articles. Again, this is a FREE service for Tribal members.

The Isleta Newsletter is owned and operated by the Pueblo of Isleta. Therefore, the Governor of the Pueblo of Isleta has the final say in all articles and contents within the Isleta Newsletter.

For additional questions, you may call the Library and speak with Nate or Diane at 505.869.9808.

Thank you,

Nathaniel Lujan

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- 6. TR 82 & TR 84 Teller Road
- 7. TR 78 & TR 82 Carols Trujillo Sr.
- 8. TR 90 @ Y CF Padilla
- 9. Mouse Town Park –
- Health Center South end of Health Center Parking lot
- 11. Library Sunlight & Moonlight Intersection
- 12. TR 6 47 Intersection
- 13. TR 12 47 & 147 intersection (Old Smoke & Save)
- 14. TR 71 & TR 54 @ Y Holiday Robot / Paved Road / Railroad Tracks
- 15. TR 45 & TR 40 @ Y Tata Mel (POI Signage)

PROBATES

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Juan Pablo Abeita

Case No. CV-PR-0053-2025

First Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of <u>Juan Pablo Abeita</u>, deceased <u>11/24/2022</u>, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for <u>TBD</u> at <u>TBD</u> at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Charles G. Jaramillo Case No. CV-PR-0070-2025

First Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of Charles G. Jaramillo, deceased Q3/13/2025, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for TBD at <a href="TBD"

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Esquipula Remijio Garcia Sr.

Case No. CV-PR-0062-2025

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of Esquipula Remijio Garcia Sr., deceased 05/05/2025, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Antonio G. Abeita Case No. CV-PR-0089-2024

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of Antonio G. Abeita, deceased 07/20/2024, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court. Any person claiming an interest in the Estate is hereby advised to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice being posted. Claims must be filed in writing. A hearing in this matter has been scheduled for TBD at TBD at the Isleta Tribal Court, located at the Tribal Services Complex, 3950 Hwy. 47 SE, Building A, Albuquerque, NM. If you have any questions, please contact the Isleta Tribal Court at (505) 869-9699.

ENVIRONMENT Monthly surface water quality results

E. coli bacteria in MPN/100 ml by POI		Month & Year of Collection							
Sample Location*	2024			2025					
Sample Location	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec Jan Feb Mar		Apr	May	June	
South Boundary	884	1169	1421	325	201	31	49	158	228
240 Wasteway	776	691	1259	260	364	30	58	142	173
Indian Interior Drain @ 240 Wasteway	29	23	-	19	93	63	49	141	211
NM 147	712	388	776	178	178	120	56	109	189
Black Bridge	292	402	908	113	139	85	37	121	173
Northern Boundary near Isleta Lakes	384	341	591	43	101	73	45	134	110
Albuquerque Riverside Drain	60	39	66	24	31	20	23	72	461
Acequia Madre near Northern Boundary	-		-	-	-	25	285	118	135
Butte Lateral near Interstate-25	- 5	- 2	3-	- 323	-	46	71	75	107

*Water quality samples are collected on a monthly basis from the Rio Grande. Two irrigation sample locations are collected during the growing season.

- Dash in data table indicates sample not collected.

"MPN" is a unit of measure that stands for most probable number. MPN is equivalent to colony forming units ("CFU").

The Pueblo of Isleta's most stringent surface water quality standard for E. coli bacteria is 88 MPN/100 ml at all times and at all flow rates.

Please watch signage at the NM 147 bridge for surface water quality advisory.

Governor states there is no need at this time for a ban on fishing or swimming; fishing is only allowed to tribal members.

If you have questions about surface water quality, contact Ramona Montoya, Water Quality Control Officer, at 505-869-7565.

Job Postings



Visit us online at http:// www.isleta.com/caree r-opportunities.aspx

Fax: 505-244-8232

RETAIL ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM 0400	\$14.37 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SPORTS BOOK WRITER - 10HSBW Albuquerque, NM 0146	\$14.87 /Hour• Non-Exempt
TABLE GAMES DEALER -10HDL1 Albuquerque, NM 0120	\$11.50 /Hour• Non-Exempt
PLAYERS CLUB REPRESENTATIVE - 35HCL1	\$14.87 /Hour• Non-Exempt

SECURITY OFFICER II \$18.04 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM

GROUNDSKEEPER \$14.62 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM

LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN I \$15.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM

OUTSIDE SERVICE ATTENDANT \$14.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM

SUPERVISOR F & B \$20.31 / Hour• Non-Exempt

Albuquerque, NM

FOOD ATTENDANT

\$13.87 / Hour• Non-Exempt

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BARTENDER CART

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CAGE CASHIER \$14.87 / Hour• Non-Exempt

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CASHIER (Ristra) \$14.62 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM

Join our team as a Cashier and be the welcoming face of our dining experience at Isleta Resort & Casino! In this fast-paced role, you'll greet and seat guests, answer menu and policy questions, process transactions accurately, and insure a clean, organi...

FRONT OFFICE SUPERVISOR \$18.04 /Hour• Non-Exempt

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Join our team as a Front Office Supervisor at Isleta Resort & Casino and lead the daily operations of the Front Desk, Valet, and Call Center with excellence. You'll guide a dynamic team, deliver exceptional guest service, resolve issues with professiona ...

COOK \$15.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt Albuquerque, NM 00HCOOK

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT: UPCOMING PROJECT LOCATING WATER SERVICE LINES

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing assistance, at no cost to the Pueblo and Tribal Members, to locate and identify select water service lines at residential properties. This is work following the Lead Service Line Inventory that occurred months ago. Areas where water lines noted in the inventories as "unknown" need to be investigated and documented.

EPA's contractor, ERG, will begin the first steps in the process to investigate the water service lines that are categorized as "unknown". ERG will first solicit and procure contractors to work with the Pueblo on Community Outreach, line location activities, and if needed, excavation of the water lines to obtain information on the type of piping installed from the shut-off to the home.

Once this work is completed, homeowners will be informed of what kind of piping is serving their residence. If it is Lead, educational materials will be provided. Any lead service lines noted will be added to a list for future replacement.

Additional information on this project will be provided as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 505-869-5170.

Pueblo of Isleta Career Opportunities

Position Posting	Office Location	Closing Date
ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER	Public Defender	08/31/2025
BILLING SUPERVISOR	Health Services	07/31/2025
CHIEF OF POLICE	Police Department	07/25/2025
SR FINANCIAL ANALYST	Treasury	08/01/2025

TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

The annual Tekakwitha conference is a gathering of indigenous Catholics in the United States named for the first Native American Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha. Conferences are held in various regions annually which consists of workshops, diverse speakers, and Native cultural events.

The 2025 conference was held in Las Cruces, NM. lsleta Pueblo St. Augustine Kateri Circle was represented by the individuals pictured.







Are you a low-income Isleta member with a legal issue? Interested in a free 45-minute consultation with an attorney?



New Mexico Legal Aid's Native American Program • (NAP) & the Pueblo of Isleta have partnered to host • monthly legal clinics at the Tribal Court.

Friday August 15th, 10am-11am: Join us to learn about Consumer Law 101. Topics discussed will include harms caused by payday loans, credit cards, solar companies, debt collectors, and other unscrupulous businesses.

Friday September 19th, 10am-11am: Join us to learn about Valid Will Options Under the Isleta Probate Ordinance. We'll discuss the criteria for written and oral wills under the Isleta Probate Ordinance.



Do you have a specific legal question? Wish to speak 1-on-1 with a NAP attorney? Free 45-minute consultations available to low-income Isleta members between 12p-4p on Aug 15th or Sep 19th. Must call ahead to complete an intake and sign up for an appointment slot. Call Janel Riley of NAP at 505-521-6123. Walk-in appointments might be limited on the day of event, so please call ahead!









What should I know about UV health warning?

"UV" stands for ultraviolet radiation.

Be aware of the UV Index which predicts UV intensity levels on a scale of 1 to 11+. "1" (one) indicates a minimal risk of overexposure and 11+ means extreme risk.

Exposure Category:	UV Index Range
Low	Less than 2
Moderate	3 to 5
High	6 to 7
Very High	8 to 10
Extreme	11 or higher

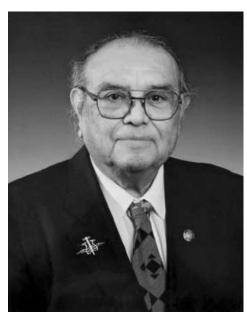
While UV radiation is a source of vitamin D, excessive exposure to UV radiation is potentially harmful.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can greatly reduce your risk of sun-related illnesses. Consider the following steps:

- Limit your time in the sun between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- · Whenever possible, seek shade.
- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and if possible, tightly woven, full-length clothing.
- · Wear UV-protective sunglasses.
- · Avoid sunlamps and tanning salons.
- · Watch for the UV Index daily.

SOURCE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency





Max A. Zuni, age 75, passed away on June 11, 2025, after a courageous nine-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his loving and devoted daughters, LeeAnne, Maxine & Daniel Lucero, Melanie, Jennifer, and Elthia, along with his cherished niece, Dominique, and other devoted family members who provided comfort and support in his final days.

Born on November 18, 1949, B.C. (as he would humorously say, "Before Casinos!"). Max was the son of Marie L. Zuni (Na-Na Pah-Thoo) and Joe L. Zuni (Ta-Ta Whee-tuh). He was one of five children, including Lorraine & Michael Lucero, Margaret Zuni, Richard Zuni, and Brenda Zuni. His legacy further extends through his 15 grandchildren (Darlene in spirit) and two great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy to his life. Max was affectionately known by many names that reflected his various roles and relationships: Dad, Teh-eh, brother, mehmeh, beba, she-foon, ta-ta, coom-pie-dee, Coach, and ultimately, Governor. He was a proud graduate of Rio Grande High.

A true patriot, Max bravely served his country in the Marine Corps in 1967, completing a tour in Vietnam. Upon his return, he married and began his family, laying the foundation for a life dedicated to service and community. Feeling a strong calling to serve his community, he took his seat as a traditional leader, a position he held with honor and dedication for a remarkable 47 years.



His professional career included working at Kirtland Air Force Base with esteemed companies such as General Dynamics, EG&G, Allied Signal, and Honeywell. He retired from his work there in 2003, but retirement did not slow his desire to contribute. Max transitioned his formidable talents to tribal government, where he served for over 20 years. He began as 1st Lieutenant Governor in 2005, serving four terms, before ascending to the role of Governor for two terms.

As Governor, Max diligently worked to uplift his community. His efforts were focused on caring for the elderly, educating the youth, revitalizing the Tiwa language, preserving sacred traditions, and protecting his people through strategic partnerships. He tirelessly built relationships with federal and state governments, as well as surrounding communities and their leadership, to secure vital support and funding for housing initiatives, crucial infrastructure improvements, and the protection of the land, air, and water resources so essential to his people.

Even during his downtime from tribal government, Max found ways to serve. For over 10 years, he worked with the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office during elections, assisting with voting. He was a familiar voice on KANW radio, encouraging his people to vote as a dedicated translator. In 2024, he was appointed as a commander on the board with Kirtland Air Force Base, tasked with representing the Native American military population, a role he was unfortunately unable to fulfill due to his illness.



His passion for community extended to the baseball field, where he dedicated two decades to coaching little league. He watched countless children grow from their t-ball days to high school and beyond, always offering encouragement and guidance. Max was always proud to speak to the youth at the many schools he visited during his tenure, leaving an indelible mark on their lives.

Max made a profound impact on everyone he met, leaving them with a lasting memory, whether it was from a humorous joke he shared or the candy he generously gave. The ripple effect of his loss was felt throughout his community, the state, the nation, and as far as New Zealand, a testament to his wide-reaching influence.

In a true honor to his legacy, Timothy Keller, Mayor of Albuquerque, issued Executive Order No. 25-78, proclaiming June 12, 2025, in honor of "Governor Max Zuni." Condolences

poured in from numerous agencies with whom he built strong partnerships, including the City of Albuquerque Mayor's Office; Michelle Kavanaugh and Shirlee Smith (Bernalillo County Clerk's Office); NM State Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, Deb Haaland; Eva Blaylock (Kirtland AFB Public Affairs); Airman Schroeder (Kirtland AFB); Michael J. Powers, Col. USAF (Kirtland AFB); the All Pueblo Council of Governors;

Melayna Ortiz; Maxine Velasquez (Laguna Attorney); Maggie Quinn (Associate Deputy Director with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services); NAEVA and Alysia Coriz; Thomas Moquino, Jr. (Kewa Governor); Pueblo of Sandia Tribal Leadership and Council; and Van J. Billops (NM Gaming Control Board).

Our family extends heartfelt gratitude to everyone who offered prayers and support during our father's final battle. We express our deepest appreciation to Father Milton and Archbishop Wester for performing his funeral service. Special thanks are extended to the Oncology doctors, nurses, and hospital care teams at Presbyterian Hospitals, as well as the Isleta Governor's Office, Ms. Jessica Jiron for caring for our father just like he was your own, Isleta Public Works Department, Ulysses Abeita and the Isleta Veterans Association, the Isleta Health Center staff, Isleta Fire Department and the Ambercare Staff, including Crystal and Ashley, for their compassionate care.

Our father will dearly be missed, but his spirit will live on through the countless memories shared and the laughter he brought into our lives. So, here's one last joke to always remember him by...

- "Knock, Knock"
- "Who's there?"
- "Tijuana"
- "Tijuana who?"
- "Tijuana candy!"

We love you, dad! From your daughters, your son-in-law and the entire family.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ILNA: Youth Camp

The Department hosted a unique three-day program in partnership with Indigenous Leaders of North America. This program gave students a vibrant hands-on look at Korean culture with a hint of STEM enrichment. The program wonderfully blended science, creativity, and cultural discovery. The program opened with an awesome burst



of energy. Students explored electrical circuits, extracted DNA, and created terrariums. Every day opened with a motivational lecture that encouraged students to detox their mind, understand our interconnectedness, and realized the value of forgiveness. Students explored culinary creativity with creating gimbap. This activity created a balance for culture and culinary arts. A magic show captured the attention of both students and staff. The magic show introduced students to a new form of storytelling and provided a lesson in curiosity. Throughout the program ILNA and the Department shared culture through the exchange of foods. Students enjoyed Korean cooking and the ILNA group was able to enjoy our traditional Pueblo foods.

Graduation Recognition Night:

We're excited to share some wonderful moments and photos from our recent Graduation Recognition Night! This special evening was held to honor the incredible accomplishments of the graduates from the 2024–2025 school year. Once again, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you — your hard work, perseverance, and commitment to your education have brought you to this proud moment, and we couldn't be more excited for your future.

The event, hosted by the Department of Education, was a true celebration of success. We were thrilled to see such a great turnout



from students, families, and community members who came together to recognize this important milestone. A very special thank you goes to our guest speaker, Tara Gatewood, whose powerful and uplifting words offered encouragement, pride, and motivation to our graduates as they take the next step in their journeys. To all our graduates: you've reached a major milestone, and we are so proud of everything you've accomplished. Whether you're continuing your education, entering the workforce, or exploring new opportunities, remember that your community stands behind you. Job well done — you did it! Congratulations from all of us at the Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education!

Back-to-School Supply Distribution and Career Fair:

We're excited to share a few photos from our recent Back-to-School Supply Distribution and Career Fair, which turned out to be an incredible and heartwarming event for our Pueblo of Isleta community. The sun was shining brightly on what became a beautiful—hot—summer day, but that didn't stop families, students, and community members from coming out and joining in the festivities. The event brought together a wide range of activities and services, all designed to help our students and families feel supported and prepared as they gear up for the new school year. From school supply giveaways to educational resources and career information, there was something valuable for everyone.



One of the highlights of the day was the opportunity to connect with so many amazing vendors who made time during their weekend to be present with us. Their dedication and presence truly made the event special, and we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of them. Whether it was providing information, handing out materials, offering services, or simply engaging with families, their contributions were deeply appreciated and did not go unnoticed. The event wouldn't have been the same without their support.

There were also fun and engaging activities for kids and families to enjoy. Free haircuts were offered to help students feel confident and ready for their first day back. The bounce house was a huge hit, providing nonstop excitement for the little ones. Delicious Subway food was served, provided by the Isleta Police Department allowing everyone to enjoy a meal together while connecting with neighbors and friends. It was a wonderful blend of fun, learning, and community bonding.

Overall, it was a fantastic turnout, and it warmed our hearts to see so many familiar and new faces, all coming together with a shared purpose: to support our youth and make sure they start the school year strong and confident. Events like this are a reminder of the strength and unity within the Pueblo of Isleta, and we are so grateful to everyone who played a part in making it a success. We look forward to continuing this tradition and building even more meaningful connections in the future.

If any student(s) missed picking up supplies at the event, you can still stop by our DOE office. We're open Monday – Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Every student must be registered with the QR code link to pick up supplies: https://isletapueblo.formstack.com/forms/jom2025_26 - Department of Education Team

Back-to-School Announcement:

Hello Students!

It's hard to believe, but summer is already coming to an end—and that means it's time to welcome another school year full of opportunities, learning, and growth. The Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families as we begin the 2025–2026 academic year.

We know the transition from summer break to the classroom can be exciting, and sometimes a little overwhelming. That's why we want to remind our community that we are here to support you—every step of the way. From our youngest early learners just starting out, to high school students preparing for graduation, to those continuing on to college and vocational training, our department is dedicated to providing the resources and guidance you need to succeed.

Whether you have questions about school supplies, academic support, scholarships, tutoring, college readiness, or anything in between, our staff is ready to assist you and your family. We work in partnership with local schools, educators, and other departments to ensure that every Pueblo of Isleta student receives the tools they need to reach their full potential.

Education is a journey, and we are honored to walk that path with you. We encourage all students to start the year with positivity, focus, and a commitment to doing their best. Parents and guardians, thank you for the vital role you play in your child's education—we are here to partner with you and support your efforts at home and in the community.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would just like to learn more about the services we offer, please don't hesitate to call our office. Your success is our mission, and we look forward to another amazing school year together.

Let's make this year one to remember—for all the right reasons! With respect and encouragement,

Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education

(505) 869-9790

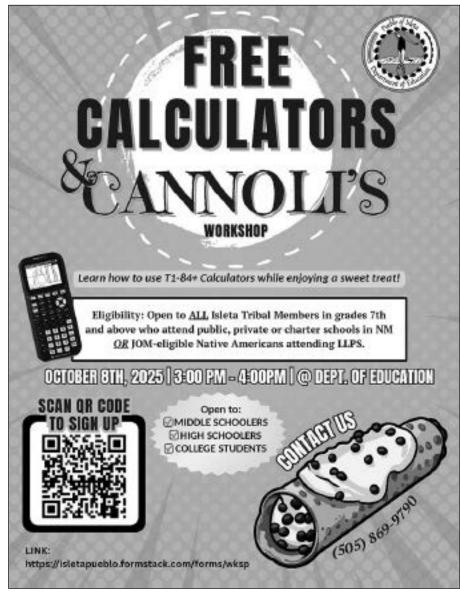


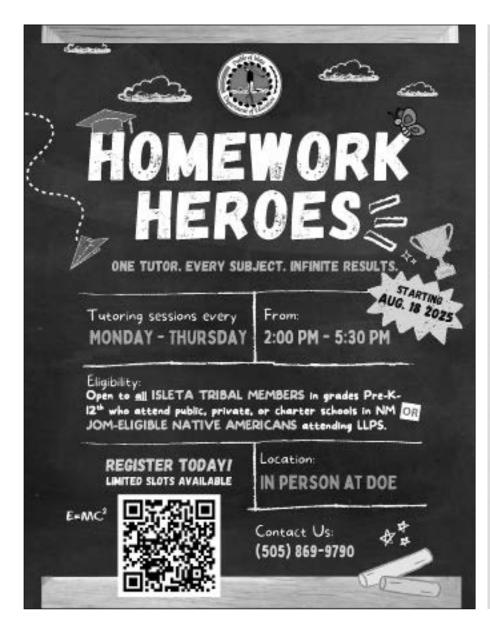
Contact Us: (505) 869-9790

Department of Education

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Albuquerque, NM 87105







SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL



The Santa Fe Indian School Parent Orientation is scheduled on Sunday, August 17, 2025. The Parent Orientation provides essential information and resources that support our families to best support their students for the new school year. An important part of our Orientation is the Resource Fair, where families can connect with and learn about the many supportive services available in and around their home communities. Attendees will include parents/guardians, students, and family members. There are AM and PM sessions offered and parents/guardians are free to choose to attend either session.

The Resource Fair will be located indoors in our beautiful Pueblo Pavilion. Chairs, tables, refreshments, and lunch will be provided. Check-in starts at 7:30am and we hope to have our Resource Fair participants remain till 3:30pm. Parent Orientation is scheduled to end by 4:00pm. We understand attending on a Sunday may be challenging. The reason we hold Parent Orientation on a Sunday is because a majority of our students reside in the dorms and Sunday, 8/17/25 is also their move-in day which presents the perfect opportunity to reach the majority of our parents/guardians.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Respectfully,

Alissa L. Chavez Lowe

Director of Admissions

Admissions Office: (505) 989-6370 Director's Office: (505) 216-7321

Cell: (505) 690-6293

Santa Fe Indian School Website

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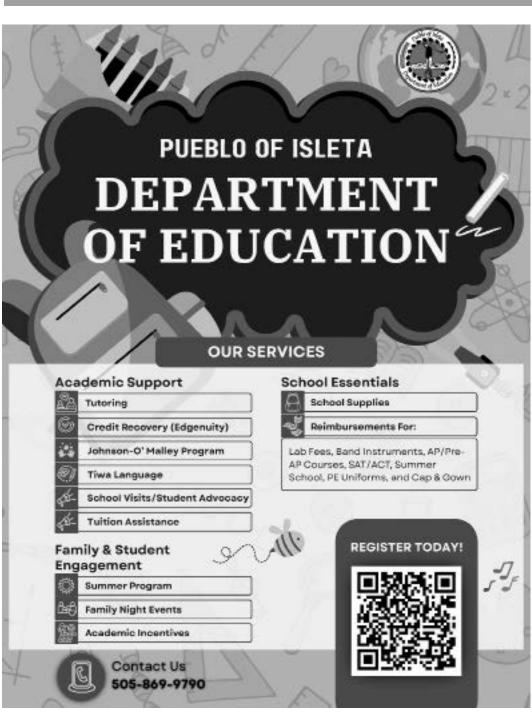
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Career specialist at 505-944-0289 Goodwill Industries of New Mexico

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TRUANCY

Welcome into the 2025/2026 school year!

It's back to school time and the Truancy Department would like to wish all of our Isleta students a successful school year. As in years past, the Truancy Department will continue working with our Isleta students and families.

With the start of a new school year, there is always some back-to-school anxiety from students entering elementary to those entering high school. Here are a couple of ideas on addressing back-to-school anxiety.

- Listen to your children and be sure to validate their feelings. Be sure not to give blanket responses such as "don't worry" "it's fine" "you'll be ok". This can cause your child to feel that their feelings and emotions are not important and will cause your child to possibly stop expressing themselves.
- Have your child think of different scenarios that they feel might happen and help them with how they will react to a scenario.
- If your child was active during their summer break with sports, summer programs, or going different places throughout the week with family or friends, they will need to readjust to a different schedule. Not being able to do those activities daily may affect them, so be sure to do similar activities with them on the weekends or on their next day off from school.

We will continue to work with the Isleta Elementary School to provide quarterly perfect attendance incentives for grades K-6; these incentives are provided to students who have zero absences, zero tardies and no early checkouts. For the 2024/2025 school year, we provided the following number of incentives for Isleta Elementary School students.

> 1st Quarter 2nd Quarter 12 12

3rd Quarter 4th Quarter

The Truancy Department was excited to be part of the Department of Education's Back-to-School event. A big shout out to those families who took time to visit our table, along with the other informational booths to get information on the various services that are available to you. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year.

Our department is always here to assist you and your children in attending school daily. We work closely with Los Lunas Truancy Department and receive weekly attendance. As most are aware, the Truancy Department sent out notification letters more frequently last semester, as we adopted a new **Children's Code**, which was amended and adopted in November 2024. You can read more at https:// www.isletapueblo.com/wpcontent/uploads/2024/11/ <u>LAOCAmendedNovember2024.pdf</u>

the Attendance for Success Law (31-04-01) can be found at the bottom of page 197 of the Law and Order Code.

Please remember that our department is here to assist you in helping your child attend school daily. Thank you,

Isleta Truancy Department

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Keep it simple, if you do not see it on this flier throw it away in the trash. Do not use your blue recycle cart for trash or it will be confiscated. Have your cart out by 7am. For service schedule announcements check the POI newsletter & POI Facebook. (505) 869-4106

Your recyclables do not need to be bagged, however it is highly recommended to bag your recyclables for curbside pickup during windy season. This is to reduce the chance of creating litter due to winds. If you choose to bag your recyclables it is important to use clear bags only. Colored bags are not accepted at the recycling facility. When your recyclables are bagged in colored bags they are not opened up and your material is landfilled instead of recycled. Using clear bags helps to ensure the health and safety of the line workers who come in contact with the material when sorting at the recycle facility. Using colored bags will result in your recycles not being collected. This is important to sustain the recycle program moving forward. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.



AT A GLANCE

- · Principal Message
- Perfect Attendance Incentive Program
- · PTO Join our Team!

Principal Message

Dear Isleta Learning Community.

I hope this email finds everyone enjoying summer, family time. The 2025-26 is quickly approaching with teachers and education technicians returning on July 29 and students returning on August 4.

If you need information about registration, feel free to call the front office or stop in at the school, and Ms. Piro will be available to assist you. IES is providing supplies and materials needed for classes. So, it is optional to buy other school supplies.

We look forward to everyone being back for a new school year! We also look forward to continuing to provide enriching learning experiences that will keep students advancing academically and socially.

Warmest regards.

Dr. Tamara Allison

Are You Concerned About Your Child's Development?

Does your child have trouble achieving milestones in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas?

- Vision or Hearing
- Motor Control or Coordination
- Behavior or Social Skills
- Cognitive or Academic Skills
- Speech or Communication Skills

If you have a child or know of a child who you think may have developmental delays or special needs, call to speak to a

member of our special education department.

According to federal law, schools must find and evaluate students who may have disabilities at no cost to families. This is called Child Find. If a child has a qualifying disability, schools must offer special education and related services (like speech therapy and counseling) to meet the child's unique needs. These are provided through an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The goal is to help students make progress in school.





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Quarter 1 Awards Assembly

Perfect Attendance Perks!

Celebrating Our Dedicated Learners!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Wonderful Students,

At Isleta Elementary, we firmly believe that consistent attendance is a cornerstone of academic success. Every single day your child is in school, they are engaging with new concepts, building critical skills, and strengthening their social connections. Missing even one day can mean missing key lessons that are hard to catch up on, impacting their learning journey and overall progress.

To celebrate and encourage this crucial commitment to learning, we are thrilled to announce our exciting Perfect Attendance Incentive Program for the current school year! We've designed a tiered system of rewards that recognizes and motivates our students throughout each 9-week grading period, culminating in a grand celebration for year-long perfect attendance.

How It Works: No Absences, No Tardies!

For a student to qualify for perfect attendance, they must be present every single school day for the entire school day within the 9-week period. This means zero absences (excused or unexcused) and zero tardies or early dismissals. It's a high bar, but one we know our dedicated students can achieve with your support!

Our 9-Week Incentives:

1st Nine Weeks: The Recognition &

For our students who achieve perfect attendance in the very first nine weeks, we want to kick off the year with immediate recognition and a sweet reward. This sets a positive tone and shows them their effort is valued right from the start.

- · Certificate of Achievement: A personalized certificate celebrating their accomplishment.
- Principal's Announcement: Their name announced over the intercom during morning announcements.
- Sweet Treat Surprise: A special sweet treat, deliverable to their classroom.

2nd Nine Weeks: Fun & Friendship!

As we move deeper into the school year, we'll continue to celebrate consistent attendance with an experience that promotes fun and togetherness.

- · Ice Cream Social: All perfect attendance achievers for the 2nd nine weeks will be invited to an exclusive ice cream social held during the school day.
- "Extra Recess" Pass: Each student will receive a pass for an extra 15 minutes of recess, to be used on a designated fun day.



3rd Nine Weeks: Perks & Privileges!

With spring approaching, we want to offer unique privileges that make attending school every day even more appealing and rewarding.

- · Pizza Lunch Party: Students with perfect attendance for the 3rd nine weeks will enjoy a special pizza lunch provided by the school, eaten in a designated fun area with their peers.
- "Choose Your Lunch Buddy" Day: A special privilege to choose a lunch buddy, from your class or another class. You will be able to enjoy your lunch at a special table with your buddy.



4th Nine Weeks & Year-End Grand Finale: The Big Rewards!

The final nine weeks is where dedication truly pays off, especially for those who maintain perfect attendance for the entire school year!

- · 4th Nine Weeks Perfect
 - Attendance: Students achieving perfect attendance for this period will receive a special school spirit item (e.g., a branded water bottle, hoodie or school-themed pencil
- Year-Long Perfect Attendance (All 4 Nine Weeks!): This is our highest honor! These exceptional students will be entered into a drawing for significant grand prizes, which may
 - A brand-new bicycle!
 - · Large gift baskets filled with books, games, and art supplies.
 - An exclusive invitation to a special end-of-year field trip or event (e.g., a local family attraction or a private movie viewing party).

Your Role is Key!

We understand that life happens, and sometimes absences are unavoidable. However, we strongly encourage you to prioritize school attendance whenever possible. Please help us by scheduling appointments outside of school hours, ensuring your child gets enough sleep, and reinforcing the importance of being at school every day, on time.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child receives the best possible education. We look forward to celebrating many perfect attendance achievements throughout the year!

Sincerely,

The Administration and Staff of Isleta Elementary School

Note: Specific prizes and activities are subject to change based on availability and school discretion. All perfect attendance determinations are final and made by school administration.

Get Involved!



We are always needing volunteers!

An Invitation to Serve: Join Our Parent Teacher Organization!

Dear Parents.

We are excited to invite our families to consider an invaluable opportunity to actively shape our school community. The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) plays a vital role in fostering a collaborative environment between parents, teachers, and school staff, ultimately enriching the educational experience for all our students.

Your involvement is not just appreciated, it's essential! By joining the PTO, you become a direct advocate for your child's needs and contribute to decisions that impact our entire school. It's a chance to build stronger community ties and ensure our school continues to thrive.

Building a strong school community through parent involvement.



What Does the Parent Teacher Organization Do?

The PTO is a dynamic group involved in various activities that directly benefit our students and school. Our responsibilities include:

- Providing Input on Program Policies: Providing valuable parent perspectives on school policies, activities, and services.
- Organizing Social Events: Planning and executing events that bring our school community together, fostering a sense of belonging.
- Supporting Teachers and Staff: Assisting with various initiatives to support our dedicated educators.
- Fundraising Activities: Organizing efforts to raise funds for essential school programs and resources.
- Advocating for Parent Concerns:
 Serving as a voice for parent concerns and suggestions, ensuring they are heard and addressed.

Collaboration is key to our success.



Benefits of Joining the PTO:

Serving on the Parent Teacher Organization offers numerous personal and community benefits:

- Enhanced Communication: Improve dialogue between parents, teachers, and the administration.
- Stronger Community Ties: Connect with other parents, teachers, and school leaders, building a supportive network
- Direct Impact: See the tangible results of your efforts in improving school programs and student
- Role Modeling: Demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and community service to your children.
- Personal Growth: Develop new skills, gain insights into school operations, and contribute your talents to a meaningful cause.

Working together for our children's success.



By delegating responsibilities among members, we ensure an efficient and productive committee, leveraging everyone's unique strengths and interests.

Express Your Interest Today!

We are seeking enthusiastic parents/guardians who are passionate about contributing to our school's success. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to dedicate some time and effort to support our students and staff.

If you are interested in serving on the Parent Teacher Organization, please submit a letter of interest to the school, so we can learn more about your skills and availability.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity. Your involvement makes a real difference!

For questions on how you can help, contact the front office @ 505-273-8444. Below is a list of opportunities.

- Become a member of the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Apply to be a volunteer
- View our current job openings: https://www.bie.edu/current-vacancies.







Daily Schedule:

7:45 AM	8:00 AM	8:30 AM Tardy	3:00 PM Dismissel
Student Drop Off	Breakfast	(3 Tardies=1 Absent)	12:30 PM Early Release

Dates to remember: August 2025

- Aug 4 First Day of School
- Aug 22 Early Release @ 12:30pm
- Aug 9 Early Release @ 12:30pm
- · Aug 28- NO School (Feast Day)

Remind

Sign up for important updates from Isleta Elementary.

Get information for Isleta Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to mid.at/a8g223f on a disktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

As summer winds down and the school year approaches, we're shifting into a new season here at the library. Our Summer Reading Program was a huge success, thank you everyone who participated and helped make it memorable. We loved seeing the students and the community coming in everyday to drop and pick up students. Now, as backpacks come out and routines return, we're here to support students, parents, and the community with helpful resources, study spaces, and back-to-school programs. Whether you're looking for homework help, new reads, programs, or a place to recharge, your library is ready for the school year ahead.

News

Monthly staff meetings will resume starting in August. We will take this time to review and discuss the Summer Reading Program as well as plan upcoming library programs for the community and public.

St. Augustine Feast is just around the corner. As of right now we have not heard of any POI closures, please keep a look out for library signage, social media posts, or library app notifications of any closures. Of course, you can always give us a call at the library at 505-869-9808 and we will be happy to relay any information we may have

Family Story Time is back after taking a break during the summer to focus on the Summer Reading Program. Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am with Abbey. Abbey will read a book and do a small activity/craft with families and children who attend. Family Story Time is geared towards children 16 months to 5 years old, however everyone is welcomed! No sign up is required and monthly calendars will be available for story time. For more information, please contact Abbey at 505-869-9808 or email at Abbey. Whitaker@isletapueblo.com.

Upcoming

Library staff will be out and about this August attending Open Houses for the Backto-School Season. We will be promoting our library services, resources and programs with students and their families. We will be posting on our library social media pages and event calendar on our library app of the upcoming open houses so make sure to stop by and say hello.

The library will be planning programs for children, teens and adults in the upcoming weeks and months. Please keep your eyes and ears open. We are excited to share our knowledge with you. You can always check for up-to-the-minute updates on the library's website, mobile app, social media, Isleta Newsletter, and library flyers throughout the community. All our programs are FREE and open to the community and public.

The After School Program will start on Friday, August 1st. Program will include homework help, daily reading, reading activities, incentive programs, crafts, field trips, and snacks. For more information on this program, please call the library at 505-869-9808 and speak with a staff member!

Recap

Our 2025 Summer Reading Program has come to an end, and we had a total of 45 participants enrolled in our Junior and Youth sessions. We had an exciting summer full of activities, crafts and we can't forget reading!

Our Junior Program saddled up for the month of June into the Wild West with a field trip to the Santa Fe Children's Museum, Isleta Cultural Center and the Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge. Along the way they made Cowboy Hats, Horse Feed Food, Western Bandanas and Pool Noodle Horse. Every day students gathered around for a Wild West story time followed by sensory bins,

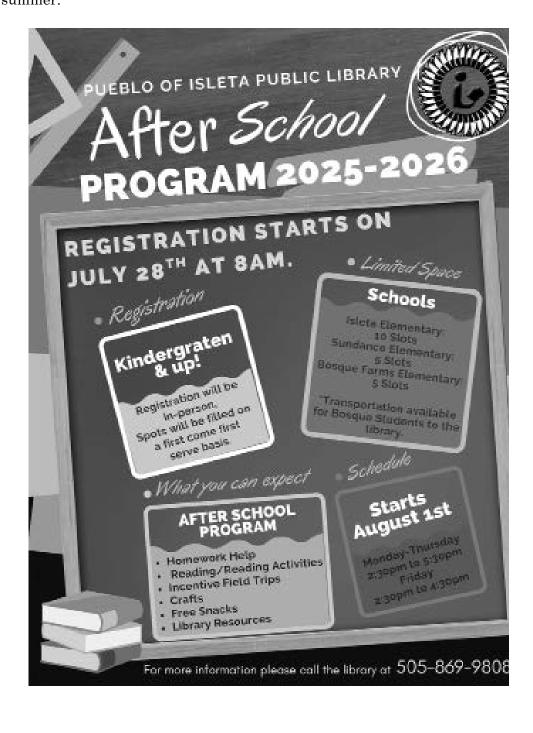
craft time and outside play in the learning center. For the month of July, we step into our Monster Era with field trips to the Isleta Rec, Water Day at the Park and Jungle Jam. Things got a little messy making Monster Marshmallow Pops, Tubbie Toast, Monster Slime, Monster Claws and Creepy Carrots to name a few. We hope that everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the story times, crafts and field trips.

The Youth Program finished strong completing their group curriculums and chapter books. Each student was able to complete two-chapter books before the summer was over. Students were also able to complete two curriculums of their choosing and attend mini field trips throughout the weeks. For the last week of July students had a challenge of building their own rockets one day and launching them the next. A Water Day was also on the schedule and students went to the park to enjoy a free day of fun in the sun after students were treated to snow cones back at the library. Their final field trip was to Cliff's where they enjoyed rides and Water Mania and after were treated to lunch at Golden Corral.

Library staff can't believe how fast the summer went by and we would like to thank all the students that participated this year. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful school year and we hope to see you all again next summer.

The After School Program registration took place the week of July 28th and will remain open until all 20 spots are filled. We will be accepting students Kindergarten and up. Since this article was written before registration, we will not know it there are spots available, so please give the library a call. Our After School Program is designed to help students with reading and homework in a safe and comfortable environment. Library staff members are not certified tutors and cannot guarantee one-on-one services with all the students. However, library staff is well equipped with various resources and acquire knowledge to provide resources and services to the After School Students. If you have any questions or concerns, please give the library a call at 505-869-9808 and speak with a staff member.

All students are welcome to come to the library after school. We strongly encourage students up to the age of 16 to read 20 minutes before being allowed on the computer and game consoles. Computer access without reading will be allowed only for students that need to do homework or work on projects. We would also like to remind students what our General Computer Lab is for adult patrons. Students will be logged on in the Children's or Teen Room computers and periodically switching computers to give everyone a chance.









Junior Summer Reading Program Water Day!





Junior Summer Reading Program Field Trip to Valle de Oro Wildlife Refuge.







Youth Summer Reading Program Art Group



Youth Summer Reading Program Fiber Fun Group







Youth Summer Reading Program Crystals & Gems Group



Junior Summer Reading Program Story Time by Tiwa Language Instructor at the Isleta Cultural Center.





ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS AUGUST – 2025



SUMMER IS OVER

It seems summer vacation just arrived and too quickly it is gone! Very soon, the children will be returning to school and for some a happy time while for others maybe not so much.

We ask everyone to be alert and watch for children walking or riding bicycles to school and be extremely mindful of school buses in the area. A reminder, when a bus has illuminated its lights and extended the stop sign on the bus, everyone needs to stop (both directions of traffic). There may be children crossing the road to get on the buses in the mornings or getting off and walking across the road to get home.....buses and children have the right of way. Please do not try to pass the bus or continue your route of travel just because the bus is in the opposing lane. Not only is it a citable offense, but we want to prevent an accident.

We again remind everyone not to leave children and pets in your vehicle unattended with the temperatures we have been experiencing. Even if it feels like a beautiful balmy day of 75-80 degrees, remember temperatures inside a vehicle can rise quickly and become stifling for children and pets. Criminal charges can also be brought forth dependent upon the nature and condition of the child or pet. There are applications that can be used, one being Waze, in which a reminder can be set to check the back seat, at the end of your trip.

If you see a child or an animal alone in a vehicle, call 911 immediately.

IHSP TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Traffic Division remains busy as ever and as always are proactive in traffic enforcement, crash investigations and seeking out DWI. Checkpoints and patrol saturation activities are ongoing so everyone please, drive within the posted speed limits, obey traffic signs and traffic control lights, buckle up, don't text while driving and **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with sadness we must announce the cancellation of NATIONAL NIGHT OUT for this year. Due to staffing and scheduling conflicts, it has been determined the event must be cancelled. Look for us next year!!

Isleta Police Department asks the community to continue to report issues of concern to include residency non-compliance, nuisance ordinance violations and graffiti.

We thank you and appreciate you looking out for the community.



Last month we announced the promotion of Virgil Lucero to a sergeant's position with Open Space. On June 27, during our employee luncheon, the department invited Sgt. Lucero's family.

Here are a few photographs:









Transit Services Now Serving the Pueblo of Isleta

The Pueblo of Isleta and the Rio Metro Regional Transit District **Working Together**

Bus Route 208 (No Fares until further notice!)

Bus Route 208 connects the Pueblo of Isleta and Valencia County communities to the Alvarado Transportation Center (ATC) in Downtown Albuquerque during the morning/midday when the Rail Runner does not operate. Route 208 features three northbound trips arriving at the ATC at 9:30am, 11:00am and 1:30pm, and three southbound trips departing the ATC at 9:35am, 11:05am and 1:32pm. At the ATC, riders can transfer to ABQ RIDE bus routes.

Route 208 serves two bus stops on the Pueblo of Isleta. The stop closest to the village proper is located on NM 147 just east of the Rio Grande Bridge. Please do not park and leave vehicles unattended on the adjoining roads near this stop, as the bus and other vehicles use these roads to turnaround and access other locations. Route 208 also stops at the Isleta Pueblo Rail Runner Station, where riders can transfer to the Isleta Resort and Casino shuttle. Because the bus serves the station, riders can also consider using Route 208 in combination with the Rail Runner, for example, taking the bus to Downtown Albuquerque in the mid-morning and returning by train in the evening.

Please see route flyer that includes map, times of Bus Route 208. (No Fares until further notice!)

Pueblo of Isleta Dial-a-Ride (No Fares until further notice!)

The Pueblo of Isleta Dial-a-Ride operates Monday through Friday from 8:15am to 2:45pm, providing trips within the Pueblo and to the ABQ RIDE Route 53 bus stop on NM 314. Service to places like Smiths, Albertsons and Wal-Mart in Los Lunas is also provided with requests made before noon at least one business day prior to your trip.

Request your Dial-a-Ride trip by calling Valencia County dispatch at (505) 352-3595 before noon at least one business day prior to your trip. Requests are accepted between 5:00am and 3:00pm Monday thru Friday. On the date and time of your trip, a wheelchair accessible van will arrive within 15 minutes of your scheduled pickup time. Trips may also be grouped together; riders should expect to travel with others.

For more information about both services, including a copy of the Route 208 schedule, visit riometro. org and select "Schedules" > "Bus" > "Pueblo of Isleta" from the grey bar near the top of the website. Schedules for Route 208 are also available at the Public Services Department Office at the Tribal Services Complex.

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About Route 208

Bus route 208 provides three northbound and three southbound trips morning/midday between Valencia County, the Pueblo of Isleta, and Downtown Albuquerque when the Rail Runner does not operate. Riders are encouraged to use Route 208 in combination with the Rail Runner, for example, by taking the bus to Downtown Albuquerque midday and returning by train in the evening. Weekdays only.

ADA Accessible

All of our buses and trains are ADA compliant and are equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps.

Title VI / Non-Discrimination Notice

The Rio Metro Regional Transit District is committed to its Title VI obligations. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national origin in the delivery of service. To obtain more information on our non-discrimination obligations or to file a Title VI complaint, contact us at 809 Copper Ave. NW, ABQ, NM 87102.

El Distrito de Tránsito Regional de Río Metro cumple con las obligaciones del Título VI. No discriminamos por raza, color ni origen nacional al brindar nuestros servicios. Para obtener más información sobre nuestros deberes antidiscriminatorios o para presentar un reclamo del Título VI, contáctenos en 809 Copper Ave. NW,

Contact Information Información de contacto

NM Rail Runner

866.795.RAIL (7245)

Rio Metro Valencia 505.352.3595

Rio Metro Sandoval 877.660.1110

www.riometro.ora

ABQ RIDE 505.243.RIDE (7433)

NM Park & Ride 866.551.RIDE (7433)

North Central RTD 866 206 0754

Santa Fe Trails

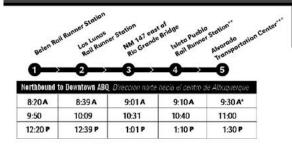
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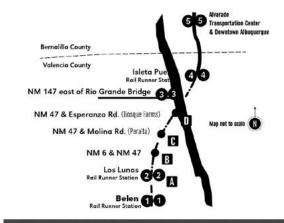




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 Bus Route Zone 1 --- Bus Route Zone 2

Legend / Leyenda

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1:49 P

Major Cross Streets Time Point Bus Stop

Non-Timepoint Bus Stop

NMRX New Mexico Rail Runner Express

Transfer Points / puntos de transferencia

M NMRX, RM209, RM210 B RM209, RM210

P RM210

II RM210

Each color on the route map represents a fare zone. Cada color en el mapa representa una zona de tarifa.

Fares / Tarifas

Full Fare - One Way (\$1 per. zone) tarifa completa – un solo sentido

Reduced Fare - One Way (\$.50 per. zone) tarifa de descuento - un solo sentido

Full Fare - Monthly Pass (\$30) tarifa completa – boleto para el mes

Reduced Fare - Monthly Pass (\$15)

tarifa de descuento - boleto para el mes Reduced fares are available to:

- Youth ages 10-17
- . Students with a valid Student ID
- Seniors age 62+
- · Medicare card holders · People with disabilities who show:
- An NM Motor Vehicle Department notification
- A letter from doctor indicating the disability (with exp. date) - An ABQ RIDE Honored Citizen Card
- A Santa Fe Ride Card or Santa Fe Trails Half Fare Card
- A Disabled Veteran ID card

Tarifas de descuento aplica a:

- Edades juveniles 10-17
- · Estudiantes con un ID válido de estudiante Mayores de 62 años
- Titulares de terjetas Medicare
- Personas con discapacidades que muestren. Una notificación del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados NM
- Una carta de un médico que indique la discapacidad (con fecha de finalización)
- Una Tarjeta de Ciudadano Honrado ABO RIDE
- Una Tarjeta de Viaje de Santa Fe o una Tarjeta de Media Tarifa de Santa Fe Trails
- Una tarieta de ID de Veterano Discapacitado

FREE FARES / TARIFA GRATIS

Children 9 and under | Niños 9 años y meños

Active Duty Military & Veterans

Accepted IDs include a VHIC or VA medical card, a veteran's ID (VIC card), a driver's license with a veteran's designation Department of Defense Active Duty & Dependent Military IDs, and the NMRX Freedom Pass.

Servicio de veteranos y militares activos

identificación de veteranos (VIC), una licencia de conducir con una designación de veterano, el departamento de defensa de identificación militares activos y dependientes, y la tarjeta de libertad del Rail Runner

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Here we are in August already, the year seems to be flying by! We just finished another successful summer recreation program. We are now 100% engaged in prepping for the start of our Afterschool recreation program, school starts earlier this year so we need to be ready to go once school starts.

For those of you that didn't know we were finally able to purchase 3 brand new vans this past December (2025) and boy have those vans come in handy. The vans were used last school year to help us pick up the kids from school so they could attend the after-school program last school year and we will be using them for that same purpose this school year as well. They were also used this summer to get the kids to and from field trips all summer long.

My Parks Maintenance crew did another outstanding job this summer with our parks and ball fields. I've had numerous complements from outside organizations and groups telling me how well maintained and how great our parks and ballfields look. It's always good to hear compliments like that, it just confirms what I already know about my Parks Maintenance Section. My Parks Maintenance Crew really takes great pride in the work they do and it obviously shows in our parks and fields. We have a great crew and they never hesitate to deliver wherever and for whatever they are called upon to do for the department and the pueblo.

My Sports Section has also been busy this summer. Coach Waquie has been working with the kids in our summer program providing them with guidance and a variety of sports related activities. Coach was able to get a free basketball camp for the kids this summer as well as helping out with summer sports activities. He has also been coaching an Isleta Pueblo Basketball team this summer and he worked it out so that all the games the team played were held here at our recreation center on Saturdays. We allowed Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation Department to use our gymnasium on Saturdays to hold games and they have allowed us to be in the league for free. We are hoping to continue this partnership next season as well, and Bernalillo County Parks & recreation Department will allow us to have more teams free in the league. This will be a great opportunity for even more Isleta Pueblo children this coming season. We look forward to seeing more kids participate in this league next season. We will be putting out information if you are interested in having your child participate. See below for more information about our Sports Section.

My Fitness Section is having a great summer as well. Both facilities (Main Recreation and Pickle Heights) have been busy trying to keep our tribal members fit and healthy. The classes are doing very well and lots of tribal members are taking advantage of the great trainers we have available for them to use. Our trainers are very knowledgeable and more than willing to help you out with your fitness goals. We had a request for an early morning Palates Class and if we are able to accommodate these types of requests and the participation is there, we will do our best to work it out, so we started the requested Palates Class and it's doing well so far. Please contact us for more information about all the fitness classes we offer. See below for more information about our Fitness Section.

Our Aquatics Section is also another section that has been very busy this summer. Of course they have been available for our summer program participants, but they have also made time for all the other kid's programs (Head Start, Library, DOE, etc.) offered around the pueblo. They have also been able to provide one on one Swim Lessons all summer long for individuals (of all ages) that are in need of swim lessons. Now before school starts, they will be using this slow time to do some cleaning of the pool area to get ready for the school year. Don't forget we have a beautiful pool for all of you to use, so please make arrangements to down and use your pool.

Recreation Section, as I mentioned earlier, we just closed out our 2025 Summer Recreation Program and we are getting ready to start our After-school Recreation Program. Another great summer for us, the kids had fun and enjoyed themselves, and it's always fun to watch the staff grow into their positions as well. Staff starts off slow, but the kids take to them and you can see the confidence grow with our staff as the summer progresses. We had some good recreation aides this summer and we hope to see them back next summer.

SPORTS SECTION – It has been an exciting year for our sports department. We finished up our men's basketball league, we had 8 teams in the league this year and Dustin Chewewi's Showtime team won the league championship. Once again it was a competitive season that had its ups and downs, hey no one is perfect. Refs miss calls and the players miss shots and we will all keep trying to do our best.

This year we have collaborated with the Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation Department; this collaboration has allowed more Isleta Pueblo kids the opportunity to play more basketball. It's been a good partnership so far. Our youth basketball team is still playing and the league will run until mid-August. The 12 and up boys are playing in this league and their current record 6-2 so far with 2 more games to play and post-season tournament as well. Come out and watch them play, all games are on Saturday mornings 9 am.

We are also getting ready to start Cross Country, there will be 11 Pueblos (Zia, San Feilpe, Santo Domingo, Acoma, Santa Clara, Jemez Day, Laguna, Tohajillee, Cochiti, Jemez Riverside, and Isleta) participating this season, it's awesome to see all the pueblos get in the running spirit again. Isleta will host the Cross-country finals this year so come out and support our kids.

Co-Ed volleyball will start in October this year. If you're interested in signing up a team, please contact us at (505) 869-9777. We are already signing up teams and we are only signing up 12 teams this year. Signups will be on a first come first serve basis, so don't wait to sign up your team.

Summer Recreation Program Highlights:

RECREATION SECTION – This summer we had over 120 participants in the Summer Recreation Program. The youth had an awesome summer filled with fun filled activities and they attended many many fieldtrips as well. Explora came out every week to do some science related activities with the kids making bubbles, building towers, playing with magnets, etc. They also participated

in the Tiwa program at the Cultural Center with Nana Lorraine and Tata Ben. All groups went over to the Cultural Center this summer and we hope they were able to pick up some more of the Tiwa language they were taught. Our older youth group had fitness time in the weight room and were able to follow a circuit plan with a trainer and use various equipment throughout the summer. We hope that this will spark the youth to make health and fitness part of their everyday lifestyle for the future. As for fieldtrips, youth went to the zoo, aquarium, museums, the movies, Hinkle Fun Center, Top Golf and Cliff's and more. I want to thank the Peacemaker committee, Tata Ben, Nana Lorraine for providing Tiwa classes, Department of Education for providing Explora, all the summer rec staff for caring and spending their summer with our Isleta youth and making a child's summer memory a fun enjoyable one to remember!

We are also getting ready for the After-School Program, please see the flyer for more information on that program.

















FITNESS SECTION – Isleta Recreation fitness team has been very busy with new and exciting way to meet your fitness goals. We have seen such amazing participation and progress in each and every one that has tried the classes that we have been offering. We recently started a Sun Rise Pilates Class. This class enhances your inner peace along with your inner strength and also does wonders for your outer appearance as well. The class is held outdoors in the North grass field on Friday mornings at 6:00am. If you are interested, please come and join us or if you have any questions regarding this class or any other classes we offer, please call the Isleta Recreation Center at 505-869-9777 and speak with the fitness staff Christa, Jocelyn, Raylen or Thomas and they will be happy to answer any questions you may

Please remember that we do offer: Chair Strength Classes, Pilates, Spin, Water Aerobics, Yoga and Zumba. We look forward to seeing new faces. Thank you.

REMEMBER – If you have any questions about the Department do not hesitate to contact us directly at (505) 869-9777.

From the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department: Early Days of Pottery Mound

Since 2012, when Isleta received ownership of the ancestral Tiwa pueblo of Pottery Mound from the University of New Mexico (UNM), the Isleta Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation (DCHP) has worked to understand the pueblo's occupation history, and how its inhabitants utilized the landscape around them. In a recent piece for this newsletter, we presented project results that show how the pueblo was occupied into the mid-1500s and how it was visited by one or more Spanish parties during that time. Today, we'll go back another 300 years to look at when and how the pueblo came into being.

Pottery Mound is famous for the many different ceramics that can be seen all over the site. By forms, styles, and raw materials, archaeologists can date the bulk of these ceramics to the 1300s and 1400s. The 1400s were the heyday of Pottery Mound; this was when the pueblo had the most inhabitants in its entire history. Far less visible are ceramics dating from the pueblo's founding years. There are several reasons for this. First, the people who established Pottery Mound were few in number, perhaps no more than half a dozen families, and left few ceramics. Second, the area where early ceramics have been found since the 1950s is small, and much of that area has been destroyed by the Rio Puerco. Third, the surviving remains of the earliest settlement are buried under later room blocks and are inaccessible for study.

Despite these challenges, it is possible to identify the location of this earliest settlement under the north-central part of the pueblo. The early ceramics from this area date from between 1100 and 1300. This ceramic evidence and the layering of structural remains suggest that the pueblo was founded around 1100-1200 and remained just a hamlet for about a century. Then, at some point around 1300, the population began to increase significantly. The reasons for this are not clear; however, it appears that some other, smaller sites around Pottery Mound were abandoned during that time, and that the inhabitants of those sites moved to Pottery Mound. Why? That's a question that can never be answered for certain, but perhaps it was because of Pottery Mound's location close to the Rio Puerco. Even when running intermittently, the Puerco would have been a more reliable source of water than the small tributary streams along which those smaller sites were located.

Cultural surveys by the Isleta DCHP of the lands surrounding Pottery Mound preserve information and fill in the map of Ancestral Tiwa settlement as it was before Pottery Mound became the most prominent pueblo in the area. But erosion and human activities endanger many sites in the Puerco Valley, Pottery Mound included.

See Something, Say Something: Breaking the Silence

The Pueblo of Isleta is a community rooted in tradition, strength, and care for one another. But even the strongest can struggle in silence. Depression, isolation, and thoughts of self-harm don't always show up loudly — sometimes they come quietly, in the form of withdrawal, sadness, or changes in behavior.

We all have a role to play.

If you notice someone pulling away, seeming hopeless, or just not acting like themselves — don't stay silent. A simple check-in or a call to someone who can help might be what saves a life.

Your voice can be a lifeline.

Let's break the silence around mental health. Let's look out for our youth, our elders, our friends — and speak up when something feels off.

See the signs. Start the save.

You are never alone, and neither is anyone else — not in this community.

For mental health resources and support, you can contact:

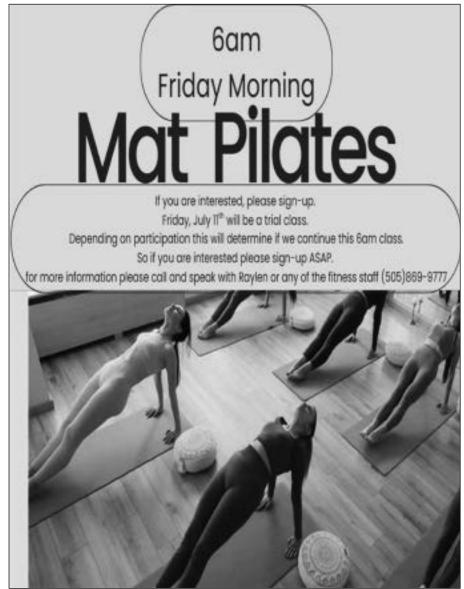
- B'eeh K-oo-ee Wellness Center: 505-869-5475
- Suicide and Crisis Line: Call or text 988

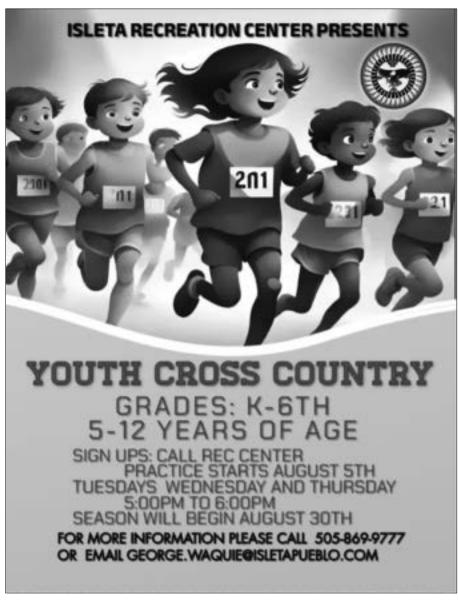
-Nancy Jo Gonzales, MPA Director of Public Health Services











Happy Summer from Isleta Dental Clinic!

We hope you're all enjoying the beautiful weather and making the most of your summer days. we want to take a moment to highlight some important aspects of maintaining your oral health and celebrate a special milestone!

Your Smile, Your Health: Don't Skip Your Cleanings!

Summer often brings a shift in routines, but it's crucial not to let your dental health take a back seat. Regular dental cleanings are the cornerstone of a healthy smile. These appointments allow us to:

- Remove Plaque and Tartar: Even with diligent brushing and flossing, some plaque and tartar can accumulate, especially in hard-to-reach areas. Our hygienists are experts at removing these stubborn deposits.
- **Prevent Cavities:** By removing plaque and tartar, we significantly reduce your risk of developing cavities.
- **Fight Gum Disease:** Cleanings help prevent and manage gingivitis and more advanced forms of gum disease, which can lead to tooth loss if left untreated.
- **Freshen Your Breath:** A thorough cleaning can eliminate the bacteria that cause bad breath.
- Detect Issues Early: Your cleaning appointment is also an opportunity for us to examine your mouth for any potential concerns, such as early signs of cavities, gum disease, or other oral health issues, allowing for timely intervention.

Restorative Care: See It Through!

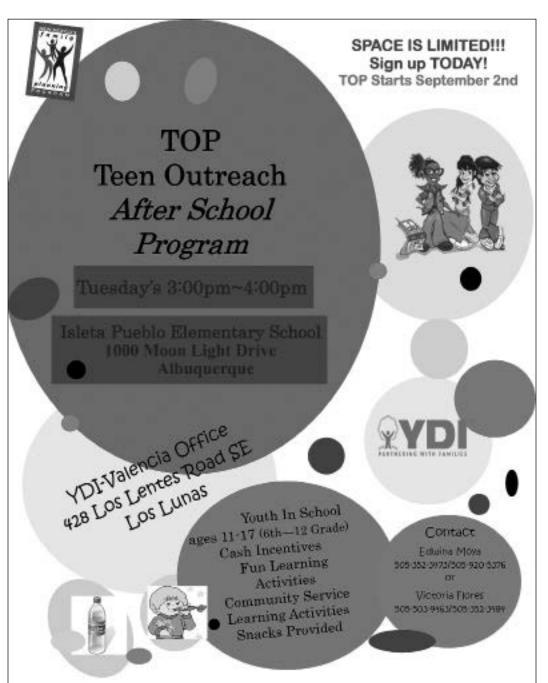
If you have a restorative appointment scheduled – whether it's for a filling, crown, or any other necessary treatment – please remember the importance of keeping that appointment. Delaying restorative care can lead to:

- Worsening Problems: A small cavity can become a larger one, potentially requiring more extensive and costly treatment if not addressed promptly.
- Increased Pain and Discomfort: Untreated dental issues can lead to increased pain, sensitivity, and discomfort.
- **Further Complications:** What starts as a simple issue can escalate into more complex problems affecting your overall oral health.

We understand that life gets busy, but prioritizing your restorative appointments is an investment in the long-term health and stability of your smile. If you need to reschedule, please give us as much notice as possible so we can find an alternative time that works for you.

Celebrating a 4th Anniversary with Isleta Dental Clinic! We are thrilled to celebrate a very special milestone this month! Our wonderful dental hygienist, Susan, is celebrating her 4th anniversary with Isleta Dental Clinic! We are so grateful for her commitment to providing excellent care and support. Please join us in congratulating Susan on this fantastic achievement when you see her next!

Ready to Schedule Your Appointment? If it's been a while since your last cleaning, or if you need to schedule or confirm a restorative appointment, please don't hesitate to call us at 505-869-4499, We look forward to seeing your smiles soon!





Welcome

Hello POI family! We are excited for the first day of school on the 18th! We are also looking forward to our Child Find event on the 9th and the Health Fair on the 16th. Call for more info and to schedule an application appointment for the 2025-2026 school year!

Important August Dates <

08/07 Parent Committee Might 08/09 Child Find 08/16 Health Fair 08/18 First Day of School 08/28 Feast Day (closed)

Accepting Enrollment Applications 2025-2026

Serving ages from prenatal & infants to 5 years old

REQUIREMENTS:

- · Household CIB
- Proof of Residency (Isleta Pueblo, Bernalillo, or Valencia County)
- Proof of Birth

IF APPLICABLE:

 Eligibility Letter as proof of Public Assistance (SNAP/TANF)





Elder Center Advisory Committee Members

Currently seeking committee members to advise and recommend improvements to the Elder Center.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Committee members serve two- or three-year terms determined by Tribal Council.
- Meetings are usually once a month.
- Committee members will receive a stipend.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Member
- · Over the age of 25
- · Officer Roles:
 - Chair
 - · Vice-Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - « Committee member

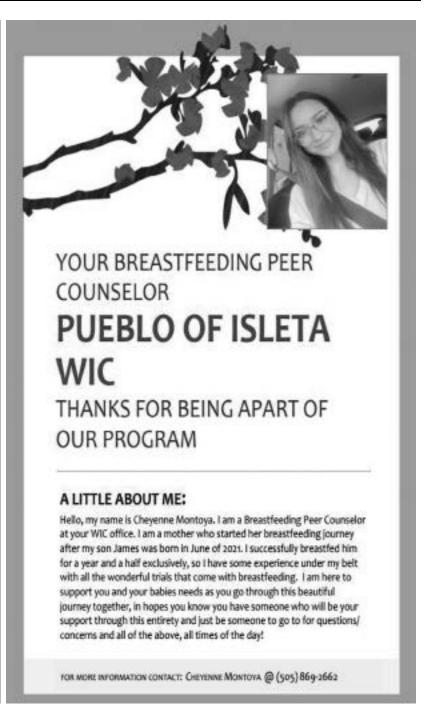
How to Apply:

Submit a letter of interest to POI Tribal Council, or you may scan the QR Code, then create and deliver your letter to the Elder Center.



SCAN ME

Questions?? Please Call (505) 869-9770





Health Beat: Hepatitis C Liver Disease – Prevention and Treatment Updates

Phone: 505-869-3200

Hepatitis C is a virus that infects the liver. It causes liver damage that can lead to cirrhosis, even liver cancer. It also raises the risk of diabetes and heart disease. Many people do not notice any health problems until they have had Hepatitis C for many years. The Hepatitis C virus is spread through contact with infected blood and body fluids. Many years ago, blood bank donations were not tested for Hepatitis C, so some infections came from blood transfusions. Others were infected from using needles that were not properly sterilized when getting tattoos or injecting drugs. In some cases, people were infected through sexual contact. Unfortunately, Hepatitis C is becoming more common in the U.S. overall and especially in Native communities.

The U.S. Preventive Service Task Force recommends that all adults are tested at least once in their lifetime for Hepatitis C. This will help get treatment to everyone who needs it. Starting in 2016, the Federal Drug Administration has approved treatments for Hepatitis C that can completely CURE the infection and PREVENT liver damage! Just 2 to 3 months of daily medication, with minimal side effects, can save someone's life.

Your health care team at Isleta Health Center has been working to make these treatments available to our patients who need it. If you or a loved one would like testing or treatment for Hepatitis C, call us at 505-869-3200 to make an appointment.

The Challenges of Extreme Heat in Conjunction with an Alzheimer's Diagnosis

Extreme heat can pose significant risks for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) potentially leading to increase hospitalizations and even death. There are more than 7.4 million Americans living with Alzheimer's, including 46,000 New Mexicans. Individuals with ADRD may have impaired judgement and difficulty communicating discomfort, making them more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses and complications.

The Alzheimer's Association is offering important safety tips for caregivers and families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dementias to prepare for the extreme heat that we are currently experiencing.

- Family and friends should prepare accordingly and make plans to regularly check in on a person living with Alzheimer's.
- Dress in loose-fitting, light clothing, and arrange for cooler spaces if air conditioning is unavailable.
- Please stay indoors as much as possible, and if you must go outside, wear a hat and apply sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Research shows that heat can also increase agitation and confusion in people.
- Try to remove behavioral triggers by addressing the person's physical needs related to the heat, then tending to their emotional needs.
- Increased water intake is essential to maintaining good hydration and health during extreme heat. Also, keep an eye on local weather forecasts. High temperatures are not the only concern. Humidity and pollution can cause breathing difficulties, as well.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion to avoid heat stroke. Heat exhaustion includes heavy sweating, weakness, headache, nausea, and muscle cramps, often accompanied by pale, cool, and clammy skin. Fainting can also occur. It is crucial to recognize these symptoms and seek shade, fluids and rest, as heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke if not addressed.

Heat stroke is a serious medical emergency characterized by a dangerously high body temperature (104° or higher) and altered mental state, potentially leading to seizures, coma, or death if not treated promptly. Key symptoms include confusion, slurred speech, hot and dry or excessively sweaty skin, and rapid heart rate.

Everyone can be at risk for heat related illnesses. Please watch for the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Be especially cognizant of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Robert Payette, RN Public Health Nurse



Because of you, life doesn't stop

BLOOD DRIVE

BATTLE OF THE BADGES ISLETA

MONDAY, AUGUST 18 11:00AM TO 3:00PM WELLNESS CENTER 3950 NM-47 A ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87105

-To thank you for your generosity this summer, give blood two times or give your first Power Red donation between June 1 and Aug. 31 and you'll receive a \$25 Donor Rewards gift card.*

-Donate blood, platelets or plasma Aug. 1-28 and you'll receive a \$10 Rewards gift card.* PLUS, you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$10,000 gift cards in our Gas Giveaway — enough to buy gas for a year!** Donors must have an online donor account and be opted into the Donor Rewards program to receive points to redeem for the gift card. No opt-in required for the giveaway. -Details: https://www.vitalant.org/gasgiveaway

-Battle of the Badges t-shirts will also be given to donors

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-25-VITAL or visit us at vitalant.org





HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES

What are these classes?

Every month the Diabetes Prevention and Treatment Program at Isleta Health Center hosts a cooking class. The participants get to cook and take some food home! All ingredients and equipment are provided.



Who can participate?

Anyone can participate. These classes are open to all ages.

When are these classes?

These classes occur once a month on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Isleta Health Center. See the box to the right for future cogking class dates.

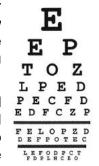


Call Karen Roop, MS, RD, at 869–4093 to sign up today!

Dear parents or guardians,

Have you started your back to school check lists for your child or children before the school year? New notebooks, pens and pencils are important to prepare children for the upcoming school year but have you thought about an eye exam?

Children are constantly facing demands on their visual system at school with reading, seeing the board, and especially with the introduction of digital devices into the classroom. It is estimated that 1 in 4 children have vision problems that go undiagnosed. Improved or



aided vision can drastically improve your child's ability to learn and excel. If correction is needed, not only will your child's learning improve but also all aspects of your child's everyday life.

Please call our Optometry office at Isleta Health Center to set up an eye exam appointment for your child/children at {505} 869-4080.







Relocation to Isleta Pueblo Governor's Office

Tiwa Lending Services (TLS) is thrilled to announce our relocation back to Isleta Pueblo's Governor's Office, address 117A Tribal Road 40. We will be at this address starting Friday, August 01, 2025.

Welcome TLS'S New Loan Assistant





Greetings Community Members & Partners,

My name is Gabriel Cabrera-Flores, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the TLS team. I'm eager to learn, grow, and contribute to the programs and services we provide to Native Commu-

I bring over eight years of experience in customer service and management, and I'm looking forward to applying those skills in a meaningful way here at TLS.

Outside of work, I'm a proud father to my 5-year-old son, who will be starting kindergarten next year. In my free time, I enjoy playing basketball, spending time with friends and family, and taking nature walks.

Tiwa Lending Services Programs & Services



Mortgage lending available to Native Americans in Valencia, Bernalillo, and Sandoval counties. Our mortgage loan product is designed to keep homeownership affordable whether you are planning to build, purchase, renovate, or refinance. Tiwa Lending Services is an equal housing lender, NML5 ID 2402244.

Consumer lending available to Isleta Tribal Members to create a positive credit history. Loans can be utilized for credit building, credit repair, debt consolidation, home improvements, personal, and emergency. To qualify you must provide driver's license, Isleta census ID, source of income, and active banking information.

As a HUD Certified Counseling Agency, we provide education on credit, financial management, or homebuyer readiness. Classes are hosted on an annual basis and one-on-one sessions are available anytime. What should you expect from a one-on one session? Intake of your information, outline goals & obstacles, and create an action plan.

READY TO GET STARTED? CONTACT OUR STAFF TODAY!



Gabriel Cabrera-Flores Loan Assistant

Miranda Lente Executive Director Loan Officer/HUD HOC

Phone: (505) 916-0556 Website: www.Tiwalending.org

Isleta National Diabetes Prevention Program



As of May 2025, the Health Center's Diabetes Prevention Treatment Program and (DPTP) was recognized by the CDC to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. It is the only tribal organization in New Mexico with CDC recognition. The program, which has been

heavily researched in the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study (DPPOS), has shown that participants who complete the program can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes for at least 15 years. The research also shows that the program is more effective than medications at preventing type 2 diabetes.

The National DPP lifestyle change program can help you build healthy new habits that last a lifetime. The program runs for one year. During the first 4-6 months of the program, you'll meet about once a week. During the 2nd half of the program, you'll meet once or twice a month. Making lifestyle changes is an ongoing process. Staying in the program for the full year is essential to help you stick to new habits and avoid slipping back into old habits. If you have not reached your goals in the first half of the program, your Lifestyle Coach and other group members can help you succeed.

In the first half of the program, you'll learn to:

- Eat healthy without giving up all the foods you
- Add physical activity to your life, even if you don't think you have time.
- Deal with stress.
- Cope with challenges that can slow your progress, like choosing healthy food when eating out.

In the second half of the program, you'll enhance the skills you've learned so you can maintain the changes you've made. These sessions will review key ideas such as tracking your food and physical activity, setting goals, staying motivated, and overcoming barriers. Your Lifestyle Coach and the group will continue to support you. You'll learn some new information, too.

The program will be starting soon. Dinner will be provided each session. If interested in finding out more information or to register, please call the DPTP at (505)869-4595.

Isleta Elder Center

7/8/2025

ADULT DAY SERVICES

August 2025 **Activity Calendar**

If interested in joining the Adult Day Services Program, please call (505) 869-9770

FRIDAY 9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise

Activities may be subject to change						1-3p Coloring Contest	
MONDAY	4	TUESDAY	5	WEDNESDAY	6	THURSDAY 7	FRIDAY 8
10-11a Ma 1-3p Mani	eakfast, Social chine Exercise cures & Hand ssages	10-11a PI	akfast, Social ay Tai Chi pard Games	9-10am Breakfas 10-11a Morning 1-3p Root Beer Socialize	Stroll Float	ADS CLOSED For Offsite Training	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Morning Stroll 1-3p Water Bottle Night Light Activity
MONDAY	11	TUESDAY	12	WEDNESDAY	13	THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15
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	ie Day - "The ess Bride"	CONTROL OF THE CONTRO	ries at Los s/Lunch	10-11a Gastrop Awarenes		1-3p Community Drive	1-3p Karaoke
MONDAY	18	TUESDAY	19	WEDNESDAY	20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22
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MONDAY	25	TUESDAY	26	WEDNESDAY	27	THURSDAY 28	FRIDAY 29
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IHC WELLNESS CENTER CLASS SCHEDULE Strength Training with 6:30AM - 7:15AM Mondays Bobby TRX Class with Bobby (limit 4, reservation Tuesdays 9:00AM - 9:45AM preferred) **Circuit Training with** Thursdays 5:30PM - 6:30PM AIKIKO COMING SOON! 5:30 pm - 6:30 Yoga with Aikiko (limit 8 TUESDAYS (BEGINNING reservation preferred) 8/5/25] pm FRIDAYS AT THE Tai Chi with Aikiko 11:00 am - 12:00 **ELDERLY CENTER** - Lunch to follow am (BEGINNING 8/8/25) 1 SAGEBRUSH ST. ALBUQUERQUE, © (505) 869-4095 NM 87105 BUILDING B

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ISLETA ELDER CENTER - ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES

It is common knowledge that elder care is one of the fastest-growing areas in the healthcare industry, with a demand that skyrocketed in the last five years. And the country will continue to see an increasing demand for elder care services in the coming years due to a rapidly growing elder population.

The elderly population is in dire need of facilities providing elder care services. In the past, elders and their families would have preferred traditional nursing homes or community-based alternatives. The needs of the elder population are dynamic. There is an increased need for home- and community-based elder care providers that can provide elders with adult day services whenever the primary caregiver is not available.

Adult day care centers provide participants with services such as meals, basic health care and health assessments, assistance with appointments and activities of daily living (ADL). Adult day care centers also provide for transportation, care coordination as well as therapeutic, recreational and socialization activities. In a nutshell, it is a comfortable place where the elders can spend the day in, participating in health-seeking activities, while their caregivers are at work, running errands, or enjoying a well-deserved rest and relaxation. It is a compassionate and safe environment for the elders and is considered as a home away from home for some elders.

A glance at what elders may enjoy while attending the Isleta Adult Day Care Service Program.



Ice cream socialization



Pool noodle exercises



Celebrating Cinco de Mayo



A fun day at the ABQ Zoo



Headbandz – a game of guessing



Fishing and BBQ - good food, good company



Cutting wax for soap making



Enjoying hand massage and a manicure



Fishing at Isleta Lakes



Weekly exercises to build strength



Fourth of Juy Celebration



Fishing and BBQ - good food, good company



Compassion and caring



A fun test of strength and skill



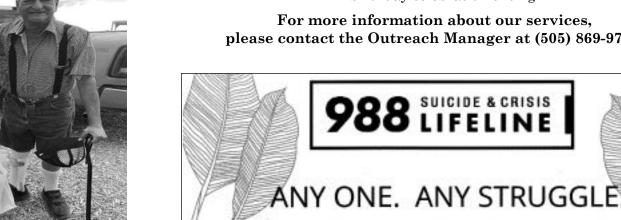
A birthday celebration outing

ANY TIME.

For more information about our services, please contact the Outreach Manager at (505) 869-9770.



Recognizing and thanking our unpaid caregivers with monthly incentives



Did you know?

NM Native American youth who have a trusted adult in their lives are less likely to experience frequent mental health distress and engage in risky behaviors.

St. Augustine Parish Isleta Pueblo



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a ministry of consolation at St. Augustine Parish to offer spiritual comfort and support to families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We will continue to honor and respect our traditional teachings.

REASONS TO CALL 988

- · Feeling lonely, hopeless, angry
- · Worried about safety for
- yourself or a loved one Worried about substance use
- · Need someone to talk to

IF YOU HAVE AN AREA CODE FROM **OUTSIDE NM AND YOU GET** DIRECTED TO A NON-NM STATE, YOU CAN ASK TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NM.



- · Someone to talk to
- Free
- 24/7
- Confidential Access to local resources

CALL. TEXT. CHAT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT 988: VISIT 988NM.ORG

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1
All activi	ne elder center to sign up for ities are on a first come, first pen to everyone ages 50+ unle	served basis.	MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM 505-869-9770 CLOSED FEDERAL HOLIDAYS	Tai Chi 11am Billiards 1pm Activities Rm.
4	5	6	7	8
No Activities	Cornhole 1pm	Laguna Pueblo Sr. Visitors 10am Musical Performance by George Waquie Sr.	Wood Burning 1pm Activities Rm.	Tai Chi 11am Karaoke 1pm
	Activities Rm.	12:30pm		Activities Rm.
11	12	13	14	15
Scrabble 1pm	IHC Presentation: Hearing	Trivia	Mass 11:30am	Tai Chi 11am
Dining Hall	12:30pm Commodity Distribution	12:30pm Dining Hall	IHC Provider Meet & Greet Lunch 12pm	Shuffleboard 1pm Activities Rm.
18	19	20	21	22
No Activities	Healthier Choices Cooking Demo 12:30pm Commodity Distribution	Cornhole 1pm Activities Rm.	Masani's Massage 1-3pm	Isleta Elder Center's Benefits & Resource Fair Isleta Elder Ctr. 9am-2pm
25	26	27	28	29
Movie Monday: Rez Ball 1pm Activities Rm.	No Activities	Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall		Tai Chi 11am BINGO 1pm

