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Governor's Report

Maguwam,

We hope this newsletter finds our community in good health and spirits. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, and may this year bring our community good health and many blessings. We also hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and hope you were able to enjoy the dances with your family and friends.

I would like to take the time to thank our community for the support that you continue to show, and a special thank you to our tribal departments, who work endlessly to provide the services that keep our community running, and to be able to provide the various programs and events that we all look forward to attending throughout the year.

I'd also like to take this time to thank the Isleta Police Department, the Health Center, and the volunteers who made this year's Reaching for the Stars and Christmas Light Parade event such a success and warmed our spirits and hearts during this cold December month.

We'd like to congratulate the Isleta Police Department and the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and all the other dedicated men and women involved in the operation that resulted in recovering over 37,000 fentanyl pills, which are equivalent to \$1.5 million in street value and \$37,877 in cash. This successful operation between both agencies helped protect our community and our nation from the deadly drug that we all continue to see make a negative impact on the ones we care about.


If you or someone that you know is struggling with substance abuse and would like to receive help, please reach out to B'eeh K'oo-ee Wellness Center, also known as the Behavioral Health department at (505)869-5475. They provide many services that can help you or a loved one.

Finally, I would like to take the time to share my condolences with the families that have lost their loved ones throughout the year 2025. May you find the strength and comfort in knowing that their legacies live on through the kindness, traditions, and spirit they instilled in you.

HaWuh,
Governor Eugene Jiron
Pueblo of Isleta



Eugene Jiron
Governor



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Lt. Governor, Charles E. Jojola
Lt. Governor, M. Rodney Jones

December 12, 2025

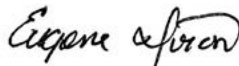
Maguwam,

I am writing to respond to the statements being circulated about recent incidents of alleged criminal conduct on the Pueblo. Conversations about these alleged incidents are happening in our community and online on social media.

While the Isleta Police Department is unable to comment on pending law enforcement investigations, IPD takes all allegations very seriously and considers confidentiality of critical importance to protecting victims and preserving the integrity of police investigations. These matters have been referred to outside law enforcement agencies to investigate and we will continue actively working with federal partners as appropriate.

If you are aware of criminal activity in our community, contact IPD and report your concerns. Please avoid spreading rumors.

Lastly, our Victims' Advocates are here to support our community and are an important resource. Victims Services can be reached at (505) 869-9838.


Governor Eugene Jiron

ISLETA STRONG


STAY INFORMED

NEW QR CODE FOR TEXT UPDATES


PUEBLO OF ISLETA

is launching a text messaging system to keep you informed about important events or incidents concerning the Pueblo of Isleta.

To signup, just scan the following QR code or if you prefer send a text with the word "SUBSCRIBE" to 855-233-9179


SCAN ME

KEEP ISLETA STRONG!

 PUEBLO OF ISLETA

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEADLINE for February Newsletter articles is set for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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

Newsletters may be found at the fifteen distribution locations listed below. Remember, Digital copies of the Newsletter may be obtained from the Newsletter archive at <http://www.isletapueblo.com/newsletters.html>

The fifteen Newsletter distribution locations are:

1. TR 2 & TR 22 - Chical SE of Community Hall

2. TR 10 - Behind the old 47 Sales

3. TR 1 & TR 5 – Ranchitos / Bosque Farms Reservations Line

4. Ranchitos Park

5. Post Office - Big Tree

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 –

10. 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: Case No. CV-PR-0124-2025
Carlota C. Romero

First Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Carlota C. Romero**, deceased **10/18/2025**, 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 **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.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Case No. CV-PR-0109-2025
Jose Richard Lucero

Second Notice

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with notice requirements, a Petition to Probate the Estate of **Jose Richard Lucero**, deceased **08/18/2025**, 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 **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.

Are you an 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 January 23rd, 10am-11am:

Join us for **Probate Basics: Duties of a Personal Representative**. We’ll explain what the role involves, key duties, steps, and simple tips for handling an Isleta probate case—useful for families, caregivers, and anyone wanting a simple overview. No RSVP needed—everyone is welcome!

Friday February 20th, 10am-11am:

Join us for **Planning for Incapacity: Powers of Attorney 101**. We’ll talk about what makes a good power of attorney and share simple tips for creating one for adults. No RSVP needed—everyone is welcome!



Have a legal question? Want to talk one-on-one with a NAP attorney? Free 45-minute consultations are available for *low-income* Isleta members from 12p–4p on January 26 or February 20. You **must call ahead** to complete an intake and reserve your appointment. Call Janel Riley at 505-521-6123 to sign up. Walk-ins are limited on the day of the event, so please call early!



Goodwill Good jobs! Serving Albuquerque south valley/Isleta Pueblo, and Valencia County

We offer individual free assistance with job search, interview skills, and resume assistance.

Contact: Vicki Herring

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

vherring@goodwillnm.org 505-944-0289 or 505-881-6401 x4097
201 Desert Willow Rd, Los Lunas, NM 87031
www.Goodwillit.org



M.L.K. DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Mondays and Tuesdays collections will both be collected on Tuesday, January 20th. Have carts out by 7AM and have a Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!








KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL! (505)869-4106

JANUARY- NATIONAL SUNDAY SUPPER MONTH



This month encourages families to get together to spend more time at the dinner table to enjoy food as well as our loved ones. A simple meal can bring a family together. Benefits include eating healthier, maintaining a healthy weight, social interaction and stronger familial bonds.

Tips for Sunday Dinners:

- Avoid screen time
- Pick a recipe everyone will enjoy and cook as a family
- Invite neighbors
- Share stories together
- Practice this tradition year round and expand to other days as well

WIC News- We have updated our van with the Pueblo of Isleta logo along with our contact information. You may now recognize us while passing by the office or when we are out to help our clients!

Isleta WIC Office 505-869-2662



Child Safety Seat Checks offered at the Isleta Health Center
Learn how to property install your Child's Safety Seat

2026-2027 ADMISSIONS APPLICATION



Required Documents

- Birth Certificate
- Tribal Enrollment Verification
- 25-26 Grade Report that includes Semester I grades
 - MS Report Card (7-9th grade applicants), or HS Transcript (10-12th grade applicants)
- Teacher Recommendation form
- If applicable: Individualized Education Plan (IEP); 504 Plan; Gifted & Talented Plan



Admissions Session

Applicants will be invited to an Admissions Session in January that includes a presentation, application assistance, and a written questionnaire.

Admissions:
(505) 989-6370
admissions@sfis.k12.nm.us

Application Available: Nov. 1, 2025-Feb. 3, 2026

TRASH TALK ISLETA!

DON'T CONTAMINATE

RECYCLE BETTER

KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL!



PLASTIC

Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars



Empty and Rinse

METAL

All cans



Empty and Rinse

PAPER

Paper, cartons and cardboard



Flatten cardboard

USE CLEAR BAGS ONLY



IF YOU BAG RECYCLABLES
DO NOT USE BLACK OR WHITE BAGS

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.



Job Postings

Visit us online at <http://www.isleta.com/career-opportunities.aspx>
Fax: 505-244-8232

VALET ATTENDANT
Albuquerque, NM \$14.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt 0250

SPA SUPERVISOR
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 /Hour• Non-Exempt 0500

SPA MANAGER
Albuquerque, NM Exempt 0500

INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGER
Albuquerque, NM \$96692.74 /Year• Exempt 1550

MAIN BANKER
Albuquerque, NM \$16.14/Hour• Non-Exempt 0150

DATABASE/SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR
Albuquerque, NM \$23.02 / Hour• Non-Exempt 1195

CAGE CASHIER
Albuquerque, NM \$14.87 /Hour• Non-Exempt 0150

FOOD ATTENDANT (BEVERAGE)
Albuquerque, NM \$13.87 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Responsible for the setup, operation, and closing of all front and back of the house snack bar areas, including food preparation, food service and dining areas. Must be able to handle all guest requests. Promotes and exhibits World Class Guest Service t ...

SERVER
Albuquerque, NM \$11.50 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Responsible for waiting on all food and beverage guests, accurately recording, submitting, and delivering food and beverage orders while promoting and exhibiting World Class Guest Service to all the Isleta Resort and Casino employees and guest.

PROMOTIONS MANAGER
Albuquerque, NM \$72172.03 /Year• Exempt
Join our dynamic team as a Promotions Manager at Isleta Resort and Casino! In this exciting role, you'll have the opportunity to create, manage, and execute profitable promotions and special events that engage our guests and elevate their experience. Yo...

MARKETING COORDINATOR
Albuquerque, NM \$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Isleta Resort & Casino is looking for a dynamic and detail-driven Marketing Coordinator to support our fast-paced entertainment and promotions teams. If you love events, organization, and being at the heart of the action, this is your opportunity to shi...

SALES ASSOCIATE
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Bring your friendly energy and excellent service skills to our team as a Sales Associate! In this role, you'll assist customers with store purchases, gasoline transactions, and general information while creating a welcoming experience for every guest. Y...

SPA ATTENDANT
Albuquerque, NM \$14.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Create a serene and welcoming atmosphere as a Spa Attendant at Isleta Resort and Casino! As the first point of contact tor our guests, you'll deliver exceptional service with a warm smile, ensuring every visitor feels relaxed and valued. You'll guide gu...

SURVEILLANCE AGENT
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 / Hour• Non-Exempt
Step into a critical role as a Surveillance Agent at Isleta Resort & Casino, where attention to detail, integrity, and discretion are key. You'll monitor gaming operations and property activity through CCTV, ensure regulatory compliance, investigate sus...

CUSTODIAN
Albuquerque, NM \$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Ensure a clean and welcoming environment by maintaining customer areas, restrooms, and gaming areas. Provide excellent guest service while promoting safety and cleanliness. Apply today to make a difference!

HDCT
Albuquerque, NM \$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Shine Bright as an HDCT at Isleta Resort and Casino! Join our dedicated team as a Heavy Duty Cleaning Technician, where you'll be hands-on in creating a spotless and welcoming environment for guests and staff alike. From maintaining pristine floors and ...

POOL ATTENDANT
Albuquerque, NM \$14.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Join our team as a Pool Attendant at Isleta Resort and Casino! Help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming pool and fitness environment while delivering World Class Guest Service. This is a great opportunity for a motivated individual with strong people ...

HVAC Plant Operations Supervisor
Albuquerque, NM \$30.14 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Join Our Team as an HVAC Plant Operations Supervisor! Isleta Resort & Casino is seeking a skilled and energetic HVAC Plant Operations Supervisor to lead our expert maintenance team and ensure our property operates at peak performance. If you thrive in a...

HVAC TECH III
Albuquerque, NM \$26.30 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Join Isleta Resort & Casino as an HVAC Tech III, where your expertise will support the maintenance and repair of advanced heating, cooling, and refrigeration systems. You'll troubleshoot complex equipment, monitor programmable logic controls, and lead I...

HVACTECHI
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Kickstart your career in a dynamic, hands-on environment as an HVAC Technician I at Isleta Resort & Casino! In this role, you'll assist with preventative maintenance, test and evaluate HVAC equipment, and perform routine repair and inspection tasks usin...

TABLE GAMES FLOOR SUPERVISOR
Albuquerque, NM \$26.30 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Craps experience preferred. Step into an exciting leadership role as a Table Games Supervisor at Isleta Resort & Casino! You'll oversee day-to-day operations of Poker, Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, and more while ensuring games run smoothly, fairly, and i...

TABLE GAMES DEALER
Albuquerque, NM \$11.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Craps experience preferred. Must be willing to learn how to deal Craps. Bring the action to life as a Table Games Dealer at Isleta Resort & Casino! In this exciting role, you'll deliver world-class guest service while dealing games like blackjack, roule...

SPA RECEPTIONIST
Albuquerque, NM \$14.62 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Be the welcoming face of relaxation and luxury as a Spa Receptionist at Isleta Resort and Casino! In this guest-focused role, you'll ensure each visitor's experience is smooth, serene, and unforgettable- from scheduling appointments and recommending spa ...

GROUNDSKEEPER
Albuquerque, NM \$14.62 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Join our team and help keep Isleta Golf Club pristine and beautiful! As a Groundskeeper, you'll operate power mowers, aerate and fertilize greens, lay sod, maintain traps, plants, and shrubs, and assist with constructing new greens and fairways. You'll ...

COOK
Albuquerque, NM \$15.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Bring your culinary passion to life as a Cook at Isleta Resort and Casino! We're seeking talented, team-oriented .cooks to help craft exceptional dining experiences across our diverse food outlets. In this role, you'll prepare and present high-quality me...

SECURITY OFFICER II
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
As a Security Officer II at Isleta Resort and Casino, you'll help protect our property, guests, and team members by maintaining active surveillance, responding to incidents, and enforcing safety procedures. Your role includes assisting with investigatio...

MASSAGE THERAPIST
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Bring your healing hands and passion for wellness to Isleta Resort & Casino's luxurious Spa! We're seeking a professional Massage Therapist dedicated to providing exceptional guest experiences through expert massage and body treatments. You'll create a ...

COSMETOLOGIST
Albuquerque, NM \$16.14 / Hour• Non-Exempt
Transform looks with expert cosmetology services. Ideal for creative, skilled professionals passionate about beauty and customer satisfaction. Join us!

NAIL TECHNICIAN
Albuquerque, NM \$14.37 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Provide exceptional nail services with a focus on precision and style. Ideal for detail-oriented professionals passionate about nail art and client satisfaction.

SPRAY TECHNICIAN
Albuquerque, NM \$20.31 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Join our grounds team as a Spray Technician and help keep Isleta Golf Club looking its best! In this role, you'll safely handle and apply chemicals, maintain storage and mixing areas, and track inventory in compliance with all regulations. You'll also o...

IT SECURITY ENGINEER
Albuquerque, NM • Exempt
Are you passionate about protecting digital environments? Join Isleta Resort & Casino as an IT Security Engineer! You'll monitor networks and critical systems for intrusions, perform risk assessments, and develop solutions to enhance cybersecurity acros...

SUPERVISOR F & B
Albuquerque, NM \$20.31 /Hour• Non-Exempt
The primary responsibility is for efficient and proper operations of various food outlets including, but not limited Deli, Bingo, Fun Connection, Palace West, Employee Dining Room and Stewarding Operations. Exhibit knowledge of product lines, prices and...

BUSSER
Albuquerque, NM \$11.50 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Responsible for maintaining the professional appearance of the dining room by clearing the table tops of soiled wares, cleaning and ensuring all tables are appropriately set up for new guests. Must be able to handle all guest requests related to the pas...

CASHIER
Albuquerque, NM \$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Receives cash from both customers and employees in payment for restaurant goods and/or services. Must be able to handle all guest requests. While promoting and exhibiting World Class Guest Service to all the Isleta Resort and Casino employees and guests.

FRONT OFFICE SUPERVISOR
Albuquerque, NM \$18.04 /Hour• Non-Exempt
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...

FRONT DESK AGENT
Albuquerque, NM \$14.62 / Hour• Non-Exempt
Be the welcoming face of Isleta Resort & Casino! We're seeking a Front Desk Agent who thrives on delivering exceptional guest service and creating unforgettable first impressions. In this role, you'll assist guests with check-ins, check-outs, and inquir...

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Albuquerque, NM \$206103.86 / Year • Exempt
Isleta Resort and Casino seeks an experienced, results-driven leader to oversee gaming and resprt operations. Reporting to the CEO, this role provides strategic direction, ensures operational efficiency, drives profitability, and fosters a positive, res...

REVENUE AUDITOR 11
Albuquerque, NM \$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Are you detail-oriented with a passion for accuracy and compliance? Isleta Resort & Casino is seeking a Revenue Auditor II to perform Level One and Level Two audits across our Main Bank, POS, Hotel, and Gaming operations. In this key role, you'll ensure...

COUNT MEMBER
Albuquerque, NM \$15.12 /Hour• Non-Exempt
In this position, you'll handle currency acceptor boxes and kiosk cassettes, process funds from various gaming entities, and operate currency machines-ensuring all transactions are accurate and compliant with strict policies. Beyond the numbers, you'll ...

PLUMBER III
Albuquerque, NM \$26.30 /Hour• Non-Exempt
Join our team as a Plumber III at Isleta Resort and Casino, where your expertise will help keep our world-class facilities running smoothly and safely! In this vital role, you'll be responsible for maintaining, repairing, and installing essential plumbi...

LABORER - IPHA
Albuquerque, NM \$15.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt
Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority

Isleta Elementary Students and Their School Resource Officer Honor Tribal Veterans at Elderly Center Parade

Students from Isleta Elementary School, alongside their School Resource Officer Ricky Yzquierdo, recently participated in a heartwarming Veterans Day parade held at the Elderly Center.



The young students proudly marched through the venue, their voices ringing out as they sang military cadences. This moving tribute was dedicated to honoring the brave tribal veterans in the community, showcasing a powerful intergenerational connection and a deep respect for their service.



This event provided a significant opportunity for young students to engage with and honor tribal veterans within their community. These activities were specifically designed to teach the children about discipline, respect, and the importance of recognizing the service and sacrifices of veterans. The students were proud to express their gratitude in a memorable way.

A special note of gratitude goes to **Andrea Pesina**, the Director of Isleta Headstart, Early Headstart, and Child Care. Her support was instrumental in providing the students with their special commemorative parade shirts.

Additional gratitude to Traffic Sergeant Jonathan Abeita and Officer Hooee for traffic control support, and gratitude to the Isleta Youth Recreation Center for providing participating students with transportation to the event.

Pueblo of Isleta Career Opportunities

ACCOUNTANT	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	Design & Construction	Open Until Filled
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER II	Police Department Open Space	11/05/2025 or Until Filled
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGER	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
CAREGIVER	Assisted Living	12/24/2025 or Until Filled
CHILD/ADOLESCENT THERAPIST	Health Services	Open Until Filled
CHILDCARE PROVIDER	Head Start	02/19/2026 or Until Filled
COOK I	Elder Center	03/09/2026 or Until Filled
COOK II	Elder Center	03/09/2026 or Until Filled
COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE	Health Services	01/05/2026 or Until Filled
COMMUNITY SUPPORT CASE MANAGER	Health Services	01/08/2026 or Until Filled
DATA ANALYST	Head Start	01/24/2025 or Until Filled
DENTIST -- PEDIATRIC	Health Services	01/07/2026 or Until Filled
DIRECTOR - NATURAL RESOURCES	Natural Resources	12/15/2025 or Until Filled
EMT PARAMEDIC	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GAMING REGULATORY	Gaming & Regulatory	12/22/2025 or Until Filled
HEAD LIFEGUARD	Parks & Recreation	12/21/2025 or Until Filled
HEALTH PROMOTION SPECIALIST	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	Parks & Recreation	12/21/2025 or Until Filled
LANGUAGE TEACHER	Department of Education	12/14/2025 or Until Filled
LIFEGUARD	Parks & Recreation	12/21/2025 or Until Filled
NURSE PRACTITIONER	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
PATIENT REFERRAL COORDINATOR	Health Services	01/05/2026 or Until Filled
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER I	Police Department	02/26/2026 or Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER 11	Police Department	02/26/2026 or Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER I - OPEN SPACE CERTIFIED- Open Space (2 Positions)	Police Department --Open Space	11/05/2025 or Until Filled
PUBLIC WORKS COORDINATOR	Public Works	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
RECREATION AIDE	Parks & Recreation	12/22/2025 or Until Filled
RECREATION LEAD	Parks & Recreation	12/21/2025 or Until Filled
ROADWAY MAINTENANCE WORKER I (2 Positions)	Transportation Services	01/06/2026 or Until Filled
UTILITY WORKER	Public Works	01/04/2026 or Until Filled

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YARD &
TREE
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•Tree Maintenance



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Los Lunas

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Tiwa Lending Services Announcements & Information



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 Communities.

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, NMLS 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	Sheila Herrera	Miranda Lente
Loan Assistant	Executive Director	Loan Officer/HUD HOC

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

From the Department of Education –

We have reached the end of another wonderful semester. We want to take a moment to both reflect and celebrate the awesome achievements of our students and families. Each of you has contributed to a year filled with growth, resilience, and inspiring academic achievement.

This semester, we have engaged with many of our incredible students across the Los Lunas School District's middle and high schools. Working with the high school Native American liaison, Tish Howard, we focused our efforts on the senior students. Our primary goal is to push our upcoming graduating students toward earning well-deserved recognition for their academic and cultural achievements they have accomplished during high school. In meeting with our seniors, the Higher Education team has been able to effectively share valuable resources available for the next steps awaiting graduation.

On December 7th Albuquerque Public School held an exhibition and awards ceremony for their Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Intern Program. Two students from Isleta participated in this program, which this semester focused on teaching skills traditional to our Pueblo way of life, including ristra stringing, corn grinding, and storytelling. Through these activities, students were able to explore and celebrate their indigenous identities. The knowledge keepers will continue their work into the spring semester with additional events dedicated to preserving and honoring indigenous knowledge.

Looking ahead at spring semester, we encourage students to stay connected to learning and return in January ready to build on the work that they have created. Consistent school attendance and engagement throughout the semester plays a key role in academic success, and continuing this momentum will be essential as we move forward. Every day in school offers new opportunities to grow, discover, and prepare for the future. We the Department of Education are here to assist you, we wish you the very best as you embark on this next chapter of your academic career.



From the Higher Education Team:

Attention: Students. The Higher Education Scholarship Program wishes you a Happy New Year and restful break. Just a gentle reminder to submit your supporting documents (i.e., Official Transcript, Class Schedule, Volunteer log, Course Schedule Verification etc.) before the January 15, 2026 deadline.

The coordinators are available to meet with students anytime. Come and meet either Hallie Vigil or Fran Mershon at the Department of Education for a chance to win a prize (2026 Desk/Wall Calendar).

To all Adult Education Students: The coordinators want to meet you and enter your name for a chance to win a prize. (2026 Desk/Wall Calendar)

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JANUARY 2026

Isleta Elementary School

Isleta Elementary School


1000 Moonlight Drive

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			No School Winter Break Happy New Year	
5	6	7	8	9
No School Professional Development	Honey Nut Cheerios Apples Choice of Milk	Strawberry Parfait Granola Choice of Milk	Bagels Cream Cheese Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Pancake Syrup Peaches Choice of Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Frosted Flakes Pears Choice of Milk	Oatmeal Mixed Berries Chocolate Bears Choice of Milk	Biscuit and Gravy Oranges Choice of Milk	Scrambled Eggs Toast Cherries Choice of Milk	French Toast Syrup Grapes Choice of Milk
19	20	21	22	23
No School Martin Luther King Jr Day Observed	Banana Muffin Cheese Stick Peaches Choice of Milk	Breakfast Pizza Strawberries Choice of Milk	Combo Bars Toast Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Sausage Pancake Apples Choice of Milk
26	27	28	29	30
Cocoa Puffs Pineapple Choice of Milk	Sauage Toast Mango Choice of Milk	Apple Frudel Cheese stick Peaches Choice of Milk	Cream of Wheat English Muffin Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk	Breakfast Sandwich Grapes Choice of Milk

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LUNCH

JANUARY 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			No School Winter Break Happy New Year!	
5	6	7	8	9
No School Professional Development	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Bread Stick Corn Cherries Choice of Milk	Frito Pies Garnish Green Beans Mango Choice of Milk	Cheeseburger Tater Tots Carrots w/Ranch Cookie Choice of Milk	Pizza Garden Salad Garlic Knot Sidekick Choice of Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Hot Dog Baked Chips Celery Sticks Peaches Choice of Milk	Teriyaki Chicken Steamed Rice Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Tacos Spanish Rice Mixed Vegetables Grapes Choice of Milk	Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread California Vegetable Orange Wedges Choice of Milk	Cheese Quesadilla Beans Carrots Fruit Cocktail Choice of Milk
19	20	21	22	23
No School Martin Luther King Jr Day Observed	Chicken Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Oranges Choice of Milk	Chicken and Rice Red Chile Tortilla Pears Choice of Milk	Baked Ham Mashed Potato California Vegetable Pineapples Choice of Milk	Chef Salad Ranch Breadstick Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk
26	27	28	29	30
Turkey Sub Chips Celery Sticks Oranges Choice of Milk	Sloppy Joe Baked Beans Apples Choice of Milk	Orange Chicken Eggroll Broccoli Peaches Chocie of Milk	Beef Nachos Corn on the Cob Garnish Rice Krispie Treat Choice of Milk	Chicken Sandwich Carrots Goldfish Apples Choice of Milk

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ACCESS TO LANDLOCKED PARCELS

The Governor has directed the Surveying and Mapping Department to begin formally designating easements for access to landlocked land assignments and ditches. This will allow Surveying and Mapping to ensure that all landlocked parcels have a documented right of access.

The Pueblo of Isleta Ordinance Governing Land Transactions provides that the Governor has authority to create easements, including ditch easements and road easements, through tribal lands to ensure that any land holding is not landlocked. Creating an easement only provides a right of access. It does not increase or decrease the area of any Land Assignee’s property, and does not entitle any Land Assignee or any other party to any compensation.

Through this process, Surveying and Mapping will work with all impacted land assignees to develop the best possible easement locations. The final easement will be issued by Governor, with notice provided to any impacted land assignee.

If you would like to formalize your access to a landlocked parcel, or have any other questions about access easements, please reach out to Surveying and Mapping at 505-869-0710.

Attention:
Pueblo of Isleta Community

Public Works has implanted a new work order system for community work orders. Community members can submit a work order the following ways:

- 1. Below is a QR Code you can scan with a smart device



- 2. You can access the link on the Pueblo of Isleta Website
- 3. Calling Public Works Office at 505-869-5170

Please provide as much information as possible about the work order being placed. We will need the following information:

- What is the issue?
- Location (Complete Address)
- Contact Name & Number
- Attached pictures, if any

NOTE: Please one work order per submittal! Our new system will not generate multiple work orders in one submission.

Not providing all detail information on your work order may cause a delay!

We understand that not everyone has access to a smart device or computer to submit a work order, calling into Public Works Office at 505-869-5170 is still available.

TRANSPORTATION

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year! Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) will be replacing a large culvert on Tribal Road 7 at the Peralta Main (aka Big Ditch). The work will begin on Monday, January 12, 2026, and is expected to be completed on Friday, January 16, 2026. A detour will be put in place during construction. We appreciate your cooperation, for any questions please contact MRGCD (505) 247-0234 or Pueblo of Isleta Transportation Services (505) 869-9818. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!



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PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

I hope all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season with your families and we here in the Parks & Recreation Department are also wishing you all a safe and prosperous New Year as well.

2026 is upon us whether we like it or not. I'm sure we are all hoping to have a better new year and it's time to start thinking about that New Year's resolutions. Reminder, New Year's resolutions start with ourselves and all the little things that we may have control over. It's best to focus on controllable personal actions like building consistent, small habits (sleep better, read more, eat better, exercise more, etc.). These little things can make a big difference in our personal lives and sometimes that carries over into the lives of others as well. The little changes that we can make individual can make an impact on others because of what they see in us. I hope all of you can make the positive lasting changes in your lives this new year that will make things better for you as a person and your family and anyone else around you. Remember the little changes we make can sometimes start a chain reaction that ultimately make a huge impact. So, let's all work on making 2026 better than 2025.

As a department we are ready to get 2026 off the ground.

PARKS MAINTENANCE SECTION – Ours Parks Maintenance section has and will continue to do what they do and they are really good at what they do. As you all know our parks maintenance section makes sure that all the ball fields, parks around the pueblo and the grounds around the recreation facility are well maintained year-round. The Parks Maintenance crew is a very unique crew they are always ready to go no matter the job and no matter the weather; they start their day at 6 am every day and they work outside in the elements all day long, year-round no matter the temperature, extreme heat or freezing cold they are out there doing their job very well. I appreciate the job that they do for us; the pueblo as do others as well. I always get compliments about our grounds and the ball fields from people within and outside the tribe. Compliments are about how great things look and how well kept the fields are. I have a really good Parks Maintenance crew.

RECREATION SECTION – We have been very busy with the After School Recreation Program and even more so during the holidays. We currently have a little over 40 kids registered for that program and we are averaging roughly 30 kids daily in our after-school recreation. The kids that attend this program come from different schools in the surrounding area. While they are here, they are afforded the opportunity to participate in a number of activities. They are all given the opportunity to get homework done before they start their daily activities. Some of the activities that take place while they are here are arts & crafts, sports activities, language class, field trips, free play, motor skill activities, and much more. During the holidays we did our best to offer all day

recreation for those days that the kids were out of school, we do this to help the parents that need that type of care while they have to work. During those days that the kids are here with us all day long we try to take field trips to break up the day, and this past holiday season we averaged around 20 kids in that program. We are looking toward to this New Year and we are hoping that our after-school recreation program continues to offer fun and enriching opportunities for all the children that attend. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact us at (505) 869-9777.

AQUATICS SECTION – We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! If getting to the pool is part of your resolution we have more hours to help you do so! Open Swim will be from 2:00pm until 7:30pm from Monday through Thursday and 2:00pm-5:30pm on Fridays. We will still have a Saturday Session from 8:30am-11:30am! Morning Lap swim is also available from 5:30am-8:30am M-F as well as 12:00pm-1:00pm M-W-F. We also offer Water Aerobics Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00am as well as 5:30pm, all ages and fitness levels are welcome! Our next swim lesson session will begin January 6th. Lessons will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm and we are still currently taking registrations. Registration forms are available at the Recreation Center front desk or email Joshua.roybal@isletapueblo.com and we can send you over a printable version to fill out at home. Registration forms can be turned in to the Aquatics Office or the Front Desk here at the Recreation Center. Isleta Aquatics is also hiring lifeguards! We provide all training and certification on site. For anyone interested in information about Lifeguard certification, child or adult swim lessons, groups and other aquatic programming, please call Josh or Jessika at 505-869-9783. Once again, Happy New Year we hope to see you soon!

FITNESS SECTION – Our Isleta Recreation Center Fitness Section would like to thank everyone for such a wonderful 2025 year! But 2026 is now here and it's time to ask yourself... what do you want for yourself this year? What can you do better? How can you be better? Well, if health and wellness is on your list, the Recreation Center is here exactly for that. We offer a wide range of exercise classes along with personal training. Our exercise classes are the following: **Chair Strength** classes are low impact with beneficial results. Classes are small and encouraging. **Spinning** class is a challenging class for adults that want to increase their cardio and endurance that is done on a stationary bike. **Pilates** is mind and body that brings focus on strengthening and toning the body, particularly your core muscles with controlled movements and coordination. **Yoga** brings you meditation, breathing and stretching techniques all in one class. **Water Aerobics** makes exercise fun and exciting with the water temperature being just right at 80 degrees, come make a splash. **Zumba** exercises you through dance and choreography that is fun and full of energy. So, we hope you

come and at least give it a try and if it isn't for you then try something else. We have something for everyone. See you soon and Happy 2026, let's do it!

SPORTS SECTION – Happy New year to all of you, I hope you and your families had a great holiday season and a safe New Year! Youth basketball league is on its way to a great start, that kids are doing great and the support for the parents and extended families has been great as well. We are excited that we have 2 teams playing in the Bernalillo County Basketball League this year. Those teams are the co-ed 5–6-year-olds and the 7–8-year-olds. Both teams have been really enjoying themselves and they are having a great time playing. Being in the Bernalillo County Basketball League is really good for them because they get the opportunity to compete against teams from the Albuquerque area. This gives them a chance to play against other kids that are or maybe a little more advanced in the sport, which will only make them better in the future. The pueblo youth basketball league will be starting up this month as well, it starts up on January 16th, 2026. The first game for this league will be a home game against San Domingo Pueblo; the game will start at 5 pm. The next game after that will be a road game on Saturday, we will be headed to Jemez to play against Jemez day school, that game will be at 9am. Please come out and support our kids if you get a chance, I'm sure they would love to see you out here.





Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Happy New Year and welcome to January! As we begin 2026, the library is excited to kick off a fresh year. Students are heading back to school, and we invite families to take advantage of our FREE library services and resources from homework support, digital tools, books and study spaces. Behind the scenes, we’re already starting to plan for this year’s Summer Reading Program, and we can’t wait to share the fun themes and activities we have in store. In the meantime, be sure to check out our upcoming programs happening this month.

News

The library will be **CLOSED** on the following dates during the month of January.

Thursday, January 1st **CLOSED** in observance of **New Year’s Day**. The library staff would like to wish you good health, happiness, and prosperity for 2026.

Monday, January 19th CLOSED in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All media checked out on Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th will be due on Tuesday, January 20th.

Please keep in mind with the upcoming Holiday Season and unpredictable weather that unexpected closures may occur. Notices will be posted and up to the minute notices will be posted on ALL library social media accounts (FB, IG & Snapchat).

The Tutor Doctor Albuquerque and the POI Public Library are once again collaborating on Reading Tutoring program for students in grades 1 -12 or students working to get GED/HiSET. This program is open to 11 students, but parents and guardians (unless student is a legal adult) must attend the 5:30 pm Informal meeting on Wednesday, January 07, 2026 at the library. Reading tutoring sessions will be one-on-one, for 1 hour, twice a week, for a total of 24 sessions within the time period of February 02 to May 15, 2026. For detailed information, please attend our Informal meeting. Registration will start immediately after the January 07 meeting.

We have updated our STEAM Kits to Go collection with 6 new kits. They are, On the Farm, Robotics & Coding, Food & Nutrition, Flowers & Unicorns, Castles & Dragons, and Let’s Get Dressed. Age range for STEAM Kits are from 3 to 12 years of age. To borrow a STEAM Kit, you must be over the age of 16 and there is a limit of 1 kit per library account or limit of two per household. Kits have a check out period of 1 week, with 1 renewal. Should you lose or damage any of the items in the Kit, you will be requited to replace the item(s) or be charged for the entire kit. See flyers for details.

Our Summer Reading Program Planning meeting will be on Thursday and Friday, January 8th and 9th from 8am-12pm each day. The library will remain open for library patron usage, but services will be limited.

Our Junior and Youth group curriculums will be developed and turned into a 6-week program during the summer. We will be addressing concerns and recommendations from participants, as well as staff from the previous year so we can make some adjustments and improvements. Please give us a call at 505-869-9808 and a library staff member will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about our Summer Reading Program.

Join us for Family Story Time here at the library every Thursday starting at 11:00am, no sign ups required so just

come on in and stay for the fun! Library Staff member will read a story and engage toddlers and families in an activity or craft. This program gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to introduce reading to their child(ren). If you have any questions, please give Rebecca a call at the library at 505-869-9808.

Have you returned your library material? If you have had library material out more than a calendar year a fine will be applied to your library account. If you have library items at home, please return them in good condition and there will be no fines applied to your account. There are four ways to check your account:

- Visit our online library catalog at <https://isletapueblo.booksys.net/opac/pipl/index.html> and log on with your library card number and pin number.
- Download our library app “Librista” on your mobile device and log on with your library card number and pin.
- Visit the library and speak with someone at the front desk.
- Give us a call at 505-869-9808.

Upcoming

Youth Field Trip Announcement! Join us for a special Library Youth Field Trip to the Indian Arts Research Center in collaboration with the School for Advanced Research on Monday, January 5, 2026. Participants will enjoy a guided tour exploring Native art, history, and cultural preservation.

After the tour, lunch will be provided for all attendees. Registration started on December 15th, space is limited, so be sure and sign up. Parents and guardians are welcome to join us on the tour or meet is directly at the site. For more information about this program please contact Aarika Jiron at 505-869-9808 or email at Aarika.JIron@isletapueblo.com.

The library staff has been busy wrapping up the year and December just seemed to fly by, and the month was over before we knew it. We are eager to start planning for the upcoming year and we have children, teen and adult programs in the works. We will share upcoming programs as they become available and we will be posting flyers throughout the community as well as on our social media accounts, so keep a look out for new programs coming your way!

Recap

On December 11th library staff member Paullene hosted a cozy and festive Hot Cocoa Bag Making and Storytime at the library! This special winter program was open to 12 participants, each of whom had the opportunity to make two hot cocoa gift bags perfect for sharing or enjoying at home. The evening began with a story followed by hands-on crafting where participants measured ingredients and decorated their bags. Thank you to all the families who joined us for this event.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

YOUTH AGES 6-10 YEARS OLD

YOUTH FIELD TRIP: INDIAN ARTS RESEARCH CENTER TOUR

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2026

660 GARCIA ST,
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87505
8:30 AM-4:30 PM

JOIN US AS WE TAKE A TOUR OF THE INDIAN ARTS RESEARCH CENTER AT THE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED RESEARCH IN SANTA FE! WE WILL ALSO DO A SCAVENGER HUNT AS WELL AS OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PINCH POTS WITH AIR DRY CLAY, WEAVING ON A CARDBOARD LOOM, &/OR TILE PAINTING! AFTERWARDS, WE WILL HAVE LUNCH! PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US OR MEET US THERE. REGISTRATION BEGINS DEC. 15TH AT 8AM.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD, COME IN OR CALL AARIKA AT THE LIBRARY

(505)-869-9808

On December 16th library staff member Aarika hosted a special Pueblo Pottery Ornament Night in collaboration with the School of Advanced Research. Community members were invited to learn about Pueblo pottery traditions while decorating their own handcrafted Christmas ornaments. Participants painted their pottery pieces to take home and display for the holidays. To make the night even cozier, the library provided hot cocoa to all the participants. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this program, and to the School of Advanced Research for helping make this event such a success!

Our Gingerbread House Building Program was a sweet success! Families and young builders joined us for an afternoon of creativity, laughter, and sugary fun. Each child received their own gingerbread house kit, and the library provided all the utensils needed to decorate and design their unique creations. It was wonderful to see all the kids construct their holiday homes. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this program enjoyable.

The After School Program had their Christmas Party on December 18th right before they went on winter break. Students

participated in holiday festivities. Dion's subs were served, and Christmas gift bags were given out. All the students have been doing an excellent job keeping up with their homework and reading and we just want to say keep up the good work and we hope all students had a restful and relaxing break. We are excited for the second part of the school year, and we have been busy planning crafts, activities and incentive field trips for the upcoming year. For any questions or concerns about the library's After School Program please give us a call at 505-869-9808 and speak with a staff member.



Adopt A Reading Buddy Library Program, participants enjoying a story time!



Adopt A Reading Buddy Library Program, participants working on their DIY pet blankets.



After School Program Students working on daily crafts!



After School Program Students on their incentive program to Peter Piper Pizza!

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Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Tutor Doctor Reading

FEBRUARY 2ND - MAY 15TH 2026

GRADES 1-12
OR
Students seeking GED / HiSET


tutor doctor

- Open to 11 students.
- Tutoring in reading only.
- Must come into the library to register.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST ATTEND A REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 5:30 PM!

Registration begins: Wednesday, January 7th after the Informal meeting.
Registration ends: Saturday, January 17th at 1 pm

For more information please contact the library at 505-869-9808.



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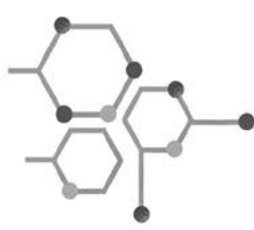
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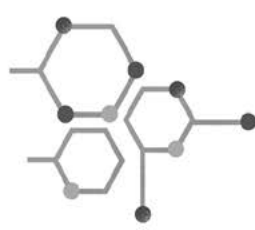
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THANK YOU!
-LIBRARY STAFF



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- When your spirit feels heavy or unsafe

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BROADBAND



The Pueblo of Isleta Broadband Initiative is making significant strides toward delivering high-speed internet access to the community. Nearly 100,000 feet (approximately 19 miles) of conduit/pipe have been installed as part of Phase I on the Westside of the Rio Grande. Phase II, which will focus on the Eastside of the Rio Grande, is scheduled to begin construction in late January. Additionally, preparations are underway for the Palace West (Headend), the central hub that will house the network's core switches and routers. Vendor selection for this critical component will be finalized in the coming days. These milestones represent a major step in bridging the digital divide and ensuring reliable connectivity for all tribal members. This progress would not have been possible without the leadership and support of the Tribal Council and Administration. Their vision and commitment have been instrumental in making this initiative a reality.



Thank you,
Mike Duran
Director of Broadband
Pueblo of Isleta

POI Scholarship Application

Deadline Date for Supporting Documents

January 15, 2026

☒ For Spring/ Semester Application

☒ At 11:59 p.m. (MT - Mountain Time)

☒ Application for Summer/ Semester Opens: **April 1st**



ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT (505) 869-9790.

Due date for Spring Application was DUE November 1st, 2025

THANK YOU VETERANS



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED • 11TH NOVEMBER • VETERANS DAY



ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS
JANUARY – 2026



The Isleta Police Department
sends out holiday wishes to all!
We hope everyone has a very safe
and joyous holiday season and
ready to ring in 2026!!

IHSP TRAFFIC DIVISION

This hardworking division is always on the go not only attending to their traffic enforcement duties but working with other agencies in the world of traffic safety. We ask everyone to begin 2026 on a good note and be mindful of the traffic laws that are enforced. DWI is a priority and with efforts ramping up during the holiday season, so please understand the Traffic Division will continue to enforce traffic violations, i.e., speeding, seatbelt compliance, inattentive driving, to name a few, into the new year. Their involvement in community activities is one of the many focuses of this division throughout the year that keeps the community and roadways safe.

Nationally, the Isleta Traffic Division was awarded the largest grant of the twenty-six law enforcement grantees. They rank second under the Indian Highway Safety Program in grant performance and their grant application was approved for a major grant purchase which will be showcased in the near future.

IHSP also asks everyone to keep checking for upcoming carseat clinics that will be held in January, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS



Officer C-Jay Smith completed the final phase of Drug Recognition School, where he and several other candidates from New Mexico traveled to San Francisco, CA to

conduct their final evaluations alongside the California Highway Patrol. Each Officer is required to conduct 12 evaluations on 12 different individuals to determine what type of drug(s) they could be impaired by. Each evaluation consists of a systematic and rigorous 12-step process. After each evaluation, officers are then required to complete a report that has to be approved by DRE instructors before they are entered into the National DRE Database. The last part of the final evaluation consists of a final test that lasts up to 6 hours in which each officer is tested on their overall knowledge of the DRE program, how to complete an evaluation, and other pertinent information. This is a pass or fail test which determines whether or not the officer is qualified to become a certified Drug Recognition Expert.

Officer Smith was carefully selected based upon his professional qualifications and investigative experience. Becoming a DRE allows Officer Smith to become a part of 2% of officers nationwide who are certified DREs. New Mexico currently has 73 certified DREs representing 31 agencies and nine New Mexico State Police districts, all working together to improve roadway safety statewide.

Isleta Police Department now has two certified DREs who work alongside with Valencia County Sheriff's Office, Bosque Farms Police Department, Belen Police Department and other surrounding agencies to ensure impaired drivers are taken off the roadways.


THE ILLICIT NARCOTICS ISSUE

Detection of drugs is a high priority throughout the United States and is an ever constant problem. The problem is not only with adults but our youth. We, at the Isleta Police Department, ask everyone to be aware of the drug usage and trafficking problem. The problem is everywhere, but when it strikes close to home, it is time for everyone to become more educated. Parents, it is particularly important for you to be aware of your children's activities, acquaintances, friends etc. We need to prevent tragedies which we know have occurred. Our children have so many influences from social media, school, friends (peer pressure) etc. Know your children's friends and family. There are predators who entice young children and youth, and once hooked the chances of getting back onto the right path are minimal without adult and professional

intervention. Remember Narcan is not a "save all" remedy to bring anyone out of an overdose because with street drugs you never know what you are getting. There are known cases where the "miracle Narcan" failed and an overdose death resulted. Following is information from the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration)

DEA Launches Fentanyl Free America Initiative to Combat the Synthetic Drug Crisis

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is intensifying its fight against the deadly threat of synthetic opioids with the launch of Fentanyl Free America, a comprehensive enforcement initiative and public awareness campaign aimed at reducing both the supply and demand for fentanyl. This effort underscores DEA's unwavering commitment to protecting American lives and communities from the devastating impacts of fentanyl, which claimed nearly 50,000 lives last year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).




Indian Highway Safety Program
Serving Tribal Members & Native American Families

Our Commitment to Community Safety

The Indian Highway Safety Program is dedicated to protecting our youngest passengers by ensuring that all children travel safely in properly fitted and approved child safety seats. We provide education, resources, and car seats to eligible tribal members and Native American families.

For More Info call

Gertrude Lujan 505-869-9830 Charlene Banegas 505-869-9708



Through intensified enforcement operations and heightened intelligence, DEA is applying unprecedented pressure on the global fentanyl supply chain, forcing narco-terrorists, like the Sinaloa Cartel and CJNG Cartel, to change their business practices. This has led to encouraging signs of progress. DEA laboratory testing indicates 29% of fentanyl pills analyzed during fiscal year (FY) 2025 contained a potentially lethal dose, a significant drop from 76% of pills tested just two years prior in FY 2023. Additionally, fentanyl powder purity decreased to 10.3%, down from 19.5% during the same time period. These reductions in potency and purity correlate with a decline in synthetic opioid deaths to levels not seen since April 2020.

Aside from producing less potent fentanyl, the cartels have increasingly diversified their operations in an attempt to minimize their risks and maximize profits, an evolution driven by opportunity and greed.

As of December 1, 2025, DEA has seized more than 45 million fentanyl pills, and more than 9,000 pounds of fentanyl powder, removing an estimated 347 million potentially deadly doses of fentanyl from our communities. DEA intelligence indicates a shift in cartel operations, with increased trafficking of fentanyl powder and domestic production of fentanyl pills. The seizure of more than two dozen pill press machines in October further highlights this trend.

"Fentanyl Free America represents DEA's unwavering commitment to save American lives and end the fentanyl crisis, we are making significant progress in this fight, and we must continue to intensify efforts to disrupt the fentanyl supply and reduce demand," said DEA Administrator Terrance Cole. "DEA is striking harder and evolving faster to dismantle the foreign terrorists fueling this crisis, while empowering all our partners to join the fight to prevent fentanyl-related tragedies. Together, we can achieve a fentanyl free America and create a safer future for generations to come."

DEA remains at the forefront of the fight to disrupt trafficking networks and strengthen the government's response to this epidemic. Fentanyl Free America represents DEA's heightened focus on enforcement, education, public awareness, and strategic partnerships. The goal of the campaign is clear: eliminate the fentanyl supply fueling the nation's deadliest drug crisis. Since 2021, synthetic opioids have claimed nearly 325,000 American lives.

The Fentanyl Free America campaign also emphasizes the importance of public engagement. DEA encourages everyone from community leaders, clergy, educators, parents, physicians, pharmacists, and law enforcement to take an active role in raising awareness by protecting others through education; preventing fentanyl poisonings by understanding the dangers; and supporting those impacted. Free resources including posters, radio advertising, billboards, and social

media resources are available at dea.gov/fentanylfree.

DEA's efforts are part of a larger whole-of-government strategy to dismantle transnational criminal organizations and protect U.S. communities from fentanyl.

DEA Warns of Threat Posed by Nitazenes and Bromazolam



DEA warns the public about an emerging threat posed by nitazenes and bromazolam in illicit drugs entering the U.S.

NITAZENES: AN EMERGING THREAT OF A DIVERSE GROUP OF SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS Nitazenes are synthetic opioids similar to fentanyl but can match or surpass the potency of fentanyl. When combined with fentanyl, the effects of both drugs are compounded, which significantly increases the chances of a fatal overdose. Similar to other synthetic opioids, nitazenes can only be properly identified in a sample after laboratory testing. Users will not realize they are buying nitazenes until it is too late. While nitazenes are a dangerous class of synthetic substances, the current magnitude of the threat is relatively small compared to that of fentanyl, which dominates the U.S. opioid market. Since January 2020, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) forensic laboratories have analyzed 1,048 drug exhibits that contained some type of nitazene. During the same time frame, by comparison, DEA has analyzed approximately 36,000 fentanyl powder exhibits, and approximately 24,000 fentanyl tablet exhibits. Chemical suppliers mainly located in China introduce new nitazenes or analogues when the currently used ones become riskier to produce due to regulatory actions and drug scheduling, or users look for novel substances that are not yet illegal. Source: DEA Nitazenes are most likely being shipped as finished substances in small amounts in mail parcels from vendors

in China to distributors or end users in the United States.

(U) Bromazolam: An Uncontrolled Benzodiazepine is Frequently Bought from Foreign Websites for Use in Counterfeit Pills (U) This DEA Bulletin is based on preliminary reporting and may be subject to updating as additional information becomes available. (U) Statement of Analysis Bromazolam is a growing presence in the United States illicit drug supply, according to data from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) (see Figures 1 and 2). The increased supply of bromazolam is likely driven by suppliers who reach customers through open web vendor platforms. Bromazolam is not specifically controlled in the United States, unlike other drugs in the benzodiazepine class that are mostly Schedule IV and approved for treating anxiety and insomnia. In 2024, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended that bromazolam be added to the list of drugs controlled by all signatories of the 1988 United Nations (U.N.) Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. If the U.N. and member nations accept the FDA recommendation, the addition of bromazolam to this list is likely to deter many Chinabased vendors who have previously demonstrated quick takedowns of offers to sell drugs and chemicals following U.N. counterdrug convention updates. However—as with cannabinoids, designer fentanyl precursors, and nitazenes—bromazolam is just one analogue of many benzodiazepines. (U) Details Bromazolam is most commonly used as an active ingredient in counterfeit Xanax tablets. Legitimate Xanax and generics contain the benzodiazepine alprazolam. More than 1,400 DEA drug exhibits, seized between January 2019 and January 2025, contained bromazolam. According to DEA forensic science data, more than a thousand of these exhibits containing bromazolam were in tablet form. (U) 1000+ Counterfeit Tablet Exhibits Contained Bromazolam, and 96 percent carry counterfeit markings associated with Xanax® Source: DEA Forensic Science Data, 2019-2025. UNCLASSIFIED

**Protecting Elders:
The Safety of COVID and Flu Vaccines**

Isleta Health Center

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 and influenza is very important for older adults. These vaccines help protect people from getting very sick, going to the hospital, or even passing away from these diseases. Staying up to date with vaccines helps keep elders, families, and the whole community safe.

Some people worry about feeling sick after getting a vaccine. It is normal to have mild side effects like a sore arm, tiredness, or a low fever. These are signs that the body is building protection. Feeling a little sick after a vaccine is not the same as having the actual disease. The vaccine cannot give you COVID-19 or the flu. These side effects usually go away in a day or two.

Getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others. Elders are at higher risk for serious problems from COVID-19 and flu, but vaccines make these illnesses much less dangerous. By getting vaccinated, you help protect your family, your friends, and your community.

Staying healthy helps everyone, and vaccines are a safe and effective way to do that. If you have questions about vaccines or want to schedule your COVID or Flu vaccine for the 2025-2026 winter season, contact Isleta Health Center Medical Clinic at 505-869-4385. If you live on the Pueblo and would like to find out if you can get your vaccines at home, contact Public Health Nursing at 505-869-4890 or 505-869-5474.



Pueblo of Isleta Youth Wellness Program

Afterschool FALL Session

Greetings! We here at B'eeh K'oo-ee Wellness - Prevention Program would like to share highlights with the community of our Isleta Youth Wellness Program Fall afterschool session that took place September to December 2025. We had a total of 23 participants that were involved in a variety of experiential learning activities and group development activities.



Isleta Youth Wellness Program (IYWP)

The IYWP uses a positive youth development approach through experiential learning that aims to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors. Experiential activities are used and designed to challenge participants to develop positive problem-solving skills, and develop effective social interactions.

We guide youth to develop life skills through the foundation of the four guiding principles of Tiwa Culture, *Outdoor experiential education, Service ethics and Prevention education through awareness.*



FALL Session Highlights

The youth enjoyed an overnight camping and adventure ropes course in Flagstaff, AZ and at the Mountain Center in Santa Fe, NM. They went to McCall's Pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins and were able to carve them. They played Tiwa games and listened to some of the traditional stories told by a community elder.

Youth were able to visit George Waquie's Farm in Los Lunas, and participate in the Pueblo Crossroads in Sandia Pueblo. The Tribal Opioid Response provided the group with a presentation on "Isleta Together Against Drugs" and had an open discussion on the harms of substance in the community—the message was keeping Tiwa culture strong.

The youth were able to make home made pizzas and build stem projects, and swimming at the Isleta Rec Center was a great afterschool activity. As an incentive trip the group attended the Moana Live at Popejoy Hall on the UNM Campus on November 4th, and saw Zoo-topia 2 on November 26th.

On November 22nd, we had a gathering with the IYWP youth and their families to celebrate the annual Friends-giving dinner.

Services are provided year round through seasonal sessions for youth ages 9 - 17 years. We have open enrollment for the 11 & younger and 12 & older age groups, each age group has separate sessions Monday—Thursday and on weekends.

Afterschool sessions in the Spring and in the Fall are 5pm - 6pm and Summer sessions are 9am - 3pm, these sessions also include school breaks. Transportation is available for youth within the Isleta Pueblo boundaries.

Pueblo of Isleta Youth Wellness Program



In November and December, the 12 & older age group were able to learn how to make moccasins from Shawn Chavez (San Felipe Pueblo) and Daryl Lucero (Dept. of Cultural & Historic Preservation) to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The group also completed a scavenger hunt held at the Pueblo of Isleta Cultural center and learned more about the history of the Tiwa people, presented by Felicia Bartley (Dept. of Cultural & Historic Preservation).



Sponsorships for the Isleta Youth Wellness Program were provided by the Bee'h K'ooee Wellness Center, Isleta Recreation Center, The Mountain Center, Waquie's Farm, Tribal Opioid Response, Department of Cultural & Historic Preservation, Department of Education –Tiwa Program and the Diabetes Prevention Program. We would like to thank them for their continued support to our youth in the Pueblo of Isleta.

Want to learn more or get your youth involved? Contact us!

IYWP SPRING SESSION WILL START
FEBRUARY 23, 2026!



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TRUANCY

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all!

We hope that your Christmas is filled with joy and love and we hope you have a fun and safe New Year. We wish for the upcoming 2026 to be filled with happiness for you and everyone in your lives.

The Truancy department was happy to be part of many events throughout the year with the various departments from within the Pueblo of Isleta. Collaboration is an important part of the services that we offer to our community.

The Truancy department works with the various schools that our students attend; Albuquerque Public Schools, Los Lunas Public Schools, Santa Fe Indian School, School of Dreams Academy, Isleta Elementary School, Native American Community Academy and some of the local Charter schools that surround our community. We encourage daily school attendance as well as supporting our students with their academic success by sharing information of services that are available through the Isleta Department of Education.

We are always excited to work with the Isleta Elementary School to provide perfect attendance throughout the year. Incentives that we provided to our students have included: Lego sets, \$25.00 gift cards to Starlight Cinema, DIY molding kits and KNEX building sets. We look forward to working with Isleta Elementary to provide incentives and encourage our students to attend school daily.

At the beginning of the 2025/2026 school year, we provided students that attend Santa Fe Indian School with gift cards so they could purchase items that they needed to start off the school year, transitioning from home to dormitory living. It was wonderful to see students and their families at student check in, where many were excited to be starting or continuing in their new environment. In the future, we plan on continuing to support those students attending SFIS.

We continue to work closely with the Department of Education and to support them in helping our students and families. Participating in Family Night events is always an exciting time to collaborate. We've joined the Department of Education at these events by providing root beer floats and making holiday wreaths for the Nana's and Tata's who reside at the Assisted Living Facility. We, along with community members who helped with the wreaths, were happy to provide some Christmas joy to them; giving back to our elders is very heartfelt.

Working closely with the Isleta Department of Education has allowed us to work with families and students who attend Los Lunas Public Schools and Albuquerque Public Schools as well as charter and online schools.

We would like to remind our families that we are here to provide support and encouragement for our students and community. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our department at (505) 869-3870.

We wish you and your families a blessed 2026 New Year filled with joy, love and togetherness.

Thank you,
Isleta Truancy Department

Happy New Year!
Isleta Health Center
2026 Dental Newsletter

Wishing You a Healthy and Sparkling
New Year!

Welcome to 2026! The start of a new year is the perfect time to commit to your overall health, and that includes your **oral health**. We are here to help you maintain your beautiful smile all year long!

Congratulations to Our Electric
Toothbrush Winners!

We want to send a **huge thank you** to everyone who showed up for their hygiene appointment and entered our monthly drawing for a new electric toothbrush! It was so much fun, and we truly appreciate your commitment to preventive care.

Congratulations again! We hope you enjoy your prize and that it helps keep your smile extra bright!

Celebrating Our Team

We want to give a special shout-out to our dedicated hygienist, **Erica Carrillo**!

Erica is celebrating her **7th work anniversary** this January with the Isleta Health Center Dental Clinic! Thank you, Erica, for seven years of exceptional care, commitment, and making our patients feel comfortable and well-cared for. We are so lucky to have you!

Start the New Year Right: Focus on
Prevention

Now is the time to prioritize your dental health for 2026!

Make Your Appointment: Don't delay! Start the year right by calling us to **schedule your next cleaning and exam** to keep your teeth healthy and catch any small issues before they become major problems.

- Routine Care Matters:** Regular hygiene appointments are essential for removing built-up plaque and tartar and giving your dentist a chance to check for decay, gum disease, and other concerns.

Experiencing Discomfort? Don't Wait!



If you are having any **discomfort**, pain, or have **any dental concerns** (like sensitivity, a chipped tooth, or a feeling that something just isn't right), please **call our office immediately** to make an appointment 5005-869-4499. We look forward to seeing your smiling face in 2026!

St. Augustine Parish
Isleta Pueblo

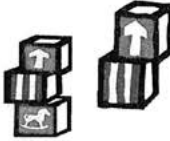


MISSION STATEMENT

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.



Pueblo of Isleta
Head Start and Child Care Center
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October 1, 2025

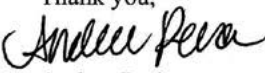
ATTN: Child Care Owners/Operators,


The Isleta Head Start and Child Care Center invites you to apply for our Child Care Stabilization Grant, offered in partnership with Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) by way of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The stabilization subgrant award program plan represents a collaborative, multistep process designed to identify the needs of child care providers and ensure timely administration and access to ARP Act child care stabilization grants funding.


This is an unprecedented opportunity to directly support our child care sector by enabling you to decide how to best allocate your supplemental grant fund. Suggestions for allowable use are as follows: increasing wages for child care support staff, upgrading sanitation equipment, providing relief from copayments for families, health and safety quality training for staff, employee bonuses, and expanding center hours and accessibility for essential workers. As this is a Tribal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Grant, it is necessary that you serve at least one Native American Student in your program. The list above are just a few examples of allowable activities: you are strongly encouraged to assess the needs of your program and be as creative as possible when allocating any funds awarded to you. Additionally, it is your responsibility to maintain orderly and accurate financial records throughout the duration of the award.

If you require assistance, have questions, or concerns please feel free to contact our program administrators. We look forward to collaborating with you.

Thank you,


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SAVE THE DATE

**SPRING
2026
ISLETA
YOUTH
WELLNESS
PROGRAM**

Come join the Isleta Youth Wellness Program for a fun and experiential Spring Session! Activities include: hiking, swimming, snowboarding, gardening, cultural site visits, Tiwa language activities, prevention-related activities and Spring Break activities.

Program Details:

11 & Younger (12 open spots)
12 & Older (12 open spots)

Transportation will be provided within reservation boundaries.

Participants will be chosen through lottery selection. Please call Hanna-Marie Lucero or Marcus Martinez to register your youth.

All forms must be completed prior to start date.

**Program will be
February 23
thru May 14,
2026**

Space is limited.
Lottery system.

**Deadline to
register is
February 4, 2026**

For Ages 9-17

**B'EEH K'OO-EE
WELLNESS CENTER**

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CCDF STABILIZATION

SUBGRANT

APPLICATION

The Isleta Head Start and Child Care Center invites you to apply for our Child Care Stabilization Grant, offered in partnership with Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) by way of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Stabilization Grant, funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, is intended to invest in New Mexico's child care system, ensuring providers are stable and child care is available for all families. Grant awards will provide relief and cover lost income resulting from temporary closure, response and recovery operation costs, and other expenses.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE:

Programs serving 0-12 years old

• TRIBALLY LICENSED

◦ FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

◦ GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES

◦ CHILD CARE CENTERS

◦ SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

◦ SELF-DECLARED PROVIDER

• CHILD CARE CENTERS

• IN-HOME CHILD CARE

• STATE PREKINDERGARTEN

• GROUP HOMES

• FAMILY HOMES

• SCHOOL AGE SITE

◦ BEFORE OR AFTERSCHOOL

◦ SUMMER CAMPS

• FAITH BASED

MUST BE SERVING AT LEAST ONE NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT IN YOUR PROGRAM









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SUBGRANT APPLICATION

APPLY NOW



Why is It Important to Know the Names of My Medications?

Knowing the names of the medications you're taking is very important for your safety and overall health. Here's why:

1. Emergency Situations
In emergencies, it is important to know what medications you're on to avoid harmful interactions or duplicate treatments.

2. Avoid Drug Interactions
If you see different doctors or use multiple pharmacies, knowing your medications helps prevent dangerous drug interactions or duplication of treatments.

3. Correct Use
Knowing the names helps you:

- Take the right medication at the right time
- Avoid Mixing up medication that may look alike
- Follow the proper instructions (e.g. take with food, avoid alcohol)

4. Communicate with Healthcare Providers
Doctors, MA's, PA's, Nurses, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians will ask what you're taking. Knowing the names helps you give accurate information and get the best care.

5. Track Side Effects or Allergies
If you have a reaction, knowing the medication name makes it easier to figure out what caused it and avoid it in the future

6. Refills:
You'll need medication names to:

- Request correct refills
- Verify prescriptions

7. Empowerment
Understanding what you are putting in your body helps you take control of your health and asked informed questions.

If it's overwhelming, you don't have to memorize everything – keeping a written or digital list of your medications (with names, doses, and why you take them) can be just as helpful.

Early Medication Refill(s)
We know that life can be unpredictable, and there are times when you may need to get your prescription filled earlier than usual. Whether you're planning a vacation or have experienced a lost or damaged prescription, it's important to understand our policy to ensure a smooth and timely process.

Early refills are for chronic medications only
This policy applies exclusively to your chronic, long-term prescription medications. Over-the counter (OTC), controlled substances and weight loss items are not eligible for early refills under this provision.

Two early refills per year
You are permitted a maximum of two early refills per calendar year for chronic medications. This can be for travel or lost or stolen medication.

After the annual limit
After you have used your two early refills for the year, you will have two options:

Transfer: You may transfer your prescriptions to another pharmacy. In this case, you will be responsible for any co-pay or out-of-pocket expense.

Wait: You may wait until your next refill is due to have it filled at IHC.



HEAD START & CHILD CARE CENTER

<https://isletaheadstartandchildcare.com>

(505) 869-9796



January 2026 POI Newsletter

ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS 2025-2026

Serving ages from prenatal & infants to 5 years old

WELCOME



Cheers to new beginnings! The children have been busy all last year learning the different animals, vegetation, and weather as the season changes. They have grown accustomed to their routines and schedules. We hope everyone has enjoyed their winter break as much as we have but we are excited to begin 2026 with our families!
We accept applications for our different programs all year long, so please give us a call to schedule an application appointment.
First day of school will be on Wednesday the 7th, we cannot wait to see our families and kids! Wishing all a joyous New Year!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Isleta Elder Center Menu 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Please come join us for Congregate Meals!! Mealtime is more enjoyable when you are with friends! Come eat, share stories and socialize with others.</p> <p>Please call by 9am to Cancel Home Delivered Meals. Thank you!</p>			1/1/2026	1/2/2026
			Elder Center Closed  closed on New Year's Day	Red Chile Posole Dice Chicken 3oz Hominy 1/2c Red Chile 1/2c Tortilla Fresh Fruit
1/5/2026	1/6/2026	1/7/2026	1/8/2026	1/9/2026
Unstuffed Eggroll Ground Pork 3oz Coleslaw Mix 1/2c Oriental Vegetable 1/2c Wonton Strips Fresh Fruit	Tuna Sandwich Tuna 3oz Carrot Sticks 1c Low Fat Ranch 2oz Goldfish 2oz WW. Bread	Tortilla Burger Beef Patty 3oz Garnish 2oz Potato Wedges 1/2c Tortilla Fresh Fruit	Green Chile Mac & Cheese Steamed Broccoli 1/2c Dice Beets 1/2c Green Chile 1/2c Cheese Sauce 1/2c Elbow Macaroni 1/2c	Pizza Sliders Pepperoni 3oz Marinara Sauce 1/2c Mozzarella Cheese 2oz Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit
1/12/2026	1/13/2026	1/14/2026	1/15/2026	1/16/2026
Chicken Noodle Soup Dice Chicken 3oz Dice Onion & Celery 1/2c Dice Carrots 1/2c Egg Noodle 1/2c Crackers	BBQ Riblet Sandwich Riblet Patty 3oz BBQ Sauce 2oz Hoagie Baked Beans 1/2c Mixed Vegetable 1/2c	Beef & Potatoes Ground Beef 3oz Dice Potatoes 1/2c Mixed Vegetable 1/2c Red Chile 2oz Tortilla	Ham Sandwich Slice Ham 3oz Slice Cheese 2oz Lettuce & Tomato 2oz Croissant Fresh Fruit	Green Chile Enchilada Dice Chicken 3oz Green Chile 1/2c Corn Tortilla Refried Beans 1/2c Fruit Cup
1/19/2026	1/20/2026	1/21/2026	1/22/2026	1/23/2026
Elder Center Closed  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY	Macaroni Stew Ground Pork 3oz Dice Onion & Tomato 1/2c Elbow Macaroni 1/2c Crackers Fresh Fruit	Chili Dogs Beef Hotdog 3oz Chili Beans 2oz Shredded Cheese 2oz Hotdog Bun Fresh Fruit	Chicken Fried Steak Chicken Patty 3oz Green Chile Gravy 2oz Sweet Potato Mash 1/2c Green Beans 1/2c Applesauce	Frito Pie Ground Beef 3oz Beans 1/2c Garnish 2oz Shredded Cheese 1oz Frito Chips 2oz
1/26/2026	1/27/2026	1/28/2026	1/29/2026	1/30/2026
Green Chile Squash Stew Ground Pork 3oz Yellow & Green Squash 1/2c Corn 1/2c Green Chile 2oz Tortilla	Steak Fingers Steak Fingers 3oz White Gravy 2oz Carrots 1/2c Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding	Nacho Supreme Ground Beef 4oz Cheese Sauce 2oz Tortilla Chips 2oz Garnish 2oz Refried Beans 1/4c	Pork Chop Pork Chops 3oz Mash Potato 1/2c Gravy 2oz Peas & Carrots 1/2c Dinner Roll	Turkey Sandwich Slice turkey 3oz Slice Cheese 1oz Lettuce & Tomato 2oz Croissant Jell-o w/Fruit
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE, BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF PRODUCTS. Created 11/28/25 Revised 12/2/25				

First Annual Veterans Day Parade Event at the Elder Center



On behalf of the Elder Center, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of our first Annual Veterans Parade held on Friday, November 14, 2025. This meaningful event was made possible through the leadership and coordination of Kimberly Chiwewe, whose dedication ensured a memorable experience for all Veterans, families, and spectators.

We sincerely thank everyone who participated and supported this year's parade. We are especially grateful to the Arizona State University Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families for providing items that enhanced the event, as well as the Women Wounded Warriors for the impactful presentation of the flag.

We also extend our appreciation to the Los Lunas High School Native American Club dancers, the Isleta Head Start dancers, the Isleta Elementary ROTC/DAV Auxiliary #29 for their wonderful performances and contributions to the ceremony.

Thank you to the Cultural Center for hosting the Tradishalicious Comedy Tribe, which were graciously sponsored by the Isleta Veterans Association, the Recreation Center for providing chairs for our spectators, the Public Works for assisting with cleanup around the facility and along the parade route, Queenfeens Custom Creations for the Americorp flag, and the Governor's office for sponsoring the delicious cake served at the event. Lastly, we would like to thank Pete De La Rosa for generously providing a small gift to each veteran in attendance.

Thank you all for helping make our first Annual Veterans Parade a meaningful and successful event.




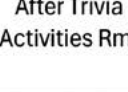

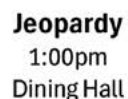

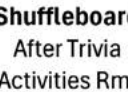

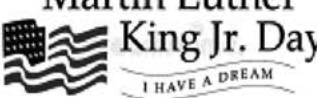



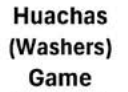


CONGRATULATIONS
MARIA ELIZABETH JIRON

The Elder Center is proud to recognize Na-Na Liz for her 24 years of dedicated service in the Senior Companion Program. Throughout her tenure, she has generously devoted her time to supporting fellow elders, fostering social connection, and helping prevent social isolation. Her compassion, commitment and unwavering service has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of many. On Thursday, December 4, 2025, Na-Na Liz was recognized by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs Senior Companion Program for her dedication.



The Senior Companion Program plays a vital role in ensuring that homebound and isolated elders receive the companionship they need to remain in their homes with dignity and respect. Na-Na Liz has devoted herself to providing friendship, support and meaningful connections to elders within the Pueblo of Isleta, truly embodying the spirit of community, care, and service.

On behalf of the Elder Center,
thank you Na-Na Liz.

Isleta Pueblo Elder Center Activities Calendar				
Monday-Friday 8:00am- 4:30pm 505-869-9770 CLOSED FEDERAL HOLIDAYS		January		2026
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Call or visit the elder center to sign up for activities in advance. All activities are a first come, first served basis and are open to everyone ages 50+ unless otherwise noted. Scheduled activities are subject to change.			1	2
				 Board Game 1:00pm Activities Rm.
5	6	7	8	9
 Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  Billiards After Trivia Activities Rm.	No Activities	Albertson's Bosque Farms Grocery Trip (senior discount day)	 Mass 11:30am Dining Hall  Jeopardy 1:00pm Dining Hall	Learn To Play Cornhole 1:00pm Activities Rm.
12	13	14	15	16
 Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  Shuffleboard After Trivia Activities Rm.	Health Edu. Presentation 12:30pm Dining Hall	No Activities	Paint Tutorial 1:00pm Activities Rm.	Barelas Sr. Center Social Dance 1:30pm-4pm 
19	20	21	22	23
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  Coloring Session 1:00pm Activities Rm. Commodities Distribution		Make Paper Tree Art 1:00pm Activities Rm.	 Table Tennis (Ping-Pong) 1:00pm Activities Rm.	Senior Day at the State Capitol Healthier Choices Cooking Demo 12:30pm Dining Hall
26	27	28	29	30
 Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  Huachas (Washers) Game After Trivia Activities Rm. Commodities Distribution	No Activities	 Karaoke 1:00pm Dining Hall	Diamond Art 1:00pm Activities Rm.	 1:00pm Activities Rm.

ISLETA ELDER CENTER

ADULT DAY SERVICES

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

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

Activities may be subject to change

THURSDAY 1	FRIDAY 2
	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p Make the Basket Game
THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Water Painting	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a "What is Radon?" Overview 1-3p Build an Ice Tower
THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Weight Lifting 1-3p Snowstorm Activity	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p Tape Resist Art
THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Ready, Stack, GO Game	9a-3p Rio 24, Movie Trip
THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30
9-10am Breakfast, Social, Health Check 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Ice Melting Race	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p Balance the Egg Game

MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Table Hockey	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Tai Chi Tuesday 1-3 Stained Glass Painting	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p Canvas Painting
MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Wooden Coaster	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Tai Chi Tuesday 1-3p Teamwork Exercise/Overview	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Snowman Soap
MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21
	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Tai Chi Tuesday 1-3p Winter Chalk Art	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p Melted Snowman
MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Cup Tic Tac Toe	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Tai Chi Tuesday 1-3p Christmas Gnome	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Glaucoma Awareness 1-3p Crayon Dipped Candles

12/8/25