



Isleta Pueblo News

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Governor's Report

Maguwam,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits.

I would like to congratulate our appointed traditional officials for this year.

In celebration of All King's Day that took place on Monday, January 5th and Tuesday, January 6th. It was great to see everyone in great spirits in welcoming the New Year and new officials. I would like to thank our departments, families and community who helped us celebrate.

On January 12th, Lieutenants Jojola and Jones met in-person with Maureen Joe, Field Manager for the Farmington Field Office and other staff of the Bureau of Land Management to discuss Chaco Canyon, specifically the proposed removal of the 10-mile buffer which currently prohibits oil and gas drilling around Chaco Canyon. The Pueblo maintains its position that meaningful government-to-government consultation requires direct engagement with Department of Interior decision makers and continues to convey its concerns about the potential revocation's impact on this important cultural landscape.

We also continued with the celebration of the Blessing of the Canes on Sunday, January 18th. I would like to thank our tribal officials, our families, and the community who came to celebrate with us on one of our special days. I would also like to, Thank the Isleta Resort and Casino banquet staff for also assisting with making this day special.

The 2026 legislative session began January 20th. This year's session is 30 days and will primarily focus on budgetary matters. I look forward to advocating for the Pueblo during this year's session.

I would like to invite everyone to attend Indian Day on Friday, February 6th, 2026. This will be held at the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe.

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

Ha-Wuh,

Governor Eugene Jiron
Pueblo of Isleta

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



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KEEP ISLETA STRONG!



PUEBLO OF ISLETA

 Pueblo of Isleta 
¡Qué linda!

GOT BULKY AND OVERSIZED ITEMS?

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Free Large Item Collection Service for Tribal Members Residing Within the Pueblo
By Appointment
Call: (505) 645-5247 or Email: keepisletabeautiful@isletapueblo.com

Keeping Isleta Beautiful in partnership with Transportation Services (505) 869-9818

ISLETA LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION NOW

OPEN!

Registration is now open for the upcoming season!

Don't miss the deadline — get your player signed up today.

 Registration Deadline: February 14, 2026

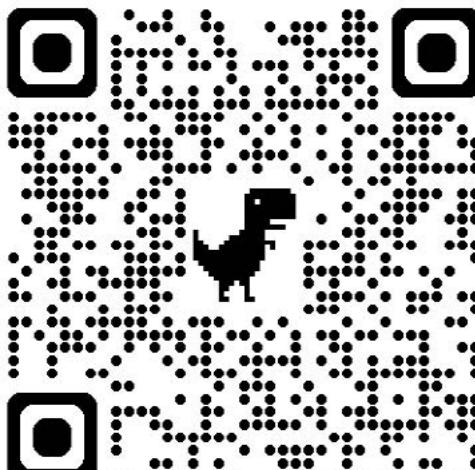
 Closes at: 10:00 PM

 Cost: \$40.00 per player

 Register Online:

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/isletalittleleague>

or scan the QR Code



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

DEADLINE for March Newsletter articles is set for **Tuesday, February 17, 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.

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:
Carlota C. Romero

Case No. CV-PR-0124-2025

Second 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.

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 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!

All events held at Isleta Tribal Court

Friday March 13th, 10am-11am:

Join us to learn about **Valid Will Options Under the Isleta Probate Ordinance**. We'll discuss the criteria for written and oral wills under the Isleta Probate Ordinance—useful for individuals, families, and anyone wanting a simple overview. No RSVP needed—everyone is welcome!

Have a legal question? Want to talk one-on-one with a NAP attorney? No-cost 45-minute consultations are available for low-income Isleta members from 12p-4p on February 20 or March 13. 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!



INTER- GENERATIONAL GREENHOUSE LUNCHEON

@ ISLETA ELDER CENTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026

@11:15AM

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN

FUNDING PROVIDED BY



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

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



Child Safety Seat Checks offered at the Isleta Health Center

Learn how to properly install your Child's Safety Seat

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library



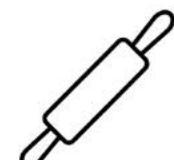
Youth Cooking Class Series



Join us for a fun-hands-on Youth Cooking Classes in collaboration with Jan's on 4th! Participants will learn basic cooking and baking skills in a welcoming and supportive environment.



FREE LIBRARY PROGRAM



TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO JAN'S KITCHEN FOR CLASSES!

CHECK CLASS SESSIONS FOR REGISTRATION DATE!

SIGN UP AT THE LIBRARY OR CALL 505-869-9808

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 TH AT 1PM	TUESDAY, MARCH 17 TH AT 10 AM	TUESDAY, MARCH 17 TH AT 1PM
Open to 12 Youth Ages: 10-18 yrs old Registration Starts 1/28/26	Open to 12 Youth Younger Ages: 8-10 yrs old Registration Starts 3/2/26	Open to 12 Youth Older Ages: 10-18 yrs old Registration Starts 3/2/26
		
Youth participants must register for each class session they want to attend!		

More Information please call the library at 505-869-9808.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

950 MOON LIGHT DR, SW ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87105

STEAM KITS TO GO!

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ON THE FARM - TODDLER KIT



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FOOD & NUTRITION KIT



FLOWERS & UNICORNS KIT



CASTLES & DRAGONS KIT



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Job Postings

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

SHIPPING & RECEIVING SUPERVISOR Albuquerque, NM 1580	\$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt	TABLE GAMES FLOOR SUPERVISOR Albuquerque, NM 0120 Craps knowledge preferred.	\$26.30 / Hour • Non-Exempt
TABLE GAMES SHIFT MANAGER Albuquerque, NM 0120	\$72172.03 / Year • Exempt	HVAC TECH I Albuquerque, NM 1350	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
IT APPLICATIONS MANAGER Albuquerque, NM 1550	\$83370.24 / Year • Exempt	PMT II Albuquerque, NM 1350	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
FOOD ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM	\$13.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt	PMT I Albuquerque, NM 1350	\$16.14 / Hour • Non-Exempt
IRRIGATION TECHNICIAN Albuquerque, NM 0701	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt	LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN I Albuquerque, NM 1350	\$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SALES ASSOCIATE Albuquerque, NM 1601	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt	HVAC Plant Operations Supervisor Albuquerque, NM 1350	\$30.14 / Hour • Non-Exempt
COCKTAIL SERVER Albuquerque, NM 0333	\$10.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt	ROOM INSPECTOR Albuquerque, NM 0230	\$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
BARTENDER Albuquerque, NM 0327	\$10.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt	LAUNDRY ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM 0230	\$14.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
FLOOR BEVERAGE SERVER Albuquerque, NM 0390	\$13.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt	HOUSEPERSON Albuquerque, NM 0230	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SPRAY TECHNICIAN Albuquerque, NM 0701	\$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt	ROOM ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM 0230	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt
ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER Albuquerque, NM 0330	\$54696.19 / Year • Exempt	CUSTODIAN Albuquerque, NM 1355	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt
FRONT DESK AGENT Albuquerque, NM 0205	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt	HDCT Albuquerque, NM 1355	\$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK Albuquerque, NM 1580	\$16.14 / Hour • Non-Exempt	REVENUE AUDITOR II Albuquerque, NM 1565	\$20.31 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SPORTS BOOK SUPERVISOR Albuquerque, NM 0146	\$26.30 / Hour • Non-Exempt	SECURITY OFFICER II Albuquerque, NM 0180	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
EDR ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM 0370	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt	FRONT OFFICE SUPERVISOR Albuquerque, NM 0205	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
CASHIER Albuquerque, NM 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.	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt	VALET ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM 0250	\$14.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
FOOD ATTENDANT (BEVERAGE) Albuquerque, NM 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.	\$13.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt	VALET SUPERVISOR Albuquerque, NM 0250	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
SERVER Albuquerque, NM 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.	\$11.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt	COOK Albuquerque, NM 00HCOOK	\$15.12 / Hour • Non-Exempt
BARTENDER CART Albuquerque, NM 0335	\$10.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt	SURVEILLANCE AGENT Albuquerque, NM 0170	\$18.04 / Hour • Non-Exempt
OFF-SITE ATTENDANT Albuquerque, NM	\$13.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Albuquerque, NM	\$206103.86 / Year • Exempt
MAIN BANKER Albuquerque, NM 0150	\$16.14 / Hour • Non-Exempt	Isleta Resort and Casino seeks an experienced, results-driven leader to oversee gaming and resort operations. Reporting to the CEO, this role provides strategic direction, ensures operational efficiency, drives profitability, and fosters a positive, res...	
CAGE CASHIER Albuquerque, NM 0150	\$14.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt		
STEWARD Albuquerque, NM 0386	\$14.87 / Hour • Non-Exempt		
LAKES CASHIER Albuquerque, NM 0780	\$14.62 / Hour • Non-Exempt		
TABLE GAMES DEALER Albuquerque, NM 0120 Craps preferred.	\$11.50 / Hour • Non-Exempt		

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.

FOR SALE
\$5 – Barn Stored Bale
Call Toney @
(505) 263-8381



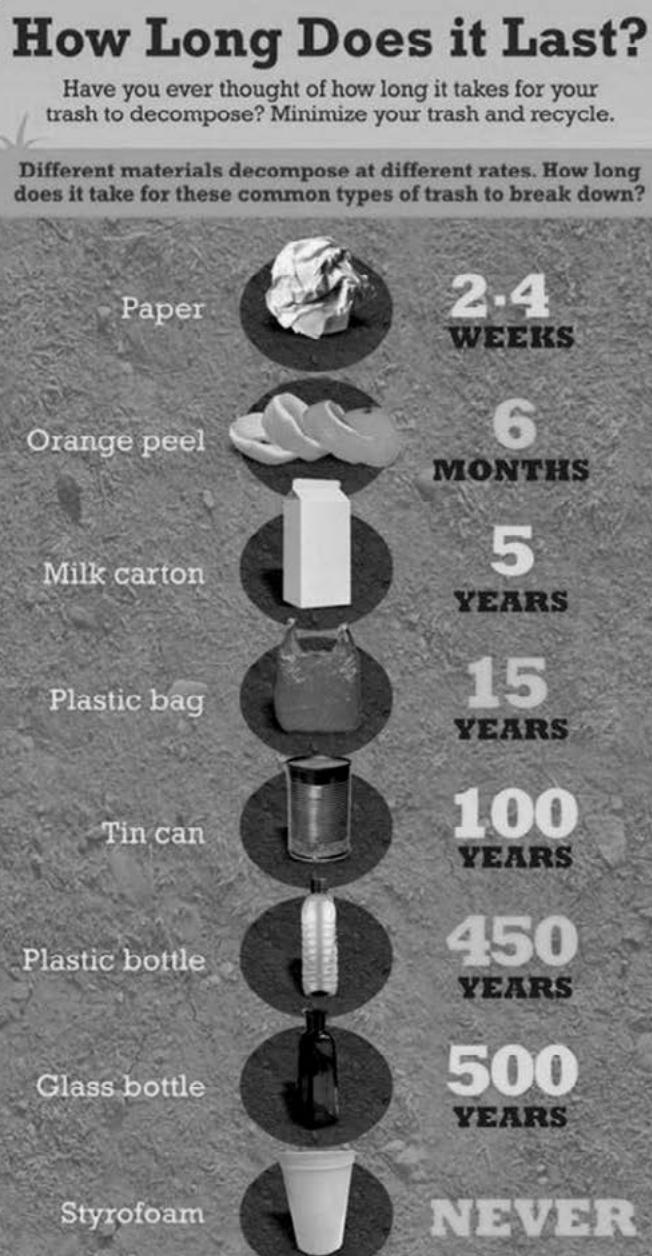
PRESIDENTS DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

The Transfer Station will be closed Monday February 16th in honor of Presidents Day. Monday and Tuesday's collections will be collected on Tuesday February 17th. Have carts out by 7AM.



KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL! (505)869-4106

Keep Isleta Beautiful



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	03/18/2026 or Until Filled
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGER	Health Services	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
BILLING TECHNICIAN	Health Services	03/30/2026 or Until Filled
CAREGIVER	Assisted Living	12/24/2025 or Until Filled
CHILD/ADOLESCENT THERAPIST	Health Services	Open Until Filled
CHILD CARE PROVIDER I	Head Start	04/13/2026 or Until Filled
COMMUNITY HEALTH MANAGER	Health Services	Open Until Filled
COOK I	Assisted Living Facility	12/23/2025 or Until Filled
COOK I	Elder Center	03/09/2026 or Until Filled
COOK II	Elder Center	03/09/2026 or Until Filled
COMMUNITY SUPPORT CASE MANAGER	Health Services	01/08/2026 or Until Filled
DENTIST - PEDIATRIC	Health Services	01/07/2026 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
FIRE CADET	Fire Department	01/23/2026
IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	Parks & Recreation	03/18/2026 or Until Filled
LABORER	Public Works	12/21/2025 or Until Filled
LANGUAGE TEACHER	Department of Education	03/08/2026 or Until Filled
NURSE PRACTITIONER	Health Services	01/04/2026 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 I - OPEN SPACE CERTIFIED (2 Positions)	Police Department -Open Space	03/18/2026 or Until Filled
POLICE OFFICER II	Police Department	02/26/2026 or Until Filled
PUBLIC WORKS COORDINATOR	Public Works	01/04/2026 or Until Filled
RECEPTIONIST	Tribal Administration	04/16/2026 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	04/01/2026 or Until Filled
UXOHAZMAT TECHNICIAN	UXO Division	04/14/2026 or Until Filled
UXO HAZMAT TECHNICIAN ASSISTANT	UXO Division	04/14/2026 or Until Filled
VICTIM ADVOCATE	Tribal Administration	Open Until Filled



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February Newsletter Submission:

From the Department of Education

Moving Forward Together: Education, Excellence, and Community in February

As February arrives not just as the shortest month, but as one of our most significant. Often called the "mid-year bridge," February is a critical time in the academic calendar. The initial excitement of the school year has passed, and the finish line isn't quite in sight. This makes it the perfect moment for us, as a community, to renew our focus and celebrate the many ways learning connects us all.

Celebrating Our Rich Heritage

This month, we honor **Black History Month**, a time to reflect on the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout history. Education is the heartbeat of this observance. We encourage families to explore local exhibits, read stories of trailblazers like Rosa Parks (honored on **February 4th**), and discuss how their legacies continue to shape our world today. Learning about our shared history isn't just a school requirement, it's a community-building act of empathy and understanding.

Looking Ahead: Career and Technical Education (CTE)

February is also **National CTE Month**. Education today looks different than it did twenty years ago; it is hands-on, high-tech, and directly linked to our local economy. From health sciences to engineering and digital media, our students are gaining skills that will build our future. We celebrate the educators and students who are bridging the gap between the classroom and the career.

Save the Dates: February Opportunities

- **February 2-6: National School Counseling Week** – Take a moment to thank the counselors who support our students' mental health and academic paths.
- **February 10: Safer Internet Day** – A great time for parents and students to discuss digital wellness and staying safe online.
- **February 11: International Day of Women & Girls in Science** – Let's encourage our young scientists to keep asking "why" and "how."
- **February 15-21: Random Acts of Kindness Week** – Education is about more than books; it's about character. We challenge everyone to perform one small act of kindness for a neighbor or classmate.

The Power of Presence

As we navigate the second half of the school year, we want to emphasize that **attendance is the foundation of success**. Recent studies show that consistent attendance is the strongest predictor of student proficiency. When a student is in class, they aren't just learning facts; they are building trust with mentors and confidence in themselves.

Let's keep the momentum going. Whether it's attending a family night, volunteering for a community event, or simply checking in on a student's progress, your involvement makes our community stronger.



Christmas Party

Wishing you a healthy, inspired, and productive February!

OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity to attend the Look Across the Mountain X Conference

Opportunity for Students! The Department of Education presents a chance to attend the Look Across the Mountain X Conference for students!

Isleta Resort & Casino – 11000 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM

February 24–25, 2026 from 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Must attend both days

Eligibility: Total of 10 students (4 Middle School & 6 High School)

Requirements: Middle/High School – GPA of 2.0+ and no more than 5 absences last semester

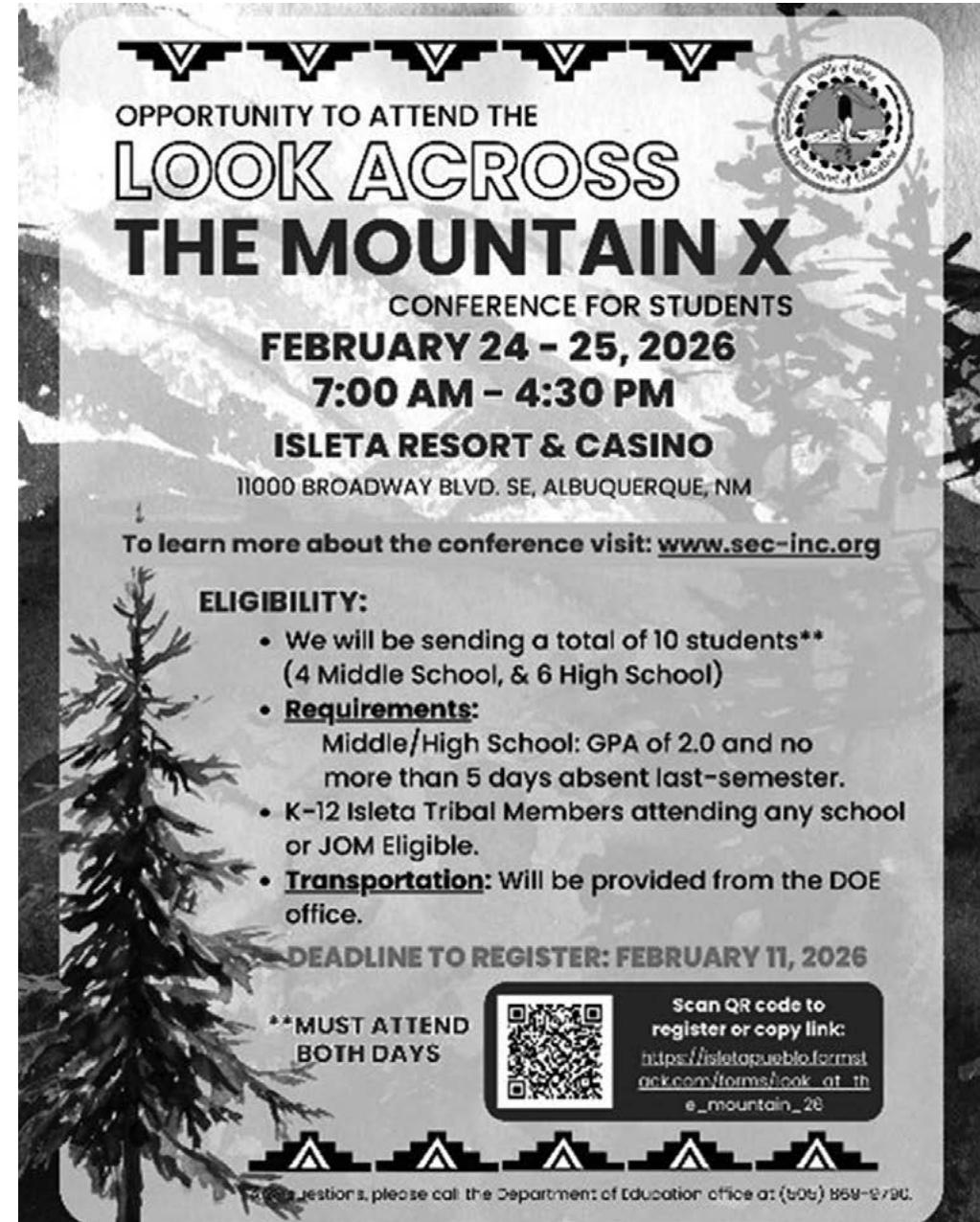
K-12 Isleta tribal members attending any school or JOM eligible

Transportation: Will be provided from the DOE office

Deadline to register: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

To learn more about the conference, please visit: www.sec-inc.org

Scan the QR code to register or copy the link: https://isletapueblo.formstack.com/forms/look_at_the_mountain_26



Girls Who Code Club:

Calling all future coders!

Girls Who Code Club is back at the Department of Education! Learn the basics of coding with fun, beginner-friendly tutorials and discover how tech can change the world.

- ✓ Open to all girls in 3rd–12th grade
- ✓ Every Tuesday & Thursday
- Starting on February 3rd, 2026 through March 12th, 2026.
- ✓ 5:00–6:00 PM
- ✓ DOE Office
- ✓ Register today using the QR code or link https://isletapueblo.formstack.com/forms/gwc2025_26
- Any questions, contact us at (505) 869-9790.

Introducing The Department of Education Newest Member: Olga Skinner

I am honored to step into the role of Academic Success Coordinator for the Pueblo of Isleta. In this position, I will be meeting with students and families, visiting schools, and working with educator and community partners to support academic pathways and strengthen opportunities for learner success at a variety of stages. I value collaboration and partnerships, as well as work that honors community knowledge, culture, and goals. I will work to help students navigate their education and pursue their aspirations. I am new to New Mexico, having recently driven down from Fairbanks, Alaska. I look forward to getting to know the Pueblo of Isleta community through listening, learning, and building relationships in this new role.

Stay Connected:

Stayed updated with the Department of Education! Follow us on our social media for more information on scholarships, events, and more!

Article on Attendance:**Why Does Attendance Matter for Student Achievement?**

"The importance of attendance in student success cannot be overstated. Research consistently demonstrates that chronic absenteeism sets off a chain reaction of negative effects on academic performance, with consequences that compound over time.

Early attendance patterns are particularly crucial. Students who experience chronic absences in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade often struggle to achieve grade-level reading proficiency by third grade. This milestone is critical, as students who don't meet it are four times more likely to leave high school without graduating compared to their peers who read proficiently.

What's more, attendance patterns in later years continue to play a significant role. Irregular attendance serves as a strong indicator of potential dropout, with persistent low attendance in grades 8-12 substantially raising the risk of not completing high school.

The implications of these attendance-related challenges extend far beyond the classroom. Students who don't complete high school frequently face significant hurdles in adulthood, including increased risk of economic hardship, health issues,

and involvement with the criminal justice system."

Source: DeFlitch, S. "Why Does Attendance Matter for Student Success?" Panorama Education.

For Safer Internet Day!

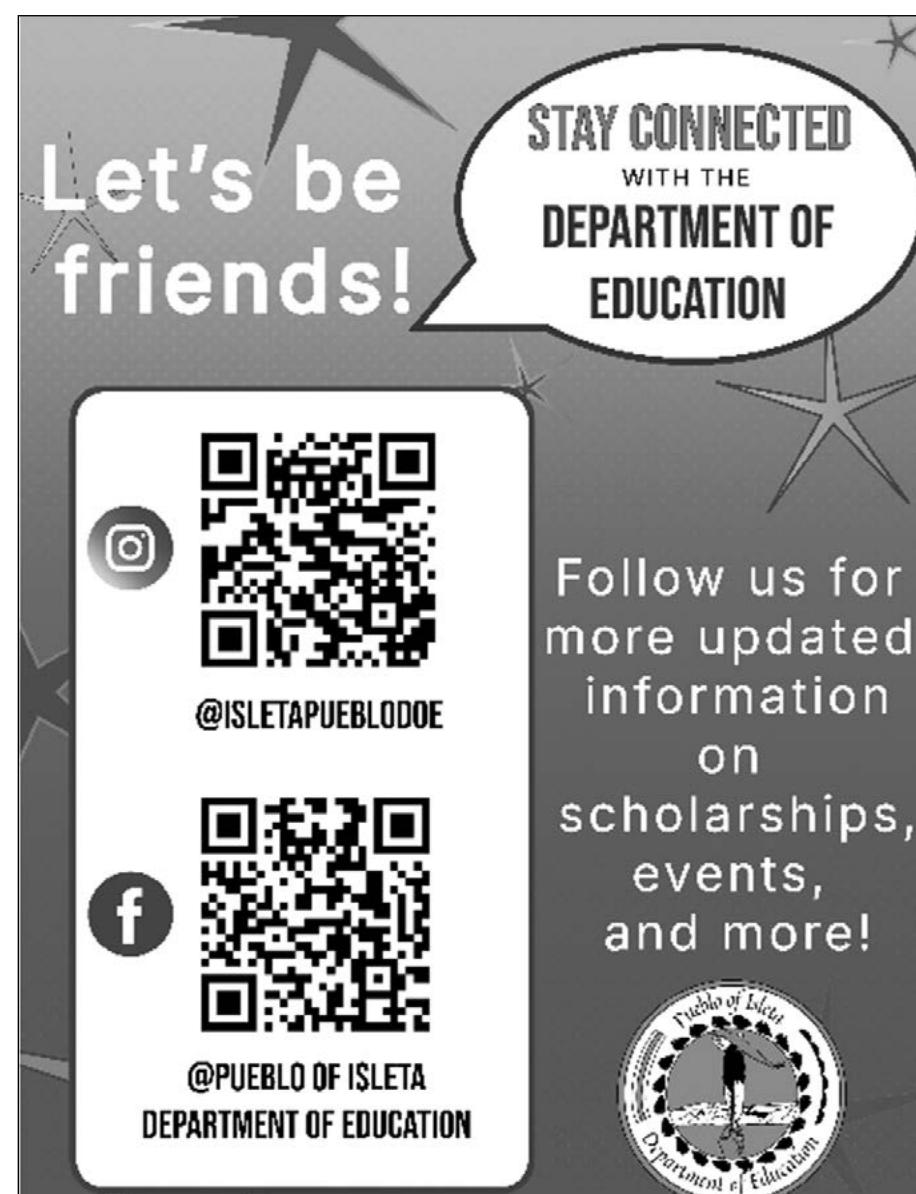
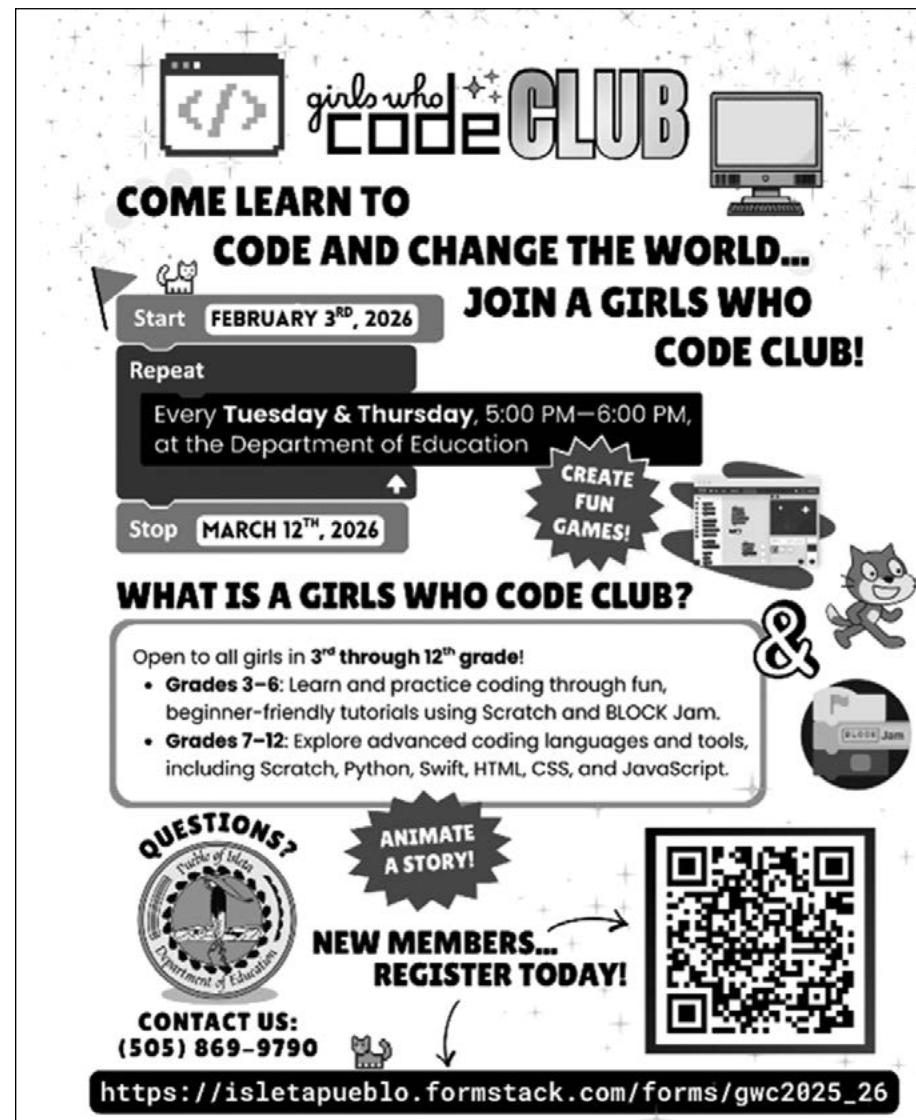
For Safer Internet Day, join the global conversation on how to make the digital world a kinder, safer place for everyone—especially our students.

Education doesn't stop at the classroom door; it extends to how we navigate the web. Let's commit to:

Thinking before we post: Is it kind? Is it true?

- Protecting privacy: Keeping personal details and passwords secure.
- Being an "Upstander": Supporting those who may be experiencing online bullying.

Check in with your kids today about their favorite apps and remind them that their digital footprint is a part of their future success! #SaferInternetDay #DigitalCitizenship #CommunityFirst





POI Scholarship Deadline Dates for Application and Supporting Documents

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Tutor Doctor Reading

Grades 1-12 or Students seeking GED/HiSET

June 8, 2026 - July 24, 2026

- Open to 6 Students
- 2x sessions per week, totaling in 12 sessions
- Tutoring in reading only.
- Must come into the library to register

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST ATTEND A REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH AT 5:30 PM!

REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH AFTER THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING.

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

TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. Contact the Pueblo of Isleta Environment Department at 505-869-9814 to get a free radon test kit.



TRUANCY

Greetings,

The Pueblo of Isleta Truancy Department would like to welcome all students into the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year. While we know the importance of education, attendance is also an important part of being successful. The Truancy Department works with students and their families to encourage daily school attendance and offer various incentives to the students who achieve perfect attendance each semester of the school year. Perfect attendance includes zero absences, zero tardies and no early checkouts.

The Truancy Department will continue to follow our [Steps of Enforcement](#) listed below:

Third Absence (3rd)

Upon determining that a child has three (3) unexcused absences, parent will be notified; first notification letter will be sent to the address on file. Truancy Coordinator shall inform parent/guardian of the potential consequences of any additional unexcused absences.

Sixth Absence (6th)

Upon determining that a child has six (6) unexcused absences, parent will be notified immediately. Five (5) business days after the child's parent is contacted, an attendance review conference shall be scheduled and conducted; child and parent will then enter into an Attendance Contract.

Tenth Absence (10th)

Upon determining that a child has ten (10) unexcused absences and continues to accumulate unexcused absences, (within a school semester), and/or the parent has not contacted the Truancy Department to schedule an attendance conference, the Truancy Department shall recommend that a truancy petition be filed in Tribal Court.

Keep in mind that the Truancy Department is here to assist you with any concerns or issues that you may have with your student's school attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact our department for assistance.

We wish all of our families and students a happy February!

Thank you,

Isleta Truancy Department

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		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		2	Lucky Charms Apples Orange Juice Choice of Milk	3	Churro Bites Mixed Berries Choice of Milk	4	Biscuit and Gravy Peaches Choice of Milk	5	Mixed Berry Parfait Granola Choice of Milk	6	Cherry Frudel Pears Apple Juice Choice of Milk
		9	Cocoa Puffs String Cheese Fruit Cocktail Choice of Milk	10	Banana Muffin Apples Juice Choice of Milk	11	Hashbrown Sausage Patty Toast Applesauce Choice of Milk	12	French Toast Sticks Syrup Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk	13	Cinnamon Rolls Strawberries Juice Choice of Milk
		16	"NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY OBSERVED	17	Honey Nut Cheerios Chocolate Bears Apples Choice of Milk	18	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Toast Oranges Choice of Milk	19	Bean and Cheese Burrito Salsa Pineapple Choice of Milk	20	Sausage Pancake Go-gurt Mixed Berries Choice of Milk
		23	Fruit Loops Graham Crackers Peaches Choice of Milk	24	Breakfast Burritos Oranges Choice of Milk	25	Pancakes Syrup Mixed Berries Choice of Milk	26	Boiled Eggs Toast w/jelly Grapes Choice of Milk	27	Breakfast Pizza Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk

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LUNCH		FEBRUARY 2026					Isleta Elementary School				
		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		2	Chicken Sandwich Emoji Fries Broccoli Peaches Choice of Milk	3	Spaghetti Corn Garlic Bread Pineapple Choice of Milk	4	Frito Pie Garnish Baby Carrots Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk	5	Sloppy Joes Sweet Potato Fries Celery Sticks Applesauce Choice of Milk	6	Triple Dipper Corn on the Cob Sidekick Choice of Milk
		9	Hot Dogs Celery Sticks w/Ranch Goldfish Fruit Cup Choice of Milk	10	Chicken Enchiladas Beans Corn Rice Krispie Treat Choice of Milk	11	Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Oranges Choice of Milk	12	Cheeseburger Tots Mixed Vegetables Jello Choice of Milk	13	Pizza Garlic Knot Carrots w/Ranch Cupcake
		16	"NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY OBSERVED	17	Orange Chicken Fried Rice Eggroll Fortune Cookie Mandarin Orange Choice of Milk	18	Chicken Nachos Pinto Beans Garnish Peaches Choice of Milk	19	Posole Tortilla Garden Salad Cookie Choice of Milk	20	Corn Dog Mixed Vegetables Cheez-it Mixed Berries Choice of Milk
		23	Beef Tacos Spanish Rice Green Beans Mango Choice of Milk	24	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables Berries Choice of Milk	25	Minestrone Soup Breadstick Garden Salad Pears Choice of Milk	26	Chicken Tenders Baked Chips Cucumber Slices Tropical Fruit Choice of Milk	27	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Cherry Tomatoes Sidekick Choice of Milk

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ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

FEBRUARY – 2026



The end of January already? Welcome to Month Two of 2026 and, of course, it is the month of flowers, candy, cards of love, etc.

We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

IHSP TRAFFIC DIVISION

January 2026 has proven to be a busy month for this division and it does not appear it will be "letting up" any time in the near future. Prior to the publication of this newsletter, the Traffic Division began a saturation patrol (January 20 through February 3) to detect traffic violations to include speed, seatbelts, careless/reckless driving, etc. As always, detection, apprehension and incarceration of individuals driving under the influence remains a priority goal for this division as well. We remind all, DON'T DRINK & DRIVE! DON'T DRIVE BUZZED! DON'T DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF NARCOTICS (to include marijuana). Though many do not believe marijuana can impair a driver, they are a depressant which affects reaction time, motor skills, judgement, etc. So please help us keep the roads on the Pueblo and through the Pueblo safe for all to travel.

The division is also a promoter of child safety when traveling in a vehicle and will, therefore, be holding car seat clinics. As a former car seat technician, I can attest to the importance of placing your children in appropriately fitting and approved child safety seats. The Traffic Division has certified technicians and the attached flyer is for information and contacts.

On the afternoon of January 9, 2026, an incident occurred which left the Pueblo shaken and some in disbelief that this happened at all. The Isleta Police Department met this tragic incident with a department wide call out, meaning everyone was alerted and involved.....all law enforcement officers were in the field. Officers, first on scene immediately took charge and administered medical assistance until Isleta EMS arrived, the crime scene was protected and handled appropriately, traffic was diverted to avoid contamination of the scene as well as avoiding traffic congestion and unnecessary spectators, etc. Information was disseminated to officers in the field and surrounding agencies as it was obtained. Isleta Dispatch center was on overdrive, answering not only regular calls for service, but individuals who had heard of the incident and were calling to get information.

IPD worked the scene and Highway 47 collaborating with all shifts to bring in additional coverage. Yes, officers are expected to do their jobs, but these officers always go above and beyond, some staying over past their regular shift hours, others

coming in early to assist in any way possible, but ALL, regardless of rank or division, came in to ensure the safety of the pueblo and attempt to find the perpetrator. IPD placed wanted flyers throughout social media, to local and across the state sharing information to prevent the suspect from fleeing outside the state. The saturation of the many media avenues together with the combined efforts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation resulted in the suspect turning himself in to the Albuquerque Police Department.

The Criminal Investigation Division worked many hours on the case not just on the night of the incident but continue to input many hours as of this writing. They have taken the time and care to explain to the victim's family members of the process and progress of the case. Even with the erroneous information disseminated that the alleged perpetrator charged and incarcerated was being released, detectives spoke with the victim's family providing the correct details of what actually was occurring. The detectives continuously maintain communication with the victim's family, are diligently continuing to follow investigative leads, assisting the FBI to successfully prosecute the case and bring closure to the family.

It is the belief of the Isleta Police Department such utilization of keeping the community informed through the media was an integral part of apprehending the suspect. We, at IPD, would like to thank the community for their support to the victim's family and support to IPD in

providing factual information. We thank all for understanding there are many facets to this type of incident that could not be publicized as it would interfere and/or comprise the investigation.

Our goal is to provide factual information to the public/community to reduce the risk of fear, panic and unnecessary speculation and we will always work to keep the community safe.

The Isleta Police Departments extends our deepest and sincerest regards to the family during this time of loss and our support to the members of the Pueblo community.

GUN CRISIS IN NEW MEXICO

EVERYTOWN for Gun Safety * Support Fund published a fact sheet on December 2, 2025 and following is that fact sheet:

New Mexico is facing a crime gun crisis—and the evidence points squarely at the state's own federally licensed gun dealers. In 2023 alone, law enforcement recovered and traced 4,847 crime guns across New Mexico. Of those, 78 percent (3,766) were originally purchased through Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). Even more troubling, more than three-quarters of those guns—2,905 firearms—were sold by FFLs operating within New Mexico.¹

Many New Mexico crime guns show indicia of trafficking. Approximately 47 percent of all crime guns recovered in New Mexico were purchased less than three years before their recovery—a key red flag for illegal trafficking.² Additionally, between 2017 and 2021, more than 89 percent of crime

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guns were recovered in the possession of someone other than the purchaser, another significant indication of firearm trafficking. Based on this data, it is estimated that 1,565 crime guns recovered in New Mexico in 2023 were likely funneled from FFLs to obvious traffickers and ultimately to violent criminals.

According to the ATF trafficking investigations studied in the National Firearms Commerce and Trafficking Assessment (NFCTA), nearly 90 percent of trafficking cases involve a possessor that is prohibited from legally possessing a firearm. Additionally, possessors or recipients of trafficked guns tend to be convicted felons (60 percent), known gang members (29 percent), or drug users or drug traffickers (22 percent).³ Trafficked firearms are more likely to be used in violent crimes.

Despite there being roughly 670 active FFLs in New Mexico, it is estimated that just 115 are actively selling firearms.⁴ Further, based on crime gun recoveries between 2017 and 2021, nearly 63% of all New Mexico crime guns were recovered within 50 miles of the FFL they were purchased from.⁵ In other words, stop a few FFLs, and you can make a huge impact on violent gun crime.

This isn't an abstract national issue—it's a local supply chain problem. And without meaningful action, it will continue to fuel violence in New Mexico communities.

Traced Crime Guns by Type

In 2023, 4,847 crime guns were recovered in New Mexico and subsequently traced. New Mexico ranked 29th in the U.S. for most traces of crime guns recovered in 2023, but when considering population, New Mexico had the 5th most traces per 100,000 people.⁶

Top Five Source States for Crime Guns Recovered in New Mexico⁸

New Mexico FFLs supply 77 percent of all crime guns recovered in the state.⁹ The state is its own source of crime guns, making it a viable target for trafficking reduction

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH IPD

Join the Police Department!
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With the everchanging atmosphere and dynamics within our community we do have openings within the Police Department (two patrol officers) and Open Space Division (two officers).

If you have an interest or know of someone who would be interested, please have them access the HR website for an application and a job description or contact me:

Officer Sharon Mitamura
505-869-9705 or 505-382-3459

strategies aimed at local dealers.

Time-To-Crime of Traced Firearms Recovered in New Mexico¹⁰

Forty-seven percent (1,769) of all crime guns were purchased less than three years prior to recovery in a crime. The rapid movement from purchase to use in a crime strongly indicates New Mexico has a significant trafficking problem.

We all know weapons are common in most households, but the responsibility of the gun owner remains regardless. Keep an inventory of your weapons (make/model/caliber/serial number) and most of all keep them in a safe/secure area, particularly if you have young children/teens in the home. Curiosity and peer influences can lead to tragic results if gun owners, do

not maintain control over their weapons. Home burglaries are a source of weapons acquisitions for many of our youthful offenders or guns not kept locked up.

For the hunters, again the responsibility lies with the gun owner/homeowners. For youthful hunters, Hunter Safety Classes are offered and available.

Parents, please be aware of your children's activities, their friends' network, functions they want to attend, etc. Often times officers will attempt to get information from parents/guardians and they have no idea who their children/charges are associating with.

Let's all work together to keep the Pueblo of Isleta a safe place to live

A recent publication by the DEA lists the following information:

Fentanyl NARCOTICS (OPIOIDS)

What is Fentanyl?

Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use as an analgesic (pain relief) and anesthetic. It is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic.

Street Title

Apace, China Girl, China Town, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfellas, Great Bear, He-Man, Jackpot, King Ivory, Murder 8, Poison and Tango & Cash

How is it consumed?

Snorted/sniffed, smoked, orally by pill or tablet, spiked onto blotter paper, patches, sold alone or in combination with heroin and other substances, has been identified in fake pills, mimicking pharmaceutical drugs such as oxycodone.

What is their effect on the body?

Similar to other opioid analgesics, fentanyl produces effects such as: relaxation, euphoria, pain relief, sedation, confusion, drowsiness, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, urinary retention, pupillary constriction, and respiratory depression.

What are the effects of an overdose?

Overdose can cause stupor, changes in pupil size, clammy skin, cyanosis, coma, and respiratory failure leading to death. The presence of a triad of symptoms such as coma, pinpoint pupils, and respiratory depression strongly suggests opioid intoxication.

Forms of Fentanyl Citrate

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid typically used to treat patients with chronic severe pain or severe pain following surgery. Fentanyl is a Schedule II controlled substance that is similar to morphine but about 100 times more potent. Under the supervision of a licensed medical professional, fentanyl has a legitimate medical use. Patients prescribed fentanyl should be monitored for potential misuse or abuse.

Illicit fentanyl, primarily manufactured in foreign clandestine labs and smuggled into the United States through Mexico, is being distributed across the country and sold on the illegal drug market. Fentanyl is being mixed in with other illicit drugs to increase the potency of the drug, sold as powders and nasal sprays, and increasingly pressed into pills made to look like legitimate prescription opioids. Because there is no official oversight or quality control, these counterfeit pills often contain lethal doses of fentanyl, with none of the promised drug.

There is significant risk that illegal drugs have been intentionally contaminated with fentanyl. Because of its potency and low cost, drug dealers have been mixing fentanyl with other drugs including heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine, increasing the likelihood of a fatal interaction.

Producing illicit fentanyl is not an exact science. Two milligrams of fentanyl can be lethal depending on a person's body size, tolerance and past usage. DEA analysis has found counterfeit pills ranging from .02

to 5.1 milligrams (more than twice the lethal dose) of fentanyl per tablet.

- 42% of pills tested for fentanyl contained at least 2 mg of fentanyl, considered a potentially lethal dose.
- Drug trafficking organizations typically distribute fentanyl by the kilogram. One kilogram of fentanyl has the potential to kill 500,000 people.

It is possible for someone to take a pill without knowing it contains fentanyl. It is also possible to take a pill knowing it contains fentanyl, but with no way of knowing if it contains a lethal dose.

According to the CDC, synthetic opioids (like fentanyl) are the primary driver of overdose deaths in the United States. Comparison between 12 months-ending January 31, 2020 and the 12 months-ending January 31, 2021 during this period:

- Overdose deaths involving opioids rose 38.1 percent.
- Overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids (primarily illicitly manufactured fentanyl) rose 55.6 percent and appear to be the primary driver of the increase in total drug overdose deaths.

Unless a drug is prescribed by a licensed medical professional and dispensed by a legitimate pharmacy, you can't know if it's fake or legitimate. And without laboratory testing, there's no way to know the amount of fentanyl in an individual pill or how much may have been added to another drug. This is especially dangerous because of fentanyl's potency.



News



We would like to introduce our newest library staff member, Rebecca Farwell. She joined the library team in late December 2025. Rebecca has been a Los Lunas resident her entire life, other than when attending New Mexico State University where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Marketing. Within her last role as an executive assistant, she discovered her love of interacting and helping the community, which lead to her journey to find a role that fulfilled her desire. She enjoys reading, music, and spending time with family. Rebecca is excited to serve the community of Isleta with her new role as the children's librarian.

A staff meeting will be scheduled sometime during the first week of February. We will be planning upcoming programs for children, teens, and adults. The library will remain open during this time so don't hesitate to come on in and check out any library material or use our services.

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

Monday, February 16th **CLOSED** in observance of Presidents Day. Normal business will resume Tuesday, February 17th.

Please keep in mind with unpredictable weather during this winter season 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).

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! New library staff member, Rebecca 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 the library a call at the library at (505) 869-9808.

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

February may be a short month, but it's full of opportunities to learn, explore, and stay connected at the library. As the new year continues and students settle back into their school routines, the library remains a reliable place for FREE resources and programs for all ages. This month, we're also busy laying the groundwork for our upcoming Summer Reading Program. We invite you to start the new year by stepping into the library and seeing all the resources available to you.

Our interactive mobile library app titled "Isleta LIB" with OCLC has come to an end and is no longer functioning properly. You may delete it from your mobile devices. Should you wish to remotely search our collections, access your digital library card, review your account, and access some of our digital services, you can download our free basic mobile app titled Librista (see image of app logo), which can be found in your Apple and Google Play stores. You may also come to the library and we can help you set it up. We are currently searching for a new mobile library app developer. We apologize for any inconveniences this has caused you.



Upcoming

The library is excited to offer a Youth Cooking Class on Saturday, February 7th, in collaboration with Jan's on 4th where the classes will be held. This hands-on class is open to 12 youth ages 10-18 years old and **FREE** of charge for those that pre-register. Participants will learn basic cooking and baking skills in a fun and supportive environment. Transportation to and from the establishment will be provided by the library. Registration began January 23rd, and space is limited. To sign up, please call or visit the library in person. Register today to reserve your spot. For more information about this program please call the library at 505-869-9808 and speak with a staff member.

Registration for the 2026 Summer Reading Program will be on Friday, May 8th starting at 7am and will remain open until all spots are filled. Make sure and follow us on our social media accounts for more announcements, and for any questions or concerns please call the library at (505) 869-9808 and speak with a staff member.

Our Reading Tutoring collaboration with the Tutor Doctor Albuquerque will continue in the Summer, starting on Monday, June 8 and will conclude on Friday, July 24. This abbreviated summer session will consist of 6 students, 2 sessions per week for a total of 12 sessions. Students must be in grades 1st to 12th OR an individual that is working to acquire their GED/HiSET certification. An informational meeting has been set for Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30 pm, and registration open after the meeting. For additional information, please call the library at (505) 869-9808 and speak to Nate. The library will be planning programs for children, teens and adults in the upcoming weeks and months. Please keep your eyes and ears open. We are excited to share our knowledge with you. You can always check for up-to-the-minute updates on the

library's social media pages and library flyers throughout the community. All our programs are **FREE** and open to the public.

Recap

The Library's Indigenous Film Screenings, presented in collaboration with the Isleta Cultural Center, provided an engaging and meaningful opportunity for community members to experience Indigenous storytelling. On December 23rd, the screening of Yintah offered viewers a look at Indigenous land defense and sovereignty. The series continued December 30th with Singing Back the Buffalo and Remaining Native, films highlighted cultural resilience, history, and Native communities. We would like to thank everyone who attend and participated in the Indigenous Film Screenings. As well as the Isleta Cultural Center for their collaboration in making this series possible.

On January 5th, library youth participants enjoyed a meaningful and engaging field trip to the Indian Arts Research Center, in collaboration with the School for Advanced Research. Students took part in an educational tour that introduced them to Native art, history, and cultural preservation. Following the tour, students wrapped up the day with a fun group lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings, where they had time to relax, share highlights from the trip, and enjoy each other's company. Parents and guardians who joined or met the group helped make the experience even more memorable. This field trip was a wonderful way to start the new year with learning, connection, and community. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this special outing.

Our Summer Reading planning meeting took place on January 8th & 9th. We discussed different themes and planned out the Youth and Junior calendars. Here's what we know so far. Youth program will have 5 different curriculums to choose from and will be sharing more details soon. This program is open to 25 students 7-14 years old. The Junior theme for this year will be Space and Ocean. This program will be open to 20 students, ages 3-6 years old. Please note that 3-year-olds must be potty trained and comfortable using the bathroom on their own. This is a good introduction to a school setting for children who have not yet entered a Head Start program.

Welcome back to the Library After School Program! We hope you had a wonderful winter break. We're excited to get back into our routine with homework help, reading time, fun crafts, and engaging activities. For the month of February there will be lots to do with Valentine's Day Crafts, Incentive field trips and much more. We're so happy to have you back!



Pueblo Pottery Ornament Night Library Program!



Library's Indigenous Film Screening in collaboration with the Isleta Cultural Center.



Library's Youth Field Trip: Indian Arts Research Center Tour



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

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

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

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

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

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



About Route 208

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

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tarifa completa – un solo sentido

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tarifa de descuento – un solo sentido

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Reduced Fare – Monthly Pass (\$15)
tarifa de descuento – boleto para el mes

Reduced fares are available to:

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

Tarifas de descuento aplican a:

- Edades juveniles 10-17
- Estudiantes con un ID válido de estudiantes
- Mayores de 62 años
- Titulares de tarjetas Medicare
- Personas con discapacidades que muestren:
 - Una notificación del Departamento de Vehículos Motorizados NM
 - Una carta de un médico que indique la discapacidad (con fecha de finalización)
 - Una Tarjeta de Ciudadano Honrado ABQ RIDE
 - Una Tarjeta de Viaje de Santa Fe o una Tarjeta de Media Tarifa de Santa Fe Trails
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Bus Route Zone 1	Rio Metro
Bus Route Zone 2	NM RX New Mexico Rail Runner Express
River	Transfer Points / puntos de transferencia
Major Cross Streets	A NM RX, RM209, RM210
Time Point Bus Stop	B RM209, RM210
Non-Timepoint Bus Stop	C RM210
	D RM210

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO) DEPARTMENT

We are happy to announce the newly established Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Department. The UXO Department has been working in the background of the Department of Natural Resources as the NALEMP (Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program) Program. A program created by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) and placed under the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). Since 1996 Pueblo of Isleta has been participating in the NALEMP Program. The NALEMP Program has been identifying, clearing, and remediating impacts created by past Department of Defense activities. Many of these impacts are from the early years of the training activities associated with Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), our neighbors to the north. In the early 1940s the Department of Defense leased lands from the Pueblo of Isleta to create bomb targets which trained aircraft Bombardiers that were being sent to the WWII theaters. Now over 85 years later we continue our efforts to clear the bomb targets of Unexploded Ordnance, Military Infrastructure, and debris associated with Military activities.

This December, the UXO Department completed the Field work for the 2024 Funding Cycle. Under new guidelines from the DoD, Pueblo of Isleta received Technical Support from KAFB's Explosives Ordnance Department (EOD). The Technical Support provided the Pueblo of Isleta with the ability to perform Explosive Demolition on over 115 Military Munitions Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard (MMPEH) items. Governor Eugene Jiron is shown in the picture assisting KAFB by detonating the C4 explosives which resulted in deeming the MMPEH items safe. The items were later cleared, demilitarized, and recycled. This project was focused on clearing 3 sections of the Los Lunas Air Force Range resulting in the

clearance of over 650 acres of rangeland on the western boundary of the Pueblo. Over 35,000 acres of POI lands are affected by UXO. 25 Impact Sites are currently identified and qualify for funding. Current Federal Government funding shortfalls limit the progress of the clearances of these lands. Clearance activities at the current funding rate are expected to last the next 30-40 years.

Through the number of acres identified, the types of ordnance that is present, the hazard that this ordnance presents to the Pueblo of Isleta and the well being of its Tribal Members, Governor Eugene Jiron and the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Council found it necessary to create and approve Pueblo of Isleta Resolution NO. 2025-048 Resolution Establishing the Pueblo of Isleta Unexploded Ordnances (UXO) Department. The UXO Department would like to thank Governor Jiron as well as all of Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Council for the continued support for our efforts in the NALEMP Program. We would also like to recognize and thank Tribal Administration, IFD, WLEO's, Tribal Sheriffs, POI Legal Department, Treasury, Procurement, and Britannia Environmental Consulting, LLC. for all their assistance to make the FY24 Project Work a success.



ISLETA ELDER CENTER'S
Valentine's
PANCAKE BRUNCH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026
11AM-1PM

RSVP FOR OUR VALENTINE'S EVENT!
ENJOY A BUILD-YOUR-OWN PANCAKE BAR
WE COOK IT, YOU CHOOSE YOUR TOPPINGS.
SPACE IS LIMITED, BE SURE TO CALL OR STOP BY
THE ELDER CENTER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

DEADLINE TO RSVP IS FEBRUARY 9, 2026
505-869-9770

Trivia

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.

ATTENTION : APPLICATION NOW OPEN.



"The purpose of [NMDA's Healthy Soil Program] is to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state."

— The Healthy Soil Act (2019)

Parties eligible for NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS
<p>Eligible Entities are local governmental entities with proven land management capacity to support healthy soil, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pueblos, tribes, and nations • Acequias • Land grants • Soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) • NM State University—Cooperative Extension Service • Other local governmental entities with proven land management capacity to support healthy soil <p><i>Eligible Entities can apply for up to \$100,000.00</i></p>	<p>Individual Applicants are farmers, ranchers, and other land managers.</p> <p>To apply, such parties must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete NRCS-certified conservation planning • Secure project sponsorship from their SWCD or tribal government <p><i>Individual Applicants can apply for up to \$24,999.99</i></p>

Start working on your project idea in Fall 2025, then apply online between January 16 and March 20, 2026.

Projects eligible for NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants

NMDA will consider for funding on-the-ground projects in New Mexico that aims to improve soil health by implementing 1+ of the 5 soil health principles:

1. keeping soil covered
2. minimizing soil disturbance on cropland and minimizing external inputs
3. maximizing biodiversity
4. maintaining a living root
5. integrating animals into land management, including grazing animals, birds, beneficial insects or keystone species, such as earthworms



← Visit NMDA's Healthy Soil Program website to learn more. At <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/healthy-soil-program.html>, you can view the map of previously funded projects and sign up for a brief weekly email featuring soil health events, plus Healthy Soil Program updates (grant-application tips, etc.).

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program
<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/healthy-soil-program.html>
hsp@nmda.nmsu.edu | 575-646-2642

NMDA
 New Mexico Department of Agriculture

For information or assistance with this

or other similar grants, you can contact Warren Edaakie.

SAVE THE DATE!

7th Native Youth Empowerment Symposium

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11, 2026

ISLETA
RESORT
& CASINO



Financial Literacy

Tiwa Lending Services is excited for the 7th NYES. We invite students from grade 7 to college. Topics are focused around finances, home buying, entrepreneurship, and available resources.



Network

Interact with Tribal leaders and industry experts representing nonprofits, government agencies, and tribal services.



Lunch Provided

Lunch will be provided to registered attendees.

Interested in attending?

Contact Miranda Lente
505-916-0556
miranda@tiwalending.org

Sponsorship opportunities are available

NM HEALTHY SOIL WORKING GROUP
NMhealthysoil.org



Warren Edaakie
warren@nmhealthysoil.org
 (c) 505-850-4993

PUEBLO OF ISLETA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SEPTIC SYSTEM DO'S AND DON'TS

In order for the Pueblo to pump out the septic tank, we first have to locate your residence. Please have house numbers posted on your residence. If your address includes an alphabetic letter, include this on your home as well. If we can't locate your home, we won't be able to pump the septic tank. When you call the Public Works office (505-869-5170) to request a work order for a septic pumping, be sure to include a good contact number so the driver can contact you, if needed.

Clear access to the septic system must be maintained by the homeowner. Please move any vehicles, wood piles, or any other obstacles far enough away from the septic system so the septic truck can get close to the tank. Weeds need to be kept under control. Please do NOT burn the weeds, especially on the leach line portion of your septic system. Burning the weeds will damage the piping under the ground, rendering the leach field inoperative as the pipes will melt.

If there is not sufficient access, a door hanger will be left advising the tank could not be emptied and why. When access is available, the homeowner should call the Public Works office at 505-869-5170 to request a work order to have the septic tank pumped out. Public Works regular business hours are from 7:00am till 3:30pm. While Public Works, if available, can be a source to help with septic pumping, the homeowner may also hire a private company to accomplish the work as well. Last, if a private company is hired there will be no reimbursement.

Remember: Don't put anything down the drains/toilets that can cause damage to the septic system. Grease, flushable wipes, paper towels, sanitary products, trash and excessive toilet tissue which can cause sewage back-ups. Grease is the #1 cause of sewage back-ups. Tree/shrub roots are a close second. Plant trees and shrubs as far away as possible from your septic tank, sewer clean-outs and leach fields. Roots will search out sources of water (including wastewater) and once the roots get inside the pipe, the roots will grow in size, eventually creating a blockage in the piping.

If you have a slow draining sink or bathtub and have poured a harsh chemical down the drain, please advise Public Works/Housing employees that may later respond to help clear the back-up. Many products sold to clear drain blockages have acid in them and are a hazard to you and the employees that may be trying to clear the blockage.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works office at 505-869-5170.



Public Works would like to remind the community:

- Please call the main office at 505.869.5170 for septic pumping; same day pumping will not happen unless there is an emergency
- Water spicks (connected to the home) is Housing responsibility; we will take care of work orders on standing alone frost free
- Please call 811 for any and all line spotting before digging; 811 will dispatch Public Works for spotting the water and sewer lines
- After hour emergencies please call Isleta Dispatch at 505.869.3030

Public Notice and Opportunity for Comment

Environmental Review

Location: Portion of Tract 39-001. Physical address: 33 Tribal Rd 28, Bosque Farms NM

Land Assignee: Benjamin D. Torres

Proposed Leasehold Use: home site development, new mobile/modular home

No significant effects on the environment have been identified

Purpose

The Pueblo of Isleta's Leasing Law requires

- identification and evaluation of any Significant Effects on the Environment of a proposed Leasehold Use;
- that the Public is informed of, and has a reasonable opportunity to comment on any Significant Effects on the Environment a proposed Leasehold Use may have prior to approval or disapproval of such Lease under the Pueblo of Isleta Leasing Law; and
- the Pueblo shall provide responses to relevant and substantive public comments on any environmental impacts before the Pueblo approves the Lease.

The comment period is to be not less than thirty (30) days.

Comments on Benjamin D. Torres's Environmental Review may be submitted to Pueblo of Isleta Environment Department located at 3929 Hwy 47. The public comment period will close at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 which is 30 days following publication of this Notice in the Pueblo's February 2026 Newsletter.

Notice of Availability

A copy of the Environmental Review statement is available without charge from POI Environment Department to any member of the Public requesting it by calling Environment Department at 505-869-7565.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



PHONE: 505-869-5170

PUEBLO OF ISLETA
P. O. BOX 1270
ISLETA, NM 87022

February Newsletter Article

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS TRUCK?

The Pueblo of Isleta purchased a 2025 Kenworth Vactor truck last year, and Public Works has been utilizing this vehicle throughout the Pueblo. The truck has been used to locate underground service lines, assist at water leaks, clean culverts, jet and clean sewer main lines and cleaning wastewater basins at the two main treatment facilities.

The truck saves time due to its ability to remove water leaking from main water lines quickly, allowing the Utility crew to locate the leak, and make repairs while the vactor continues to remove any incoming water. Prior to having this truck, portable pumps would need to be brought to the scene, set up, hoses connected and then begin to remove the water.

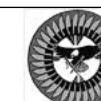
The vehicle was used to assist in locating leaks from the underdrain system that is installed on the Pueblo. "Sink holes" were reported in an alfalfa field and the unit was called to assist in removing the dirt, mud and liquid so the underdrain piping could be visualized and necessary repairs made.

Sewer main line blockages have been cleared using this truck instead of calling an outside Contractor to respond to the Pueblo to take care of the blockages. Emergency sewer main line issues are now handled by Public Works employees, lessening the response time in emergency situations.

The wastewater treatment facilities have numerous basins located at each plant that need to be cleaned periodically. These basins can be up to 22' deep and the vactor is able to clean the basins, saving the cost of hiring a Contractor to come to the Pueblo to do the work.

If you see the vehicle in operation, be aware it is very loud and requires ear protection for anyone in the immediate vicinity. Use caution when in the area of the truck when it is in operation as there are several employees also on scene. It is also a large vehicle and requires sufficient room to maneuver at job sites and down narrow roadways.

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PUEBLO OF ISLETA
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January 13, 2026

Since the last update in November 2025, the Village Proper Renovation committee would like to share a few updates regarding the project. A contractor has been selected to execute renovations at six homes. The work is set to kick-off the week of January 20-23rd. We are eager to see more renovations completed! We are now ready to begin the bid process for another group of homes to be renovated.

The committee continues to assess homes in Zones 1-3. Those in this region, can expect individuals coming to your home or calling to set up a home assessment.

In addition, homes located in Zones 1 and 2 may have received several visits to the home by contractors and Environmental. Due to the age of the homes, testing for 1) asbestos, 2) lead based paint and 3) mold, are required. This process does require several home visits. We ask for patience as we continually ask to be on your property.

Last, in addition to our standard scope of work, we welcome homeowners in all zones, whose primary home, has an existing emergency need to contact us. An example of an emergency need is a leaking roof that affects your safety and health, as well as the structural integrity of the home. We will go out to complete an assessment though it does not guarantee an immediate turnaround. As such, please do your best as the homeowner to maintain your home until we address the issue.

If there are any questions, please continue to call Public Works at 505-869-5170.



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

February 2026! We are already starting our second month of the year and once again it already feels like the year is going by really fast. Here's a quick reminder for all of you, remember that Valentine's Day is on Saturday, February 14th, 2026, make sure that you get or do something special for that special someone in your life, don't forget.

Everything is going well here in the recreation department. The kids in the Recreation Program seem to be enjoying themselves, I look forward to seeing them in the afternoon when they get here, they always seem happy to be here. The Fitness Sections are staying busy as usual, we do have a few new faces at both Main Rec and Old Rec. These are probably individuals that are working on their New Year's resolution. We hope that all the new comers stick with it and continue to show up and work out. We have a couple of new fitness classes that we are offering and think they will be a draw. The Sports Section is busy as well; the Youth Tribal Basketball League and the Youth County Basketball League are both in full swing and it's good to see the support that they get from their families. The Aquatics Section is staying busy with swim lessons and open swim, remember the pool is open at 5:30am for you early birds that want to get an early morning swim in. Our Parks Maintenance Section continues to beautify

our green spaces; the weather has been unusually warm this year as you all know, this and because of this our green spaces have needed extra care and like always our crew has been on it.

If you need more information about anything happening here in the Recreation Department, please feel free to contact us at (505) 869-9777.

FITNESS SECTION – Happy February everyone! As you get ready for Valentine's Day, harness your Chi with our new Tai Chi classes that we are offering at the Recreation Center (Main). We hold classes on Tuesday mornings at 10am and on Thursday evenings at 4:30pm.

Classes have started off great and people are surprised of how beneficial Tai Chi is. Tai Chi offers benefits that improves balance, flexibility, and muscle strength and is effective for stress relief, anxiety, depression, pain management, improve sleep, lowers blood pressure, boosts cardiovascular fitness, enhances mood and cognitive function. It can help out in many areas. Can you believe all of this? Come find out and try a class, this may be something you never thought that would be for you, but you never know until you give it a try. Again, this is just one of the many classes we are offering at your Isleta

Recreation Center. We hope to see you and if you have any questions, please contact us at (505) 836-9777 or come talk to the friendly fitness staff, ask for Christa, Jocelyn, Raylen or Thomas. We would love to talk to you and answer any of your questions. We hope to see you and/or hear from you soon. Thank you!

RECREATION SECTION – We've had lots of winter break activities at Isleta Recreation Center. Our Isleta youth were involved in making many Christmas craft activities, slime making that led to experimenting making air bubbles with straws. There were also many fieldtrips the youth attended such as Main Event and got some bowling time in, watched the SpongeBob Movie, went to Explora and checked out the newly built park in the Wells Park neighborhood in downtown Albuquerque, then we had some lunch at Golden Corral and McDonald's. The kids really enjoyed the activities we had planned for them during the break and here are a few pictures of kids enjoying their time in the program.

If you would like more information about our After School recreation Program or our Recreation Program in general, please contact us at (505) 869-9777 and ask for LeeAnne Zuni. Summer is coming up so keep your eyes open for summer recreation program information.



AQUATICS SECTION – Isleta Aquatics is now hiring lifeguards! We are looking for candidates who are interested in becoming a lifeguard! Current lifeguard certification is preferred but not necessary as we provide all training and certifications here on site. Isleta Aquatics would also like to welcome everyone to come out and swim! Open Swim will be from 2:00pm until 7:30pm 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 February 3rd; lessons will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm-5:30pm and we are still currently taking registrations. If you are interested in registering yourself or someone else those forms are available at the Recreation Center front desk or you can email me at Joshua.roybal@isletapueblo.com and we can send you over a printable version to fill out at home. Registration forms can be turned into the Aquatics Office or the Front Desk here at the Recreation Center. Isleta Aquatics is also hiring lifeguards, check on the POI website for the posting and if its not on the POI website now it should be posted soon, so

keep checking. 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.

SPORTS SECTION – We are off to a great start with are 5-6 yr old and 7-8 yr old co-ed teams in the county league, we are half way done with the winter season and the kids are doing well, if you get a chance try to come by and offer them your support, we think you will be pleasantly surprised to see how well they are doing. The Pueblo Youth Basketball League started up on January 16th we played Santa Domingo and both groups/teams (5th and 6th grade boys and 3rd and 4th grade boys) their second game was on January 24th at San Felipe. They are all playing well and I'm sure they will only get better as the season progresses. The Bernie Memorial Run/Walk will be taking place on April 18th, 2026 this year. It will be here before you know it, registration for this annual run/walk started on January 20th, 2026 and will run through March 20th, 2026, so make sure you sign yourself up for this as quickly as possible. For more information about our Sports Section and the activities being offered, feel free to contact Coach George Waquie at (505) 554-7232.



NUTRITION WITH KAREN



"Optimum Nutrition is the medicine of tomorrow."
- Dr. Linus Pauling

"Ready to dive into your personal nutrition needs?
I'm happy to help!"

Call me to schedule an appointment and let's talk food."

505-869-4093

Registered Dietitian & Nutritionist

APRIL 18TH 2026

BERNIE JOJOLA

MEMORIAL Challenge

Fun Walk & Run

REGISTRATION STARTS JAN 20TH 2026
SIGN-UPS ISLETA REC CENTER
DEADLINE MARCH 20TH

RUN WILL TAKE PLACE AT BIG MAMA
START TIME 9 AM

Remember shirts are given out while supplies last.

If you have any questions feel free to call or email.

george.waquie@isletapueblo.com
505-869-9777

LEARN FROM ANDREA



"Want the scoop on our Diabetes Prevention and Treatment program?"

Call me to ask about our services and let's sign you up for some of our fun Wellness events!"

505-869-4096

Administrative Assistant

WORKOUT WITH AIKIKO



"Ready to feel stronger, healthier, and more confident in the gym?
I offer personal training services tailored to YOU – your goals, your pace, your lifestyle."

Call me to start a workout plan and receive 16 free coaching sessions this year!"

505-869-4084

Health and Wellness Coach & Personal Trainer

TRASH TALK ISLETA!

DON'T CONTAMINATE

RECYCLE BETTER

KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL!



PLASTIC

Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars



METAL

All cans



PAPER

Paper, cartons and 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 recyclables not being collected. This is important to sustain the recycle program moving forward. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TRASH TALK ISLETA!



TRANSFER STATION HOURS

The Transfer Station is open Monday through Friday 7AM - 4:30PM.

Saturday and Sunday hours are 7AM - 3PM.

The Transfer Station is closed on Tribal & Federal Holidays.

The last large load is accepted 15 minutes before closing time.

For your safety we may close due to high winds.

For use of tribal members only, must have a tribal member present when utilizing the facility.

For curbside service schedule announcements check the POI newsletter, POI Facebook & POI text message system.

KEEP ISLETA BEAUTIFUL! (505)869-4106

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.

WHAT IS GRIEF?

Grief is the natural reaction to loss. While everyone experiences some form of grief and loss, it is also an intensely personal experience. It is the emotional suffering we feel when we lose something or someone we love. The pain of the loss can feel overwhelming and we may suddenly experience unexpected emotions from shock or anger to disbelief, guilt, and deep sadness. The pain of grief is not limited to our emotional suffering but our physical health can also suffer, making it difficult to sleep, eat, or even think straight. These are common reactions to loss—and the more significant the loss, the more intense our grief will be.

Many are enduring losses during this challenging time of the Pandemic. While we usually associate grief with the death of a loved one, any loss can cause grief, including:

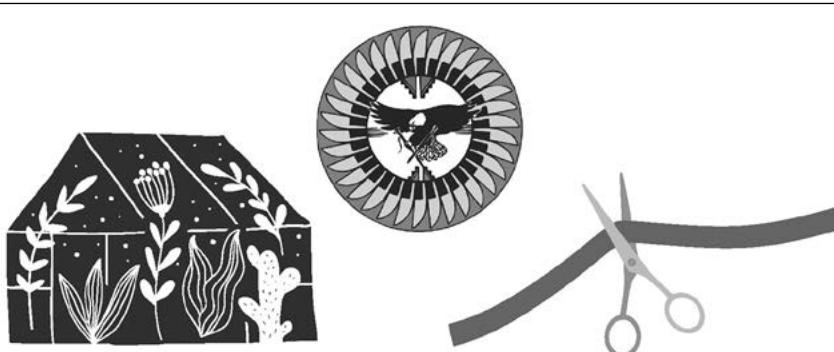
- Divorce or relationship breakup
- Loss of health
- Loss of a job
- Loss of financial stability
- A miscarriage
- Retirement
- Death of a pet
- Loss of a cherished dream
- Serious illness of a loved one
- Loss of a friendship
- Loss of safety after a trauma
- Selling or moving away from the family home

Whatever the cause of the grief, there are healthy ways to cope with the pain that, in time, can ease our sadness and help us come to terms with our loss, find new meaning, and eventually move on with our lives.

Seek help if you:

1. Feel like life isn't worth living
- 2 Wish you had died with your loved one
3. Blame yourself for the loss or for failing to prevent it
4. Feel numb and disconnected from others for more than a few weeks
5. Are having difficulty trusting others since your loss
6. Are unable to perform your regular daily activities

Call Isleta Behavioral Health Clinic at 869-5475



**Greenhouse Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony**
@ Isleta Elder Center
Friday, February 13th, 2026
@11:30AM
50 years and older
PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN
Funding provided by
AARP

**Friendship Breakfast
is back...**

Isleta Elder Center is proud to announce the return of our **Friendship Breakfasts**, now held twice a month.

Join us from 9am-10am every 2nd and 4th Friday for piping hot coffee and a fresh meal to start your day.

Please rsvp for these events at least two days in advance.

Breakfast is free to anyone 50+ years of age. Call the center with any questions at 505-869-9770



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Dating violence can take shape in many forms. It can be both verbal and physical. It may include:

- Stalking
- Threats
- Isolation from Family Members and Friends
- Verbal or Emotional Abuse
- Sexual and Physical Violence

There are long lasting effects from this type of violence. They include depression, suicide and drug use. Take some time to speak with your teen about the signs and dangers of dating violence. Be a safe place for them to talk.

Happy Valentine's Day from the Isleta WIC office!

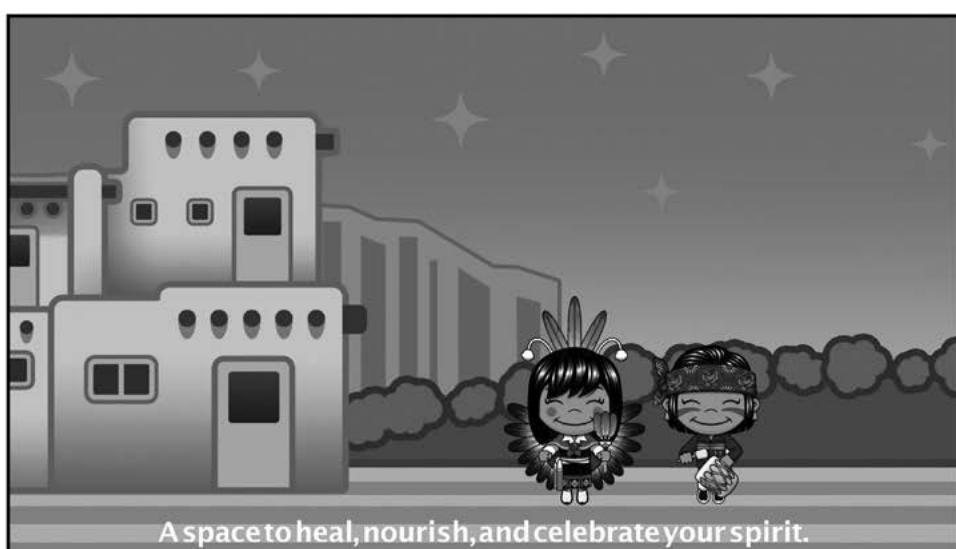
Isleta WIC Office 505-869-2662

WIC News- The WIC office would like to thank Levi Jiron with Jiron Designs for the new look of our van! You may have noticed us driving by!



988 NM Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Free, Private & Confidential Support 24/7



call or text
988
ANYONE.
any struggle.
anytime.

New Mexico's 988 is the 24/7 free and confidential lifeline for emotional, mental, or alcohol and substance use support, made available to all New Mexicans through the Behavioral Health Services Division of the New Mexico Health Care Authority.

If you are overwhelmed by life or emotions and you don't know where to turn, 988 is here to listen and get you private one-on-one support from a caring, understanding and non-judgmental person.

Please remember that YOU MATTER! Your presence in this world is needed. There is no shame in asking for help.

Release what is weighing heavy on your heart and spirit:
 - Family or relationship struggles - Grief, loss, or feeling alone
 - Pressure from work or school - Alcohol or substance use
 - Concerns about money or housing - When your spirit feels heavy or unsafe

988 is here for you! Visit 988NM.org for more information.



988 NM Crisis Support

@988NM Crisis Support

HEAD START & CHILD CARE CENTER

<https://isletaheadstartandchildcare.com>

(505) 869-9796

February 2026 POI Newsletter

WELCOME

Hello POI family! The children are settling back into their school routines after being gone for a long winter break. We've enjoyed having all the kids back and looking forward to finishing the year off with them. This month in February we have our long-awaited Sweetheart Dance on the 11th. We are excited to be able to host our annual dance and provide a night full of memories for our families. Look out for flyers about our other monthly events.

CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 PARENT COMMITTEE	6	7
8	9	10	11 FAMILY NIGHT	12	13	14
15	16	17 FATHERHOOD NIGHT	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS 2025-2026

Serving ages from
prenatal & infants to 5
years old

REQUIREMENTS:

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

IF APPLICABLE:

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



Love Your Smile: February Dental Newsletter

Happy February! As we settle into the new year, we want to take a moment to thank you for being part of our dental family. Whether you're focused on new health goals or just looking to brighten your day, we're here to help you keep your smile shining.

February is Gum Disease Awareness Month

Did you know that gum disease is often called a "silent" disease? Many people don't realize they have it until it reaches an advanced stage. This month, we are focusing on education and prevention.

Signs to watch out for:

- Gums that bleed when you brush or floss.
- Red, swollen, or tender gums.
- Persistent bad breath.
- Gums that seem to be pulling away from your teeth.

The good news? **Gum disease is preventable and sometimes reversible** in its early stages through professional cleanings and excellent home care.

Celebrating Our Team

February is a special month in our office! Please join us in wishing a very Happy Birthday to three of our wonderful team members:

- Susan
- Erica
- Neicy

We are so grateful for the hard work and care they provide to our patients every day. If you see them in the office this month, be sure to say hi!

Show Your Teeth Some Love

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and the best way to celebrate is with a healthy, confident smile.

Don't Forget Your Cleaning! If you have a scheduled cleaning coming up, please make sure to keep your appointment. Regular professional cleanings are the only way to remove hardened plaque (tartar) that a toothbrush simply can't reach. Keeping these appointments is the best way to prevent cavities and gum disease before they start.

Maintaining a healthy mouth is a daily commitment. Here are a few essential tips to keep your oral health on track this year:

- **The 2x2 Rule:** Brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes each time using fluoride toothpaste.
- **Don't Skip the Floss:** Brushing only cleans about 70% of your tooth surfaces. Flossing gets the "hidden" spots where bacteria love to hide.
- **Drink Water:** Staying hydrated helps wash away food particles and keeps your saliva levels high, which naturally protects your enamel.
- **Replace Your Brush:** If your bristles are frayed or if it's been more than three months, treat yourself to a new toothbrush!

Don't Ignore the Ache

Are you experiencing tooth sensitivity or persistent pain? Dental issues are much easier to treat when caught early.

If you are in pain, don't wait! Call us today to schedule an appointment so we can get you back to feeling your best.

Call us at: 505-869-4499

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

MONDAY 5	TUESDAY 6	WEDNESDAY 7	THURSDAY 8	FRIDAY 9
9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Stained Glass Painting	ADS CLOSED <i>In observance for King's Day</i>	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Pool Noodle Exercise 1-3p New Year's luncheon	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Scarf Exercise 1-3p Paint & Sip Session	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a "What is Radon?" Overview 1-3p Build an Ice Tower
MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
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	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
MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23
	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	9-10am Breakfast, Social 10-11a Resistance Band Exercises 1-3p Ready, Stack, GO Game	9a-3p Rio 24, Movie Trip
MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30
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	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

12/8/25

1/9/26

Contact us!

1 sagebrush Street
Albuquerque, NM 87105

Diabetes Education & Nutrition
Pink Building C
505-869-4096

Wellness Center
Pink Building B
505-869-4095

GYM HOURS
Monday - Friday
5:30 am - 5:00 pm

Our Team!

Lucas Hastings
Director of Clinical Services
505-869-4090

Andrea Santillanes
Administrative Assistant
505-869-4096

Karen Roop
Registered Dietician
505-869-4093

Aikiko Herrera
Health & Wellness Coach
505-869-4084

February 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 HIIT Glute Builder 5:30 pm	4	5 HIIT Cardio & Core 5:30 pm	6
9	10	11	12	13
InBody Challengers! We're at the Half-way mark! Stop by for a check-in this week!				
	 HIIT Upper Body Burn 5:30 pm		 HIIT Sweetheart Sculpt 5:30 pm	 TAI CHI Elder Center 11:00 am
16 GYM CLOSED HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	17 HIIT Cardio & Core 5:30 pm	18 Cooking Class with Karen 5:00 pm	19 HIIT Glute Builder 5:30 pm	20 TAI CHI Elder Center 11:00 am
23	24 HIIT Power & Strength 5:30 pm	25	26 HIIT Upper Body Burn 5:30 pm	27 TAI CHI Elder Center 11:00 am

*Calendar subject to change.

FITNESS CLASSES!

High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT)
5:30 pm - Tuesdays & Thursdays

Crank up the energy! Fast intervals, powerful moves, and sweat-soaked workouts that push your limits. Show up ready to conquer!

Tai Chi
11:00 am - Fridays at Isleta Elder Center

Discover the power of slow, mindful movements that improve strength, flexibility, and inner calm. Great for all ages and abilities.

Why should all U.S. children and teens continue to follow the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended vaccine schedule?

Following the AAP schedule helps babies, children and teens stay ahead of serious, preventable diseases such as measles and pertussis (whooping cough), as well as the fall respiratory viruses respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza and COVID.

The AAP immunization schedule is considered the ideal timeline for healthy children as their immune system develops. When everyone is vaccinated, diseases have a hard time spreading. It helps keep your child healthy while also protecting others in the community.

There are very few reasons to vary from the AAP recommended immunization schedule. If you're wondering if your child requires an alternative immunization schedule, make an appointment to talk with your medical provider.

Why is the AAP immunization schedule different from the federal schedule?

In January 2026, federal officials suddenly stopped recommending several childhood vaccines. They did this despite decades of extensive research proving that these vaccines are safe. The AAP, the New Mexico Department of Health, and all of the Isleta Health Center physicians continue to recommend that U.S. children be immunized against these diseases.

Drs. Nelson, Pope, Kistin, Kelley and Sapien

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM - 4:30PM 505-869-9770 CLOSED FEDERAL HOLIDAYS		Isleta Pueblo Elder Center Activities Calendar February 2026			
Monday 2		Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  "You name it" Arts and Crafts after trivia Activities Room		No Activities	Albertson's Grocery Trip Bosque Farms (senior discount day)	 Pictionary 12:30pm Dining Hall Commodities Distribution	Tai Chi 11:00am American Indian Day at the Legislature leaving EC @ 8:00am
9	10	11	12	13	
Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  Shuffleboard after trivia Activities Room	Mosaic Heart Suncatcher 1:00pm Activities Room  Commodities Distribution	Movie in the activities room: The Proposal 1:00pm	Mass 11:30am Dining Hall  Jeopardy 12:30pm Dining Hall	Valentine's Pancake Brunch Tai Chi 11:00am 11:00am-1:00pm Must RSVP Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting	
16	17	18	19	20	
	School of Advanced Research Outing Santa Fe, NM Call center for more info Intergenerational Greenhouse Luncheon 11:15am	Karaoke 1:00pm Dining Hall 	Trivia 12:30pm Dining Hall  Cornhole after trivia Activities Room	Healthier Choices Cooking Demo 12:30pm Dining Hall  Tai Chi 11:00am	
23	24	25	26	27	
NMSO Winter Games Santa Fe, NM  Cornhole 1:00pm Activities Room	NMSO Winter Games Santa Fe, NM  "You name it" Arts and Crafts Activities Room	NMSO Winter Games Santa Fe, NM  "You name it" Arts and Crafts Activities Room	NMSO Winter Games Santa Fe, NM  Shuffleboard 1:00pm Activities Room	Friendship Breakfast Tai Chi 9:00am-10:00am please RSVP  1:00pm Activities Rm.	
<p>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.</p>					

Isleta Elder Center Menu 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/2/2026	2/3/2026	2/4/2026	2/5/2026	2/6/2026
Barley Beef Stew Ground Beef 3oz 5 way vegetable 1/2c Barley 1/2c Crackers Fresh Fruit	Chicken Sandwich Chicken Patty 3oz Garnish 2oz Hamburger Bun Steamed Corn 1/2c Fresh Fruit	Turkey Pot Pie Shredded Turkey 3oz 5 Way Vegetable 1/2c Puff Pastry Topping Fruit Cup	Chili Beans Pinto Beans 1c Red Chile 1/2c Spinach 1/2c Cornbread Fresh Fruit	Pull Pork Shredded Pork 3oz BBQ Sauce 2oz Macaroni Salad 1/2c Hamburger Bun Chips 2oz
2/9/2026	2/10/2026	2/11/2026	2/12/2026	2/13/2026
Spaghetti Meatballs 3oz Marinara Sauce 1/2c Spaghetti Pasta 1/2c Capri Vegetable 1/2c Fresh Fruit	Baked Chicken Tenders Chicken Tenders 3oz Steak Fries 1/2c Steamed Carrots 1/2c Fruit Cup BBQ Sauce 2oz	Tortilla Burger Beef Patty 3oz Garnish 2oz Potato Wedges 1/2c Tortilla Fresh Fruit	Ham & Cheese Sliders Slice Ham 3oz Slice Cheese 2oz Slider Buns Sweet Potato Tots 1/2c California Blend 1/2c	Join us for Valentine's Brunch 11am to 1pm Must RSVP to Attend Please Call at (505) 869-9770 Deadline to Sign Up 2/9/2026
2/16/2026	2/17/2026	2/18/2026	2/19/2026	2/20/2026
ELDER CENTER CLOSED  *** HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY ***	Egg Salad Sandwich Egg Salad 3oz Carrots Sticks 1c WW Bread Ranch 2oz Fresh Fruit	Chicken Fajitas Chicken Fajita Meat 3oz Peppers & Onions 1/2c Spanish Rice 1/2c Tortilla Salsa	Green Chile Posole Ground Pork 3oz Green Chile 1/2c Hominy 1/2c Fry Bread Fresh Fruit	Pizza Pepperoni 3oz Pizza Sauce 2oz Mozzarella Cheese 2oz Pizza Crust Fruit Salad
2/23/2026	2/24/2026	2/25/2026	2/26/2026	2/27/2026
Sloppy Joe Ground Beef 3oz Sloppy Joe Sauce 1/2c Normandy Blend 1/2c Hamburger Bun Applesauce	Tamales Pork Tamales 3oz Red Chile 2oz Shredded Cheese 1oz Spanish Rice 1/4c Fresh Fruit	Beef Stroganoff Beef Tips 3oz Steamed Broccoli 1/2c Egg Noodles 1/2c Gravy 2oz Cookie	Sub Sandwich Slice Turkey 3oz Swiss Cheese 1oz Lettuce & Tomato 2oz Sub Bun Pasta Salad 1/2c	Shrimp Stir Fry Shrimp 3oz Fried Rice 1/2c Peas & Carrots 1/2c Egg Roll 2oz Soy Sauce 1oz
<p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>Please come join us for Congregate Meals!! Mealtimes are 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>				

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