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## From the Governors

Pueblo of Jemez Governors traveled across the US to promote and protect tribal interests through May.

“We continue to be concerned about unemployment in our village,” explains Gov. Joshua Madalena. “We are committed to reducing the unemployment rate by bringing economic development and education opportunities to Walatowa.” These initiatives include partnerships with Los Alamos National Laboratories, renewable energy ventures, education projects and economic development initiatives.

In early May, the Governor and Department of Resource Protection Interim Director Greg Kauffman attended the Department of Energy (DOE) State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) meeting in Nashville, TN. The meeting focussed on discussions with ranking DOE officials regarding funding and support for renewable energy projects.

The Governor also met with the Director of Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL) to ensure the continued working relationship with LANL and reaffirm the lab’s commitment to the Four Accord Tribes. The Accord is an agreement between LANL and the Pueblos of Jemez, Cochiti, San Ildefonso and Santa Clara concerning environmental issues and protection of tribal lands.

Regarding the pending solar power project, the Governor met with the Director of the National Nuclear Security Administration to establish a government-to-government relationship for renewable energy projects. A later meeting included Kauffman and the Department of Energy’s (DOE) top policy advisor to the Secretary of Energy.

The Governor also met with Commissioner Michael Conner of the Bureau of Reclamation about funding for water rights, litigation and infrastructure for the Jemez water delivery system.

With Education Department Director Kevin Shendo, the Governor testified at the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs National Tribal Education briefing about tribal education at the national level.

Regarding crimes committed on tribal lands, the Governor and Asst. US Attorney for New Mexico Kyle Nayback discussed the current protocol for investigation and prosecution. The Governor stressed that the Pueblo of Jemez will not allow federal law enforcement personnel to enter tribal lands without the Governor's permission. “We will no longer tolerate this infringement on our tribal sovereignty,” the Governor says.

The Governor also continues his working relationship with New Mexico Senators Tom Udall and Jeff Bingaman to ensure that tribal interests remain protected.

First Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero, Sr., represented Jemez at a meeting of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes; the Pueblo of Jemez was nominated to serve on the Council’s executive board.

“We are being very proactive and assertive with regard to the federal government’s trust responsibilities to the Pueblo of Jemez,” the Governor says. “Our people have been neglected too long.”

He noted that government officials observed that they have never before dealt with tribal entities in this way. “Jemez is at the forefront of renewable energy projects. We are pioneers in renewable energy projects in Indian Country. We are forging a path for other tribes who may one day go in this direction,” the Governor concluded.



## 2010 TRIBAL GOVERNORS

Joshua Madalena  
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First Lt. Governor  
Larry M. Chinana  
Second Lt. Governor

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Vincent A. Toya, Sr.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

# Health Care Reform: What it Means for You

*The Affordable Care Act gives all Americans greater access to quality, affordable health care.*

The US Congress passed historic health insurance reform, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), to improve the quality of health care and make it more accessible and affordable. The ACA also permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and authorizes new programs and services within Indian Health Service (IHS). Making three key changes to the US health insurance system, the law:

- ❖ ends certain insurance companies' practices and gives security to people who have health insurance coverage.
- ❖ makes insurance more affordable with a new insurance marketplace and tax credits.
- ❖ lowers health insurance costs for families and businesses and reduces the federal deficit.

### How Do Native Americans Benefit from Health Reform?

Native Americans may use health care providers other than IHS, such as private or employer-sponsored health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Community Health Centers and the Veteran's Administration. The ACA offers more choices: Native Americans can use the IHS if they are eligible, or buy affordable health care coverage, and/or access coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other sources if they are eligible.

Tribes also can buy insurance for their employees or their tribal members, with reduced costs. In addition, IHS and its hospitals and clinics will be improved.

Several ACA provisions specifically benefit Native Americans, tribes and IHS facilities:

- ❖ The law creates state-based exchanges where individuals and small businesses can compare, choose and buy the affordable health insurance that's right for them.
- ❖ Native Americans who buy individual health insurance through an exchange will not pay co-pays or other cost-sharing if their incomes are under 300 percent of the poverty level (about \$66,000 per year for a family of four in 2010; \$83,000 in Alaska.)
- ❖ Tribal members are exempt from individual responsibility assessments.
- ❖ Starting in 2014, Medicaid coverage will expand to people with incomes up to 133% of poverty level (about \$30,000 for a family of four.)

### Patience Please

The ACA is a complicated piece of legislation with many provisions. Implementation will be gradual. The Department of Health and Human Services and IHS are reviewing and assessing next steps and time lines for implementation. For updated information, go to [www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/reform-means-you](http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/reform-means-you); or <http://healthreform.gov/>; or [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov).

## Officials Discuss Highway 4 Bypass

Jemez tribal leaders hosted New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) staff to discuss the Highway 4 bypass project. "The state is very open to a partnership to make sure the bypass happens," Governor Madalena says.

Attending the meeting were (back row from left) Ron Romero, NMDOT; POJ Controller Paul Gurule; Estevan Gonzales, NMDOT Deputy Chief of Staff; Ron D. Shutiva, NMDOT Tribal liaison; April Wilkinson, POJ Contracts and Grants; Jan-Jay Moolenijzer, POJ Tribal Planning; David Deutsawe, POJ Transportation; (seated, left to right) Gary Giron, NMDOT; Governor Joshua Madalena, Second Lt. Gov. Larry M. Chinana and (not pictured) Ernest Archuleta, NMDOT Operations.



PUBLIC HEALTH



# COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK

Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW), Jemez Pueblo's cooperative agreement with the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), is moving forward. The \$859,000, two-year award will go to policy changes and projects designed to prevent obesity, increase physical activity and improve nutrition within the Jemez community. The Pueblo of Jemez was one of 44 communities in the nation, one of only three tribes, and the only community in New Mexico to receive the award.

Officials with the CDC's newly created Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support visited Jemez to learn more about the community and its unique needs. Dr. Judith Monroe, Deputy Director, Dr. Ralph Bryan and Kristin Brusuelas met with members of the leadership team and JHHS leaders Dr. Raymond Loretto, Bob Newcombe and Penny Ott to discuss ways their office can provide project support.

"It is very exciting to be involved in this real grass-roots community project," says Marianna Kennedy, JHHS Public Health Program Manager.

In addition to Marianna, the CPPW leadership team includes First Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero, Sr., tribal elder David Yepa, Sr., Monique Sando, Health Board member Wilma Toledo, Dr. David Tempest, Dr. Susan Wilkinson-Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the Jemez Valley Public Schools, Public Health Nurse Kristyn Yepa, and Cheryl Shendo-Toya, the new project coordinator. The team goes to San Diego for an Action Institute that will provide training and education on policy making and getting the message out to the community.



Officials from the CDC Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support met with the CPPW leadership team and JHHS leaders to learn about the Jemez community's needs.

Four health advocates will join the team in the next few weeks.

For more information about how this project will affect our community, contact Cheryl Shendo-Toya at (575) 834-3091.

## Welcome Mat

**Cheryl Shendo-Toya, MSW**, heads the CPPW team as its project coordinator. She has spent her career working with tribes in health care settings and returned to Jemez to be closer to her family. "I'm so thrilled to be back home," Cheryl says. "I'm very excited about this cooperative agreement with the CDC. I think we will make a real difference in this community."



# Attention Parents! School Physicals Start Now!

## SATURDAY HOURS FOR PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICALS

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, August 14

Exams will include vision, dental and immunizations.

### PARENTS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE EXAM; OTHER CAREGIVERS CAN NOT BRING CHILDREN.

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.** School physicals will be by appointment only from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a limit of 50 children each Saturday, so you MUST make an appointment in advance. The last sign-in will be at 1:20 p.m. **Walk-ins will be given appointments on a first come, first served basis if appointments are available.**

**BRING WITH YOU:** The most recent immunization record AND COMPLETED School Physical Exam Form. Schools will distribute forms, or pick them up at the Jemez Clinic lobby. **Forms MUST be completed before the appointment.**

**CALL 834-3022 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

## SOCIAL WORK

# Free Classes: Elder Care Provider Series

People who care for aging spouses and parents at home need basic medical knowledge, skills and support. Central New Mexico Community College Workforce Training Center is offering a series of classes for people who are taking care of elderly loved ones in their homes. The classes are also appropriate for home health aides or allied medical professionals who want additional skills in this area. These classes are FREE to Jemez tribal members.

The Eldercare Series course consists of eight four-hour classes. Classes meet once a week. The curriculum includes:

1. **Introduction to Eldercare:** understanding the caregivers' roles; finding assistance and support groups; adapting the environment; structuring time and activities.
2. **Feeding and Nutrition:** the changing dietary needs of the elderly; how and when to thicken, grind or puree food; the mechanics of feeding.
3. **Dementia:** understanding the Caregiver's Role. Recognizing the signs of dementia and Alzheimer's disease; strategies for handling the disease progression.
4. **Asepsis:** infection control, hand washing, isolation and

Standard Precautions.

5. **Wound Care:** changing dressings properly for various types of wounds.
6. **Lift and Move/Body Mechanics:** properly moving and positioning elderly patients to ensure the safety of both the patient and the caregiver.
7. **Bladder and Bowel Care:** caring for incontinence, keeping the body clean and avoiding skin deterioration
8. **Saying Goodbye: A Look at Bereavement:** the grieving process and support services.

Four sections of the Eldercare Provider series meet on different days and times. Choose the one that best fits your schedule:

Tuesdays	8 a.m. to noon	Starting June 8
Tuesdays	1 to 5 p.m.	Starting June 8
Thursdays	1 to 5 p.m.	Starting June 10
Saturdays	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Starting June 12

For more information about enrolling in the Eldercare Series for the Pueblo of Jemez, contact Lisa Maves at (575) 834-7413.

## From the Doctor's Desk

By Gregory L. Darrow, MD, Medical Director

# HANTAVIRUS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Hantavirus is a deadly disease transmitted by infected rodents through urine, droppings or saliva. People can contract the disease when they breathe in the airborne virus. The deer mouse is the main carrier of hantavirus in New Mexico, and the disease occurs throughout the state.

Most people are exposed to hantavirus in or around their homes, especially when they clean out enclosed areas that have a lot of mouse droppings. The best defense against hantavirus is to avoid disturbing rodent-infested areas, including nests, and droppings. You must avoid rodents and their droppings.

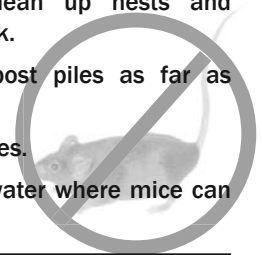
Early symptoms of hantavirus are fever, muscle aches, possibly chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough. Symptoms develop one to six weeks after exposure.

**Although there is no specific treatment for hantavirus, chances for recovery are better with prompt medical attention.**

For more information, go to the NM Department of Health web site at [www.health.state](http://www.health.state) or come to the Jemez Health Clinic.

## PROTECT YOURSELF!

- Avoid contact with mice and other rodents.
- Before entering storage areas or sheds that were closed up for the winter, open the door and let it air out for a day.
- Seal homes and sheds so mice can't enter.
- Trap mice until they are all gone.
- Use a disinfectant to clean up nests and droppings, and wear a mask.
- Put hay, wood and compost piles as far as possible from your home.
- Get rid of trash and junk piles.
- Don't leave pet food and water where mice can get to them.



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Jemez Health Center: Focus on Continued Improvement

The Jemez Health Center measures how well its programs serve patients and the community. This year, key committees were created to oversee improvements in patient care. The committees also support the steps needed for accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC,) a national organizations that evaluates health care quality. Some recent improvements include:

- ★ Measures and goals were established for preventive health screenings and diabetes care. As a result, more patients are being screened.
★ With the new Behavioral Health Program Manager on board, the program will implement changes suggested by their clients, such as services to address anger management and depression that often goes along with having diabetes.
★ The new interdisciplinary Diabetes Team makes sure all programs are working together to improve care.
★ The Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee reviews the Jemez Pharmacy's available medications and determines the best use of medications for the conditions that affect community members.
★ The multidisciplinary Elder Care Clinic was created to assess the physical, cognitive, safety and medication use of at-risk elder community members. Fourteen elders have already completed the assessment. The team recommends ways to improve health in all areas. Patients are very satisfied with the program, which continues through the fall. (See article in the Red Rocks Reporter, May 2010.)
★ The Clinic switched to Tricare Laboratories, resulting in

much improved service, faster results and medical staff access to a pathologist when needed.

- ★ The New Mexico Coalition for Immunization (supported by University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center) honored Jemez Helath Clinic nurses for achieving a greater than 90% childhood immunization rate.
★ Since September 2009, 1,094 seasonal flu shots and 757 H1N1 flu shots were given to community members and tribal employees.
★ The Medical Clinic, Dental Clinic and Behavioral Health Program conducted patient/client satisfaction surveys that showed patients and clients are generally very satisfied with their care. Results were shared with the community, staff and the Jemez Health & Human Services Health Board.

Where Do We Go From Here?

The Jemez Health Center has achieved a lot to establish leadership support and the infrastructure to continue to improve care and services. Regular patient satisfaction surveys will provide ongoing feedback and comments from the community.

Some areas that need even more attention include prevention/early intervention screenings, asthma care, diabetes management, and assessing the results of Behavioral Health treatment. The clinic also needs to fill some key professional positions, including an ambulatory nurse manager, public health nurses and a physical therapist.

For more information, contact Penny Ott, Executive Director for Clinical Programs, at (575) 834-3197.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Welcome Mat

Joline Cruz, MASW, joins the Social Services Program as the prevention coordinator. Originally from San Juan Pueblo, Joline most recently provided training in child welfare issues at the Arizona Department of Economic Security.



"I'm glad to be back in New Mexico and working with a tribe," Joline says.

APPLAUSE

Jemez Health Clinic Medical Director Gregory Darrow, MD, was nominated for the New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians "Physician of the Year" award.

"It's an honor to be considered," Dr. Darrow says. "The primary reason for my nomination was my advocacy for family medicine, both locally and nationally. I also represented family medicine in an ongoing discussion of the current health legislation on National Public Radio (NPR)."

Editor's note: Having voted for one of the other candidates, Dr. Darrow lost the award by a single vote.

Sarah Michaud, Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program Manager, has been named to the to the governing board of the New Mexico Independent Living Council. The council oversees independent living processes and policies for the state, and creates plans for services and identifies gaps in service delivery. Former Program Manager Rebecca Holland also served on the board.

"It's exciting for this position to come back to Jemez," Sarah says. Sarah also serves on the state Vocational Rehabilitation Council.



## SENIOR CENTER

# Community Profile: ROBERT SHENDO, A TRUE CHAMPION

Robert Shendo is a true champion. After being diagnosed with a tumor six years ago and undergoing surgery, he wondered if he would ever regain the strength he knew as a younger man. But when many people might have been discouraged and given up, Mr. Shendo launched a campaign to regain his health.

Following his doctor's orders, Robert started swimming as part of his physical therapy routine. Before long, he decided to test himself at the New Mexico Senior Olympics. He went on to win three gold and three silver medals at the state level in 2009 before heading to national competition, becoming the first Native American to qualify for both the state and national levels in the 100 meter freestyle, 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter back stroke.

"They say I put Jemez Pueblo on the map," says the Vietnam-era Army veteran.

This year, he will compete in six swimming events at the state levels in July, and plans to continue to the national competition in Houston later this summer.

"You're never too old, or too sick, to compete," he adds. "Come to the Senior Center and join me!"



Robert Shendo presents a painting to Dr. Raymond Loretto, JHHS CEO. "I wanted to express my gratitude and the gratitude of my community for the excellent health care at the Jemez Clinic," Mr. Shendo says. "This gift is from my heart on behalf of all the people in appreciation of the the dedicated and caring services we get here."

## New Addition for Senior Center

Construction has started on the new addition to the Senior Center. The 4,600 sq. ft. area at the southwest corner of the Center will provide space for aerobics, exercise, wellness classes, weight training, and other activities, and include a new sitting room and added storage space.

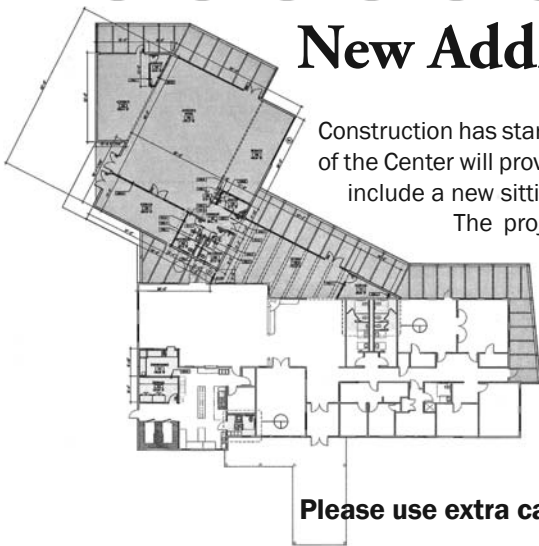
The project will also address the Center's drainage issues, redoing the parking lot to include drainage channels to carry runoff water around the building. The new parking area is being coordinated with the Head Start Road construction project.

The Senior Center kitchen will get an upgrade, including a commercial dishwasher and a locker area for staff members. The public rest rooms will also be updated to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

B & M Cillessen Contractors' employees plan to work four 10-hour days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. A fence will protect children in the Early Childhood summer day care program.

The project will continue through December 2010.

**Please use extra caution to protect Senior Center and Head Start Road construction crews!**



## HEALTH FAIR!



Photos by Anita Toya and Jonathan Dunski.

The Senior Citizen Center hosted a mini-health fair at the Red Rocks to celebrate Senior Citizens Month. Exercise sessions, games, health screenings and a picnic lunch were on the agenda for participants. At left, Community Health Representative Anita Toya checks Cecelia Yepa's blood sugar.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# Protecting You, Protecting Me

In January of 2009, JHHS Behavioral Health Program launched an innovative program that teaches primary school students about the dangers of alcohol. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) designed *Protecting You, Protecting Me (PY/PM)* as a five-year alcohol prevention curriculum for students in first through fifth grades. Stuart Gachupin, Adolescent Counselor, has been teaching the program at San Diego Riverside Charter School and the Jemez Day School.

In 40 science and health-based lessons (eight lessons for each grade,) PY/PM teaches about:

- ◆ **Our brains:** How children's brains are different from adult brains.
- ◆ **Growth and development:** Brain development in the first 20 years of life.
- ◆ **Health and Safety:** Protecting our brains as we develop.
- ◆ **Rules and laws:** Why rules and laws help us protect ourselves.
- ◆ **Friends:** Keeping each other safe.
- ◆ **Choices and decisions:** We can say no and keep our friends
- ◆ **Media Awareness:** What TV and movies don't tell us that we need to know.
- ◆ **Communication:** Talking to adults about difficult subjects and protecting ourselves when adults don't.

## Prevention is Key

Research shows that the risk for alcohol and other drug use jumps when children enter sixth grade, between the ages of 12 and 13. PY/PM reaches children before their attitudes and opinions about alcohol use are complete.

"To effectively prevent alcohol use by teens, we have to reach out to younger children," Stuart says.

## Alcohol and the Brain

A primary message of the PY/PM curriculum that alcohol can severely affect the developing brains of children and adolescents that are still maturing. Research shows that younger brains are much different from adult brains. Young brains respond to alcohol much differently than adults' brains, putting children at a greater risk for brain damage that can be permanent.

"PY/PM teaches kids about taking special care of the brain and body as they grow," Stuart explains. The curriculum discusses ways to prevent injury and death from alcohol and drug use; prevent injury and death from vehicle-related risks, especially as passengers when the driver has been drinking; and develop healthy life skills for physical and emotional health.

PY/PM also teaches children how to protect themselves in difficult situations, such as riding with a driver who has been drinking, whether the driver is a teen, an adult or even a parent. The lessons also cover life skills topics such as stress management, resistance strategies, and dealing with friends, choices and decisions. Discussions about media awareness focus on how television and movies portray dangerous activities as attractive and fun.

"We also talk about how to know what's safe and what's not, and protecting themselves by wearing helmets, using seat belts, eating healthy foods, and understanding safety rules about medications," Stuart adds.

## Family Involvement

The program includes family participation, with regular communication with parents about each week's lessons. "The kids are taking the information home and teaching their parents," Stuart says. "The parents are then invited to comment on what they are learning as a family."

For more information, contact Stuart Gachupin at the Jemez Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258.



These first, third and fifth grade students at San Diego Riverside Charter School were among the participants in eight weeks of education about healthy lifestyles. Second, fourth and sixth graders also completed the training, as did first through sixth graders at the Jemez Day School.



## About SPARK: Supporting Partnerships To Assure Ready Kids

Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids

Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) is an early childhood transition program for children moving from early childhood programs, like Head Start, to kindergarten. The goal is to help children make low-stress, high-success transitions from early learning settings to kindergarten and from kindergarten to elementary schools.

SPARK focuses on three areas: family engagement, professional development and best practices in early childhood development.

NM SPARK is a New Mexico Community Foundation initiative with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The Approach, called Joining Hands, was co-developed and piloted by several New Mexico communities and the state Head Start Collaboration Office more than a decade ago.

Children three to six years old who attend Walatowa Head

Start, San Diego Riverside Charter School, Jemez Day School or Jemez Valley Public School will participate in the program

### SPARK Results

When they enter kindergarten, children in SPARK programs show significant gains compared with other children in their classrooms:

- Children are more ready to learn.
- Kindergarten teachers report noticeable differences and less chaos.
- Children show increased social, emotional, cognitive, adaptive and motor skills.

If you have any questions or comments, contact Rhianon Toya or Lynette Romero at the Department of Education, (575) 834-9102.

### SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM

at the Jemez Pueblo Community Library

June 7 through July 30

2 p.m - 4 p.m.

All ages welcome.

Children under 5 years old must be accompanied by a person age 13 or over.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Literacy, Arts & Crafts

Wednesdays Explore! Mars  
Friday Game Day 1 - 4 p.m.

Students MUST be part of the Reading Club to participate in Game Day.

Call the Library at (575) 834-9171 for more information.

## Walatowa High Charter School Celebrates Early College Academy



*"High schools shouldn't just make sure students graduate – they should make sure students graduate ready for college, ready for a career and ready for life. And that's why we'll foster early college high schools that allow students to earn a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or college credit at the same time."*

President Barack Obama, March 1, 2010

Walatowa High Charter School celebrated its transition to an Early College Academy as the only early college for Native students funded in New Mexico and the tenth in the nation.

In the implementation year of the program, Walatowa High School students take college courses at University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College, and Institute for American Indian Arts. Other courses are available through adjunct faculty on-site at WHCS.

If you are interested in the Early College Program for your student, contact the Education Department at (575) 834-9102 or Walatowa High Charter School at (575) 834-0443.

# Congratulations to the 2010 Graduates!

*“Congratulations to our Pueblo of Jemez graduates! Please remember that this event marks an important beginning in your lives as well as an ending. Continue with your studies or move forward in your careers. We are very proud of your accomplishments!”—The Pueblo of Governors*

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

### Eastern New Mexico University

Benina Foley *Master of Arts, Communication*

### New Mexico Highlands University

Vernon Shawn Tosa *Bachelor of Arts, Human Performance & Sports with a concentration in Exercise Science*

### Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Geneva Colaque  
Cecelia Tosa  
Alyssa Yeppa

### University of New Mexico

Erlene Racheli Lucero *Master of Arts, Language Literacy and Socio-cultural Studies*

Janice Tosa *Master of Arts, Language Literacy and Socio-cultural Studies*

## HIGH SCHOOLS

### Jemez Valley High School

Lance Anderson  
Charnele Baca  
Zarah Bertholf  
Amanda Blackburn  
Michael Blackburn  
Dominique Casiquito  
Dellynn Chinana  
Manuel Chinana  
Tamara Colaque  
David Daniels  
Adriana Fragua  
Jarren Gachupin  
Lifa Gachupin  
Mariah Gachupin  
Brittany Johnson  
Ivana Lucero  
Victoria Lucero  
Erin Madalena  
Mark Magdalena  
Danyelle Martinez  
Ashley Montoya  
Jazmine Parrett  
Kimberly Pino  
Sean Reynolds  
Jonathan Romero  
Donovan Shendo  
Frederick Shendo  
Dale Toya  
Corina Trujillo

### Walatowa High Charter School

Angel Aguirre  
Delfino Castillo  
Matthew Chris Gachupin  
Bradley Loretto  
Maurianna Loretto  
Raynetta Loretto  
Arlan Romero  
Davin Sandia  
Javin Sandia  
Brandon Shendo  
Jacquelyn Shendo

Ursula Toribio  
Dillon Toya  
Mary Beth Toya  
Johnathan Tsoi

### Albuquerque Academy High School

Eldred Lesansee, Jr  
Sage Wagner

### Bernalillo High School

Felipe Chinana  
Justin Toledo

### Cibola High School

Ashley Salazar

### Del-Norte High School

Danielle Toya

### Estancia High School

Sabrina Lee

### Highland High School

Kyle Toya

### Laguna-Acoma High School

Denise J. Cheresposy  
Anthony R. Sando

### Noli Indian School

Narcissco Toledo, Jr

### Portales High School

Timothy A. Sando

### Santa Fe Indian School

Coltyn Ansera  
Bethany Garcia  
Marlinda Pecos  
Jenica Valencia  
Autumn Vigil

### Valley High School

Shelby Baker

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### Jemez Day School

Trevor Armijo  
Antaliya Campbell  
Chassidy Chinana  
Holly Chinana  
Jazmine Chosa  
Daylon Deutsawe  
Jalen Gachupin  
Janae Gachupin  
Pilar Gachupin  
Ambrosia Long  
Uriah Madalena  
Renetta Ortiz  
Derrick Pasqual  
Jaren Sandia  
Katherine Sandia  
Francisco Shendo  
Mildred Tosa  
Randee Toya

### San Diego Riverside Charter School

Anthony Casiquito  
Kyle Chinana  
Antonio Concha  
Richard Devore

Christina Fragua  
Hunter Fragua  
Kordell Madalena  
Makayla Madalena  
Keanan Mora  
Leonard Ortiz  
Preston Panana  
Anthony Reano  
Brandi Sandia  
Jazlyn Shendo  
Raymond Zachary Toledo  
Brandon Toya  
Lorenzo Toya  
Tenika Toya  
Garrin Vigil  
Teran Villa  
Alysha Yepa

### Santa Fe Indian School Eighth Grade Promotion

Demetria Madalena  
Katrina Toledo

## WALATOWA HEAD START

John Baca  
Kelianna Baca  
Hunter Cheresposy  
Delonte Chinana  
Amyah Chosa  
Anjelika Fragua  
Kaya Fragua  
Jordan Gachupin  
Katelyn Gachupin  
Marius Gachupin  
Cam'Ryn Galvan  
Angelina Loretto  
Jason Loretto  
Amy Magdalena  
Cara Madalena  
Elisa Madalena

Lauren Mora  
Nalani Padilla  
Owen Pecos  
Keoni Romero  
Serrei Sando  
Devonte Shendo  
Trent Shendo  
Jeremy Toledo  
Brennen Tosa  
Sydney Tosa  
Tanyon Tosa  
Dale Toya  
Kai Toya  
Timothy Toya  
Alexis Vigil  
Chayton Vigil  
Geraldyn Waquie

## EDUCATION

# Celebrating Academic Excellence

Submitted by Kathleen Phelan, Teacher, Walatowa High Charter School

The Walatowa High Charter School class of 2010 presented their senior theses to parents, relatives and friends on May 20 at the Community Resource Center. Their requirement for graduation was a 15-page, college-level research paper and PowerPoint presentation to the community, or a 10-page paper and professional-level work of art. Most of the students attended college classes at Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), University of New Mexico and the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) this year, so they had no problem completing college-level work.

The project planning process got the students to focus seriously on their individual interests, skills and dreams. In completing their theses, students were required to meet deadlines, use proper grammar, and develop critical thinking.

Arlan Romero, who is interested in law enforcement, investigated the problem of truancy at the national, state and local level. Davin Sandia took his love of baseball and concern for the youth of Jemez and created a proposal and business plan for a Jemez Youth Baseball League.

Bradley Loretto honored his grandfather by telling the gripping story of Napoleon Loretto's wartime experiences in World War II. Another war-era project was Javin Sandia's graphic depiction of the race to build the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. Javin is interested in becoming a comic book creator.

Ursula Toribio of Zia Pueblo spent time with a pharmacist from her community and wrote about the evolution of pharmacology. Raynetta Loretto, another student considering a career in medicine, shadowed a radiologist at the Jemez Health Clinic and wrote about techniques to see inside the human body. Marybeth Toya, a young mother who wants to pursue a medical career, wrote about "Pediatrics: From a Mommy & Medical Perspective."

Among the art projects were Dillon Toya's amazing architectural design for a new Walatowa High School campus and Delfino Castillo's moving film on the Education Department's unique program to save the Towa language. Brandon Shendo studied the history of pueblo pottery, and created two handsome works using traditional techniques.

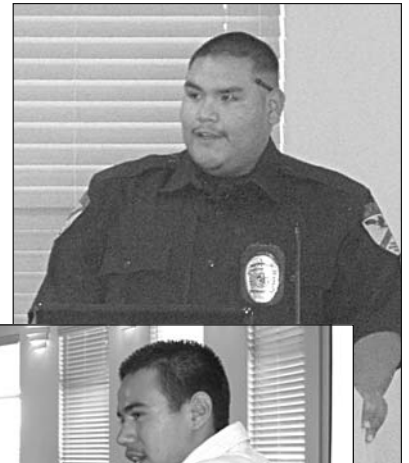
Matthew Gachupin painted a triptych in oils, illustrating his concerns about global warming as a future wildlife



(Left to right) Raynetta Loretto, Wesley Madalena, Marybeth Toya, Matthew Gachupin, Delfino Castillo, Brandon Shendo and Davin Sandia presented their senior theses to community members. A basketball game claimed some of the other seniors who participated in the evening event.

biologist. Other environmental projects were Jacqueline Shendo's field work and report on community recycling and Angel Aguirre's sobering book of poetry, *Words for the Earth*.

Walatowa students weren't afraid to tackle tough topics. Nicholas Tsoi wowed the audience with his financial advice in a report called "Sovereignty Through Economic Strength." And Wesley Madalena's "Tonto Syndrome and Racial Slurs" on Native American stereotypes showed great academic promise.



Photos at right, top to bottom:

Arlan Romero researched the national, state and local truancy problem.

Angel Aguirre read from his book of poetry, *Words for the Earth*.

Bradley Loretto honors his grandfather, Napoleon Loretto, with an oral history of Napoleon's World War II experience.

Photos of the group, Angel and Bradley by Kathleen Phelan.

## EDUCATION

# Jemez Valley Public Schools

## Jemez Valley Elementary and Middle Schools

By Brad Parker, Principal

Summer is here! Help your students find reading material that just grabs them and won't let them go. Help your child to be a passionate, voracious reader. Everything academic flows from the ability to read. At least once a week, go to the library to get a great book, then read it in the evening when your students are all tucked out to encourage them to really enjoy reading. Your students will see that reading can be a relaxing activity that also provides excitement, refreshment and a look into worlds they would not otherwise experience.

I wish our kids a safe and fun summer! If mom and pop don't have something planned with camps or programs or lessons, just think! Head to the stream or Fenton Lake and fish for a bit ... or take a hike ... go camping ... collect firewood for next winter.

Mr. DeWees and I will be around most of the summer. If you want to visit with us, just call and come over. Do find ways to enjoy your kiddos this summer. They are fantastic people!

## Events and Activities

Our Walk-a-Thon was a great success. Students from Mr. Sando's and Mrs. Gooris' classes seemed to be competing to see who could do the most laps. Mrs. Gooris' class won with a mean average of 19 laps per person. Both classes were working on the mathematical concept of averages.

## Day to Day Marvels at Jemez Valley High School

By Larry DeWees

As the year draws to an end, our students are excited about summer. Research shows there is usually a decrease in standardized assessment scores between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next. We need to ask ourselves how to keep this drop from happening. The answer can be as simple as having our children read a couple of books during the break that are in their Lexile level, and also spending some quality time writing timed responses to prompts chosen by parents and their students.

The high school is offering a credit-recovery cyber school for four weeks. We also will offer a reading and writing boot camp that will last four weeks. The boot camp covers all aspects of reading and writing skills, as well as other cognitive strategies to help participants become better students. We'll also have many educational field trips. If you're interested in either program, please contact the high school at (575) 834-7392.

## Softball Season

Congratulations to our Jemez Valley Softball Team, finishing the regular season with 16 wins and five losses and claiming the District 2 Championship. Ranked third in the state 1A-2A bracket, we will play the winner of East Mountain vs. Jal. To our seniors Dominique Casiquito, Dellynn Chinana and Victoria Lucero: we'll miss you very much, good luck and best wishes.

The season's roster also includes Brianna Chinana, Jesirae Lucero, Kalania Waquie, Teeah Toya, Julie Pecos, Robin Parrett, Deanna Pino, Jasmine Loretto, Jennifer Gutierrez, Leandra Saiz, Jeanette Toya, Julia Wall, Traci Gachupin and Falisha Trujillo.

## Baseball Season

The Jemez Valley baseball team finished with a 6-9 record, and 2-2 in District play with Navajo Prep and Gallup Catholic. The Warriors beat Navajo Prep three of the four games played this season. The Warriors lost two games to the top-ranked Gallup Catholic team to come in second. This year's team was young, with only four seniors and the rest freshman and sophomores. It was a learning year for many. Coach Callaway was pleased with what he saw and knows the team will work hard to get better. This year's roster included seniors Jarren Gachupin, Manuel Chinana, Arlan Romero and Davin Sandia; sophomores Chris Lucero, Emmet Yepa, Rodney Toya, Jordan Loretto, Raymond Gachupin, Michael Gachupin, and freshmen Darian Sando, Noel Fragua and Anthony Chavez.

## 2010 Track & Field

Overall, 2010 has been a great track and field season. Although we were a small team of six boys and six girls, our athletes were strong in all their events and always scored.

Jemez Valley hosted the District Track & Field meet and placed fourth, with two athletes qualifying for the state championships in Albuquerque.

Robin Parrett qualified in shot put, coming in 12th with a distance of 26 ft.; in javelin she was 7th with a throw of 96 ft 10 in. Troy Madalena had his best meet at state, placing third with the time of 4:41:48 in the 1600m run. In the 3200m run, Troy ran with the leader the entire race and was out-sprinted at the finish by a step, placing second with a time of 10:16:02.



**2010 District 2A Champions!** Back row: Coach J. Jerome Encinias, Kalania Waquie, Julie Pecos, Deanna Pino, Robin Parrett, Teeah Toya, Brianna Gachupin, Jasmine Loretto, Jesirae Lucero and Coach Fred Vandlandingham. Front Row: Captains Victoria Lucero, Dellynn Chinana and Dominique Casiquito.



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# Tribal Council Report

The Tribal Council Report is published at the direction of the Governors to keep the community well informed.

**May 25, 2010.** Governor Joshua Madalena, 1st Lt. Governor Aaron Cajero, Sr. and 2nd Lt. Governor Larry Chinana proposed the following resolution:

- Tribal Council approved a grant proposal for the JHHS Injury Prevention Program. The grant will help the program with projects designed to reduce injuries from falls and motor vehicle accidents. Projects include prevention education, enforcing the tribe's traffic laws, and modifying home environments.

Other business included:

- Jemez Health & Human Services Behavioral Health Program Manager Keahi Kimo Souza gave a presentation about the program, its services, accomplishments, successes and challenges.
- Controller Paul Gurule presented recommendations on an investment policy committee for the Pueblo of Jemez tribal government.

## CONSTRUCTION NOTICES!

**Please use extreme care – watch out for heavy equipment and road workers!**



**Construction at Head Start Road and Head Start Access Road is underway.**



**Construction to replace damaged culverts is underway on Day School Road, south of the Jemez Day School.**



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