PUEBLO OF JEMEZ WELCOMES NEW TRIBAL LEADERSHIP

Governor
Paul S. Chinana

First Lt. Governor
Byron Yepa

Second Lt. Governor
Peter M. Madalena

Sheriff
Malcolm Yepa

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Thomas Fragua
   Brian Toya
   Alan Fragua
   Keenan Yepa

Russell Gachupin

Head Fiscale
Alvin Toya

Assistant Fiscale
Timothy Toya

Fiscale Aides
Ryan Baca
Dalton Romero
Anthony Chinana
Milton Toya
Lorenzo Chinana

Turquoise War Captain
Marlon Gachupin

Pumpkin War Captain
Johnny Baca

Turquoise War Captain Aides
Wilmur Toya
Michael Fox Gachupin
Marcus Romero
Vincent Madalena
Jaren Romero

Pumpkin War Captain Aides
Jarrick Shendo
Daryl Lucero
Bryson Tafoya
Harris Toya
Jordan Toya
FROM THE GOVERNORS

Greetings! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with your families, friends, and enjoyed our traditional Buffalo dances, Matachinias and Corn dances.

As Governors, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2017 Governors, War Captains Fiscales, Sheriff and all the Tribal Official Aides for giving our community guidance and direction in maintaining all tribal programs and services and continuing our strong traditional events.

Also, a thank you to our Cacique Society, Religious Societies and Tribal Council for their tireless efforts to keep our tradition alive, maintain our language and culture, and provide spiritual encouragement to the community.

We look forward to the coming year and will strive to work with our tribal programs and departments to ensure we provide the best services to our Pueblo of Jemez community members.

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Welcome Mat

Timothy Armijo has taken the position of Assistant Tribal Administrator. He returns to Jemez after serving as the Director of Operations for the Pueblo of Zia tribal government. He has served as the Economic Development Director for the Pueblo of Jemez and has a strong background in tribal administration. Holding Bachelors’ and Masters’ degrees in Business Administration, he values education and continually encourages tribal members to seek post-secondary education. He was appointed Second Lieutenant Governor in 2007.

“I am excited and honored to have been selected as Assistant Tribal Administrator,” Tim says. “I know the Pueblo of Jemez has set precedence in the areas of self-governance and the health field and I see the tribe pursuing opportunities in renewable energy and economic development. I look forward to working with the Governors, tribal administration and Tribal Council to benefit the Pueblo of Jemez community.”
TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council Report

Pueblo of Jemez departments, programs and tribal administration submitted the following resolutions for Tribal Council approval.

December 19, 2017

TC-48. Endorsed the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and Flower Hill Institute to enter into Professional Service Agreements for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Wetlands Grant to implement measures to inventory, assess, prioritize and restore the Jemez, Vallecitos, and associated drainages on Pueblo of Jemez Lands. The Pueblo of Jemez recognizes that due to climate change and devastating wild fires in the Jemez Mountains, the Jemez watershed is changing and outputting tons of sediments that are being collected in our river banks on Jemez Reservation Lands and into our irrigation systems.

The Pueblo of Jemez has worked effectively and in good faith with the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal, tribal, state and private entities in the development and application of innovative and effective policies, strategies and tactics for managing tribal trust lands.

The Pueblo of Jemez, in partnership with Watershed Conservation Resource Center, was awarded EPA grants to inventory and assess wetlands and riparian areas associated with the Jemez and Vallecitos watersheds on the Jemez lands and prioritize and implement wetland restoration projects. The Pueblo of Jemez, in partnership with Flower Hill Institute, will develop and coordinate educational workshops with tribal members and the public on wetland and riparian health in the Hemish Cultural landscape and coordinate students and volunteers to assist with wetland restoration projects.

TC-49. Approved the Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund Budget.

December 22, 2017

TC-50. Approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2020 Multi-Year Funding Agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, per Title V of Public Law 93-638.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Job Opportunities

Apply online at www.jemezpueblo.org. For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (575) 834-7359.

Physician Regular Full-Time
Medical Assistant Regular Full-Time
Registered Nurse Regular Full-Time
IT Specialist Regular Full-Time

JCDC Highlights

Submitted by Alexandra Fragua

Certificate of Appreciation

The Jemez Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors recently awarded Anthony Magdalena a Certificate of Appreciation commending his hard work and dedication to managing the newly renamed Pueblo of Jemez Welcome Center. Mr. Magdalena began as an Information Specialist and has worked his way up to the position of Welcome Center Manager. Please help us in recognizing Mr. Magdalena’s accomplishments as we bring in the New Year as the Pueblo of Jemez Welcome Center.

We extend our warmest welcome to you and yours this winter season. Come in and take a tour of our museum and browse through our selection of items available for purchase in our gift shop. Happy New Year!

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Although we have all read articles about getting the flu vaccine in the past, this information is so important that it’s worth repeating.

Each year thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Anyone who has had the flu can tell you that it can be a painful, exhausting experience that interferes with work, play and family life, sometimes for an extended period of time. Complications can include pneumonia and blood infections.

The best way to protect yourself, your family and your community is to get a free flu shot at the Jemez Health Clinic.

**What Is The Flu?**

Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Flu is caused by influenza viruses, and is spread mainly by coughing, sneezing and close contact.

Anyone can get flu. Flu strikes suddenly and can last several days. Symptoms vary by age, but can include:

- fever/chills.
- sore throat.
- muscle aches.
- fatigue.
- cough.
- headache.
- runny or stuffy nose.

Flu can also lead to pneumonia and blood infections, and cause diarrhea and seizures in children. If you have a medical condition, such as heart or lung disease, flu can make it worse.

Flu is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years of age and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk.

**Why get vaccinated?**

**Flu vaccine can:**
- keep you from getting flu.
- make flu less severe if you do get it.
- keep you from spreading flu to your family and co-workers.

**Flu vaccine cannot prevent:**
- flu that is caused by a virus not covered by the vaccine.
- illnesses that look like flu but are not.

It takes about two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination, and protection lasts through the flu season. Children six months through eight years of age may need two doses during the same flu season. Everyone else needs only one dose each flu season.

**Inactivated and Recombinant Flu Vaccines**

A dose of flu vaccine is recommended every flu season, even if you were vaccinated the previous year because several different strains of the virus can cause the flu and the viruses evolve and change every year. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against three or four viruses that are likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. But even when the vaccine doesn’t exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection.

There is no live flu virus in flu shots. They cannot cause the flu.

**Some People Should Not Get This Vaccine**

Be sure to tell the person who is giving you the vaccine if you have any of the following health conditions:

- **Any severe, life-threatening allergies.** If you ever had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a dose of flu vaccine, or have a severe allergy to any part of this vaccine, you may be advised not to get vaccinated. Most, but not all, types of flu vaccine contain a small amount of egg protein.

- **If you ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome (also called GBS).** Some people with a history of GBS should not get this vaccine. Discuss this with your doctor.

- **If you are not feeling well.** It is usually okay to get flu vaccine when you have a mild illness, but you might be asked to come back when you feel better.

Resource: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Pap smears can prevent cervical cancer and provide early detection, allowing more successful treatment of cancers.

Women age 21 to 65 should be screened for cervical cancer with a regular Pap smear (Pap test.)

Testing is recommended every three to five years, depending on the frequency and types of previous testing.

Women who have had abnormal Pap results may need to be screened more often, initially six to 12 months after the abnormal Pap smear.

Women who have not been tested regularly, never had a Pap smear, or who have a history of abnormal Pap smears have the highest risk for cervical cancer. Smoking increases this risk.

All providers at the JHHS Clinic can perform Pap testing.

A gynecologist is available at the Clinic once a month to provide specialty care and Pap testing.

HPV vaccinations can prevent cervical cancer in younger women up to age 26.

Boys and girls and young men and women up to age 26 should get an HPV vaccination at the Clinic.

Make an appointment for a Pap smear and/or HPV screening at the clinic; call (575) 834-3022.

For more information go to cancer.org/cancer/cervical-cancer.

The Notah Begay III (NB3) Foundation released a report that focuses on the range of factors that affect health of New Mexico's Native American children and families. The report, What Shapes the Health of Native American Children in New Mexico?, looks at the social determinants of health that contribute to childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes.

“The purpose of this report is to make a deep review of the health factors that affect Native children’s health and well-being specific to communities in New Mexico,” said NB3 Foundation President/CEO Justin Kii Huenemann. “So often the reasons and data regarding Native children’s health are overlooked. This report will help elected officials, educators, researchers and others working in health to examine and consider the impact of social determinants of health.”

The framework used for this report takes a Native/indigenous perspective to further understand root causes of obesity and type 2 diabetes among Native American children and communities. Building on established social determinants of health -- like socio-economic status, education, physical and social environments, and access to health care -- the report specifically looks at unique factors, such as historical trauma, self-determination and cultural activities.

NB3 Foundation’s three goals for using this framework are to:

- Guide the NB3 Foundation’s approach to addressing childhood obesity in Native communities.
- Analyze the current infrastructure for collecting available public data based on the indicators identified.
- Investigate the gaps and issues with data collection, access and dissemination.

The New Mexico report is part of NB3 Foundation’s work on state-level health factors among Native American youth. Future reports will focus on Native youth health factors in Arizona, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and will also be based on the Native/indigenous framework.

For more information about the state-level reports, please contact Olivia Roanhorse, NB3 Foundation Vice President of Programming, at Olivia@nb3f.org or (505) 867-0775.

About the Notah Begay III Foundation: The NB3 Foundation is a national, award-winning Native American nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing Native American childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes. The NB3 Foundation invests in evidence-based, community-driven and culturally relevant programs that promote health, physical activity and nutrition, ensuring healthy futures for Native children and their communities. They are committed to ensuring that all Native American youth live healthy, happy and fulfilled lives. For more information, go to www.nb3foundation.org.
Coughs and Your Child

Submitted by Yolanda G. Toya, MD, MPH, Pediatrician, Jemez Pueblo Comprehensive Health Center

The winter season brings many exciting activities and holidays to the community. Unfortunately for many children, it also brings cold and cough symptoms. For most of these common colds, home treatment is the best option, including rest and fluids.

Most cold symptoms are caused by common viruses, such as rhinovirus or adenovirus. These viruses can cause runny noses, sore throats, headaches, fatigue, and sometimes fever. Many viruses can last up to five to seven days. Make sure you and your family, including any child over six months, has received a flu shot this winter, as this will help prevent more serious flu-like illnesses.

Over the counter medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen can be used to help with pain and fever, but for children under the age of 6 years, many cough-specific medications are not recommended and can sometimes be dangerous. Avoid using any cough medications that contain codeine, which can cause serious complications like trouble breathing, confusion and extreme sleepiness. If your child has asthma or uses albuterol, please make sure you are following your doctor’s orders on how and when to use rescue and controller medications. This should be detailed on the child’s asthma action plan.

It is important to realize that a cough is a very basic reflex that most people have to keep their airway clear. While coughing can cause many parents to worry that there is something seriously wrong with their child, there are some things to keep in mind before bringing the child in to see a medical provider.

For a mild cough in a child over one year of age, use a cool mist humidifier with distilled water in the room where the child sleeps. Make sure the child is drinking plenty of fluids, including water, Pedialyte or juice. Warm tea or water with honey has been shown to be more beneficial for cough than any over the counter or prescription medications. Keep the child’s head elevated while sleeping with one or two pillows. In addition, keep the child home for several days from day care or school, which will allow the child to rest and recover more easily.

For a child under the age of one year, do not use honey, as it can contain spores of *clostridium botulinum* which can cause infant botulism, a rare but dangerous form of food poisoning. Again, making sure the baby is drinking fluids is one of the best ways to ensure they will recover well from the illness.

When should you bring your child in to see a medical provider? It is best to schedule an appointment with the clinic if the child has a fever over 100.4 for more than three days, has a barky or seal-like cough, if the cough interferes with drinking, or if there is vomiting and/or diarrhea or severe ear or throat pain. A child under the age of two months with a fever or cough needs to be seen immediately, especially if they are not drinking fluids well.

Of course, if you are worried about your child at all, regardless of the symptoms, we would be happy to see your child at the clinic. Please call the Jemez Pueblo Health Center at (575) 834-7413 for appointments.

Fitness Center Progress

Submitted by Melissa Stone

The Fitness Center addition is really taking shape! Roofing is started and insulation is almost complete. The top color was applied to the outside walls on the south side. Interior walls have been laid out.

During the first week of January, workers will start interior wall framing, set exterior door frames, hang doors, and install windows. A temporary wall will go up in the front entrance, which will eliminate the existing kitchen from operations. Electrical rough-in work will continue and the roof top units may be ready for install. At this point project completion is anticipated for April 18, but the date will probably change.

You are welcome to take a tour. If you are interested, go to the trailer and talk to David Alford, Erdman Superintendent.
Health Center Updates
Submitted by Monica Marthell

Check-In Process
Upgrades have been made to the visitor and patient check-in process for both the main entrance and the medical clinic. In order to ensure the safety of our patients, visitors and staff we have added signage that directs all visitors and patients to stop and check in at the main desk. Visitors will be given proper identification and escorted by authorized personnel to meetings or offices. All patients are asked to notify the customer service specialist or front desk receptionist where they are headed for their appointments.

The medical clinic has reorganized the patient registration process for medical and optometry patients. Signage directs patients to check in at one of two very private, check in windows to the immediate right of the medical clinic doorway.

Remember, when visiting the clinic for an appointment please bring your health insurance information with you. You should also bring any updated optical or dental coverage information.

Audiology Updates
Starting in January, the scheduling process will be more convenient for patients. The medical clinic will now offer scheduling assistance during daily JHHS hours of operation for the audiology department. The clinic hours are:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If you want to schedule an appointment, please call the main health center appointment desk directly at (575) 834-3022.

Community and patient feedback are welcome; please ask for a comment form from any staff member or call (575) 834-7413.

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Successful Year for POJ Law Enforcement

“The New Year got off to a good start with a peaceful, pleasant New Year’s Eve with no problems or issues in the Pueblo of Jemez community,” says Chief of Police Emil Radosevich. Five officers on duty through the evening included the Chief, Lieutenant Clinton Weatherspoon, and Officers Joseph Tsosie, Michael Pelligrini and Vincent Madalena.

“They did an outstanding job,” says Governor Paul S. Chinana. “They are to be commended for their dedication to our community.”

The successful year saw greater officer involvement in the community and more collaboration with the Social Services and Behavioral Health Programs.

“We want to focus on prevention and treatment efforts,” the Chief explains. “Getting offenders into treatment with family and community support is key to reducing repeat rates.” The department is exploring new ways to get information about drug and alcohol abuse to children in the schools.

A drop in arrests from the previous year demonstrates the success of this approach.

Officers were more involved in various community activities during 2017, and developed a strong plan to manage crowds and traffic on Feast Days. Other Law Enforcement initiatives included collecting and distributing 10 boxes of toys for community children in collaboration with the Social Services Program. Collaboration with Jemez Animal Rescue volunteers has improved the stray and neglected pet problem in the community as well.

“Our officers are dedicated, experienced professionals who like what they do,” Chief Radosevich concludes. “It’s a team effort. I couldn’t ask for a better group. We are also very grateful for the strong support we receive from Tribal Administration, Leadership and Tribal Council.”
Senior Citizens Program News
Submitted by Joseph Fragua, Jr., Elder Outreach Coordinator

Happy New Year 2018! The Senior Citizens Program wishes everyone a safe and prosperous new year! We invite elders in the Jemez Pueblo community to join us throughout the year, and we hope the year 2018 will bring more elders to the center so we continue to build a strong elder population. The calendar is filled with activities throughout the month, so stop by the office or call to learn about Senior Center services at (575) 834-9168.

Holiday Visits To Home-Bound Clients
In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Senior Program visited registered home-bound clients and delivered gifts to spread the joy of Christmas to them and their caregivers. The visits were special and heartwarming for the Senior Program staff, and a joyful surprise filled with smiles and cheer from homebound clients and caregivers. This outreach effort assures clients that they are in our thoughts and prayers during the holiday season. Not everyone has a chance to go to the plaza or to the infant to experience the wonderful traditions and dances our community celebrates, but we want to let everyone know that we care and are thinking of them.

Caregiver’s Respite and Christmas Social Outing
The Caregiver’s Respite and Christmas Social Outing happened on Dec. 20 with a special dinner at Cheesecake Factory where everyone enjoyed time with other caregivers from the Jemez community. The outing gave caregivers time off from their work and quality time together in a positive atmosphere with great people. To end the evening, the group went to a movie at Winrock, where they had a great time again.

The Senior Citizens Program appreciates our caregivers and this outing was planned to honor them for their outstanding work throughout the year.

Christmas Dinner and Dance
The Christmas Dinner and Dance was held on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at the Senior Citizens Center. The evening included amazing food amid the spectacular sights and sounds of Christmas in the air. The Senior Program cooks did another great job with the delicious food that was prepared for the evening. DJ Monica Toya played top-notch dance music that kept the elders on the dance floor. Elders danced to earn tickets for a chance to win door prizes, but that wasn’t the real reason why everyone was dancing: the real reason was because the DJ’s playlist was incredible. The highlight of the evening was Cypriana Toledo. She is an amazing woman who kept her spirits high and danced the night away. She “danced like nobody is watching.” Thanks Cypriana!

The evening was fun for both the Senior Program staff and elders. We want to thank those who came to celebrate the holiday season.
2017 CANAR Program Manager of the Year
Submitted by Alana Chinana (Rehabilitation Technician) & JVR Staff

“Ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It’s about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. It is about laying the groundwork for others’ success, and then standing back and letting them shine.” Chris Hadfield

Rebecca Holland, JVR Program Manager, Duane Triebel, JVR Counselor and Alana Chinana, JVR Rehabilitation Technician, attended the Annual Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Inc. (CANAR) Conference on behalf of the JVR Program.

The conference was hosted in Henderson, NV on Dec. 4-7, 2017. In attendance were 88 tribal vocational rehabilitation (TVR) programs with more than 300 participants from across the country. The conference helps advance and improve rehabilitation services by networking with other TVR programs and educates staff on the needs of and services for American Indians/Alaskan Natives with disabilities.

The JVR staff nominated Program Manager Rebecca Holland as Program Manager of the Year. Rebecca has worked for the Pueblo of Jemez for a total of 10 years. Each staff member wrote a paragraph about why they believed Rebecca was the most “Outstanding Program Manager.”

“Rebecca has made a tremendous impact on our program. She has demonstrated all the qualities of good leadership and ensures that we are a team. She always motivates us to improve ourselves and to go above and beyond both professionally and personally. Rebecca embraces our traditional ways and fully accepts and values our culture. She demonstrates good leadership with her selfless contributions and is fully committed to providing superb rehabilitation services with no expectation of personal recognition. We felt that Rebecca truly deserves the acknowledgment and recognition for outstanding services for the Jemez Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Pueblo of Jemez.”

Rebecca had no idea she was being nominated for the award until the night of the awards ceremony at the CANAR conference. Of the eight nominees, Rebecca won the Director/Program Manager of the Year for Outstanding Service to American Indians with Disabilities.

This is our way of saying “Thank You Rebecca Holland!” We are truly blessed to have Rebecca Holland as our Program Manager.

Are You Caring For Someone With Alzheimer’s?
The “Savvy Caregiver Program” Can Help!

FREE Seven-Week Course
Improve daily life as a dementia caregiver. Learn best practices for behaviors and communication.

Thursdays, January 11-February 22, 2018 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Community Resource Center (CRC)

The Alzheimer’s Association offers this evidence-based “Savvy Caregiver Program” as a seven-week class where people can learn practical strategies and techniques for caring for loved ones with Alzheimer’s disease. The class explains the signs, impacts and pathology of the disease, helping families improve interaction and communication with loved ones with Alzheimer’s. Alzheimer’s disease is growing fast. Today, 5.5 million in Americans are living with the disease, including 38,000 New Mexicans. We know there is no cure, proven treatment or prevention, but we can help by learning about the disease so we can respond better to those affected by it for a better quality of life for everyone.

For more information about the class or sign up, contact the Senior Citizens Program at (575) 834-9168 or Kristen Gandara from the NM Chapter Alzheimer’s Association at (800) 272-3900.
District Calendar REMINDERS
Monday January 15: Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Tuesday, January 16: School Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Mobile Food Pantry (MFP)
Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. while supplies last.
The MFP serves Jemez Valley students, their families, and senior citizens on a monthly basis. To participate, the individual must complete the Mobile Food Pantry Registration Form for SY2017-18. If you would like to register or have questions about participation requirements, please call (575) 834-7393 or (505) 373-0054 to speak with Sharon Palma at ext. 314 or Barry Levine at ext. 512.

Winter Fine Arts Night
On December 6 and 7, JVPS held the annual Winter Fine Arts Night. The event included two nights of artwork and performances, and provision of parent resources. Thank you to the student who displayed their artwork and performed. Thank you to the parents/guardians and community for your attendance. A special “Thank you” to Mrs. Hibner and Ms. Nevarez for your time, dedication and creativity.

Upward Bound Program
January 18: Applications due for Upward Bound Program
The University of Colorado Boulder's Upward Bound Program is designed to “motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, supplementing their exiting education and preparing them for academic success at all educational levels. Upward Bound provides opportunities for students to prepare for college entrance, succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately achieve success in higher education pursuits.”

The program lasts six weeks during the summer, running from early June to late July. The only costs to participants are the cost of travel to and from Boulder.

Jemez Valley High School is one of five target high schools within New Mexico approached for student recruitment into Upward Bound. For additional information, visit the website www.colorado.edu/cuub/ or call 1-800-926-5099.

School Board – Student Recognition
On December 18, the JVPS School Board recognized students for their academic, leadership and/or athletic accomplishments and staff for their dedication. Individuals were presented with Certificate of Recognition or Certificates of Appreciation from the School Board.

Academics
National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)
Medal recipient: William Burke

Fine Arts Night: Ribbon Recipients
Elementary (Grades PreK – Second Grade): Cassandra Gallegos – First Place; Ricky Lynn Gachupin – Second Place; Ava Shije – Second Place; Kylie Gachupin – Third Place; Elyseo Maestas – Third Place
Elementary (Grades Three -- Five): Joshua Fragua – First Place; Kara Shije – Second Place; Juana Trujillo – Third Place.
Middle School: Daniel Jaramillo – First Place; Riley Toya – Second Place; Katelynn Toribio – Third Place.
High School: Marissa Toya – “Best of Show” for Sea Horse Optical Illusion; J’Dynn Loretto – First Place for Monochromatic Vase; Juanita Gachupin – Second Place for Windmill; Raynaldo Gachupin – Third Place for Four Guys.

Leadership
Student Council Officers (High School)
President: Martin Valencia; Vice President: Mikayla Peck; Treasurer: William Burke; Secretary: Henry Garcia
GEAR UP CEOs
Middle School: Kevin Zamora, Cara Madalena, Joshua Rodriguez, Rayha James (8th).
High School: Katey Burke, Louis Shije, Jeramyah Spurlock, Thomas Riley, Justin Madalena, Yesenia Aragon, Kylie Tsoie, Shawna Spurlock

Students of the Month
November 2017: Ethan Galvan (High School)
December 2017: Kyndalyn Toledo (Elementary School)
January 2017: Riley Toya (Middle School)

Athletics
First Team All-District Football
Devry Vigil, First Team All-District Linebacker; Lane Gachupin, First Team All-District Lineman; and D’Mitry Vigil, First Team All-District Wide-Receiver
Jemez Valley Public Schools, Continued

District Meet – Class A/2A (February 6, 2018.)
Boys/Individual Placement: Justin Madalena – Second; Raynaldo Gachupin – 10th; Byron Sabaquie – 18th; Lawrence Aragon – 2First; Adam Toledo – 2Second; William Burke – 26th; Timothy Romero – 29th. Team placement: Third.

NMAA State Championship for Cross Country (A/2A) – Qualifiers
Girls: Katey Burke, Kiara Gachupin, D’Yanni Medina, Anndria Gachupin, and Mia Sando. Team placement: Sixth.
Boys: Adam Toledo, Lawrence Aragon, Raynaldo Gachupin, Byron Sabaquie, Timothy Romero, Justin Madalena, and William Burke. Team placement: Ninth.

NMAA State Championship for Cross Country (A/2A) – Top 10
Girls: Mia Sando – 8th
Boys: Justin Madalena – 9th.

2017 New Mexico High School All-State Cross Country Team
Girls: Mia Sando
Boys: Justin Madalena

Navajo Times 2017 Cross Country All-Stars
Girls: Mia Sando and D’Yanni Medina
Boys: Justin Madalena and Raynaldo Gachupin

Staff
Maintenance/Custodial: JR Trujillo, Danny Chinana, Louis Gachupin, Tom Griego and Julian Trujillo

Staff of the Month (sponsored by GEAR UP – AVID)
Jessica Gallegos: September 2017;
Melissa Garcia: November 2017

Jemez Valley Public Schools: Message from the District
Submitted by Dr. Susan Wilkinson-Davis, JVPS Superintendent
Happy New Year from Jemez Valley Public Schools Board of Education and Central Office staff! Our district is committed to providing our students and staff a safe environment for learning. A security expert will train staff on Active Shooter protocols and conduct a security walk-through of the campuses in January. Students and staff will continue to participate in safety drills during the spring semester. Students will be issued identification badges to wear in school.

We deeply appreciate your support for our efforts.

JVPS GEAR UP
Submitted by Margarita Riley, GU Program Coordinator

Middle School and High School Tutoring Services
The Jemez Valley Middle and High Schools provide after-school tutoring through JVPS’ GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Program. GEAR UP targets student in grades seventh through twelfth. Tutoring is offered twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Transportation home is available to students who attend tutoring. Parents/guardians must sign the After-school Tutoring Permission Slip prior to their students attending tutoring.

FREE ACT Testing
All high school juniors will have the opportunity to participate in ACT Testing for FREE. This opportunity is sponsored by JVPS’ GEAR UP.

Date: February 27, 2018  Time: TBD
Location: JVHS
EDUCATION

Jemez Valley Public Schools, Continued

JEMEZ VALLEY ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS
Submitted by Dana Pino, JVES/MS Principal

Student of the Month – January 2018

Riley Toya (Jemez Valley Middle School Sixth Grade.) When walking down the hallways of the Jemez Valley Middle School, you see the many young ladies and gentlemen who represent our school culture in their own special ways. It is quite an honor when one of those students gets recognized for the qualities and characteristic that make them worthy of being chosen as the Jemez Valley Public School’s Student of the Month.

Riley Toya is a sixth grade student. Riley is the student who acknowledges you and says “good morning” or “good afternoon” when you see him walking down the hall. He carries himself confidently and is extremely prideful of who he is as an individual. Riley’s love of family, culture and his education sets him apart in many ways from the norm. In the classroom, he gives one hundred percent and has continued to improve in all areas of academia. His talent and extraordinary skills in art are among his many strengths. Riley is very meticulous when he works on any assignment, project or general task. He makes sure that the job he is assigned is done well and seems to always throw in that little bit of “flare” to his work. He gets along well with others and is truly an asset to his sixth grade class. Riley’s love of ties and bow ties make that his signature mark on his dress. The dapper look he exudes through his wardrobe choices is a refreshing and dignified fashion statement!

From the words of Dr. Seuss, “Why fit in when you were born to stand out?” Riley’s mission is just that, to stand out and be the remarkable young man that he is and a well-deserved recipient of the JVPS’ “Student of the Month” for January 2018.

Spring Semester Schedule Change (SY2017-2018)

Effective January 8, 2018, the schedules of all high school students will change to include a daily “Advisory” period (27 minutes) that will occur before lunch. Advisory will allow students to meet with their advisors, work on i-Ready, and complete schoolwork. All class periods will decrease to 60 minutes and lunch will begin at 12:14 p.m. Seniors who participate in early release at lunch time will not be excused from Advisory.

Fall Semester Report Cards

The first semester of your student’s 2017-18 academic year has been completed and report cards will be mailed to the home addresses on file. Please review your student’s semester grades closely, as these grades that come at the end of the semester are significantly important. An “F” indicates “failing work, not acceptable for graduation credit.”

If your student has received an “F,” please contact the high school counselor Kristi Hartwick, at (575) 834-7392 to develop a plan to address your student’s failing grade(s). Discussing the possible option for your student to retrieve credit(s) during the second semester and/or an alternative option such as summer school, which will cost a minimum of $200, is imperative and impacts your student’s opportunity to graduate with his or her class.

We hope the winter break leaves our students feeling energized and eager to get their second semester off to a great start.

Save the Date for JVHS …

February 13: College & Career Fair sponsored by the Jemez Valley Credit Union.

Athletics Update
Submitted by Scott Meihack, JVPS Athletic Director

What is sportsmanship? Sportsmanship is defined by the New Mexico Athletic Association as “the act of treating others in a respectful manner; taking personal responsibility for one’s actions and responding with integrity while engaged in competition.”

Displaying good sportsmanship is not only towards the
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opposing team but, includes how Jemez Valley High School student-athletes are treated by their own fans. Displaying good sportsmanship is not only the responsibility of our coaches and student-athletes, but the fans have a responsibility of showing sportsmanship as well. All fans will be held to the same standards as coaches and players.

All fans will adhere to the NMAA 1.7.6 Ejection Policy/Sanction. Participants (coaches, athletes, parents/fans, officials) who fail to uphold the core values of “Compete with Class” will be subject to consequences as outlined in section 7.72 of the NMAA Handbook:

- Any person who makes inappropriate or negative comments directed at individual players by name or number, or any inappropriate or negative comments critiquing a player’s actions or overall performance will be asked to leave the playing venue immediately and without warning.
- Individuals who have been asked to leave the event will be subjected to the same guidelines for return as players and coaches. This will include, but not limited to, the following:
  - Immediate removal from the event.
  - Contact will be made with appropriate law enforcement officials.
  - Individuals will be subjected to a minimum one game suspension from attendance at the next game, either at home or away site.
- Names will be given to the NMAA for documentation and notification of future playing sites of Jemez Valley High School.
- Proof of completion (certificate) of the NHSF sportsmanship video that can be found on the NMAA Official Website.
- Copy of certificate of completion of course provided to the high school principal and athletic director before being allowed to attend the next Jemez Valley High School event, whether at home or away.

Cross Country Updates

Congratulations to Mia Sando and Justin Madalena for making the 2017 NM High School All-State Cross Country Team.

Congratulations to Mia Sando, D’Yanni Medina, Justin Madalena, and Raynaldo Gachupin for making the Navajo Times All-Star list for cross country. These students were recognized on December 11 in Shiprock, NM.

Spring Sports Sign-Ups

Student-athletes (grades 8 to 12) interested in participating in softball, baseball, or track & field are encouraged to sign-up in their school’s office. Reminder: your student must complete the following prior to beginning practice for their spring sport:

- Physical exams (forms are available at the school.)
- Concussion for Students online course through www nfhs-learn.com.
- Eighth Grade Participant Form (online through JVHS Athletic Director)
- Finish winter sports season (i.e. basketball).
- Conditioned athletes are less likely to have injuries during the sports season. Therefore, student-athletes are encouraged to exercise (for instance, run, stretch) on their own prior to the start of the season.

Basketball Update

Congratulations to the Lady Warriors on their Third Place at the Magdalena Steer Stampede.

Save the Date for JVHS Basketball...

January 18: Military and First Responder Appreciation Night. Military and First Responders will receive free admission to basketball game and are invited to help present the colors. Flag hosted by Don Chalmers Ford.
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Basketball Schedules Update
BASKETBALL (GIRLS)
Coach: JoAnne Smith  Assistant Coach: TBA
2017-18 Jemez Valley Girls Basketball Schedule
(as of Dec. 18, 2017, subject to change)

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Basketball (Boys)
Coach: Harlyn Francisco  Assistant Coach: Jarrett Burke
2017-18 Jemez Valley Boys Basketball Schedule
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Jemez Valley Public Schools

With support from Tribal Administration, the Walatowa Running Club traveled to Tallahassee, FL for the 2017 USA Track and Field National Junior Olympics Championships in December. The Under-8 years old girls place third in the competition. The team included Jaiden Baca, Hailey Baca, Khloe Baca, Isabella Galvan, Vinaya Pasquale and Starlene Victorino.

The Walatowa Running Club competitors included (with parents’ names) Vincent Madalena, Jr. (Vincent Sr & Lisa Madalena); Brooke Madalena (Verna Madalena & Tony Gachupin); Garrin Toya (Juan & Marina Toya); Jaiden Baca (Reanna Baca & Allen Gachupin); Hailey Baca (Reanna Baca & Allen Gachupin); Isabella Galvan (John & Gwen Galvan); Khloe Baca (Johanna Baca & Bryson Tafoya.)

NB3: Taylynn Loretto (Karina Loretto); Marius Gachupin (Geraldine Gachupin); Quinton Begaye (Felicia Casiquito).

Cougar Track: Kale Loretto (TJ Loretto and Ann Marie Toledo); Brayden Magdalena (Darren Toya and Marlene Madalena); Kai Toya (Rhiannon Toya and Jeremy Toya.)

Walatowa Running Club at USATF Junior Olympics

Walatowa Running Club Age 8 and Under girls’ team placed third in the USATF National Junior Olympics.

Photo by Gwen Galvan.
Jemez Ranger District
Road Closures

Santa Fe National Forest officials are prepared to implement the annual closure of certain USDA Forest Service (USFS) maintained roads located in the Jemez Ranger District. Effective Jan. 2, 2018 gates will be locked to prevent unauthorized motor vehicle access on Forest Service maintained roads 10, 144, 268, 289, and 376 North and South. For detailed descriptions of closed motorized access locations on the Jemez District of the Santa Fe National Forest, visit http://bit.ly/2CwS1Wq.

“We encourage visitors to access areas affected by the annual road-closure, but only by non-motorized means,” said Brian Riley, Jemez District Ranger. Please take the necessary measures to prepare for your visit. Anticipate weather conditions and understand it is unseasonably dry, which elevates wildfire danger throughout the Santa Fe National Forest.”

The purpose of the annual seasonal motor vehicle road closure is for the preservation of vital USFS managed infrastructure, and the protection of watersheds that benefit communities and wildlife in the areas. During periods of heavy snowfall and extreme soil moisture, motorized vehicle access to the roads is necessary for public safety. Motorized vehicle access to these roads is restored around mid-April.

Visit www.fs.usda.gov/santafe for more information or call (575) 829-3535.

Election Information

Please register today and vote in the 2018 Gubernatorial (Governor) Primary and General Elections.

If you are 18 years of age or if you will be 18 in the next election.

If you have changed your physical address or name, you can update your voter registration form.

New Mexico Secretary of State Task Force

New Mexico Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver’s task force is made up of representatives from pueblos and tribal communities across New Mexico, including one representative living in an urban area. The task force will be charged with identifying ways to boost voter registration, education and election participation in tribal communities, and will make recommendations to Secretary of State Oliver and other elected officials.

The confirmed members of the Native American Voting Task Force are: Everett Chavez, Santo Domingo Pueblo; NAVTF Chair Rick Nez, Shiprock Navajo Agency; NAVTF Vice Chair Julie Badonie, Navajo Fort Defiance Agency; Jamie Henio, Navajo Eastern Agency; Arden Kucate, Zuni Pueblo; Lisa LeFlore Davis, Fort Sill Apache Tribe; Leon K. Reval, Jicarilla Apache Nation; Eric Spitty, Mescalero Apache Tribe; Laurie Weahkee, Urban Native American ( Albuquerque; ) Linda Yardley-Monteeu, Taos Pueblo.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 12, 2018.

Candidate Information Guide

This publication has been prepared by the Office of the New Mexico Secretary of State’s Bureau of Elections to serve as an easy-to-use reference for candidates who are seeking federal, state or county office in the 2018 primary or general election, as well as for anyone interested in the election process in New Mexico. The publication can be downloaded at www.sos.state.nm.us/Candidate_And_Pac_Information/2018-candidate-information.aspx

Go to the 2018 Candidacy Information page for more details on how and when to file to run for office in the upcoming primary or general election and to download the 2018 Candidacy Information Guide and required candidacy forms.

If you need more information, contact Peter Madalena, Senior Voting Rights Coordinator, Native American Voting Rights Office, at (505) 934-8826 or stop by the Satellite Election Office located at the Jemez Civic Center. You can also contact the Sandoval County Clerk’s Office at (505) 867-7577.

Free Financial Counseling

Jemez Valley Credit Union offers FREE financial counseling. Information discussed is strictly confidential. For more information or to set up an appointment contact Tina at (575) 829-3366 or tina@jvcu.org.

Holiday Skip-a-Payment

Program continues through Jan. 31, 2018. Restrictions/fees apply. Call (575) 829-3366 to talk with Henrietta or Samantha.

Keeping Kids Cozy Coat Collection

Deliver new or gently used winter coats at the credit union through Jan. 15, 2018 and receive a ticket for a drawing for a $75 cashier’s check to Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative. For more information or if you have questions, call Ona at (575) 899-3366 or e-mail to Ona@jvcu.org.
Governors' Farewell

Happy New Year! As we embark on this New Year, we would like to take this time to thank the Walatowa community, Pueblo of Jemez tribal employees and our families for a wonderful year.

We thank the Walatowa community for supporting our tribal employees for a job well done in serving our people and maintaining professionalism, individuality and dedication in their respective positions. I thank my family for their support and love in ensuring the Cane and my position as Governor was well maintained and respected.

The job of Governor had many challenges, and yet it was rewarding. I do take with me and keep in my heart the many people who came to me for guidance and counseling, and continue to keep them in my prayers. May all your wants, dreams, prayers and desires be answered. During my appointment, I met a lot of people, and from each of these individuals, I grew to become a better person, not just for me, but for the community and my family.

It is bittersweet to go and resume my position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an Information Technology Specialist. Bitter in the sense I am leaving a very awesome group of employees who supported me over the year, and sweet in the sense that I get to be home with my family and leave the political endeavors to our new leader Paul S. Chinana. Please give Governor Chinana and his Lieutenants the same support I was so blessed to have had. I am grateful for each and every one of you and may all your prayers be answered.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Toya, Governor
William Waquie, First Lt. Governor
Jonathan Romero, Second Lt. Governor