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LightenUp!

A Motivated Boss

My boss arrived at work in a brand-new Lamborghini.

"Wow!" I said. "That's an amazing car."

He replied, "If you work hard, put all your hours in, and strive for excellence, I'll get another one next year."

From the Governors

Community Notice:

Cell Phone Usage and Pet Control & Ownership

Our community is experiencing continuing problems with the unlawful use of cell phones and lack of dog control during cultural events as well as the ownership of vicious and excessive numbers of dogs and cats.

To ensure community safety and to maintain respect for our cultural and religious activities, we are reminding community members about the restrictions on cell phone usage and pet ownership and control.

All community members are directed to abide by the following restrictions as stated in the Pueblo of Jemez Tribal Code:

Cell Phones

The use and carrying of cell phones during cultural and religious ceremonies within the plaza area is strictly prohibited. Violators will have their cell phones confiscated. Please keep your phones at home or in your vehicles. Violators will be penalized in accordance to the *POJ Tribal Code: Sections 3-2-88 and 3-2-92.*

Dog Control and Pet Ownership

To keep our community safe from vicious dogs and packs of dogs and to enforce pet control measures, all community members must abide by the *Tribal Code Dog and Cat Control Ordinance*, which states:

Section 3: Vicious Animals

- It shall be unlawful for any person to own a vicious dog or cat.
- It is unlawful to own and locally possess dogs of the following breeds: pit bulls, dobermans, rottweilers, chows and all cross mixes of these breeds.

Section 4: Ownership

- Ownership shall be restricted to one dog and one cat per household.
- All dogs shall be penned up or tied up during religious activities. No exceptions will be considered.

Section 5: Violation

- Any tribal member who fails to comply with this ordinance will be in violation and subject to a citation by Jemez Tribal Officials or Jemez Law Enforcement Officers. Upon citation, the person shall be ordered to appear at a hearing in Tribal Court.

Section 6: Penalties

- Any tribal member found to be in violation of this ordinance at a hearing of the Jemez Tribal Court may be subject to penalties as stated in the POJ Tribal Code.

If you have any concerns, or would like a copy of the complete Dog and Cat Control Ordinance, you may contact the Tribal Administration at (575) 834-7359.



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From the Governors

NM Tribes Mobilize To Ensure Accurate Count During US Census

In an effort to ensure an accurate count of Native Americans in New Mexico, one of the nation's hardest-to-count states, more than 70 people from 23 tribes convened Jan. 30 - 31 to strategize, learn and share information during the inaugural meeting of the New Mexico Native Census Coalition, a collaboration of tribal organizations, nonprofits and businesses working toward an accurate 2020 U.S. Census Count.

New Mexico is the most undercounted state in the union and considered one of the hardest states to count in the 2020 US Census report, according to the Associated Press. A one percent undercount of the state's population this decade would result in a \$780 million loss of federal funds during a 10-year period. Native people in New Mexico make up about 11 percent of the state's population.

The All Pueblo Council of Governors asked the Native American Voters Alliance (NAVA) Education Project to create the Native Census coalition to prepare for the count, as far less federal funding for outreach and education was available compared with 2010 allocations, despite the 2020 Census being available online for the first time. Many tribes lack adequate access to Internet services in New Mexico.

Several tribes received part of \$400,000 available from the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department to implement strategies and create materials, such videos or pledge cards. Others will have special events in their libraries or community centers.

"So many of our programs – housing, Head Start, health care, job training and funding – depend on the Census, so an accurate count is critical," said incoming NAVA Executive Director Ahtza Dawn Chavez.

In addition to supporting tribes, the Native Census coalition will also offer aid to urban Indian organizations in New Mexico, including in Albuquerque. Albuquerque is among the top 10 cities in the nation with a high urban Indian population. It is also estimated that more than 70% of Native Americans now live in urban areas, according to the Census.

The Albuquerque Urban Indian Complete Count Committee (CCC,) comprised of city officials, Native nonprofits and city agencies that serve Native Americans, is also strategizing how to ensure an accurate count of Native Americans in Albuquerque. It is estimated that the Native population there represents more than 400 tribes across the US. Tribes are interested in an accurate count of Albuquerque's urban Indian population to see how many of their tribal members live in the city. And social service agencies and nonprofits need an accurate count of urban Indians to find out how to best serve them, especially among Albuquerque's homeless population where it is estimated that 44 percent are Native American.

Learn more about the New Mexico Native Census Coalition at nmnativecensus.org. For more information about NAVA, go to www.navaeducationproject.org.

About the Native American Voters Alliance

The Native American Voters Alliance and the NAVA Education Project are an Albuquerque-based nonprofit working to inform, activate and empower the Indigenous electorate in New Mexico. NAVA has had a long history of mobilizing Native Americans through integrated grassroots voter engagement strategies, including voter registration, issue education, phone banking and general outreach. NAVA also has vast experience in campaign work in Native communities.



Governor Toledo and Alberto Sando from the
Tribal Enrollment Office at the recent
New Mexico Native Census Coalition meeting.

FROM THE GOVERNORS



Jemez Leadership Visits NM Legislature

Pueblo of Jemez Governors and tribal leaders attended Native American Day at the New Mexico Roundhouse, hosted by the Native American Voters' Alliance (NAVA.)



Sandoval County Native American Voting Rights Program

2020 Presidential Primary Election June 2, 2020

CALENDAR

Nominating Petitions	Oct. 1, 2019
Election Proclamation	Jan. 27, 2020
Filing Day for All Other Parties	March 10, 2020
Filing Day for Write-In Candidates	March 17, 2020
Voter Registration Closes	May 5, 2020
Absentee Voting Begins	May 5, 2020
Early Voting Begins	May 16, 2020
Absentee and Early Voting Ends	May 30, 2020
Presidential Primary Election Day	June 2, 2020

ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2020

Voting Site: Community Resource Center
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early Voting Site: Community Resource Center
May 28 and 29 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

For more information, please contact the Native American Voting Rights Office at (505) 934-8826 or Sandoval County Clerk's Office at (505) 867-7577.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority

The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority (POJHA) receives Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD.) Over the past years, the IHBG funding has decreased for the Pueblo of Jemez which has limited the department's ability to meet the housing needs of the community. IHBG funding plays a central role in constructing and maintaining our current housing stock and administering housing programs.

POJHA is actively seeking innovative solutions to affordable housing financing by leveraging its IHBG funding on future housing projects, such as new construction. As part of the long-term planning process and continued support of the development of larger projects, they continue to seek applicants who are interested in new construction and rehabilitation programs. Please contact the Housing Authority if you want more information about these programs.

Homeownership Classes

Buying a home is a big deal, whether you are doing it for the first time or getting back into the mortgage market. POJHA will be offering *Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide* homebuyer education classes. These classes can help families prepare for possibly the largest purchase and investment of their lives – their home. Homebuyer education is all about assuring knowledgeable choices, saving money, future sustainability, and improving prosperity while learning realistic planning and setting goals.

This program will help prepare individuals and families with information and the steps they will need to take to prepare themselves for the financial obligations and responsibilities of homeownership. Some topics that will be discussed include:

- Needs *vs.* Wants.
- Prioritizing.
- Budgeting.
- Understanding your monthly mortgage payments and closing costs.
- Calculating affordability.
- Establishing and visualize goals.
- Creating an action plan.
- Pueblo of Jemez mortgage process.
- Understanding foreclosure.
- Post-counseling.

Classes will start in March. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in attending the homeownership classes, please contact the Housing office.

Annual Updates

You must remember to update your housing application every year. By updating your application and household information, they can determine who is eligible and is still interested in services should any housing opportunities arise.

- If you have been applying for housing assistance for a number of years, and you missed your annual application update, your chances of moving down on the waiting list will increase.
- If a housing opportunity arises and you are next on the waiting list and you ***did not complete*** the annual application update, the opportunity will have to go to the next individual or family meeting the eligibility criteria.

To maintain your current position, please remember to update your application every year.

Your annual application update packet will include a completed POJHA application with supporting documents meeting the eligibility requirements for the specific program for which you are applying.

House Payments

POJHA is now accepting all house payments at the Housing Office. They are now accepting debit cards and Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments from your checking or savings account. Please see them if you are interesting in enrolling in ACH payments.

Visit the POJHA if you have questions about your current existing home or if you are starting your journey toward renting or homeownership. The phone number is (575) 834-0305.

HOME BUYER EDUCATION CLASSES

Homebuyer Education Classes begin this month.

Thursday, March 26

Thursday, April 2

Thursday April 9

Classes are scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a 30-minute question and answer session

If you have any questions, please contact Estevan Sando, housing counselor, at the Pueblo of Jemez Housing Authority, (575) 834-0305.

POLICE

Internet-Enabled Crimes and Scams

Submitted By Emil A. Radosevich, Chief of Police

Internet-enabled crimes and scams show no signs of letting up, according to data released by the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) in its *2019 Internet Crime Report*. The last calendar year saw both the highest number of complaints and the highest dollar losses reported since the center was established in May 2000. You can find the IC3 report for New Mexico, which includes tables on the specific types of crimes and losses, www.ic3.gov/media/annualreport/2019State/StateReport.aspx?s=34

IC3 received 467,361 complaints in 2019 – an average of nearly 1,300 every day – and recorded more than \$3.5 billion in losses to individual and business victims. The most frequently reported complaints were phishing and similar ploys, non-payment/non-delivery scams, and extortion. The most financially costly complaints involved business e-mail compromise, romance or confidence fraud, and spoofing, or mimicking the account of a person or vendor known to the victim to gather personal or financial information.

Donna Gregory, the chief of IC3, said that in 2019 the center didn't see an uptick in new types of fraud but rather saw criminals deploying new tactics and techniques to carry out existing scams.

"Criminals are getting so sophisticated," Gregory said. "It is getting harder and harder for victims to spot the red flags and tell real from fake."

While e-mail is still a common entry point, frauds are also

beginning on text messages – a crime called smishing – or even fake websites – a tactic called pharming.

"You may get a text message that appears to be your bank asking you to verify information on your account," said Gregory. "Or you may even search a service online and inadvertently end up on a fraudulent site that gathers your bank or credit card information."

Individuals need to be extremely skeptical and double check everything, Gregory emphasized. "In the same way your bank and online accounts have started to require two-factor authentication – apply that to your life," she said. "Verify requests in person or by phone, double check web and e-mail addresses, and don't follow the links provided in any messages."

If you suspect you are the target of an Internet crime or scam, please call the Pueblo of Jemez Police Department Dispatch at (505) 891-7226.

Did You Know?

**New Mexico had 2,037 victims and
\$17,983,833 in losses in 2019.**

**In 2018, New Mexico had 2,127 victims
with \$8,617,772 in losses.**

NATURAL RESOURCES

Free Private Well Water Quality Testing

Saturday, March 28

9 a.m. to 12 noon

Walatowa Welcome Center

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) and Jemez Community Development Corporation have teamed with the New Mexico Environmental Department of Health to offer up to 200 free water tests for residents of Jemez Pueblo and Sandoval County who have private wells serving homes that are not connected to a public water utility.

Staff will test: electrical conductivity, sulfates, pH, nitrate, fluoride, arsenic and iron.

How To Collect a Water Sample

- ◆ Fill a clean glass or plastic container without any strong odors with at least one quart or one liter (32 oz.) of your well water.
- ◆ If the home has a whole house filtration system, collect the water at the well head prior to any filtration or softener systems if possible.
- ◆ Let the water run 2-3 minutes before collecting the sample.
- ◆ Fill the container with water as close to the time of testing as possible.

Researchers will collect information about your well (such as construction information) at the event. Providing information is voluntary. For more information, contact the NRD at (575) 834-7696.



PUBLIC WORKS

Jemez Pueblo Public Works Update

Submitted by Todd Loretto, Interim Director

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Dear Community Member,

This letter is for all community residents who are connected to the Pueblo's sewer system to educate *everyone* living in your home about what *should not* be flushed down the toilets.

The Public Works Department has been experiencing an alarming number of clogged sewer service lines and lift station failures because of foreign materials being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. The E/One pumps, lift stations and, most importantly, the sewer lagoons are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only (single-ply preferred.) Examples of what *should not* be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are:

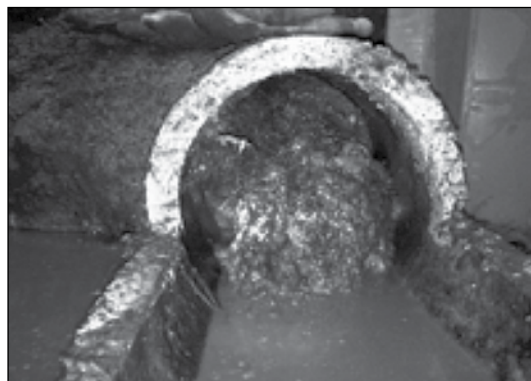
- ❖ Cloth rags or towels
- ❖ Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are "flushable".)
- ❖ Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue.)
- ❖ Feminine hygiene products of any kind.
- ❖ Beauty products, Q-Tips, dental floss.
- ❖ Plastics of any kind.
- ❖ Grease of any kind – *especially cooking grease*.

None of these items should go into the public sewer system. Instead, all of the above items should be thrown out with the trash or disposed of properly. **Remember: only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets.** Clogged pumps lead to sewer back-ups, which can back up into homes and are expensive to clean and repair.

If you have any questions, call the Public Works Department at (575) 834-7942.



Sending items on the list above down the drain or toilet can clog sewer lines and cause lift systems, pumps and the holding lagoon to fail. These failures can create back ups into your home and are expensive to clean and repair. Please do your part to protect our water and sewer system!



The Public Works Department is working on a water system improvements project for the Pueblo. If you have any questions, please contact Todd Loretto, Interim Director, at (575) 834-7942 or by e-mail at todd.loretto@jemezpuablo.org.

Water System Improvements Project

The State of New Mexico's Indian Affairs Department awarded a grant to the Pueblo to upgrade major portions of the water system and the Indian Health Service awarded a grant to replace the Pueblo's dated North water tank. The upgrades include removing approximately 9,500 linear feet of outdated asbestos concrete pipe installed in the 1960s and replacing it with modern PVC plastic pipe; 5,000 feet of new home service lines; 94 new water meters; demolition and replacement of the existing 212,000-gallon welded steel North water tank, and other water system-associated appurtenances and improvements, such as new and additional fire hydrants and valves.

Construction observation, cultural observation and vibration monitoring are being provided. The project engineer firm is Souder, Miller and Associates from Albuquerque; Project Engineer George Mihalik. The construction contractor is CF Padilla from Isleta Pueblo, owned by Clay Padilla.

Construction started at the beginning of February and is planned to be completed by July.



Corroded pipes like these will be replaced.

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPORTATION

Planning, Development and Transportation Project Updates

Submitted by Sheri Bozic, Department Director

The Planning, Development and Transportation Department is working on numerous infrastructure improvement projects for the Pueblo. Below are the project status updates. If you have questions, please contact Sheri Bozic, Director, or Amanda Rubio, Transportation Project Manager at (575) 834-0096.

NM 4 Multi-Use Pedestrian Trail

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) awarded a \$4.7 million grant to the Pueblo to design and construct a multi-use pedestrian trail along NM 4. The project entails planning, design and construction of a 1.9-mile pedestrian trail between mileposts 4 and 6 along Highway 4 (Pueblo Place Housing Subdivision to Bear Head Canyon Road.) This project will facilitate safe pedestrian passage between many of the community services and residences located along the highway.

NM 4 Bypass

The NMDOT has programmed \$3 million to complete the planning and design for the NM 4 Bypass project. The Pueblo will work closely with the NMDOT to complete this very important project. After the design is completed, the Pueblo will apply for construction funding.

NM 4 Traffic-Calming Project

The NMDOT awarded a \$21 thousand grant and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded a \$45 thousand grant to the Pueblo to mitigate speeding along NM 4 by installing traffic-calming measures. The traffic-calming measures will include gateway treatment signs at each entrance of the Pueblo on NM 4 (milepost 2 and 8), and the replacement of two existing 30 mph signs with solar-powered speed display/radar feedback signs on NM 4 (mileposts 4 and 6.)

Tribal Administrative Complex Parking Lots/ Sheep Springs Way (South Entrance off NM 4)

The project will design and construct improvements for the existing Tribal Administrative Complex parking lots and Sheep Springs Way. The preliminary engineering tasks will be completed by early 2020.

Walatowa Fitness Center Parking Lot/ Bear Head Canyon Road

The project will design and construct a new parking lot at the Walatowa Fitness Center and will improve the entrance of Bear Head Canyon Road to the Fitness Center. The preliminary engineering tasks were completed. The Department will actively seek and apply for grant funding for project construction.

Owl Springs Way Bridge Replacement Design

The project will complete the design plans for a new

bridge over the Jemez River. The new bridge will have two driving lanes and include a pedestrian walkway. Preliminary engineering tasks will be completed by summer 2020. After the design is completed, the POJ will seek additional funding to construct the replacement bridge.

Pedestrian Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan

With extensive input from the community, a pedestrian trails and bikeways facility plan will be developed for the Pueblo. The Pueblo will utilize the plan to seek grant awards for the design and construction of new pedestrian pathways and to make improvements to existing trails. ***Please join a community meeting to discuss the plan on Thursday, April 30, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Walatowa Youth Center. Food, beverages and raffle prizes will be provided!***

NOTICE: Permanent Road Closure

Per the directive of Tribal Leadership, Blue Bird Mesa road will be permanently closed to vehicular traffic and will remain open for pedestrians only. If you have questions about the road closure, please contact the Planning, Development, and Transportation office at (575) 834-0096.

Road Maintenance

The road maintenance team works daily to improve roadway and parking lot conditions throughout the Pueblo. The crew completed the Pueblo-wide assessment of needed road repairs. They are developing cost estimates and prioritizing projects including repair or replacement of cattle guards, culverts, signs, safety markers, pavement, speed humps, washboard and potholed areas, and other structures. The top priority projects are those that will improve traffic safety and bus routes. For questions regarding road maintenance, please contact Vincent Toya, Heavy Equipment Supervisor, at (505) 505-5336.

Construction Tip – Call Before You Dig

Please call 811 or (800) 321-2537 at least two working days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a contractor, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. The 811 representative will record the location and other information about your project and notify the appropriate utility companies to mark all buried lines so you can dig safely around them. For more information go to <http://call811.com/map-page/new-mexico>.

FREE Vehicle Removal!

Do you have an unauthorized, abandon or unwanted vehicle on your property that is causing a nuisance that you want permanently removed? ATLAS Towing & Recovery will take all vehicles that are damaged, wrecked, totaled, salvaged, scrapped, running or not, FREE of charge. Call ATLAS for more information and/or schedule a pick-up at (505) 445-9104.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Submitted by Titus Fragua



Before becoming adults, one in three teens in the US will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse by a person with whom they are in a relationship. Having boyfriends or girlfriends is part of the teen years experience, but not all of these relationships are healthy.

Teens are heavily influenced by what they experience in their relationships. Healthy relationships can have a positive effect on a teen's emotional development and reduce the risk of experiencing relationship violence into adulthood.

The Jemez Social Services Program staff has given presentations about this important issue to students at Riverside Middle School and Project HOPE. They discussed what teen dating violence is and its dangers. They also talked about the various types of violent behaviors and how violence can be a learned behavior. They also presented the different signs to watch for in an abusive relationship and how to reach out for help by reporting the abuse. They explained that teen dating

violence is not just a physical form of abuse but also can be mental, verbal, emotional, sexual and digital. A video showed what teen dating violence can look like.

Know the Warning Signs

There are several early warning signs that a dating relationship may turn violent. These warning signs do not mean the relationship will definitely become violent. However, if you notice several of them in a relationship (or in your teenage child's relationship,) you may need to reconsider your relationship choice:

- ▲ Excessive jealousy.
- ▲ Constant checking in with you.
- ▲ Attempts to isolate you from friends and family.
- ▲ Insulting or putting down people who you care about.
- ▲ Is too serious about the relationship too quickly.
- ▲ Has had prior bad relationships.

If you or someone you care about is questioning the safety of a relationship, take action. Talk to a friend, school counselor or trusted adult. You can avoid becoming a victim of dating violence.

Women' Support Group

Thursday, March 5 and 19 at the Social Services conference room from 6 to 8 p.m. Meetings are open for community members and are held every other Thursday. For more information, call Carol Vigil at (575) 834-7117

Community Intervention Response Team (CIRT) Volunteers Needed

If you are interested, please contact Carol Vigil at (575) 834-7117 for more information. Male CIRT volunteers are needed too!

Get Help! Take Action!

If you or someone you care about is in danger, please contact the Social Services Program at (575) 834-7117.

In an emergency, always call 911.

All calls are strictly confidential!

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Diagnosing Kidney Disease in Diabetics

Submitted by Dawn Dozhier, Physician Assistant

March is National Kidney Month. Diabetic patients with early kidney disease often have no symptoms. Patients should get tested every year for early signs of kidney disease. The test is called a urine microalbumin.

Signs that diabetics may be developing chronic kidney disease include:

- protein in the urine.
- high blood pressure.
- leg swelling or cramps.
- increased need to urinate (especially at night.)
- abnormal blood tests (glomerular filtration rate or GFR.)
- less need for insulin or anti-diabetic pills.
- nausea and vomiting.
- weakness, pallor and anemia.
- itching.

- diabetic eye disease.

Treatment for diabetic kidney disease includes controlling blood pressure and blood-sugar levels, reducing dietary protein intake, avoiding medications that may damage the kidneys, treating urinary-tract infections, and exercise and weight loss (under the supervision of a physician).

Avoid taking ibuprofen as much as possible, and avoid getting dehydrated, which can harm your kidneys. Unless advised by your healthcare provider to restrict your fluids, drink 60 ounces of water daily.

Follow up with your health care provider for your diabetes every three months. Make an appointment at the Jemez Health Clinic and get tested for signs of kidney disease; call (575) 834-3022.

Source: www.kidney.org



WALATOWA VETERANS ASSOCIATION

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

“Healing the Returning Warrior”

Veterans' Wellness Conference

Thursday, March 12 and Friday March 13

Community Resource Center

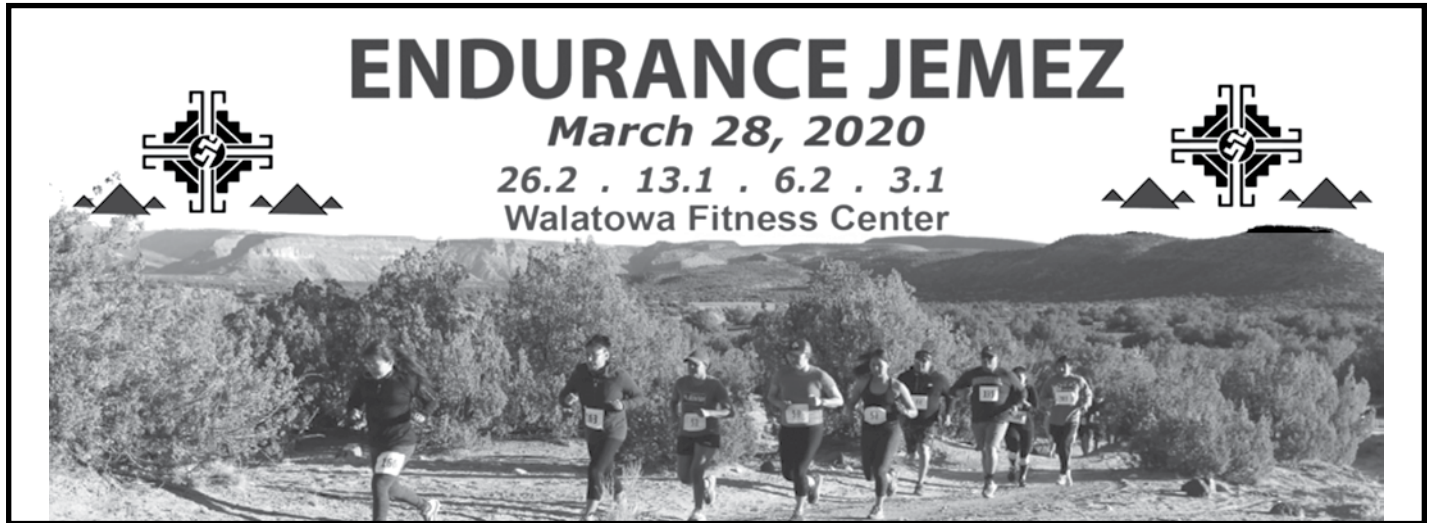
Submitted by Lena Gachupin, Program Manager

The National Native American Indian and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) based in Iowa City, IA, in partnership with the Pueblo of Walatowa Veterans Association and the Jemez Behavioral Health Program, will host a Veterans Wellness Conference on March 12 and 13 at the Community Resource Center. The event will honor veterans from our community and neighboring tribes. The presenters are Sean Bear, Co-director of ATTC from the Meskwaki Tribe in Iowa, and Ray Daw, contractor, and on the advisory council for ATTC from the Dine Tribe. Both are veterans with much to share. “Healing the Returning Warrior’s” discussion modules include:

- ★ **Historical overview of Natives in the military.**
- ★ **Trauma, Historical Trauma, and PTSD:**
- ★ **Assessment and Treatment**
- ★ **Traditional Beliefs and Healing Practices**
- ★ **Healing the Healer**

If you are interested in attending the conference or if you have questions, please contact the Behavioral Health Program at (575) 834-7258.

PUBLIC HEALTH



ENDURANCE JEMEZ 2020

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

WALATOWA FITNESS CENTER

Submitted by FiTT (Fitness Innovative Training Team)

Join Endurance Jemez 2020! Jemez Public Health Programs proudly to host the 4th annual Endurance Jemez Marathon, Half-Marathon, 10K and 5K! Start training today for trail running with great views and tons of fun. Register today using the QR code below or stop by the Public Health Programs office at the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or you send an e-mail to fitt@jemezueblo.us to request a registration form.

To access the registration form with your iPhone camera, hover over the QR code, and choose the "Open in Safari" option when it appears at the top of your screen. You will be directed to our spark page where you will find the registration form.



Due to the popularity of this event, registration will be limited!

26.2 miles	75 participants
13.1 miles	250 participants
6.2 miles	250 participants
3.1 miles	225 participants

At press time, 670 running participants are registered for this year's event; 45% are Jemez tribal members.

Saturday FiTT Training!

Join the FiTT team every Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Walatowa Fitness Center for endurance training and get a first-hand experience at the Endurance Jemez 2020 courses. All fitness levels are welcome!

If you have any questions about Endurance Jemez, contact FiTT at (575) 834-7207 or e-mail to fitt@jemezueblo.us.

ENDURANCE HEALTH FAIR

The Jemez Public Health Program and the Health Observance Team will present the Endurance Jemez Health Fair. The goal is to sustain the running culture of the Jemez people while educating the community about how tribal programs are working to improve their health and well-being. This health fair will be in conjunction with the Endurance Jemez running event and is open to all!

Saturday, March 28

8 a.m. – 12 noon.

Walatowa Fitness Center

SENIOR CENTER

SENIORS CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

Submitted by Monica Toya

On Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, the Senior Citizens Program took a group of elders to a Valentine's Day luncheon at The Feast Buffet. It was a grand time with laughter filling the air in a private room set up for our elders to enjoy. We were very fortunate to be joined by Governor Toledo, 1st Lt. Governor Galvan and 2nd Lt. Governor Yepa.

The luncheon began with a traditional prayer and an address by the Governor, where he expressed his appreciation for our elders and their ongoing valuable contributions to our community, including their role as carriers of culture, tradition and language, and the importance of continuing those teachings. It is because of the elders that we know what we do today to enable the younger generations to sustain our community as an indigenous people. He also emphasized the importance of treating one another as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, with respect and always with a positive attitude. First Lt. Galvan and Second Lt. Yepa shared the same sentiments. First Lt. also touched on the importance of having fun while spending quality time together and the importance of participating in the upcoming census count. Second Lt. emphasized

the need for elders to educate their families about their family lineage to continue familial relationships and strengthen family ties. With that, they encouraged participation in meals at the Senior Center and other physical fitness and social support events sponsored by the Senior Citizens Program.

These types of outings encourage socialization and prevent the isolation of individual elders, which in turn increases their social and emotional health. The elders are happy and very appreciative when tribal leaders are able to join in our festivities.

The Center welcomes elders age 55 and over to join the Senior Center for meals. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. with breakfast served on Friday mornings, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. This is where individuals learn about and sign up for program sponsored events and activities. For more information please call (575) 834-9168 or stop by the center at 129A Canal Street.

Thank you elders for your participation, leadership for your continuous support, and staff and Ms. Kateri Shendo in making this a memorable event for our elders.



The Language of Secret Proof: Indigenous Truth and Representation

(Left to right) Joline Cruz Madalena, Bernard Madalena, Joseph Waquie, Casique Arlan Sando, Nina Koloratnik, Chris Toya, Pecos Governor Elston Yepa, Lupe Pecos and Maureen Wacondo at the presentation "The Language of Secret Proof, Indigenous Truth and Representation."



Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

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Early Childhood Program Visits the Pueblo of Jemez Police Department

Submitted by Chief of Police Emil A. Radosevich

The Early Childhood Program made a visit to the Pueblo of Jemez Police Department offices on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020. The Early Childhood Program's February theme was *Working and Playing Together*.

Four classrooms visited the Police Department for about 30 minutes each. Chief of Police Emil A. Radosevich gave a short presentation to the children on the Police Department's role in our community and how officers work together to help our community members.

"We want the children to feel that police officers are here to help our community and to not be afraid," the Chief said.

Children and teachers toured the offices of Lt. Clinton Weatherspoon, Criminal Investigator Michael Pelligrini, and Administrative Assistant Verlynn Madalena. Then they weathered the cold to go outside to see some specialized police equipment, including ATVs, UTVs and several specialized police patrol units including the Mobile Command RV.

When they completed their tour, each child received a surprise gift bag, *A Visit to The Police Station* educational coloring and activity book, and a Pueblo of Jemez Junior Police badge.

"Thanks to all the Early Childhood teachers, bus drivers and staff for arranging to bring the children to our Police Department," Chief Radosevich adds. "It was a wonderful day."



Join Your Police Officers for Coffee and Conversation!

Tuesday March 10

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

CRC Building

The Pueblo of Jemez Police Department is hosting Coffee With a Cop. Residents are encouraged to come together in an informal, neutral setting to build relationships, or simply say hello, and share coffee.

Providing coffee is a small token of appreciation and to say thank you for the continued support over the past years.

EDUCATION

Celebrating Governors' Day At WHSLIP

Submitted by Danielle Sando

The Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program (WHSLIP) celebrated Governor's Day on Tuesday, Feb. 18, with the Pueblo of Jemez Governors, Tribal Officials and Caciques who joined the children in a day of learning and celebration. The staff and children welcomed our special guests with introductions and dance performances. They experienced the classroom routines, interacted with children and staff, shared their stories, and ate blue corn tortillas for lunch.

Corn Maiden Room

(Teachers: Jacqueline Magdalena and Bertha Gachupin)

Children and teachers were joined by Governor David Toledo, and Caciques Adam Waquie and Steven Gachupin. They greeted the children and introduced themselves in the Jemez language, sharing their Indian names and clans, and discussed their roles in the community.

Mr. Waquie gave a brief lesson on various birds, discussing their differences and names, and shared a story of the birds pictured on the kiva walls. It was a valuable lesson and a story that was enjoyed by both teachers and children. He also invited the children to visit the Cacique's summer and winter solstices.

Governor Toledo introduced himself and explained his title, roles and duties. He expressed the importance of using our Jemez language, emphasizing that one day the children will be community leaders and will need to be fluent in the language. He praised the educators for their roles and duties in the classroom and for teaching the children our language and culture. He encouraged the educators to continue with their teaching of values and strategies and thanked them for being part of the children's early childhood education.



EDUCATION

Head Start Celebrates Governors' Day, *Continued*

Adobe Room

(Teachers: Gloria Tsosie and Albertilla Yepa-Toya)

Children and teachers were joined by 2nd Lt. Governor Elston Yepa, and Caciques Arlan Sando and Tony Romero. They also greeted children in the Jemez language, introduced themselves using their Indian names, and discussed their roles in the community.

Children proudly performed their morning daily routines for their guests to observe and join. The educators explained the classroom's morning routines which include morning praying, breakfast, circle time (calendar) and events for the day.



Hemish Room

(Teachers: Shirley Chinana and Pauline Tafoya-Armijo)

Children and staff in the Hemish Room were joined by 1st Lt. Governor John Galvan, Cacique Estevan Sando and Governors' Aide Darryl Magdalena.

Children welcomed their guests and performed their daily morning routines which included circle time activities such as roll call, calendar, colors, alphabets and singing songs in the Jemez language. Our guests also joined the children in a color and cutting activity. The educators were praised by 1st Lt. Governor Galvan for inviting and welcoming them into our program and for a great job in educating our Jemez children.

A big thank you to all of our special guests who participated in our "Governor's Day" event! It was a fun-filled day with memorable experiences and valuable interactions that will be cherished by everyone.



Kiva Room

(Teachers: Andrea Chinana and Joslin Sandia)

The Kiva Room students and teachers were joined by Lt. Fisdale Cornell Magdalena, and Caciques Antonio Blueeyes and Cyrus Lucero. The guests greeted the children, introduced themselves in the Jemez language using their Indian names, and discussed their roles in the community.

Children performed their morning daily routines for their guests to observe and join, welcoming them with singing a flag song in Jemez. As part of their daily routine, the children discussed the calendar, counted days, and named the days of the week, month and season in the Jemez language. All of the special guests who joined the children were all amazed as to how and what the children are learning and accomplishing. The educators were praised for their hard work, roles and duties in the classroom.



EDUCATION

Tribal Leaders Visit Our Students

Tribal Leaders Governor Toledo, 1st Lt. Governor Galvan, 2nd Lt. Governor Yepa, Fiscale Michael Sandia, Lt. Fiscale Cornell Madalena and Governors' Aide Darryl Madalena visited San Diego Riverside School, Jemez Day School and Santa Fe Indian Schools. Swamped with busy schedules throughout the year, they plan to visit Walatowa High and Jemez Valley High Schools this month. The Governors stressed the importance of education to individuals and students. Students introduced themselves by their Towa names and the clans they represent.

The Governors sent a clear message on topics important to students. Respect was on the top of the list as well as college, athletics, bullying, listening, Internet safety, cell phone safety, parents, family, respect to self and respect to elders in the community. Governors encouraged the students to continue on with their education. "The sky is the limit!" they said.

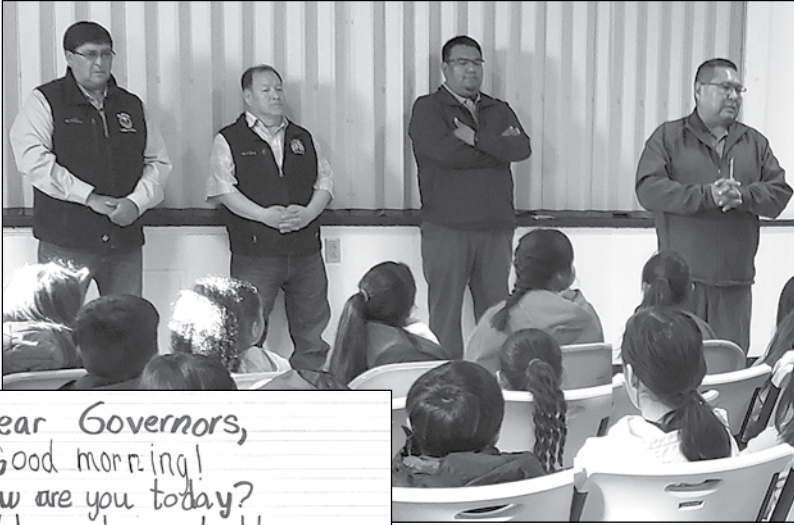
Jemez Day School

Governor Toledo, 1st Lt. Governor Galvan, Pecos Governor Yepa, Lt. Fiscale Cornell Madalena, and Governors' Aide Darryl Madalena visited with Jemez Day School students.



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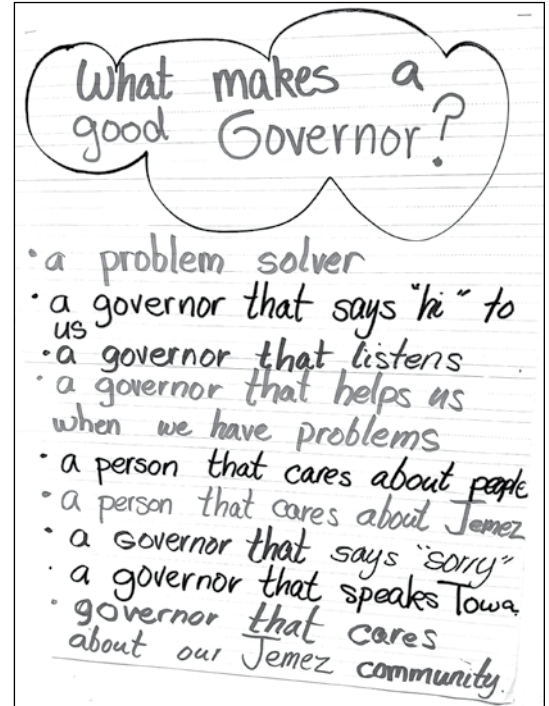
San Diego Riverside Charter School



Dear Governors,
 Good morning!
 How are you today?
 Welcome to our school!
 We are glad you are here!
 We hope you enjoy your visit!
 Thank you for caring about us!

Love, /
 DeAndre Toya, Arianna Fragua, Zion
 Aniyah, Mila Chinana, Maya,
 Mason Fragua, Ava Toya, Evelyn

San Diego Riverside Charter School students welcomed Governor Toledo, 1st Lt. Governor Galvan, Pecos Governor Yepa, Lt. FISCAL Cornell Madalena, and Governors' Aide Darryl Madalena with thoughtful comments about leadership.



Santa Fe Indian School

Governor Toledo, 1st Lt. Galvan, Pecos Governor Yepa, FISCAL Michael Sandia and Lt. FISCAL Cornell Madalena met with students at Santa Fe Indian School.



EDUCATION**GIRLS IN ROBOTICS LEADERSHIP*****For Girls Fourth to Eighth Grades*****Friday, March 20****1 – 5 p.m****Community Resource Center**

The Jemez Pueblo Community Library staff will host the upcoming workshop, "Introduction to Robotics" presented by the Girl Scouts of America New Mexico Trails, University of New Mexico Society of Women Engineers and the New Mexico State Library. The event is funded by Power New Mexico (PNM) Resources Foundation.

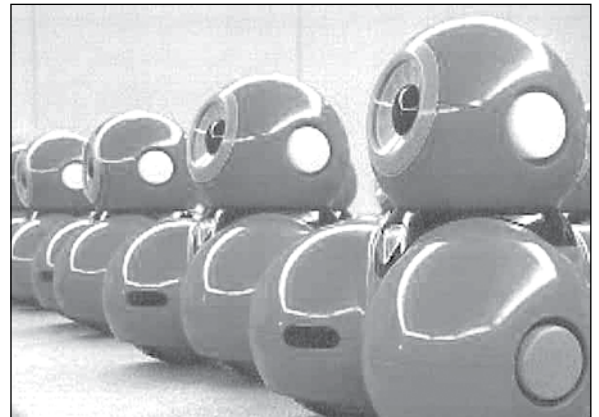
Girls are invited to explore the basics of technology, electronics and robotics. Learn about what's inside robots and how they use input and output, then learn commands to control Dash the Wonderbot and teach her to dance! Visit with women engineers who study and work in technology during a presentation from the UNM Society of Women Engineers.

This event is free but you must register by March 10, 2020. Go to:

- ♦ JemezPuebloRobotics.Eventbrite.com.
- ♦ Click on Eventbrite
- ♦ Next to the photo on the right hand side you will see a white box asking three questions:
- ♦ Use following answers: March 19, Jemez Pueblo, and Anything
- ♦ Then hit arrow key in orange circle
- ♦ Click on the event "PNM - Girls In Robotics Leadership (Jemez)"

Please provide all information requested.

For more information contact customercare@nmgirlscouts.org, call (505) 343-1040 or the Jemez Pueblo Community Library at (575) 834-9171.

**JACA**Jemez Arts and Crafts Association**30th ANNUAL JEMEZ RED ROCKS****ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR****Memorial Day Weekend May 23-25****10 a.m. to 5 p.m.****Presented by the Jemez Arts and Crafts Association****Authentic Native American Arts & Crafts Food Booths, Traditional Dances**

This time-honored tradition brings hundreds of people to the Jemez Pueblo Red Rocks to celebrate and honor the brave few who have died while serving in the US military with authentic Native American art, food and dance. Native artisans from many nations will display their amazing work, which will be available for purchase during this three-day event. There will also be authentic Native foods sold at nearby roadside booths. Local dance groups and performers will entertain visitors. The Jemez Arts and Crafts Association aims to help local Jemez artists, as well as artists from other indigenous communities. They provide venues and events like the annual Jemez Red Rocks Arts and Crafts Show to sell artwork so the artists can provide for themselves and their families.

For more information, go to www.jemezartsandcrafts.com email us at jaca@jemezpueblo.com or call Marlon Magdalena at (505) 934-5601 or Laura Fragua-Cota at (505) 249-3577. They are also on Facebook at facebook.com/jemezartsandcrafts.

COMMUNITY NEWS



FOREST SERVICE NEWS

SFNF's Jemez District Office Moves During New Building Construction

Construction on the Santa Fe National Forest's (SFNF's) new Jemez District Office is scheduled to start between March 1 and April 1, 2020, depending on weather. While new facilities are under construction, the Jemez Ranger District will share space at the Administrative Office of the Valles Caldera National Preserve (VCNP), located at 90 Villa Louis Martin, about a half-mile south of the current ranger station in Jemez Springs. The office phone number – (575) 829-3535 – will remain the same.

Long recognized as obsolete and dysfunctional, the office compound at 051 Woodsy Lane was developed in the 1960s on the north side of Jemez Springs. Issues with the site include the age of the buildings, energy inefficiency, a faulty foundation, deferred maintenance and missing amenities, including no wheelchair access or public restrooms.

The approved plans for the property, which is owned by the Forest Service, include demolition of the old infrastructure and construction of a new two-story office building, a building to house the district's fire program, and a warehouse for storage. The project is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete.

For more information, go to www.fs.usda.gov/santafe/ or join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

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For more information, visit the Jemez Valley Credit Union in San Ysidro or Jemez Springs or call (575) 829-3366.

JEMEZ SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Yoga. Thursdays at 9 a.m., suggested donation \$5 to Friends of the Library

Children's Programs. Thursdays, 11 a.m., Children up to age 5 and their adults. Alternating between Story Time (first and third Thursdays), and an unstaffed Play Group.

Caregiver Support Group, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Third Tuesday of each month. Join other caregivers for support. Facilitators will provide useful information and resources.

Dungeons & Dragons. Saturdays, 1:30 p.m.

Compass. Tuesday, March 10, 3 – 5 p.m., By appointment. Get help connecting to new resources or solving problems with local and national services for issues such as senior services, legal services, caregiver resources, VA and health resources. Call, e-mail or visit the library to make an appointment. Second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Senior Fraud, Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 p.m. Did you know that 13% of older Americans become victims of financial fraud every year, losing more than \$3 billion annually? Join Jef Bold from the Jemez Valley Credit Union and Nancy Meyer, Aging-In-Place Steering Committee and seniors real estate specialist, for this presentation on how to avoid becoming a victim of targeted senior fraud.

Field Trip Book Club. Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. At Los Ojos Restaurant and Saloon. Theme: *Finish that book!* You know that book you started and set aside to read later until "later." Finish that book and bring it to share. Fiction, nonfiction and audiobooks.

Android User Group. Thursday March 19, 5:30 p.m. Share questions and answers about using Android devices.

Family Movie Night. Friday, March 20, 6 p.m. New comedy about firefighters enlisted as babysitters. Free popcorn, 50 cent sodas. Bring your own chair or pillow if you'd like.

Words of a Bear, Wednesday March 25, 4 p.m. Film examines the enigmatic life and mind of Pulitzer Prize winning author Navarro Scott Momaday.

Virtual Reality Gaming for Tweens & Teens & 20-Somethings. Friday, March 27, 3-5 p.m. Try Beat Saber and watch the screen cast of each player.

Zen Clean for Peace of Mind. Saturday March 28, 10 a.m.-Noon. Debi Peterson, alias "Debi Does Dirt" now "Yogini Come Cleanie," is a seasoned house cleaner. Use state of the art cleaning solutions, techniques and tools and never spring clean again! Class suggested price: \$15. Separate package of tools is available for \$22 or order you own online. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library and the Presbyterian Church.

All expenses for library events are funded by the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library. Many event presenters are volunteers. Thank you for your support!



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