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## FROM THE GOVERNORS

### Congratulations Graduates!

May is the month for graduations and we want to extend our congratulations to our youth who have reached this milestone," the Governors say. "Further your education, follow your dreams, and do the work to make your dreams come true. We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents, grandparents for their hard work and support for their children. We send blessings to you all."

**"Please be sure to celebrate your successes safely,"** the Governors added. "We have seen too many joyous parties end in tragedies."

Please see the local graduation schedule on page 18.

### Thank you!

The Governors extend a heartfelt gratitude to the community for the excellent participation in the Easter Dances. "It was very good to see hundreds of dances, from little ones to great grandparents, dancing to keep our traditions strong."

### Flooding

With the abundant snow and rainfall this season, we are also seeing exceptionally high water through Jemez Creek. Please pay attention and avoid flooded roads and fields until the waters recede. The Planning and Transportation and Natural Resources Departments are exploring plans for future work to avoid flooding in the future.

**Caution!** Please make sure your children stay away from the river and arroyos! These areas are unstable due to high water, and the water flow could easily overwhelm anyone who falls in.

### Trash!

Tribal members are requested to share the responsibility to keep our irrigation ditches clear of trash, weeds and debris. Staff from tribal programs are doing joining the effort with the bi-monthly Adopt-a-Road Program, but this must be a community effort. The photo at right is an example of trash collected from irrigation ditches recently. Please do your part to protect our waters!



### Livestock

Wandering cows and horses remain a problem in the community. Now that planting season is here, you **must** confine your animals. Loose animals will be rounded up and owners must pay fees for their return. Any unclaimed animals will be sold.

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## 2019 Tribal Governors

Governor  
Governor David M. Toledo

1st. Lt. Governor  
John Galvan

2nd. Lt. Governor  
Elston Yepa

### Tribal Council

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David R. Yepa

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# From the Governors, *Continued*

## Listening to Our Elders

The Governors are sitting down with the elders at the Senior Center on a regular basis to make time for them to voice their issues and concerns.

"Although they are our elders, they are also our children," Gov. Toledo says. "We want to know what their needs are and how we can help."

## JHHS Renovation Launched

At a formal meeting in April, the renovation project for Jemez Health & Human Services was formally launched. Four companies will be involved in the project that is expected to continue for 18 months to two years.

The companies are encouraged to hire workers from the community. If you have construction-related skills and are interested in a position, please contact the tribal office for more information about open positions and how to apply.

## Health Board Retreat

The Governors attended the annual JHHS Health Board retreat at the Tamaya Hotel. The two-day meeting focused on the general direction of the department as well as business and financial matters as JHHS continues to serve the health care needs of our community.

## Self-Governance

First Lt. Governor John Galvan attended the quarterly consultation on Tribal Self-Governance with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service in Washington, DC. Top level officials met with tribal officials to discuss tribal needs and budgets.

"It's important to represent Southwest tribes at these meetings," Gov. Galvan says. "Our needs and situations are different here than in other parts of the country."

The meeting also was a chance to share and build networking relationships to give tribes a stronger voice in the federal government.



Governor David M. Toledo (third from left, first row) joined other tribal leaders to discuss significant issues with top officials from the US Department of Human Services at meetings in Washington, DC.

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## NATIVE HUMOR

*An Eskimo brings his friend to his home for a visit. When they arrive, his friend asks, puzzled, "So where's your igloo?"*

*The Eskimo replies "Oh no, I must've left the iron on..."*

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

# Tribal Council Report

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

**April 16, 2019**

**TC-12.** Approved a limited waiver of tribal sovereign immunity to enforce the design-build contract with CF Padilla-Brycon joint venture for the modernization and expansion of the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center.

**TC-13.** Authorized the Pueblo of Jemez Health and Human Services Department (JHHS) to contract with iina ba, Inc. for project management of the approved design-build renovation of the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center. JHHS administration requires a project management construction administrator to act as the Pueblo's central point of contact in managing and coordinating the project from start to finish, including reviewing all specifications during schematic design; identifying materials, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; collaborating with architects, engineers, and other construction specialists; monitoring subcontractors and reporting on their activities; monitoring compliance with legal requirements, building and safety codes, and other regulations; reviewing and approving design invoices and construction pay applications; ensuring that all phases of the construction are reviewed, inspected and completed; facilitating construction progress meetings between POJ and the contractor; and ensuring the proposed design and construction meet the needs of the Jemez Comprehensive Health Center.

**TC-14.** Supported the "Family Listening Program Culture, Centered Dissemination Project" Grant application to the National Institutes of Health. The Jemez Department of Education has sought additional funds and resources to advance locally based and defined research (such as PhotoVoice, Family Circle Project, etc.) which prioritizes the integration of Jemez language and culture into our unique community-based education systems and tribal programs

and provides support and professional development to our educators to ensure a viable, community-driven language program that is appropriate and consistent with protecting the culture, tradition and language of the Pueblo of Jemez. The Department of Education has collaborated with the University of New Mexico Center for Participatory Research (UNM-CPR) and JHHS to fully implement and evaluate the effectiveness of the Family Listening/Circle Program (FCP) to improve child well-being, reduce substance abuse, and strengthen cultural connectedness and language for children and their families. The University of New Mexico College of Education (UNM-COE) wants to submit a new National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant with the Pueblo of Jemez to fund a project referred to as the "Family Listening Program Culture-Centered Dissemination Project" to continue to implement FCP and test an effective co-dissemination and implementation strategy for other tribes locally and nationally.

Tribal Council supports the grant application with the University of New Mexico College of Education to create and test an effective co-dissemination plan for this project. The Department of Education will work collaboratively with JHHS, UNM-COE and the UNM Center for Participatory Research to plan for sustainability of the Hemish of Walatowa Family Circle Program, and to strengthen a prevention/intervention continuum for our children.

**TC-15.** Approved the 2020 Indian Highway Safety Grant application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Highway Safety Program.

**TC-16.** Adopted Title XVII, Pueblo of Jemez Residential Leasing Code. The Governor is authorized to submit the Code to the Office of the Assistant Secretary- Indian Affairs for approval in accordance with the procedures in the HEARTH Act. The Code will become effective upon approval by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs or his designee. The complete document is available at the tribal office.

**TC-17, TC-18.** Accepted the conditions for two tribal members' participation in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 184 Loan Program.

## NEW HOURS FOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Please make a note: The Finance Department will no longer be open during the lunch hour. Finance Department Please spread the word to family and friends.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



## NATURAL RESOURCES

# Tribal Environmental Summit

*Submitted by Tammy Belone, NRD*

Staff from the Natural Resources and Public Works Departments attended the 22nd Annual Tribal Environmental Summit. The attendees included Tammy Belone, Paul Clarke, Warren Casiquito and Todd Loretto. At the opening



Left to right: Henry Darwin, EPA Acting Deputy Administrator; John Galvan, First Lt. Governor; Todd Loretto, Warren Casiquito; Michael T. Sandoval, Pueblo of San Felipe; David Gray, Acting EPA Region 6 Administrator at the Tribal Environmental Summit.

ceremonies, the Pueblo of Jemez was recognized for their work with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) efforts to sample drinking water at schools to determine any levels of lead due to lead pipes. The Public Works Department assisted the EPA when they visited to collect the water samples.

The EPA Region 6 Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Caucus meeting included tribes and pueblos from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas. The topics of discussion were solid waste issues, decrease in funding, the Waters of the US rule, and updates from subcommittees.

The following RTOC meeting included officials from EPA headquarters, American Indian Environment Office, Region 6 EPA officials and project officers, and representatives from tribes and pueblos. Tribes'/pueblos' environmental concerns and issues, reports from the EPA Divisions, and updates from subcommittees were presented.

The next two days, Jemez staff attended plenary sessions which focused on drinking water, surface water, solid waste and recycling, general assistance grant, underground storage tanks, pesticides and public outreach/tribal projects.

## PUBLIC WORKS

# New Agricultural Relief Well

## Well #1 to be Converted to Water Filling Station and Irrigation Drought Relief

The Public Works Department, with support from First Nations Development Institute, will convert unused Well #1 (Owl Springs Way, by bridge) and convert it to a water filling station and an agricultural relief well to support the Pecos Ditch. NRD was awarded the grant from First Nations and will begin the process of converting the well in May. Well #1 was originally used for domestic consumption for over 50 years. However, in accordance with EPA regulations, the well was taken off-line in 2015 after it was discovered that it was influenced by surface waters off the Jemez River.

The main goals of this project are to convert the unused domestic well to an agricultural relief well for delivering water

to Jemez farmers via the Pecos irrigation canal and to add a water filling station for farmers to access water for small gardens and livestock. This alternative source of water will be beneficial to farmers and will help reduce demand on the domestic water system.



Example of filling station to be constructed.



## HOUSING

# Homeownership Classes With Native Community Finance

Submitted by Karleen Gachupin

The Pueblo of Jemez Housing Department, Native Community Finance and Joetta Cajero from 24K Real Estate Group held an eight-week course to get participants ready for home ownership. The sessions were held at the CRC Building every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The classes' eight modules included Exploring Homeownership, Budgeting for Homeownership, Evaluating Credit, Applying for a Home Loan and other subjects related to meeting goals for home ownership. Many questions answered and there were worksheets and exercises to help budget finances.

One part of the class that helped participants the most was the pulling of their credit scores. They were able to see what needed to be worked on and what their scores determined regarding the kind of home they are able to afford. At the end of the course, most could see how important it was to keep track of their finances and their credit scores.

Participants saw a slide show of homes in different locations with an explanation of the types of homes at various costs. They explored selecting a contractor, the infrastructure, construction (frame, modular, adobe, etc.), the type of flooring, paint, appliances and so on. The process and steps of obtaining land documents from Realty was also briefly explained.

The final part of the class included a weekend field trip, courtesy of Joetta Cajero, to various homes located in Albuquerque and the Rio Rancho area. Participants could see the construction, cost and type of home they might consider when building on their own land.

Participants received certificates for completing the course.

## Participant Comments

*"Good classes, shows or teaches us how important our credit reports are. Would like to continue with help in the direction of getting my home. More financial budget focus for community."*

*"Excellent classes, informational. Enjoyed coming to the classes, hope to see more classes come about in the future. Thank you! Kudos to NCF (Native Community Finance), Housing staff and Joetta. Eye opener!"*

*"These classes have been very informative. These classes are very beneficial for someone who is a beginner in homeownership. Thank you for offering these classes because it is helpful not only to me but others that are striving for a home for their families. Most importantly, learning to budget is definitely the key to success."*

*"A lot of good housing information, a better understanding of get-*

*ting financially ready to buy a home. A lot of good handouts, materials to read and study. Thank you for your time."*

The Housing department would like to provide another eight-week course to interested individuals. If you are interested, you may sign up with Karleen Gachupin or Charmaine Chinana by calling the office at (575) 834-0504 or by e-mail to [karleen.k.gachupin@jemezhousing.org](mailto:karleen.k.gachupin@jemezhousing.org) or [Char.Chinana@jemezhousing.org](mailto:Char.Chinana@jemezhousing.org). Up to 12 families may be able to sign up; participation will be a first-come, first-served basis.



We are grateful that these individuals took steps toward their future homeownership goals.

## Pueblo of Jemez Job Opportunities

Apply online at [www.jemezpueblo.org](http://www.jemezpueblo.org).

For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (575) 834-7359.

### Health and Human Services

Nurse Manager  
Staff Dentist  
Medical Director  
Registered Nurse, Case Manager  
Medical Assistant  
Van Driver  
Physician  
Youth Center Coordinator

Four companies will be involved in the JHHS renovation project that is expected to continue for 18 months to two years. The companies are encouraged to hire workers from the community. If you have construction-related skills and are interested in a position, please contact the tribal office for more information about open positions and how to apply.

## TRANSPORTATION

# Department of Transportation Project Updates

*Submitted by Sheri Bozic, Director*

The Planning & Development and Transportation Department (PDTD) is working on numerous 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.

### Land-use Planning

#### **Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan Tribal Administration and JHHS Parking Lots/Sheep Springs Way (South Entrance off NM 4)**

The project entails design and construction of the Tribal Administration and JHHS parking lots, and grading, drainage, and pavement improvements on Sheep Springs Way (south entrance off NM 4.) To make room for additional parking, the demolition of the former Housing Department building was completed in January 2019. The next phase will be completion of the preliminary engineering -- environmental, survey, right-of-way, geotechnical, and design. The plans, specifications, and cost estimate will then be submitted for regulatory review. A contractor was selected to provide the preliminary engineering services, which are expected to be completed before the end of 2019.

#### **Fitness Center Parking Lot/Bear Head Canyon Rd.**

The project entails design and construction of a new parking lot at the Fitness Center and grading, drainage, and pavement improvements on Bear Head Canyon Road. The site survey was completed in January 2019. The next phase will be completion of the preliminary engineering - environmental, right-of-way, geotechnical, and design. The plans, specifications, and cost estimate will then be submitted for regulatory review. A contractor was selected to provide the preliminary engineering services, which are expected to be completed before the end of 2019.

#### **Owl Springs Bridge Design**

In 2012, the preliminary engineering for the Owl Springs Bridge Project was completed to 90% under direction of the BIA. The project must be completed to 100% and, due to the age of previous documents, will entail re-survey, update of environmental documents, right-of-way, additional geotechnical, and 100% design. The plans, specifications, and cost estimate will then be submitted for regulatory review. Once design is complete, the DOT will seek additional funding from the FHWA to replace the bridge. The current Sufficiency Rating for the bridge is 21 (of 100). The request for proposal notification for preliminary engineering services was advertised in April 2019.

### **NM 4 Bypass Project**

The Governors, Tribal Councilmen, Tribal Administrator, and Pueblo staff met with Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham to advocate for the allocation of funding to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to complete the preliminary engineering (environmental, right-of-way, geotechnical, and design) for the NM 4 Bypass Project. The PDTD will work with the NMDOT to set aside funding to complete the preliminary engineering for the project.

### **NM 4 Multi-use Pedestrian Trail**

In December 2018, an application was submitted to the NMDOT for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program grant funding to support the planning, design, and construction of a 1.8-mile multi-use pedestrian trail between mile markers 4 and 6 along Highway 4. This project would facilitate safe pedestrian passage between many of the community services and residences located along NM 4. NMDOT anticipates notifying applicants of awards in April/ May 2019.

### **Adopt-a-Road**

On March 20, all Tribal Administration and JHHS staff participated in the Adopt-a-Road clean-up event. Our staff picked up trash and debris along Good Spirits Road. We will continue to plan and support this important effort to keep Jemez Pueblo litter-free and beautiful.



Dennis, Cyrus, and Vince cleaning up litter along Good Spirits Road.



## TRANSPORTATION

## Transportation Project Updates, Continued

### Road Maintenance

The road maintenance crew continues to work diligently to improve Jemez roads throughout the Pueblo. The crew has recently graded the irrigation canal roads in preparation for the release of agricultural water and growing season. The crew is also in the process of conducting a Pueblo-wide assessment of needed road repairs. They are assessing the condition of cattle guards, fencing, culverts, guardrails, signs and safety markers, pavement, speed humps, and other structures. When the assessment is completed, they will prioritize the work, and focus first on projects that impact safety and bus routes. The crew has already completed the installation of bus stop signs at numerous locations where students wait.

The road maintenance crew is currently teaming with other Tribal Departments to clean up the equipment yard and maintenance bay, and recycle/dispose of tires, metal waste and other debris. They are making room for new equipment and clearing out the bay for performing minor maintenance on field trucks and equipment.

### Work Orders

If you want to submit a work order for earthwork, such as grading a driveway or delivery of soil, please stop by the PDTD office to fill out a Work Order Form. Please contact Vince Toya at (575) 834-0096, to coordinate a site visit and determine the estimated cost for your proposed project.

## Welcome Mat



**Aaron Choneska (Mescalero Apache), JD**, is the Jemez Tribal Court Administrator. He holds a law degree from the University of New Mexico. His professional experience includes serving as the Chief Judge for the Mescalero Apache Court, Associate Judge at the Pueblo of Isleta, Housing Authority Judge for the Pueblo of Cochiti and Court Administrator at Sandia.

"I like the business side of the legal system," Judge Choneska explains.

He is especially interested in the *Healing to Wellness* program implemented for juveniles and wants to expand the program for adults.

"This program is an alternative to incarceration," he says. "The focus is on help rather than punishment. It's a team effort with Social Services, Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement to address the factors that contribute to the offenses, such as substance abuse, alcoholism, family and financial problems, and mental health issues. Helping people get the services they need keeps people out of the revolving door of the judicial system."

**Andrea Gopher (Blackfeet/Jemez Pueblo)** graduated from Blackfeet Community College with a Criminal Justice Degree. The Browning, MT plans to further her education this fall to become a paralegal.

"I am enjoying working in a new environment and learning a brand new job. It's very exciting because I have the opportunity to finally utilize my educational background," Andrea says. "I want to learn as much as I possibly can."



**Charmaine Chinana** brings over six years of experience in clerical work to her new position as Administrative Assistant at the Housing Department. She worked as a temporary employee to gain experience in many different settings.

"I am excited and happy to be a part of the Housing Department," she says. "I look forward to contribute to the community."

## JEMEZ HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

# MAY IS WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH

Submitted by Dawn Dozhier, PA-C, Physician Assistant

*"American Indian and Alaska Native women have the lowest incidence of breast cancer and yet, have the lowest breast cancer survival rate of any ethnic group in the United States."*

*(Source: Indian Health Service)*

**Note:** Mammograms are recommended by all authorities starting at age 50, every one to two years and by some organizations starting at age 40, every one to two years. DEXA scans are recommended by the US Preventative Task force starting at age 65 for all women. Recommendations may change if you have breast or ovarian cancer in your family or if you are at higher risk for fractures.

Get screened for **breast cancer** and **osteoporosis** in the MammoVan at the Jemez Health Clinic. The MammoVan visits the Clinic four times a year in January, April, August, and October. Mammograms and DEXA scans are also available by referral at other facilities year round.

Patients can get **mammograms** and **DEXA scans** (testing for bone density) at the MammoVan. Coffee, juice and snacks will be provided. Assured Imaging will mail patients their mammogram and DEXA results, including a \$10 gift card.

Most insurance is accepted, as well as the BCC Grant (for screening mammograms only), provided that funds are available from the BCC Grant program.

Mammograms are one of the best ways of detecting breast cancer in the early stages when treatment is the most effective. Early detection through a mammogram is the best tool we have when it comes to increasing survival rates related to breast cancer.

The MammoVan will next visit on Thursday, August 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Schedule a consultation with your provider at the Jemez Health Clinic, so a referral can be given to Kathleen Sandia, PRC Specialist at JHHS for scheduling. Patients need a referral form from their provider.

Call (575) 834-7413 for an appointment.



*MammoVan*

Thursday, August 22  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

See your provider for a referral.

### JEMEZ HEALTH CLINIC HOURS

Mon. Wed., Fri.: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### TO SPEAK TO A PROVIDER OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS:**

Call 575-834-7413

**AFTER-HOURS MEDICAL ADVICE LINE:**

Call 575-834-3026



## JEMEZ HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

## HONORING EXCEPTIONAL STAFF: EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

## Lt. Commander Dawn Dozhier, PA

Lt. Commander Dawn Dozhier, PA, has been honored as an Employee of the Month by JHHS Interim Director Melissa Stone. She has stayed with her first job at Jemez Health & Human Services since 2006.

Growing up in Jemez Springs, Dawn understands first-hand medical care needs in rural New Mexico. The Jemez Valley High School graduate was always drawn to science and medicine, but being a young mother, ruled out becoming a doctor. One of only 12 students admitted to the Physicians' Assistant Program at the University of New Mexico, Dawn observed "When it's supposed to happen, doors open."

"I love being a PA as well a Public Health Service (PHS) officer," Dawn says. "I love to learn, and practicing medicine is an environment of constant learning. I hope to further my education and pursue a more advanced degree in the future, perhaps looking at improvement of healthcare delivery on systems level."

Dawn has been a commissioned officer in the Public Health Corps for more than four years. "One reason I was attracted to the Corps is that it is dedicated to serve the nation's underserved and vulnerable populations. I hope to have the opportunity to serve on a more national or even global level through deployment opportunities and national public health initiatives."

"One thing I especially love about my job, in addition to seeing our communities' patients and families, is seeing when an individual takes the information we give them in the clinic and puts it into working practice to improve their personal health and wellbeing. This is a special gift that gives all of us such gratification and hope for our whole community and the patient population that we serve."

She advised students to figure out what you love, what you are passionate about. "Do your best, put your heart into your work, and you will get what you need."

Dawn added her gratitude to the "excellent staff" at JHHS. "We couldn't do what we do without their skills and support. They're amazing!"



## Virginia Toya, Community Health Representative

*Submitted by Kristyn Yepa, RN, MPH, Public Health Programs Manager*

Virginia Toya, Community Health Representative (CHR), has spent the last 18 years assisting with the podiatry clinic at Jemez Pueblo. We are now transitioning this service to the medical clinic staff. We want to take this time to acknowledge all of Virginia's years of service to foot care.

"I will miss working with patients and educating them about their foot care needs," Virginia says. "Now I'm looking forward to focusing on colorectal cancer screenings and working on the CHR Family Spirit Curriculum." She will also miss the translating for elders and helping the current podiatrist, Dr. Shapiro, she added.

Virginia Toya was hired as a Community Health Representative in 1999 and two years later started assisting at podiatry clinics with Dr. Steve Wrege, DPM. Since then, Virginia has helped patients and podiatrists with foot care. Over the course of her 18 years, Virginia learned how to handle the clinic, call patients to remind them of their appointments, and be helpful. She learned the importance of foot care to prevent amputations for diabetic patients.

"Thank you Virginia for your 18 years of service assisting with the podiatry clinics!,"

Kristyn Yepa says. "You have been a great asset to the podiatry clinic and you will be missed."

Please join the Public Health Programs for cake to thank Virginia Toya on Tuesday, May 28 at the Senior Center.

To schedule podiatry appointments, please call (575) 834-3022 (clinic scheduling.)



## SOCIAL SERVICES



# Child Abuse Prevention Conference

The JHHS Social Services Program hosted the annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference on Wednesday, April 24 at the Community Resource Center.

### Understanding Technology's Impact on Children

Behavioral Health Program therapist Nechama (Diny) Capland, PsyD, opened the program with a discussion of the impact of technology on children's development. "We are all so comfortable with our tablets and smart phones, but these devices are not the best things for children," she said. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends zero screen time for children under two years old.

"Language develops with facial expressions, relating, listening and connecting. The loving response is essential," Diny explained. "Technology can teach children how to speak, but not how to feel or how to matter. They learn about their power to affect their surroundings by your responses, smiles, laughter, comfort, hugs. And this learning is a roadmap for every relationship through childhood and into adulthood. Technology does not respond."

Gaming teaches kids how to meet an impulsive need and look for immediate rewards. "But gaming does not teach how to socialize, which is an essential skill for everyone," Diny added.

In addition, ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) is reinforced with video games that change many times per second and offer constant rewards. And time spent on games is time when the child is NOT reading, socializing with friends, playing outside, learning to share, connecting with family or

exploring the beautiful world around us. "Boredom is a first step to creative problem-solving," Diny noted. She urged parents to limit screen time, especially at night, prioritize family activities, play together, not separately, teach how to cope with failure and frustration. "Pay attention to what you're teaching your children with your own use of screen time."

Stuart Gachupin addressed the participants in Towa prior to Head Fiscale Larry Pecos' opening invocation. Basil Pina served as master of ceremonies.

### Keynote Speaker

Patricia Martinez (Diegueno, Yaqui member of the Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians in San Diego) is a senior specialist with AT&T Infrastructure Planning and Organization with more than 35 years experience in project management, process improvement and root cause analysis. She is an award winning training manager responsible for territories across the US and Puerto Rico. But her passionate commitment to equality, justice and community fuel her advocacy for the disenfranchised abused and forgotten. She was a featured speaker at the March 2017 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: Human Trafficking in Native Country. She serves on the San Diego Human Trafficking Advisory Council and is committed to bringing awareness to adult and child trafficking, especially in Native communities.

"Children become victims when their personal information is discovered by traffickers, often posing as other children. Although we think of trafficking affecting mostly girl, runaways, throwaways or kidnapped children, in fact any young person can be a target and any 'normal' person could be a trafficker, no matter how they present themselves," Trish warned. "They treat children as commodities that can be bought and sold."

One myth about victims is that they are primarily female. "In fact, between 49 and 60% of victims are male. Boys get a higher price, as do Native children," she reported. "Know where your child is, who she is with, and what they are doing!"

### How Children Are Recruited

Lonely, unhappy, bored or unpopular children can be easy victims. A "new friend," either online or in person, may promise acceptance, understanding, toys and treats, and a feeling of being "special." "Recruiters who look young are sent into schools to find victims," Trish said. "They also prowl malls, sports arenas, movie theaters, camps, ball parks, playgrounds—anywhere kids gather." Other tactics include fraudulent job openings and offers of drugs or alcohol that soon require "payment" to access. And tragically, it's not uncommon

### Did You Know

There are as many as 300,000 new child victims every year.

49-60% of victims are male.

The average age of a child trafficked for sex is five to six years old.

The average lifespan of a trafficked child is seven years.

Every two minutes, a child is sold and raped.



## SOCIAL SERVICES

## Child Abuse Prevention Conference, *Continued*

mon for a family member to sell access to a child to fund their own addictions.

### Leaving Digital Footprints

***“Remember that everything that goes on the Internet, stays on the Internet forever,”*** Trish warned. “Make sure your Facebook other social media posts and are protected. Be vigilant! ***Never*** show where you or your children are in real time. Don’t post your child’s school or team affiliations. Keep cell phones out of bedrooms and bathrooms. Take away the power cord to test your child’s addiction and attachment to the device, and address these issues before it’s too late.”

The evening closed with a suggestion for community members who want to reach out and help child victims. “Providing personal backpacks packed with necessities is a way to show a lost child that someone cares.” Trish suggested including items such as socks, pajamas, underwear, personal hygiene items, a water bottle, snacks, a flashlight, and a blanket or stuffed animal. “Always include a notebook and pen. Victims may be able to write about what they can’t talk about, and it’s an important tool for both healing and to collect evidence,”

Trish concluded. Both Jemez Social Services and Jemez Law Enforcement would welcome these contributions to use when they interact with abuse victims.

For more information about child trafficking, go to:

[www.childrescuecoalition.org](http://www.childrescuecoalition.org)

[www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org)

[www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)

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**The Social Services Program is recruiting for Community Intervention Response Team (CIRT) Volunteers. For more information, you may contact Carol Vigil at (575) 834-7117.**

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## WOMEN’S SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursdays 6 – 8 p.m.**

**Take some time for yourself!**

**Call Carol Vigil for more information at (575) 834-7117.**

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## JEMEZ HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES

## Opioid and Alcohol Addictions Take Their Toll

The NM Department of Health released its latest statistics on the effects of opioid and alcohol use in New Mexico,” reports David Tempest, MD, JHHS Medical Director. “These statistics, which show both good news and bad news, are mirrored in the Pueblo of Jemez.”

Just a few years ago, New Mexico was number one in the country for opioid related deaths. Rates have declined number 17. “That’s good news, although we still have a ways to go,” Dr. Tempest says. “This improvement is related to successful public health efforts to educate the public and the health care community.”

The bad news: New Mexico is number one in alcohol-related deaths. Since 1981, the state’s alcohol-related death rate has ranked first, second or third in the US, with rates consistently nearly twice the national rate for two decades.

“Jemez Pueblo shares this statistic with New Mexico. Alcohol use is our number one preventable cause of lost years of life,” Dr. Tempest says. “Hopefully we will apply the same efforts that reduced the state’s opioid death rate to reduce the illness and mortality related to alcohol use.”

A large proportion of deaths are due to alcohol-related liver disease, as well as vehicle accidents involving drunk or

intoxicated drivers. Other related causes of death include poisonings, falls, homicide and suicide. More negative consequences of alcohol use include domestic violence, crime, poverty, unemployment, injuries, mental illness and a variety of other medical problems.

“Because of the stigma about alcoholism, it has not been fully accepted as a disease,” noted Lupe Bryan, Health Board Chair. “Attitudes remain the same and family treatment has not been fully engaged. There needs to be consistent education on addictions being a family illness.”

JHHS welcomes all ideas to assist us in improving the health of Jemez Pueblo.

### ***Did You Know?***

Methamphetamine death rate in NM more than doubled from 2013-2017.

One New Mexican died from an overdose every 18 hours. Two-thirds of the deaths involved an opioid (prescription opioid, heroin or fentanyl.)

People with prescriptions are at risk of overdose, not just nonmedical users.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

# Plan Ahead for Emergency Evacuation

*Submitted by Jerry Lazzari, Emergency Manager*

Here in the Jemez Valley area, a variety of emergencies or disasters may cause an evacuation. In some instances you may have a day or two to prepare, while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning ahead is vital to ensuring that you can evacuate quickly and safely, no matter what the circumstances.

### Before an Evacuation

#### (This is what you should do now to prepare.)

- ◆ Learn the types of disasters that are likely in your community.
- ◆ Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate. Identify several places you could go in an emergency such as a friend's home. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency. (In most cases Jemez Pueblo will set up shelters for you to go to.) If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept pets. Most public shelters allow only service animals.
- ◆ Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- ◆ Always follow the instructions of tribal officials. Remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.
- ◆ Develop a family/household communication and reunification plan so you can maintain contact and take the best actions for each of you and re-unite if you are separated.
- ◆ Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation, both a "go-bag" you can carry when you evacuate on foot or public transportation, and supplies for traveling longer distances if you have a vehicle.

#### If you have a car:

- ◆ Keep the gas tank full if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
- ◆ Make sure you have a portable emergency kit in the car.
- ◆ If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if needed. Make arrangements with family, friends or the Pueblo. (In most cases the Pueblo will have buses or other transportation to evacuate tribal members.)

### During an Evacuation

- ◆ The Jemez Pueblo Department of Emergency Management will identify open shelters.
- ◆ Listen to a battery-powered radio and follow local evacuation instructions.
- ◆ Take your emergency supply kit.
- ◆ Leave early enough to avoid being trapped by severe weather.

- ◆ Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan now how you will care for your pets in an emergency.

#### If time allows:

- ◆ Call or e-mail the out-of-state contact in your family communications plan. Tell them where you are going.
- ◆ Secure your home; close and lock doors and windows.
- ◆ Unplug electrical equipment such as radios, televisions and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding. If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity before leaving.
- ◆ Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
- ◆ Wear sturdy shoes and clothing that provide some protection -- long pants, long-sleeved shirts and a hat.
- ◆ Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- ◆ Follow recommended evacuation routes. Do not take short-cuts; they may be blocked.
- ◆ Be alert for road hazards such as washed-out roads or bridges and downed power lines. Do not drive into flooded areas.

### After an Evacuation

- ◆ If you evacuated for a storm, check with local officials both where you're staying and back home before you travel.
- ◆ Residents returning to disaster-affected areas after significant events should expect and prepare for disruptions to daily activities. Remember that returning home before storm debris is cleared is dangerous.
- ◆ Let friends and family know before you leave and when you arrive.
- ◆ Charge devices and consider getting back-up batteries in case power-outages continue.
- ◆ Fill your gas tank and consider downloading a fuel app to check for outages along your route.
- ◆ Bring supplies such as water and non-perishable food for the car ride.
- ◆ Avoid downed power or utility lines; they may be live with deadly voltage. Stay away and report them immediately to your power or utility company.
- ◆ Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home's electrical system.

Additional information about emergency planning is available through the Pueblo of Jemez Department of Emergency Management (DEM). If you have additional questions contact DEM at (575) 834-7628 or by email to [jerry.lazzari@jemeztribe.us](mailto:jerry.lazzari@jemeztribe.us). Thank you for your support and to help bring our pueblo closer to being prepared.

More preparedness information is at [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).

## JEMEZ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### JCDC NEWS



#### Walatowa Timber Industries

The Weather is warm! Come by and see our products for your Springs Projects!  
(575) 834-0204  
[www.walatowatimberindustries.com](http://www.walatowatimberindustries.com)

#### Breakfast Burritos are back!

Stop by grab your snacking!  
Daily 6 a.m.-10 p.m.



The C-Store is now taking bids for a traditional pie vendor. Call the store for more information at (575) 834-7530.



#### Pueblo Adobe

Limited of Time Sale  
Call for more information (505) 412-8109  
HPA Block Dimension Fully Stabilized Blocks  
4" x 10" x 14"  
Average Weight 40 lbs; 60 ct. per pallet

#### Board of Directors

JCDC is seeking a person to fill a vacant position on the Board of Directors. Monthly board meetings are open to the public. If you have interest in attending or become a member of the board, please email [jcdc@jemezpuablo.org](mailto:jcdc@jemezpuablo.org) for more information.



#### Walatowa Child Care

Walatowa Childcare held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground on April 5. The children were excited to play on the new equipment. A special thanks to First Lt. John Galvan, JCDC President Charlotte Garcia, members of the community and the staff for attending. The children will enjoy the equipment for years to come.



The Pueblo of Jemez Welcome Center and the Jemez Honey Hut hosted a Native Pride Day for the Walatowa Head Start on April 3. The day consisted of classes about Bee Pollination, Jemez History, and Jemez Health. We greatly appreciate James "The Honey Man" for helping organize a day of fun.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Exhibit Opening at Jemez Historic Site

## Opening Saturday, May 8 11 a.m.

By Matthew J. Barbour, Manager, Coronado & Jemez Historic Sites

New Mexico Historic Sites invites you to attend an exhibit opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Jemez Historic Site in Jemez Springs on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. At the opening, the public will get its first

look at the updated Visitor Center displays created by students at New Mexico Highlands University Program in Interactive Cultural Technology (PICT.) These include 3D projection mapping, an oral history video with Jemez tribal members, a new children's activity booklet, updated trail guide, and a visitor kiosk promoting tourism opportunities throughout Sandoval and Los Alamos Counties.

Jemez Historic Site consists of the 14<sup>th</sup> century ancestral Jemez village of Giusewa and the 17<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan mission of San Jose de los Jemez. Visitors can journey through the preserved ruins and tour archaeological investigations while learning about the Jemez people, Spanish missionaries, and the accommodation and conflict that led to the Pueblo Revolt of 1680. It is a place to explore history where it happened.

The new exhibits are meant to complement the experience visitors get when touring the Historic Site. They were funded with the support of Senator Benny Shendo, Jr., Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Chandler, the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, and the Friends of Coronado and Jemez Historic Sites. The celebration will continue throughout the day with traditional Native American dances and an arts and crafts fair. Congruently, the Village of Jemez Springs will host a Spring Renewal Fair and opening celebration at the Jemez Springs Bathhouse between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Activities associated with both events are offered to the public free of charge.

Jemez Historic Site is located at 18160 Highway 4 in Jemez Springs and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (575) 829-3530 or visit [www.nmhistoricsites.org](http://www.nmhistoricsites.org).



Interviewing Coordinator Magdalena for the new oral history video featured in the exhibit. Photo by Ethan Ortega



## Traditional Cultural Farming & The Mindfulness of Gardening

Jemez Pueblo & Bodhi Manda Zen Center

June 20-22, 2019

Join hearts and hands at Jemez Pueblo with the Flower Hill Institute Farm, to tend the land, plant heritage seeds and learn about traditional cultural values. They will be joined by the summer Pueblo youth camp, elders and other community members.

Roger Fragua, director of the Institute farm said, "Farming with nature (the root of organic farming) lies at the heart of practices used by native farmers in the Southwest for millennia. Traditional cultural farming can teach us a great deal about how to build a resilient and regenerative agriculture." A children's butterfly pollination dance will celebrate the fields. A special part of the gathering will be with Abbess Hosen guiding the group in the practice of mindfulness in action as we assist in the beautiful organic gardens at the Bodhi Manda Zen Center. Meditations in the Zendo are an option as well.

Lodging is dormitory style at Bodhi Manda Zen Center where there are relaxing hot springs alongside the Jemez River. A limited number of private rooms are available at additional cost. Cost: \$375 (two nights lodging and meals.) Volunteer for one or both days at no cost except \$15 per meal. One night stays at Bodhi available (\$110, including meals.) For more information and registration, go to [info@earthwalks.org](mailto:info@earthwalks.org) or call (505) 231-5802.



# Open Enrollment For Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program School Year 2019-2020

For Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Enrollment applications are available at the Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program (WHSVIP) starting May 1, 2019. Applications must be **completed** at the WHSLIP and it is important to bring your child's documents at this time.

Please bring the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
- Income Verification (Pay stub, W-2, 2019 Tax Return, 1040 Tax Statement, Declaration of Income. *If you are self-employed or claiming no income, please pick up a form at WHSLIP.*)

- Public Assistance (TANF or SSI) benefit letter
- Updated Immunization Records

If you have any questions about the program or enrollment requirements, please contact Danielle Sando, Family Services Coordinator at (575) 834-7366.

## Dates to Remember

**Thursday, May 9.** End of the Year School Picnic

**Friday, May 10, 17.** Early Release (11:30 a.m.)

**Friday, May 24.** WHSLIP Graduation (10 a.m.; Walatowa Wellness Center)





## EDUCATION

# Walatowa High Charter School News

## Traditional Drum Making, Art And Ethno-Botany

From April 12-16, Carlos Herrera, Arnold Herrera, Troy Meek (WHCS art instructor) and Dr. K. Kommander-Salazar (WHCS science instructor) collaborated and provided students with local aspen and cottonwood to create drums using traditional indigenous methodologies of science (ethno-bBotany) and art. The junior class created drums utilizing aspen and cottonwood, leather and traditional techniques. The drums are a reflection of the New Mexico southwest tradition, culture and heritage.

"The drums are part of our identity and learning how to make them is important so we can sustain this tradition," WHCS student Triston Tosa said.



Clockwise from top:  
S'Mya Gachupin  
Brianna Chama and Elias Vigil  
Carlos Herrera assisting Keithan Shendo.  
Instructor Arnold Hererra  
Triston Toya



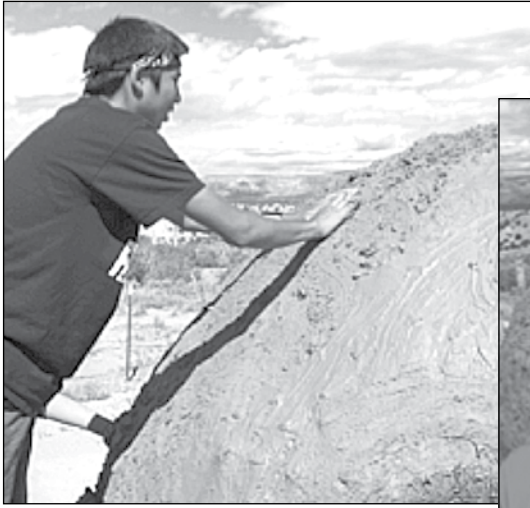
## WHCS Horno Project

The WHCS Junior Class participated in building of the school horno. Traditional community member Nathan Chinana instructed the students in the traditional horno building techniques unique to Jemez Pueblo. The horno is used as part of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) Concepts of Wellness curriculum.

Raeanne Gachupin, Jill Casiquito and S'Mya Gachupin



## EDUCATION



Sebastian Lucero



Jill Casiquito &amp; Valeria Barrow



Triston Tosa &amp; Elias Vigil

## Walatowa High Charter School Cougars and Jemez Valley Warriors Join Forces



For the 2018-2019 baseball and softball season, the Walatowa High Charter School Cougars and Jemez Valley Warriors combined to form the Jemez Warrior-Cougars. To represent each school, the team wears Jemez green for home and Cougar blues for away.



"It's important to have collaboration between the schools and create opportunities for students to compete together," says Forest Becker, WHCS instructor and first head baseball coach.

At press time, the Warrior-Cougars were 9 and 3 on the season with 5 games left until district playoffs.

"We have a good chance of making the state baseball tournament. We just have to continue to work hard and stay focused," says Keithan Shendo, WHCS junior.

Jordan Chinana lead the Warrior-Cougars in home runs and Keithan Shendo had the most time logged in on the mound.

*Top left: Warrior Cougars Jonte Cajero, Jaden Loretto, Jordan Chinana, Keithan Shendo, Adrian Magdalena, T. Sage Loretto*



Standing: Coach F. Becker (WHCS Instructor-Head Coach), Henry Garcia, Adrian Loretto, Jaden Loretto, Matthew Gachupin, Raynaldo Gachupin, Keithan Shendo. Sitting: Jordan Chinana, Jonta Cajero, T. Sage Loretto, Kevin Gacia. Not Pictured: Josh Loretto, Javon Tosa, Edward Shije, Jeremiah Spirlock,

***Go Warrior-Cougars!***

## EDUCATION

# San Diego Mission Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14 7:45 a.m. to 12 noon

**Pre-Registration Open Until May 27**

Registration fee for first child is \$15; each additional child is \$5. Children from ages 4-5 (must be potty trained) to 12 may register. Please register your children early so materials, transportation, snacks and lunches can be planned. You can also register on the first day of class, but early registration is preferred.

Please be on time so your child can have breakfast before classes begin. Lots of activities are planned; breakfast, lunch and fun healthy snacks will be served.

**To register:** A picture of your child will be needed; you may use school photos from this year or last year, or they will take pictures. You will also need to sign a release of information form for your child; you will need to come to the mission to sign the form. Children who are registered early with all the supporting documents will be able to start on time on the first day.

**Program ending celebration on the last day of class:** Parents/families are asked to bring snacks; last names beginning with A to M, please bring baked goods, popcorn, nuts; last names beginning with N to Z, please bring vegetables and fruits on the last day. The children will be served lunch prior to the snacks.

Registration drives will be held after mass at the churches. Registration forms can also be turned in at the church to Father Larry. Call (575) 834-7300 to get a registration form or stop by the parish office.

### Your Help Needed

A preschool teacher is needed to teach the younger children. This age group will be taught only if a teacher is found.

Youth volunteers 13 years and older and adult volunteers will make vacation bible school a success. Please call us (575) 834-7300 or come to the office to volunteer. All volunteers must take an Abuse Awareness class and an automatic background check will be done. There is no cost; the class can be completed on line or in person.

Donations of non-perishable food items for Fr. Larry's Pantry will be appreciated.

## 2019 Graduation Dates and Times

### Walatowa High Charter School:

Friday, May 3, 6 p.m.; Walatowa Youth Center

### Jemez Valley High School:

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.; Jemez Valley High School Gym

### SFIS Middle School Promotion:

Wednesday, May 22, 10 a.m.

### Jemez Day School: Wednesday,

May 22, 10 a.m.; Jemez Day School Gym

### Walatowa Head Start: Friday, May

24, 10 a.m.; Walatowa Youth Center

### Santa Fe Indian School: Friday,

May 24, 10 a.m.

### San Diego Riverside Charter

School: Friday, May 24, 6 p.m.; at Walatowa Youth Center

## Jemez Springs Library Events

**Yoga.** Thursdays, 9 a.m. Suggested donation \$5 Friends of the Library

**Children's Programs. Thursdays, 11 a.m., children up to age 5 and their adults.**

Activities alternate between Storytime, Spanish Storytime and an unstaffed open-ended Playgroup. See calendar listings or facebook for details.

**Compass. Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.** Drop in for help connecting to new resources or to troubleshoot problems with established connections. Volunteer LCSW Sally Hunter can help navigate local and national services for such issues as Senior Services, legal services, caregiver resources, VA, and health resources.

**Family Movie Night. Friday, May 17, 6 p.m.** Mary Poppins Returns. Free popcorn, 50 cent sodas. Bring your own pillow or comfy chair and a picnic or takeout dinner.

**Field Trip Book Club. Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.** At the Jemez Historic Site to talk about books on local history.

**Film: "Power of the Heart." Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.** From the director of "The Secret." A life-changing film about the astonishing power and intelligence of your heart. Featuring Paulo Coelho, Maya Angelou, Deepak Chopra, Isabel Allende, and Eckhart Tolle.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

# From the Forest Service

## Fuelwood Permits Available

Firewood permits for dead and down (D&D) timber are now available at Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) Headquarters and all ranger district offices. D&D permits are valid on most forest areas except for designated wilderness areas and other excluded sites described on the maps included with the permits.

The public may purchase firewood permits at SFNF offices from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, unless otherwise noted. Customers may want to call ahead to check availability of the permits. All offices are closed on federal holidays. The Pueblo of Jemez Welcome Center will sell dead-and-down (D&D) permits starting May 17 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

The nonrefundable D&D permits are for personal use only and cost \$20 for five cords, with a maximum of 15 cords per household per year. Customers can use checks, credit/debit cards or cash through Dec. 21, 2019. Permits will include load tags, a fuelwood cutting map and guidelines for harvesting.

The only green fuelwood area on the SFNF is Rowe Mesa on the Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District. Green fuelwood permits can be purchased at Forest Headquarters and the Pecos and Las Vegas District Offices. Green fuelwood permits cost \$20 for two cords; permits are good for one month.

Permit holders should prepare for unpredictable weather and check with the local Ranger District office or the New Mexico Department of Transportation web site for road and weather conditions. Make sure to have the appropriate equipment to harvest the wood and to safely transport it home. That includes nails or some other method to secure load tags to the wood. Forest Service staff may be in the cutting areas to check permits and answer questions.

For more information, call Forest Headquarters at (505) 438-5300.

## SFNF Issues New Closure Order for Jemez Cave

The Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) has reissued a closure order that prohibits the public from entering Jemez Cave and closes public access to trails that lead to the cave as well as the area immediately surrounding it. This closure order, which replaces one issued in 2017, is effective until April 30, 2021, unless it is rescinded earlier.

Jemez Cave is in the Jemez Ranger District in the Soda Dam Geologic Special Interest Area adjacent to Highway 4. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Jemez Cave is culturally significant to the Pueblo of Jemez and an important archaeological site subject to the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA.)

The closure order protects cultural and natural resources and public safety while archaeologists assess the cave's condition and develop a long-term management strategy for the Jemez Cave area. Before the initial closure order in July 2012, the area was popular with rock climbers and other recreationists, whose activities damaged the site. With this closure in force, rock climbers still have access to multiple climbing areas on the Jemez district.

Federal, state and local officers, members of organized rescue teams or firefighters, and others authorized by permit are exempt from the closure order. That exemption includes Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative employees conducting routine maintenance on existing power lines and poles.

Signs at the cave, along the access trail and in the parking lot adjacent to Highway 4 will notify the public that the area is closed. Violation of the closure order is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

Copies of the closure order and map are available at the SFNF Headquarters, the Jemez Ranger District Office and the SFNF web site at [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov).

## Glorieta Rock Art Tour Saturday, May 18 9 a.m.

Join the SFNF site stewards to explore two unusual horizontal rock art panels on Glorieta Mesa. Petroglyph creators were storytellers. Learn what their images tell us about them and the times in which they lived.

The petroglyphs are unique in both design and location. Both panels are easily accessible, but the trip will require carpooling in high-clearance vehicles. Sunscreen, snacks, water and closed-toe shoes are recommended. The tour begins at 9 a.m. at the Pecos Ranger Station, 32 South Main Street in Pecos, NM.

The Glorieta Rock Tour is free and open to the public, but please register in advance by calling the Pecos Ranger Station at (505) 757-6121.







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## From the Governors, *Continued*

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### Gathering of Nations

Second Lt. Elston Yepa attended the press conference for the opening of the Gathering of Nations at Expo New Mexico. Albuquerque mayor Tim Keller acknowledged the gathering as an extremely important event for the city, bringing in an estimated \$25 million dollars to the city, and welcomed the gathering to stay at Expo New Mexico in the future.

### Mosquito Spraying

Community members are advised that Sandoval County has started mosquito control fogging in Jemez Pueblo. Fogging will be done between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. to protect community members and especially children who may be outdoors earlier in the evening. You may see utility trucks with flashing lights in the village while these operations continue.

The fogging service is an aerial spraying technique to treat large areas with small amounts of pesticides. This will protect the Jemez Pueblo community from mosquito-borne diseases such as the Zika virus, West Nile virus, Chikungunya virus, dengue, and malaria. We have had mosquito species test positive for the West Nile virus in Jemez Pueblo as recently as 2012.

Not all mosquitos are the same. Different mosquitos species spread different viruses and bite at different times of day. Several types of mosquito species inhabit our area. The *Culex* species found in Jemez Pueblo is a carrier of the West Nile virus; this species tends to bite from dusk to dawn. One of the most effective ways to avoid the West Nile virus disease is to prevent mosquito bites.



*Wishing all our mothers, grandmothers and aunties a very happy Mothers' Day!  
We are ever-grateful for everything you do!*