



Isleta Pueblo News

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Governor's Report

The end of summer vacation for our students is quickly coming to an end. Within about two weeks, the week of August 12, students will be returning to school. Most students have already begun the registering process and have selected their new classes, and I wish each and every student success towards completing their high school education.

To start the school year, the Department of Education will, on August 1, have hosted a going back to school meeting at the Isleta Elementary School and will have distributed basic school supplies through the Johnson O'Malley Program. Every student should be prepared to be in class with paper and pencil on the very first day.

If you need help with your education, make sure that you seek that help as soon as possible. Don't wait till the problem gets too big. Contact your school counselor or the Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education and they will make every attempt to assist you.

The Tribal Administration has an open door policy and we will help parents and students should the need arise or we will direct them to the programs that will provide the needed help. If you feel that

you are not receiving the help you deserve, we will intervene on your behalf.

During the 2008 — 2009 school year, we had a successful graduation rate with a 30% increase from the previous school year. Let's continue the good work and make this coming school year an even better year. I encourage all parents/guardians to get involved with the education of their children as a successful future is based on a good educational background. The Tribal Administration will periodically be visiting schools throughout the school year to meet with students and school administrators, counselors and teachers.

The Tribal Administration, along with Tribal Council and POI Department Directors, are all working diligently to get federal stimulus funding and funds from other grants that will help with pending projects. We have been successful with the delivery of funds for the judicial complex, but we still have a long ways to go and we will continue to seek further funding for this project. The Pueblo water project has received funding and should hopefully start soon. We have also received funding for the Bosque and Manzano Mountain restoration projects.

I met with Gov. Bill Richardson on

Monday, July 20 to discuss the issue of the turning lane on State Road 47, and he has promised to provide funding for this project. However, we have not come to an agreement with the NM Department of Transportation (DOT) Engineer. I will be meeting with the DOT Director to see how Isleta can seek funds for this project. Mayor Ron Olguin (Peralta) and Mayor Aike (Bosque Farms) are supporting our efforts as they are also concerned about highway safety and see the need for a turning lane.

Other pending issues include our attempt to have trust status for Comanche Ranch. The administrative paper work for this was sent to the US Solicitor in February 2009. We have yet to hear the status of this request and we have gone ahead to contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs and again, the Solicitor's Office. Also, we are still concerned with the Rio Grande River Diversion Dam silt problem. We have contacted the Corps of Engineers, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, along with our Congressional Representatives in Washington on this matter. We hope to have further meetings on the silt situation and we will keep you informed on the results.

Important Notice

Census Office Requires Current Addresses for all Tribal Members

Pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution, the Pueblo of Isleta has made a request for an Election to be called by the Secretary of Interior to consider proposed amendments regarding blood quantum requirements in the Tribal Constitution.

The Pueblo must provide an updated list of names and addresses of all enrolled tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older as of November 7, 2009 to the U.S. Secretary of Interior. In order to vote in this important election, enrolled members must be registered to vote. The registration information will be mailed to the address that the Census Office has on file. Therefore, it is critical that the Census Office has each enrolled tribal member's correct mailing address, for purposes of participating in the election process.

If you have not updated your mailing address, please do so immediately to assure that the Census Office has your current address on file. It is very important that all enrolled members who will be 18 years of age or older as of November 7, 2009 update their addresses at this time.

Please let your family members know about updating their address in order to receive the official government mailings that will be sent regarding the Election that will be overseen by the Secretary of Interior. Please call the Census Office at 766-6625 or drop by the Census Office to have your mailing address updated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Coming Soon

Isleta Outdoor Summer E-STEM Project

One-week afterschool summer E-STEM project, Department of Education

- Learn the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Learn Entrepreneurship skills
- Awards given to top team groups
- Grades 6th - 12th

September 7-11, 2009

Students with special educational needs are encouraged to attend.

To sign-up or for additional information, contact the Department of Education at 505-924-3185 x440 or by email at poi08003@isletapueblo.com

TRIBAL COUNCIL BRIEFING JULY 2009

Tribal Council Vacancy (June 2009 action)

Based on numerous inquiries from the Isleta Community, the following sequence of events are hereby provided for clarification as to the status of the vacant position on the Tribal Council. On June 17, 2009, Mr. James Lente officially submitted his resignation letter to the Tribal Council due to his acceptance of a position with the Isleta Casino and Resort. Based on this resignation, the Tribal Council Secretary requested direction as to filling the vacant position. The Tribal Council reviewed the Tribal Constitution and determined not to declare a vacancy in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1, of the Tribal Constitution which reads in part, "In the event of the death, resignation, removal or incapacity of any member of the council, the position may be declared vacant by the council.." Based on the aforementioned Article and Section it was determined by motion of the Tribal Council not to declare a vacancy. The motion carried with 8 voting for, 3 opposing and 0 abstaining. Tribal Council members opposing the motion were Councilman Fernando Abeita, Councilman Allen Zuni and Councilwoman Diana Piebler.

Tribal Attorney

The Tribal Council interviewed three (3) candidates for the advertised Tribal Attorney position for assistance with the Tribal Administration and Tribal Council. Mr. Pablo Horacio Padilla, Jr. was selected for the position and will commence employment with the Pueblo of Isleta on July 27, 2009. Mr. Padilla is a graduate from the Harvard College with a Bachelor's of Arts in Government and also a graduate from the University of New Mexico School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. Mr. Padilla is Zuni and Hispanic, with his Hispanic roots being within the Los Padilla's community. Mr. Padilla comes to the Pueblo of Isleta from the Nordhaus Law Firm in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he was employed for four (4) years.

Isleta Head Start Program

The Tribal Council met with the Isleta Head Start Director and Human Services Director to finalize the upcoming school year calendar and employment contracts for the staff at the Head Start Program. The school calendar with an effective date of September 1, 2009 was adopted by motion of the Tribal Council.

Pueblo of Isleta Cigarette Vendors

The New Mexico Attorney General's Office has placed the Seneca Brand Tobacco products on their non-compliant with New Mexico Statute list and has become a concern to the Tribal Council as to whether the local tribal vendors should cease the sale of such products within the exterior boundaries of the Isleta Reservation. It was determined by the Tribal Council to inform all local tribal vendors to cease the sale of Seneca Brand tobacco products by the end of July 2009 and to exhaust their current inventories by the proposed deadline by

formal correspondence. The Tribal Council by motion approved a resolution to prohibit the sale of Seneca Brand Tobacco products on the Isleta Reservation and to approve the issuance of a formal letter to all Isleta cigarette vendors.

Veterans Memorial

The Tribal Council was approached by the American Legion Post 209 on the possibilities of procuring land on the north side of the Isleta convenience store on highway 47 for a proposed Viet Nam era Veterans Memorial. The land in question is currently owned by the Mesa del Sol Development Group and is approximately 23.5 acres. The proposed amount of land required for the memorial is approximately 5 acres. The Tribal Council requested that a land appraisal be acquired along with a zoning determination before any contact with the current owners was initiated.

Tribal Boards

The Tribal Council requested that all Tribal Boards provide the Council with their finalized By-Laws for review and approval in July 2009. The majority of the Boards have initiated their final By-Laws, however, some have been requested to make necessary revisions and submit for final approval.

Housing Authority

The Housing Authority continues to assist eligible Tribal Members with their housing needs, however, there are problems and delays encountered with the enormous request for assistance. The Tribal Council was apprised of various concerns generated by home owners who are seeking new homes, mobile homes or renovations to their existing residences. Based on information provided by the Housing Authority to the Tribal Council some home owners have become delinquent not only on their monthly mortgage payments but also with their home insurance coverage.

Lava Block Project

The Lava Block project is continuing to produce block at a rate that is acceptable for the needs of the Housing Program for the Pueblo of Isleta. The Housing Director requested the Tribal Council to appropriate funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 to build a metal roof over the block making plant in order to ward off the extreme heat that has been encountered by personnel working at the plant. The Tribal Council by motion approved the appropriation on said funds for the construction of the metal cover for the lava block plant.

Contractual Services

The Tribal Council approved by motion the contracting of services of Robert F. Robinson for natural gas line system right-of-way negotiations with the New Mexico Gas Company and with Robert W. Wiseman for performing environmental assessment services for the Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority.

Training and Workshops

The Tribal Council attended a two (2) day session at the Isleta Casino and Resort on Tribal Enrollment Ordinance for the Pueblo of Isleta and the Policies and Procedures of the Tribal Enrollment Committee conducted by Mr. James Mills. The Council also attended a two and a half (2 1/2) day session at the Isleta Casino and Resort entitled the 2009 Sex Offender Awareness and Educational Conference. Both sessions were extremely helpful to the Tribal Council, 1) in understanding various requirements of the Tribal Enrollment Ordinance and the policies and procedures that govern the Tribal Enrollment Committee (TEC), 2) the Sex Offender Conference provided a comprehensive view on the protocols to be followed by various Law Enforcement Agencies in Collaboration with other Federal and Tribal entities while dealing with sexual predators on federal tribal lands.

Tribal Council Issues for May 2009

Law and Order Code

Tribal Council advised that the Law and Order code can be

- Checked out for review in library only
- Read only file on intranet

These restrictions are in place due to the fact that changes to the law and order code will be made in the near future.

Govenor Robert Benavidez informed Tribal Council that Michael Sanchez is working against the Pueblo of Isleta regarding the Manzano Expressway.

Service Line Agreement- V.Trujillo

Discussions were held on the trailer home of V. Trujillo at the site where Lt. Governor approved for the home to be moved.

For The Record: Mark Dixon requested for all the information regarding the home of V.Trujillo be provided to Tribal Council.

- This is a designated religious site and should have never been given out for a home site by Lt. Governor.

Councilman Ralph D. Jiron made a motion to stop all progress work on V. Trujillo home. Vice President Mark Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor 5, oppose 3, abstain 0.

Other issues

For The Record: R. Jaramillo can build another room on the west side of her home where she was denied, because of the pathway being a historical pathway.

Tribal Council is currently working with various departments and IHS on a housing application process. This would require signatures from different departments before any type of home is built or trailer home is placed on any property.

Indian Highway Safety Grant—Vince Gomez—Police Department

Mr. Gomez requested approval to apply for Indian Highway Safety Grant Program Funds for traffic enforcement personnel, equipment, supplies, and training in the amount of \$300,647.00 through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Councilwoman Diana Peigler made a motion to approve the request for the grant. Secretary Mark Dixon seconded the motion. All in favor 7, oppose 1, abstain 0.

Tribal Enrollment Committee

Tribal Council Vice President Ernest Jaramillo swore in the Tribal Enrollment Committee members, and then they all signed the oath.

In attendance:

- April Chavez, Acting Census Coordinator
- Melane Kirk Lente, TEC Member
- John D. Jojola Jr., TEC Member
- Joseph Jaramillo, TEC Member
- Frances Jojola TEC Member
- Joanna Rael, TEC Member

Rave Party

George Jojola and Darren Melon informed Tribal Council about what a rave party is.

Chief Jojola informed Tribal Council about a vibe party. It is almost like a rave party that was held at Randy Jiron's field. Chief Jojola stated that there is no ordinance for parties.

Outcome: Chief Jojola will get back to Tribal Council with a draft restriction on partys ordinance.

In attendance:

- George Jojola, Chief of Police
- Darren Melon, Detective
- Gabriella Lujan, Intern
- Verna Teller, Chief Judge

Cultural Affairs Committee—Preservation Project

The following is a list of issues that were talked about but no decisions were made.

- Riverbank
- Evergreen areas
- Pathways
- Church Restoration during funerals
- Air Drop Zone
- V. Trujillo trailer

In attendance:

- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Valentino Jaramillo
- Moses Lujan
- Isidor Martin

Juan Jaramillo
Joe P. Lucero
Celestino Lucero
Richard Abeita
Stephanie Zuni

For the Record—Councilwoman Diana Peigler stated that there should be no blame on the Tribal Council for the V. Trujillo trailer. The Council made 3 motions to stop the issue.

Emergency Lagoon Maintenance

Councilman Mark Dixon made a motion to approve the emergency lagoon Maintenance in the amount of \$20,000.00. Councilman Edwin Jaramillo seconded the motion. Motion carried with 8 voting for 0 opposed and 0 abstained.

Pump on Tribal Road #2:

Nick Lucero has been utilizing the pump on Tribal Road 2 by the old Head Start to wet down the grounds where he is going to have his new place of business.

Governor Benavides told council he gave him permission to use it.

For the Record: Mark Dixon stated to Governor, if he is giving permission for the pump to be used he should publish it in the newsletter.

Family Program

"Take Flight"

Coming August 17, 2009!

Description:

- Families sign up as teams.
- Teams keep track of health behaviors.
- Teams turn in their logs and receive new ones with weekly incentive prizes for eight consecutive weeks.
- At the end of eight weeks, winning teams will be announced in our summer newsletter & will receive 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes at our Celebration Night!
- All participants will receive a "Take Flight" t-shirt.

Questions or to Sign-Up: **505.869.4595**

Pueblo of Isleta Diabetes Prevention Programs "TOTAL BODY HEALTH"

Freedom from Smoking

Want to Stop Smoking, but aren't sure how?

SIGN UP FOR THE

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING SESSIONS

CLASSES HELD AT THE ISLETA HEALTH CENTER

8 sessions to help you STOP SMOKING!

Session 1 (Thinking about Quitting)	Session 4 (QUIT DAY)
Session 2 (On the road to freedom)	Session 5 (Winning Strategies)
Session 3 (Wanting to quit)	Session 6 (The new you)
	Session 7 (Staying Off)
	Session 8 (Let's Celebrate)

To learn more call

Stephanie Barela

at 869-4479

Isleta Health Center

Keeping Our Community Healthy

Positive News from Washington on the Future of the Johnson — O'Malley Program

Do you remember the reduction in funds for the JOM Programs and even the attempt to discontinue the JOM Programs during the Bush Administration?

The following letters were forwarded to POI Tribal Governor's Office. One from Congressman Dan Boren to Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and the other, a response to the Congressman Boren from the Interior Secretary Salazar...and there may be a light at the end, and the future of JOM may be bright, shiny and positive...

The tribal JOM Programs have petitioned the past administrations, especially the Bush administration, on the limited support for the JOM Programs. We are hopeful that the Obama administration will come forth in full support of not only the JOM Programs, but all Native American education programs.

The POI-JOM Program asks that you contact your congressional representatives on this issue. Ask for their support for Native American education programs.

The next POI-JOM meeting will be on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 9 AM at the Department of Education...and if you did not pick up your school supplies on August 1, 2009, please contact Beverly or Ulysses at 869-2680.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON
JULY 16 2009



The Honorable Dan Boren
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Boren:

Thank you for your June 17, 2009, letter requesting the Department of the Interior to designate an administrator to provide support for the Johnson O'Malley program. Similar letters are being sent to your colleagues.

As you know, JOM dollars are appropriated for American Indian and Alaskan Native students attending public elementary and secondary schools. The Bureau of Indian Education, located in the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs, is responsible for federally funded schools for American Indian students; BIE has also been given the task of distributing the annual JOM appropriation to eligible contractors. As the BIE is the only DOI entity that has interaction with the JOM program, I am designating the BIE Director as the single point of contact within the Department. Mr. Kevin Skenandore is currently acting in this capacity and can be contacted at (505) 563-5225. Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk has contacted Mr. Skenandore and shared your concerns with him.

Identical letters have been sent to your colleagues who join you in support of American Indian and Alaskan Native educational resources.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 17, 2009

The Hon. Ken Salazar
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For over 70 years, the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program has served thousands of Native American students. It has provided everything from academic tutoring and cultural support services to needed school supplies and unmet medical assistance, such as eyeglasses. It has succeeded with its aim of improving the academic progress and ultimate success of our Native American children and has evolved to meet the changing needs and circumstances of the time. It is this flexibility that has been its strength, providing basic funding to schools in the form of tuition through the 1930s to 1960s to community defined and coordinated education services.

Despite its broad enthusiastic support within the Native American community, in the last 13 years, administrative support and resources for JOM within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has waned. In 1995, JOM was combined with several other programs into a block grant, forcing tribes to have to choose amongst their many great needs in Indian Country. The BIA froze grant amounts at 1995 levels and stopped collecting any information about the program. As a result, student counts are no longer collected, requests for numbers of who might qualify for funding are unavailable, and reviews of existing funding levels have not been performed. As a result, many tribes who depended on the JOM program to fund vital services for their members were forced to augment the program funding with Tribal resources in order to keep these services alive.

In 2005, a number of tribes began requesting a new survey of existing JOM enrollment numbers and successes, but the previous administration denied that request, stating lack of resources and cost. In the same year it terminated the staff position of JOM Coordinator in the Central Office, the last Federal support position assigned to the program, and began recommending the program's termination. In all instances, the Native American community strongly protested and Congress restored the funding but without the vital administrative support position to coordinate the program's implementation.

The current budget proposal before Congress reverses the alarming funding trend and asks that funding be continued for the program. While we greatly support this first step in rebuilding our government-to-government relationship in the area of education, we additionally ask that you designate an administrator with responsibility to provide support for the JOM program. Having this single point of contact is critical for coordination within Indian Country and the Bureau. In addition, we ask that such a designated officer works with local/tribal/school officials to collect and maintain information on this program and assess its needs through consultation with interested tribes.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to strengthen and maintain this proven program for Indian Country.

Respectfully yours,

Dan Boren
Member of Congress

Tom Cole
Member of Congress

Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
Member of Congress

Dale Kildee
Member of Congress

Neil Abercrombie
Member of Congress

Bob Filner
Member of Congress

John B. Larson
Member of Congress

Mary Fallin
Member of Congress

Heath Shuler
Member of Congress

Donna M. Christensen
Member of Congress

Circle Summer Enrichment Program (ETC)

Native American Youth with Eyes on College Success Embrace Challenges in IAIA's Expanding the Circle Summer Enrichment Program

By Layli Long Soldier

SANTA FE – Native American teens from NM explore independence, learn self-advocacy and life skills for college through Expanding the Circle (ETC) summer workshops at the Institute of American Indian Arts.

"I was attracted to the ETC program because I wanted to know what it would be like without my mom, to gain some independence and experience what a college would be like in the future for me," Brandi Lucero from Isleta Pueblo, who is a junior at Menaul School, admitted.

When asked if she did, indeed, experience the independence she'd hoped for, Lucero emphatically replied, "Yes!" "First thing, when we arrived," Lucero explained, "we were paired up with another student we didn't know, from a different community. And we had to live with them for three weeks."

ETC Facilitator John Anthony Reyna, from Taos and Ohkay Owingeh Pueblos, explained that teaming up unacquainted roommates is intentional—part of the overall ETC curriculum to give youth practice for college and beyond. Creating situations like this provides opportunities, Reyna said, to discuss and role-play possible conflicts and resolutions in future college housing.

"The ETC curriculum was developed by the University of Minnesota for students in transition to college. It comes with goals, objectives and lesson plans for three full weeks and prepares students for matters such as finances, developing a support system, and even note taking. It's chock full of lessons I wish I'd had when I went to college," Reyna said. "What's wonderful about the curriculum is it was designed specifically for Native American students, so it incorporates culture and history into the activities. For example, there's a genealogy activity where students call home to get help with tracing family and tribal history," Reyna explained. He noted other lessons which help students consider how their

tribal backgrounds will affect college life, such as making schedules.

"Each student was given a syllabus and asked to fill out a calendar with dates for birthdays or important family occasions, Pueblo feast days, tribal and community gatherings which would occur during the ETC program. They had to take all of these dates into consideration and come to a conclusion about whether they could commit to the program for three weeks," Reyna said. This activity prepared students for how to plan and weigh their responsibilities to family and tribal community gatherings; to decide which activities they are obligated to attend and which ones they may miss when they leave home.

Another important aspect of this summer's program, Reyna said, is the inclusion of the arts. "At IAIA, we've refined, polished, re-shaped the curriculum. Some of the original lessons from University of Minnesota have been replaced with lessons or activities more suited to the IAIA environment and students from New Mexican tribal areas. For example, this year we offered a course called Creative Process, as well as Poetry Writing I."

"Parents were astounded by the writing that came out of their children [in the poetry class]. Most had never seen that side of their child... Students even surprised themselves," Reyna noted.

Brandi Lucero agreed with Reyna. "I felt like the poetry teacher [Orlando White] opened the doors to poetry for us," Lucero said, "then he turned on the lights. We learned how to read and process a poem, how to write our own. At the end of the course, we made our own hand-bound book of poems. That was a highlight for me."

Kirstyn Abeita from Isleta Pueblo, a junior at Valencia High School, was impacted by activities in the Creative Process class. Although Abeita concedes a strong interest in the health care field after she graduates from high school, she said, "studying photography in the Creative Process class really opened my eyes to other careers that are out there. I enjoyed the hands-on experience."

But maybe medical health and art aren't so distantly related? As Shawna Shandiin Sunrise, instructor for Creative Process, explains it: "There's a strong level of healing in being able to use creative process. You can make art or you can make spaghetti—however you use your creative process, it is, essentially, a way of connecting and communicating with yourself"

Sunrise, who is from the Navajo Nation and Santo Domingo Pueblo, designed her lessons—collage work, soap sculpture, printmaking and photography—to strengthen hand-eye coordination and develop an ethic to "just keep going and work with what happens in the process.

"There's no 'wrong' in a creative process," Sunrise explained. "I wanted students to learn how to pick up and work with materials even when there were accidents." In this creative atmosphere, Sunrise said her students grew and evolved together quickly, as a group. "I felt I succeeded 100% with every one of them. Almost as if they were running a race and I was on the sidelines cheering them on., offering them water, doing whatever I could to keep them going!"

Not only did the students step up to the challenges and driving pace set by staff and facilitators, students described it as invigorating. Rock climbing was also a memorable activity of the three weeks, and it could easily be a parallel for other life-obstacles they may climb. As described by one of the students "It was easy at first, but started to get harder the higher we went... it was challenging to keep climbing. But every step I took made me confident about being myself and trying to make it all the way to the top,"

ETC's mission is "to provide underrepresented students of the New Mexico Apache, Navajo and Pueblo Nations, the opportunity to experience college in an environment that values culture and promotes success in life."

For more information, contact ETC Outreach Coordinator, Alissa Chavez at (505) 424-2341 or achavez@iaia.edu.

College Road Trip 2009

Two students from Isleta, Kirstyn Abeita and Brandi Lucero, along with other youth from New Mexico's 22 tribes and Pueblos were selected to attend a "College Road Trip 2009," which was a week-long journey to tour colleges and universities in Colorado: Colorado State University, University of Denver, University of Colorado and Fort Lewis College in Durango. This gave them the opportunity to learn about each college's admission procedures, the academic programs offered at each college along with campus, housing and meals.



Top Row- Left to Right ETC Mentors: Diana, Troy, Ben, Megan & Daphne
Bottom Row — Left to Right: Brandi Lucero, Liz Bahe (ETC Project Director) with daughter & Kirstyn Abeita

Workforce Investment Act Pueblo of Isleta

WIA Adult Program

The WIA Adult Employment and Training Program serves individuals ages 18 and over. The adults are funded by the WIA Program, Indian & Native American Programs, Department of Labor. Unfortunately, the WIA Indian & Native American Programs have not received any ARRA funds for the Adult Programs from Department of Labor.

During the past year, the WIA program has served 26 participants in the Adult Work Experience (WEX) Program. There were 91 participants receiving Core Services. There were 11 participants that completed the Classroom Training Program. The results for the CRT Program are:

- Two participants received certifications from Quality Health Management.
- One participant enrolled in Rocky Mountain Truck Driving School and received a CDL license.
- Four participants were enrolled in CNM under the CRT program.
- One participant is attending classes for Apprenticeship.
- Three participants received certificates for the CNM Workforce Training Center's Eldercare Series Class held at the Elderly Center from April 13 — July 31, 2009

WIA YEAR ROUND YOUTH PROGRAM

The Year Round Youth Employment and Training Program begins in September - May and we serve youth ages 16 and over. The youth worked at various worksites throughout the Pueblo of Isleta. They learned office skills, such as filing, data entry and customer service. They assisted the Elderly with arts and crafts, worked as a Kitchen Aide, Recreation Aide, Clerical Aide, Maintenance at Head Start. Work sites were at EMS, Truancy, Isleta Elementary School, Treasurer's Office, Elderly Center, Recreation Center, Isleta Police Department, Isleta Health Clinic, Cultural Affairs and Records Retention and Department of Education.

During the year training is offered to youth but not as intensive as the summer program. Each youth completed training in Resume, job search, interviews, and career assessment. Youth work 20 hours per week for 9 weeks during the year and earn class credit toward graduation. Three youth participants received their High School Diplomas as a result of the Youth Program.

We are really busy this year and plan to have more training sessions and activities planned.

WIA Summer Youth Program

The Workforce Investment Act Program, Summer Youth Employment and Training Program began June 15 and ended August 7, 2009. Ten youth participated; four youth, ages 14 — 21, were funded with WIA funds and six youth, ages 14 — 24, were funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds.

The Summer Youth were employed at worksites throughout the Pueblo of Isleta and received training in various workshops. They completed their employment program with excellent evaluations and attendance. The youth learned work ethics and gained skills while employed and received certificates for the workshops they attended. The workshops were in Budgeting, Credit Cards, Loans, Check Writing, Wellness, Coping with Stress, CPR/First Aid, Work Ethics, Cultural Training, Natural Resources Education, Team Building, Leadership, and Communication. The workshops offered to the youth are listed below.

- Coping with Stress, CNM Workforce Training Center
- Financial Management, Wells Fargo Bank, Bosque Farms
- Teambuilding, Communication and Leadership, POI Project Venture
- Heart Saver First Aid Certifications, POI EMS Department, Vernon Abeita
- Awesome Possum(Work Ethics Workshop), Yolanda Ramirez, Isleta Casino & Resort
- Natural Resources Education, POI Natural

Resource Programs

- Cultural Training, Larry Lucero, Isleta Social Services
- Wellness Workshop, Carlos Sifuentes, Isleta Diabetes Program

I want to thank the departments and businesses for their contribution to the success of the Summer Youth Program and for presenting excellent workshops.

I also want to thank the following departments for providing worksites for the summer youth: Isleta Elderly Center, Public Works, Recreation Center, Isleta HeadStart Program, Project Venture Program, Isleta Library, and Tribal Administration Records Retention.

It was a successful program and the youth had fun as well as learned new skills. We are looking forward to the 2010 Summer Youth Program.

Not Feeling Well

1. Call Nurse Advice Line 1-877-725-2552
2. Follow Recommendations of Nurse
 - a. If he/she recommends you see a physician within a time span and the clinic is not open during that time and you do not have other insurance coverage which requires you to go somewhere else, go to NM Quick Care and present your Tribal ID.
 - b. If he/she recommends you see a physician within a time span that the clinic is open, then go to the clinic.
3. Contact the Contract Health (CHS) office (869-4488) within 72 Hours

If you do not follow these 3 requirements, you may be held Financially Responsible for any charges incurred at Quick Care.

Quick Care

Located: 1400 Main Street, Suite D in Los Lunas at the intersection of Main Street and Los Cerritos in the shopping center behind Quizno's.

Open: Monday through Friday until 9pm and Saturday & Sundays 10am -6pm

Need: Pueblo Census ID Card, which shows "I" Number (Financial Assistance can only be provided to enrolled tribal members and their Native American [minor] children and spouses.)

QUICK CARE is an URGENT CARE Service and should not be used for routine medical needs; it is not an emergency room. If the Nurse Advice Line recommends you go to an emergency room, then do so and report it to Contract Health within 72 hours. Individuals with insurance coverage should follow the rules of their coverage and may not be eligible for this Quick Care service.

Parks & Recreation

As July 2009 comes to a close, so does our summer program. I honestly believe that in the 8 years that I have been here (July 2nd 8 years complete) this has definitely been our most successful to date. Not only did we have a record number of children register for the summer program and participate on a daily basis but also we were successful in opening our newest park named in honor of all our previous Governors and Lt. Governors named Governors Little League Complex which is directly across the street from the New Rec Center. It is not to say that we didn't have problems or bumps along the road, but we did work as diligently as possible to iron those out. The most important thing is, we did what we could to provide the best service possible to the people we serve in the Pueblo of Isleta, especially the children, and I thank all you parents and guardians who gave us the opportunity to do so. The exit comments from the children as our program came to a close was they will miss the staff and the fun they had with all the different activities they had the opportunity to experience, especially going to Cliff's Amusement Park and the Zoo. These two were voted the most favorite of all the special events. Pictured to the right is Mr. Joe D. Lucero who was playing the drum as the children from the Library program entertained the crowd with traditional dancing. Incidentally, Mr. Lucero is one of our oldest tribal members who stays young by being involved. Thank you, Mr. Lucero. The third picture is part of the estimated 600 hundred people who were on hand for the Grand Opening of the Little League Park. All in attendance were also treated to a barbecue. The next picture is of our Governor Robert Benavides, Lt. Governor Max Zuni and Lt. Governor Frank Lujan, along with Master of Ceremonies Joe Jaramillo, along with State Representative Henry "Kiki" Saavedra and former Senate Pro-Tem Richard Romero.



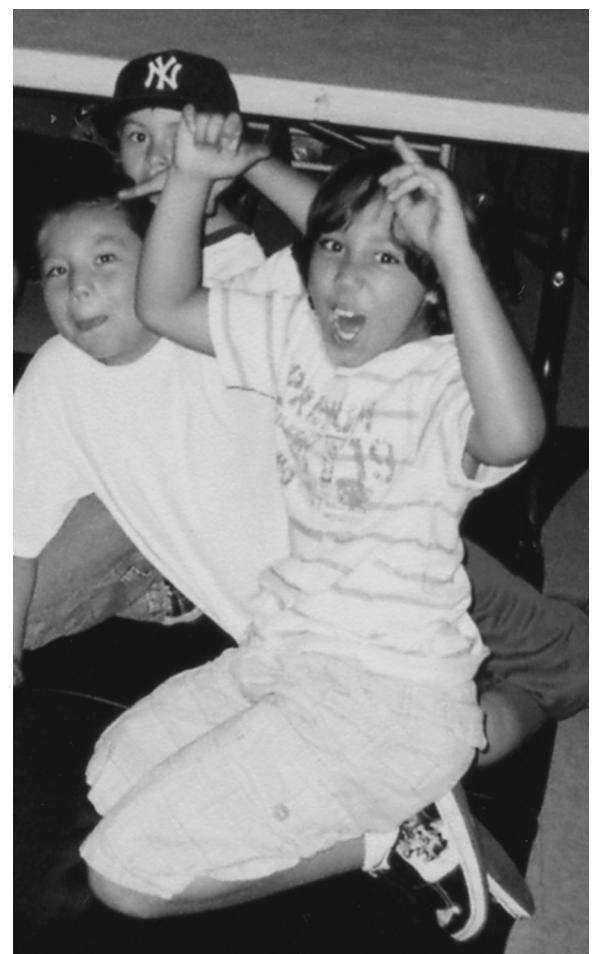
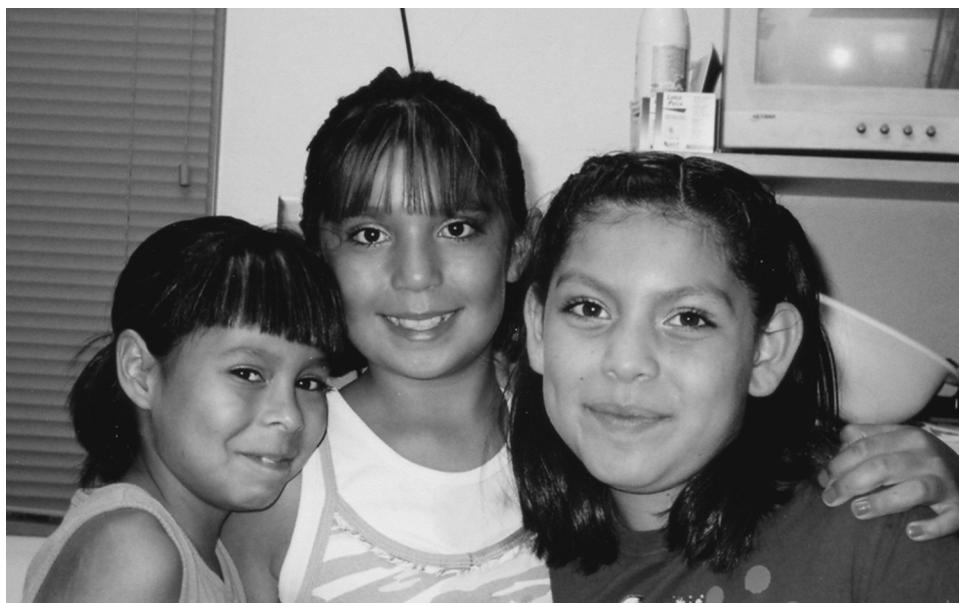
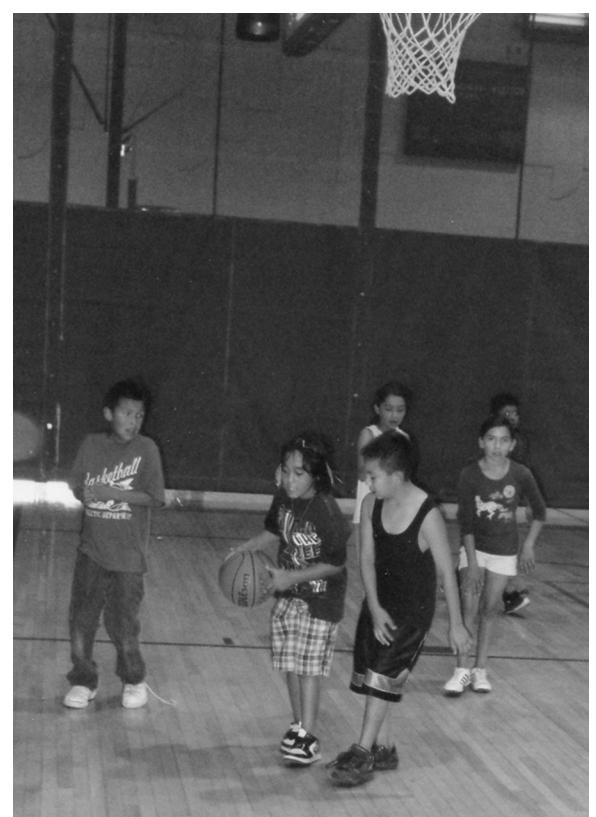
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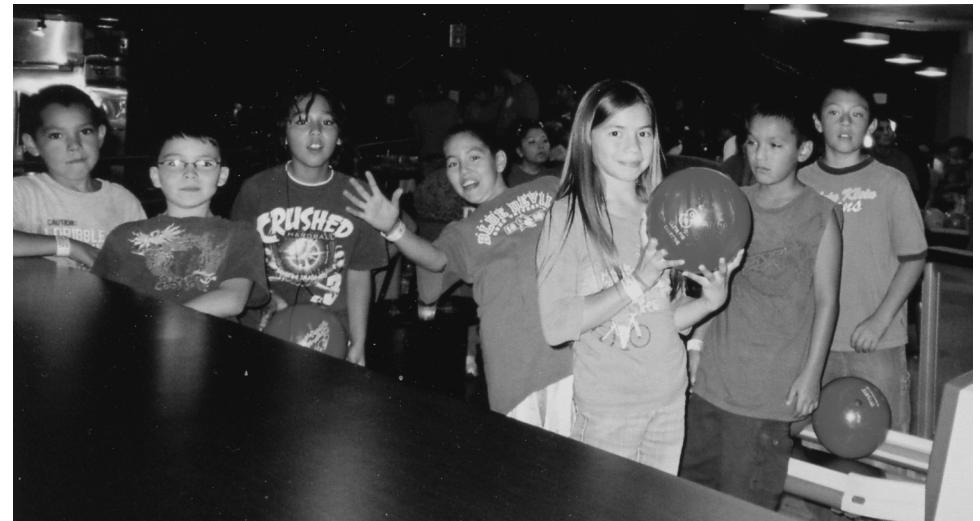
Once again our Arts/Crafts Program continues to be a major part of our recreation setting. Pictured right are: Instructors Nana Gloria, Nana Abie, and Nana Marie with Daren Jojola and Felicia Chavez with a number of pictures displayed on the wall that were part of the Art Show that took place at our end of summer play-day and barbecue on July 30, 2009. Once again, Nanas, we thank you three for a beautiful Arts/Crafts program that you all have presented to all of our children who wanted to get involved. The Nanas will now be taking a break for several weeks (until school resumes in mid-August).



Summer Recreation Action Shots

Pictured below are a number of action shots from the 2009 Summer Recreation Program. Without saying or printing any more words as the old saying goes, if these pictures could talk, each picture would say a thousand words. God Bless all of our children and thank you and all of my staff for making this, one beautiful summer program to remember.





Fall/Winter Program

By the time everyone receives this newsletter, our summer season would have come to an end and our Recreation facility will have been closed for a week for its annual end of summer cleaning. The facility (New Rec.ONLY) will have been closed for a week, (through August 2nd), for sanding and varnishing the gym floor, stripping and waxing all the tile floors and some minor painting to once again spruce up the facility and protect our investment in this beautiful facility. The program will resume beginning on Monday, August 3rd at 5:30 am. with all of the facilities open for everyone to enjoy. Organized after-school programming will resume on

the second day of the new school year. We will send out fliers as a reminder to parents and children alike.

Archery Shoot

On Saturday and Sunday August 1st and 2nd our annual Isleta Archery Shoot will have taken place over at the Isleta Lakes forest area next to the river. Because this newsletter had to go to print prior to the shoot, I will report on that in next month's newsletter.

Greetings from the Transfer Station!

It's that time again when we have to think about what to write about in our monthly article. Well, this month we will make a repeat of one of our previous articles because I know many of us never received the news letter till recently.

This month we will talk about how we (you) can help keep our trash trucks in good working order by following this one helpful hint.

1. DO NOT PUT ANYTHING BUT HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN YOUR TRASH CANS! Anything else can and will damage the moving parts in our (your) trash truck, which means, broken trash truck, **NO TRASH PICKUP!**

a. The following are some example of items which may damage parts in our (your) vehicles: Metal, car parts, bicycles, TVs, vacuum cleaners, broken metal chairs, boards, yard trash, etc.

I think you'll get a better idea of what we encounter during our routine trash pickup, by reading the following:

On Monday, July 13th, someone put a red portable air tank in the trash can and when we dumped the trash can, the portable air

tank got stuck behind our hydraulic ram, causing a malfunction on our hydraulics. Luckily nothing was broken, but the trash truck was inoperable for two days till we un-jammed the air tank. Please view the pictures, YOURS?



Then on July 20th, there was a small metal chair in one of the trash cans and when the trash can was dumped into the truck, the leg of the chair got jammed in one of our sensors and again immobilizing the hydraulics, except this time, there was so much pressure being applied on the hydraulic hoses, one of our (your) 2 inch hydraulic hoses blew up. Needless to say, the truck ended up in the shop.

These two are recent incidences that have occurred within several days, but occurrences like this are common during our daily trash pickup.

So remember "Household trash only in your trash cans!"

Thank you for your cooperation.
The Isleta Transfer Station

Water / Waste Department

I hope your summer has been an enjoyable one. The Water / Waste Water department has been busy working on the sewer lagoons to keep the odors to a minimum.

Remember that the children will be back in school soon, please pay attention to the speed limit signs on the tribal roads.

To help clarify a couple of items that seem to be confusing Tribal members:

Public Works maintains potable water lines, sewer lines, roads, and solid waste. Public Works performs work outside the house within 5 feet of the home. (766-6658)

For work orders within your house please call Housing (869-4153)

Please remember that all work orders must meet certain criteria prior to approval. Scheduling of septic orders is as follows: Septic drivers pick up their work orders early in the morning. Any requests that are placed after 8:30 am will automatically go to the next day's work orders. Example: If a work order is placed on Friday at 9:30 am then the work order will most likely be completed on Monday. Please remember that our septic drivers also have families and if they are scheduled for time off, the back up drivers may not know where you live or that your gates are unlocked if closed.

We make every attempt to pump septic tanks as quickly as possible. Work orders are completed in the order they are received.

Our drinking water systems have been working very hard to keep up with the high

demand of water use. There are still many HOT days ahead. Please use ditch water or well water to irrigate gardens or water livestock. There are several well locations for Tribal Members who do not have wells to use for livestock. The average cow at 95°F can drink 35 gallons of water per day.

In the months of May through August the demand is very high. The water use is about 600,000 gallons per day and that does NOT count the Casino, Lakes, Golf Course, or Travel Center.

So please conserve water whenever you can. Every bit helps.

Water/wastewater Group

The Eastside water system, which includes Lobumtee, Chical and Ranchitos areas, are seeing a very big demand for water. The demand is so high that both wells that serve these areas are running 24 hrs., seven days a week. The 300,000 gallon storage tank at Chical is almost empty, which be a major problem if there should be a fire at a residence since this tank also supplies the fire hydrants. I mentioned before that, because of the hot weather we are having, the usage is high. To add to the problem, a lot of the water is going towards lawn and garden irrigation and livestock watering. Please try to be more conservative in the ways to save precious water. The recent showers have helped to lower the usage somewhat, but we cannot predict when or how long we will be receiving rain.

Thank you, and please rethink on how to use the water that we take for granted, more conservatively.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

During the summer months, the question we often seem to hear most is "What can we do about dirt roads and dust?"

Dirt roads pose one of the most difficult challenges regarding airborne dust control in Isleta.

Vehicular traffic on dirt roads causes dust to become airborne and contribute to road erosion problems and maybe health problems. How and when we can treat it depends on several factors including soil conditions and base, moisture adequate roadside drainage, number of vehicles using the road, scheduling, and of course, cost.

What Can Be Done to Reduce Airborne Dust on Dirt Roads ?

- **Reduce your speed**
- **Water when necessary**
- **Grade regularly**
- **Use an environmentally-friendly dust controller that can withstand routine traffic.**

The Roads Department takes into consideration priorities for improvements, maintenance, and watering of roads is for the benefit of all citizens of the Pueblo of Isleta.

Questions regarding dirt road maintenance may be directed to the Public Works Department at 766-6658

Community Health Fair 2009

Isleta Health Center
Health Beat
Health Educator:
Stephanie Barela, 869-4479

Were you one of the 389 people that attended the Health Fair this year?

If you weren't part of the 389 attendants at the fair, you REALLY MISSED OUT, but GOOD NEWS, this is an annual event and it will happen again next year!!! This year was an exciting year for the Isleta Health Fair. The Governor's Office was kind enough to help support the Isleta Health Center put on this year's fair. There were more than 60 booths, sandwiches and fruit for all and lots of different activities to take part in. The Annual Community Health Fair was on July 11, 2009 from 9am to noon. Due to last year's turn out at the Health Center, we decided to move this year's event to the Isleta Rec Center. The health fair was filled with lots to do, see, hear and win.

The fair began at 9 a.m. with the booths opening. There was a lot of great information and services for the community to learn about, ranging from massages given by the Isleta Rec Center to blood glucose screening by the Isleta Diabetes Prevention Programs and many other great booth topics were available. Around 10 a.m., Lieutenant Governor Max Zuni gave a great invocation. Also at 10am was the start of the Diabetes Prevention Programs' "Melt Off" Walk/Run. This walk is an annual event in conjunction with this Health Fair.



Along with learning about how to stay healthy, the people who attended the fair also had a number of fun things to do. There were Fun Jumps for the kids, snow cones for everyone, face painting and magic shows, which were all donated by the Governor's Office. There was a Fruit Basket Walk for everyone, which gave baskets of fruit that were donated by Whole Foods. There was also a rock climbing wall donated by Albuquerque Parks and Rec. Looking at Country with Jennifer Jojola

played wonderful music for people to listen to while they enjoyed great sandwiches and fruit. There were a lot of activities, as well as numerous raffle prizes. The raffles ranged from 2 free movie passes to Translux Theaters to beautiful pottery donated by Margret's Smoke shop. As you can see, there was a lot going on.



To add to the excitement, the Isleta Elderly Center Line Dancers performed for everyone, as well as a performance by the Isleta Diabetes Prevention Program's Youth. Both performances were great!!!



The Isleta Health Center would like to thank the Community Health Committee, all the Booth Participants, and everyone else who helped make the Isleta Community Health



Fair a Success. We would also like to thank all of our donators:

- Pueblo of Isleta Governor's Office
- Isleta Casino and Resort
- Dion's Pizza • Translux Theaters
- Michelle Jojola • Einstein's Bagels
- Isleta Lakes • Isleta Responsible Gaming
- Whole Foods
- Crystal Spring's Bottled Water
- Los Lunas Cold Stone Creamery
- University of New Mexico-Mascots-Lobo Louie and Lucy
- Benny's • Leno's Smoke Shop
- Isleta Fun Connection
- Isleta Rec Center • Margaret's Smoke Shop
- Looking at Country • Starbuck's Coffee
- Redwing's Shoes • Isleta Elderly Center
- Molina Health Care • Teresa Nelson

It was a FANTASTIC DAY!! If you happened to miss it this year, MAKE SURE YOU CATCH IT NEXT YEAR!!!



WIC NOTES

WIC will roll out its new food package and its new electronic card benefits card this fall.

Here is an overview of some of the foods WIC participants will receive: Whole Grains, Fruit and Vegetables and Infant food.

Fresh, Frozen and Canned Fruits and Vegetables.

Most fruits and vegetables are allowed. Here is a list of fruits and vegetables that are not allowed:

- White potatoes (baking, Russet, Red-skinned, Yukon Gold)
- Fresh herbs and spices
- Purchases on salad bars
- Fruits and vegetable baskets,
- Party fruit/vegetable trays
- Peanuts and other nuts
- Bulk dried beans
- Vegetables used as decorations like gourds, baby pumpkins, garlic on a string.

Fruit and Vegetable dollar amounts per month:

Children: \$6.00/month

Pregnant, Partially Breastfeeding, and Postpartum Woman: \$8.00/month

Fully Breastfeeding women: \$10.00/month

What if my fruit and vegetable (fresh, frozen or canned) go over the dollar amount allowed on my WIC card? The checker will let you know if you have gone over the dollar amount allowed. You will have to remove an item(s) to lower the total dollar amount to the amount allowed on your WIC card.

After your WIC purchase is finished, you may purchase the item that was removed with cash, food stamps, or credit card.

If I have more than one family member on WIC will I get a separate card for everyone?

No. There will only be one card for all family members.

Whole Grain foods.

Many whole grain foods will be allowed:

- Whole Grain Bread- Earth Grains, Mrs. Baird's, Nature's Own, Roman Meal, Oroweat, Pepperidge Farm, Sara Lee
- Corn Tortillas-Any Brand
- Whole Wheat Tortillas-Any Brand
- 100% Brown Rice-Any Brand
- 100% Barley -Any Brand
- 100% Oatmeal-Any Brand (plain, instant or quick)
- Hamburger Buns —Oroweat, Sara Lee, Mrs. Baird's
- No hotdog buns

Amounts per month:

Children 32 oz of Whole Grains

Pregnant and Breastfeeding Woman 16 oz of Whole Grains

Baby Fruits and Vegetables and Baby Food Meats

WIC can offer more foods to moms and babies who fully breastfeed

	FULLY BREASTFEEDING <i>Breastmilk</i>	Infants receiving formula Infant formula amount based on age of infant
ALLOWED SIZES 2.5 ounces 3.3 ounces 4 ounces 6 ounces Stages 1-3	Baby Food Fruit and Vegetables 256 oz	Baby Food Fruit and Vegetables 128 oz
ALLOWED SIZES 2.5 ounce jars only ALLOWED Added Broth or Gravy Pureed to Diced textures NOT ALLOWED No Meat & Vegetable combinations No Meat Sticks (31-- 2.5 ounce jars)	Baby Food Meat and Chicken 77.5 ounces	NO MEATS

You will receive a receipt at WIC and at the Grocery Store. Keep your receipt. It is the only way you will know what foods you have left on your WIC card. The WIC staff looks forward to these new and healthier changes.

Heidi Lanes
WIC Nutrition Coordinator

FRUIT AND VEGGIES

MORE MATTERS MONTH (in Sept.)

There's a huge variety of fresh produce available during the summer and it's not too late to get started! Aside from being delicious, low calorie and full of vitamins, minerals and fiber, eating 5 or more servings a day may help protect you from chronic diseases, including stroke, heart disease and certain cancers.

SAVE TIME & MONEY!

- Pick ones that require little peeling or chopping-- ready to grab when tempted to snack on something less healthy.
- Buy "in season" when less expensive, store properly & freeze or can excess.
- Make vegetable based one-pot meals using beans or smaller amounts of meat.
- Grab & go! Make a fruit roll-up with whole wheat tortilla, thin spread of peanut butter & add your favorite fruit.

TRY THESE SUPER SNACKS WITH A TWIST:

1 MINUTE BANANA SPLIT

Cut a banana lengthwise & place in a dish. Top with 1 or 2 scoops of vanilla or lemon frozen yogurt, strawberries, crushed pineapple & non-dairy whipped cream

TORTILLA TREATS

Bake tortillas until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Top with a mixture of low-fat cream cheese, honey or sweetener, raisins and chopped apples; sprinkle with cinnamon sugar (sweetener)

CRAZY CURRY VEGETABLE DIP

Mix in a bowl, plain low-fat yogurt, a little low-fat ranch dressing, some shredded carrots, minced green onions, pinch of sugar, and dash of curry powder. Taste & chill. Thread a colorful variety of veggies on skewers & serve with dip.

THE 45-SECOND FRUIT SALAD SNACK

Stir together mandarin oranges, a sliced banana, cut-up apple & a few frozen blueberries for a colorful, refreshing, fast salad or snack!

Terri P. Elisberg, RD, LD, CDE
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Diabetes Prevention Programs
Pueblo of Isleta

NOTICE

Pueblo of Isleta Head Start and Child Care Center
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Public Release Statement
of Sponsorship



The Pueblo of Isleta announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. All attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discriminatory action against any child because of race, color, age, national origin, sex or disability. If you feel you have been discriminated against, write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). Children who are members of FDPIR food distribution program in Indian reservation or food stamp household are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEK	HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTHLY	WEEK
1	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$271	1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	\$18,941	\$1,579	\$365	2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$28,665	\$2,389	\$552	4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
5	\$33,527	\$2,794	\$645	5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918
6	\$38,389	\$3,200	\$739	6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$43,251	\$3,605	\$832	7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$48,113	\$4,010	\$926	8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
For each additional Family member +	\$4,862	\$406	\$94	For each additional Family member +	\$6,919	\$557	\$134

NOTICE**WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Corner**

Thank you to all of the breastfeeding mothers who sent in a photo to be entered in the 2010 Breastfeeding Calendar contest. The photos will be voted on by our community in July at the Isleta Health Fair.

The WIC program will be celebrating World Breastfeeding Week on August 5, 2009. The theme for 2009 is *Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response. Are you ready?*

OBJECTIVES of WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2009

- To draw attention to the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergencies worldwide.
- To stress the need for active protection and support of breastfeeding before and during emergencies.
- To inform mothers, breastfeeding advocates, communities, health professionals, governments, aid agencies, donors, and the media on how they can actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency.

RATIONALE

- Children are the most vulnerable in emergencies - child mortality can soar from 2 to 70 times higher than average due to diarrhea, respiratory illness and malnutrition.
- Breastfeeding is a life-saving intervention, and protection is greatest for the youngest infants. Even in non-emergency settings, non-breastfed babies under 2 months of age are six times more likely to die.
- Emergency preparedness is vital. Supporting breastfeeding in non-emergency settings will strengthen mothers' capacity to cope in an emergency.

Source: worldbreastfeedingweek.org

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling: # 924-3180

NEW FACES AT THE CLINIC

Health Educator:
Stephanie Barela, 869-4479

Dr. Emily Bundy is the new dentist at the Isleta Health Center. She moved to New Mexico from Salt Lake City, UT where she worked at the VA Hospital. She was just married 6 months ago and now lives in Albuquerque with her husband and puppy, Brutus. She is very excited to be here and meet everyone.

**LAND WANTED**

A family is in need of land on the Isleta Reservation. If anyone is able to help out and sell some property, please call Mary at 507 3496.

Pueblo of Isleta Public Library

Hello out there to everyone in Isleta. We here at the Library hope all of you are doing well. This summer flew right past us and we are already planning exciting events for this next school year. We can't help but be grateful for all of you that participated in our summer activities. As you already know, we had our summer reading program with students that exceeded our expectations. We had a blast this summer and want to share with you some of our memories.

We have already shared the first half of activities that we did during the month of June. Here is what happened in July, starting with our Toddler Program. The students made medicine bags for their corn meal and/or arrowheads. The students were taught about the importance of cornmeal in our culture, when and how it is used. Their bags were made for their own personal use. They took a trip to Robert Edaakie's garden to see the way we plant. The students helped plant chili, beans, and melon. The following week, the students molded their very own animals out of clay. Let us tell you that their imaginations went wild and we had some very interesting animals. Of course we couldn't have done this project without the help of local artist, Diane Wade. They also were given graham crackers, chocolate icing, various candy and marshmallows to build their very own edible adobe house. They enjoyed themselves and have a layout of a new adobe house- parents. The last week of program, we watched our students paint pictures and took them to ABQ Jump and IT'Z. They all worked hard this summer and it was a reward for a job well done.

While the toddlers were busy with their various activities the youth showed no signs of slowing down. They also made their own medicine bags and paintings that were eventually framed. These paintings were done with fine paper and acrylic paints. The students painted pictures that revolved around our culture. We had paintings from elf to adobe homes to mountain sceneries.



One last group picture from the Toddler Summer Reading Program

They also used their painting skills on canteen potteries. They created their own design on the canteen, which they can eventually put into use.

During this time the students took a trip to the petroglyphs in the back mesas on the west side of Isleta. We have Mike Abeita from Range Patrol to thank for the great tour and insight to this historical sight. The students were able to see some artifacts that gave them the opportunity to analyze for themselves what they thought of their findings.

We are also proud to announce that this year our youth students won our annual Rec Challenge. This challenge started two years ago that involves the Library's and Recreation Center's youth group from ages 7-16. They play kickball and two rounds of dodgeball. The past two years, we had fallen behind, but this year we came out of nowhere and beat the Rec in both games.

After the games we spent some time in the pool, but only to work up an appetite. We had lunch at the Isleta Casino Buffet. So congratulations to our students on their well-deserved victory, and we look forward to next year's challenge.

Our final field trip was to Cliff's Amusement Park and Furr's All You Can Eat Buffet. The kids had a great time and it was a great way for us to show them that we are proud of their hard work over the summer. We also wanted a way to reward the students and showcase. We decided to have a BBQ for our awards ceremony and an Art Show to display their projects.

The BBQ was a success. The parents joined us for a cookout in the nice summer evening weather with delicious food prepared by the staff. We used this time to hand out our prizes. During the duration of the program, the students were given the opportunity to do book reports on a book read during the summer. At the end, the top three with the most reports will get to choose from three grand prizes. These outstanding prizes were an ipod nano, a digital camera, and an iflip. 2nd Grader, Marina Abeita, came in first place choosing the yellow 4g ipod nano. She will be able to download her favorite music and videos and enjoying using this device in her own free time. Taylor Jojola, 7th grader, came in 2nd and chose the Samsung Digital Camera. As she is moving forward and continuing her education, this camera will be along her side capturing those memories. This camera is also capable of recording. Coming in at 3rd place, 7th grader, Krysta Lucero wasn't left behind because she still received the iflip, which is a mini handheld video camera that is great for recording those favorite moments.

We also had prizes donated by Southwest Grill, Benny's, and the Jerky Store. Southwest Grill donated a \$15 gift certificate and Benny's donated a \$10 gift certificate. These were won by Jasmine James and



Toddler Summer Reading Program constructing their Edible Adobe Houses

Christina Lujan. The Jerky Store prepared and donated 20 wonderful gift bags. Half of them had jerky which went to our superb youth students and the other half with wax, juice filled candy went to our terrific toddler students. The rewards were as follows:

Toddlers: Well Behaved: Layne Lujan & Vincent Otero, Jr.; **Most Creative:** Miyawni Curtis; **Hard Worker:** Royce Waconda, **Citizenship:** Kendra Edaakie.

Youth: Well Behaved: Patricia Piro; **Most Creative:** Gabriel Paquin; **Hard Worker:** Krysta Lucero & Taylor Jojola; **Citizenship:** Jeremy Lujan.

Congratulations to all of you on your great prizes. We hope you enjoy them. Winners were chosen by the entire Summer Reading Program Staff.

The following day was our Art Show that displayed the projects of all our students. We turned the library into a museum showcasing all of our fine artworks. The students had been waiting to take home their work and parents anticipated seeing what their child had been up to all summer. We are proud of the work that they did and, as we mentioned, all of their projects are authentic and can be used, from our shawls to rattles to turquoise and coral necklaces to bells. We really hope that you put these items to good use.

Well, that is a wrap on another year of a fun summer reading program, but we must say that this year was a huge success and it couldn't have been done without the help of people around our community. So, a big thank you to everyone that came in and helped our kids or contributed in some way. We are very grateful for the bus drivers at Head Start for providing all of our transportation. Sam's Water Express again for their service and coupon given out to our community members. We also like to thank our summer workers for providing their help and insight during the program. They are as follows: Jose O. Lucero, Tasha



*Library Summer Reading Program & Tewa Language Program Youth Dancing
@ Governors Park Dedication (July 02, 2009)*

Lujan, Angelia Zuni, Samantha Abeita, Issac Jaramillo, & Greg Simpson.

A few quick updates, due to a busy and exhausting summer, we are sorry to inform you that the Little Helpers program will not be taking place. Don't think that we're going to be slowing down though, we have some great ideas in store ahead.

On August 7th there will be a Mary Kay party here at the Library from 5 to 7. Any adult is more than welcome to come. We will have facials and the opportunity to buy your own products or a gift for someone you know. This is also a preliminary trial to a bigger party, All About You, that will take place in September. We would like to have more than just one vendor in the area of beauty, cosmetics, and relaxation. So if you sell Avon, candles, make up, or any other products along this line, please call and get more information about coming in to sell you products.

In September we will also have A Parents Night Out, where parents are given the

opportunity to leave their child here at the library to do fun activities for a few hours. This is a chance for you parents to get out of the house or just have a nice alone time for set up a couple of hours. This date hasn't been set yet, but if you would like more information on this, please call to find out.

Reminder

Starting August 10th, we will return to our normal business hours of 8am- 8pm Monday through Thursday and 8am- 4:30 pm on Friday. Please take note of these changes.

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Mike Abieta from the Range Patrol talking about the Pictographs

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