



# Isleta Pueblo News

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## Report from Governor's Office - Governor E. Paul Torres, Lt. Governors Antonio Chewiwi & Isidore Abeita

On April 10, 2013, Governor E. Paul Torres and Lt. Gov. Isidore Abeita, along with Geraldine Jojola and Paul Lujan from the Department of Education, visited Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS). Superintendent Everett F. Chavez shared information about SFIS, its educational programs, operations including administration building maintenance, community relationships and we were given a tour of the entire campus. It was impressive that the campus buildings are beautiful and well maintained.

SFIS utilizes the rich culture heritage of each student to enhance the knowledge and skills of each student; shape and nurture future leaders to meet the challenges of tomorrow, students who will learn to develop life-long learning skills to handle life outside their tribal community; to graduate students as young adults who are responsible and productive members of their tribal community. SFIS staff promotes student focus on caring, respect, giving back, perseverance, integrity, accountability and most importantly, respect for, and the preservation of our tribal traditions and culture.

The documented success of SFIS graduates over the recent years is inspiring, with a significant number of students not only obtaining higher educational degrees, but more importantly, a large number of SFIS graduates returning to their communities and contributing to the infrastructure that is necessary for continued growth.

The school has been recognized as an outstanding secondary school by the U.S. Department of Education. With a commitment to success, the school is looking forward to meeting the growing challenges confronting our Indian communities in the new millennium.

After meeting with the administration, staff and students and taking a tour of the school, we are convinced that the school offers a well-rounded curriculum that meets the needs of our tribal community. We would highly recommend that our students seriously take into consideration attending SFIS.

Governor Torres and both Lt. Governors met with Brigadier General Gwen Bingham and her Chief of Staff Daniel Hicks, from U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range, located in the southeastern New Mexico near Alamogordo.

One of the pertinent issues discussed was the flyovers and flight patterns over our reservation and how these flights affect our tribal customs and traditional way of life.

There have been many concerns by our traditional leaders and other tribal members of flyovers during our traditional ceremonies, violating the privacy during the times of our ceremonial dances and our normal day lives.

We have also discussed these concerns with Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. We have contacted the Commander from Kirtland AFB and they have accepted to meet with our administration as soon as we can arrange a date and time. We will keep you updated on the outcomes of these meetings.

Unfortunately, because of unforeseen circumstances we were compelled to cancel the community meeting which was scheduled for April 27, 2013. This meeting will be rescheduled at a later date that is yet to be determined.

The Governor, Lt. Governors and the administrative staff sends it condolences to family of the Bruce Abeita.

### FINAL NOTICE of ELECTION & REFERENDUM

Notice of a Supervisor Election (73-20-49 NMSA 1978, and 21.9.2 NMAC) & Referendum (73-20-25 through 73-20-48 NMSA 1978 and 21.9.3 NMAC) for the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District.

To all registered voters situated within the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Valencia, Bernalillo, Cibola, and Socorro, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st Tuesday of May, May 7th, 2013 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. polls will be open for election of Supervisors Seat 3 and Seat 4 and for vote on a mill levy referendum. The ballot will include candidate P. Joseph Moya for Seat 3, uncontested, and two candidates for Seat 4 including Teresa Smith de Cherif, Lawrence (Larry) Sanchez, and the mill levy proposition which states 'Shall the resolution of the Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District to levy an assessment of 25 cents per thousand dollars of net taxable value on real property for a period of ten years to meet expenses of said District be approved?'

Polling locations will be:

- 1) **Valencia Soil & Water Conservation District Office, USDA Service Center Field Office, 2600 Palmilla Road, Los Lunas, NM 87031, (505) 865-5807**
- 2) **Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area Visitor Center, One mile north of River Road, 2424 Highway 47, Belen, NM 87002, (505) 864-8914**

Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the referendum,

Referendum authorized by the NM Soil & Water Conservation Commission at a public meeting, June 11th, 2012 and will be conducted pursuant to the Soil and Water Conservation District Act, 73-20-25 through 73-20-48 NMSA 1978, and 21.9.3 NMAC. If you have any questions regarding this election and referendum please call Madeline Miller at 505-865-5807. Also, **persons with disabilities in need of special accommodations please do contact our office at least 5 days prior to voting day.**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A Petition to Probate the Estate of **Roger Dean Blythe**, deceased on **May 27, 2010**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Isleta Tribal Courts. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A Petition to Probate the Estate of **Keith P. Abeita**, deceased on **April 10, 2013**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Isleta Tribal Courts. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A Petition to Probate the Estate of **Patrita J. Garcia**, deceased on **December 1, 2006**, has been filed in the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Courts. Any person claiming an interest in the estate is hereby requested to notify the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court Clerk within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice being posted.

Claims must be filed in writing with the Isleta Tribal Courts. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk at (505) — 869 — 9699.

## PUEBLO OF ISLETA REALTY DEPARTMENT

The Tribal Council established the Isleta Realty Department in 1981 when it was deemed necessary to record and maintain all land transactions on the reservation. These transactions include, but are not limited to the following: sales and purchases, transfers, inheritances, land trades, residential and farm leases, boundary disputes, property settlements, trailer applications and probate court decisions. We serve as a central record keeping facility for assorted property maps, aerial photos, boundary maps, right-of-way plats from the State Highway department, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the various utility companies which serve the reservation. We also conduct research at various Federal, State County and Municipal government agencies and store and maintain historical records and correspondence dating to the year 1852.

We have also been tasked with maintaining the E911/Rural Addressing database. This will increase response times for first responders such as the Police, EMS and Fire/Rescue units. We have currently been put under the newly created Public Services Department and will be referred to as the "Land Use and Mapping Division". By being reorganized in this structure we will soon be a "one-stop shop" for all your land servicing needs.

Our staff consists of the following: John M. Romero, Manager; Patricia L. Lujan, Administrative Assistant; Faron I. Candelaria, Land Surveyor; Priscilla Chewiwi, Survey Technician; Benny Lente, Survey Technician; Jose Ray Jojola, Data Programmer/Addressing Technician.

We encourage all individuals that wish to do any land transactions to check with our office prior to any exchanges to verify that the property is assigned to that person. Please note all transactions are not considered valid unless it has been authorized by Governor or Lt. Governors and recorded by this office.

Our office is currently located at the Tribal Services Complex. Business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call us at 869-0710 for any services you require.

### ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

Now that the weather is getting warmer and summer is approaching, there are a lot more people walking and running with their dogs. If you choose to take your dog out for a walk or run, please keep your animal on a leash at all times when off your property. This is to ensure that the animal is in your control. This is also stated in the animal ordinance. If you need a copy of the animal ordinance, please contact Isleta Animal Control.

Also, please contact Animal Control if you have a stray animal that shows up at your property. We will come by to remove that stray animal. We will do our best to identify where this animal may have strayed from, so we can reunite it with it's owner. People do contact our office, looking for their lost animals. It is also important to contact Animal Control as soon as possible, once your animal has gone missing.

Another problem that seems to happen around this time of year is dogs attacking and killing livestock. There are plenty of livestock owners that this has happened to around the Pueblo. If your dog is caught attacking someone's livestock, that livestock owner has the right to file a civil complaint for restitution and the owner of the animal may be required by the Tribal Court to make restitution to the victim for damages or injury, in addition to any citations and or fines issued by animal control. So, please do your best to keep your animals confined to your property.

Thanks to everybody who took the time to bring their pets to our rabies clinic in April. Despite the wind that day, we had a huge turn-out. We vaccinated well over 200 animals. If you didn't get a chance to bring your pet to the rabies clinic, please contact Isleta Animal Control. We can make arrangements to come by and vaccinate your pets. Supply is limited, so it will be on a first come first serve basis. We'd also like to thank Indian Health Services for making this possible.

**Animal Control Office: 869-7564**



For Immediate Release: April 12, 2013

Contact: Nancy Harjo Serna or Patrick Murphy(800) 352-3496

### AMERIND Risk on the Top 25 List of New Mexico Business First Book of Lists

AMERIND Risk is #3 of American Indian-owned Businesses for 2012

(Albuquerque, New Mexico) — AMERIND Risk continues its five year trend at number three on the Albuquerque Business First Book of Lists - top 25 American Indian-owned Businesses. AMERIND Risk is proud to be recognized as one of the largest revenue generating Native-owned businesses based in the Albuquerque, New Mexico market.

The listing, like AMERIND Risk, is unique.

"Yes, Albuquerque is the only market with specific lists for American Indian-owned businesses. The majority of the other markets have a single minority-owned business list only," said Jessica R. Pomerantz, Researcher, at Albuquerque Business First.

AMERIND Risk has been in the top five spots in seven of the last eight years according to Pomerantz.

AMERIND Risk was listed with having \$32.5 Million in revenue in 2012 employing 47 employees; and keeping the money in Indian Country control while adding to jobs and opportunity to Tribal economies.

#### About AMERIND Risk

AMERIND Risk's Tribal Workers' Compensation is a cost effective Tribal preferred option to state statutory workers' compensation provided through traditional insurance companies. AMERIND Risk has over 26 years of success delivering safe, secure, and sustainable Tribal insurance, and risk management solutions to Indian Country. Our Tribal coverage affords the Tribe the ability to take control of their Tribal workers' compensation within their Tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction.

Our Tribal Government/Business coverage is designed to provide comprehensive property and liability insurance to Tribal entities and Tribal governments. All coverage is underwritten, insured, and reinsured by AMERIND Risk and our AM Best A Rated partner companies.

Our focus is Tribal customer's needs and flexible solutions to meet those needs. Our Native American Homeowners and Renters coverage is designed for the unique needs of our Tribal citizens living in Indian communities. Our coverage is affordable for our Tribal citizens.

To learn more about AMERIND Risk, visit us online at [www.AMERINDRisk.org](http://www.AMERINDRisk.org) or call: (800) 352-3496.

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## Public Services Resources Division Tips on Rabies Prevention and Pet Vaccination

Rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

**What are the signs and symptoms of rabies** - The first symptoms of rabies may be very similar to those of the flu, including general weakness, discomfort, fever, or headache. These symptoms may last up to four days. There may also be discomfort or a prickling or itching sensation at the site of bite. Symptoms could progress within days to cerebral dysfunction, anxiety, confusion and agitation. As the disease progresses, the person may experience delirium, abnormal behavior, hallucinations, and insomnia.

The most important global source of rabies in humans is from uncontrolled rabies in dogs. Children are often at greatest risk from rabies. They are more likely to be bitten by dogs, and are also more likely to be severely exposed through multiple bites in high-risk sites on the body.

The acute period of disease typically ends after 2 to 10 days. Once clinical signs of rabies appear, the disease is nearly always fatal, and treatment is typically supportive.

Rabies in humans is 100% preventable through prompt appropriate medical care — if you or a family member has been bitten seek medical care and contact animal control!

It is essential that you ensure that your pets are vaccinated! The Public Services Department — Resources Division's Animal Control Officers routinely hold free vaccination events across the pueblo.

1. You should also ensure that you visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep all vaccinations up-to-date for all pets.
2. Maintain control of your pets by keeping cats indoors and keeping dogs under direct supervision.
3. Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or vaccinated regularly.

It is important to report all animal bites to animal control immediately, regardless if that animal has been vaccinated. To report an animal bite, please call Isleta Dispatch at 869-3030. Animal control will respond to all animal bite incidents afterhours and on weekends. An animal that has bitten somebody and is not up to date on its rabies vaccinations will be impounded for a mandatory 10-day quarantine at Valencia County Animal Shelter. The owner will be responsible to pay the quarantine fee of \$150 before the animal is released back to its owner. If rabies is suspected during this quarantine period, that animal will be euthanized and sent for further testing. Luckily, none of the animals from the Pueblo that had to be quarantined, did not show any signs of rabies.

Call animal control to remove all stray animals from your neighborhood since these animals may be unvaccinated or ill.

For more information — you may call 869-2710 and speak with our Animal Control Officers.

## UNM ENGINEERING STUDENT SERVICES

Hello:

I am writing to you on behalf of the UNM Engineering Student Services department regarding the upcoming summer residential program called the Summer Transportation Institute (STI) taking place June 9th through 28th on the UNM main campus.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, this program is intended for high school students in grades 10 and 11 (as of Fall, 2013) and is designed to introduce participants to various careers in the transportation industry while giving them a sneak preview of college life as they live on campus throughout the program. The program is filled with workshops, hands-on projects, field trips and weekend activities.

Applications for the program are still being taken up until May 10th (the date was extended). They must complete the application packet and mail it in.

Information about the STI Program can be found at: <http://www.unm.edu/sti/>

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please feel free to contact me by email at [katherin@unm.edu](mailto:katherin@unm.edu) or by phone at (505) 277-9921.

Sincerely,

**Katherine Love**

Coordinator: Special Events & Summer Transportation Institute Program,  
NSBE Advisor

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## PUBLIC WORKS CHANGES

There have been a lot of changes at the Public Works offices. DNR has now joined us in the building complex.

In case you haven't yet heard, we are across from the clinic. We are hoping this makes it convenient to take care of your needs in one location. When calls are placed to DNR or IPW they are being answered by one receptionist. We are answering the phone as Public Services and directing your calls to the proper person. This should help minimize having to make multiple calls to address your needs.

The Utilities division submitted a sample of our drinking water to Drinking Water Taste Contest held annually by the New Mexico Rural Water Association. Isleta's drinking water took third place for best water. It is with great pride we accepted the award. There were many contestants and we did well. This was our first year to enter the competition.

For updates on current project don't forget to visit our face book page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Isleta-Public-Works>.

You can also follow us on Twitter @isletapublic. Our website is [www.isletapublicworks.com](http://www.isletapublicworks.com)

There are many projects, daily updates, and notifications listed on the sites. Because of quick changes in our work schedules, the internet has shown the quickest way to get information out to the community.

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## Tribal Council

### Indian Gaming Phoenix 2013 Tradeshow and Convention

**Trip Report** Submitted by Juan Rey Abeita

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) has been around since 1985 and has played a key factor in propelling the tribal gaming industry into booming economies on Indian Land. NIGA represents over 184 tribes and works closely with the federal government in developing policy and procedures to enrich the social, political and economic aspects of Native People. NIGA also provides technical trainings to tribes and advocating for tribal gaming rights and issues on the behalf of tribes. This year's NIGA Conference took place on March 24th-27th, 2013 in Phoenix, AZ. The conference included a Tradeshow, trainings sessions, certification trainings, roundtable discussion, association member meetings and networking events. During the NIGA Conference my focus was directed at, "what is a Tribal Leader's role in Indian Gaming?" I have found that posing these questions to myself would also help our Tribal Community understand what our roles are as a tribal member, a community, and a stakeholder in a multi-million dollar industry is.

#### What is the Economic State of Indian Gaming?

Indian Gaming across America has been able to maintain a stable economy as opposed to cities like Las Vegas who have been seeing steady decline in their revenues. There are many contributing factors to rise of Indian Gaming and the fall of American Commercial Gaming. One of these factors is the great recession and the easement there is in traveling to a closer Indian Reservation. A second key factor would be in the diversification of non-gaming products (box retail stores, outlet malls, traditional arts and crafts, fuel, etc.) and services (hotels, golfing, spas, fun centers, etc.) being sold in complimentary to Indian casinos. Commercial gaming is not giving up without a fight, and their next move is to legalize internet gaming which can be detrimental to tribes if tribes do not move along with the current trends. Indian Gaming occurs in 28 states with the top five states eating up 61% of all revenues and the top ten states eating 86% of revenues. New Mexico falls into the category of the 18 states who divvy up the remainder 14% of revenues.

#### Is internet gaming a threat to Isleta Resort and Casino?

The threat of internet gaming is based on the trend of younger generations being more accustomed to technology and not having a need for social interaction. If we believe that future generations will not want to leave their homes and will not have a need for social interaction than internet gaming is the direction that Indian Gaming must go. I personally do not see this as a future trend and I believe that future generations will want a place to go and have fun physically and interact with other people. Nonetheless, there will still be a demand for internet gaming but we can find solutions for internet gamers to still come into our casinos. Allowing internet gamers to build up credits

that can only be used/spent at the actual casino would be one strategy to draw in the interactive market. One example to alleviate the fear of internet gaming would be movie theaters vs. internet streaming. Tomorrow every movie that is made could come thru internet streaming and people would be able to watch everything from the comfort of their homes. This will not happen because there is a demand for people to experience the silver screen, the social environment, the popcorn and candy, and the customer service of others making the experience grand. The same demand will be there for playing slots or table games, the social environments casinos create, the food whether it's a deli or fine dining and the exquisite customer service our casino will provide.

#### What are the social and economic impacts of Indian Gaming on Tribal Communities?

This isn't a very important question, especially pertaining to the social impacts but you shouldn't expect an answer in this paragraph because there has not been enough study done to specifically address this topic. I attended a session on this subject at the NIGA conference and even the people presenting who have done some studies on the social impacts would not want to give an answer to this question. What was touched upon in the session were some of the economic impacts. The current trend is that household incomes have been on the rise in Indian Country who have incorporated Indian gaming in the midst of dropping household incomes across America. In addition, there were graphs shown during the presentation representing a growth of entrepreneurial businesses on reservations throughout the recession with plenty of room to grow. Is this trend relatable to our tribe and if so how do we capitalize on this economic trend before it runs its course? As far as the social impacts, these are questions we need to ask ourselves. The right questions asked will help develop a plan for the future of how we generate and sustain a stable economy on the reservation while culturally matching our language and traditions at the same time. How has the Indian Gaming improved our services to community members? How has Indian Gaming changed/alterd our behavior and core values as a community and as individuals? What lessons in leadership and business have been learned through Indian Gaming and how have we grown from these lessons? These are just some of the answers we seek to gauge our balance of keeping our language, culture, and traditions intact as we move into the fertile economic future.

#### What is the role of Tribal Council when the Tribe is invested into Indian Gaming?

This is a question that will vary from Tribe to Tribe. From the basics that I have gathered while attending NIGA, the role of Tribal Council is to ensure that the enterprise will grow profitability while maintaining efficient use of capital on a sustainable basis. Knowing

how to understand our role as leadership in the Indian Gaming Industry is knowing how to ask quality questions to ourselves, the experts and the professionals we have in-trusted into our businesses. How do we keep our separation from micromanaging and allow our CEO and casino management to perform their duties/responsibilities? Are we evaluating our professionals, experts and ourselves as leadership well enough so that we know we're prepared to handle a crisis when it erupts? We ask ourselves as leadership, are we addressing the risks that could send us over a cliff? On a final note, we must educate our people on past successes, budgeting, ownership, roles of the community/community members and the how we create value out of the future (future endeavors and future generations.) The well-being of our people is why we have created a casino and the people respecting the ownership of the casino is what will keep it producing fruitfully into the future.

#### Employing Our People. What are the best practices for Tribal Member Development and Career Advancement?

There are two aspects to this subject. The first aspect is the separation and balance of three entities; Political, Business and Family. A business cannot run at the speed of Tribal Government. The Tribal Government spectrum of duties are so broad that we must leave a majority of the work to the professionals and experts we have employed. Tribal Membership employment should not be viewed as a social welfare program where employees get paid for not working. Entitlement is the true nature of tribal members taking advantage of the system and making threats to management because of a relative or friend in a leadership position. Entitlement also has the high potential of making people nasty which in turn can be extremely detrimental to a business. The second aspect of this subject, is how do we diagnose so we can fix the situation and instill vibrant work ethic in Tribal Members? The first crucial piece of transforming our tribal members into management and leaders is that they must have personal motivation. We must teach and promote personal goal setting in our community and it's important for goals to be time bound and measurable. We must give our tribal members the tools and avenues to gain personal skills, abilities and knowledge. Tribal leadership must weigh in on positive peer pressure to push up our Tribal Members to become successful. We have to trust our Tribal Members with the ability to see what is out there and make decisions within their job capacity. Celebrating and giving rewards to our Tribal Members is how we continue to motivate and keep retention of our Tribal Members. The last thing we can do as Tribal Leadership is to set policy and procedures that will promote Tribal Sovereignty and the growth of Tribal Member Development and Career Advancement.

## National Reservation Economic Summit 2013

**Trip Report** Submitted by Juan Rey Abeita

On March 10th-14th, 2013, I attended the National Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The intent of the summit is to "gather Native People from all across North America, participants from around the world and brings us all into one location to do business and to talk about economic development" (RES 2013 Agenda Book.) The four-day event was jam-packed with lectures focusing on Alternative Energy, Leadership, Taxation, Technology, Native American History, Finance, Small Business, Global Enterprise, Agriculture, Market Analysis, Construction, Entrepreneurship, and Community Development. In addition to the lectures there was a Trade Show where over 100 Native American owned businesses showcased their enterprises. There were also networking gatherings where attendees and business enterprises were allowed to identify and make connections to grow economically across Indian Country. There was a lot of ground to cover at the summit. Through careful consideration I walked a path towards economic development through Alternative Energy, Small Business/Entrepreneurship, and Agriculture because I believed that would be the most beneficial to bring back to the community

### Economic Development

In a healthy economic community, one dollar should at least roll over six times. On tribal reservations one dollar typically rolls over once before it leaves the reservation and generally it is into a border town. You may be asking yourself, "Why is this?" Well, the answer is simple. There is simply no place on tribal reservations to spend your dollar and keep that dollar circulating on the reservation. What's the solution? Economic Development. Where do we start? We start with a vision. Once there is a vision, then we began to strategize. Once there is a game plan, it is up to the performance of our actions that will be either in success or failure. Failure is a harsh word that we do not like to associate ourselves with but it can also be a good thing if there is growth in learning from our mistakes. So back to the question of how do we get one dollar to roll over 6 times or more on a reservation? We build small businesses either owned by entrepreneurs or through tribal enterprises that would provide services (restaurants, maintenance shops, dry-cleaners, utility provider, etc..) businesses that sell goods (grocery stores, garden/agricultural producers, novelties or fetishes, clothing, etc..) or a hybrid of the two (laundromat, car-wash, equipment rental.) Moving towards our own tribal economic development breaths life into job creation, providing services and goods to our own community, efficiency and cost savings, tribal sovereignty and getting outsiders to spend their dollar on our land.

How do we plan for growth now and for the future of our growing population, our economy, and the prosperity of our general welfare while balancing our traditions and culture? We must make opportunities for ourselves through creating and providing energy for our own people through renewable

and environmentally safe resources. We must educate and train ourselves above the standards in all fields and welcome technology as a tool to help us build with. Our human capital development in leadership and youth training both in culture and politics will create stable ground for us to build upon into the future. We must use what has been taught to us through our people, traditions and culture about agriculture so to sustain our population growth. Forward thinking is essential to the mindset of leadership and as leadership our movement is based on guiding our people in a direction that is beneficial to our community economically as well as maintaining a culture/traditional match to our successes. And finally, as leadership we are tasked with figuring out a way for our people to invest financially and emotionally into our community

### Alternative Energy

Alternative energy is a booming enterprise as I saw at RES 2013. There were lectures with key experts as well as business/contractor booths set up to discuss different avenues to approach from. I gained two things from the discussions and the displays on alternative energy. First, alternative energy across America and more specifically across Indian country can be risky business because of its infancy and native tribes not having a lot of resources to take the first steps. The benefit of attending RES 2013 was to network and create dialogue about what works and who to work with among other tribes and entities moving in the direction of utility development. Second, I believe that it would be in the best interest of the pueblo of Isleta to provide our own utilities to our people and our tribal enterprises. The benefits of constructing and taking control of our own resources would be; controlling our own rates, providing services to our own people, creating revenue in providing services to surrounding communities, job creation in operating and maintaining our own infrastructure, the expansion of electrical services/infrastructure where we want, and the development of energy sophistication/technology for ourselves. In addition, utility companies do not make much profit and therefore the services provided run the risk of becoming a social program where the community feels entitled to free services. If the tribe ever decides to pursue utility development and wishes to avoid the social program scenario, the services should be provided through a business entity such as the Isleta Business Corporation. The bottom line of it all is that controlling our own energy, resources and infrastructure helps break away from a crutch and strengthens our walk towards tribal sovereignty.

### Small Business

If we want economic change on our reservation, I believe it will come through tribal entrepreneurship. It's been said many times in the media that America has been built on the back of small business. When I look at our reservation I see a lack in economic development because we lack in tribal

entrepreneurship and small businesses. The IBC has been tasked with the assistance and development of entrepreneurship and I believe their emphasis on this matter should be taken with more responsibility and accountability. It would be ideal for tribal members interested in starting a business to go to the IBC and receive assistance with feasibility plans, business plans, loans, and have answers readily available for them about licensure or business law. Entrepreneurship in many ways is like farming and producing a garden. It takes nurturing, hard work, constant maintenance, working through the elements, and passion both in practice and for success. The emphasis of passion in the small business seminar was shared amongst the panelist as the key to their business success. If we need to look at an example of entrepreneurs and success we can look at our past tribal leaders. They started off with close to nothing and grew our Isleta Resort and Casino to the multi-million dollar enterprise it is today. Entrepreneurship is key to our economic development success but, it must always remain balanced and matched with our cultural and traditional identity.

### Agriculture

We come from people who were admired for their agriculture. The lands of Isleta Pueblo are nestled in some of the most fertile lands along the Rio Grande and no other place in the area has as much farm land as Isleta. Embedded in our natural resources are answers to alleviate many of the health issues we face today. We have the ability to combat diabetes by showing our people how to grow healthy foods. We can eliminate preservatives, pesticides, and chemicals that are sprayed on our food which can ultimately lead to cancer in our people.

We own Comanche Ranch where we can raise naturally grown livestock without the need for genetic hormone injections, steroid injections, and other unsound practices that happen across the country. Most importantly, we can build trust amongst our people and tribal entities into agriculture and reinforce the lessons our ancestors have shown us through agriculture. Agriculture is big business as long as there are people who need to eat. Economic development in this area can span to our own grocery stores. We can look to supply healthy foods to our elderly centers, schools systems, resort and casino and even to local entrepreneurs who wish to start up their own restaurants. With a vision of what we can do to sustain our population growth, and ourselves we can break away from unhealthy eating habits and see what the benefits are beyond the options we have been shown by commercial and corporate America.

**Questions need answers/solutions**

**Challenges require strategy**

**Concerns call upon forward thinkers**

**Complaints are part of the trial and error process**

## National Indian Gaming Association Annual Membership Meeting March 25-26, 2013

### Trip Report Fernando Abeita

I will first introduce the function and mission of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and why it is important that the Pueblo of Isleta be an active participant in the organization.

The National Gaming Association (NIGA) was formed to protect and preserve the general welfare of the Tribes striving for self-sufficiency through gaming enterprises in Indian Country. To fulfill its mission, NIGA works with the federal government and Congress to develop sound policies and practices and to provide technical assistance and advocacy on gaming related issues. In addition, NIGA seeks to maintain and protect Indian sovereign governmental authority in Indian Country.

For over 27 years, the National Gaming Association has forged its reputation on defending Tribal sovereignty first and foremost. Last year, several pieces of legislation were introduced that impacted Tribal Sovereignty. Through the collective action of Tribal Leaders, NIGA was successful in defending and protecting Tribal Sovereignty in 2012. Protection of Tribal Nations' Sovereignty can ensure the future of Indian gaming the right of Tribes to determine their own economic destiny. Government policies, from Washington D.C. to State Capitols, continually present unique challenges to Indian Country and continue to shape the future of Tribal Sovereignty.

The current economic climate reveals just how integrated Indian gaming has become with the national economy. Tribes continue to inject several billion dollars worth of income on capitol costs, operations and maintenance, security and surveillance, goods and services. Tribal governments rely on their portion of gaming revenue to reinvest in, and pay for, education, health care, police and fire protection, housing, water and sewer service, transportation, government infrastructure and community development. Indian gaming hand related economic activity continues to generate over \$9 billion in Federal taxes and revenue savings through reduced welfare and unemployment benefit payments. In addition, Indian gaming generated \$2 billion in state government revenue and an additional \$100 million in local government revenue.

Through NIGA, tribes are able to hear and consider each other's opinions and find the common ground they share, and then fight fiercely to protect their common interest. NIGA continues to be the most significant tribal lobbyist group in the nation. It is important that tribes remain vigilant and determined in efforts to promote and protect not only tribal gaming, but economic development generally, as well as the sovereign and inherent right of tribal nations to determine their future!

It is important that NIGA has a strong and reliable fiscal condition to support

its operation and obligation to what has become a multi-billion dollar industry and the most significant economic catalyst in Indian Country today.

I attended the following networking and education workshops.

#### 1) Food and Beverage as a Profit Center—Management by Analytics

The scope of this workshop was to review current F&B processes and analysis and provide a road map for future monitoring of operations and analysis of performance in the food and beverage areas. The key focus of this workshop was to

- Evaluate financial performance using key indications.
- Develop an analytic procedure to evaluate trends in the F&B areas.
- Identify red flags in the financial statements and other accounting documents that need further investigation, such as cost of goods sold analysis, revenue capture, operating cost analysis.
- Upon the identification of a red flag, develop processes to investigate variances.

#### 2) NEPA and the Federal Gaming Approval Process

A panel of experts provided an overview of what can be the complicated NEPA compliance processes involved in the various Department of the Interior and National Indian Gaming Commission approvals necessary to engage in Tribal gaming—in particular, acquiring and in trust for gaming proposes. The session described the process and typical timelines, examined recent developments in JEPA law policy, review the BIA's new NEPA Handbook and discussed any changes and provided practical advice for Tribes engaged in BIA's and NIGC's NEP compliance process for gaming-related activities.

#### 3) Retail Development on Tribal Lands

The meeting discussed how two Tribes diversified their existing gaming property to create additional revenue streams while increasing employment opportunities for their Tribe with the development of a retail outlet mall. This workshop covered the process to determine the viability and feasibility, labor and TERO-compliance issues, taxation for retail on Tribal lands, current trends in casino and retail construction/design, pros, and cons of hiring a development team/property management firm and projected costs and incremental impact of adding a retail component.

#### 4) Information Security Fundamentals

This workshop provided an understanding of how gaming operations affected by external attacks and viruses. The training topics focused on how to minimize the threat of external attack and viruses, how to successfully implement general security services and executing essential security technologies.

#### 5) Understanding Casino Financial Information for the Tribal Leader and Regulator

The discussion focused on the essentials of understanding standard financial reports, as well as key questions Tribal leaders and regulators should be asking when reviewing the financial statements. The session provided insight on opportunities of revenue growth, and how to evaluate and track performance in a timely manner.

#### 6) Financial Statement Analysis for Gaming Commissioners—Benchmarking, Analytical Review and Red Flags

This workshop covered a user-friendly approach to understanding the financial statement and how to categorize property in the industry. The discussion went over common red flags for potential indications of improper reporting practices (by error, fraud or substandard practices). It provided the tools necessary to analyze accounts and balances with increased levels of risk.

#### 7) Fraud Prevention and Detection

This session provided an understanding of how gaming operation is affected and targeted by fraud. This workshop explored ways to recognize, monitor and detect different types of fraud occurring or that may occur in the gaming operation. Methods to avoid becoming a victim of the newest cheats and scams by early detection were reviewed. Topics included: fraud awareness, symptoms of fraud, fraud prevention and fraud case studies.

#### 8) 2013 Tribal Gaming Audit and Accounting Update

This workshop provided the latest overview of the following topics of importance to Tribal gaming finance professionals:

- Hierarchy for Tribal gaming financial reporting generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)
- Upcoming changes in GAAP (loan fees, partnerships, Tribal distributions, gaming revenue, WAP and participation games).
- Free play accounting and impact and Tribal-state compact fees.

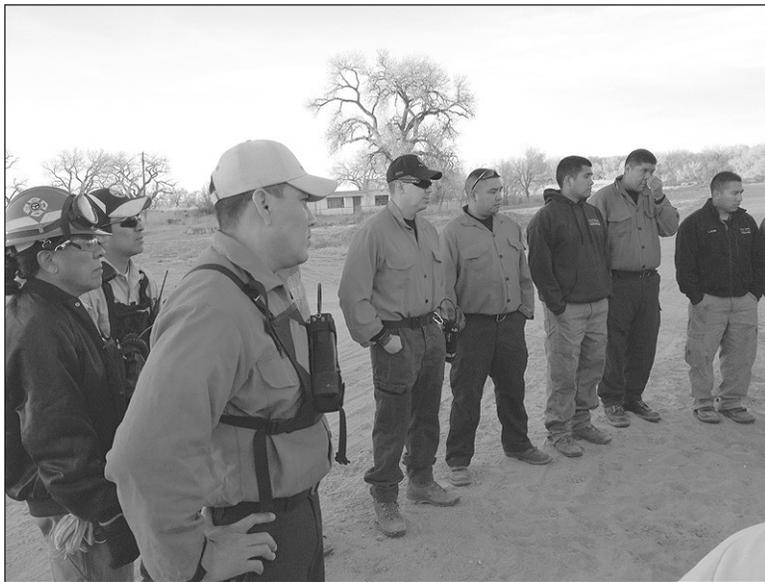
## Isleta Pueblo News



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## Public Services Department- Fire Safety

We are anticipating a very severe and dangerous fire season this year. The Public Services-Natural Resources Division along with the Isleta Volunteer Fire Department have already responded to dozens of fires on Pueblo lands, including managing three fires occurring at the same time at different locations across the Pueblo and we have only entered the season. We are asking the public's help in helping us to prevent and control wildfires.



1. Obtain a burn permit from the Public Services Complex across from the Health Center.
2. Call before you burn, to ensure it is a burn day (869-3030).
3. Prepare the area you are going to burn, ensure you have fire breaks and/or a water source/extinguisher present to keep the fire from getting out of control.
4. Burn against the wind, not with the wind – this will help you burn slowly and not risk the fire “running” on you.
5. Stay with the fire from start to finish, and check up on the area later to avoid rekindling.
6. If it's a large area you can request help (if available) from the Isleta Volunteers or Public Services Fire/Fuels Crew.

The Pueblo's Public Services Department-Natural Resources Division has 13 Federally Qualified/Wildland Certified Fire Fighters and one 4,000 gallon Tanker that provide initial attack and Wildland fire suppression services. Isleta Pueblo has a dedicated 15 person Volunteer Fire Department with two brush trucks and an Engine who respond to Structural Fires, Wildland Fires and Crash/Rescue. In large events they are assisted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Southern Pueblo's Fire Program. These brave men and women put their lives on the line and respond 24 hours a day - year round providing protection to the public, They:

- a. Responded to over 60 fires last year and over 30 fires this year.
- b. Assist farmers and homeowner with requests to burn fields and hazard areas.
- c. Are highly trained in Incident Command, Chainsaw operations, Fire operations, Rescue operations and HAZMAT response.
- d. They also respond and help out with Flooding, Environmental Emergencies and assist the Police and EMS programs when needed.
- e. They are funded under tribal funds, grants, cooperative agreements and specialized project funding.

Please help them by being Fire Wise, and when you see them give them quick wave to say Thanks for standing watch over you and your loved ones – THANK YOU!!!



## PUEBLO OF ISLETA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy Global Warming, People of the Island! I do not know if I should remind you to put sunscreen on or bundle up and stay warm. Whatever the weather may be, be sure to stock up on Chile in case we have another Chile Crisis.

### NEWS

The Library's and Old Recreational Center's collaborative Final After School Homework Incentive Field Trip to Cliff's and IT'z has been Canceled and another event will not be scheduled. The reason for the cancellation is in result to the students' poor behavior and lack of respect toward the Library Staff and the patrons who utilize our services. Since subtracting points, holding students back from the Recreational Center, taking away snacks, and video game privileges was not enough to change their behavior, our only option was doing away with the Final Field Trip. Should the poor behavior and lack of respect continue, the Library will start suspending students from the Library and all its functions.

Calendars for our 2013 Summer Reading Program are now available for community members to view and decide if the program will fit their Summer Schedules or if the theme is something their students will enjoy. This year our theme is baking and we will have a number of guest instructors such as the Terry from Terry's Sweet Garden who will teach a class on chocolate molding. The ladies from the Specialty Shop will be teaching two classes on decorating and cake pops and Margaret Catlin Wilton's Instructor will teaching various classes on cake decorating. Calendars may be picked up at the Library or downloaded from the Library Web Page ([www.isletapueblo.com/library.html](http://www.isletapueblo.com/library.html)) or our Facebook page at ([www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary)). **Registration day will be Friday, May 17 and the Library will open at 7am** for the parents who must report to work by 8am. Should you have any questions, you may call the library or visit us in person.

Once again the Library will be a site for the Summer Lunch Program which is open to every child regardless of ethnicity under the age of 18. The first day of the program will be Monday, June 3rd and will end on Friday, August 2nd. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30am to 1pm. Should you have additional questions regarding the Summer Lunch Program you may call the Library.

We will once again be a participant in the New Mexico Tribal Libraries Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament which will take place on the afternoon of Friday, August 30 at the Sandia Golf Course. Our Library has been nominated to provide the Tournament with the four second place potteries or ceramic hardware whichever the Pueblo of Isleta is known for. Should you be an artist or know of an artist who would like to discuss this particular business opportunity, please contact Nathaniel at the Library.

Tribal Councilman, Juan Rey Abeita, has once again provided the Library

with Concert tickets to four shows at our "Hard Rock Hotel & Casino" and Isleta Amphitheater. Here is a list of Ticket Inventory: two VIP Tickets to Edgefest 2013 (Amphitheater – May 5), two tickets to American English: Tribute to the Beatles (Hotel & Casino – May 21), two tickets to The Temptations (Hotel & Casino – May 26), and two VIP Tickets to the Mayhem Festival (Amphitheater – July 26). For an opportunity at Winning these tickets, you must complete a survey for the Library so we may have a better idea of the technology in your household, your program desires, your needs, and so we may hear any of your concerns pertaining to the library. For each survey you submit, you will be given a raffle ticket to complete and enter in the ticket drawings. So, if you are a parent of seven children and you get each child to complete a survey you will then have eight chances at winning some tickets. This will allow for your children to have a voice when it comes to the Library. Tickets will be awarded to individuals eighteen years of age and older. What you do with the tickets once you pick them up, is your business and the Library will no longer be held liable from that point on. Surveys may be picked up at the Library or downloaded from the Library's Website ([www.isletapueblo.com/library.html](http://www.isletapueblo.com/library.html)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary)). Surveys can only be submitted at the Library.

With the warmer months upon us and the many of us still trying to work our "beach bodies", the Library has finally got around to updating our Fitness DVD collection for those of you working out at home and are unable to make it the Recreational Centers. Don't forget that in the beginning of the Calendar year we updated our fitness, diet, and better living collections for all those New Year Resolutions that were made. On a side note, should your music library need an overhaul to help motivate you during your work outs, be sure to utilize our CD collection.

As a reminder to everyone, the Library was built with you in mind so should you, your organization, your team, or study group need to utilize our Art and Conference Room all you have to do is set up a date and time with the Library. All we ask is that you respect the room and leave it as clean as it was given to you.

In the coming months, the Library will have a vacant permanent Full-Time Position available as our Library Aide, Natasha will be leaving the Library to focus on her final semester of her Nursing Degree. She has given the Library and the community five years of her life which she will never get back and was a major key person in the Library's current state. With that said, we here at the Library wish her the best in

the Nursing Profession. Applications for her position can be obtained at the Human Resources Department.

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27 in observance to Memorial Day.

### UPCOMING

Not much to report other than our Summer Reading Program and the Summer Lunch Program mentioned in the News Section of our article.

### RECAP

On Tuesday, April 2nd the Library was the host to the first event of the Social Service's Child Abuse Awareness Month Program. The Isleta Extreme Challenge event consisted of jumpers, an obstacle course, three games, and a laser tag arena which was to take place in our Parking Lot but the 40mph winds changed our location to the Soccer Field located at the New Recreational Center. At this time, I would like to Thank Rick Giron of the Recreational Center for accepting the Library's Event at short notice. I would also like to thank the many volunteers and participants who participated in this fun event. The winners of the event are as follows: 1st Place Christine & Brianna Miller of Team Tigers who selected a \$50 Gift Card to IT'z for the prize. In 2nd Place we had Darren & Anthony Mallon of Team Bee-roo-ni who selected a \$50 Gift Card to Red Lobster, and in 3rd Place we had Justin and Jarred Lente of Team Hunters with a \$50 Gift Card to Century Rio Theaters. Congratulations to all the winners and we at the Library hope you enjoyed your prizes.

With our goal to issuing every Tribal member a Library Card, we played host to the Isleta Head Start & Child Care's Home Base Socialization on Thursday, April 11th. The theme for the program was Spring which consisted of Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar Story, Caterpillar Paint Craft, Door Prizes, Gift Bags, and Lunch provided by the Head Start Kitchen. Library Aide Linda LeBeau did a great job with the students and family members whom attended the program.

Since our Library is a Public Library, we welcome Non-Tribal Members to our facility and on Monday and Wednesday, April 15 and 17 we were the host site to two Field Trips for Peralta's Playhouse Child Care Center. Similar to the Isleta Head Start's Homebase Socialization Program mentioned above, Library Aide Natasha read the story And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano, conducted a Flower Painting Activity, gave a Library Tour, gave them a copy of the book in their gift bag, and took them to lunch at one our beautiful parks. The students and faculty were impressed with our Library and informed us that the

Pueblo of Isleta is very fortunate to have a facility on this magnitude.

In an attempt to fundraise, the Pueblo of Acoma Library hosted a Dodgeball Tournament on Friday, April 19. So in the spirit of helping out our fellow Indigenous Neighbors/Relatives, our Library in collaboration with the Old Recreational Center entered two Dodgeball Teams from our After School Homework Program. The Recreational Center purchased team shirts with the team names (Super Heroes in Training and Little Island Assault) and provided the transportation. The Library covered the entry fee and dinner at Johnny Rockets. Team Super Heroes in Training won their first game, but their luck turned for the worst and was winless after that point. Team Little Island Assault lost their first game but made it back to the Championship Game where they met up with the team that had beat them. It was an extremely close series and in the end the Team from Acoma won leaving Team Little

Island Assault as the second best team in the Tournament.

For Earth Day, April 22, Library Aide Tara conducted a butterfly mobile craft with the community members and students of the After School Homework Program. The Elders also took part in the activity but at a later date. The students were so proud of their craft that some started running around outside with it as if it were a kite because they wanted to see their butterflies fly.

Finally, on Friday, April 26 we in collaboration with the Old Recreational Center took nineteen After School Homework Program students to their Final Field Trip to Gravity Park for earning thirty points for doing homework, reading, and participating in the Recreational Centers activities. At this time, I would like to Thank those parents who choose to hold their child/children back from the Field Trip for misbehaving during the month long program despite earning all

their points. You have gained the Library Staff respect for taking a stand with your child/children. Unfortunately, we had three girls misbehave at Golden Corral which only proved not going forth with the Cliff's and IT'z Field Trip was the best decision for the Library as a disciplinary action. Hopefully, the students' actions and behavior will improve next school year so the Old Recreational Center and Library may continue with this successful collaboration.

**Pueblo of Isleta Public Library**

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 8am to 6:30pm  
 Friday: 8am to 4:30pm  
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm  
 Sunday: CLOSED

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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/IsletaPuebloLibrary

**2013 POI Intergenerational Gardening Project**



This Earth Day, tribal members of different generations came together to honor and celebrate our Mother Earth and our culture in the 2013 POI Intergenerational Gardening Project. Activities included gardening and educational presentations for the adults and activities for the kids. The girls in attendance were taught how to make and carry baskets, and how to carry pottery with water. The boys were taught how to plant, water, and hoe. All of the children were taught words in our Tiwa language, and a traditional throw was held by the children. After the activities lunch was served and the festivities ended. We want to give a special thanks and acknowledgement to all of the partners who contributed to this project. Thank you to Leonard and Theresa Bridge for donating the use of the field where the festivities were held, Joe Abeita and Alvin Lucero for their help and labor, the Isleta Headstart and Isleta Elementary School for their attendance and participation, the Tiwa Language Program for their help and participation, and the Isleta Elder Center for their contributions and participation. Donations were also made by Southwest Lumber Graphics, Raks Building Supply, and Hacienda Home Center. Thank you.

~Now that the seeds have been planted we look forward to the growth of both the garden and the communication and participation between all of the generations in our community. ~



**PUEBLO OF ISLETA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANGUAGE PROGRAM**



**2013 Summer Language Camp  
6 Week Program**



**Date:** June 10, 2013 through July 19, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday through Thursday  
**Age:** (Three age groups for this program)  
Group 1: 14-18 (max # of students 20)  
Group 2: 10-13 (max # of students 20)  
Group 3: 6-9 (max # of students 20)

Language Lessons in the morning hours with craft time in the afternoon. Lunch provided by the summer lunch program.

**Registration begins: May 1, 2013 Ends: May 31, 2013**  
registration forms can be picked up at the Education Office  
**Space is limited so all applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.**



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UPCOMING SHOWS

**EDGEFEST 2013**

ISLETA AMPHITHEATER  
MAY 5TH, 2013

**AMERICAN ENGLISH**

TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO  
MAY 21, 2013

**THE TEMPTATIONS**

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO  
MAY 26TH, 2013

**MAYHEM FESTIVAL**

ISLETA AMPHITHEATER  
JULY 6TH, 2013

**PUEBLO OF ISLETA  
ISLETA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

P.O. Box 699, Isleta, NM 87022  
Office: 505.869.9705 — Fax: 505.869.9756  
FROM THE OFFICE OF JUANA JIRON  
Administrative 1 / Adjudicator

Our Indian Highway Safety Program honored Traffic Officer Jonathan Phillip Abeita at the recent National Life Savers Conference in Denver, Colorado on April 16, 2013. Off. Abeita and Christopher Jiron, Data Analyst, attended the conference which included a Highway Safety Program Grants Workshop. Mr. Algin Young, Director of the Indian Highway Safety Program, awarded Traffic Officer Jonathan Abeita the Officer of the year for FY 2012 from September 1, 2011 thru October 31, 2012.

We are very proud of Off. Abeita. With his dedicated efforts his focus is encouraging the establishment of community level traffic safety activities throughout our community and surrounding areas. The Mission of Indian Highway Safety is to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes in Indian Country by supporting Education, Enforcement and Engineering, as well as creating a Safe Tribal Community where roadways in Indian Country are safe for all.

Our Highway Safety Officers consist of Off. Sharon Mitamura, Off. Jonathan P. Abeita and acting Traffic Off. Sgt. Juan Reyes.



*Once again Congratulations to Off. Jonathan Abeita.*

## TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION

### LOS LUNAS HIGH SCHOOL

All our graduating seniors are now counting down to the end of their high school career which started four years ago to this date. Now for the last minute check list we remind all seniors to stay in touch with their counselors as this is very important before walking the line. If any Seniors are on the E2020 program you have until May 8th at 3:00 pm to complete your course of study. Also we need to remind all Seniors to attend school daily, keep up with your daily course of study and prepare for your final exams. Another important concern is to check for any scholarships available for you to apply. Most scholarship programs have dead-lines to apply, but there are a few which you can still check. SENIOR DUES need to be checked and paid for before May 11th or earlier. Some Seniors still owe for lost books or club fines that never have been paid for. Please check with the librarian, Ms. Luera or Mr. Hull, financial specialist (main school office) for any outstanding fees. Graduation will be held at the UNM Pit on Saturday, May 18, 2013 @ 1:00 pm, and Seniors need to meet at the Pit by 12:00 noon. PARKING at the UNM Pit will be available on a first come-first serve basis and also at the UNM Football Stadium parking lot. Handicapped parking will be available for vehicles displaying a state handicap placard only.

We CONGRULATE ALL SENIORS/PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS for your high school success and we wish you well in all your future endeavors.

#### MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/1 Early Release for all students
- 5/2 End of course exams.. testing—math
- 5/2 EOC testing—Social Studies
- 5/2 Josten's Cap & Gown delivery during lunches
- 5/2 Arts/Craft Show 5:00-7:00 pm—gym ( Ms Meier)
- 5/3 EOC testing...Make-up
- 5/6-17 AP Exams
- 5/9 Last night for E2020 classes
- 5/11 Last Saturday School for E2020
- 5/12 Mothers/Seniors Day Mass, 10:00 am (Please wear your cap & gown) & report by 9:30 am
- 5/13 Senior Finals—Periods 4,5,6, (full day for seniors)
- 5/14 Senior Finals—Periods 1,2,3 (full day for seniors)
- 5/14 SENIOR COUNT DOWN 2:15 pm football field!!!!
- 5/15 Senior check out 7:30 am-11:00 am
- 5/16 Seniors Honors Recognition PRACTICE –8:00 am  
MANDATORY FOR ALL SENIORS
- 5/16 Seniors Recognition Ceremony 6:30 pm  
–MANDATORY FOR ALL SENIORS
- 5/17 Senior Graduation Practice @ 8:00 am in the gym  
-MANDATORY FOR ALL SENIORS  
Senior fun day after graduation practice.
- 5/18 GRADUATION @ 1:00 PM—Seniors and staff report to UNM PIT by 12:00
- 5/22 Finals 1,2,3; Early Release
- 5/23 Finals 4,5,6; Early Release
- 5/24 Staff last day; check-out
- 5/29 July 3rd...Summer School M-F 1st session 8:00-11:30  
2nd session 12:00-3:30 pm

If you have any concerns, feel free to call.  
Mr. Analla @864-4646 ext      banalla@llschools.net

#### Valencia High School News - Graduation

Graduation is quickly approaching...and CONGRATULATIONS will be in order...**but first!!! All seniors need to make sure that they have met all graduation requirements.**

Graduation will be held at the UNM Pit on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 9 AM. SENIORS MUST MEET AT THE PIT BY 8:00 AM. PARKING... will be available at the UNM Pit and UNM football stadium parking lots on a first come first served basis. Seating in the Pit is unlimited.

The VHS Renaissance Committee will be selling flower bouquets inside the UNM Pit on Graduation Day at the entrance areas. The cost for the bouquets will range from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Diplomas may be picked up by the student only inside the Pit on the west side, for one hour following the graduation ceremony. Tables will be set up in alphabetical order arranged by student last name. A signature sheet MUST be signed by the individual student, before a diploma is released. Diplomas that are not picked up after the ceremony can be picked up at the VHS Registrar's Office the following Monday — Friday from 2:45 PM — 3:15 PM. STUDENTS WHO HAVE OUTSTANDING FINES OR FEES WILL NOT BE ISSUED A DIPLOMA.

Any students who are working on E20/20 credit recovery courses must complete all courses by Wednesday, May 8, 2013...NO EXCEPTIONS

#### VHS May Events Calendar

- May 3 - Final Progress Reports issued
- May 8 - Senior Finals...Deadline to complete E2020 course by 3:00 PM
- May 9 - Senior Finals
- May 10 - Senior Grades due by 8:00 PM
- May 10 - Senior Mass @ St. Augustine Church at 10 AM.  
Seniors are requested to wear Cap & Gown.
- May 12 - Senior Robing Ceremony Practice 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM. Report cards will be given out to seniors.
- May 14 - Graduation Practice 12:30 PM — 2:30 PM in VHS Gym. Senior Robing @ 6:30 PM in VHS Gym.  
**Deadline for 4 30.00 Senior Dues.**
- May 17 - Senior Graduation Practice if Needed. Senior Fun Day at Cliffs Amusement.
- May 18 - VHS Graduation @ UNM Pit @ 9 AM. Arrive before 8 AM.
- May 29- **Summer School Begins**

#### Valencia High School Summer School

Valencia High School will hold summer school classes this summer beginning on May 29 and ending July 3. Classes will be Monday through Friday, 8 AM — 11:30 AM, and 12:00 PM — 3:00 PM, with a thirty minute lunch break. A physical education course will be offered from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM with a thirty minute lunch break. There is a fee of \$75 per 1/2 credit, or \$18.75 per 1/2 credit if a student is eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Other classes will be offered for credit recovery using the E2020 program with assistance by highly qualified teachers in Math and English. For these classes, students will attend a morning or an afternoon session.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 am until 12:00 pm, similar to the regular school year. No transportation is provided by Los Lunas Schools. For information regarding enrollment, please call Karen Garcia or David Yates at 565-8755 or send email to dyates@llschools.net.

For any questions...please call Mr. Analla @ 565-8755 ext. 6232.  
E-mail: banalla@llschools.net

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!

Please join us for the High School Senior Mass!

Sunday, May 12, 2013 -10:00 AM

St. Augustine Church

If you plan to attend...

- R.S.V.P. by May 1 to the Parish Office (Ph. 869-3398) to reserve a seat.
- Bring your graduation cap and gown to wear for the Mass.
- All seniors will walk-in with the procession at the beginning of the Mass.
- Arrive at the CCD Building (next to the church) by 9:30 a.m., and be prepared to line-up outside the front doors of the church by 9:45 a.m.

**Congratulations!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!****Audrena Abeita**

Central New Mexico Community College  
Certificate, Child Development

**Derek Abeita**

Central New Mexico Community College  
Associate of Applied Science, Plumbing  
and Gas Fitting

**Erica Abeita**

University of New Mexico  
College of Nursing  
Bachelor of Science Nursing

**Juliann Abeita**

Edmonds Community College  
Associate of Technical Arts,  
Paralegal Studies

**Helen Baca**

Brown Mackie College  
Associate of Applied Science,  
Criminal Justice

**Jody Benavides**

University of Phoenix  
Associate of Arts, Foundations of Business

**Lorinda Castillo**

Brookline College  
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice

**Theodore Edaakie**

University of New Mexico, School of  
Architecture and Planning,  
Bachelor of Arts, Architecture  
Fall 2012

**Hakon Hansen**

University of Washington,  
School of Medicine,  
MEDEX Northwest Program,  
Bachelor of Clinical Health Services,  
Physician Assistant  
October 5, 2012.

**Cynthia Jaramillo**

University of New Mexico  
Bachelor of Arts, Native American Studies,  
Concentration: Leadership &  
Building Native Nations,  
Minor: History, Concentration:  
Southwest History

**Karen Jaramillo**

Bachelor of Science, Information  
Systems Security  
ITT Technical Institute  
September 2012

**Leslie Velardez-Jaramillo**

Brown Mackie College  
Associate of Applied Science,  
Surgical Technology  
October 2012

**Kateri Jojola**

University of New Mexico  
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology  
Minor Sociology

**Sonya Juancha**

University of Denver  
Master of Social Work, Concentration:  
Clinical-Families  
& Interpersonal Trauma Certificate  
Phi Alpha-Xi Delta Honor Society

**Brandon Keryte**

New Mexico Military Institute,  
Roswell  
Associates of Science, Criminology

**Kimberly Lujan**

Brown Mackie College  
Associate of Applied Science,  
Paralegal Studies

**Jessica D. Martinez**

Central New Mexico  
Community College  
Associate of Applied Science,  
Radiologic Technology  
& Nursing Assistant Certificate  
August 2012

**Brianna Padilla**

University of New Mexico,  
College of Nursing,  
Bachelor of Science, Nursing  
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Multicultural Education  
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Paralegal Studies  
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Minor Anthropology  
&  
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Community College  
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Certificate, Payroll Clerk  
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Criminal Justice  
Fall 2012

**Leon Sanchez**

Albuquerque Barber College  
Certificate, Barber School

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New Mexico Institute of  
Mining and Technology  
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical  
Engineering

**Jean Trujillo**

Central New Mexico  
Community College  
Associate of Applied Science, Culinary  
Arts

**Melanie Valdez**

New Mexico Highlands University  
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work

**Leah Wade**

Lewis University  
Bachelor of Arts,  
Criminal/Social Justice

**Joseph Wade**

PSI  
Electrical Contractors License,  
Completion Business & Law course

**Ashley Zuni**

University of New Mexico- Valencia  
Campus  
Associate of Science, General Science

**Matthew Zuni**

University of New Mexico  
Bachelor of Arts, Art Studio  
Minor, Political Science

**Melanie Zuni**

UNM Continuing Education  
Certificate, Web Developer

Sincere congratulations from the Isleta  
Higher Education Program! All the hard  
work you put into and effort and many  
sacrifices you made do not go unnoticed  
by this department.

To the community of Isleta, when you see  
these individuals please congratulate  
them as this is a HUGE accomplishment.  
Our home should be where every Isleta  
graduate is warmly welcomed to exercise  
their competence, skill and education  
they rightfully earned as a student.

**Graduates**

— next stop...

**the Isleta Human Resources  
Department!!!!****We need you!!****Sincerely,***Enrique Chavez**Kimberly Lujan**Johanna Skije**Lorena Ju.**[Signature]**[Signature]**Suzanne Jojola**Dad A. Lt**Erica Montoya**Raul Lopez*

# Isleta Elementary News

## What's Happening?

Greetings families!! It is hard to believe that we are entering our last month of school. Our students and staff will continue to work hard until the last day of school on May 30th. We have had a challenging and rewarding school year as our school transitions from the New Mexico State Standards to the Common Core Standards. The Isleta Elementary School will begin registration for all students for the 2013-2014 school year on May 1st through June 30th. All returning students must register again as well. Please come by and pick up a registration packet at the office from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All new students must submit a state birth certificate, certificate of Indian blood, shot record, and physical in addition to the registration packet.

### Ronald McDonald visits IES

Students began their Thursday morning with a bright energetic welcome from Ronald McDonald. He visited IES and discussed the importance of TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS AND CARING. Ronald put on a wonderful show for all students and staff.



### April is Poetry Month

Once again, IES celebrated Poetry Month throughout April. This year was the best yet with lots of activities to coincide with the celebration.

#### Poetry Airways

Each classroom selected 2 students to recite their poems on TV during morning announcements.

#### Poem in your pocket day

Students and staff were invited to bring a poem in their pocket to share with one another, if asked.

#### Poetry Night

Parents and students were invited to the IES cafeteria to explore and share poetry. Various poetry themed stations were available. By the end of the night, guests participated in a reading/poetry slam.

#### Poetry Club

Students had time to explore and create their own poetry in detail after school. Students worked in small groups or individually.

Great job Mr. R. for giving the students and parents an opportunity to explore and create poetry.

## Isleta Elementary participates in Planting Project

The Isleta Elementary students and staff had the privilege to participate with the INTERGENERATIONAL GARDENING PROJECT on April 22nd & 23rd.

The students each participated in many activities. Activities were led by our elders from the Isleta Elderly Program and Isleta Language Program. They demonstrated the importance of traditional baskets for carrying food (Klee-cha), importance of using a traditional shawl by Isleta women, (Ta-pa-lu), how to carry a traditional water pot, and learn the importance of our traditional drum. Students also learned Tiwa names for planting. Such as flower (napuf), bee (koy-to-do), seed (Taa) and many more words. Some students were able to take home a packet of seeds to plant with their families at home.

### Upcoming Events

May 10th	CENAC Spelling Bee
May 16th	Kindergarten and Head Start Field Day 10:00 a.m.
May 27th	No School—Memorial Day
May 28th	6th grade vs. Staff softball game 10:00 a.m.
May 29th	6th grade Rites of Passage Ceremony 6:00 p.m.
May 30th	Kindergarten through 5th grade awards ceremony 9:00 a.m.
May 30th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### 5th grade students receive letter from President Barack Obama

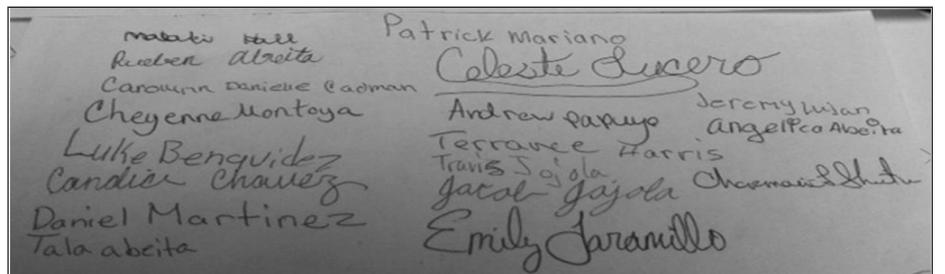
During the November 7th visit of Kenneth J. Gonzalez, U.S. Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, the students in Dr. Charmaine L. Shutiva's fifth grade class gave letters to Mr. Gonzalez to give to President Obama. The letters were letters of congratulations for winning his second term as U.S. President, as well as informing the President of important issues impacting the Pueblo of Isleta, the native communities, and students.

On Tuesday, January 23, 2013, the students received a big manila envelope with the return address, "THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, DC 20502". It was addressed to Dr. Shutiva's 5th grade class. The envelope was silently passed around from student to student with the directions, "Do NOT say a word. Just read what is written on the envelope." As the envelope was passed from student to student, their eyes widened with surprise and gasps of excitement were emitted from their mouths. The last student to read "THE WHITE HOUSE" knew that it was something BIG.

After the last student read, "THE WHITE HOUSE", demands of "Open it! Open it!" rang in the classroom. Dr. Shutiva, not so delicately, (as she was anxious, too) opened the envelope and put the letter under the visual projector for all to read.

It was dated January 15, 2013. It had an embossed presidential seal up at the top. The students noticed that the paper the letter was written on was "fancy" and "probably expensive". He thanked us for writing to him and wrote, "...I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me."

What else did it say? Is that all he wrote? Our President wrote THREE paragraphs! To find out what more he wrote, the fifth graders invite you to come by their classroom to see their letter from President Obama. They don't want to tell you everything President Obama wrote as they are studying the art of persuasion and how to write good, enticing, interesting, "draw your audience in" introductions to begin essays and reports. They are hoping you will come by and read the letter and see the fancy, expensive paper it is written on with the presidential seal up at the top. See you soon!



6th grader Brandon Abeita and Kindergartener Josiah Jojola work together to plant cucumbers.

Ms. Gonzales, Marcus Jojola, Lawrence Lucero, Eric Carpio and Darrian Graves had fun getting in the dirt.

## Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education



First and foremost, the staff of the Pueblo of Isleta Department of Education has been extremely busy. There are four (4) programs currently housed within the Department of Education. We have the Tiwa Language Program, Adult Education, Higher Education (POI and BIE), Johnson-O'Malley and we are also a satellite site for Los Lunas Public School's E2020 Program.

### Tiwa Language Program (Pueblo of Isleta & State Grant):

Staff: Paul Lujan, Carol Lucero, Anthony Lente, Alexandria Montoya and Larry Lucero (contract)

The Tiwa Language Program currently has 3 full time Tiwa Language Instructors

and one contract employee on board with a 4th full time Tiwa Language scheduled to begin soon. As of December, we have a MOU in place with the Isleta Headstart and have been providing services to children in that facility. We are working with the Bureau of Indian Education to establish a MOA with the Isleta Elementary School so we can provide instruction at that site. We currently have a Tiwa Instructor in place at the Native American Community Academy (NACA) in Albuquerque. The instructor at NACA is a state licensed teacher and the course offered is recognized through AIAI and provides dual credit for high school and for college credit.

With the most recent approval to incorporate technology into the language program the language staff and Coordinator have visited several different language programs including Ysleta Del Sur, Acoma, Jemez Pueblo and also have a visit scheduled for Cochiti.

#### The following are goals for the Tiwa Language Program:

- Establish MOA with Isleta Elementary School
- Ensure that Tiwa Instructors are State Certified where applicable
- Develop effective curriculum that is research based
- Summer Language Program
- Offer more community based instruction
- Integrate technology in all aspects of learning



*Pueblo of Jemez Headstart (Towa)*



*Ysleta Del Sur*



### JOM (PL 93-638 & Pueblo of Isleta — Employee Salaries)

Staff: Beverly Piro and Brandon Tewaheftewa

Johnson-O'Malley is a federally funded program which receives an estimated \$55,400 per year. JOM works to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of Native American students enrolled in Public Schools. Currently we have 810 eligible K-12th grade students and 683 have received services. There are over 65 different school sites in which our students are enrolled. We will be working with Los Lunas Public Schools to reestablish the MOA.

#### Services include:

- School supply distribution
- Student/parent advocacy
- Tutoring
- Reimbursements for ACT/SAT, Lab Fees, PE Uniforms freshman/middle school students
- Ti-83-84 Calculators
- Family Activity Nights
- Literacy Nights
- Experiential Learning Opportunities

#### Upcoming Events:

- Graduation Banquet May 2, 2013: This event honors all graduating high school students. Each year the JOM Program purchases graduation gifts for graduating high school students.
- Activities — Summer Bridge Program to begin June 10 — July 18, applications available May 6, 2013.
- Mother's Day Activity Night — May 9, 2013 from 5:00 — 7:30
- Father's Day Activity Night — June 13, 2013 from 5:00- 7:30
- End of Year Ice Cream Social & Literacy Night May 16, 2013 from 5:00 — 7:30
- Prepare for Back-to-School Supply Distribution June 15 — August 4, 2013
- Bully Awareness for Parents "Bully" — July 20 9:00 am — 12 pm



*Easter Activity Night*



*Easter Activity Night*

**ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
(PL93-638 & Pueblo of Isleta Employee Salary)  
Staff: Ulysses Abeita

The Adult Basic Education Program is designed to provide the following educational services to adult tribal members:

- the opportunity to receive a G.E.D. diploma.
- raise the level of educational achievement through individual participation in classes that will be presented throughout the year.
- maintain and administer adult basic skills programs to enable students to attain productive employment.
- provide tutoring, guidance and counseling with regard to education and employment opportunities.
- provide education and information job training and retraining programs.

**GED Preparation/Adult Basic Education**

Adult Basic Education provides tutoring services to prepare individuals to acquire their GED diploma. Participants are recruited by disseminating program information to the community via the tribal newsletter and postings at various public places. Student referrals are also made by local high school counselors and tribal social programs. After assessment of their entry level skills as determined by the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), the participants are scheduled for instruction to fit their time availability. An individualized education plan is prepared for each student and one-on-one tutorial assistance is provided.

Students are oriented to the GED examination prior to attempting the actual GED tests. Practice tests are used to give the student a feel for the tests. Also covered are test-taking skills.

**Post-Secondary, Vocational and Career Counseling**

For those adults who have successfully completed the GED Tests, counseling, guidance, career education plan development and other services are provided for successful referral to post-secondary academic or vocational programs. All students are encouraged and assisted to complete and submit financial aid forms to help further their education. These services are done in conjunction with the Isleta Pueblo Higher Education Program and New Mexico

Educational Opportunity Center. Students seeking employment are assisted in developing a resume, completing job applications and conducting a job interview.

Adults seeking employment are assisted in developing a strong resume, searching for job opportunities, completing job application forms and conducting a job interview.

**ABE Funding Sources**

Bureau of Indian Affairs P.L. 93-638.

**OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ULYSSES**

Newsletter/ Duties & Responsibilities

1. Compile articles for tribal newsletter
2. Prepare written materials for publication, read copy to detect errors in spelling, punctuation and syntax. Deliver completed newsletters for distribution

**Veterans Service Officer (this is not part of Job Description)**

Certified by NM Department of Veterans Services to assist veterans and their families to complete application for veterans benefits i.e. education, compensation, pensions, retrieval of veterans documents, application for headstones, etc.

**Isleta Higher Education Program**

(POI and PL.93-638 funded)

Evangeline Chavez, Scholarship Assistant

The Isleta Higher Education Program provides supplemental financial assistance to post-secondary Isleta students. Students are enrolled in various schools across the United States and abroad. Staff of IHEP will also make site visits with various institutions. Students that are 1/4 degree Isleta may be eligible to receive supplemental assistance from IHEP. The funding source for those students is Bureau of Indian Education Scholarship funds. We are pleased to announce that we have estimated 40 students graduating this 2013 Spring from various institutions. These students will be recognized at the annual graduation banquet.

Also, Jennifer Padilla no longer works with Isleta Higher Education Program.

Deadlines for Fall assistance are as follows: Application is due: July 1. All additional supporting documents due: August 1.

—WIC NOTES—

**Folic acid for a healthy pregnancy and baby**

Folic acid is a B vitamin. If women of childbearing age take 400 micrograms of folic acid every day before and during early pregnancy, it may help reduce their baby's risk for birth defects of the brain and spine called neural tube defects (NTDs).

Folic acid works only if taken before getting pregnant and during the first few weeks of pregnancy, often before a woman may know she's pregnant. Because nearly half of all pregnancies in the United States are unplanned, it's important that all women (even if they're not trying to get pregnant) get the right amount of folic acid.

The best way to get enough folic acid is to take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms of folic acid before pregnancy and eat healthy foods. Most multivitamins have this amount, but check the label to be sure. You also can get folic acid from food, the best sources are fortified cereals, but it may be hard to get the amount you need from food alone.

Once you are pregnant, take a prenatal vitamin with at least 600 micrograms of folic acid.

**What Are the Benefits of Folic Acid?**

Without enough folic acid in your body, your baby's neural tube may not close correctly and she could develop health problems called neural tube defects. These include:

- **Spina bifida:** incomplete development of the spinal cord or the vertebrae

- **Anencephaly:** incomplete development of major parts of the brain

Babies with anencephaly usually do not live long, and those with spina bifida may be permanently disabled. These are scary problems. But the good news is that getting enough folic acid may protect your baby from neural tube defects by at least 50%.

When taken before and during pregnancy, folic acid may also protect your baby against:

- Cleft lip and palate
- Premature birth
- Low birth weight
- Miscarriage
- Poor growth in the womb

Folic acid has also been suggested to reduce your risk of:

- Pregnancy complications (One report found that women who took folic acid supplements during the second trimester had a reduced risk of preeclampsia.)
- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Some types of cancers
- Alzheimer's disease

If you would like more information on this important vitamin please contact our office at 869-2662

Heidi Lanes, WIC Nutrition Coordinator.

## Isleta Elder Center Activities Calendar May, 2013

- May 1: San Felipe Feast - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 May 2: Catholic Mass -11:30 am  
 May 3: Cinco de Mayo "Taco/Nacho Bar" 12 noon  
 Bingo and Refreshments 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
 May 6: Commodities  
 May 10: "Mother's Day" Luncheon - 12 noon  
 May 15: Friendship Breakfast - 9:00 am  
 May 15: Monthly General Meeting - 10:00 am -12:00 noon  
 May 20: Commodities  
 May 20: Center Closed- Staff Training  
 May 22: Ice Cream Social- 1:00 pm  
 May 23: El Santuario de Chimayo & Lunch in  
 Santa Fe - 8:00 am  
 May 27: Center Closed - Memorial Day Holiday  
 May 28: Center Closed- Staff Training  
 May 30: RSVP Breakfast (RSVP Volunteers Only!) - 8:00 am  
 May 31: Monthly Birthday Celebration! -12 noon

### New Mexico Conference on Aging Accepting Scholarship Applications

ALBUQUERQUE — The New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department is reminding New Mexicans interested in attending the Conference on Aging in August to apply for scholarships.

Ten full scholarships and 20 partial scholarships will be awarded to assist adults age 55 or older who otherwise would not be able to attend the conference. Full scholarships include conference registration fees, lodging & meal costs. Applicants for the full scholarship must live 80 miles or more from the Conference site (The Hard Rock Conference Center) to qualify. Partial scholarships include registration fees and a lunch gift card. Send applications to:

Evone D. Gallegos  
 NM Conference on Aging  
 1015 Tijeras NW, Suite 200,  
 Albuquerque, NM 87102.

Questions may be directed to Ms. Gallegos at 505-222-4523 or through email at [evone.gallegos@state.nm.us](mailto:evone.gallegos@state.nm.us). Applications must be received no later than May 27, 2013 to be considered.

For more information on the 35th Annual Conference on Aging, and to download a scholarship application, visit the NM Aging & Long-Term Services Department website: [www.nmaging.state.nm.us](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us). Click on the Special Events tab.

### Isleta Head Start & Child Care



#### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 9th** — Public Meeting regarding Child Care Services @ 5:30pm

**Saturday, May 18th** — Center open to take applications for Head Start & Early Head Start from 10:00am — 2:00pm

**Currently until June 1st** — Head Start applications are taken daily 8:00am-5:30pm. Early Head Start & Child Care are applications taken year round.

**Friday, June 7th** — Rite of Passage Ceremony & Family Fun Day (Last Day for Head Start children, Early Head Start children continue through August.)

**Policy Council** meets monthly to discuss program policies, mandates, & concerns. Call the Head Start Program for meeting dates and times at 869-9796.



Achieve your weight loss goals in 2013 with our Weight Loss Challenge! Compete alongside Isleta Pueblo, Valencia County and Albuquerque's Herbalife consumers. During this 3 week program each participant will learn about proper nutrition, how to develop better eating habits, the importance of exercise, and various meal replacement options to help you reach **your ideal**

**weight** and body composition. Weekly weigh-ins and consults with your coaches are done **confidentially**. Each week the group will discover new topics that will help you to lose weight and keep it off! And don't forget the Cash Prizes! Winnings have ranged from \$250-\$1000. The more participants enrolled, the bigger the CASH prize! Prizes in the form of gift cards will be given out to the Biggest Losers at the end of the program. (A portion of the registration fee goes toward the prizes). Tell your friends and family to sign up today!

**When: Saturday, May 11th-Saturday, June 1st**  
**Weigh Ins begin: Saturday, May 11th from 8AM to 1PM**  
**(at either location)**

**Entry Fee: \$20.00/person**

#### Locations:

Cheers to Good Health 1160 Bosque Farms Blvd Suite F 87068	Family Ultimate Nutrition 5600 McLeod NE-Suite M 87110
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#### Contact:

**Reyes Jiron**-Herbalife Independent Distributor @ (505) 263-4690

**Joseph Lujan**-Herbalife Independent Distributor @ (505) 730-9772

**Samantha Wheeler**-Herbalife Independent Distributor @ (505) 730-1229

Isleta Behavioral Health Service is hosting the

### **3rd Annual Community Awareness Summit** **May 31, 2013** **8am – 4:30pm** **Isleta Golf Course**

#### What is the summit about?

Native American men, women and children are often found to be experiencing the highest rates of violence, suicide, and poverty compared to other ethnic populations. In hindsight, Native American communities can be described as being one of the most resilient people for using language, culture and tradition as protection and survival despite a traumatic history.

Presenters will provide information on ways to address social issues affecting Native American individuals, families and communities. Awareness in the areas of domestic violence, suicide prevention, youth development and addiction and dependence will be provided.

#### Who should attend?

Tribal community members and service providers working in Native communities are encouraged to attend. CEUs will be provided. There is NO registration fee.

**CALL Isleta Behavioral Health Services at**  
**(505) 869-5475**  
**REGISTER IN ADVANCE**

## Pueblo of Isleta Veteran's Association

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 May 2013 at 6:30 PM. Tentative meeting site will be the Old Headstart...but, there may be a change as we are having minor problems with the plumbing, which should be taken care of before 15 May...

The Association will be electing new officers, or retaining the ones we now have. All Association members are eligible to vote or may be nominated for office. Any honorably discharged veteran who pays annual dues of \$25 may become a member of the Association.

Elections will be for the following offices:

- Commander
- Vice-Commander
- Adjutant
- Finance Officer
- Chaplain
- Judge Advocate
- Historian

The tractors have been out at the Richard Baker Field in Los Charcos, laser leveling and will soon be planting... probably oats...in the meantime we are waiting around for the State of New Mexico to release our \$188,000 capital outlay funds. These funds will be utilized to set – up the old MIS module which the Tribal Administration has donated to the Association, and hopefully, the Association will have a permanent home by late fall.

### Veteran's Designation" Driver's License

The "Veteran's Designation" Driver's License is available to any honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans need only to provide a copy of their "DD Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" or Military Retiree, VA Medical ID or National Guard ID card when applying for the designation. There will be no additional cost beyond the normal \$18 driver's renewal fee. Veterans holding a current driver's license will have to pay the normal replacement fee for the veterans' designation driver's license.

If you should have any questions pertaining to Veteran's issues, call Ulysses Abeita at 307-1582.

Need help, have questions concerning Veterans benefits? NM Department of Veterans' benefits? **Call Theresa Zuni, NM Department of Veterans Service Officer** at 505-841-5346.

### Prevention is the Key to Staying Healthy

**1. Wash Hands Often with Soap and Warm Water.**

**2. Cough into your hand, elbow, or tissue, not toward another person.**

**3. If you have flu-like symptoms, stay home until at least 24 hours after your fever is gone (without fever-reducing medicines).**

**4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.**

**5. Avoid contact with sick people**

## WIC NOTES

### Gestational Diabetes and Low-Calorie Sweeteners.

Gestational diabetes occurs when high blood sugar levels develop during pregnancy. This happens when the mother's body can't make and use all of the insulin it needs to "process" blood sugar normally. Because gestational diabetes can hurt you and your baby, you need to start treatment quickly. Treatment for gestational diabetes always includes special meal plans and scheduled physical activity. It may also include daily blood glucose testing and insulin injections. You will need help from your doctor, nurse educator, and other members of your health care team so that your treatment for gestational diabetes.

While gestational diabetes is a cause for concern, the good news is that you and your health care team work together to lower your high blood glucose levels. And with this help, you can turn your concern into a healthy pregnancy for you, and a healthy start for your baby.

Recently a WIC participant who developed gestational diabetes, asked about using low-calories sweeteners during pregnancy. "**Can pregnant women safely consume low-calorie sweeteners?**"

**Yes.** Pregnant women, whether or not they have gestational diabetes, may safely use low-calorie sweeteners. A significant body of scientific data and years of testing show low-calories sweeteners are safe for the entire family and are not linked to adverse health reactions.

Here is a list of low-calorie sweeteners approved by FDA: Aspartame, Neotame, Saccharin, Sucralose, Stevia, and Acesulfame potassium. You do not have to memorize the names of the sweeteners, as long as the low-calorie sweetener products you purchases are "mainstream" you can rest assured they are safe to consume.

Of course, always consult your health care provider, diabetes educator or dietitian for specific dietary advice.

### One Bowl Chocolate Cake

By making this simple cake from scratch, you can use healthful oil, whole-wheat flour, and no-calorie sweetener.

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup(s) whole-wheat pastry flour
- 2 tablespoon(s) whole-wheat pastry flour, combined with above flour
- 1/4 cup Splenda Sugar Blend for Baking OR 1/2 cup(s) sugar
- 1/3 cup(s) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon(s) baking powder
- 1 teaspoon(s) baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) salt
- 1/2 cup(s) nonfat buttermilk
- 1/4 cup Splenda Sugar Blend for Baking OR 1/2 cup(s) packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoon(s) canola oil
- 1 teaspoon(s) vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup(s) hot strong black coffee
- Confectioner's sugar, for dusting

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to **350** degrees F. Coat a 9-inch round cake pan with cooking spray. Line the pan with a circle of wax paper .
2. Whisk flour, Splenda (or granulated sugar), cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Add buttermilk, Splenda (or brown sugar), egg, oil and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add hot coffee and beat to blend. (The batter will be quite thin.) Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
3. Bake the cake until a skewer inserted in the center comes out clean, **30 to 35 minutes**. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from the pan, peel off the wax paper and let cool completely. Dust the top with powdered sugar before slicing.

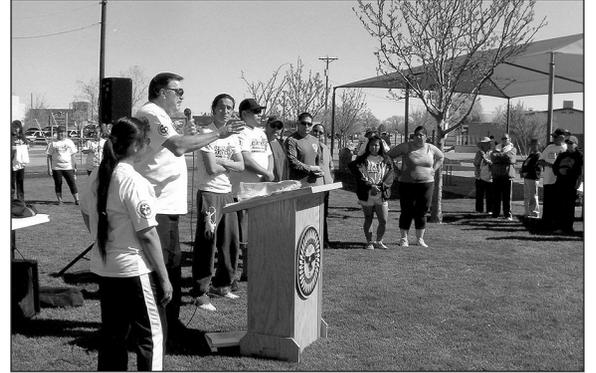
*Heidi Lanes  
WIC Nutrition Coordinator*

## Parks & Recreation

As April comes to an end, it is important to report that the Rec. Center was involved with a number of events that were run by other Departments. We had the opportunity to assist the Elderly with make-up events for the Senior Olympics, we were involved with the Library's evening event (Fun Evening) at the Soccer Park, assisted the Social Services Department with Fun Walk and Run at Cottonwood and the Child Abuse Awareness Parade, and we assisted the Boy Scouts with the Pinewood Derby, and Little League Opening Ceremonies. All of this was in addition to running all of our regular scheduled programs and the Big Bernie Jojola Memorial Run which was part of the Cross Roads Fun Run/Walk that he helped co-found with 8 other Pueblos, and our Karate One of Isleta competing in the 2013 Region 10 Karate Tournament.

### Bernie Jojola Memorial Run

On April 13, 2013 we hosted the first Fun Run/Walk of the season with about 250 runners as part of the Cross Roads Running Program that Bernie Jojola help co-found several years ago. The other Pueblos involved in bringing Fun Runs/Walks to Indian Country are: Cochiti, Jemez, Zia, San Felipe, Santo Domingo, Santa Ana, and Sandia Pueblos. The whole idea behind the Fun Walk/Run was getting "Pueblos Working Together promoting Wellness". At our event we had 6 of the 8 Pueblos present and the Pueblo of Jemez presented the Bernie Jojola family a beautiful hand stitched quilt that included a colored picture of Bernie. It was absolutely beautiful and there was hardly a dry eye when it was unveiled. Every month there will be run at the 8 different Pueblos. The schedule is as follows: Cochiti on May 18th at 7:30 am, Jemez on June 12th at 5:00 pm, Zia on June 26th at 6:30 pm, San Felipe on July 11th at 5:30 pm, Santo Domingo on August 31st at 7:30 am, Santa Ana on September 21st at 8:30 am, and Sandia on October 2nd at 5:30 pm. For those of you interested in going to any of these Fun Run/Walks please contact Bernadette Jojola, Phillip Abeita or Alyssa Jojola at 869-8557 and sign up. We will be taking those interested individuals to all the runs in our Parks & Recreation vans. Incidentally, after the run all in attendance were treated to the traditional water, oranges and bananas along with a little added flair, a hotdog as well. The whole idea was to have those individuals stay and reminisce with the Jojola family about what Bernie meant to them. His wife Bernadette, his children Carl, Christine, Sam, Raeann, as well as his grand children and brother Emil and sister Lila were all present in his honor. Pictured is a collage of pictures depicting the event which Bernie helped co-found.



### Isleta Karate One Program

Karate One of the Pueblo of Isleta Parks & Recreation Program had seven individuals bring home the Gold and Silver Medals from the 2013 Region 10 Karate Tournament this last month in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our group competed with schools from Texas, California, Colorado, and several schools from New Mexico. The events they competed in were Kata, and Sparring. Both David and Ricky Roybal competed in martial arts weapons competition as well, where they came in first and second in the Jr. weapons division. Pictured are back row L-R: Carla Cherino, Gabby Lente, and Donna Begay. Front Row L-R: Ricky Roybal, Mary Cherino, David Roybal, and Martial Arts Instructor: Mr. Clarence Chavez, Renshi 7th degree black belt. This group and others will be testing for upper ranks next month. David Roybal will be testing for his 1st degree black belt. Congratulations to all of our students, you make us proud.



### Summer Program

Once again we remind all of our Pueblo members that our summer recreation program will begin on Monday, June 3rd. We will be providing all of our participants with breakfast and a cold lunch everyday, Monday through Friday. All we ask is that the parents or guardians fill out a registration form which can be picked up either at Old Rec. or New Rec. beginning on Wednesday, May 1st. Registration will continue until the program begins. Like always, we will be picking and taking children home at different parts of our Pueblo of Isleta. For more information on the pick-up and drop-off points, please contact Lil Bern Jojola at 869-8557. Pick-ups will begin as early as 7:00 am and children will be taken home at 3:00 pm unless you have made other arrangements with us. All major field trips will be on Fridays with the first one taking place on June 7th to Cliff's Amusement Park. All we ask for all participants is to be present at least 3 times per week to qualify for the major field trips unless attending summer school. If you don't register them in our program, please get them into some type of program whether it be the Library, the Language Program or one of the surrounding community programs. The key is to keep our children busy and engaged all summer long and not in front of the television as latch key children. We will be providing a 1 to 10 ratio with Rec. leaders to children. Besides the major field trips, the children may also go on smaller group field trips, but it will require a signed permission slip by the parents or guardians.

### Little League Program

On Saturday, April 6, 2013 were the opening ceremonies of the Pueblo of Isleta Little League program. Once again Virgil Lucero is heading up the helm as the volunteer coordinator of the program. He, along with his coaches and umpires, are part of the principles of a volunteer system that the National Little League program was founded under. No one is paid for their services. Also, we would like to thank the Tribal Council and Administration for their continued financial support of the program which makes it very affordable for all of our children who want to play. As a reminder to players, coaches, and spectators, we have recently purchased new bleachers (approx. \$30,000) for all of the fields; please help us report any vandalism that may take place to the bleachers and fields alike. All of this equipment and fields belong to all you Pueblo members and when they are vandalized, they are stealing from each one of you. It takes a lot of money and hard work to maintain the fields to the top condition which we have them in.



*Pueblo of Isleta Child Care Public Meeting Notice*  
PO Box 579 Isleta NM 87022  
505-869-9796

Please join us to receive information, to share ideas or ask questions about our Child Care Program.

When: May 9, 2013

Time: 5:30 pm

Where: Isleta Head Start & Child Care Multi-Purpose Room



\*Child Care & Dinner will be provided

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- **Bring an updated resume**
- **Bring copies of your transcripts**
- **And, take the time to complete an employment application conveniently in our office**

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*Email: [poiemployment@isletapueblo.com](mailto:poiemployment@isletapueblo.com)*

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