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Zuni Tribal Social Services Prepares to Recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month

"The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats it's children" - Nelson Mandela

As April, 2023 approaches, Zuni Tribal Social Services (ZTSS) will be planning to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ZTSS will be hosting an awareness event come April 1st. We are currently working to put together some highlights of the event, which will include Zuni Solidarity Bike Riders and the coloring of flags, a family event to help children express their own awareness that child abuse is unacceptable. A community member will be providing 3 bouncy houses for the children. The event will also feature free cake walks and music, and other community programs will be invited to set up tables.

In addition, there will be a reading of a proclamation titled "National Child Abuse Prevention Month". We will be inviting Governor Arden Kucate and Lt. Governor Cordelia Hooee, and their council delegates, for the honor of reading and officially signing the proclamation.

Looking back into history, the first reported child abuse case occurred in New York city, where Mary Ellen Wilson's mother, Frances Wilson, was forced by hard times to relinquish her daughter to the New York City Department of Charities. In turn Mary Ellen was placed with foster parents who turned out to be abusive

Mary Ellen's case was discovered by neighbors in an adjacent apartment. They would often hear a child's cries and

pleading through the walls, and convinced a Social Worker, Etta Angell Wheeler, who happened to be visiting a client in the same building, to investigate.

Wheeler found that Mary Ellen had been locked inside a closet, beaten, burned, and cut with scissors. She was severely malnourished, and was wearing the same clothes, now ragged and filthy, her mother had provided.

Through Etta Wheeler, Mary Ellen's case was brought to the attention of attorney Elbridge Gerry, of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Her cause reached the New York Supreme Court, which found the surrogate mother guilty (the surrogate father had passed on), and led to the creation of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Eventually, Mary Ellen was adopted by a very loving family. She moved on with her life, had a family of her own, and became successful in her journey.

As we remember those who are less fortunate, let's all keep it in our hearts to remember that every one of us in this Zuni community has a task in life to protect and strengthen the character in our society to treat children with honor, because they were created to be here on earth just like every one of us.

Respectfully,

April Seciwa, Director
Zuni Social Services

Update on the Zuni Water Rights Program

The mission of the Zuni Water Rights Program (WRP) is to adjudicate and protect all the water resources of the Zuni Tribe for the benefit of tribal members, present and future generations. The WRP seeks to protect all of Zuni's water resources, from any and all surface and groundwater sources. The water resources include surface water as flows from springs through groundwater outflows into rivers and streams reaching the Zuni homelands, and which have the potential to be impacted in the short and long term.

The Water Rights Program was started in 1992 when the Tribe became a party to the Little Colorado River (LCR) General Stream Adjudication proceedings in Arizona. Currently, the WRP is involved in the Zuni River Basin (ZRB) adjudication, which began in 2001 and is ongoing.

In the development of the WRP in 1992, the Tribe was involved in developing its water right claims for both the LCR adjudication as well as the ZRB adjudication. Developing water right claims involved selecting and hiring an attorney and hiring outside consultants having technical expertise in a range of sciences relating to, for example, surface water and groundwater resources analysis, irrigation technology, geology, hydrology, and water conveyance systems.

The Tribe is still involved in the Zuni River Basin General Stream Adjudication. The Tribe and other parties, including the State of New Mexico and the Federal government, opted to work on a settlement agreement rather than litigation, and have been in negotiations since 2013. The Tribe spent a number of years developing a proposal and submitted its final proposal to the State in 2019.

Since then until 2022, the Tribe through its WRP has actively negotiated with the State and the United States. The Tribe's negotiating team consisted of three Water Rights lawyers, three technical consultants, support from previous and current administrations, and the Water Rights Coordinator of the WRP.

The main objective of the settlement has been to quantify the Tribe's water rights based on aboriginal and senior priority, and to protect those rights in perpetuity. Through lengthy negotiations, the Tribe reached a settlement agreement with the State of New Mexico in late December of 2022, and the agreement was signed by former Governor Panteah in a duly called meeting with Tribal Council on December 21, 2022.

If the Tribe had not been able to resolve its water rights claims, the Supreme Court could have ordered all parties into litigation. This would not be ideal for the Tribe because the court might render a decision unfavorable to the Tribe.

The Tribe's claim could be reduced significantly through litigation, whereas a settlement scenario is more likely to result in a favorable outcome for the Tribe's long-term interests.

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Zuni Veterans Program Supports Those Who Served and Their Families

Greetings!

The Zuni Veterans Program is off to a great start for 2023. The year started off with a gathering for veterans on January 31, 2023, at the Zuni High School Cafeteria. Veterans were informed about the on-going services that are available. Korean War Veterans and Purple Heart Recipients were recognized, and updates were provided regarding disability claims. It was a well-attended event and a time for veterans to reconnect.

With support from Tribal Council, the Tribal Administrator, and the Finance Department, the program was fortunate to receive additional funding this year to aid with food assistance and cleaning supplies for veterans and widows. Services will commence in March 2023, so we encourage all our veterans and widows to visit our office to fill out the necessary paperwork. For those veterans and widows who have not received any services from our

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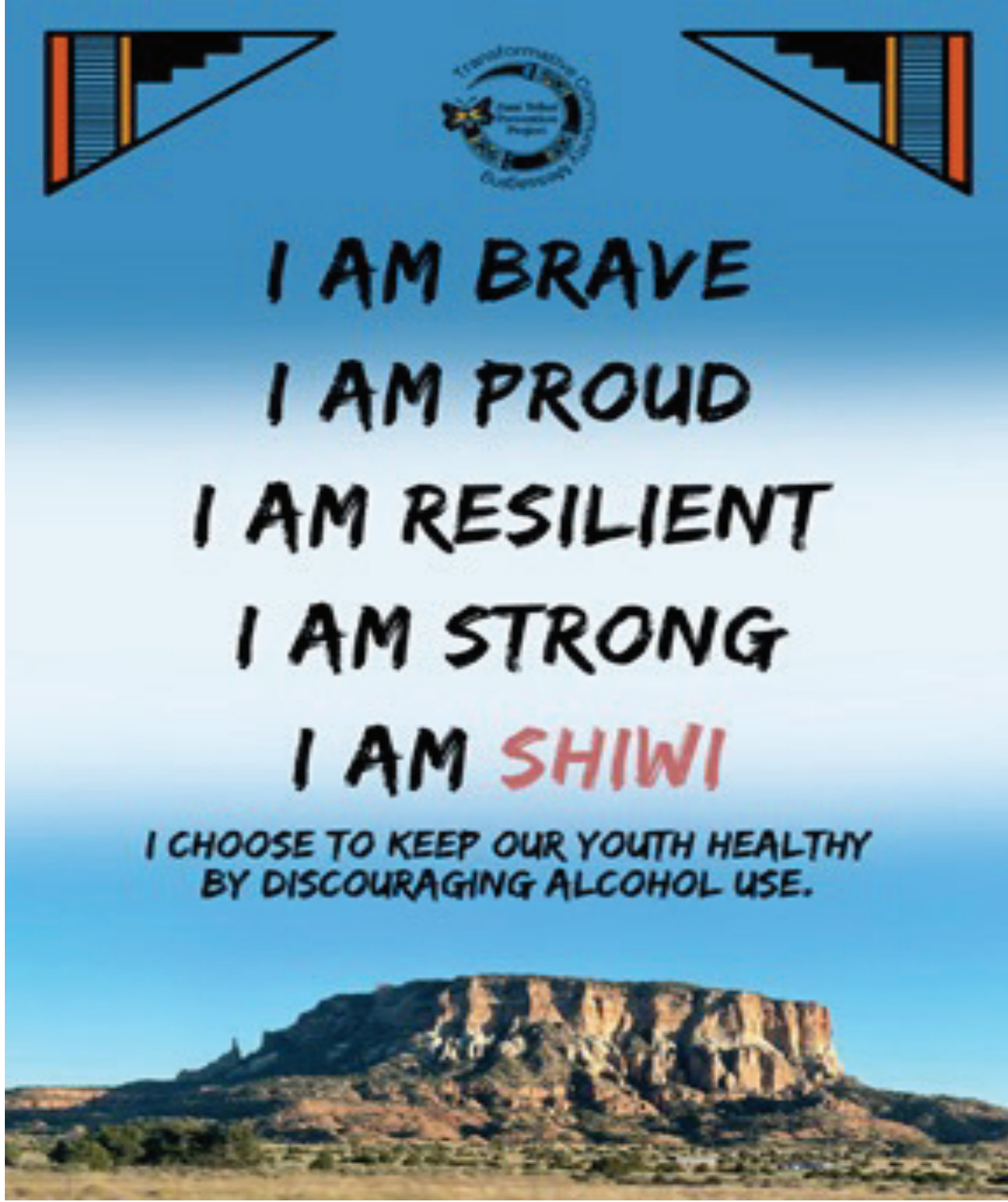


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COVID's winter wave continues

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ZPL Seeks Adult and Student Board

Keshi Zuni Community!

Zuni Public Library is seeking caring and giving community members who want to be involved in creating a new vision for the library as we continue the moving process. For quite some time there has not been an active board, which we want to create to help improve the services we currently offer.

Board members are essential so that we can maintain our public library status with the New Mexico State Library, from which we receive some of our funding for the services we provide to our Zuni patrons.

Do you care about literacy and Zuni culture? About volunteering and public programming? Are you enthusiastic about building professional development in the library science field? Do you believe you have strong financial knowledge and management skills? If you answered YES, the Zuni Public Library Board needs YOU!

Please call 782-4575 for an application. We are seeking both adult and student members.

ZPL Advisory Board Members Responsibilities:

- Have a library card
- Visit the library on a regular basis
- Attend and actively participate in all board meetings
- Be prepared for the meetings, including reading minutes, agendas, and other library publications
- Inform people that you are on the library board
- Keep abreast of community and political changes, and anticipate how such changes may affect the library's funding, its service, and/or its public image
- Attend regional and state library conferences when possible
- Evaluate the board and director
- Anticipate future needs of patrons and the library through strategic and long-range planning
- Become knowledgeable about the library's collection and services
- Work and communicate well with others
- Advocate for the library to patrons and potential patrons, local and state governments, and funding sources
- Know and support the basic library tenets such as intellectual freedom, confidentiality of patron records, and the Library Bill of Rights
- Be knowledgeable about local, state, and federal laws that affect libraries

Please apply to become a Zuni Library Board Member!

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In addition, in litigation, although the court could establish the quantity of water to which the Tribe is entitled, even if the court were to award the Tribe a large quantity of water, the litigation would not provide funding to be able to effectively use the "paper" water right or provide mechanisms to protect those rights without further litigation.

In contrast, a settlement can provide funding for various water infrastructure projects to support needs such as more efficient irrigation and additional wells to meet future community demand. Through negotiations and a settlement agreement it is easier to establish agreements that will better protect the Tribe's water resources into the future.

With the settlement agreement reached with the State of New Mexico, the next step is for State representatives to sign the agreement. The State representatives are the State Engineer of the Office of State Engineer, the New Mexico Attorney General and Governor Michelle Grisham.

Once signed by all representing the state of New Mexico, it moves forward to Washington for passage by the Congress of the United States, to ratify and pass an Act of the Water Rights of the Tribe. There is still much negotiation at the federal level for Congress to approve the settlement agreement and ultimately pass an Act to reach the Tribe's settlement objective. But in reaching this settlement outcome in the ZRB adjudication, the Tribe will hopefully be fruitful in its efforts and overall outcome.

The WRP will continue to work to protect any potential impacts to all water resources of the Tribe by involving attorneys and technical consultants, and experts in the fields of legal proceedings and water sciences.

Additional detailed information can be obtained by contacting the Water Rights Program at (505) 782-2123.

Rural Addressing & E-911: What's Next?

The Pueblo of Zuni Geospatial Information Office collaborated with the University of New Mexico Earth Data Analysis Center to assess the current Zuni Master Street Address Guide. After thorough review of the ever-growing community, UNM-EDAC suggested our community needs to update road signage. Suggested updates will benefit not only to the Pueblo of Zuni Public Safety Personnel, but the entire community.

The community has a road inventory of long-stretch roadways with side roads leading to clusters of homes. A majority of the side roads are unnamed, causing a delay in response from public safety personnel and the delivery of packages. Having an unnamed roadway or inaccurate house number causes a great delay especially when first responders are responding to life and death situations, when every second counts.

After a year of work, the Panteah Administration passed a resolution; M70-2022-P115, "Adoption of Master Street Addressing Guide for the Pueblo of Zuni", on December 21, 2022. With the resolution in place, the Pueblo of Zuni Geospatial Information Office will

proceed with the new street addressing and numbering. Not all areas will see major changes, but all homeowners are encouraged to properly install a house number.

Certain areas of the community will have new road names to properly identify clusters of homes. Home owners will be notified prior to the initial install of signage. The Rural Address Committee will designate appropriate personnel who will reach out to homeowners regarding the address changes.

Upon receipt of a new address change, homeowners and household members are responsible for updating their personal records, such as State Issued Identification Cards, and with financial institutions, the school district and other entities that require a letter of address verification.

Additional information will be made available to all community members through the Tribe's social media account and posters at local businesses.



program, the following is required:

For Veterans

- Must be a veteran of the US Armed forces and must meet Veterans Administration benefit eligibility requirements
- Must provide a copy of DD214 -Military Discharge papers with an Honorable Discharge or NGB form 22 for National Guard OR
- Verification document from VA Administration in situations where a DD214 can't be found for the veteran.

For Widows

- Widow was legally married to the veteran
- Must have a copy of deceased veteran's DD124
- Have Marriage Certificate or Award letter for DIC (Dependent, Indemnity, Compensation)
- Have Death Certificate

For questions, we can be contacted at (505) 782-7280/7281/7124, or our program cell at (505) 728-1275.

The program also implemented the Arts & Craft Sales for veterans and their families to sell their goods each month at various locations. The first sale, held in December 2022, was such a success and we decided to continue into 2023.

Again, we encourage you to put your talents to use and display your crafts at one or all of the shows!

Each year the program holds various recognition events. This year, we will start with the Vietnam War Veterans recognition parade. The parade will take place at the Zuni Memorial Park on Saturday, March 25, 2023, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will entail the recognition of all Vietnam Veterans (living and deceased), parade around the Zuni community, and conclude with refreshments at the park.

We encourage families to participate in the event and to decorate to honor their veterans! We look forward to serving our veterans and their families once again.



Save the Date!



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION/ PARADE EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

@ ZUNI VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

STARTING @ 10:00AM

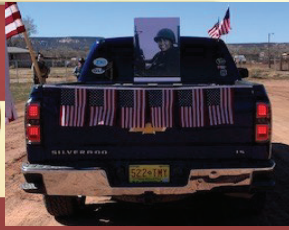


EVENTS:

- 10:00am - Recognition of Zuni Vietnam War Veterans**
- 11:15am - Car Parade Line Up**
- 11:30am - Start of Car Parade around the community**
- 12:15pm - Refreshments @ Memorial Park (after parade)**

To recognize and honor our Vietnam War Veterans for their service to their Country and the sacrifices they made for our Freedom.

Decorate your vehicles!!



Zuni Veterans Program: For More Information, Call: (505) 782-7280/7281/7124

FOR SAFETY REASONS: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT

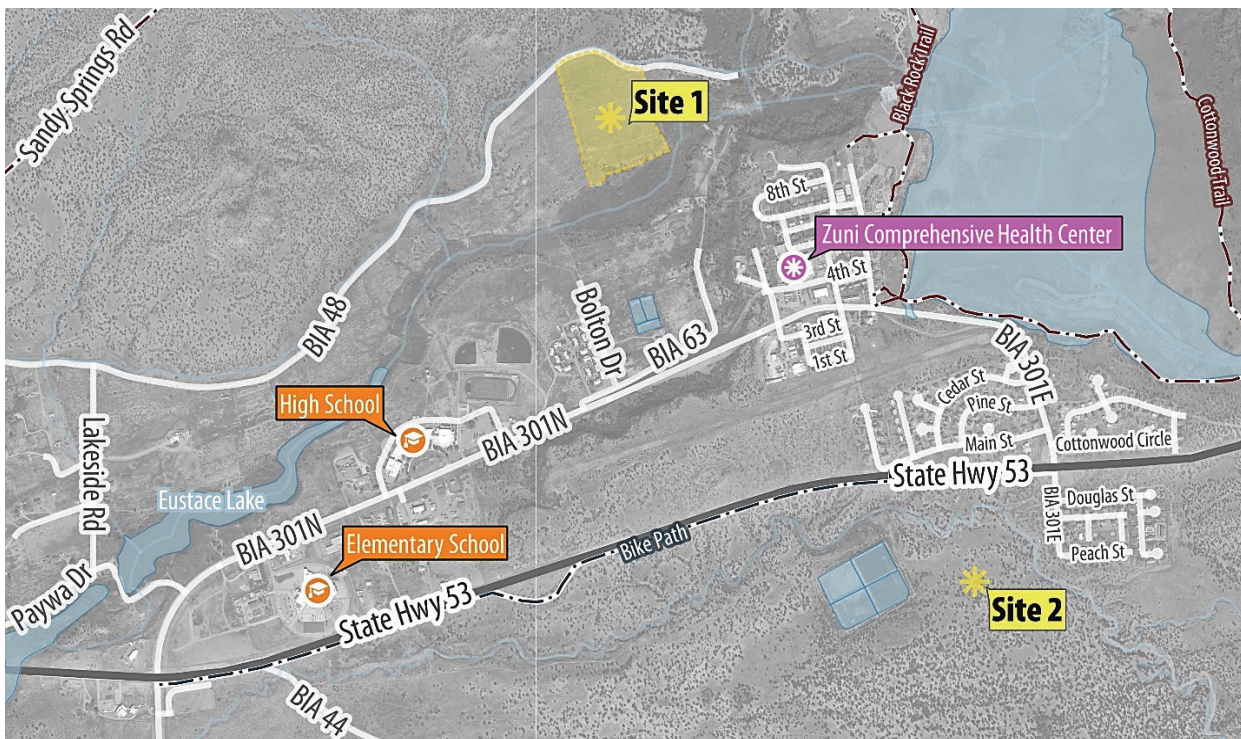
Office of Planning and Development Update

Zuni Multi-Sport Complex Proposed Sites Analysis & Selection

The Office of Planning & Development has been working for the past several months with various Tribal Programs and with the community on the proposed Multi-Sport Complex and Recreational Master Plan. This project includes the site selection, analysis, and conceptual design for the Multi-Sport Complex. For the site selection phase, the project required analysis of at least two (2) sites for the new complex. The Office of Planning & Development identified two (2) potential locations for the new complex, which are further detailed at right and below. The sites are located on the east side of Zuni Pueblo near Black Rock. Site Option #1 is south of BIA Route 48/Old Gallup Road and north of the Zuni River across from Bolton Drive (northeast of Zuni High School). Site Option #2 is south of State Highway 53 and directly west of the DY Bluffs subdivision. Each location received a site analysis studying site layouts, access options, parking, and site use.

Site Option #1 is a 23.5-acre lot located south of BIA Route 48/Old Gallup Road and north of the Zuni River directly northeast of Zuni High School. The area is largely outside of the floodplain. Since this location is further from the community, development at this site requires a sizeable extension of utilities and road connections for direct access. Several access options were assessed including providing an extended access road to the north along Old Gallup Road/BIA Route 48 to connect to Lakeside Road or providing access to the south from Bolton Drive. Access from Bolton Drive will require a new river crossing with a large bridge construction. The design team also assessed access to other recreational opportunities near Site Option #1. There are no direct connections to existing trails at this location. There are clear views of Dowa Yalanne and significant open space surrounding the site. The site is very pleasant with views of the Zuni River. However, it was reported that this location is in close vicinity to culturally sensitive sites near Blackrock Dam.

Site Option #2 is located south of State Highway 53 and west of the DY Bluffs subdivision. This location is in closer proximity to existing infrastructure including utilities and road connections. With nearby access to the State Highway 53, Site Option #2 requires significantly less road infrastructure



development than Site #1. Although located outside of the floodplain, the site is near an existing natural drainage feature (arroyo) to the north which will require a road crossing. New road connections with low-water crossing and high-water crossing options will provide access from the east to BIA 301E/Oak Street. Considering access to other recreational opportunities near this location, the site is close to the paved bike path south of State Highway 53. There are clear views of Dowa Yalanne and significant open space surrounding the site. It is understood there are reportedly limited culturally sensitive sites in this area if any.

Based on the preliminary analysis of both sites, the POZ Office of Planning & Development recommends the selection

of Site Option #2 as the preferred location for the new Zuni Multi-Sport Complex. The design team will begin additional planning and site layouts for the sports complex on Site Option #2.

Further detailed analysis of the required road improvements and final drainage design for the selected site is being coordinated with the Pueblo of Zuni Roads Department, the Pueblo of Zuni Department of Natural Resources, and the project team civil engineers (Isaacson & Aarfman).

For future updates on the project, please visit the project website, www.zunisportscomplex.com.

Zuni Multi-Sport Complex		
Site Selection Evaluation		
<i>Pueblo of Zuni Office of Planning & Development</i>		
<i>Prepared by: MRWM Landscape Architects</i>		
<i>Date: 2/22/2023</i>		
Scale: 1-3 (1 = low, 2 = medium, 3 = high)		
Higher scores indicate more desirable site features and considerations.		
Zuni Multi-Sport Complex Potential Sites >	Site Option #1	Site Option #2
Proximity		
Distance to nearest paved roads	1	3
Distance to nearest existing trails	1	3
Overall distance to residential areas	1	3
Distance to other recreational opportunities	1	2
Distance to transit services	1	3
Access to Existing Infrastructure		
Utilities (gas, electric, water, sewer)	1	3
Paved roads	1	3
Drainage & Hydrology		
Site located outside floodplain	3	3
Proximity to floodplain	1	3
Near other drainage features (arroyos)	3	1
Environment		
Near culturally sensitive sites	2	3
Impacts on endangered species and wildlife	3	3
Topography		
Site is relatively flat without significant grading issues	3	3
Views		
Direct views to Dowa Yalanne	3	3
Unobstructed views to surrounding open space	3	3
Views into the site from nearby major roads	1	3
TOTALS	29	45

Cell Tower Services Added

AT&T and Smith Bagley (Cellular One) completed the installation of their cell radios at the Tribal Administration Building Cell Tower last week. AT&T and Cellular One services are available in our area. Please contact AT&T or Cellular One directly for any questions regarding their service.



Zuni Youth Enrichment Project Brings Generations and Pueblos Together In Angel Fire and Taos, New Mexico

This winter, with support from the Outdoor Equity Fund and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), youth participants in the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project's annual Delapna:we Project had the opportunity to visit Angel Fire and Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, for a family retreat. From January 27 to 29, ZYEP staff and multiple generations from nine families enjoyed cultural education and experiences, shared Delapna:we (traditional storytelling) in the Zuni language, and supported each other through the fun and even an unexpected challenge.

On Friday, January 27, the group gathered at ZYEP's Ho'n A:wan Park to load Betty and Helga, the nonprofit organization's passenger vans. Raylan Edaakie, a participant's grandparent, led an opening prayer for safe travels and to start the trip with good intentions.

ZYEP Program Manager Tara Wolfe and Youth Development Coordinator Kiara "Kiki" Zunie drove Betty and Helga, accompanied by Art Leader Liam Simplicio and Youth Development Leader Norene Lonasee. Their first stop: the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, where the group had lunch and took a self-guided tour.

"We were excited to visit a portion of the museum dedicated to Delapna:we, as well as the Pivot Skateboard Deck Art Exhibit, which was curated by our assistant art coordinator, Kandis Quam," Zunie said.

Quam and ZYEP Physical Activity Leader Tyler Sice had departed Zuni a day early so they could prepare the retreat cabin in Angel Fire for the group's arrival. Zunie noted that this was important for the success of the retreat, and the duo continued to provide vital support throughout the weekend.

After the cultural center visit, the passenger vans made their way through Taos and up to Angel Fire. As evening approached, the weather deteriorated, bringing snow, strong winds and below-freezing temperatures.

When the vans reached the snow-filled driveway to the retreat cabin, they got stuck. Fortunately, the group used this challenging situation as an opportunity for bonding, using teamwork and relying on each other to solve the problem.

"We all came together at this moment to help one another get safely to the cabin where it was warm," said Willard Sanchez, who accompanied his wife and two daughters. "It reminded me of the film 'Lilo and Stitch,' and I quote, 'Ohana means family — no one gets left behind or forgotten.'"

The next morning, the group visited Harold Cordova's Morningtalk Buffalo Ranch, where they were able to see the buffalo and learn more about the traditions of Taos Pueblo.



Curtis Quam, curator of the A:shiwi A:wam Museum and Heritage Center in Zuni and the cultural advisor for the trip, reminded the group in the Zuni language to take in the beautiful surroundings and acknowledge the resources that help sustain the culture. For example, admiring birds such as Clark's nutcrackers, Steller's jays and magpies helped the kids understand that those beings are important to Zuni people and how rare it is to see them.

"My dad taught me how to identify the birds we use when I was younger and how to be ethical and culturally sensitive to those important beings," Quam said. "This part of enculturation could only be taught and understood in those areas with knowledgeable people."

He also asked the group of youth to get creative in thinking about creating their own stories, or Delapna:we, using their surroundings.

At the ranch, Cordova shared the history of the buffalo. Everyone had the opportunity to see the buffalo as he drove a little farther into his property so he could feed them.

"When we drove to Taos to the Cordova residence and got

up close to view the buffalo, [we enjoyed] such a humbling, blessing experience," Sanchez said. "It was such an honor to see and hear how Mr. Cordova communicated with the buffalo. This experience will always be cherished."

Families took pictures as Cordova sang a song to the buffalo, and his wife shared pueblo treats, including homemade pies and cookies. It was a valuable opportunity for retreat participants to connect to their cultural roots and build meaningful connections with a neighboring pueblo.

"This is what it is all about," Cordova observed. "Connecting our people to their culture, and showing the young ones that they have a place here."



Later that day, several families enjoyed sledding on the slopes near the retreat cabin. Other families baked bread to pair with delicious chuleya:we, a traditional stew made by Kandis Quam and Tyler Sice.



After dinner, families gathered around the campfire for popcorn, hot cocoa and Delapna:we. Lonasee shared traditional stories, and then youth participant Darren Lesarley shared his own newly created Delapnanne (a singular story) called "Si:wolo T'sana." Fellow youth participant Mya Edaakie followed with her own story, and audience members closed their eyes to imagine the stories in their minds.



"After Delapna:we, Raylan Edaakie and our youth played a board game, similar to the Game of Life but 'Zunified,' using scenarios based on Zuni daily life," Zunie said. "After much laughter and memories shared, the night ended with reminding one another of the importance of Delapna:we, recognizing that we are all here to support one another and to always lean on each other when times get challenging."

"Remember that there is help... don't give up," Edaakie emphasized to the youth at the time. "It will be up to you to carry this tradition of our culture."



Betty and Helga returned to Ho'n A:wam Park on January 29 after a six-hour drive. Participants and staff alike reflected on the value of the experience, with Sanchez noting it "would not have been possible had it not been for the hard work and dedication of the staff and management of ZYEP."

Wolfe said the trip was special for the ZYEP team as well.

"The opportunity to hear Delapna:we directly from the youth participants was heartwarming," Wolfe said. "This is what we are here for, and this is why we are doing what we are doing."

A particular highlight during the retreat: The Delapna:we Project youth were able to connect with the Wowo/Hotdas (grandmothers) and Nanas (grandfathers). They listened, learned and spoke in Shiwí'ma; they created new stories; and they were able to ask questions and reflect on what they observed and experienced.

"We will need to continue to build on the generational bridges to fill in the gaps," Wolfe said. "This will be the key to sustaining our Zuni ways of life, our language and our culture."

Zuni WIC Program

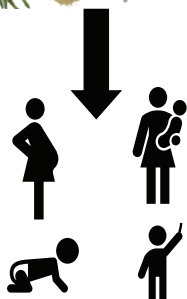
Benefits of WIC

WIC provides participants:

- Nutritious foods - Dollar Value savings for each child is over \$900 a year. (Each month, WIC gives \$50 food + up to \$25 for fruits & veggies.)
- Information on WIC food recipes/videos
- Breastfeeding promotion and support for moms & babies
- Referrals to health care and other programs.

To qualify for WIC, an applicant must be:

- A pregnant woman,
- A postpartum woman (who has a breastfeeding infant under 1 year of age, or a formula fed infant under 6 months of age)
- An infant,
- A child younger than 5 years



How has the value of WIC helped your family?

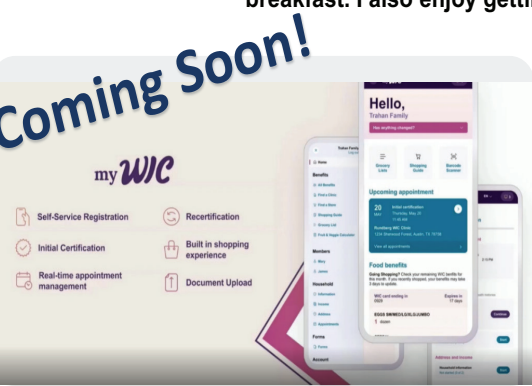
One mother says, "it has helped me get used to eating whole wheat bread rather than white bread. I use my fruits and vegetables to buy more berries. The milk, eggs and cereal are what helps out my budget. I think without WIC my budget for food would become expensive."

Another mother shares that "with WIC foods, I don't skip breakfast. I also enjoy getting the fruits and vegetables".



What is the myWIC App?

myWIC App is fully integrated with the WIC clinic system. It gives WIC participants the ability to manage their WIC journey from the palm of their hand. From uploading WIC documents for certifications, scheduling appointments, or using eWIC shopping tools, the myWIC app is a helpful "one-stop-shop" for participants to make their WIC experience easier.



Please contact the Zuni WIC Program to apply for WIC or schedule WIC services. (505) 782-2929.

The WIC Program is an equal opportunity provider.



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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

ROAD CONDITIONS ON BACK ROADS:

With the blessings of much needed rain and snow also come muddy and impassable roads. With the temperatures warming during the day and melting snow, many BIA Routes are becoming impassable on the Zuni Reservation.

Rangers are receiving a high number of requests daily to assist in recovering vehicles that are stuck in the mud or snow. This is taking a toll on Zuni Game and Fish Department vehicles, with expenses to repair damages to department vehicles adding up.



The Department recommends that community members minimize travelling on dirt roads as much as possible during this time of year. For community members that must go out on back roads to tend to livestock, cut firewood or to conduct other necessary tasks, it is recommended that you travel early in the morning while the ground is frozen as much as possible. All livestock owners are solely responsible to plan activities so that you can get out of back road areas before the ground thaws or avoid winter storm like weather. The rangers are not responsible for delivering feed or supplies to sheep camps and grazing units.



Rangers will be limiting assistance in recovering stuck vehicles to situations where Department vehicles are not likely to also get stuck or damaged. When recovery assistance is not safe, individuals will be assisted in getting back to the Village. Vehicle owners will be responsible for making other arrangements to get assistance elsewhere in recovering their vehicles.

When you go outdoors for wood hauling, tending livestock, hunting, or just travelling in the winter, take extra winter clothes, blankets, food, water and a way to make a fire in your vehicle just in case of an emergency where you may be stranded without help readily available. Keep cell phones fully charged when leaving home. Before you head outdoors, always tell a responsible person where you are going and when you expect to return so they can call for help if you don't return on time. If you become lost while outdoors, stop and stay where you are and build a fire.

With the low nighttime temperatures, we have been experiencing, the possibility of hypothermia increases. For someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the risk is even higher due to their lack of awareness that hypothermia may be setting in. If you encounter intoxicated persons outdoors in cold weather, encourage them to stay indoors or contact Zuni Police Dispatch at (505)782-4493 or 911. Your assistance may save a life.



ZYEP Prepares to Welcome 200 Children to 2023 Basketball League

Spring is just around the corner, and at the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project, that means it's almost time for its most popular Youth Sport program to begin. Made possible with support from the Nike N7 Fund, New Mexico Department of Health, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Zuni Public School District, the 2023 ZYEP Basketball League is open to youth ages 7-12.



According to Josh Kudrna, ZYEP's physical activity coordinator, the nonprofit youth organization is anticipating 200 Zuni children will compete in this year's league, which runs from March 20 to May 20.

"Our Shiwi Division for 7- to 9-year-olds is currently filled up, and we're getting into the waitlist," Kudrna said. "Our Zuni Division for the 10- to 12-year-olds still has a few openings. Our goal is to have 10 teams in the older division again this season."

ZYEP hosted its annual coach training on Saturday, February 25 in the Zuni High School gymnasium. The training focused on reinforcing fundamental skills with children, as the league

attracts a lot of new players.

"It also addressed general group management to make the practices as smooth as possible, expectations and policies for the season, and all the fun odds and ends to make the magic happen," Kudrna explained.

In addition, ZYEP hosted a skills session for the 10- to 12-year-old players that afternoon. During this session, the players had an opportunity to go through the sport's foundational skills with the coaches who will work with them throughout the season. "We're hoping this helped get everyone excited and built a sense of community for our league," Kudrna said. "We're coming together to do this for the kids' benefit; it's not about winning or losing."

On Wednesday, March 8, ZYEP will host a Family Info Night. This will be an opportunity for staff, coaches, youth participants and their families to gather and set the tone for the season, share expectations, and review the season schedule. It also will provide an opportunity for the young players to meet their

coaches.

When the season officially begins on March 20, the Shiwi and Zuni divisions will practice twice a week at Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary School and Zuni Middle School, respectively, with game nights at Zuni High School on Fridays. The older players also will participate in a final tournament on May 19-20.

"Since we don't have tournaments for the younger players, their final week will be an All-Star Week, full of fun activities and basketball-related games so they can show off what they've learned," Kudrna said. "Then the younger teams will end their season with a game on the final Friday night."

Through its Youth Sport initiative, ZYEP connects with more than 500 youth annually. In addition to basketball, young people also are able to take advantage of seasonal leagues in soccer, flag football, and cross country. More importantly, they have access to mentorship through ZYEP's staff and coaches, camaraderie with teammates throughout the leagues, and powerful community spirit.



2023 Residential Energy Efficiency Incentives

Product	Specifications	Rebate Incentive
Electric Clothes Dryers	Must be Energy Star® rated	\$30/unit , \$90 if ventless (heat pump)
Induction Cooktops	Must replace existing electric or gas cooktop/range and have minimum surface width of 30 inches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100/electric-to-induction replacements • \$350/gas-to-induction
Outdoor Electric Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric mowers and snow blowers • Electric trimmers, chainsaws, pruners, leaf blowers, power washers • Electric bicycles • Additional batteries for eligible equipment above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowers can be riding or walk-behind units • Applies to battery or corded equipment • Minimum purchase price of equipment must be \$50 • Additional batteries must be purchased at the same time rebate-eligible outdoor equipment is purchased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-behind mowers or snow blowers - 25% of cost, up to \$150 • Riding mowers - 25% of cost, up to \$1,000 • Trimmers, pruners, leaf blowers, power-washers - 25% of cost, up to \$50 • Chainsaws - 25% of cost, up to \$100 • E-bikes - 25% of cost, up to \$150 • Additional batteries - 50% of cost, up to \$25
HVAC Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air-Source Heat Pump <i>(Note: All air-source heat pump incentives are based on the total "size" of the heat-pump system's outdoor unit(s), specifically the coil capacity in tons. Indoor units impact system efficiency ratings.)</i> • Air-to-Water Source Heat Pump • Ground-Source Heat Pump • Split-System Air Conditioners (Energy Star® Rated) • Evaporative Coolers • Smart Thermostats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard air-source heat pumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSPF \geq 9.0 and SEER \geq 15 - or HSPF2 \geq 7.6 and SEER2 \geq 14.3 • Climate certified heat pumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HSPF \geq 10.0 and SEER \geq 16 - or HSPF2 \geq 8.5 and SEER2 \geq 15.2 - Variable speed compressor or a minimum of 3 stages (fan speed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard air-source heat pumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$675 for 2 tons or less - \$1,800 for systems greater than 2 tons • Cold climate certified heat pumps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,000 for 2 tons or less - \$2,400 for systems greater than 2 tons • The above rebates are capped at 50% of equipment cost
	Reviewed on case-by-case basis	Same tier structure as air-source heat pumps
	New and replacement ground-source heat pumps with closed-loop or open-loop water source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500/ton for new systems • \$250/ton for replacement systems
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Units 1 ton or greater • Minimum 16 SEER or 15.2 SEER2 • Window units do not qualify 	• \$100/unit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2,500 CFM • No window or portable units 	• \$200/unit, limit of 2
	Standard and line voltage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25/standard thermostats, limit of 2 • \$25/line voltage thermostats, limit of 5
LED lamps (bulbs) & fixtures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 lumens or greater • Medium, GU24 or other residential-oriented base or fixtures w/built-in LEDs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of lamp or fixture cost • Capped at \$8/lamp or fixture • Per account cap of 50 lamps, per year

For more information about these incentives call Continental Divide Electric at (505) 863-3641



2023 Zuni Veterans Arts & Crafts Calendar

February 10, 2023	Zuni Wellness Center
March 16, 2023	Zuni Wellness Center
April 7, 2023	Zuni Wellness Center
May 12, 2023	Veterans Memorial Park
June 16, 2023	Veterans Memorial Park
July 14, 2023	Veterans Memorial Park
August 25, 2023	Veterans Memorial Park
September 29, 2023	Veterans Memorial Park
October 30, 2023	Veterans Halloween Arts & Crafts Extravaganza Zuni Tribal Building
November 17, 2023	Zuni Wellness Center
December 2023 (TBD)	Zuni Wellness Center

Event times will be from 4:00pm-7:30pm

Make sure to register for each event!

For more information: Call the Zuni Veterans Services Program at (505)782-7280/7281/7124.

Zuni Healthy Lifestyles Program



Slam Dunk Diabetes Co-Ed Basketball League with Kids Club is back!



2023 Season:

18 Teams – 300+ Players

5 on 5 Co-ed Basketball is back in full swing! Tie up those laces, put your game face on (with your mask) for some full court action! It's our comeback, now it's time for yours!

Types of Education Provided for all Participants:

- ✓ Nutrition Education
- ✓ Diabetes Education
- ✓ High Blood Pressure Education ... and more!

Child Care Available *aka* "Kids Club"!!

Ages 2-12 years old

Nutrition Education for all Children (snacks included)

Physical Activities and Arts & Crafts

REMINDERS:

Do YOU know your numbers?! (A1C, Blood Pressure, Weight, Height, Glucose, etc.)

Your numbers will tell you if you are at a high risk of living with:

- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ High Blood Pressure
- ✓ Obesity

If you are a person living with Diabetes and/or High Blood Pressure, knowing your numbers will help you manage and PREVENT other chronic diseases.

Want to get back on track to living a healthy lifestyle?

Want to know what your numbers are?

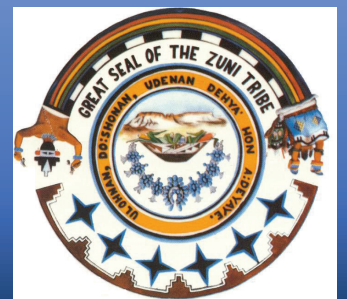
Give us a call at 505-782-3091/2929

to see how we can assist you!



**The Zuni Police Department
In conjunction with Catapultk12 & WeTip Program,
the community can anonymously report suspicious
and unlawful activities.**

Report Crime Hotline: 800.78.CRIME



You Protect Your Community.

We Protect Your Identity.