

A:shiwi A:wan Messenger



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Zuni Veterans Memorial Opens



The Zuni Veterans Program held their Grand Opening of the Veterans Memorial on June 10, 2022. Community members, Tribal Council, NM Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham, NM Indian Affairs Cabinet Secretary, Lynn Trujillo, and Eric Chavez, Representative for US Senator Ben Ray Lujan, were among the many honored guests.

Special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jaeger, donated the anchor of the USS Zuni. Mr. Jaeger served aboard the USS Zuni, AKA "The Mighty Z", and presented a brief military service history of the USS Zuni, which earned 4 military stars. The anchor was restored and delivered from Virginia to its final resting place at the Zuni Veterans Memorial.

A visit to the Zuni Veterans Memorial will show that it is unique as it acknowledges our ancestors

who were the first military protectors of our community since time immemorial. The flagstone pillar is dedicated to our ancestors. The Knifewing symbol is another feature the veterans wanted to incorporate in the design. A meeting was held with the Zuni Cultural Resource Advisory Team (ZCRAT) to discuss the possibility of incorporating this symbol as well as to gain information. Representatives informed the Veterans what Knifewing represented, the limitations, and the significance of the predatory animals to complete the vision.

The sculptures are a testament to the talent of our Zuni Artists. These massive figures were carved by Jeff Shetima and Kelii Eli. To truly appreciate the walkways, an aerial view is needed to see the

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OPD Update

ROUTE 4 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

We would like to thank all those who took the time to fill out the Route 4 Residential Development survey. The community input received is important information and will be used in the planning process to update the current Master Plan for the Route 4 Development project.

The Route 4 Development, aka Commercial Development Area Project, is a significant undertaking initiated by the Tribe approximately 20 years ago to address the housing shortage and unemployment, and to identify ways to generate Tribal Revenue.

Many comments were received from the survey. Below are the primary concerns expressed by the community from the impacts of the new development:

- Impact on the surrounding natural resources (i.e., wildlife habitat, existing drainage)
- Impact on our existing water supply
- Consultation with our religious leaders and members
- Management and homeownership requirements

To begin the effort to address the comments received from the survey, we are providing a brief history and recap of the Route 4 project.

Subsequent articles will be published informing the community about how these concerns were addressed. A community meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming month to meet, provide updates, and gather more input from

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Fire and Emergency Medical Services Update

For the month of July, the Pueblo of Zuni Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department has been responding to multiple calls for service more than ever. Currently, our department is staffed with 22 personnel, and 17 of those are licensed patient care providers to assure medical and fire coverage 7-days a week, 24 hours a day. Zuni FEMS has, on numerous occasions, assisted Zuni BIA Wildland personnel during brushfires with hand crews and water support.

Zuni FEMS staff encounter various medical calls for service each day, such as community members experiencing dehydration, heat exhaustion and/or heat strokes while working outdoors, and those involved in illegal substance abuse, which in some cases were near-death tragic situations. To address some of these critical calls, Zuni Fire & EMS personnel were invited to attend a New Mexico EMS Bureau Medical Director's Committee meeting in Bernalillo, New Mexico, on July 8th, 2022, to request approval for special skills. Zuni's request was approved and will allow ZFEMS providers to better provide Advanced Special Skills in emergency services to the community.

Zuni FEMS also provides American Heart Association CPR classes on a monthly basis. Our next scheduled CPR classes will be held at the Blackrock Fire Station #1 on August 4th and August 25th, 2022 both starting at 9 a.m.



BLS Healthcare Provider

CPR Course



Zuni Blackrock Fire Station

August 4, 2022
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
\$40.00 per student

August 25, 2022
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
\$40.00 per student



*Please have an email address available to receive your e-card.

To schedule, please contact Sharlene Booqua through POZ email:
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or leave a message at (505) 782-4200. Thank you.

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the community as this development moves forward.

ROUTE 4 PROJECT HISTORY

Pre-Planning Activities

September 2001	Archeological Report
June 29, 2001	Legal survey and description of parcel
September 2006	Environmental Assessment
October 2006	Preliminary Engineering Report completed by ASCG, Inc. for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure for Phase 1 of the Commercial Development Area

Planning Activities

October 2009	Commercial Development Area Masterplan approved by Governor Coeoyate and former Planning & Development Director, the late Andrew Othole;
November 2009	Update to Preliminary Engineering Report-Wastewater Design Report completed by Bohannan-Huston Inc.
November 2009	Update to Preliminary Engineering Report-Water Design Report completed by Bohannan-Huston Inc.
June 10, 2015	Phase 1 Water Infrastructure construction plans approved by the Tribe
May 28, 2019	Phase 2 Water Infrastructure construction plans approved by the Tribe
August 2021	Buffalo design architects awarded the contract to update the existing Route 4 Development (Commercial Development Area) Masterplan;
April 2022	Route 4 Residential Development Survey distributed;
May 2022	Route 4 Residential Development Survey results were published in the A:shiwi A:wam Messenger.

Construction Activities

July 2015	File Construction contracted to start installing Phase 1 water infrastructure at the Commercial Development Area;
March 2016	Certification of Substantial Completion issued to File Construction for completing Phase 1 construction;
July 2019	CF Padilla LLC contracted to complete Phase 2 water infrastructure installation at the Commercial Development Area;
April 2021	Certificate of Substantial Completion issued to CF Padilla LLC for the completion of Phase 2;

Installed Infrastructure to date:

- 20,025 L.F. 12-inch waterline
- 275,000-gallon storage tank
- Packaged Booster Pump Station and Chlorination system
- Access road
- Road crossings (Route 4)

Project Funding to date:

NM Tribal Infrastructure Funds	\$3,020,153.54
NM Environment Department	\$ 370,000.00
Indian Health Service	\$ 251,125.00
NM Capital Outlay Funds	\$2,000,000.00
Tribal Contribution	\$ 592,344.00
Total project funding to date:	\$6,233,622.54

ZUNI MULTI-SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT

Community input is an integral part of this project and we want your feedback! Please complete this short survey to help us develop the framework to proceed with this very important community project!

Visit the link below or scan the QR code with any smartphone to complete the survey
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MHqPw6yy-pPcLlo5i8lJG_mG95mCO41GizfqYtl76GQ/edit



Surveys are being accepted until September 6, 2022

We value your feedback and thank you for your participation!

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please email the Office of Planning & Development at poz.opd@ashiwi.org or call us at 505-782-7282.

Elah'kwa!

Zuni Youth Enrichment Project Announces New Executive Director, Tahlia Natachu

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project recently announced that Tahlia Natachu is the nonprofit organization's new executive director, effective July 5. Natachu previously served as youth development coordinator and director of development.

"We feel so blessed that Tahlia Natachu will be our new executive director," said Joe Claunch, ZYEP's outgoing executive director. "From the beginning, it was evident we had a leader in Tahlia. We saw her potential to grow, and that's exactly what she has done. What might take others 10 years, she did in three. Along the way, she earned the respect and appreciation of staff, parents, funders, and community."

In its strategic plan, one of ZYEP's critical objectives is to cultivate Zuni leadership. Natachu's appointment is an important step toward achieving this long-term vision, as she will be the youth project's first Zuni executive director.

"When I first started working for ZYEP in 2016, we were a team of four, and only one staff member was Zuni," said Claunch, who is a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Tacoma, Washington.

"Today, we are a team of 19, and 15 are Zuni. We have been intentional about recruiting Zuni's best for our open positions, and we invest in their professional development so they can lead the organization into the future.

"Tahlia has been with the organization from its humble beginnings, and her story of working as a Summer Camp counselor, going to college to become a teacher, and returning home to serve Zuni youth is the ultimate fulfillment of ZYEP's vision," he added.

Natachu's history with ZYEP goes back to 2009, her sophomore year at Zuni High School. An active participant in her school's basketball, volleyball, and track programs, she was invited to work as a counselor during the youth project's inaugural Summer Camp.

"I worked with ZYEP for three years while I was in high school, and then I went off to college," Natachu said. "I felt it was my responsibility to get an education and come right back."

After graduating from Zuni High School in 2012, Natachu went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Western Washington University in Bellingham, and a Master of Arts degree in education from Portland State University in Oregon. She stayed connected to Zuni through ZYEP, working at the youth project during summers and breaks.

For two years, Natachu worked as a 7th grade language arts teacher with Zuni Public School District. Then Claunch reached out with an opportunity for her to join ZYEP full time.

"ZYEP has always had such a special place in my heart," Natachu reflected. "I loved the classroom, but I'd learned that our kids need so much love and support in other areas. If their fundamental needs aren't met, then school will never be a priority. But if you help develop resilient, healthy youth, then they will do well in the classroom."

"My sense of purpose has never been stronger," she continued. "ZYEP helped build me up, and it's taken me to places I never could have imagined. My campers when I was a counselor are now counselors themselves, and many of the old counselors are now ZYEP employees. It's definitely circular, and intuitively, we know that's always our goal. For all of us, and all our partners, our kids are at the center of everything we do."

When Natachu took on the executive director's role on July 5, Claunch shifted gears and moved to ZYEP's Board of Directors.

"This is part of my own leadership journey," he said. "Zuni leadership is vital to ZYEP's well-being and long-term sustainability. Along with the rest of our board, I'm looking forward to supporting Tahlia and our team as they move forward."



Zuni Public Library Seeks Board Members

Greetings community members. This addresses a need we are asking you to help us meet.

What does the Zuni Public Library mean to you? What does it offer to our community members? What do you like or not like? What services do you want offered which we do not presently have? What can you offer and give back to your community?

We are urgently seeking board members to volunteer their time and give input relating to library services. Board members learn how the library is organized and functions, about state and national library laws, and how to advocate with legislation to improve library services.

The Zuni Public Library needs a library board so we can have input to begin creating a strategic plan. We also need to create and complete a community assessment. These two pieces of data and information are a requirement all libraries in the state need to submit to the New Mexico State Library. Does this interest you? Keep reading because there is more opportunity for you to offer your services!

For the next two years, 2022 and 2023, should you choose to serve on the library board, you will have the honor and privilege of assisting with planning after-school and summer programming based solely on Zuni language and culture. We have funding in the range of \$200,000 to be spent for our children and families at the Zuni Public Library. These funds are to be used in teaching, preserving, connecting, and learning Zuni language and culture. This awesome task can be successful with your help.

The library is an equitable space. Services provided in our space are for everyone. Improving our services will be more impactful if we have more Zuni community voices providing input, feedback, and suggestions. There are many of you out there who qualify to be board members. Come join, become part of a space and place where we grow, per our library's mission statement, to "provide a broad selection of educational, recreational, and culturally related materials of interest to all ages of the Zuni community." Elah'kwa!

River Ranch Land Purchase in Process

The Pueblo of Zuni is in the process of purchasing a property known as the River Ranch in east central Arizona.

The Ranch consists of 1,280 deeded acres and 320 acres of leased BLM land. The Ranch is nestled between two other tribal properties, the Isaacson Ranch to the west and Zion Ranch to the east.

These properties were purchased in 2008 and 2011 with funds from the settlement of the Zuni Tribe's water right claims in the Little Colorado River Basin. The Zuni Heaven Pilgrimage Trail crosses the River Ranch, as it does the Isaacson and Zion Ranches.

These and other land purchases are part of a

continuing effort by the Tribe to implement the Little Colorado River water rights settlement for our Arizona Reservation, *Kothu:wala:wa*.

The Ranch has been on the market since last July at an asking price of \$675,000. However, through patience and negotiations, the Tribe was ultimately able to reach an agreement to buy it for \$610,000.

Interestingly, we recently learned from the title report on the Ranch that the sellers purchased it in August of 2006 for \$825,000.

The Ranch is largely unimproved and has been used for grazing. It has a working, solar-powered stock well with a drinker.

Route 53 Culvert Project Slated to End in November

The barrel portion of the phase 1 box culverts is complete. Two-way traffic in one lane will continue while the box culverts are extended to the south. Expect trucks to enter and exit the road while the rock is hauled off-site. Project completion is targeted for November 2022.

Zuni MainStreet Achieves Accreditation

Zuni Pueblo MainStreet has been designated as an Accredited Main Street America™ program again for meeting difficult performance standards. Each year, Main Street America and New Mexico MainStreet announce the list of Accredited programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™, and Zuni Pueblo MainStreet was one of those programs.

Zuni Pueblo MainStreet's performance is annually evaluated by New Mexico MainStreet, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet rigorous national performance standards. Evaluation criteria determine which communities are building meaningful and sustainable revitalization programs and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, supporting small and locally owned businesses, and actively preserving historic places, spaces, and cultural assets.

Supporting Local Artists

ZPMS has been supporting the community throughout the last few challenging years. ZPMS has also been supporting the artists within the Zuni community and continues to collaborate with the Zuni artist community.

Through the New Mexico Resiliency Alliance Grant and in partnership with the Ancestral Rich Treasures of Zuni Cooperative, ZPMS has been able to support local artists by providing the Co-op with two much-needed HP desktop computers for artist use to develop and continue their business. These computers will be utilized to produce portfolios and develop other marketing tools. Visit the ARTZ Co-op to learn what is available to artists and how they can help you with your art business.

We Need Your Help

ZPMS continues to invite community members, young or mature, skilled or unskilled, to participate in making Zuni an inviting place to live by adding your ideas and thoughts with those active in the MainStreet program. We have a place for you. Be on the lookout for surveys, community meetings, and other sessions. For more information, visit our office at the Visitor Center, call 505-782-7237, or email us at info@zunipueblomainstreet.org.



Department of Corrections Update

The Zuni Department of Corrections is a 40-bed adult/juvenile facility with COVID guidelines for correctional facilities. In-person visitation is still not allowed for the protection of both Staff and Inmates. The Department contracted a company titled NCIC Inmate Communication systems that allows inmates to call collect at any time. Due to security risks, all phones are recorded. In August NCIC will be installing a KIOSK system in each POD to allow for video conferencing.

To address education, the Department installed TV monitors in all the PODs to provide video education on alcohol and substance abuse and an occasional movie for positive behavior. While these systems are convenient, it does not replace the in-person education we had in the past. Unfortunately, COVID is still here. There are still people testing positive with the virus. Some are not vaccinated, so we work with the Indian Health Service Public Health Nursing program to conduct vaccinations and contact tracing in the community for possible exposures.

During the summer, we experience an increase in incarcerations, and due to COVID still in existence, all detainees must be tested. If positive, they must be quarantined. This makes it very difficult with limited space. As stated earlier, we also house Juvenile offenders. To address the issue of overcrowding, the Department contracts with the Gallup McKinley County Detention facility to house long-term inmates. Collaboration with Ramah Detention facility is another opportunity to establish a Memorandum of Agreement to transfer sentenced Inmates to the Ramah facility to serve out their sentence. The terms of this agreement have been agreed upon by both Zuni and Ramah Corrections Departments and is pending BIA approval.

There are many challenges in managing incarcerated people. Every day is a challenge, as each person comes with different legal, medical, economic, and family situations. Keep in mind, we do have a population of repeat offenders who continuously come through our facility. Often there are requests for offenders to be sent to a Rehabilitation facility for alcohol/drug treatment. It is up to the individual to want to change their behavior, to address their addictions, and until the individual is ready to make this change and commitment, incarceration may be the only answer. Taking care of the incarcerated people takes dedicated professionals. Please acknowledge and thank our Corrections staff. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mr. Tyler Lastiyano,
Corrections Administrator
Division Director, Public Safety

Pueblo of Zuni Meth Solutions Summit

On Monday, July 18, 2022, the Governor's Office in conjunction with the Tribal Administrator's Office hosted a Meth Solutions Summit with participants from the following programs: Zuni Tribal Council, Zuni Police Dept., Zuni Game and Fish, Zuni Fire / EMS, Zuni Dispatch, Zuni Recovery Center, Shumak'olo:wa Health Center, IHS, Zuni Tribal Courts, Zuni Probation Office, Zuni Corrections Department, Zuni Prosecutor's Office, and the Zuni Tribal Prevention Program.

The objective of the Summit was to address 3 main areas of focus, which were Awareness and Education, Enforcement, and Treatment. Participants were asked to focus on solutions, and each given an opportunity to present ideas to improve or implement new approaches to the substance abuse problems in our community.

In the areas of Awareness and Education, our community will be seeing more awareness campaigns from different programs on social media, KSHI, the A:shiwí Messenger and other means.

With regard to Enforcement, it was the consensus that in order to address some of the crime, we, as a community need to be willing to assist law enforcement with things like putting up cameras, documenting incidents and giving testimony to build solid cases. It can be a nerve-racking experience to be asked to document or to simply set up a camera for evidence. However, if we want to mitigate substance abuse, it will take courage and a firm resolve from each of us as community members to take care of the problem by providing pertinent information to law enforcement. Other topics discussed included the WE-TIP program which is an anonymous tip line that will be discussed in full in a livestream on August 5, 2022.

There were some great ideas to improve the treatment aspect. As we know, healing takes time and is a very individual choice, and all of us understand that this is an opportunity for healing to take place as a family. Many times, we focus on the substance abuser, as we should, but families also need healthier tools like communication, self-care and an understanding of how they may be inadvertently enabling the substance abuser.

Tribal programs shared the latest data from our community and then we were given individual time to capture ideas and put into small groups. Then we were asked to discuss those ideas and to pick 3 to expound on. Then each group was able to present to everyone. A task list was created for each topic with completion dates to ensure that we are creating forward movement instead of just lip service. This Summit gave the Tribal programs an opportunity to develop more robust plans that we can then invite the Zuni Public School District, Zuni Housing Authority, the parochial schools and the community at large, to contribute and to help move these initiatives forward.

This was just the tip of the iceberg, and we know that there is a lot of work ahead for our whole community, but the intent is to provide ways to facilitate the healing of our Zuni families. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent in various community endeavors such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams, or facilitating Family Game Night, please call 505-782-7038.

Attention Zuni and Area Athletes!
Missed the last community sports physical clinic?
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Shumak'olowa Health Center in collaboration with
 Zuni Public School District announce:

FREE! 2nd Session FREE!
**Community Sports
 Physical Clinic**



Who: All athletes ages 9-30 years old (TDFL, Middle & High School, College)
 Documents needed:
 *Birth Certificate
 *Social Security Card
 *Census Card/Tribal Enrollment Form
 *Medicaid Card or Insurance Card
 *Glasses or Contact Lenses.
 When: August 6, 2022
 Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
 Where: Shumak'olowa Health Center
 ***Must have one parent/guardian present

***Disclaimer: Limited to IHS Beneficiaries and NM Medicaid Recipients
 Questions: Please call Shumak'olowa Health Center at (505) 782-5719

21 Counselors and 120 Campers Led ZYEP's 14th Annual Summer Camp

The Zuni Youth Enrichment Project's 14th annual Summer Camp kicked off Monday, June 27 for 120 campers and 21 counselors at Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary School. Made possible with support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, New Mexico Department of Health's Obesity Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, Chamiza Foundation, and individual donors across the country, the popular youth camp ran through Thursday, July 28.

During Summer Camp, children ages 6-12 strengthen their connection to Zuni culture as they learn the language, social dances, and traditional arts and agriculture. They also learn about health and wellness through hiking, sports, indoor and outdoor games, nutrition education, and free time with their counselors, who serve as mentors and positive role models.

"Summer Camp is so important because it gives youth the opportunity to connect with other youth in Zuni," said Tre Riley, lead youth counselor. "It gives them a chance to learn together. Zuni is a tightly knit community, and Summer Camp helps reinforce our traditions and values."

Liam Simplicio, a fellow lead youth counselor, agreed. He noted that Summer Camp has a lasting impact on camp organizers, counselors, and community members as well.

"Our community trusts us with their kids so they can learn and try new things," he explained. "The counselors acquire leadership skills and learn it's important to be there for someone who needs it, to become a helping hand."

"I look forward to being a good part of their day and learning something new," he continued. "I also look forward to seeing the impact on the children and all those involved. Summer Camp with ZYEP is a really big deal, if you think about it."

The ZYEP staff also understands the importance of these relationships at Summer Camp, and they are dedicated to providing their counselors with the resources they need to be effective. In June, the nonprofit youth organization provided dedicated training for the 21 counselors, as well as a retreat to a culturally significant site for the Zuni people.

"Visiting sites such as Heshoda Bits'yulliya (Chaco Canyon) connects Zuni youth to their roots and the places they belong," said Tara Wolfe, ZYEP's youth development coordinator. "There is power and resilience in the rock walls, as they have stood against time and the elements for centuries. We reminded the camp counselors that we must remain as strong as those walls but always seek help when needed."

The group arrived at Chaco Canyon after spending one night at the Cottonwood Gulch basecamp. At the visitor center, they were joined by Curtis Quam, director of the A:shiwí A:wán Museum and Heritage Center in Zuni.



"Heshoda' Bits'yulliya is a place our ancestors settled while on their migration to find Idiwanna / Middle Place," Quam said. "It is in Chaco and other ancestral sites that they continued the observations and understandings of life and the cycles we carry on today. While outside perspectives will see these archaeological villages as ruins, we see them from an informed lens of a thriving spiritual community that still gives us a broader understanding of our Shiwi identity."

"The places of our ancestry are still a vital conduit to help shape our sense of belonging to places beyond our federal trust lands," he observed. "The importance of Heshoda' Bits'yulliya is a conversation that begins with time and will end when our world does. As we learn more about Chaco Canyon, the more we understand how it fits into our cultural sustainment, today and into the future."

After they returned from Chaco Canyon, the counselors participated in trainings that included CPR, mental health promotion, conflict resolution, communication, leadership, team building, and mentoring. They also took part in a financial literacy training with First Financial Credit Union.

"The counselors learned how to navigate the many potential situations they might face while working as a Summer Camp counselor," Wolfe said. "Although the training is intense, it allows us to serve our children to the very best of our ability."



The group visited Chaco Canyon National Historic Park on June 11-13. Joining the counselors were five ZYEP staff members; staff from Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions, an outdoor education organization; and Kirby Gchachu, the retreat's cultural advisor. An expert in Zuni constellation names, Gchachu has been working hard to document and preserve those names while conducting his own research.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SAVE THE DATE

The Zuni Election Board will be hosting a public forum on **Sunday August 7, 2022** between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Governor and Lt. Governor candidates only for the upcoming August 15, 2022 Primary Election.

**LOCATION: COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
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But here's what happens next: they run off with your money and never make the repairs. Or they do shoddy repairs that make things worse. Maybe they even put you in a bad financing agreement that puts your house at risk.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out.** Before making home repairs, ask for references, licenses and insurance. Get three written estimates. Don't start work until you have a signed contract. And don't pay by cash or wire transfer.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may see through these scams. But chances are you know someone who could use a friendly reminder.

A:shivi College Update

Greetings from A:shivi Tribal College. We hope all continue to be well and protected.

Status of Independent Accreditation of A:shivi Tribal College

The Pueblo of Zuni is the only Pueblo Tribe in New Mexico to seek the establishment of an independent tribal college. The Governor and the Zuni Tribal Council need to be recognized for initiating this historic activity as a tribal higher education institution is greatly needed in our region of New Mexico to strengthen educational sovereignty; establish new academic and culturally-based programs; support community development; as well as create training and workforce opportunities for the community.

On April 25, 2022, the Governor and Zuni Tribal Council approved Tribal Resolution No. M70-2022-P026, which authorized the Chartering of A:shivi Tribal College under the inherent sovereignty of the Zuni Tribe and the requirements of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and University Assistance Act of 1978 (PL 95-471).

Since the Charter was authorized, the Executive Director and staff have worked to develop the required eligibility documents and plans in coordination with the A:shivi Tribal College Advisory Council.

These documents have been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Education-HE and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium for review.

The Advisory Council is greatly appreciated for their commitment, active participation on behalf of the community, and their thoughtful recommendations.

We will continue to update the community on plans and developments. Thank you for your support.

A RECAP OF COURSES TAKEN BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The following courses in the chart below were taken successfully by tribal members over the last semester and indicate a growing trend of more

Count by Major, Spring 2022		
ECME: 17	Public Administration: 3	Counseling: Suicide Prv: 2
Bookkeeping: 4	Culinary Arts: 3	Counseling: Subs.Use Dis: 2
Administrative Office Spec: 8	Pre-Nursing: 2	Counseling cert: 1
Business Administration: 9	Legal Assistant: 2	Information Technology: 1
IT Assistant: 3	Construction Tech: 2	Non-Degree: 7
General Studies: 1	All others: 1 per major	Total: 75
		Note: 3 students are dual major

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entire design by Mr. Reuben Ghahate. The tile artwork designed by Narren Bowannie is another excellent feature. The military symbols were completed by Jamon Graphics, LLC. Owner Carlton Jamon is still working on the two metal panels that will represent a male and female service member. Finally, another significant feature will be the electrical system to light up the Memorial. This hopefully will be accomplished soon.

The Veterans program continues to post and retire the colors daily. The lighting of the Memorial will allow for the colors to be posted throughout the

community members wanting to complete their degree requirements at various levels.

A:shivi Tribal College Students

A:shivi Tribal College Students are enrolled in specific Bachelor's and Associate's degree and certificate programs. The course delivery of the programs is a combination of online, hybrid, and face-to-face instruction. Two students drove to Navajo Technical University in Crownpoint, New Mexico to receive face-to-face instruction for the classes they were enrolled in. The degree programs offered online are Business Administration, Accounting, Public Administration, and General Studies.

Since there is a demand for early childhood education, (ECME) we have prioritized this as a critical need area and have been able to obtain a grant to support the cost of those who desire to become qualified and licensed early childhood educators.

Adjunct Professors Needed

We continue to identify and qualify a number of new Adjunct Professor candidates to teach in Zuni. Our community is blessed with a growing number of individuals with master's degrees and/or special training or cultural knowledge which may qualify them to teach traditional arts or other career fields. Please contact us if you are willing to teach so we may assist and support your application. Contact: Dr. Reynelle Lowsayatee or Laura Leekela at (505) 782-6010/6022.

A New Day for Zuni Early Childhood Education

Faculty and planners at A:shivi Tribal College have been able to obtain several grants to support the planning and design of an Early Childhood Zuni Language Immersion Micro-school at the campus. We are supported by the Pueblo of Zuni, an advisory/planning group of Zuni educators, Bison Design Architects, and W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

Because of the increase of Zuni language loss,

night. Only under the order of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, and soon, by Zuni orders, will the colors be placed at half-staff.

When visiting the Memorial, please do not litter, and do not climb or allow children to climb on the sculptures. This Veterans Memorial is a dedicated effort between the Veterans of Zuni, the Veterans Program, the Office of Planning and Development, and the Tribal Council. We want to maintain this Memorial for years to come.

This project was supported with funding from the following:

A:shivi Tribal College determined that the best way to slow the loss is to design a language immersion school that is cultural-based and uses ancestral knowledge to teach language learning, cultural knowledge, and family and life skills in ways that support the whole child development. The program will allow other early educators to observe best practices using ancestral ways of learning and knowing as well as to support parents who enroll their children in the program. The program will be limited to 10-15 children from 3-4 years of age up to children in Grade 3. The program builds on Montessori and tribal cultural learning models, and qualified Zuni Mentors will take the lead in teaching, program development, and modeling to strengthen cultural-based Zuni language teaching strategies.

It is hoped that this model of education will develop and inspire future education practices in our public schools so that education overall in Zuni will become more strongly based on Zuni language and cultural learning strategies, needs expressed by the community. Our educational partners include: Keres Children's Learning Center, Cochiti; Walatowa Language Immersion Head Start, Jemez Pueblo; and several Native Hawaiian Language Immersion schools affiliated with the University of Hawaii-Hilo and Manoa.

Free Community Workshops-Cooking with an Entrepreneurial Focus

A:shivi Tribal College's Chef Jaye is providing free cooking workshops to the community over the next five weeks each Wednesday. Community members may attend one, or all. However, due to COVID restrictions, there is a limit of 10 participants for each session.

Call Shanna Penketewa to sign up @ 782-6010.

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The Zuni Veterans program continues to "serve those who served." Please acknowledge and thank a Veteran.

Mrs. Kathy Natachu, Veterans Program Manager
 Mrs. Angela Waseta Rivera, Veterans Outreach
 Mr. Carlyle Quam, Veterans Representative
 Mr. Tyler Lastiyano, Division Director, Public Safety

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COURSE	SECTION	COURSE NAME	Instructional Method	Meeting Day	TIME	LOCATION	PROFESSOR	CREDITS
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES								
ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION COURSES								
ENGL	1110-OL2	Composition I	Face to Face	T&R	4:00-5:15pm		B.Shack	3
ENGL	1120-OL3	Composition II	Face to Face	T&R	5:30-6:45pm		B. Shack	3
COMM	2120-9	Interpersonal Communications	Face to Face	W	4:00-6:30 pm		B. Shack	3
MATH COURSES								
MTH	113	Technical Math	Face-to-face	S	1:00-3:30 pm	ACCRC 103	Dr. A. Dino	3
MTH	113L	Technical Math LAB	Face-to-Face	S	3:30-4:30 pm	ACCRC 103	Dr. A.Dino	1
MATH	1215	Introduction/Intermediate Algebra	Face-to-Face	M&W	9:00-10:40 am	ACCRC 102	T.Choudhary	4
MATH	1230	Trigonometry	Face-to-Face	M&W	11:30am-1:10pm	ACCRC 102	T. Choudary	4
HUMANITIES								
HIST	1110	United States History I	Face-to-Face	T&R	9:00-10:15am	ZOOM	S. Kostelecky	3
HIST	1120	United States History II	Face-to-Face	M&W	9:00-10:15am	ZOOM	S. Kostelecky	3
PHYSICAL SCIENCES								
PHYS	1115	Survey of Physics	Face to face	S	9:00-11:30 am	ZHS Lab	Dr. A.Dino	3
PHYSL	1115	Lab	Face to face	S	11:30-12:30 pm	ZHS Lab	Dr. A.Dino	1
PHYSICAL EDUCATION								
PED	195	Walking for Wellness OR Personal Wellness	Face to Face	W	1:00pm-1:55pm	Zuni Wellness Center	R. Quam	1
ZUNI LANGUAGE								
ZUNI	1110	Introduction to Zuni	Face to Face	T	4:00-6:30pm	ACCRC 103	B.Tsabetsaye	3
SSC	100	College Success Skills	ONL				V. Sandoval	1

Enjoying Mother Nature

By Joelynn Allapowa

Shumak'olo:wa Health Center's New Hope summer program started in 2008 when the program was formally called Zuni Teen Health Center. The program usually starts early June and ends late July, depending on the local school schedule.

The youth who signed up this year stated that "this summer has been so much fun." The first week of New Hope the youth learned about Drugs and Alcohol, turning to music as a way to cope. Mr. Watson Billie, who grew up on the Navajo reservation, came to Zuni to educate and play music with the participants, to help those around him to find a way to sobriety/prevention. Learning leadership skills is not an easy task, but the children did so by being confident in themselves and learning to speak loud and clear, while learning that "how to" books can be life changing. Participants also learned about consent, "good touch bad touch," and healthier ways to express their feelings.



However, this is not all what New Hope was about. The participants also got to learn more about their culture by visiting the A:shiwi A:wana Museum and taking a cultural hike through El Morro National Monument. Cultural educators Everett Homer and Curtis Quam explained about the origin of their clans, migration, foods, and Zuni's cartoon artist Phil Hughte. Most importantly the participants learned about themselves, their ancestors, and about the importance of teamwork. The youth worked together while climbing and finding different strategies as being each other's support system.

As part of the New Hope Summer Program, each participant who completes the program is provided with an incentive trip at the end of the program. This year, the youth selected Urban Air as their incentive for their accomplishment in completing our summer program.

Overall, as the Prevention Specialist I myself learned so much while being around the children. They have graced me with their presence and taught me so much. I aim to bring hope to our New Hope participants, that they may explore the world and bring back knowledge, and teach and become caretakers of our community. After all they are our future.



Pueblo of Zuni and New Zealand Cultural Exchange

Community Event

Come and see the Aotearoa/New Zealand HAKA: Māori Cultural Experience

Weds - August 3, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Zuni High School Gymnasium
FREE ADMISSION

200 Zuni Youth Complete Successful 2022 ZYEP Basketball Season

On Friday, May 13, the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project concluded its most popular Youth Sport program of the year: the spring basketball league. Two hundred 7- to 12-year-olds on 20 teams with 44 community coaches participated in the eight-week 2022 season, which was made possible with support from the Nike N7 Fund, New Mexico Department of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Zuni Public School District.

ZYEP separated the children into the Shiwi division for 7- to 9-year-olds and the Zuni division for 10- to 12-year-olds, with 20 teams overall. The divisions practiced every Monday through Thursday at Shiwi Ts'ana Elementary School and Zuni Middle School, respectively, with Friday game nights at Zuni High School.

Although organizers planned to end the season with a tournament, Director of Development Tahlia Natachu said they intentionally removed it from the calendar due to the uneven parity across the teams.

"While all of our players are incredible and bring their own strengths to their teams, we know that balanced skill levels and positive, fair experiences are important for our youth so they enjoy the sport," she explained. "Our goal is to help them develop lifelong values such as teamwork, wellness, and a sense of belonging."

Natachu noted that she and her fellow organizers will develop a new plan to address this issue for the 2023 season. In the meantime, she said the ZYEP team was very pleased with the results of this season.

"Our amazing coaches made this season possible," she said. "Their mentorship, passion, and care for their players rose above any hiccups. We are so grateful for them, and I know the players and their families are too."

Prior to the start of the season, coaches participated in an all-day training that promoted wellness, positivity, culture, and fun. ZYEP staff members provided education on mental health, implementing the Zuni language, and building and nurturing positive relationships.

Angel Yatsayte was one of those coaches. She has been coaching for 23 years in multiple sports, and she's been with ZYEP since the beginning of the Youth Sport programs. She said she enjoys coaching Zuni youth because not only does it encourage them to be physically active, it also brings out the talents of each child.

"I've always believed that each kid is unique in their own special way," she said. "Coaching and getting to know these kids certainly brings joy to my life."

In addition to teaching the basics of the sport, Yatsayte said she also teaches teamwork and good sportsmanship, and she works closely with the children to build confidence and endurance.

"I've always taught them to believe in themselves," she explained. "My greatest accomplishment has been to see my former players become college athletes, coaches, and ZYEP staff members, like Tahlia Natachu."

In addition to the coaches, ZYEP's Food Sovereignty team also was on hand throughout the basketball season. They provided healthy snacks after each game, they hosted a "water challenge" to

the players that encouraged them to drink 64 ounces of water each day, and they offered nutrition education, games, and prizes at the Friday night games.

ZYEP's basketball league drew children of all skill levels. Twelve-year-old Jerrick Lewis has been playing basketball with ZYEP for three years. "It's my favorite sport," he said. "I like to play."

For 10-year-old Lyla Martinez, the 2022 basketball season was her first. She said she didn't like basketball prior to the season, but her father encouraged her.

"Now I actually like it," she said. "Basketball is fun now. So far, I've been in ZYEP theater, soccer, and basketball. My family likes when I join, and when I have fun."

Like Martinez, 11-year-old Kairon Scott plays in ZYEP's other sport leagues. He has played basketball for two years. "ZYEP basketball is really fun," he said. "I did cross country and flag football, too."

Parents and guardians also were pleased with this year's league. Ninety-eight percent reported that their children had fun participating in the season, with more than 95 percent noting that their children's self-confidence, physical activity, and overall health improved. What's more, 98 percent said their children gained positive role models and made new friends. "This program does an outstanding job to promote fitness and health," one parent reported in a program survey. "My child loved every single part of it."

Others noted the positive influence the ZYEP Youth Sport programs have on the entire family.

"My child really encouraged us to drink water only, which was great," another parent wrote. "Keep up all the good work you are doing. You all provide positivity for our youth."

Through its Youth Sport initiative, ZYEP connects with more than 500 local 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.



Zuni Game and Fish Department Update

Keshi everyone.

Zuni Game and Fish Department is requesting all outdoor enthusiasts, hikers, fisherman and hunters to be aware of possible extreme summer weather conditions. Always hydrate and always tell someone where you are going if you will be out all day.

Hunters, please police yourselves! No littering, no hunting close to housing areas, livestock or roadways. Abide by and follow all firearms safety rules. Please contact Zuni Fish and Wildlife Department for hunting season dates or talk with any of our Tribal Rangers.

Monsoon season is here. During the monsoon there can be seasonal shifts in wind. These shifts tend to bring violent weather. Monsoon season brings moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the tropical Pacific. Daytime heating causes moist air to rise, where it condenses and can form thunderstorms.

On average the monsoon season begins in July and ends in September, and is considered to have started when the dew point averages 55 degrees or higher for three consecutive days. Monsoon weather and flash flooding is what we all want for our gardens, livestock and wildlife. But please drive in a safe manner on muddy roads, slow down where flooding is likely to happen, and stay away from rapid moving flood water. During heavy lightning activity, please stay safe in indoors.

The warmer weather brings out bull snakes, rattle snakes, garter snakes and bee swarms. Before calling for services on any snake removals, keep an eye on the snake and identify colors or sounds. Place a 5-gallon bucket or large box over the snake calmly and safely, and please be patient for a Ranger to respond, as we may be several miles away. A clean yard is always the best practice to deter snakes. For bee and wasp removal, Rangers may only remove by request from property owners if the hive is small and easily accessible. If not, we recommend that you hire other professional services. To keep yourself and your pets safe, don't remove or disturb any hives during the hottest time of the day. Check for hives around roofing areas of your home and repair as needed.

As a reminder for those with domestic pets, Rangers will be out enforcing the Animal Control Ordinance # 28 and enforcing the Zuni Solid Waste Ordinance #61, Household littering within the Zuni Village area. When requesting dead dog removal, we recommend that pet owners double bag the carcass to reduce smells and fly infestations.

Please report any type of natural resource violations to Zuni Dispatch immediately. Provide as much information as you can about location, vehicle descriptions and subject descriptions. The Zuni community also has an anonymous reporting system known as WETIP. This can be reached at 800-86-CRIME or online at www.WeTip.com. The Zuni Game and Fish Department would like to welcome two newly hired animal control cadets to the Department. They will bring much needed and valuable services for the Zuni Community. Please be patient as they are in training.

Please call Zuni Police Dispatch (505) 782-4494/ 505-782-4493 or the Zuni Game and Fish department (505)782-7224/782-7227 for additional assistance.