



*Pueblo of Santa Ana
February Newsletter*



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Education News



2025 GRADUATION BANQUET

SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRESENTS
HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION



- **FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2025**
- **FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM**
- **AT THE SANTA ANA STAR CASINO**

HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION GRADUATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR OUR 2025 GRADUATION BANQUET. THE SANTA ANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROUDLY RECOGNIZES OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

DEADLINE TO APPLY WILL BE APRIL 21ST

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT CIBONET SALAZAR:

(505) 546-7979

*Higher Education
Graduation Application*



*High School
Graduation Application*



COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

DRESS FOR SUCCESS AND DISCOVER A PLETHORA OF OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 6TH, 2025

6:00PM - 8:00PM

TAMAYA WELLNESS CENTER

225 RANCHITOS RD, SANTA ANA PUEBLO, NM 87004



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

*CIBONET SALAZAR AT:
(505) 546-7979*



Santa Ana Library

Santa Ana Pueblo Library presents

Trivia Night

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025

TWC Multipurpose Room

Test your knowledge, enjoy great company, and win exciting prizes!

Doors open at 6:00pm

Trivia starts at 6:30pm



SANTA ANA PUEBLO LIBRARY

COMING IN FEBRUARY

CHESS (K)NIGHT

- **February 5th**
- **February 11th**
- **February 19th**

6:00PM - 7:30PM

ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME, NEWBIES TOO!!

LET'S PLAY SOME CHESS!!

TEEN GAME NIGHT
TEEN GAME NIGHT
AT THE SANTA ANA LIBRARY



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GAMING

EVERY THURSDAY
5:00PM-6:30PM

**ENJOY VIDEO GAME FAVORITES ON THE
NINTENDO SWITCH AND PLAYSTATION 4!!**



*Tribal
Historic
Preservation
Office*

On January 31st, the THPO Crew along with Gov. Armijo traveled to Santa Fe to visit the Ralph T. Coe Center for the Arts. During THPO's last visit, we were able to review their diverse collection of Indigenous Art from the Americas, Oceania, & Africa. Within their collection, there are a few items from Tamaya which include a water jar made by Eudora Montoya, a flared rim jar made by Rose Armijo, a Tamayame pot made in the mid-1800s, & a straw inlaid cross made by Elmer Leon.



During this visit, we met with Rachel & Rose, Coe staff, & Laurence, a member of their Board of Directors. The Coe Center had decided to gift the four Tamayame items back to the Pueblo, along with a dozen SW Indigenous reference books & a monetary donation to the THPO. We hope to continue working with the Coe



Natural Resources



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

February Newsletter

New Mexico Wildlife Foundation

On January 8, the Pueblo hosted a large group of about 80 people in the Tribal Council Chambers. The meeting started with a welcoming by the Governors, followed by a presentation and a tour up the Jemez Canyon Dam Road to get an overview of the landscape, including the future sites of wildlife corridors on I-25 and US550. After the tour, the group retired to the Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel for dinner.

In attendance were the executive directors from National Wildlife Federation state affiliate offices from across the country, including Puerto Rico. In New Mexico, the state affiliate office is the New Mexico Wildlife Federation (NMWF), who has strongly supported the Pueblo's work on many occasions. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight some of the work the Pueblo has achieved over the years by working hand and hand with other tribes, federal and state agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The message to attendees was to emphasize the importance of these partnerships in achieving meaningful landscape-scale wildlife management and habitat improvement outcomes, and that tribes in their own states can be key players in contributing to these efforts, if they choose.

We received a lot of positive feedback from attendees and appreciated NMWF for inviting the Pueblo to highlight its efforts to such an important group. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with NMWF into the future, and hope that state directors seize the opportunity to work together with tribes in their own states.



AIR POLLUTION & CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

AIR POLLUTION IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISK, HEART DISEASE IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN SANDOVAL COUNTY

HOW DOES AIR POLLUTION AFFECT HEART HEALTH?

Tiny particles travel into the bloodstream



They damage the inside walls of your blood vessels, causing them to become narrower and harder



If you already have heart disease, even short-term exposure to air pollution increases your risk of heart attack and stroke.



Restricted movement of blood vessels can increase your blood pressure

Your blood is more likely to clot, which can lead to a heart attack or stroke



Normal electrical functioning of your heart is affected, which can cause abnormal heart rhythms



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE YOUR RISK?



Walk or cycle instead of driving (but avoid busy roads)



Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables



Exercise regularly



Monitor air pollution levels



Avoid highly polluted areas



If you have an existing heart condition, talk to your doctor

New Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) Shed!



The Pueblo of Santa Ana Transfer Station has a brand-new structure built to contain HHW! After receiving a few more finishing touches, the new structure will help the Pueblo continue to safely accept and dispose of hazardous waste while mitigating the risks associated with the storage of such materials.



As a reminder, HHW includes materials commonly used by households that are poisonous, flammable, corrosive, or toxic. Materials that fall under this category should not be thrown in with the rest of the trash and should instead be brought to the special HHW shed.

Accepted Materials Include:

- Motor Oil
- Glue
- Pesticides
- Anti-Freeze
- Drain Cleaner
- Paint
- Grease
- Solvents
- Bleach
- Rechargeable Batteries
- Lead-Acid Car Batteries

Special thanks to DNR staff! If you have any questions about HHW or the transfer station, please reach out to the Santa Ana Environmental Division online at santaana-nsn.gov/dhrenvironmental/solid-waste/ or at 505-771-6461.

Bosque Del Apache
National Wildlife Refuge
Field Trip

Saturday, March 1

Open to
community
members:
All ages
welcome!



LIMITED
SPACE

Join us for a day of exploring and learning about the Bosque!

- Meet at DNR at 8:30 am
- Depart DNR at 9 am
- Return 6 pm to DNR
- Snacks, lunch & dinner will be provided



To sign up contact:

Dorothy Beecher (505) 771-6711
or
Tammy Montoya (505) 771-6739



Language & Culture

LANGUAGE & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

**THE 2025 KERES LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT AND
REVITALIZATION (KLEAR) SESSIONS,**


**WILL START ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025, FROM 5:45
PM - 8:00 PM AT THE TRADITIONAL BUILDING.**

**THE KLEAR SESSIONS, WILL BE HELD EVERY
MONDAY EVENING FROM 5:45 - 8:00 PM.**

**THE KLEAR SESSIONS ARE FOR ADULT MALE AND
FEMALES 18 AND OVER YEARS OF AGE.**

**THE KLEAR SESSIONS WILL BE CANCELED FOR
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PURPOSES AS NEEDED.**

**THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
DEPARTMENT WELCOMES MS.
NAOMI EUSTACE AS OUR NEW
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!!**

 **505-771-6743**

 **NAOMI.EUSTACE@PSAEDU.ORG**



TAMAYA COMMUNITY FAMILY VALUES PROGRAM 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Families:

Come join the Language and Culture Department for the Tamaya Community Family Values Program- highlighting the Tamayame way of life & strengthen our cultural identities through teachings and practices of Tamayame traditions.

Open to the first 8 families to sign-up
DEADLINE to sign-up February 28, 2025.
Use QR code or link below to sign up.

Contact the Language & Culture Department office at 505-771-6743 or e-mail naomi.eustace@psaedu.org if you have any questions

We look forward to having you and your family join us!



<https://forms.office.com/r/zxMmHdvXQu>





*Santa Ana
Police
Department*

S.A.P.D. CELEBRATES OFFICER'S TRAINING MILESTONE



The Santa Ana Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Gachupin, Class 18, has successfully completed the Indian Country Police Officer Training Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, NM. This graduation marks a significant milestone in her career and a personal achievement.

With her roots and tribal affiliations with the Jemez and Santa Ana Pueblos, Officer Gachupin has developed a strong sense of belonging, responsibility, and commitment to the community. During the summer of 2023, she interned with the Santa Ana Police Department while pursuing several degrees from UNM. This internship was pivotal in her journey toward becoming a law enforcement officer. In July 2024, after completing the competitive selection and hiring process, she received her official appointment as Cadet Officer to the Santa Ana Police Department, marking her hard work and determination.



Officer Gachupin's training at the Indian Country Police Officer Training Program (ICPOTP) was a comprehensive and intensive 14-week program designed to equip her with the necessary skills and knowledge to serve effectively in law enforcement, particularly within Native American communities. The program emphasized physical fitness, tactical training, defensive tactics, firearms training, and crisis intervention techniques, ensuring she was well-prepared to handle various situations safely and effectively. The graduation ceremony on January 28th celebrated her achievements and the culmination of her training.

Looking ahead, we are confident that Officer Gachupin will make significant contributions to public safety. In recognition of her accomplishments, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Officer Gachupin. The SAPD is proud to have her as part of the team, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact she will undoubtedly make in her role as a law enforcement officer.

**Sandoval County is recruiting for
dispatchers as it begins its
relocation near the Sandoval
County Sheriffs Office.**

**Dispatchers are recognized members
of public safety and first responders.**

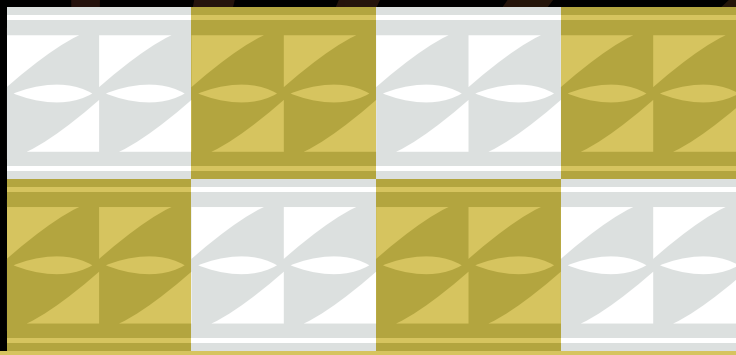
**Scan the QR code for more
information and other job
opportunities**





Tribal Court

TRIBAL COURT CORNER



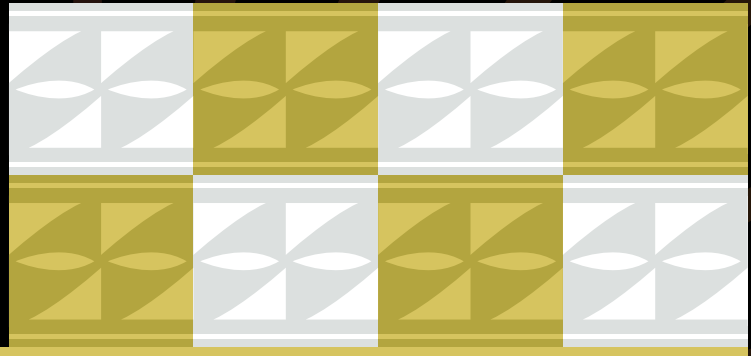
- If you originally were scheduled to appear for court when receiving your traffic citation, but now are not able to attend or have changed your mind, there is a form you can sign admitting to the offense and agree to pay the penalty assessment instead of appearing for court.

Please contact the Court Clerk's Office and a clerk will provide this form to you. *This does not apply to charges that require a hearing to be resolved.*

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- If you have a traffic hearing scheduled, and are not able to attend at the scheduled date and time, let us know! If you fail to appear without the court's knowledge, it could lead to a bench warrant being issued against you. If given advanced notice, the Clerk's Office can work with you to re-set the hearing.

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- If you get a traffic citation, it's very important that your contact information (mailing address/phone numbers) are up to date on your Driver's License. If the Clerk's Office need to reset a hearing for any reason and our mail is returned, your citation could end up being a bench warrant for failure to appear.

TRIBAL COURT CORNER



- Traffic court cases are scheduled as a trailing docket. This means all the cases are set for the same time on the day of traffic court, and we handle the cases in order of who arrives on a first come, first served basis.

- The Court has a contract Public Defender who can provide legal advice and assistance with your case with no charge. You can speak with her during her office hours, call her, or arrive early to speak with her before your hearing. Her phone number is 505-463-0344.

- There are several attorneys who have permission to practice in our Contemporary Court. Many of them are associated with New Mexico Legal Aid Native American Program, and can potentially assist you with your legal case at no cost. An updated list of all attorneys permitted to practice in Santa Ana are available at the Court Clerks' offices.



Tribal Resource/ Enrollment

PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA TRIBAL RESOURCE/TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUED TRIBAL ID WITH NO EXPIRATION DATE ON IT.

IT IS INVALID. PLEASE COME IN TO RENEW YOUR ID

IN THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON OBTAINING C.I.B.'S FOR THE NON-ENROLLED PARENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CALCULATE THE CORRECT BLOOD QUANTUM FOR OUR ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS. IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD(REN) HAVE A PARENT FROM ANOTHER TRIBE, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU CAN SUBMIT A C.I.B. FOR THE NON-ENROLLED PARENT.

WE HAVE BEEN REACHING OUT TO ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS THROUGH BIRTHDAY CARDS THAT WE ARE REQUESTING ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR YOUR FILES. IT IS A FELONY TO MAKE COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES. PLEASE CALL OR STOP IN TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ONE WHO HAS NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REQUEST.

STARTING IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025, WE WILL BE INCLUDING A SMALL GIFT IN ONE RANDOMLY SELECTED BIRTHDAY CARD FOR EACH MONTH. SO, IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED OR IF WE DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS ON FILE, PLEASE STOP IN AT OUR OFFICES TO FILL OUT AN UPDATE FORM.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE
INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICES:**

**RAQUEL PENA-JAMON: (505) 771-6709 OR
(505) 250-1016**

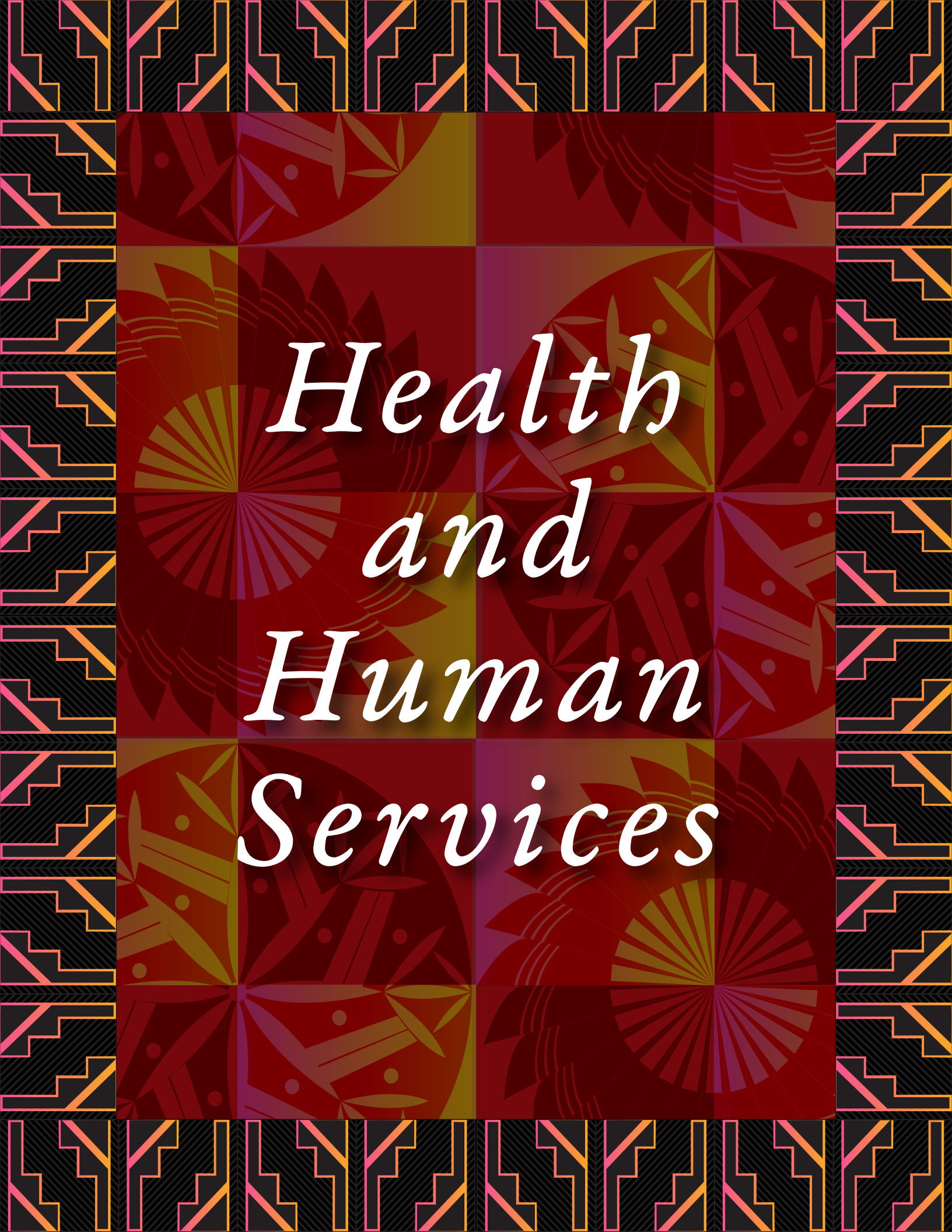
MELVERNA LUJAN: (505) 771-6769

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE 50+

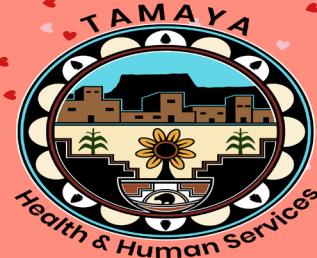
THE TRIBAL RESOURCE/ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT WILL ONCE AGAIN BEGIN THE SENIOR WORKSHEET. IT IS A FUN, GET YOU THINKING-KIND OF WORKSHEET TO WORK ON. THE WORKSHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 3, 2025. WHEN YOU RETURN THE WORKSHEET BY THE DUE DATE, YOUR NAME WILL GO INTO A DRAWING FOR PRIZES. COME SEE WHAT IT'S ABOUT, YOU COULD BE A WINNER.

Please be on the lookout for an Easter Egg hunt for Tribal Members over 18 years of age at the Tribal Resource/Tribal Enrollment office. More information in the coming months.





*Health
and
Human
Services*



JOIN US FOR

Heart Health EVENT

FEBRUARY 19
1 PM - 3 PM

HAPPENING AT THE
SENIOR CENTER

THERE WILL BE CRAFTS,
HEART HEALTH INFORMATION, BLOOD
PRESSURE/SUGAR CHECK SCREENINGS, AND
THE SHOWING OF A MOVIE CALLED
BARKING WATER

SIGN UP IN THE SENIOR CENTER
OR CALL ASHLEIGH CLAW
505-659-5377

PRESENTED BY SOCIAL SERVICES AND SENIOR CENTER/CHR

FREE AARP Tax Services for Seniors

Two available dates:

- **Thurs. February 27th
2025 9AM-2PM**
- **Mon. March 17th 2025
9AM-2PM**

Location:

Santa Ana Senior Center

- **50 years and older can call to make an appointment.**
- **Any income.**
- **Individuals must pick up a pre-appointment packet at the Senior Center.**
- **Appointments are required. You do not have to be an AARP member.**



UNDER 50 OR NEED A DIFFERENT DATE?

Call AARP Tax-Aide to schedule an appointment at one of the following locations:

- Bernalillo Senior Center, 801 Rotary Park Rd. -
WEDNESDAYS (505)-460-1216

OR for the following locations call (505)-346-0076

- Church of the Incarnation, 2309 Monterrey Rd NE -
TUESDAYS
- Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane, Rio Rancho- FRIDAYS
- Loma Colorado Library, 755 Loma Colorado Blvd. -
THURSDAYS + SATURDAYS

Scan the QR
Code for the
AARP Tax-Aide
Site Locator:



**Book an
appointment
today!**

Questions or to schedule
an appointment -
Ashleigh - (505)-659-5377

Human Resources





Pueblo of Santa Ana Vacancies

We are seeking to fill the following positions:

DNR

- DNR TECHNICIAN I (NEW)

EDUCATION

- EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER (2)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- HR DIRECTOR (NEW)
- HR RECEPTIONIST (NEW)

PUBLIC WORKS

- ELECTRICIAN (2)

S.A.A.E.

- VINEYARD WORKER (TEMP)
- GREENHOUSE TECHNICIAN (NEW)

S.A.P.D.

- POLICE OFFICER (2)

TAMAYA WELLNESS CENTER

- PT LIFEGUARD ASSISTANT

TRANSPORTATION

- BUS DRIVER

UTILITIES

- LEAD UTILITY OPERATOR

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL INITIALLY BE OPEN TO PUEBLO MEMBERS
FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS**

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK
- MUST NOT HAVE ANY DUI/DWI CONVICTIONS WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS FROM ANY TRIBAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL COURT
- MUST HAVE A VALID NEW MEXICO DRIVER'S LICENSE AND BE INSURABLE THROUGH THE TRIBE'S INSURANCE CARRIER.

PREFERENCE:

- TRIBAL MEMBER/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE SHALL APPLY TO ALL POSITIONS AT THE PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA
- PUEBLO OF SANTA ANA IS A DRUG/ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE
- ALL APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION
- POSITIONS ARE CLOSED AFTER 2 WEEKS OR REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED

FOR JOB DESCRIPTION INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT SANTAANA-NSN.GOV. EMAIL US AT HR@SANTAANA-NSN.GOV OR CALL THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT (505) 771-6752

SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY:



