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Wives and families were invited to pin the new badges on the newly promoted employees. A luncheon was held afterward for the employees and their families. Fun was had by all.

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Open Police, Corrections, and Communication Recruit Positions

The Ramah Navajo Police Department is looking to fill several positions of police, corrections and communications recruits. The positions opened up on April 1, 2011 and closes on May 27, 2011. We invite any interested person to contact the Human Resources Office at (505) 775-7115.

In April 2011, Chief Radosevich and Corrections Officer Elvira Martine visited the senior classes at the Pinehill High School and the Ramah High School to recruits for the open corrections and communications positions.

They were accompanied by Marge Gross, Human Resources Manager. We hope that we will get many Ramah Navajo community members to apply for these open positions and join this exciting profession. Come and see us about these jobs either at HR or the PD.

Crime Statistics (Jan-March)

- 374- Speeding Tickets
- 081- No Driver's License
- 033- No Seatbelt
- 015- DUI
- 021- Violent Crimes
- 015- Crimes Against Children
- 025- Property Crimes
- 031- Alcohol Related Crimes
- 050- Public Intoxication

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Natural Resources Department

The Natural Resources Techs have been busy working on rehabbing and cleaning out dirt tanks this year.

They have also been working to keep the windmills working. Station 23 of the NN Water Operation and Maintenance is undergoing a reorganization to be more cost efficient in their services.

Self Initiative Hay Sales started in March and will continue through the year to supplement feed.

Range Management Specialist, James C. Henio, notes that with the mild winter with little or no snow or rain, “Ranchers need to reevaluate their management, making adjustments by culling their herd or flock, then balance feed supplement with hay if the conditions get worse. Providing supplement feed and hay early, especially to pregnant and lactating ewes and cows is best practiced to insure healthy newborns.” Mr. Henio also notes, “Water dammed in stock ponds are evaporating rapidly. Jacob’s Well near BIA 139 is the most convenient with plenty of quality water made available for a small fee.”

Natural Resources staff attended Instruction of Commercial Driver’s Licenses from NMDOT. This was at no charge and was 32 hours of classroom instruction. Other staff attended this training from other departments.

Forestry Project

In the first quarter of this year the Forestry Crew has been working on the following projects: Cerro Alto 2009 was finished in March 2011, which was 657 acres; Neeznadiin II was finished in March 2011, which was 30 acres; and Red Lake II was finished in March 2011, which was 50 acres. The Ramah Pine Projects starts in the 2nd quarter and is 199 acres.

In March of this year, crew members met with Brett Cairn and Tina Begay to start working on the possibility of becoming a Forestry Enterprise and therefore be able to go after more private contracts, such as the Silva Ranch projects. The Enterprise would maintain a close working relationship with the Natural Resources Program to obtain governmental grants.

Realty Department

Joanna Pino has joined the Realty Department as the Realty Office Assistant. She is currently involved in organizing Realty records of the Department. Welcome Joanna!

In Probate, work is continuing on 26 cases that need to be input or updated into the ProTrac system and sent through the Probate process. Currently, 2 of the cases have gone through probate court.

Dennison Henio, Realty Director will be going through the security check to gain access to the TAAMS, TFAS, and ProTrac systems. Also slated to go through that security check are Joanna Pino and Martha Garcia, Development Officer.

If you have a Home Site Lease application it is time for Spring Cleaning! Come in and check where you are in this process and bring in items that may be needed.
Community Planning Department

Shawna Ballay resigned her position of Community Planning Director. Ramah Chapter thanks her for her good work here with the community and wishes her well in her new job at Isleta Pueblo.

Alvin Rafelito was hired as the Director of the Community Planning Department and is now on board. Welcome Alvin!

Also Patsy Garcia has taken a job with another tribe in the housing field. Good Luck, Patsy!

Work continues on the Detention Center. Final plans for the facility are in the works. Also, 40% design and floor plans were submitted to the BIA for review.

RN 114 is slated for a final inspection with BIA in July of this year.

The ERFO project is underway to fix some damages to roads in the southern part of the Chapter that were washed out several years ago.

RN 140 is the next road project to be worked on. Meetings with the Board Members of RNSB will occur next month. Wilson and Co. are the design engineers on this project.

A big thank you goes out to Timothy Maria who was Acting Director until Mr.

Ramah Navajo Utility Authority

The Ramah Navajo Utility Authority has three staff members, Elmer Yazzie, General Manager, Everette Maria, Water Operator and Kevin Chatto, Laborer.

The Staff along with support from the Community Planning Department continues to work to complete the CAP.

Recently, Peach Tree Software was purchased for accounting purposes. The Business Office is currently working with the RNUA books to migrate data from the old MIP system into the new Peachtree system.

Staff are being trained to use this software to produce bills and keep track of payables, equipment, supplies and labor costs. This is helpful to the staff in estimating future repairs and maintenance needs.

Everette Maria and Kevin Chatto are slated to attend training for Water Operator I in the upcoming quarter and all the RNUA staff attended the instruction of Commercial Driver’s licenses from NMDOT, a 32 hour course offered in late March.

Business Office/ Facilities/Administration

The Administration Office has taken on two major projects for this year—Records and Communication. This newsletter is part of working to communicate better with the community. Also, a monthly calendar will be published starting in May 2001. The Records policy is being reviewed and will be revised.

The Business Office has completed and distributed W-2’s for employees January 14, 2001 and 1099’s by January 31, 2011. Financial status reports 269, 272 and 425 for the following agencies were submitted in the 1st quarter: BIA, NHA, USDA, Department of Justice, and Federal Highway Admin.

The Facilities Department was busy during the months of January and February with the aftereffects of severe cold. The ARRA projects were completed in early 2011.

Facilities Staff assisted with the inventory of building...
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Ponderosa 4-H Club Membership Drive

The Ponderosa 4-H Club is currently running a membership drive.

Please contact Juliana Cojo, Office Manager, Natural Resources Department at (505) 775-7120 for more information and forms.

Also needed are adult volunteers and chaperones. Please call Juliana if you are interested.

4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential. A vast community of more than 6 million youth and adults working together for positive change, 4-H enables America’s youth to emerge as leaders through hands-on learning, research-based 4-H youth programs and adult mentorship, in order to give back to their local communities.

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