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Southern Ute Royalty Goes All Out for Snowdown



Southern Ute Royalty members made their way through historical downtown Durango Jan. 29 on a beach-and-surf-themed float during the annual Snowdown Light Parade. Snowdown has a long history in Durango, and Southern Ute Royalty has made it a tradition of theirs to enter a float each year. The 32nd annual Snowdown, themed "Life's a Beach," took place Jan. 27-31. Southern Ute Royalty present at the parade included Miss Southern Ute Samantha Maez, Jr. Miss Southern Ute A-myra Bison, Jr. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Autumn Rose Medicine Blanket, and Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate D'Vondra Garcia, pictured here greeting bystanders along Durango's Main Street thoroughfare. Helping to put the final touches on this year's float are Lorena Richards, Jennifer Goodtracks, Julie Bison and Jr. Miss Southern Ute A-myra Bison.

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History of KSUT, 1976 to Present



First Female Iditarod Winner Visits Ignacio Intermediate



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Libby Riddles autographs shirts for a few lucky Ignacio Intermediate students during a Feb. 4 presentation. Riddles was the 1985 Iditarod Champion and the first woman to take first place in the 1,150-mile race. The Iditarod is an annual dog sled race crossing a vast expanse of Alaska's frigid, untamed landscape.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Cutting through the Alaskan wilderness for days and nights on end, frostbite and starvation gnashing at her heels, Libby Riddles didn't have much time to think about making history. Instead she thought about survival. "You better believe I was scared," Riddles told an assembly of students at Ignacio Elementary School during a Feb. 4 presentation. But she forged on, stopping only when the weather didn't permit her to continue. And even then, she'd quietly retake the trail

some foggy mornings when other mushers didn't dare venture out. Then, after days of brutal trudging through riverbanks and over frozen lakes, she arrived at a checkpoint to good news: she was in first place. After that, she never looked back. What followed were the biggest Alaska newspaper headlines in memory. In 1985, Libby Riddles became the first woman ever to win the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, an 1,150-mile trek across feral country that's been called the "last great race on Earth." "That was my childhood dream," she said. "I was so proud of my dogs. It really showed me what I can accomplish when I do

my best." Riddles didn't always plan to become a famous musher. In fact, the first time she hitched up the dogs and drove across the snow, it was to haul water and firewood to her rural home. But eventually she was convinced to enter a local five-dog, five-mile race. In her first competitive race, she came up with a surprising first-place finish. Even then, the decision to enter the Iditarod didn't come without its own challenges. "I almost didn't get into the race because I didn't have enough money for the entry fee," she said.

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Pearl Casias: Oral History is Important to Ute People

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

History books say one thing, but as Pearl Casias can tell you, it's not always the whole story. Casias, a Southern Ute tribal elder and former judge and member of the Tribal Council, is a wealth of information about customs and history that goes far beyond what schoolchildren read. She imparted some of that knowledge in a Jan. 24 presentation at the Ignacio Public Library, from the story of the creation of the world to the tribe's phenomenal growth over the past 20 years. About 15 community members of various ethnicities attended the presentation. Casias requested the Drum not print much of the content of her talk, as the oral tradition is a long-grunning and important one in Southern Ute culture. She did say she was happy to indulge in a little storytelling, though, as winter is traditionally the time of year set aside to do so. "Winter is the time when Mother Earth is at rest and she's under her blanket," she said. Casias said as a child, she would beg her elders to share stories from tribal history. Today, she's happy to keep the tradition alive.



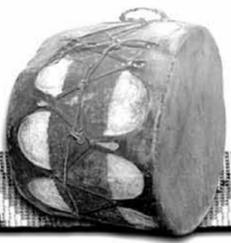
photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Pearl Casias, a Southern Ute Tribal elder and Ignacio resident, gives an oral history presentation with a personal touch at the Ignacio Community Library on Jan. 24.

Her presentation included both personal experiences and accounts of turning points in the history of the tribe, like the introduction of horses to the area by the Spanish in the 1600s. The 1990s was another pivotal time for the tribe, she said, because of efforts to reclaim the rights to natural resources on the reservation. Casias herself was involved in

many changes as a member of the Tribal Council, including an investigation into the San Juan Cession of 1973 in which much of Ute ancestral land was turned over to the federal government under suspect circumstances. Casias said her research as a council lady yielded a contract stating tribal members still have the right to hunt on the forfeited land – an agreement the government afterward agreed to uphold.

Casias said much has changed over the centuries – like an old law prohibiting Utes and Navajos from marrying – and much has stayed the same. Among the most important constants has been the land on which the tribe resides, she said. According to estimates, Utes have called this area home for more than 10,000 years. "This is where we belong," she said. "We are grounded."



Tribal Update

Road Runner to Close on Presidents Day

Road Runner Transit will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents Day. Normal service will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Five-Year Ag Leases Available for Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is offering three properties for lease. The leases will be five-year agriculture leases that begin in January 2010. Offerings include properties that are either fully or partially irrigated. These leases are available to Southern Ute Tribal members only. Applications for leases are available now and must be returned by Feb. 26. Applications may be picked up at the Southern Ute Agriculture Division or the Southern Ute Lands Division. For more information, contact Kevin Mallow in the Agriculture Division at 970-563-0220.

Addressing Project to Improve 911 Response Time

The Southern Ute Tribe's Department of Natural Resources and Information Service Manager Eddie Box Jr. will start an addressing project for Southern Ute Tribal members living within the boundaries of the Reservation. The longstanding and growing concern is from emergency service providers and law enforcement regarding 911 addressing issues and response time. There are precious minutes lost when emergency response units are dispatched to the wrong address. The Department of Natural Resources and the Southern Ute Police Department will be providing Tribal Council with recommendations and a process to provide physical addresses and facilitate the posting of those addresses for Tribal members' residences. Additional information on the addressing project will be sent out to Tribal members as it becomes available.

Free Home Radon Testing Available

SUIT Environmental Programs is offering free home radon testing to Tribal Members. Please Call 563-0135 x2238. For more information. Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes

Female Iditarod Champ Visits School • from page 1

But eventually she scraped the funds together. In her first Iditarod in 1980, she finished in 18th place. The following year, she finished 20th. That's when she decided to breed her own dogs. She moved to Teller, a tiny village in northern Alaska, and got to work.

The mushing dogs used for the past few decades, Riddles said, have not been purebred huskies. Instead, the most successful ones – like Dugan and Axel, who led her victorious team in '85 – are mixed-breed animals often smaller than people expect.

Since claiming the crown and her place in history, Riddles has participated in three more Iditarod races – in 1987, 1989 and 1995 – and dozens of other races around the world. She's also written several books for children, including "Storm Run: The Story of the First Woman to Win the Iditarod Sled Dog Race."

In Ignacio, Riddles answered questions from children about her experience. In addition to the difficulty of the race and her emotions upon winning, she talked



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Gregg Dubit brought a couple of trained sled dogs to Ignacio Intermediate School on Friday, Feb. 4, to interact with the children as part of Libby Riddle's presentation. Representatives of the Durango Dog Ranch, these veteran sled dogs act as ambassadors of the Hesperus-based kennel because of their mild temperament. Pictured above is Nevada, a 10-year-old Siberian Husky.

about the historical relationship between human and canine kind.

"This is our oldest, closest relationship in the world with animals," she told the students. "Remember to respect your dog and your relationship with your dog."

Students had an opportunity to encounter that relationship up close with two sled dogs brought in by Gregg Dubit of Durango Dog Ranch. The dogs were led through throngs of excited students during the presentation.

BLM to Monitor and Enforce Violations of Winter Wildlife Closures

Media Release Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management plans to increase monitoring and enforcement on federal lands in La Plata County currently under seasonal closures to protect wintering deer and elk herds.

Wildlife closures restricting all public entry are in place for BLM lands on Animas City Mountain on the northwest edge of Durango and BLM lands in the Grandview Ridge area on the southeast edge of Durango. A wildlife closure for BLM lands in the Mahan area west of Gem Village on both sides of U.S. Highway 160 is in place prohibiting motorized use.

These areas are closed during heavy winters to provide undisturbed resting and feeding areas for deer and elk herds.

"Human intrusion in these areas disturbs wintering animals, causing them to waste critical energy stores at a time of year when they are struggling to survive in the deep snow with little food. This added stress can result in increased mortality of yearlings and older animals," said Chris Schultz, Columbine BLM Field Office wildlife biologist. "Human presence in the closed areas can also cause herds to leave public lands for nearby private lands where they may cause damage or be pushed closer to busy roads and highways."

Recently, the BLM found evidence of substantial public illegal public entry into these closed

areas. Closure signs are clearly posted at affected trailheads, trail intersections, and property access points. Bureau law enforcement officers will increase patrols within closed areas and issue federal citations to those who violate the closures. Violators risk federal fines of \$125 or higher.

BLM lands in the Mahan area:

All BLM lands in this area are closed annually to motorized use from Dec. 1 through April 30. This area is open to foot travel and other non-motorized recreation during the closure period.

Grandview Ridge area:

The Sale Barn and Big Canyon trails, which are on BLM lands, are closed to any type of public entry at their trailheads on U.S. Highway 160. The Carbon Junction, Crites Connection, and Telegraph trails, which are located on private property, remain open from Highway 3 leading to Horse Gulch. The South Rim, Telegraph, Sidewinder and all other trails on BLM lands in the Grandview Ridge area are closed to all public entry and may not be accessed by any route, including the Carbon Junction Trail. Seasonal closures in this area will remain in effect until at least March 1 or possibly as late as April 15, depending on snow conditions and spring green up.

Animas City Mountain:

BLM lands are closed to any type of public entry, with the exception of a 1.5-mile trail loop

on the lower portion of the mountain that is currently open. This loop can be accessed from the Birkett and 32nd Street trailheads or Dalla Mountain Park. Signs are posted at the top of the open loop indicating the beginning of the closure area. Seasonal closures in this area will remain in effect until at least March 1 or possibly as late as April 15, depending on snow conditions and spring green up.

Columbine District Ranger/Field Office Manager Matt Janowiak reports that voluntary compliance of the closure on Animas City Mountain has been especially unsuccessful this year and that violators are jeopardizing the BLM's ability to leave the lower loop open.

"If we see continued violations, we may have to close all of the BLM lands on Animas City Mountain to simplify enforcement," Janowiak said. "This would include the lower loop, which until now has remained open during the closure."

Many other public lands near Durango remain open during winter for recreation, including the Horse Gulch and Raiders Ridge areas, Fort Lewis College Rim, Durango Mountain Park, and Dalla Mountain Park.

The bureau and Colorado Division of Wildlife thank the public for respecting brief seasonal closures by recreating on public lands not affected by winter wildlife closures.

For more information, contact the Columbine BLM Field Office at 970-884-2512.

SUIT Apparel for Sale

The Southern Ute Drum and Public Relations Division have promotional apparel for sale at the price of \$5/each, including polo shirts and baseball caps. Please give us a call at 970-563-0119 or come by our office in the Leonard C. Burch Building to purchase items or to inquire about apparel.

Valentines Day
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Sunday, February 14th

Aspen Room
Special Buffet in the Aspen Room from 5 - 9 p.m.; \$19.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children. Dine on fresh salad and soup bar, entrees like Prime Rib, Southwest Cordon Bleu, Shrimp Scampi and more, and enjoy the large selection of desserts!

Rolling Thunder Grill Specials
Two steak and lobster dinners with a shared dessert for only \$28.00! Plus, enjoy a romantic duo performing live in the 49 Lounge from 8 - 11 p.m. For further information, go to www.skyutecasino.com.

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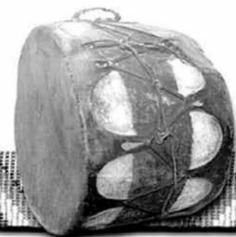
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Of Four Corners Interest

Students Welcome in Iron Horse Power Training Class

Iron Horse Training, a program designed to help cyclists train for the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic ride to Silverton in May, is now offering an advanced class for experienced cyclists who want a focused program with greater intensity. Iron Horse Power Training uses CycleOps 300 PT spin bikes that measure watts, heart rate, distance and calories burned. The new Iron Horse Power Training class is offered at The Hub Training Center at 489 Florida Road, Durango, in the old Curves location across from Chapman Hill. Classes are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:15 a.m., and on Saturday at 9 a.m. For more information and registration, contact Patti Zink at 970-247-0206 or patti@ironhorsetraining.com.

Dr. Andrew Gulliford to Speak at Library

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Dr. Andrew Gulliford will present an illustrated slide lecture entitled "Interpreting Historic Photographs of Native Americans: The New Illustrated Edition of Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" on how to "read" historic photos of Native Americans and how to interpret photographic "truth." The program will take place at the Durango Public Library from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call 970-375-3380 or visit the library's website at www.durangopubliclibrary.org.

Fort Lewis College Art Gallery Presents 'In2itive'

"In2itive" presents new work by Durango artists Sandra Butler and Joan Levine-Russell. Pieces include rawhide and steel sculptures and large-scale paintings. This new exhibit will open Monday, Feb. 8, and run through Wednesday, March 3. Community members are invited to a special reception for the new exhibit on Friday, Feb. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Fort Lewis College Art Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 100 Art Building, 1000 Rim Drive, Durango, CO. For information, call 970-247-7167.

Join the 5K Run for Teddy

Durango Parks and Recreation and the First Baptist Church of Durango are partnering to host Teddy's Run on Saturday, Feb. 13. Kicking off at 10 a.m., the race will benefit Teddy Rodd, a local 10-year-old boy who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. Teddy is currently undergoing extensive medical treatment for his condition at Children's Hospital in Denver. Replacing Durango Parks and Recreation's annual Valentine's 5K race, Teddy's Run will feature a free one-mile fun run for children as well as a 5K race for all ages. Both race routes will consist of an out-and-back course along the scenic Animas River Trail. Runners, joggers, walkers, children and dogs are all invited to participate in the event. Dogs must be on a leash. The event is free, but \$10 is the suggested donation to race. "Team Teddy" shirts will also be available for purchase on race day. Proceeds from the race will be donated to the Rodd family for medical expenses. Race day registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Durango Community Recreation Center. For more information, contact Race Director Ken Flint at 970-749-4290 or via e-mail at kenandabby@gobrainstorm.net.

Durango Independent Film Festival Partners with B-Side

The Durango Independent Film Festival announced has partnered with B-Side Entertainment to provide its audience with the most interactive, easy-to-use, and valuable experience possible on their durangofilm.org website. By partnering with B-Side to create a Festival Genius site, DIFF will allow audience members to interact with filmmakers, rate and review movies, build and share personal calendars, and stay in tune with festival buzz during the course of program events taking place March 3-7. B-Side's technology service, originally launched in November 2005, now fuels over 250 international festival websites. The B-Side Festival Genius service replaces traditional online film schedules with a highly interactive program guide that helps audiences connect with fellow film fans, filmmakers and films they are most likely to love. For more information, visit www.durangofilm.org or call 970-375-7779. The Durango Independent Film Festival is committed to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film event that screens global, innovative, and diverse films. We pride ourselves on connecting independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to our community. This year's festival - GET REEL - begins March 3 and ends on March 7. Passes can be purchased online or during the festival at the box office located across from the Train Depot.

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo Reduces Ticket Prices

The ticket prices have come down and are now more family-friendly than ever for the 2010 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, held March 12-14 at the National Western Complex in Denver. A single day pass is \$7, with student/senior admission \$5. A three-day pass is \$20, and a family package (one day for up to 5 people, including at least one adult) is \$25. In addition to daytime programs, on Friday and Saturday evenings the spotlight is on horses in action at the Rocky Mountain Mane Event, two hours set to music and featuring the beauty and athleticism of horses doing what they do best. Admission to the Mane Event is \$10 per person. For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.RockyMountainHorseExpo.com or call 303-292-4981. The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo is produced by the Colorado Horse Council which lobbies, promotes and educates on behalf of the Colorado horse industry.

Mountain Studies Institute Contest: 'How's the AIR OUT HERE?'

Do you have a group of students that is ready to express itself? Mountain Studies Institute needs students, ages 13 to 17, to help create 30-second audio and video public service announcements on air quality with specific attention to ground-level ozone and mercury contamination. PSAs should not be advocacy oriented. They should be strictly informational. Prizes will be offered to the top two audio and top two video PSAs. Teacher materials and resources are available. Submissions are due on April 1. For information, visit MSI's website at www.mountainstudies.org or contact Aaron Kimple at kimple_a@fortlewis.edu or 970-247-7071.

Fathers' Voices Inc.

"Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred Training"

Southern Ute Higher Education Building Fort Lewis College Centennial Building
Feb. 17, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., in Ignacio Feb. 17, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., in Durango

Fathers' Voices uses a culturally based curriculum to help fathers and mother to create safe and happy families. The curriculum helps fathers and mothers to strengthen their communication skills, interpersonal relationship skills, and individual growth.

Our organization is certified by the Native American Fatherhood and Family Association and our staff are trained Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred facilitators.

Fathers' Voices will be glad to attend workshops, events, classrooms or meetings to give presentations about our organization, services and the fatherhood and motherhood is sacred curriculum.

For more information and updates, check Fathers' Voices website at www.fathersvoices.org or call 970-764-5631.

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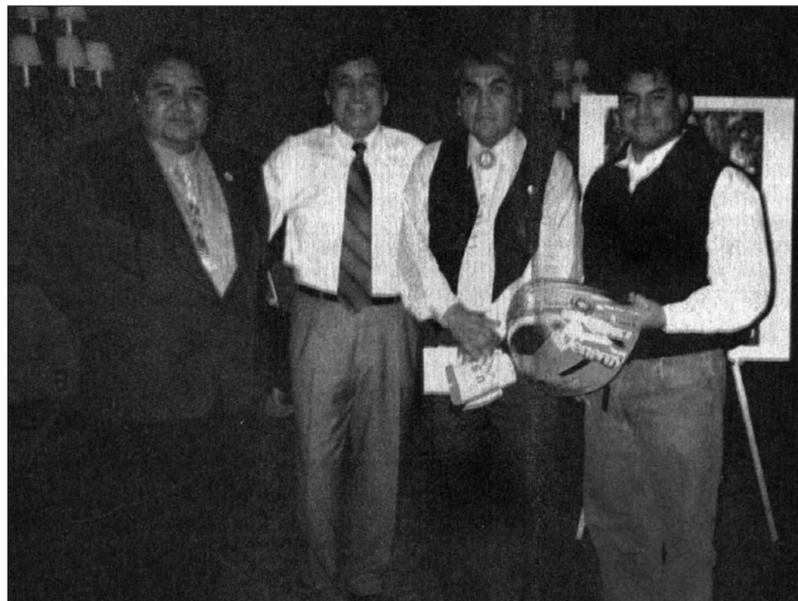


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10 Years Ago

People from across the country gathered in Colorado Springs on Jan. 13, 1990 to help the Native American Sports Council honor Jim Thorpe. Among the celebrants (pictured left to right) were Southern Ute Councilman Byron Red Sr., Billy Mills (10K Olympic Gold medal winner), Councilman Dewitte Baker, and professional speed skier Ross Anderson.

This photo was published in the Feb. 11, 2000, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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20 Years Ago

Nathan Winder Jr., Southern Ute planner, and Glen Walker, new town manager, holds a check for \$8,800 they received from U.S. West and Colorado Initiatives for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Town of Ignacio streetscape program, and for ongoing beautification efforts.

This photo was published in the Feb. 16, 1990, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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30 Years Ago

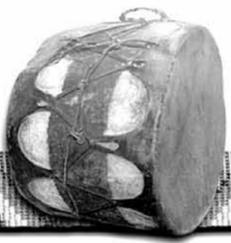
Eighth-grade champs with the trophy they won at the Durango Jr. High tournament by beating Cortez, 54-46. They went through an undefeated season and are pictured here left to right: Steven Herrera, Joe Gallegos, Buffy Joseph, Alex Cloud, Raymond Millich, Adrian Lucero, Richard Westbrook, Dewayne Valencia, Dennis Guffey, Pete Quintana, Kevin Silva and kneeling Ty Richmond.

This photo was published in the Feb. 15, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



Ute Language
piëg'wanachì - Bald Eagle
yog'ovüchì - Coyote
taakÇöchì - Crow

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease: 'Kidney Protective Therapy'

by Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we addressed some of the important ways to treat chronic kidney disease, the condition in which the kidneys' ability to excrete waste products is impaired.

In this issue, we will discuss two groups of medicines which are instrumental in caring for patients with chronic kidney disease. They are called angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs). These medicines inhibit the formation of, or the action of, angiotensin, a hormone which raises blood pressure. There are numerous agents in both groups (see table).

ACE inhibitors and ARBs are blood pressure-lowering drugs, used frequently in all types of hypertensive patients, even patients who don't have chronic kidney disease. But their benefits extend beyond just blood pressure lowering alone. They have an independent effect in lowering the pressure in the glomeruli, or filters, of the kidney. This results in long-term preservation of kidney function, but can occasionally cause a short term decrease in kidney function.

Even when kidney function does drop after starting an ACE inhibitor or ARB, the medicine can usually still be continued provided the kidney function does not continue to worsen. In addition, they can sometimes cause an increase in the blood



level of potassium, an electrolyte which can sometimes accumulate dangerously in patients with kidney disease.

So it's clear that when using these drugs, careful monitoring is needed. However, their long-term benefit to kidney function is very substantial, so it's worth trying to use these agents in almost all patients with chronic kidney disease.

One way of monitoring how well ACE inhibitors and ARBs are working is to monitor the amount of protein, or albumen, in the urine. A decrease in the urine protein is a marker of the success of this therapy. The urine

protein is often repeated at intervals to confirm that this therapy is achieving the desired protective effect.

Like all medicines, ACE inhibitors and ARBs occasionally can cause side effects. As discussed above, even though they are associated with long-term preservation of kidney function, they can occasionally cause a short-term drop in kidney function. So the kidney function needs to be monitored carefully during their use.

High potassium levels are also possible. They can occasionally cause a cough (ACE inhibitors more frequently than ARBs). Rarely, people can be allergic to them, resulting in a swelling of the lips or tongue. This can be dangerous and the medicine should be stopped if this happens.

These useful drugs are also first line agents for treating patients with heart failure. Overall, they are extremely valuable agents to protect kidneys and improve outcomes for patients with chronic kidney disease.

ACE Inhibitors

- Lisinopril ("Zestril", "Prinivil")
- Benazepril ("Lotensin")
- Trandolapril ("Mavik")
- Fosinopril ("Monopril")
- Quinapril ("Accupril")
- Perindopril ("Aceon")
- Captopril ("Capoten")
- Enalapril ("Vasotec")
- Moexipril ("Univasc")
- Ramipril ("Altace")

Angiotensin Receptor Inhibitors

- Losartan ("Cozaar")
- Candesartan ("Atacand")
- Olmestartan ("Benicar")
- Valsartan ("Diovan")
- Telmisartan ("Micardis")
- Irbesartan ("Avapro")
- Eprosartan ("Teveten")

PTSD Vets Discharged Since 2002 Win Retirement Deal

Media Release

La Plata County Veterans Services

More than 4,300 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who were diagnosed in service as suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, but who got low military disability ratings, have won an agreement with the Department of Defense to upgrade those ratings retroactively to 50 percent.

The higher rating will represent an important win for this group of veterans mentally scarred by war. It will mean, from date of discharge, eligibility for disability retirement and access to TRICARE, the military's triple health insurance option, for veterans, spouses and dependent children.

Any out-of-pocket medical costs since discharge also could be paid retroactively, and these soon-to-be-designated disabled "retirees" will gain access to discounted shopping and recreational services on base.

Sparking the agreement was a class-action lawsuit brought by the National Veterans Legal Services Program that contends that retiree status and medical benefits were illegally denied for years to these veterans who were diagnosed with PTSD then separated as unfit for service.

Service Physical Evaluation Boards would ignore the disability rating schedule used by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which requires a minimum 50-percent rating for PTSD victims, and routinely separate their members with ratings as low as 10 percent.

A board decision that keeps ratings below 30 percent lowers personnel costs. Instead of immediate annuity and lifetime TRICARE coverage, veterans rated below 30 percent get only a lump sum severance pay.

Judge George W. Miller of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims agreed to stay a final ruling in the case of Sabo et al v. United States after the DOD agreed to cut a deal. Seven veterans were named as original plaintiffs in Sabo, but the claims court expanded the

scope of the lawsuit to a class action. Defense officials gave NVLSP the names of 4,300 veterans who should be invited to apply to have their ratings reviewed and upgraded, but there could be more.

Misty Sabo, wife of former Army Sgt. Michael Sabo, an original plaintiffs, said she was "totally excited" to learn of the agreement this week. Five of their six children are disabled with bilateral cleft lip and palate, which creates hearing, dental and speech problems and requires multiple surgeries. Misty said family medical bills are enormous.

Michael Sabo, 31, had served in the Army more than a decade when he was diagnosed with PTSD after two tours in Iraq where he routinely went on patrols that exposed him to multiple explosions and live enemy fire.

After Sabo's first 13-month tour in 2003 and 2004, he suffered recurring nightmares, severe headaches and mood swings. In the middle of his second tour, which again exposed him to explosions, mortar attacks and small arms fire, he returned home on emergency leave to care for his children while Misty underwent surgery. While home, in Fountain, Colo., near Fort Carson, Sabo had nightmares, severe headaches and violent mood swings that, the lawsuit contends, "severely impacted him and his family."

He sought medical help and was diagnosed with PTSD and post-concussive syndrome. In February 2008, the Army separated him as unfit with a 10-percent disability rating and a modest lump-sum severance.

Misty said she was stunned that the Army rating was only 10 percent for a condition that ended his career and changed his life so dramatically. "He was just thrown to the wind," she said. "I kept telling him, 'This doesn't sound right that somebody would get hurt like you and not get a retirement.' He said, 'Well, what do you want me to do, fight against the

Army?' And I said, 'Yep.'"

At the urging of a local advocate for veterans in Fort Carson area, Sabo agreed to have his name added to the NVLSP lawsuit being prepared.

By October 2008, under pressure from Congress, the DOD did revise its guidance to the services on rating PTSD to adhere to the VA rating schedule. Meanwhile, Congress ordered the DOD to create a special board to review any service-generated disability ratings of 20 percent or less brought forth by veterans who were separated as medically unfit since Sept. 11, 2001. Thousands have applied to this panel, called the Physical Disability Board of Review.

So why bring a class action lawsuit specifically on behalf of service members separated for PTSD?

Bart Stichman, co-executive director of NVLSP, said the deal with the DOD forced by the court will expedite the rating review process for these PTSD cases upon application, and will guarantee those 4,300-plus veterans a rating upgrade to 50-percent for at least six months. After that, the case will be reviewed again and the disability rating confirmed, increased or reduced.

A Class-action Opt-in Notice Form is being mailed to these veterans and must be returned either by fax or postmarked before July 24. Veterans who don't get a notice by mail but believe they might be eligible can get more information online at ptsdlawsuit.com.

The deal will not benefit tens of thousands of veterans diagnosed with PTSD over the last 30 years, only those discharged with a rating for PTSD of less than 50 percent after Dec. 17, 2002, and before Oct. 14, 2008.

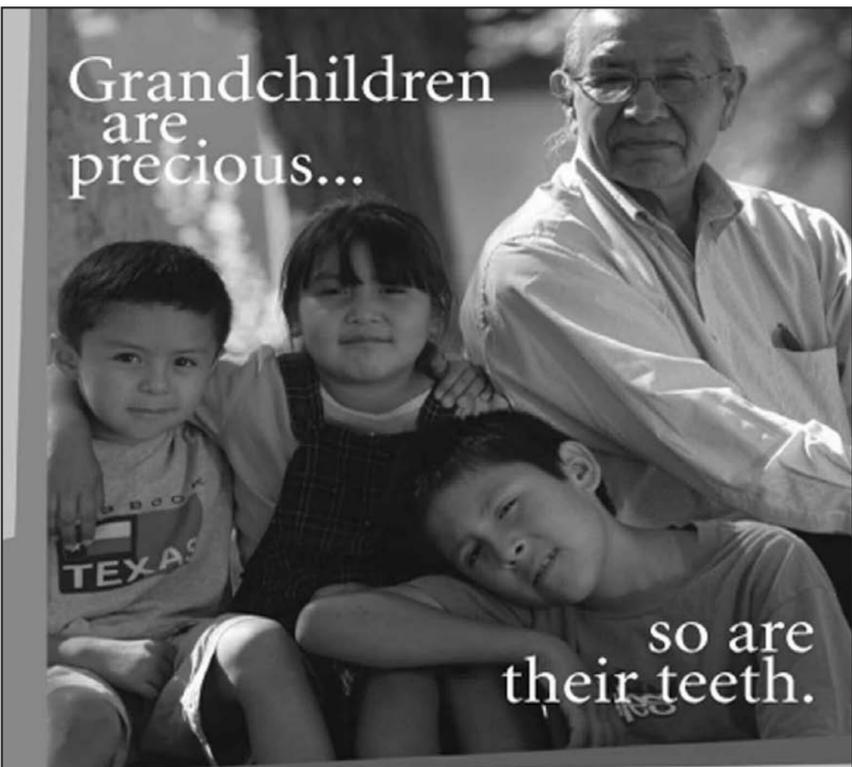
As the dates indicate, the deal doesn't include even all PTSD veterans discharged since Sept. 11, 2001. That's because the lawsuit was brought under the Tucker Act, which has a six-year statute of limitations from the date a complaint is filed against the government, which was in December 2008.

March Native Food Concession

Friday, March 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. • Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Indian tacos, mutton stew and frybread. Buy three tacos and get the fourth one free. All proceeds benefit the Denver Christian Indian Center's nonprofit status.

Denver Christian Indian Center, 501 South Pearl Street (corner of Virginia & Pearl) Denver, CO
Website: www.denvercic.org • Flyer: http://www.denvercic.org/CIC_Food_Concession10.pdf
Phone: 303-733-3693 • E-mail: christian_indian_center@msn.com



Grandchildren are precious...

so are their teeth.

Make an appointment at your dental clinic today!

February is Children's Dental Health Month.

Albuquerque Area Dental Support Center
A program of



Southern Ute Dental Clinic 563-4581

Free Heart Disease Screenings Offered

Media Release
San Juan Basin Health

February is American Heart Month. Know your numbers and decrease your risk for heart disease. Free Heart Healthy screenings are offered by every Tuesday at San Juan Basin Health Department. It only takes 15 minutes and you get immediate results.

Please call 970-247-5702 to schedule an appointment. Screenings are also offered the first Friday of every month at the Ignacio Community Library. Please call 970-563-9287 for an appointment. These screenings include: cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, blood sugar, body mass index (BMI), risk assessment score, and prevention education. Colorado Heart Healthy Solutions is a program of San Juan Basin Health Department.

"Peace Out, Guys"



Gracing the front yard of the Anallas' house on Howe Drive is a life-size snowman sporting an orange vest. The snowman was made on Saturday, Jan. 30., by the Anallas: Jason, Diane, and their children, Tera and Ditto. The snowman is quoted as saying "Peace out, guys." Heavy, consistent snowfall has been a boon for skiers and others this season seeking out winter recreation in the Rockies. The 10-day weather forecast calls for mostly warmer weather, with temperatures rising near 40 degrees next week. The Weather Channel predicts a 30-percent chance of snow on Friday, Feb. 12, Sunday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 15. Without much precipitation forecasted in the near future, the snowman might be saying his final "peace out" before too much longer.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Ignacio Community Library Education Department News

“It’s A Cool Place To Check Out”

Computer Classes

Saturday, Feb. 20 and 27,
10:30 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Basic computer classes are offered at the Ignacio Community Library on Saturdays. This month, on 20 and 27, includes basic computer and Internet; e-mail: creating an account if you don't have one. This is a two-part class, so we recommend taking part one before attending part two. In Microsoft Word, we will explore the many functions the program has to offer. Classes will be limited to five people each, sign up at the Circulation Desk!

Health Online Research

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1-2:30 p.m.

We will have a class to explore a variety of health information sites. Come with a question and we will try to provide you with up-to-date information on any specific health concerns. Class is limited to five persons. Please call to reserve your space.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Friday, Feb. 26, 11 p.m.

At the Ignacio Community Library. Come early for the book and chat.

Library Closure

Ignacio Community Library will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, Feb. 15.

Knitting News

Emma Pinckert, long time Ignacio resident, passed away on Jan. 18. Emma was a participant in the Ignacio Community Library Knitter's Group. She was here most times and while she knitted, her passion was hearing about what was going on for us all. She was deeply caring and sympathetic to all our situations. We were gifted with her sense of humor and her kindness. We will miss her.

New Fiction Titles

Altar of Eden by James Rollins

Assassins of Athens by Jeffrey Siger

Breathless: A Novel by Dean Koontz

Days of Gold by Jude Deveraux

A Fair Maiden by Joyce Carol Oates

The Good Son by Russel D. McLean

A Measure of Mercy by Lauraine Snelling

The Secret of Everything by Barbara O'Neal

Sizzle: A Novel by Julie Garwood

Sleepless: A Novel by Charlie Huston

The Swan Thieves by Elizabeth Kostova

Watchlist: A Serial Thriller by Jeffrey Deaver et al

Where the Heart Was by Glenn G. Boyer

Non-Fiction Titles

Custer Survivor: The End of a Myth... by John P. Koster

Family Power: The True Story of...

Galapagos at the Crossroads:

by Carol Ann Bassett

In the Sun's House: My Year Teaching on the Navajo Reservation by Kurt Caswell

The Real Messiah: The Throne of St. Mark... by Stephan Huller

Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson

Tower of Thieves, AIG by Andrew Spencer

The Triangle of Truth... by Lisa Earle McLeod

New Biographies

Michael Jackson: Legend 1958-2009 by Chas Newkey-Burden

New DVDs

Crossfire: Tom Selleck

Western Collection

Hidden Hawaii

Imagine That

Julie & Julia

Last Stand at Saber River

Night at the Museum - Battle of the Smithsonian

Outlaws & Gunslingers

Whip It

New Audio Books

Catalyst: A Tale of the Barque

Cats

The Perfect Christmas

What the Dog Saw & Other

Adventures

Ignacio Senior Center Visit

Library staff will be at the Senior Citizen Center on Tues. Feb. 16 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Come by and check out a book, audio book, magazine or movie. Find out what events and classes are going on at the library. Learn about Colorado Talking Books Library in Denver, a free service to Coloradans who are unable to read standard-size print due to visual, physical or learning disabilities.

KIDS ZONE

Valentine Card Making Class

Feb. 10, 3:30-3:45 p.m.

Come out, get creative and make beautiful handmade Valentine cards for your family and friends. Brenda Marshall, from “Stampin’ Up!,” will be there to teach and help you make your cards. Space is limited; call the library to reserve your spot.

Wii Tournament

Feb. 17, 3:30-5 p.m.

Library Book Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 24, 3:30-5 p.m.

February Winners

Congratulations to the Trivia and Brain Teasers winners: Kylie Bell, Dusty Daniells, Alexis Tyner and Sarah Tyner. Donovan Clark and Sarah Tyner are the January chess tournament winners. The next tournament will be in March.

Book Blog Winner

Congratulations to Roman Velasquez, the January Book Blog winner. His book review is titled Hercules by Martin Powell. The next blog drawing will take place on Feb. 24; a pizza certificate will be awarded to the February blog winner!

New Teen Books

The Secret to Teen Power by Paul Harrington

This Girl Isn't Shy by Nina Beck

Ghost Town by Annie Bryant

Reaching Out by Francisco Jimenez

Break by Hannah Moskowitz

Positively by Courtney Sheinmael

Fact of Life #31 by Denise Vega

Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time.

Valentine Decorations

Tuesday, Feb. 3, after school

Kids' Flag Making

Tuesday, Feb. 16., after school 3:30-5:30 p.m. We will make our own flags to hang in the library.

Family Lego Night

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 3-6:30 p.m.

Dr Seuss Birthday Bash!

March 2, starting at 3:45p.m. Lots of Fun!

New Kids Books

Dino-baseball

Punctuation Station

Olivia and Her Ducklings

When Lula Went to the Zoo

New Children's DVD's

Imagine That with Eddy

Murphy

Care Bears Helping Hearts

Dora the Explorer: Dora's

Greatest Adventures

John Deere Earth Mover

Harry Potter and the Half-

Blood Prince

From the Librarian

This month, we celebrate African-American Heritage Month and the contributions made by African-Americans that enrich this country. We have numerous books in our collection that highlight these contributions and a number of novels that detail the African-American experience. We are excited to announce that we are now able to provide audio books from Overdrive. Bring in your MP3 player or iPod and download a book or music to listen to at your convenience. There are a wide variety of titles from which to select. As part of the Across Colorado Consortium, we have the titles purchased for our collection.

We continue to highlight some of the stories we have received in our “This is Where I Live” series. This month's story is by Badger Yellowbird. We are hoping others there will be inspired to focus on this theme and offer their personal vision and voice. Write or e-mail your stories to generaldelivery@ignaciolibrary.org or drop them off at the Circulation Desk. - Christina Robinette, librarian

I am 500 Tribes

I am related to all living things. I have lived within the earth mother.

All living animals are my siblings.

Many grandmothers I have come.

I am 500 Tribes. See me standing over there. See me in the forest.

Across this land through the mountains.

I am standing with all people. I am 500 Tribes.

By YellowBird

January Donations

January donations to the library: total money donated was \$153. Item donations were 127 books and 15 DVDs.

Book and Chat

Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Stop by the Butch McClanahan Community Room to enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut. Visit with friends while checking out the new library book collection.

Book Club

We anticipate starting a book club this year. If interested, please stop by the library and fill out a survey indicating your reading interests and suggestions for the book selections.

Meet The Artist Reception

Friday, Feb. 19, 4:30-6 p.m.

Come in and meet the artists of the current exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

Attention Parents

Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Practical Approach

By Melinda Graham, Colorado

Dept. of Education,

and Johanna Wasser, Early

Childhood and ASD specialist

Feb. 18 and 19 and April 16

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Durango School District

Administration Bldg. boardroom

201 E. 12th Street,

Durango, CO 81301

What are Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)?

How can educators and parents

best work with these children

who present special learning and

behavior challenges?

The Colorado Department of

Education's Autism Task Force is offering this interactive workshop full of practical techniques for working with children on the autism spectrum. The instructors will introduce research based strategies from many models, some long-standing and some new approaches. This workshop is for general and special educators, parents, paraprofessionals, SLPs and related service providers working with school-age students.

This interactive training will include:

- Response to intervention and autism

- Positive behavior supports

- Structured teaching and visual strategies

- Applied behavior analysis
- Behavior assessment and behavior plans
- Sensory processing
- Research/evidence-based strategies

This three-day workshop is free. Light breakfast will be provided; lunch is on your own. The registration deadline is Feb. 11. 1.5 semester hours of graduate credit will be offered through Adams State College for a fee of \$82.50, or you can receive 19.5 CDE contact hours. To register, contact Melinda Graham at graham_m@cde.state.co.us. In your e-mail, list your name, title or position, grade level(s) you provide services to and an e-mail address.

Energy Council Offers Scholarships

Media Release

La Plata County Energy Council

The La Plata County Energy Council Inc. is offering three types of \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from La Plata County, class of 2010.

The first is the Energy Council Scholarship, available through Bayfield, Druango and Ignacio scholarship counselors, who each select one senior from their school to receive the award. The second is the 4-H Scholarship for

graduation seniors who are active 4-H Club members in La Plata County. The third is the Aulbert Memorial Scholarship for graduating seniors who have a parent working in the natural gas industry or related service company.

Applications for the Aulbert Memorial Scholarship are available through high school scholarship counselors or by calling the Energy Council at 382-6686. Please leave a message with your name, address and phone number and an application will be

mailed, or leave your e-mail address for faster response.

Applications are due March 24 and can also be downloaded from the Energy Council at www.energycouncil.org.

The Energy Council is a non-profit trade organization that promotes safe and responsible natural gas development in La Plata County. Its annual golf tournament raises funds that are awarded as scholarship and community grants in La Plata County.

Opening of Fort Lewis College's New Biology Wing Set for Feb. 19

Media Release

Fort Lewis College

The grand opening celebration for Fort Lewis College's new Biology and Agriculture wing of Berndt Hall will take place Friday, February 19, 2010. An open house and dedication ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. in the new wing, which is located next to the Chemistry Hall. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

The new \$17 million Biology and Agriculture wing replaces the old section of Berndt Hall that previously held classrooms, labs and faculty offices. At more than 33,000 sq. feet, the new wing is almost three times larger

than the old structure.

“The new Biology wing is critical to the advancement of our science programs at Fort Lewis College,” explains FLC President Brad Bartel. “We will now be able to train students for careers in our state-of-the-art laboratories, and faculty will have the research capabilities they have needed for many years.”

The completion of the new wing is a bright spot in the current economic slump in Colorado, and it was a long time coming. That's because most of the funding for the new building comes from the state.

The money for a new Biology and Agriculture wing had originally been set aside by the state

in 2000, but an economic downturn put the project on hold. In 2007 and 2008, state money was again set aside and construction began, but again the bottom fell out of the state economy and the new wing was put in jeopardy. In late 2008, Governor Ritter's office released a list of capital construction projects that would have their funding frozen. The list included FLC's Biology and Agriculture wing.

After a few nervous weeks for the College, the Governor's office announced that the funding for the new Biology and Agriculture wing would be made available again and that construction could continue.

Big Day for GED Graduates

I am a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I never really had a master plan in life, but after taking a few years off from reality I realized I was wasting my life away. Now that I'm 19 years old – soon to be 20 in June – I can actually say I have a plan for my future.

I have always had an eye for interior design and urban design, so I plan on using these skills to my advantage in the fall of this year. I am very appreciative to the Tribe and all they have provided me and my family. I have applied to several art schools all over the map. Now it's time to play the waiting game, to find out which school fits me and my lifestyle perfectly.

I would like to thank a couple wonderful people in my life for all their words of encouragement. My sister, Crystal Rizzo, who lives in Boston, Mass., and is attending her master's program at Simmons University. She has taken a lot upon herself since we were younger, and if it were not for you, I'm not sure where my life would be right now. Also I would like to thank my sister Shellie Zias-Roe; she is one of the most influential people of all time.

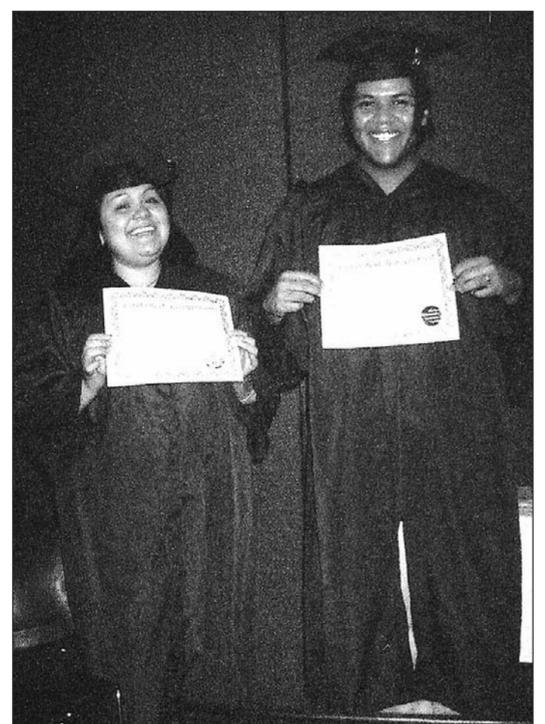


photo courtesy/Christopher Rizzo

She has her bachelor's in environmental management from U of R in Redlands, Calif., and has taught me so much about conserving our environment.

I'm sure there are many more people who deserve my recognition and, believe me, I

love you all. I plan to pursue my dreams and I may one day return to the tribe to work for Three Springs Realty, which is owned and operated by our Tribe. Also pictured, Tribal member Daisy Eagle.

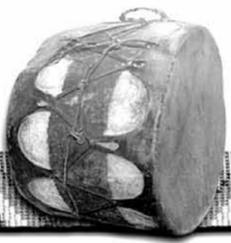
- Christopher Ryan Rizzo

Ignacio School District Notices

K-6 In-service day on Feb. 26

Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade will not have school that day.

Students in seventh through 12th grades will have school.



Ouray Overcome; 'Cats Unstoppable?

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The song by Rob Base and DJ E-Z Rock said "It takes two to make a thing go right."

For the Ouray Trojans, it took two – unfortunate instances – to make a thing go wrong.

For the Ignacio Bobcats, it then took two – defensive plays – to inform OHS head coach Jim Blennis that the hosts were zeroing in on the remaining head of what once was a three-minded monster.

"You noticed that too, huh?" he jokingly asked this writer afterwards. "When they played us up there he was definitely a target for them to shut down. And Chris never really got into this game until a little bit towards the end of the fourth quarter."

Center/forward Chris Blansett was out due to a concussion, and guard/forward Kenneth Wilson was out due to... well, a choice selection of words recently spoken to a referee. That left guard Chris Cramp – meaning he'd spend most of the game trying to shake free from IHS senior Oakley Hayes.

Hayes wouldn't have it. On Ouray's first possession Saturday evening in IHS Gymnasium, Hayes blanketed Cramp and forced a five-second stall call. Possession #2 ended with Hayes plucking the ball from Cramp, right after Bobcat junior Pedro Vigil began Ignacio's scoring in his usual way – a three-pointer. And when IHS reserve Deion Hudson nabbed a steal in the game's waning seconds, it showed the team still had another full tank to burn, despite a full-throttle four quarters and an 84-39 victory.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ouray's Peter Felde has his passing options strictly limited by Ignacio's Shane Richmond (left) and Alex Herrera (right) during IHS's 84-39 win last Saturday.

"After that Farmington tournament...yeah, we got beat by some 5A, 4A schools," said IHS senior guard Trae Seibel, talking about the Bobcats' tenth straight win. "But we've come back and we want to dominate this league, get past the district tournament,

get to the regional tournament, then make the run to state. So we've let it go, and learned from it."

Just revealed as a McDonald's All-America Nominee, six-foot-eight senior Alex Herrera – minus a six-foot-five Blansett to bang against – went on a McRampage in the paint, pounding home five dunks and totaling 23 points. Snaky junior Ryan Brooks, possibly with the league's fastest twist move to the rim, racked up 18.

"Yeah, 'Chunk' is a real smart post player. Knows where to be at the right time, and where the ball's going to be, and knows Alex is going to find him every game because he's tricking his guy," said Seibel. "Alex stepped up big-time as always, and instead of going up for the shot all the time he went to pass the ball – that's what shows he's a great player."

"Unselfish" really defines it," said IHS head coach Chris Valdez. "He had five or six assists, all to different people, didn't care who it was – Tony, Chunk, Shane, you know? We're just trying to get the easiest shot we can, and when your mind is like that, you're going to have an opportunity to win games."

With 4:26 left in the first quarter, Cramp (11 points) did put the Trojans up 8-7 on a back-door layup. But another Vigil triple and a Hayes reverse layup underneath keyed an 11-3 spree to close the quarter. Herrera all but iced the game then with a volleyball-like spike of an Eli Holmes shot at the buzzer.

V-ball coaches Lena Martinez of OHS, and Bayli Stillwell of IHS both bore witness in the stands.

"Ignacio plays great defense, they do," said Blennis. "They

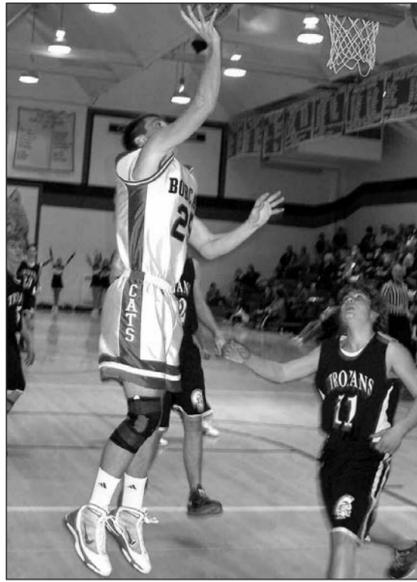


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Ouray's Steve Duce (11) can only gaze up as Ignacio's Shane Brooks (25) deposits another short-range basket during the Bobcats' 84-39 win last Saturday.

play the best defense out of any team we play, so for our kids to make some plays against that kind of defense...that's really good."

A 24-5 second quarter, capped by a Herrera feed to senior Tony Hutchinson for a short floater-and-one with 0:11 left before halftime, put the San Juan Basin League matter to rest. Ignacio (11-2, 8-0 SJBL) cruised in the third, 24-6, and took the fourth 18-17 for the final margin.

Nick Purvis, often dealing with defense from Bobcat senior Shane Brooks, battled for ten points while Holmes totaled nine and Nakoa Martinez six for Ouray (11-5, 7-4). Vigil totaled a mellow eight points, Hayes and Terrence Whyte each added six, and Hutchinson netted five to match Seibel. Shane Brooks and Shane Richmond each had four for IHS, who host Mancos tonight and Telluride tomorrow.

Next week includes a homer against Norwood (Feb. 16), a trip to Norwood (Feb. 19) and the regular-season finale at home against Nucla (Feb. 20). The Feb. 9 trip to the Mustangs' corral was completed after the Drum went to print.

"Honestly, condition-wise, we're probably in the best condition of anybody in this state. We work our kids very hard. When we have open weeks like this they were working their tails off, so I'm not worried about their condition," Valdez said.

"It's just making sure we continue to play hard, that we don't over-exert our big people if we're winning – we're going to back off and play some other players and ... make sure we're injury-free. Then we'll hit the postseason and look to step it up from there."

One-upped: Bobcat Girls Top '08-09 Win Total

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Prior to warm-ups Saturday afternoon, injured sophomore Carley Hutchinson could be seen discussing with teammates desired goals, written on paper, for Ignacio's game against Ouray.

After the four-quarter fight was finished, freshman Pam Cotton grinned out of accomplishment. Personal and team goal No. 1, beating the Lady Trojans – IHS handled that with authority, 66-23. Personal goal No. 2, Cotton's point total – well, that was a bit of family business.

"I got it," she smiled. "Twelve points [she officially netted 13]. He dared me to do it."

"He" meant her father. In that case, wonder what Papa Mirabal dared his daughter to achieve.

Junior Rose Mirabal, when not firing away from the right wing, hit the glass as often as possible to collect twelve rebounds to compliment her game-high 19 points, helping Ignacio (4-8 overall, 4-6 San Juan Basin League) top last season's triumph tally.

Mirabal first got IHS on the board with a free throw, after OHS (2-13, 1-11) took their only lead at 4-0 on baskets by Geordyn MacDougall and Mickala Palmer. As it turned out, that single make

set off a 12-0 Lady 'Cat run that put them up eight after eight. The fact that MacDougall, Ouray's credible threat, picked up three fouls in that opening quarter was fatally ominous.

"There were some rhythm problems that first half that didn't allow us to play the way we wanted to play," said OHS head coach Bernie Pearce.

"We had a good start, but [Ignacio] Coach [Brice] Searles called a timeout, and his girls got together, took a lead and never looked back."

Sitting the bench – short enough with only seven players dressed – she watched helplessly as IHS freshman Lindsey Hutchinson, Mirabal, and Cotton began the second with consecutive baskets. Palmer (five points) sank a 1-and-1 from the line with 5:05 left to

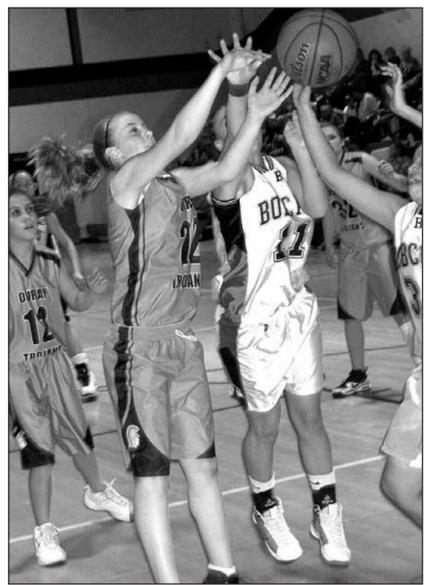


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Ignacio's Rylie Jefferson (11) deflects a shot in the paint by Ouray's Sarah Stovicek (22) during last Saturday's 66-23 home win. OHS's Taylor Schoenebaum (12) and IHS's Rose Mirabal (right) are the observers.

A 13-0 run greeted OHS to start the third, using just 2:04 of clock time, and the visitors wouldn't score until Sara Martinez put down two FT's with 1:19 left, making the score 54-12 entering the fourth.

Freshman Michelle Simmons (11 points), herself hampered with four personals in the first half, dropped two baskets, as did junior Sara Hutchinson (six points), while Cotton and Lindsey Hutchinson each put in one more. MacDougall, regrettably well-rested, countered with four transition layups (half of Ouray's game total) and a free throw for nine of her 11 points, but with the game long since out of reach.

But a retaliatory dispute with IHS' Rylie Jefferson, stemming from a ball thrown at MacDougall that neither the official nor Pearce saw just seconds before, resulted in technical fouls for both in their second scrape, giving the victory an unnecessary bruise just 0:29 before the buzzer.

The regular season's final games await the Lady 'Cats in the coming week (Feb. 16 vs. Norwood at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 19 at Norwood, and Feb. 20 vs. Nucla), but not before IHS hosts Mancos tonight and Telluride tomorrow. Tuesday's game at Nucla was completed after the Drum went to print.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Rose Mirabal knows contact is imminent as she prepares to shoot against Ouray's Nicole Edder (right) while OHS's Sarah Stovicek (22) watches at rear last Saturday. Mirabal scored 19 points to lead all players in a 66-23 win.

Wrestlers Entering Home Stretch

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Here are the results/standings from the Jan. 30 Butch Melton Ignacio Invitational, as well as the Class 2A San Juan Basin League Championships the night before. Both were held inside IHS Gymnasium.

AT THE SJBL'S: IGNACIO 157 points, Dove Creek 94, Norwood 78, Nucla 70, Dolores 20.

AT 'THE MELTON': 3A St. Michael's [Santa Fe, NM] 167.5 points; 3A Bloomfield, NM, 139; 4A Piedra Vista [Farmington, NM] 117.5; 4A Farmington, NM, 87; 3A Bayfield 64.5; IGNACIO 64; Nucla 47; Dove Creek 43; Norwood 34; 3A Newcomb, NM, 12; Dolores 2.

'MELTON' LOWER FINALS: 103 pounds, Ryan Ruybalid (PV), pin over Sonny Salazar (Bay), 0:37 into p.2; 112, Adrian Montoya (StM), pin over Cole Baughman (DC), 1:41 into p.2; 119, Nick Pacheco (PV) 7-2 over Eduardo Trevizo (Farm); 125, Jose Perez (Bloom) 2-0 over Jhett Gomez (PV); 130, Chris Edwards (PV, *O/W*) 8-7 over Casey Haga (I); 135, Mikey Loy (Bloom), pin over Dominic Sanchez (StM); 140, Josh Plehinger (I), pin over Ishmael Romero (StM), 0:36 into p.2.

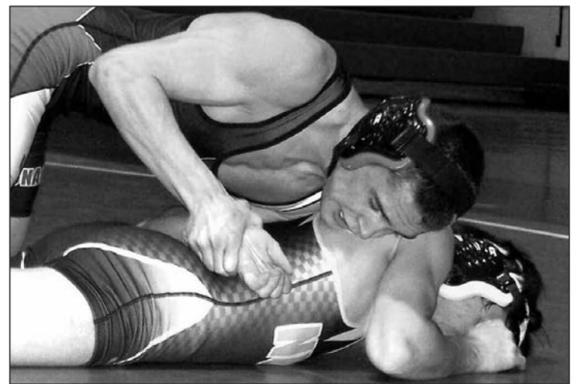


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Ignacio's Alex Pena controls an arm, and therefore opponent Keegan Arnold of Nucla, during their 119-pound clash at the SJBL Championships. Arnold was ranked No. 2 in Class 2A coming in, Pena was – and still is – the No. 1 after a 4-0 win.

UPPER FINALS: 145 pounds, Michael Archibeque (Bloom) by disqualification of Jess Martinez (StM); 152, Aaron Velasquez (Bay) 19-7 over Alex Araujo (unattached); 160, Seth Knob (Nuc), pin over Seth Boswell (Bloom), 1:50 into p.2; 171, Ethan Alexander (Nor), pin over John Marshall (Farm), 1:16 into p.1; 189, Justin Guynes (DC, *O/W*) 7-5 over Michael Aranda (StM); 215, Mike Lamb (StM), pin over Chance Wyatt (I), 1:42 into p.3; HWT, Hunter Cummins (PV) 1-0 over Tyrel Sappington (Bloom).

NOTES: The host Bobcats went in, and emerged from both meets still ranked fourth in 2A... SJBL champs for IHS were Alex Pena (119), Haga (130), Plehinger (140), Derrick Naranjo (160), Colton Wyatt (171), Chance Wyatt (215)... Up next will be this weekend's 2A-Region II [South Central] meet, out in the San Luis Valley at Center HS. 16 teams are listed to compete, in the final action to determine bids for the 2010 Colorado State Wrestling Championships, Feb. 18-20 at Pepsi Center in Denver.

B-ball Breakdown! Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League Through Feb. 8

BOYS Team	OVERALL			SJBL		PER GAME
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
IGNACIO	11	2	.846	8	0	67.1/45.0
Ridgway	12	3	.800	9	2	66.5/53.9
Ouray	11	5	.687	7	4	59.1/48.2
Dolores	7	7	.500	5	5	54.6/58.8
Norwood	6	6	.500	4	5	58.3/63.1
Telluride	4	10	.286	4	7	48.3/52.0
Mancos	6	7	.461	3	6	54.5/54.2
Nucla	0	14	.000	0	11	36.8/72.5

GIRLS Team	OVERALL			SJBL		PER GAME
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Dolores	10	3	.769	10	0	50.5/44.4
Dove Creek	11	2	.846	9	1	53.1/36.5
Norwood+	9	4	.692	7	4	50.5/38.0
Ridgway	9	6	.600	7	5	42.4/45.1
Mancos	6	7	.461	6	4	42.6/40.3
IGNACIO	4	8	.333	4	6	44.6/46.8
Nucla*	4	9	.308	4	7	47.6/50.0
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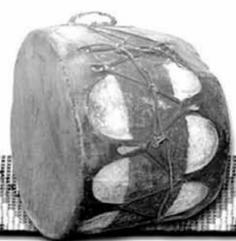
compiled by Joel Priest

Archery Enthusiasts!

Every Monday through April 5. The Ute Creek Archers will be at the Sky Ute Downs Events Center from 7p.m. until 9p.m.

Any questions, please call Muz Pinnecoose at 970-563-0100 ext. 2220.





Catching Reds, Drum in Louisiana

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum



If you were in a place where Southern hospitality is a way of life, where if you were any further south you would be standing in the Gulf of Mexico, where the menu went from grits to seafood crepes to oysters on the half shell to steak, redfish and grouper, where the peach cobbler was the best I have ever eaten, then you would be at the Woodland Plantation in southeast Louisiana.

Oh yeah: the fly-fishing is also pretty good.

Fly-fishing is why my son, son-in-law and I were there. The other stuff was a wonderful surprise. The trip was organized through Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures. They are based in Bozeman, Mont., and can be viewed at www.yellowdogfly-fishing.com. Yellow Dog is a company whose sole business is to send people all over the world on turn-key fly-fishing adventures. This was a great adventure.

We flew to New Orleans and were met at the airport and driven about an hour and a half southeast to the Woodland Plantation. I haven't been through New Orleans since Katrina, and evidence of the horrific damage is still very visible. It's on the mend, but very slowly. The one thing the hurricane did not damage is the world class redfishing in the marshes of south Louisiana.

We met our guides, Captain Rich and Captain Alec, at 8 a.m. the first morning. Captain Rich is a retired Marine aviator, and Captain Alec is a young guide who got his start in Jackson, Wyo. Both are excellent guides and proved it by having all of us on fish within 30 minutes of launching the boats. In fact, I saw more redfish in my first hour than I saw, in total, on two other red-fishing trips elsewhere.

For equipment, we used eight- and nine-weight fly rods. The guides attached 40-pound leaders with 30-pound tippets to the end of our lines. This was the first indication we were in for some fun. The flies we used ranged from crab patterns to a really small spoon to a streamer that looked like a shad.

In casting to these fish, you do not have to be real delicate. They are not leader-shy. The best way to cast to these guys is put your fly about 18 inches in front of the

fish. Let it sink, and strip it back towards you per your guide's instruction. Repeat this until one of three things happens: the redfish gets tired of the game and swims off, the fish spooks as you make your back cast, or he eats your fly. These odds shouldn't detour anyone from going; remember a baseball player hitting .333 makes a zillion dollars.

Our casts were anywhere from 10 to 50 feet. I suggest you practice with an eight- or nine-weight rod before going. Since you will be casting from the bow of a gently rocking boat, stand on a rocking chair and have someone rock it as you use a double haul to hit a dessert plate 40 feet away. Trying to answer the call of nature while standing on the rocking chair can also be beneficial.

On our trip we caught redfish, bull reds (redfish on steroids), and drum. The fish ranged from six pounds to over 30. Make sure your line-to-backing knot is a good one.

We were there the middle of January, and it was cold. Our three days ranged from windy and cold (low 30s) to rain and warm sunshine. I suggest you take lots of warm clothes and wind blockers if you go in the winter. Even with the inclement weather, I wouldn't hesitate to go again. However, I've been told the reds will hit a popper in June.

Guess where you'll find me this June?

Express Your Opinions

I Love You Uncle Jake

On Jan. 21, I slipped and fell in the snow. The pain was so bad in my leg that my grandma had to take me to the emergency room in Durango. Luckily, nothing was broken, so I came home on a leg brace and crutches. It had snowed so much that by the time we got home at 10 p.m., our driveway was impassable. We got stuck and had to park our car in the road. I was unable to get through the deep snow to our back door on my crutches.

My hero that night was my uncle Jake Ryder, who came to our rescue. He shoveled a path through the deep snow from the road to our back door so me and grandma could get back to the house safely! It is a very long way.

I love you uncle Jake!
Tricia Rose

Thank You From the Southern Ute Royalty Girls

First and foremost, we would like to thank the Creator for seeing us through all things. Secondly, we would like to thank the Town of Durango and the Snowdown Committee for letting us participate in a wonderful parade. Also, we would like to thank Jennifer Goodtracks, our dear chairwoman, and the Wednesday night bowling league – you know who you are.

Thank you, Sheila and Avaleena Nanaeto, Future Miss Colorado first alternate, for lending us the lights: you guys are "lifesavers!" The Maez Family for lending out your truck and trailer. Julie Bison for helping us decorate – you didn't have to do that, but you did. Thank you. Also, thank you to anyone one whom we might have forgotten!

Lorena Richards

Southern Ute Tribal Members

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for allowing me

to serve you, the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. For the last 10 years, I have proudly donned the Southern Ute Police Department's uniform. I never forgot who I worked for and deeply hope that I was able to show that each and everyday.

As it is with every officer throughout this great nation, my contacts may not have always been positive in nature, but I was always able to show respect and many times understanding, whether or not a citation and/or an arrest was made. I never intentionally made myself out to be better than anyone, regardless of why I was there in the capacity of a police officer.

A new career opportunity is about to open for me and I must take advantage of this. I just wanted all Tribal members to know that I truly was proud to be your public servant and that his why I leave here with a heavy heart.

Safety first to you and your families,

Bill Lucero

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Florida Road Reconstruction Schedule

Media Release
City of Durango

Construction traffic control for the Florida Road Project begins tomorrow. Westbound traffic on Florida Road will be restricted to one-way heading into town from North College Drive to East 3rd Avenue. Motorist wishing to travel east, heading out of town on Florida Road, will be detoured to 32nd Street to East Animas Road and

will reconnect with Florida road where it meets East Animas Road.

Traffic along Florida Road between North College Drive and East Animas Road will remain two-way during the majority of the project to allow access to local businesses. Riverview Drive, Colorado Avenue, Aspen Drive, and Holly Avenue will all be accessible to those residents.

The traffic control is expected

to remain in place for the duration of the reconstruction project – through the end of the year. Concrete Express Incorporated (CEI) is under contract with the City of Durango for the reconstruction of Florida Road from East 3rd Avenue to East Animas Road.

For updates on the roadway construction schedule and the latest information about the project, please visit www.durangogov.org/florida.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Jeremy Bean

Job Title: MIS Internship Computer Tech

Description of Duties: To learn and become certified to become a computer tech.

Sky Ute Casino Resort's

Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center!

Monday Couples Night!
6-9pm Dinner for two in the Rolling Thunder Grill Steak & Shrimp Special, bowl two games and shoes rental for \$20. (must be 21 or older)

Tuesday Guys Night Out!
6pm-10pm
\$2.50 a game and \$1.25 Shoe rental.

Wednesday Ladies Night Out!
6pm-10pm
\$2.50 a game. 50% off Appetizer Sampler (shoes not included)

Thursday Buddy Night!
4pm-11pm
Buy One Game Get One FREE
Shoe rental not included

Friday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close
Spin the wheel win prizes and so much more!

Saturday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close
Spin the wheel win prizes and so much more!

Sunday Family Day!
11 am-11pm
\$10 dollars (per person) all you can bowl up to two hours. Five persons per lane including shoes

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In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2009-0231-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Crystal Rose Thompson, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Crystal Rose Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Crystal Rose Garnanez**. As of February 8, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Crystal Rose Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Crystal Rose Garnanez**.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2010.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-028 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Kitsale, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Kitsale has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Florence Mae Touchin**. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **March 15, 2010 at 5:00pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 10th day of February, 2010.
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-025 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Ocean Avanih Shockley-Hunter, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Ocean Avanih Shockley-Hunter has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Ocean Avanih Hunter**. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **March 22, 2010 at 5:00 pm**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 9th day of February, 2010.
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-29 NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
Carolyne Spring Eagle, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Carolyne Spring Eagle has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Carolyne Rose Washington**. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **March 16, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 10th day of February, 2010.
Vanessa Torres, Court Clerk

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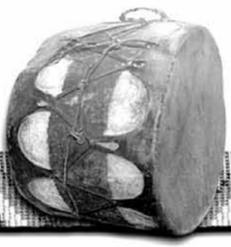
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Ethics Committee Vacancy

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from Tribal members to fill vacancies for two "alternate member-at-large" positions on the Ethics Committee. Qualifications are:

- Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe;
- Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality;
- Have a familiarity with Tribal government;
- Be of good character, active, conversant with proven responsibility in Tribal community affairs;
- Must not be a member of Tribal Council;
- Must not be a Tribal department head;
- Must not be an appointed Tribal committee or commission member.

The Ethics Committee meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the Tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory at PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or at the Justice Center at 149 CR 517 by Feb. 26. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

Request For Proposal

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO will certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for the new Youth Treatment Facility.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:00 PM MDT, Friday, February 26, 2010. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-

Manufactured Home Fire Safety

Media Release

Southern Ute Risk Management

Fires in manufactured homes claim the lives of over 300 Americans each year and injure 700 more. Many of these fires are caused by heating and electrical system malfunctions and improper storage of combustibles. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from fires in manufactured homes by being able to identify potential hazards and following these safety tips.

The Problem

During a typical year, manufactured homes account for 17,700 fires, hundreds of deaths and \$155 million in property losses. Manufactured homes have a fire death rate per 100,000 housing units 32-50 percent higher than the rate for other dwellings.

The Facts

Young children account for more than one-fifth of all fire

deaths in manufactured homes. A recent study of rural fires showed that smoke alarms were less likely to be present or operating in manufactured homes.

The Cause

Electrical system malfunctions and heating fires are the leading causes of fire in manufactured homes. Together, they account for one-third of manufactured housing fires. Electrical distribution fires occur nearly twice as often in manufactured homes as in one- and two-family dwellings.

Safety Precautions

• Have a minimum of two smoke alarms installed in your home regardless of sleeping space arrangements.

• Install smoke alarms in accordance with smoke alarm manufacturer guidelines. Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year.

• Maintain your home heating system by having it serviced at

least once a year by a professional.

• Do not store combustibles or flammables near heat sources.

• Never overload outlets, extension cords or electrical circuits. If the circuit breaker trips or fuses blow, immediately call a licensed electrician to check your system.

• Have an escape plan and practice escape routes with your family.

• Space heaters need their space. Do not place portable space heaters close to drapes, clothing or other combustible materials.

• Install skirting material to keep leaves and other debris and combustible items from blowing under your manufactured home.

• When considering a new home, ask if residential sprinklers are available as an option.

• If there is a fire, get out immediately, go to a neighbor's and notify the fire department using the 911 system or the proper local emergency number in your area.

Request For Qualifications

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITY

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

process due on July 12, 2010. This will be a closed bidding process, with only the selected contractors allowed to bid on the project.

Responses to this RFQ will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Friday, February 26, 2010. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFQ at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFQ process and to accept the proposals deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting proposals from qualified general contractors to pre-qualify for the closed competitive bidding of the new Youth Treatment facility.

Qualified general contractors will be selected by the proposal review committee based on contractor qualifications, experience, and prior performance. The selected general contractors will then have the exclusive opportunity to submit a bid on the project during the competitive sealed bidding

I would like to say a very Happy Valentines Day to my family and friends

Not only is it a time for couples to show their love for each other, but it's also a time for family and friends to express their love for each other. I also, want to say Happy Birthday to our mom, LaVera Thompson in Heaven. We love and miss you so much and we know you're looking down on us.

Love Becky and Mariah

Happy 8th Birthday Jazmin Carmenoros

I would like to wish my Jazzy girl a very special happy birthday on Valentine's day (2-14). You have certainly grown up so fast. You have come a long way & have learned so much already. You are doing a "GREAT JOB" in Reading and Math. You have accomplished a lot my Jazzy girl, and I am very proud of you! My wish for you is to keep on learning and doing good in whatever you do. You will one day graduate and become something great. I will continue to help you in your education and to teach you what you need to learn to become a productive individual. I love you very much and it has been such a great pleasure having you in my home and family. I hope your wish comes true on your birthday, as you will have plenty more birthdays to come. May the Great Creator bless you my Jazzy girl and keep you safe. Enjoy your day with family and friends.

Love your Great, Great Auntie Darlene F.

To our grandchildren Tallis, Kean & Jodiah

May you have a good birthday. Grandpa and Grandma can't believe you have grown so big and to be so handsome. May you have many more birthdays to come. Love your grandsons.

Always, Rena & Kean

To My Brother Preston, Nora and your "Basketball Team of Boys,"

May you share many more Heart Days together with our family. We love you guys.

Amy, Mario & Kiddos

Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roubideaux on 2/14

Hope you both have a wonderful day/night celebrating your many years together as man and wife. Keep true to each other. May the Creator Bless you both each & every day as you continue to love each other and that you both grow old together. There are ups & downs in every marriage, but that is to say it makes you stronger as well. So with that said, Happy Anniversary Michael & Mikki.

Love you both, Auntie Darlene

To Rea and Trae

We love you guys and hope you have a great Valentine's Day. We appreciate that you give us your living room for a weekend when we come up for games, concerts or just to visit. We think about you guys all the time and can't wait until the next time we see you both.

Love ya, Faren and "Da Kids"

To My Puppy Dog Paws

I want you to know that I appreciate every little thing you do for me. You have no idea how my life has changed for the better since you have come into it. I love listening to you and all the time we spend together. All my worries go away and I feel at ease when I am next to you. I want you to know I accept you as you are. I don't care about your flaws or your insecurities. NO WORRIES!! I am happy with you and you give the world's best kisses!! Happy Valentine's Day and many more to come!!

Your Cat Paws

Valentine's Wishes

To my nephews Kai and Kaleb English in Albuquerque, NM

We miss you guys and talk about you both almost every day. I hope you two are doing good and not getting into trouble. Hope to see you soon. Happy Valentine's Day.

Love Aunt Faren

Happy Birthday to my Vicious Gal Pal

Many more to come girl. We always manage to break THE CODE TO THE SITUATIONS we take on!!

Good times to come, Your Vicious Mona

To Sara Rae Jean

Happy Valentine's Day. I want you to know how much love mom gots for you. And I do listen to you. When we have our talks and laughs, or when we are listening to your music. I enjoy everything we do together.

Love your Mom, Noreen

To Dad and Mom

Even though we can't eat sweets together this Valentine's day and almost blow your diabetes off the richter, haha! I miss you two sillies so much. If it's not me in a bind, it's one of you two. Thank you both for being here for me. Happy Valentine's Day! Much love from your daughter 2.

Noreen

To "Rhia"

We wanna wish you Happy Valentine's Day! We are amazed on how much you have grown while you were in Denver. We are glad you are home now.

Love Aunt Faren & Jerna

To my daughter Jerrna

I may not tell you everyday but I love you very much. I don't know what I would do if I did not have you in my life. I feel incomplete if I don't see or hear from you everyday. I don't like it when you are away but one day you will be on your own and this will be a very, very, sad day for me. I don't look forward to this day but until then, I will cherish everyday as I have for the past 15 years. Thank you for all the love and humorous and sometimes annoying times you have given me. Happy Valentine's Day.

Love Mom

To Aunt Edna & Uncle Ray, Jen & Sam, and Heather & Crew - Happy Heart Day.

Love you all, Amy and family

To my li sis, Carol Dee

I miss you so much! It is always so good to hear from you and we look forward to getting letters and hand made gifts from you. Hang in there and remember you are always in our hearts. I can't wait until I get to hug you again. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Faren

To My Aunt Peb

I want to say a big Thank You for every thing you have done for me and da kids. We appreciate everything you do and love the grand fun times we have had over the year. We know we get treated the best when we are with you. With you, "family deserves and gets only the best" and just remember "I was there!!" GO MAMMOTH!!

Love your niece, FF

To my Dad

Thank you for everything you do for me. I am thankful you are here to drive and pick up Jerrna from school just about everyday, that you are here to babysit my pets, to remind me to change my oil in my vehicles, or which gas not to buy, or to remind me to start my vehicles when it's cold, to talk about movies or T.V. shows and to argue with just for fun. I love you dad!

Love, Faren

To the World's Best Uncles Ian and Tyson!

You have been there for us almost every time we needed your help. I don't know what we would do without you guys. You guys are really the best uncles anyone could ask for. We appreciate you both very much! Happy Valentine's Day.

Love your nieces, Jerna & Faren

Happy Valentine's Day to all of Our Family

Aunt Willette, Auntie Liz and Uncle Elwood, Aunt Marge, Auntie Denise, Shelly, Ames, Ty, Grace, Preston, Terrance, Ehtan, Aidan, Katie, Kristen, Henry & H2.

Love Faren and Jerna

To My Terrance in Phoenix

I love you nephew, have a sweet Valentine's Day, don't be giving my hugs away to anyone. Can't wait to see you in March for G's bash in L.A.! Woo hoo!

Auntie Amy

Mom (Grammy)

You have always had our hearts since we became a part of your life. May we continue to share good times and unforgettable memories as we embark on another year. Thanks for all you do and for having a BIG heart no matter what life brings our way.

Amy & family

To Mom and Dad

We love you both very much and don't know what we would do if we did not have you both in our lives. You mean so much to us. Happy Valentine's Day

Faren and Jerna

To Debbie (Deb) and Joe (Grandpa)

Who always have the biggest hearts when it comes to family... Happy Heart Day! We love you.

Mario, Amy and Kiddos

To my Mom

I appreciate every little thing you do and say. From your fabulous baked goodies, to the lunches at "Mom's kitche" and of course your homemade chicken soup when one of us is sick and hurting. I am very thankful you are here to listen, to hug, to understand and to love. I am glad I can still call you if I need to and even text you. I am glad you live nearby so I can come see you and if you're not home, I know you are at the casino or bingo! If you ever had a doubt, know I love you MOM and have every single day!

Love, Faren

To Justis, Jaylynn, Veronica, Joe 3, Stinky Raider and THE FLY ON THE WALL

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you little heartbreakers!

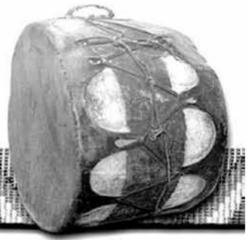
Uncle Mario and Auntie Amy

Happy Heart Day to our children Tyler and Grace

We love you more that you could ever imagine. We are so proud of both of you on your accomplishments in life so far. We are fortunate to have you both in our lives.

Mom & Dad

To Miracle, Keelynn, Mataya, Adrienne, Sapphire, and Alexis Happy Valentine's Day!



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com

Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Mechanic

Closing Date 2/12/10 - SUSG/Farmington, NM Provides maintenance of equipment in support of company and providing documentation to management with daily maintenance activities.

Field Instrument and Controls Technician

Closing Date 2/17/10 - Red Cedar Gathering Instrumentation, controls, PLC maintenance, calibrations, and repairs at Red Cedar Field Compression

facilities, including engine compressor, field generators, and dehydration controls equipment.

Mechanic III

Closing Date 2/18/10 - FFS/ Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently, and assisting in performing overhauls of compressors and engines and reconditioning equipment as needed.

For Sale By Owner

Ignacio Home for Sale, 2BR/1BA. \$125,000.00. Call for more information. (970) 563-4180

Advertise in the Drum

Call Amy Barry at 970-563-0118 or email her at abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Market Café"

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

Position Description: Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: **Bar Training** (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls - exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier, Host(ess), Catering** (sales, service), **Cook/Line Cook, Marketing, Front of House (FOH) Management** (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), **Kitchen Management** (ordering, scheduling), **Server.** **Goal:** The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer - possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience. **Qualifications:** 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful - but not required. **Additional Requirements:** Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café. **Essay:** Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry. **How To Apply:** Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs.

SUCAP - Job Announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Programs
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Administrative Assistant

Open Until Filled - Head Start
Minimum 3 years office management or administrative assistance. Experience in federally funded programs or complex organizations. Must have excellent computer skills, including Word and Excel. Must be able to demonstrate competence in word processing and spreadsheets. Applicants must pass background checks.

Teacher

Open Until Filled - Head Start
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Multisystemic Therapist (MST)

Open Until Filled - Peaceful Spirit
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Substitute Transit Driver

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Part-time. High School Diploma or GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Must have valid Colorado Drivers License and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396

*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Advanced Practice Nurse

Open Until Filled - Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Family Practice Physician

Open Until Filled - This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Clinical Director

Open Until Filled - Contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services

are provided and quality standards are met.

Soil & Water Conservationist

Closes 2/12/10 - Assists in activities related to the conservation of Tribal soil and water resources and manages the noxious weed control program. Activities are conducted in a manner that promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of resources while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable Federal or statutory regulations.

Permits & Rights-of-way Coordinator

Closes 2/18/10 - Responsible for the negotiations/management of rights-of-way for ingress/egress and utilities and business leases with the Tribe and outside entities or persons. Manages Crossing Permits for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources.

Environmental Programs Division Head

Closes 2/23/10 - Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, incumbent is responsible for the planning and management of all Southern Ute Indian Tribal environmental programs.

SU Indian Tribe Job Hotline • 970-563-4777

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Help Wanted - Energy Auditors

The Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency (4CORE) has published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy auditors for the Weatherization Program. Details are provided on www.fourcore.org/about4core.html#jobs. Submit qualifications as outlined in the RFQ to info@fourcore.org.

KSUT Board Vacancy

Is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. at KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio.

Seeking Proposals and Bids

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) will be seeking proposals and bids from time to time for contractor services (such as marketing, auditing, insulation and air sealing, HVAC) and energy conservation product purchases. 4CORE is requesting that all contractors and vendors interested in being approved and placed on the contractors/bidders list please submit company information to 4CORE. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) will be rated according to price, financial stability, customer service, green business practices, experience, and local (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Dolores, Montezuma counties) ownership/operations. **Send info to info@fourcore.org or 4CORE, Contractor/bidder, 10 Town Plaza, #190, Durango, CO, 81301 Website: www.fourcore.org Phone: 970-259-1916 • Fax: 888-779-3963**

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Basketball

Tahgum-soo-wee-knee (10)

February 12, 2010



Youth Basketball Opens at SunUte



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Janet Mosher
SunUte Community Center

On Saturday, Feb. 6, SunUte Community Center started the youth basketball season with an opening ceremonies event. 176 kids registered for youth basketball this year with ages ranging from 5 to 12. There were giveaways, games and drawings to keep the crowd entertained, and Oscar from Big

O Productions kept it all on schedule. SunUte would like to give thanks to all of those that helped with the event: Council Lady Ramona Eagle and Executive Officer Johnny Valdez for their inspiring words; Fort Lewis College for its donation of basketball tickets; Boys and Girls Club for their donation of shirts; Jeremy Wade Shockley for his pictures; and Oscar Cosio for donating his time as a DJ.

The opening ceremonies for SunUte Community Center included opening remarks from Council Lady Ramona Eagle and Executive Officer Johnny Valdez. Door prizes were awarded from a drawing, sending a few lucky youth home with new basketballs and tickets to Fort Lewis College sporting events. Parents from the audience participated in the free throw competition, followed by youth teams shooting their own free throws. Oscar Cosio keep the energy flowing on the microphone, while the SunUte staff, along with volunteer coaches, prepped their teams for a full day of competitive ball-handling on the court.

