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## Students Take the Stage for Holiday Program



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students sing to an audience during Saturday's Christmas program. The annual program was held in the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center following the Tribal Christmas Dinner. Academy student, Toph Pinnecoose (at left) sings along with her classmates from Primary, each adorned with halos for the performance. The program was held on Saturday, Dec. 18.



photo courtesy Southern Ute Tribal Council

On December 16, 2010, moments before President Barack Obama addressed the Tribal leaders at the 2nd Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C., Chairman Box presented the Southern Ute Tribal flag to Mr. Larry Echohawk, Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. The halls of the Interior are adorned with flags from all Tribal Nations of America. On a recent visit to the Interior it was noted that the flag of the Southern Ute Tribe was not alongside the Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute, but now together like Tri-Ute, all are represented in the Nation's Capital.

## President Obama Supports Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

### Media Release

National Congress of American Indians

President Obama announced that the United States will lend its support to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) today during the second annual Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. Prior to this morning's announcement, the United States had been the lone holdout of the original four nations to vote against the adoption of the Declaration by the UN General Assembly in 2007;

the other three (Australia, New Zealand, and Canada) have all since reversed their position.

"This is one of the most significant developments in international human rights law in decades. The United States and the Obama Administration have done the right thing today by joining the rest of the world in affirming the inherent rights of Indigenous people," said Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians, the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organ-

ization in the country. "International human rights law now recognizes the collective and individual human rights of Indigenous peoples, including treaty rights, land rights, and the right of self-determination."

In delivering his remarks to hundreds of tribal leaders gathered for the Tribal Nations Summit, President Obama was clear that the aspirations in the Declaration were ones that all Americans should vow to uphold. Immediately after he

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## All Aboard the 5:15, Bound for the North Pole!

By Barbara Bustillos Cogswell  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

The day is cloudy; the mountains have a ton of snow and now the snow is turning to rain on the 21-mile road-trip to Durango. You arrive at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge railroad station and find yourself with 172 co-workers from the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Reservation Tribal offices all ready to board the 5:15 p.m. departure on the "Polar Express" to Santa's workshop. Why is everyone ignoring the weather conditions and gathering at the train station? Employees responded for the love of family, focus on the children and sharing good business relations.

The unofficial "2nd Annual Sky Ute Casino Resort - Polar Express Group Tour" brought families that work together... play together. I blocked 40-seats on the Polar Express and within 24-hours, 100-tickets were requested. The DSNRR staff was gracious enough to group more seats confirming employee's families and friends.

What was the motivation to forge through the rain and snow - the children! The Tri-ethnic extended families on the Southern Ute Reservation and Town of Ignacio brought parents, children, grandchildren, uncles, aunts and cousins along for the fun. Employee's purchased group tickets on both the Deluxe and Standard trains. Participants sent emails stating, "We had such a great time on the Polar Express! Thanks so much

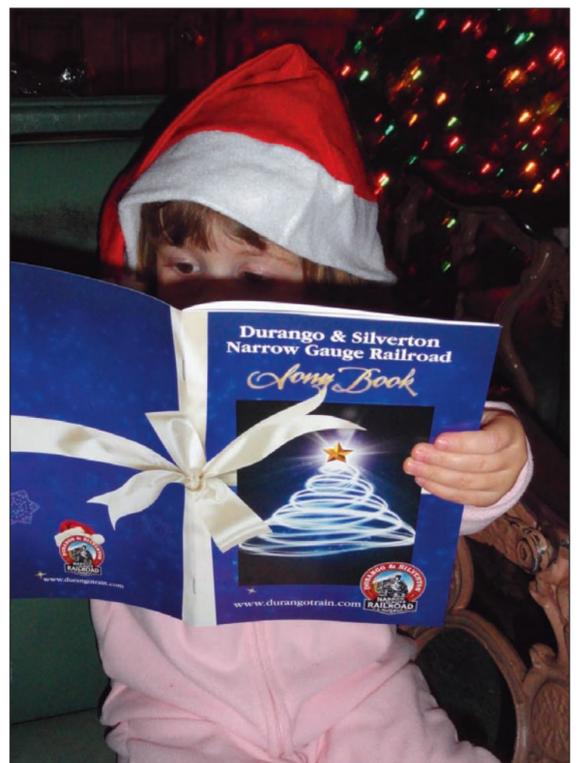


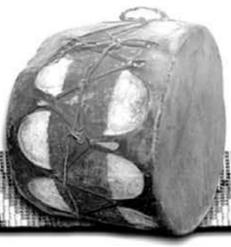
photo courtesy Barbara Bustillos Cogswell/Sky Ute Casino Resort

Young and old alike sung Christmas carols on the return trip from the North Pole before Santa made his grand appearance on the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's "Polar Express" train ride for employees and their families of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Dec. 21. (More photos on page 7)

for putting the group tickets together. My son had the most amazing time." Others stated, "We could not have invited the entire family without this group rate ... what the heck, it's Christmas." Some employee stated they always wanted to take their kids on the Polar Express and some

said they liked the "togetherness" traveling in a group. Group rates always offer a major discounted rate and traveling with your family and friends also make a difference when you decide to take a trip ... even if it's to the North Pole watching the

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## Tribal Update

### SUCAP Announces Meetings Dates

SUCAP Board will be meeting at noon, Jan. 6, 2011 at the Los Pinos Fire Protection District/Ignacio office. Johnson O'Malley will have their next regular meeting Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building - 330 Burns Avenue.

### Road Runner Announces Holiday Closures

The Ignacio and bayfield routes will be closed again on Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2011 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Jan. 3. Have a happy holidays and thank you.

### Education Announces GED Test Dates: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

### SUPD to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoints

The Southern Ute Police Department and the Ignacio Police Department will be conducting Sobriety Checkpoints this Holiday Season. The checkpoints will be within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation or within the city limits of the Town of Ignacio. Please drive safe and sober during Christmas and New Years and enjoy the holidays.

## ATTENTION INDIAN MINERAL OWNERS

If you own mineral interest on the U&O Reservation, please attend this important meeting

**Friday, Jan. 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.  
Sky Ute Casino, Ignacio, Colorado**

All those allottees who would like to enjoy lunch and a update on the progress of harvest natural resources and BRANA Exploration and Production LLC. Uintah Basin Oil and gas drilling project are cordially invited to attend the meeting. Representatives of harvest natural resources and their partner BRANTA, Inc. will be present to provide an update on the development of oil and gas on allottee leases, and hold a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided for allottee attendees.

## Holidays At Work: Reduce Stress

### Media Release

*Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation*

If you are experiencing stress at the very time you are expecting joy, you aren't alone. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reports that on average 40% of workers report that their job is "very or extremely stressful". During the holiday season those levels rise for everybody. What can we do to relax and lighten up a bit during the holiday season??

1. Realize that others are also feeling the pressure of the holiday season. Be understanding and think before you react. If you have an issue that can wait until the season is over, set it aside and discuss it later.
2. Give yourself a breakschedule time to relax if that's what you have to do.
3. It's o.k. to say "No". You don't have to go to every party or gathering.
4. Realistic Expectations! Society sends messages that are

- just not always realistic. You don't have to bake from scratch, send out cards to everybody you know, purchase gifts for everybody.
5. If you want your holiday season to be joyous then know what it is you enjoy and do just that. Set your boundaries and do not let guilt creep in.
6. Take time off work. Use that time to take care of yourself or get holiday errands done so that you are not running around during evenings and weekends.

## Obama Supports Declaration • from page 1

made his announcement of support, the President emphasized that "what matters far more than words ... are actions to match those words."

The Declaration, for the first time, gives international recognition to the collective human rights of Indigenous peoples, including treaty rights, land rights, and, perhaps most importantly, the right of self-determination. The Declaration calls for the maintenance and protection of

Native cultures, languages, and identities; the fulfillment of treaty obligations by nation states; the equal treatment of and end to discrimination against Indigenous peoples; and the rights of Native peoples to meaningfully participate in the decision-making process and to be consulted on all matters that concern them.

The importance of the Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes is significant. While not legally binding in

and of itself, it nevertheless performs the invaluable functions of gathering together in one document the basic rights of Indigenous peoples, educating the general public, and providing clear direction for those nation states endorsing the Declaration. The Declaration has considerable moral and political force and Indian nations will not hesitate to use the Declaration as the standard by which to measure the actions of the federal government.

## Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations in La Plata County

### Media Release La Plata County

When the excitement of the holidays is over and it's time to take down the Christmas decorations, La Plata County residents will have several opportunities to recycle their fresh-cut Christmas tree. Trees collected at the below collection sites will be mulched and made available to residents. To prepare your tree for recycling, please remove all decorations including tinsels, bows, nails etc. Only natural Christmas trees, wreaths and boughs will be accepted. Do not deposit other

trash at the drop-off site. Trees comingled with other trash will render them unusable for making wood mulch. For additional information, please contact La Plata County at 970-382-6200.

**City of Durango:** Santa Rita Park - in the gravel area next to the playground Monday, Jan. 3 through Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011. For additional information, City of Durango residents can call 970-375-5004.

**Town of Bayfield:** Curbside pickup on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 and Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011. Place Christmas tree next to curbside trash container before

7:00 a.m. For additional information, Town of Bayfield residents can call 970-884-9545.

**Town of Ignacio:** In designated area on the south side of Becker Street, directly south of the high school. For more information, Town of Ignacio residents can call 970-563-9494.

**Other Rural Locations within La Plata County:**

**Marvel Convenience Center** south of Marvel, Colo. on C.R. 134  
**Bayfield Convenience Center** midway between Durango and Bayfield on C.R. 223  
**Intersection of US Highway 160** and Wildcat Canyon Road.

## Holiday Closures

**Tribal Offices Closed**  
New Years: Friday, Dec. 31.  
Normal business hours will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

**School Closures**  
Monday, Dec. 20 -  
Monday, Jan. 3,  
Southern Ute Indian  
Montessori Academy for  
Christmas break.

Monday, Dec 20 -  
Sunday, Jan. 2,  
Ignacio K - 12 Public Schools  
for Christmas break.



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**www.skyutecasino.com**

**New Year's Celebration PowWow**

**Dances:**  
Potato Round Switch

**Honorings**  
Cake Walk  
Raffles  
50/50

Gourd Dance 12pm  
Dinner Break 6pm  
Grand Entry 7pm

Intertribals 8pm  
Blessings 11:45  
Happy New Year 12am

**Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, at Ignacio High School Gym**  
**Tava Ma Wu See**  
"Healing our Community for the New Year through Song, Dance & Prayer"

PowWow Information: 970-563-0269  
Vanessa Carel: 970-749-4319 or 970-563-1230, Neida Ray: 970-903-2996 or 970-563-0172

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!**



## Of Four Corners Interest

### Public Meetings About the Animas River Trail North Extension

Because of continued community interest in the extension of the Animas River Trail north from 32nd Street to the northern City limits, the City is sponsoring a series of public meetings. Updated information will be posted on the City website at [www.durangogov.org](http://www.durangogov.org) and can be accessed by clicking on Animas River Trail North Extension under "Items of Interest". For additional information, please contact Scott McClain, trail project manager at 970-375-7322, Kevin Hall, Natural Lands, Trails and Sustainability Director at 970-375-7315, or Cathy Metz, Parks and Recreation Director at 970-375-7329. Below is an overview of the meeting date, time and general discussion topics.

#### Jan. 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center

- Presentation and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the following topics:
- Summary of updated issues and concerns to date and the staff response.
- Overview of the analysis of the alternative routes.
- No decisions will be made at this meeting regarding the trail alignment.

#### Jan. 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center

- Public Open House beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a staff presentation at 5:30 p.m.
- Overview of issues and concerns and the staff response.
- Overview of the analysis of alternative routes for the extension of the Animas River Trail north of 32nd Street, including a staff recommendation.
- Public input encouraged.
- Recommended next steps will be discussed.

### Holiday Schedule Changes for the City of Durango

• City Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31 including offices at City Hall, River City Hall, Police Station and Substation, Transit Center, Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices, and Greenmount Cemetery.

• Transit's Evening Bus Service (Route 7 – Evening 6:35 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Monday - Friday) has been temporarily suspended and will resume on Jan. 10, 2011. On New Year's Eve, Durango Transit will run limited service. Two city-wide buses (Route 7) will run from 6:15 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The Trolley will run normal hours from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Mercy bus will operate its Saturday schedule. One opportunity bus will also be operating. Durango transit will offer three buzz buses on New Year's Eve, starting at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per ride. On New Year's Day, there will be no bus service. For more information call 970-259-5438.

• The Library will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 and January 1, 2011 for the New Year's holiday. Sunnyside and Fort The Recreation Center will be open 5:30 a.m. until noon on Friday, Dec. 31 with the Aquatics Area closing at 11:30 a.m.

• The Recreation Center will be open 5:30 a.m. until noon on Friday, Dec. 31 with the Aquatics Area closing at 11:30 a.m. The Recreation Center will be closed Saturday, Jan. 1.

• Chapman Ski Hill and Chapman Ice Rink will be closed Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. See [durangogov.org/chapman/index.cfm](http://durangogov.org/chapman/index.cfm) for ice rink schedules.

• The Mason Center will be closed for maintenance work from Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, 2011 with no classes or Open Gym. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3, 2011.

• Trash and recycling services for residential customers will occur on the normal schedule. However, commercial trash for Saturday, Jan. 1 will be picked up on the Friday before each holiday. There will be no recycling pick-up on Jan. 1.

• FREE Parking is available at the meters in the downtown area during the New Year holiday.

### Chapman Hill Ski Hill Opening Delayed

Due to warm weather conditions, Chapman Hill Ski Hill will not be opening this weekend. Staff will continue to monitor the area and open as soon as conditions allow. The City will also continue snowmaking operations as weather permits. At least a foot of snow is needed for the ski hill to open. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 970-375-7300 with any questions regarding the snowmaking operations at Chapman Hill.

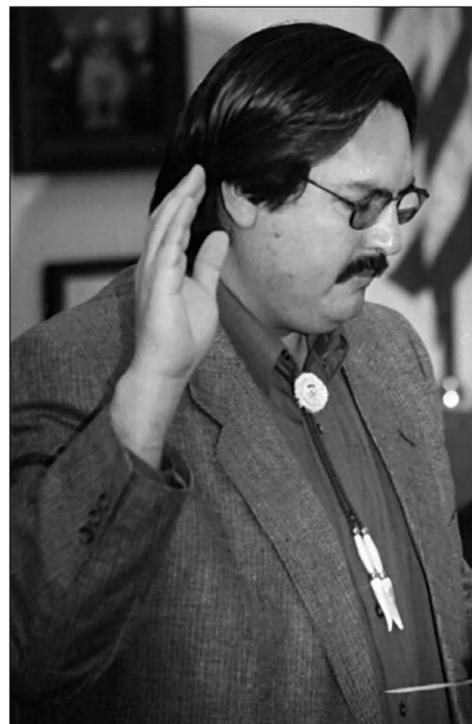
### Registration Open for Coed Volleyball and Men's Basketball

Registration is now open for Coed Volleyball and Men's Basketball with Durango Parks and Recreation. Teams may register or pick up manuals and the registration/roster forms at the Durango Community Recreation Center. Registration will close on Jan. 14, 2011. Games start the week of Jan. 30. On Jan. 6, organizational meetings will be offered for these winter adult sports leagues at the Community Recreation Center:

Men's Basketball meeting at 6:30 p.m., Co-Ed Volleyball meeting at 7:00 p.m., Teens 14 and older may participate in the adult leagues with parental permission. For more details, contact Chris Clements, Durango Parks and Recreation at [ClementsCS@ci.durango.co.us](mailto:ClementsCS@ci.durango.co.us) or call 970-375-7324.

### Plan to Ride the Buzz Bus on New Year's Eve

Durango Transit will offer Buzz Bus service again this New Year's Eve. Three Buzz Buses will provide service from 7:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person, exact change or punch passes will be accepted. For more information or to catch a ride on the Buzz Bus, please call 970-259-5438. Avoid the hassles of finding a parking place downtown and park in one of the convenient public parking lots downtown. Beginning at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve, parking is FREE through the weekend in the City lots at the Transit Center and along 2nd Avenue. Parking at the meters downtown will also be free through the weekend, however there is no on-street parking in the downtown area between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Vehicles parked on the streets downtown between these hours may be ticketed or towed at the owners' expense.



## 10 Years Ago

*Ho-Ho-Ho, Merry Christmas! Why it's Santa Claus making his appearance during the Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Program in the Ignacio High School Gym. The excited children surrounded Santa as he brought the Christmas Spirit to both young and old alike.*

*Clement J. Frost (above photo) and James M. Olguin (left photo) were both administered the oath of Office by Tribal Judge Elaine Newton. Mr. Frost received the most votes during the 2000 Southern Ute General Election with a total of 213 votes. Mr. Olguin received the second highest number of votes and won the three-year term. The other two candidates, Corliss Taylor and Howard Richards Sr. did not win re-election.*

*These photos first appeared in the Dec. 29, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.*

photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 & 30 Years Ago

*Photos from the corresponding 20 and 30 years ago, were not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 20 and 30 years ago photos in the January 14, 2011 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.*

## PowWow Trails 2010

### New Year's Celebration PowWow Dec. 31

Ignacio High School • Ignacio, CO

Contact: PowWow Committee

Phone: 970-563-0269 or Vanessa Carel 970-749-4319

or Neida Ray 970-903-2996

Web: [www.southern-ute.nsn.us](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us)

### Ft. Duchesne New Years Round Dance

January 7 – 8, 2011

Ballard Red Barn, UT

Contact: Angie Lucero

Phone: 478-787-9898

### NYA 15th Annual Presidential PowWow

January 15, 2011

Washington, DC

Contact: Nathan

Phone: 734-323-0762

Email: [NativeYouthAlliance@yahoo.com](mailto:NativeYouthAlliance@yahoo.com)

Web: [www.nativeyouthalliance.org](http://www.nativeyouthalliance.org)

### 34th Annual Southern Utah University

Feb. 11 – 12, 2011

351 West Center Street • Cedar City, UT

Contact: Tina Calamity

Phone: 435-586-7772

Email: [calamity@suu.edu](mailto:calamity@suu.edu)

Web: [www.suu.edu/orgs/nasa](http://www.suu.edu/orgs/nasa)



## Ute Language

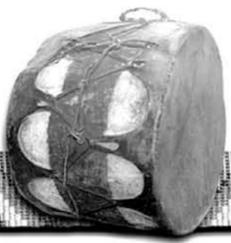
Nanapüchì - Old man

Mamasag'oichì - Old woman

Wiinuuchì - The old Utes

Nana - Become older

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



# The Kidney Corner: Erythropoietin: The "Wonder Drug"

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates

Anemia, a decrease in the red blood cell count, is a major problem for patients with advanced chronic kidney disease. The main cause of this anemia is a decrease in a hormone which is normally produced by the kidneys, called erythropoietin (EPO for short). This hormone stimulates the bone marrow to increase production of new red blood cells.

Before the late 1980's, patients with End Stage Kidney Disease suffered greatly from the effects of anemia. The decrease in red blood cells limits oxygen delivery to the body's tissues, resulting in fatigue, weakness and damage to heart muscle leading to heart failure. The anemia often had to be treated with blood transfusions and over time this led to total body iron overload, causing further problems with the heart, liver and joints. As a young doctor in training at that time, I remember well how much suffering this caused for my patients. However, in 1989, a synthetic form of EPO became available and this has revolutionized the care of patients with anemia due to chronic kidney disease. This drug, with the trade name "Eprex", "Procrit"



that some athletes have abused EPO to raise their hemoglobin level to try to enhance their performance. This practice is illegal and is grounds for suspension from athletic activities. It was suspected that this illegal use of EPO caused medical problems, for example strokes.

For many years we were unsure what level of hemoglobin to strive for in patients with chronic kidney disease. Clearly, we want to alleviate the symptoms and complications related to anemia, but how much EPO is too much? Fortunately during 2010 we got some answers from a series of trials which addressed this question. The results of these clinical studies were similar to each other: when the hemoglobin level was pushed too high, there was an increased risk of heart attacks and strokes. This realization has led to a decrease in the target level for hemoglobin in chronic kidney disease patients treated with EPO. For those interested in the numbers, the target level for hemoglobin is now usually from 10 to 12 g/dl. We attempt to keep the hemoglobin within these limits by checking the hemoglobin level every 1-2 weeks, making frequent adjustments in the EPO dose.

and a similar form of EPO called "Aranesp" are given by injection and stimulate production of red blood cells in the same manner that the natural hormone does. For patients on hemodialysis, the drug is usually given during the dialysis procedure, so no separate injection is needed. Patients on peritoneal dialysis, and the occasional patient who needs EPO but is not on dialysis, need to take a separate subcutaneous (under the skin) injection, typically about once per week.

Most patients on EPO do not have problems getting their red blood cell pigment (hemoglobin) up. The dose needs to be monitored, however, to prevent the hemoglobin level climbing too high. There have been reports

# Elders' Speak Conference: Meeting Community Needs

By Arlene A. Millich  
Our Sister's Keeper Coalition  
Board Member

Diane Millich, of Our Sister's Keeper Coalition (OSKC), Louanna Worrell and Lori Thompson of Healing Hearts, Cortez, met and brainstormed to define the needs of the people from the Ute Mountain/Cortez vicinity. They determined who: best could give good advice, are respected members of their respective communities, have lived through abuses and came up with - why not have the elders speak to us.

The 1st Annual Elders' Speak Conference held at the Montezuma Cortez Annex on December 17, 2010 was well attended by approximately 70 people. The majority of the attendees were Ute Mountain Utes. The focus of the conference was: "Elders Speak: How we survived alcohol/substance abuse and domestic violence and the information we want to share with you, as elders, is."

Mayor of Cortez, Dan Porter; and Southern Ute Councilwoman, Joycelyn Dutchie were on hand to welcome the participants. Missing were the Ute Mountain Ute council members, who agreed to assist, but were attending a very important meeting with President Obama in Washington, D.C. However, many Ute Mountain Ute tribal members stepped up to do the welcome, prayers and songs. A wonderful attribute of having the conference in the Cortez area is that many tribal members are available to pray, drum and give thanks to our Creator and so do Willingly. Those Natives participating in prayers and songs were: Boyd Lopez, Jerald Peabody, Danny Clark, Betty Howe, Karen Artichoker, Mr. Suma and Jeff, from Canada.

Two panels made up of Dine, Southern Utes, Ute Mountain Utes, Canadians and Non-Natives were present to share their life stories and how they survived substance abuse and domestic violence, in the hopes that their wisdom would reverberate and penetrate into minds and hearts of their family, children and friends.

The stories took different paths: from scars of the Vietnam War and the over abundance/availability of alcohol and drugs in the military; early alcoholism; early childhood

introduction to drugs; living life in drug-infested communities; living with abusive husbands, boyfriends; living with abusive foster families; and abuses in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools.

In spite of the abuses, which occurred in the elders' lives, the end result was healing, forgiveness and living a life without regrets. Living in the past can only result in selfinjury, self-defeat and vengeance. Most presenters talked about their relationship with their Creator and how this relationship turned their lives around: AA Big Book and religious organizations.

Research show domestic violence and substance abuse are co-occurring behaviors. Until both behaviors are addressed, the cycle of violence will continue for generations. There is a high correlation between drug/substances and domestic violence, especially in Native communities. The higher the incidence of alcohol/drug use, the higher rate of domestic violence, this concept was further explained by the keynote speaker Karen Artichoker. Karen, a Sioux Indian, is a former co-founder of Cangleska, Inc., a comprehensive domestic violence and substance abuse prevention and intervention program on the Pine Ridge reservation. Karen was the director of Sacred Circle, which was under the auspices of Cangleska. Sacred Circle is a national resource center dedicated to end violence against women, by providing technical assistance and consultation to Indian tribes and programs. Today, Karen is substance abuse counselor for the in-patient "meth" program on the Rosebud Sioux reservation.

Karen said, "In the past, tribal communities saw women as sacred beings and treated them accordingly - this stopped with colonization. The colonists brought the concept to the Americas that women were chattel, thus, owned by their fathers and husbands. These men could do with the women whatever they wanted. Women were treated as second class citizens, thus, an attitude which men held, resulted in: male privilege and dominance, rape, marriage rape, incest, shame, battering, elder abuse, loss of language, loss of rituals and spiritual confusion. The most insidious result was the dehumanization and demonization of Native Women. Today

Native women face the highest rates of domestic violence and sexual abuse (1 out of every 4 women will be sexual abused)."

Federal dollars are being given to Native communities to assist in developing programs for the eradication of violence against Native women. This continues to be an on-going problem and may take several generations to gain back the notion that Native women are sacred. A good start is to stop abusing alcohol/substances and start looking at your female counterparts through loving and compassionate eyes.

Diane Millich said, "While abuse is rampant on Native reservations, the abuse is also felt by males. Males are traumatized by domestic/sexual violence and have statistics similar to Native women (1 out of every 6 males will be sexual abused). It must be recognized that these abuses will continue to occur on Native reservations as long as we do not bring them to the forefront. Many Natives suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a psychological diagnosis associated with war victims. It will take strong people to delve into their psychic and reveal, for their families, the secrets they have kept hidden for generations. The future for Natives will brighten when we take responsibility for eradicating domestic offenders and sexual predators from our reservations or at the very least, bring them to justice."

The elders shared the following information: be good listeners; maintain harmony by focusing on the bio-psycho-social and emotional areas of your life; take responsibility and be accountable for what you do; smile and have humor in your lives, think positively; find outlets to help you overcome your tragedies, such as AA, Alanon, therapy, church; teach your children about substance abuse and domestic violence, especially if you were raised in that environment; help one another by reaching out; use alternative medicine or therapies for healing; use tribal healers and traditional methods for wellness; be grateful for what you have; ask for forgiveness and make amends; come to the realization that you don't have to live with violence; and lastly - create a relationship with your Creator and develop a strong sense of spiritualism.

Overall the conference was deemed a success and will continue to be an annual event.

# Medical Marijuana and Tribal Law

By Tim Heydinger  
Southern Ute Tribal Court

Marijuana is a drug that is regulated by the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Possessing marijuana is a violation of federal law. However, rarely are people prosecuted for possessing small amounts of marijuana.

Colorado has legalized the possession of marijuana for medicinal use. If a physician prescribes marijuana for a patient, the patient may then apply for a medical marijuana card. Once the person obtains the card, they can buy marijuana from a licensed dispensary. The person then will not be prosecuted by the state for possessing small amounts of, or using, marijuana.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has not legalized the possession of

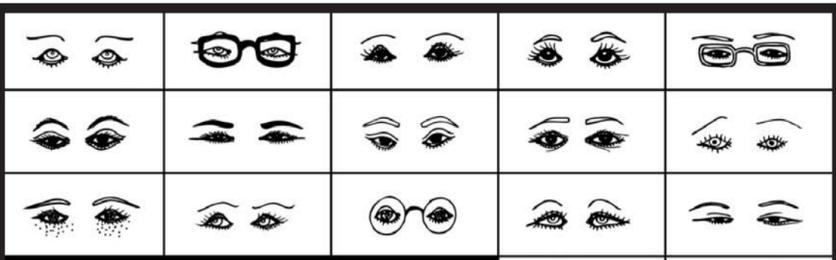
marijuana for any reason. Under tribal law, any Native American found on the Reservation with a drug regulated by the Federal Controlled Substances Act - such as marijuana - is subject to Tribal prosecution. The possession of a state-issued medical marijuana card is not a defense to the Tribal prosecution, just at the possession of a medical marijuana card would not be a defense to federal prosecution.

The inconsistency between Tribal and state law presents problems. Native Americans can be (and are being) prosecuted by the Tribe for possessing a doctor-prescribed medication (marijuana), whereas non-Native people are not. The problem is exacerbated within the Ignacio town limits where the Tribe and the state have concurrent criminal jurisdiction. Some people are being prosecut-

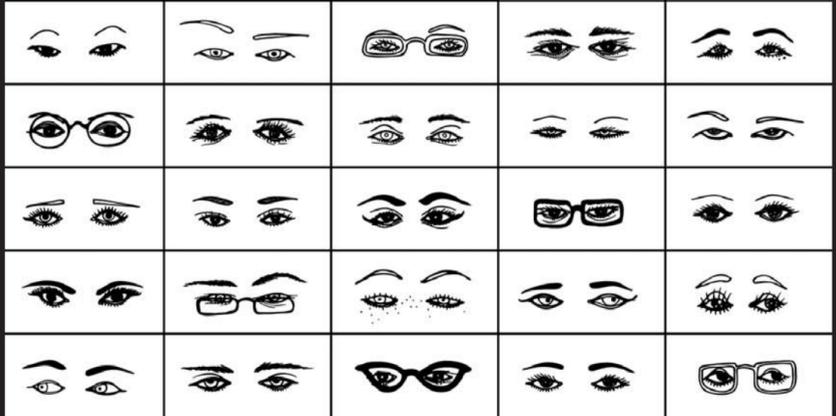
ed, and others are not, based solely on their ethnic origin (Native versus non-Native).

The inconsistency also presents problems for people currently on probation through the Tribal Court. It is a standard condition of probation that the probationer not use or possess illegal drugs. Does a person violate the conditions of their probation if they use / possess marijuana in conformity with state law off the reservation, even though the use / possession of marijuana is illegal if it happens on the reservation?

At some point the Tribe must address these issues. Until that happens, it is a crime to possess marijuana on the Reservation, and the possession of a valid state-issued medical marijuana card is not a defense to the Tribal prosecution.



## HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU HAVE CERVICAL CANCER?



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Cancer of the cervix can exist years before any physical symptoms show up. And when it's found early, 92% of women who have cervical cancer survive it. That's why women's cancer screenings are so important. You can't control what you find out, but you can control when you find out. If you're a Colorado resident between the ages of 40-64, have limited or no health insurance and meet income qualifications, you may qualify for our FREE cervical and breast cancer screenings. Call us today to find out. Because when you're in the know, you're in control.



## Youth Basketball

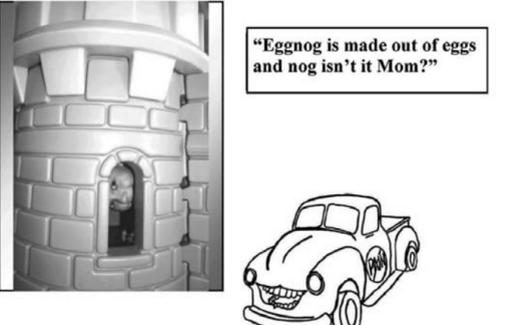
Registration is closed for youth basketball. Opening Ceremonies for 2011 youth basketball will be Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. Teams will be introduced in their uniforms, there will be contests and prizes, and the season opener games will start at 10 a.m. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions or concerns, please call the front desk at 970-563-0214.

## SunUte New Year's Eve Hours

New Years Eve  
Friday, Dec. 31  
10 am - 2 pm

New Years Day  
Saturday, Jan. 1  
10 am - 2 pm

SunUte will resume normal hours on Sunday, Jan. 2



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# SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 23rd @ 1:30pm

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE YOUTH OF THE YEAR BRUNCH CEREMONY

Anticipate further details on how you can continue to support our Boys & Girls Club and award our 2010 Youth of the Year recipient for their service & character.



**BE GREAT**



## “On the Shoulders of Giants”



photo courtesy Dayna M. Talamante-Montoya/Ignacio High School

On Friday, Dec. 17, a small award honoring assembly was held in recognition of Tracy Bean, an Ignacio High School sophomore, for her outstanding writing in an essay contest sponsored by Alpine Achievement Awards. Tracy was a one of three finalists, competing against 30 schools of three states. Her essay, titled “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”, was of an achievement in Tracy's life during the 7th grade, being one of three handmates who performed during the Ignacio High School's “Winter Concert”, and the support she received from her parents, her little brother and sister and the rest of her family. Tracy would like to thank the Ignacio High School and her family in winning this award.

Pictured left to right are Tracy's grandparents, Danny and Lucille Bean, Father Jeremy Bean, Mother Annette Archuleta and grandmother Ledisa Archuleta.

## Ignacio Community Library News and Updates

### News:

• Library will be closed Saturday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 17, 2011.

• **Knitting News:** ICL Yarn Spinners, Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm. All knitters are welcome.

### Calendar:

• **Meet the Artist Reception:** The Ignacio Community Library would like to invite the community to the Meet the Artist Reception on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m. This will be held in the Library's Community Room. Enjoy an evening with our local artists; this reception celebrates the artists from the Fall 2010 and Winter 2011 exhibits. Come meet the artists and see art demonstrations. Refreshments will be served.

• **Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center Presentation:** Thursday, Jan. 13 from 2 to 3:15 pm.

• **Writers Workshop:** Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is an opportunity for writers to write and will focus on exploring different genres including: poetry, short story, writing for children, expository and journal writing. Paper and pencils will be provided but feel free to bring your own supplies (or notebook computer). Call to sign up.

• **Story Time:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Little patrons come and enjoy a holiday story and make a craft.

• **Hat Making Class:** Saturday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Make a winter hat using a circular loom. Materials for this class will be provided. Call to sign up for this free class.

• **Gurlz Night Out:** Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ladies bring a friend and come watch Eat Pray Love and enjoy some delicious pasta dishes.

• **Radon Workshop:** Wednesday, Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free Radon test kits will be available. This workshop will help you understand what radon is, it's impact, how to test your home for radon and what you can do if high radon levels are found. Call to sign up for this free workshop. Sponsored by San Juan Basin Health Department and Colorado State University Extension- La Plata County.

### Tween and Teen Activities:

Activities for teens 13 years old and up will be on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Activities for tweens 9 to 12 years old will be on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

### Teen Activities:

• Jan. 3, Guitar Hero: Play the awesome rhythm game and strum and wail on the guitar.  
• Jan. 10, Movie Day: “The Italian Job”  
• Jan. 24, Pizza Party: Teens bring your friends and make a pizza.

• Jan. 31, Sketch Theater

### Tween Activities:

• Jan. 6, Movie Day: “How to Train Your Dragon”  
• Jan. 13, Tween Wii Games  
• Jan. 20, Tween Board Games  
• Jan. 27, Pizza Party: Tweens bring a friend and make an awesome after school snack.

## Holiday Card Reuse Program

Ignacio Elementary School would like to have your Christmas cards this year for some special projects. Please place used cards into the boxes provided. Thanks!

Please call 563-0135 for more info

## 2011 Southern Colorado Cow Elk Hunt Raffle

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Health & Wellness Powwow Committee

**Prize: (1) One Cow Elk Tag**

Actual hunt will be January 8 -16, 2011 (Sandoval)

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On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation  
Ignacio, Colorado

TWO Drawings: Friday December 31, 2010 at the annual  
“Health & Wellness Powwow”

Held at the Ignacio High School Gym in Ignacio, Colorado

\*Need not be present to win \*Winner will be contacted by phone on 01/04/2011

**TICKETS: \$5 a piece**

Available at:

Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy  
Ignacio, Colorado

For more information: Robert (Dude) Perry 970-563-0100 ext. 3264



Tag's Courtesy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe &  
Southern Ute Wildlife Division  
Contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130  
with any questions regarding the hunt

# TRIBAL ACTIVITY NIGHTS!

Every Sunday Night in January at the  
Sky Ute Casino Resort  
In the John S. Williams Room.  
12:00pm-3:30pm

JAN 2	UTE MOVIES & NECKLACE MAKING
JAN 9	SWEATSHIRT MAKING
JAN 16	FINISHING UP SEWING
JAN 23	UTE BINGO AND CARD GAME
JAN 30	HAND GAMES
FEB 6	VALENTINE CARD MAKING
FEB 13	PAINTING
FEB 20	FINISH PROJECTS
FEB 27	UTE BINGO AND CARD PLAYING

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12-3:30pm.

All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.

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# A Southern Ute Tribal Christmas



The annual Southern Ute Christmas Dinner and Christmas Program was held on Saturday, Dec. 18 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center.

Pictured clockwise from top: Syria Collins sits for a photo with Santa. Daniel Shorty plays guitar as the Nuuciu Bible Baptist Choir sings during the Annual Christmas Dinner program. Jawadin Corona steps up to the mic during the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Christmas program. Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo and Little Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia introduce themselves. Academy students Avionnee Gomez, RJ Sanchez, and Dustin Sanchez role-play as part of a skit. Hunter Frost plays the flute as a solo act in this year's program. Southern Ute tribal elder Bennett Thompson greets friends and family during the Christmas dinner. The traditional Christmas dinner was served buffet style, as Tribal elders Cynthia Buckskin, Georia McKinley and Bryan Rock Jr. and family members helps themselves to a plate.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM





## Now Boarding, for the North Pole!



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM



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As the snow began to fall, the "Polar Express" prepares to pull out of the Durango Narrow Gauge railroad train station. The event was organized by Barbara Bustillos Cogswell in conjunction with the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for employees and their families of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The employees boarded the 5:15 train bound for the North Pole on Tuesday, Dec. 21. The train ride emulated the movie of the same name, golden tickets were punched, hot cocoa and treats were handed out, and a special passenger boarded at the North Pole – Santa handed out the first gift of Christmas to all the children – bells!

### The Polar Express Bound for the North Pole • from page 1



photo courtesy Barbara Bustillos Cogswell/Sky Ute Casino Resort

smiles and hearing the laughter of your children and friends.

The DSNGR plays a key role in our "Casino/Train group" packages increasing our 2010 motor coach groups who love riding the vintage trains in, Colorado. Most important our surveys reported bus tour groups love their evenings gaming at the Sky Ute Casino Resort! Ultimately, guests appreciate the luxurious rooms (4) restaurants availability and customer service. Bus drivers appreciate the easy access off Hwy-142 and no traffic congestion maneuvering large motor coaches finding free parking at the Casino!

It's nice to share good business collaboration with employees so maybe we'll see you next year, for the unofficial 3rd Annual Polar Express. Anyone interested in the Pumpkin Patch Train?



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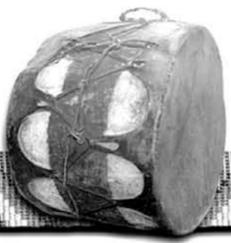
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## Education Encourages Crafts



The holiday spirit was alive for those participants in the Southern Ute Education Department's Christmas crafts workshop. Coordinated by Evalyn Russell, who collected a menagerie of seasonal themed craft material, and worked with students to guide ideas and design. Pictured here is young Hunter Frost putting the final touches on a Christmas wreath, adorned with real pinecones and artificial mistletoe. Hunter said that he would make the project a gift for his mother once it was complete. The crafts workshop took place at the education Building on the morning of Monday, Dec. 20.

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# Cats Roaring Past Loop's Challengers

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

To the host Trojans, the injury was the cruelest "twist" of fate conceivable.

And when guard Chris Cramp wrenched his ankle landing on the heel of his defender after hovering for an unsuccessful shot late in the first quarter, the buzz inside the House of Troy went to the bench with him. Returned briefly in the second quarter when Cramp did for one hobbled attempt, but when a bag of ice was taped over the senior's foot in the third for good, was just as irreparable.

Leading just 11-5 when Ouray posts Jeffrey Rummel and Kaleb Sackman helped their teammate off with 1:46 left in the opening quarter, the Ignacio Bobcats could have enjoyed a feeding frenzy there on December 18. And it appeared they might when starters Pedro Vigil, Ryan Brooks, Jay Black, and Shane Richmond each knocked down a second-quarter three en route to a 32-13 halftime lead.

But thinking long-term, head coach Chris Valdez began utilizing his reserves early to get them extended minutes, and sat his starters for virtually all of the fourth quarter as IHS, leading 50-17 through three, coasted into Christmas break, 64-40. Having defeated Ridgway the night before, 68-49 at RHS, Ignacio improved to 3-0 in the San Juan Basin League (5-1 overall). But, more importantly, downed two of the circuit's top three apparent contenders (Mancos the other possibility) for their crown.

Richmond made the Demons, who actually led 13-12 after one frame, pay in the paint with 19 points, and Brooks added 12 (as he did against OHS). Vigil dropped 15 on Ridgway and a conservative nine on Ouray, including a signature game-opening three-pointer (one of his three, of the team's ten). Richmond struck for 12 at OHS, and Black averaged six in the wins.

Paul Tahlo's emergence as the Bobcats' sixth-, seventh-, OR eighth-man continued, and he in fact led IHS with 14 points against Ouray—nine in the fourth quarter—and chipped in four against RHS. But it was freshman Clayton Jefferson who may have stuck the sharpest dagger of all, and ultimately showed

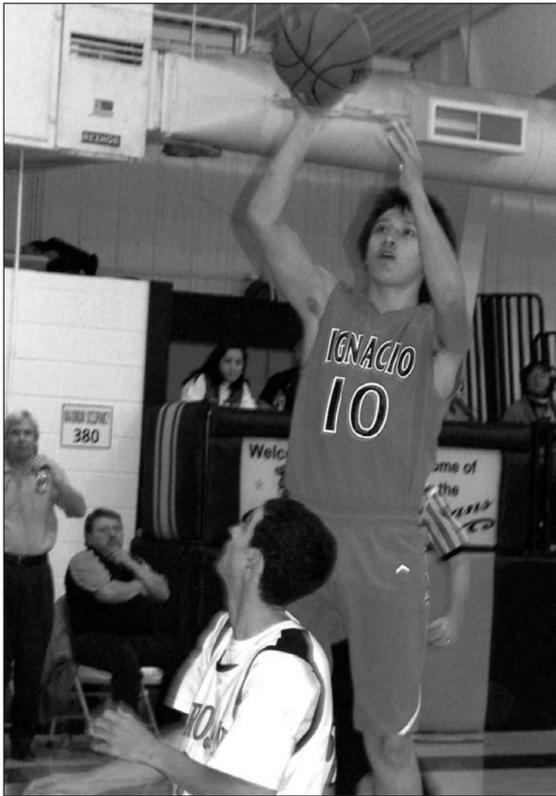


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To the chagrin of Ouray head coach Jim Blennis (far left), Ignacio's Jay Black (10) gets Trojan Chris Cramp off-balance for a clean look at the basket during the Bobcats' road win on Dec. 18, their final game of the 2010 calendar year. Black scored seven points in the victory.

just how deep the Ignacio roster may really be.

Steven Duce (11 points) had sank a badly-needed trey for OHS in the fourth quarter, taking some of the pressure off Eli Holmes in Cramp's absence. And Holmes was enjoying what would be a 12-point quarter (his total of 16 led the Trojans). But with their home crowd attempting their own comeback, Jefferson buried a triple from the left corner, over a defender like it was no big deal, and that was that.

Meanwhile, ten-or-so miles to the north, Ridgway rebounded to beat Mancos, who'd barely squeaked by Ouray the night before, 59-56, leaving the county rivals with matching 3-3 records.

RHS, who got 16 points from Josh Crozier against the 'Cats, improved to 2-1 in the SJBL, but OHS dipped to 0-2. Their victories over RHS and Norwood at the season-opening SJBL Shoot-Out count only towards their overall standing.

Ignacio returns to action in

2011 at the Jan. 6-8 "Rumble in 'The Jungle,'" hosted by Aztec, N.M. They then hit the road for a test at 3A Pagosa Springs (currently 5-0) on Jan. 11, and resume SJBL play on the 14th at home against Norwood and on the 15th at Nucla. Respectively, the Mavericks are currently 3-4 overall (2-1 SJBL), while the Mustangs are 0-5 (0-1).

**BIZARRE STATS:** Ouray hoisted 32 free-throw attempts against Ignacio, hitting 23 (14 in the fourth quarter alone). Ignacio attempted just six, making four ...

Former Bobcat Trae Seibel had the league's top one-game output last season with 46 points in the record-setting home win over Nucla; two players have already made credible efforts to approach it this campaign, and both caught fire in Ridgway's gym. MHS' Emilio Marquez was reported to have scored 36 in the Blue Jays' 71-60 Dec. 18 loss, and Cramp poured in 39, the current best, right out of the gate in Ouray's 69-55 win at the Shoot-Out.

# Lady Cats Slam Shorthanded Ouray

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

On December 18 the Ignacio girls' basketball team received an early Christmas present—one they desperately needed, and which couldn't have been gift-wrapped any finer.

Ouray senior Sara Martinez's left ankle was shrouded in a protective boot, relegating her to managerial duties alongside head coach Bernie Pearce. And top threat Geordyn MacDougall was benched for precautionary reasons, NCAA D-III colleges Whittier and Occidental have shown interest in the senior, after over-working an injured knee tendon in the previous night's loss to Mancos.

Another Lady Trojan was academically ineligible, leaving Pearce with just six against Brice Searles' 13 available Lady Bobcats inside the House of Troy. Fate wouldn't be any kinder; Pearce's complement shrank to five when junior Lizzy Ficco required medical attention and did not return, and lost another when freshman April Michaels fouled out with 0:14 left in the third quarter.

IHS' Angela Herrera sank two free throws as a consequence, and Katelyn Silvers ended the quarter with a breakaway layup for a 58-10 cushion. The San Juan Basin League game's initial drama had dissolved almost instantly as Ignacio stormed out to an 18-0 first-quarter lead before OHS' Taylor Schoenebaum (nine points) hit a charity chuck with 1:57 left. The Lady 'Cats led 18-4 after eight minutes, 37-8 through sixteen, helped by senior Rose Mirabal's personal 6-0 run

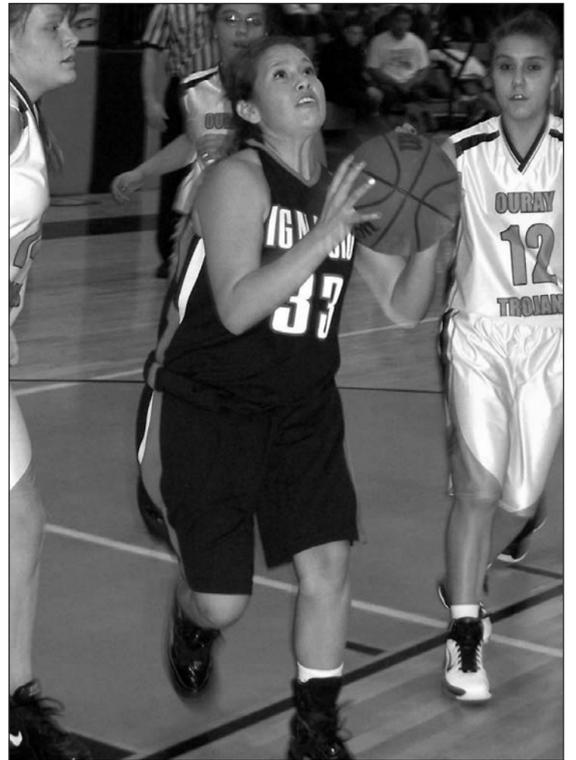


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Splitting Ouray's Rachael Pankow (left) and Taylor Schoenebaum (right), Ignacio's Angela Herrera (33) drives for two points during IHS' 69-19 road win on December 18. The Lady Bobcats had lost at Ridgway the previous night, 52-40, but bounced back with 12 of their 13 players scoring, Herrera booked 10 as a reserve, against the short-handed Lady Trojans.

beginning the second quarter.

Allowing just one first-half basket and pressuring their way defensively to more than 30 total steals, there was little doubt Ignacio would bounce back from a 52-40 loss at Ridgway the night before.

But when junior Nicole Edder (seven points) fouled out with 4:10 left in the game, Ignacio's fans, many standing, gave proper applause to their hosts when the three remaining Lady Trojans broke their huddle and returned to finish what only Schoenebaum and frosh Rachael Pankow had actually started.

And the crowd's volume quickly amplified to its loudest when junior Sarah Stovicek cashed a three-pointer on OHS' first possession attacking two down, the event's definite highlight. Searles had asked to pull one or more of his players, but likely knew he'd be denied by the officials (he was) and allowed his second-stringers to simply sling the ball around the perimeter and drain the clock.

Mirabal led all players with 12 points, and Herrera totaled ten off the bench. Regulars Pam Cotton and Michelle Simmons each added nine points, and reserve Gabriela Garcia chipped in six. Silvers, Mariah Vigil, Rylie Jefferson, and Santana Rodriguez each scored four. Bonnie Lucero and Valerie Armstrong netted three points apiece, and Cloe Seibel booked a FT as the final margin reached 50, 69-19.

Now 1-3 overall (1-2 SJBL), IHS will resume play in 2011 at the Webb Toyota/Basin Girls' Invitational, hosted by Kirtland [N.M.] Central H.S. on January 6-8. Ouray (0-5, 0-2) will resume with consecutive league games on Jan. 7 and 8—at Telluride and at Dolores, respectively.



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Ignacio's Gabriela Garcia (20) battles Ouray's Nicole Edder (32) for a rebound during the Lady Bobcats' 69-19 win in the House of Troy on December 18. The win was the first overall this season for IHS, as well as their first SJBL victory.

# Seven Snag Wins at 'The Warrior'

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

For senior Casey Haga, it was his first, his last, his only appearance at the revered event.

Experience Warrior wrath he did, but place at The Warrior ... he did that too.

Wrestling six opponents in the two days spent in Grand Junction, Ignacio's 145-pounder overcame a tough, but quality, loss, his first of the season, to take fourth place. And for head coach Bob Overturf, there were many more positives to take home from the Dec. 17-18 trip.

Wrestling with nearly a full team, IHS filled all weights except 103, 112, 125, and heavy-weight. And of the ten Bobcats who traveled, seven came home with at least one Warrior Classic win in helping Ignacio finish 24th (44 points) of 34 competing teams. Some familiar crews trailed IHS when all was said and done too, including Farmington, N.M., Montezuma-Cortez, Monte Vista, and Kirtland (N.M.) Central.

Not too bad at all. In addition Haga, ranked #2 in Class 2A going in, was joined on the tell-all Day 2 by three 'mates: top-ranked 119-pounder

Alex Pena, 189-pounder Colton Wyatt, and 171-pounder Derrick Naranjo.

Even better. Each went 2-0 on Day 1, except Wyatt who went 2-1, setting themselves up for a chance to place with IHS already sitting 24th with their first 28 points. But Wyatt lost a two-point decision, and Naranjo was pinned by Jay Seefeld of Rocky Mountain [Fort Collins], Class 5A's #3, 0:42 into the second period.

Pena fell, a first for him also this season, to Fountain-Fort Carson's Jacob Mondragon (5A's #4 at 119) 3-2, but then regrouped to beat Delta's Shane Anderson. However his first Classic ended with a loss to Grand Junction Central's Cameron Deverick, a senior move-in from Coalinga HS in California. Deverick went on to take fifth, winning an 11-3 major verdict over M-CHS' Ryan Daves.

Haga's hunt for a medal or more resumed with a 10-2 major decision over Delta's Nathan Trujillo (#4 in 4A), but stalled against Green River's Brady Turnbull. Top-ranked in Wyoming after winning its Class 4A 140-pound state championship last season, Turnbull

turned up the pressure with a 7-2 win.

Like Pena, Haga recovered and beat Central's Lester Miranda, before losing 3-0 in the third-place match to Mason Marick of Roosevelt [Johnstown], 4A's #3. Trujillo took fifth after beating Miranda 17-7.

Teagan Overturf (152 pounds), Kevin Park (135) and Jeff Herrera (130), in his first action this season, each went 1-2 on the first day, while Christian Knoll (215), Justin Melrose (160) and Thomas McPherson (140) each went 0-2.

Something to build on indeed, the Bobcats will take the lessons learned and work to apply them towards their next action, Pagosa Springs' annual Rocky Mountain Invitational on January 8, 2011.

Roosevelt won a record fifth straight Classic, 200.5 to 161.5 over Olathe. The Roughriders have averaged 186.8 points during their run, which topped Moffat County's stretch of four (1999-2002; average 196.5, record 246.5 in '01). Fruita Monument (1980-81) is the only other team to win at least two straight.

(Full wrestling tournament results are listed to the right)



## Men's 35 & Older Basketball League

Games start Jan. 24, 2011 • Deadline to sign up is Jan. 20, 2011

Games will be played on Monday nights from 7 pm - 9 pm

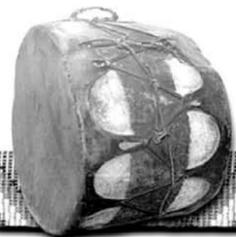
To sign up or for more information contact Damon WhiteThunder at 970563-0214 ext. 2652



## "The Warrior" Wrestling Tournament Team Results

1. Roosevelt (Johnstown)	200.5	18. Air Academy (Colo. Springs)	72.5
2. Olathe	161.5	19. Eagle Valley (Gypsum)	63.5
3. Thunderbird (Phoenix, AZ)	150	20. Douglas County (Castle Rock)	55
4. Grand Junction Central	127.5	21. Pueblo Centennial; Rifle;	
5. Montrose	126.5	Pueblo East*	49
6. Pueblo South	123	24. IGNACIO	44
7. Delta	116.5	25. Fruita Monument	42
8. Grand Junction	110.5	26. Moffat County (Craig)	41
9. Palisade	106.5	27. Rangely; Farmington (NM)*	39
10. Green River (WY)	105	29. Grand Valley (Parachute)	36
11. Fountain-Fort Carson	100.5	30. Monte Vista	32.5
12. Rocky Mountain (Fort Collins)	99.5	31. Kirtland (NM) Central	26
13. Arvada West; Paonia*	93	32. Montezuma-Cortez; Centaurus	
14. Denver East	89.5	(Lafayette)*	19
16. Durango	82	34. Cedaredge	13
17. Hotchkiss	78		

\* tie in points between two or more teams



## Serving the Community



Miss Southern Ute, Kelsi Lu'Beth Monroe, was asked to attend and help serve the Christmas dinner, which she gladly did, at the Christmas PowWow in Towaoc on Dec. 18. Kelsi and her mother, Thella Beth Howell also competed in the Potato Dance and won a small BBQ grill.

photo courtesy Kayleen Monroe

## Express Your Opinions

### Thanks for Happiness

Dear Southern Ute Drum,  
On Saturday, December 18th I settled down with my two young sons for the first game of Old Maid of my life. It was a wonderful evening. Now I feel com-

pelled to write a letter of gratitude to the persons responsible for bringing the Southern Ute royalty and Santa Claus to the Sky Ute Event Center on that night. I would also like to thank any responsible party for the

funding of such a very nice gift. Thank you for bringing more happiness into my home.

Very truly yours,  
Craig Boss

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A Sun Dance Meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. in the new Southern Ute Multi-purpose building located at Ute Park.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Tyson Thompson

Job Title: Construction Services Division Head  
Hobbies: Shooting guns, shooting varmints and shooting pool.  
Family: I do have an extended family.  
Tribe: Southern Ute

### To Carol WhiteSkunk

Beauty of a Spirit  
As I walk into the cafeteria  
My Eyes instantly Blink  
To a Beautiful Smile  
This Sensation flashes through me  
And her face quite like mine  
Our Spirits inner connected with  
New found Experiences  
And only say the least of  
our loneliness.....  
As time passes we become as one  
Each ones spirit to Make us Whole  
Our hearts withheld with Love  
And Compassion  
Our Minds filled with Precious Memories  
So As I sit in face of wonder  
I know your spirit is here beside me  
forever we will always be  
The only who is complete

Forever connected with you - A. White Eyes

## "Saa-swani hiswaqs" Memorial New Years Sobriety Walk



Sponsored by  
Fathers' Voices  
In support of  
the Buckskin Family



January 1, 2011

Meet at 7:30 am at CO/NM Stateline  
on HWY 172 (south of Ignacio)  
Start walking at 8:00 am, end at Ouray Cemetery  
Meal provided after the walk.

The walk is in memoriam of Saa-swani hiswaqs (Robert Buckskin) and those that we have lost in the past year(s). We walk to begin the New Year in a good way, to bring awareness of the negative effects of alcohol/drug abuse in our families and our communities.

We will gather at the Colorado and New Mexico Stateline on HWY 172 (8 miles south of Ignacio) at 7:30 am and begin walking at 8:00 am. The walk is approximately 10 miles. There will be a transport vehicle.  
DRESS WARM, IN LAYERS AND WEAR GOOD SHOES.

Pass the word to your friends and families, everyone is welcome!  
For further information please call  
Robert Ortiz at 970-903-0346.

start something




*To our Wonderful Friends and Supporters!*

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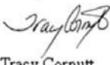
It is also a time to say thank you for believing in the power of one! You believe that a mentor truly can make a difference in a child's life. You have shown your support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Colorado, and now children like Ashley, Tyler, and Camille are smiling, laughing, and learning with their new mentors. At the beginning of the year, Ashley was struggling just to put letters together to make words. Just last week she sat down for the first time and wrote an entire paragraph on her own.

Tyler got his wish when he was matched with David, and now he has someone to teach him woodworking. Together they have made a foot stool for Tyler's grandma and a dog house for David's dog. Tyler's mom has noticed a huge boost in his self-confidence since being matched with David. And Camille, who was struggling in school and completely failing in spelling, now, just weeks after being matched with Anne Marie, has started to do better in her classes. She has even started to get 100% on her spelling tests! Way to go Camille!

These are just a few of the many examples of the power that one person can have in a child's life when they decide to Start Something.

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Your generosity makes it possible for our Big Brothers and Big Sisters to change the lives of the children in our community who need it most! So whether you donate time or money, you are choosing to Start Something for a child like Ashley, Tyler or Camille. We hope you will continue to support our work and may you be blessed with a warm and wonderful holiday season.

With gratitude,  
  
Tracy Cornutt  
Executive Director

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Thank You!

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### THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

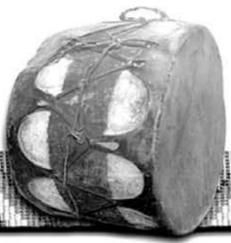
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Administrative Law Judge

### COMBINED NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Notice is given that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 372, et seq., as implemented by 43 C.F.R. part 30, hearings will be held, testimony will be taken and evidence received for the purposes of administering the following estates:

Place: BIA Southern Ute Agency, 383 Ute Road, Building 1, BIA Conference Room, Ignacio, CO 81137  
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011

Case Number	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Will Date if Applicable	Time of Hearing
P000078882IP	ANN WILLIAM BETTINI	07/19/2009	01/24/2005	08:30 AM
P000075535IP	EVERETT 'WHITE MORNING STAR' BURCH	11/11/2008	NONE	09:00 AM
P000073160IP	ANTHONY CLOUD BURCH	10/31/2008	09/05/2008	09:30 AM
P000076329IP	FREDELLA ALCINA SILVA	03/03/2009	NONE	10:00 AM
P000040269IP	IDA KENT	05/04/2006	04/18/2003	10:30 AM
P000078883IP	ANTHONY PINNECOOSE TOBIAS SR	07/20/2009	NONE	11:00 AM
P000083203IP	DARVIN JEROME ROCK	01/13/2010	NONE	11:30 AM
P000076328IP	VERA MAE SAGE	01/27/2009	NONE	01:00 PM
P000076327IP	LEVI DEE BAKER	09/18/2008	NONE	01:30 PM
P000040263IP	WILLIAM SALAZAR THOMPSON	04/21/2006	01/05/1999	02:00 PM
P000075738IP	KATHERINE ROSE THOMPSON	03/12/2009	NONE	02:30 PM
P000069551IP	JOHN CHAD WILLIAMS	05/16/2008	NONE	03:00 PM
P000072846IP	DAVID BENT BOX	10/26/2008	06/18/2003	03:30 PM
P000076441IP	ELDRED ALVIN VIGIL JR	11/01/2008	NONE	04:00 PM

All persons having an interest in an estate, including creditors, are notified to be present in person or by attorney and furnish evidence as they may desire. **Failure to appear may result in loss of rights by default.**

If necessary, one or more Hearings may be continued to another time and place.

The names and addresses of all known presumptive heirs, devisees, will witnesses, claimants and other interested parties may be found on the reverse side of each individual Notice of Hearing or from the Agency.

**Michael Stancampiano**  
INDIAN PROBATE JUDGE

## SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM



### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS FOCUS GROUP INVITATION

You have been invited to participate in a very important process in order to provide excellent Cultural Services at the new museum. Your opinions on a variety of issues will provide valuable information to develop various programs.

This process will support the on-going plans and steps to meet the needs of the membership, public and visitors.

**When: January 6, 2011**  
**Where: Buckskin Charley Room (LCB Building)**  
**Located on the second floor**  
**6:00 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.**

~Refreshments will be served~

### TRIBAL MEMBERS, WE NEED YOU!

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum plans to open May 2011. The History and Legacy of the Ute People will be told.

SUCCM is offering to enroll Southern Ute Tribal Members the opportunity to apply for the Tribal Member Consultant Program.

The TMCP are looking for creative, imaginative, and enthusiastic Tribal Members. The Tribal Consultants (TCs) will share their Ute culture knowledge, traditions or heritage experiences as cultural ambassadors who represent the Tribe for everyone from young children to visitors from around the world! All qualified and selected TCs will earn an hourly wage.

**Tribal Consultants will widely learn to:**

- Guide visitors through the new museum and grounds
- Present or participate in workshops, trainings and perform hands-on demonstrations
- Assist with special events and much, much more

**The Tribal Consultant Program requires you to:**

- Attend and learn at orientation, of new skills, information and training classes
- Honor time commitments for all scheduled individual assignments and become a team player for appreciative events and work schedules
- Be flexible to learn more and more

If you are interested or have questions regarding the Tribal Consultant Program, please come to the SUCCM/contact Lisa R. Burch, Tribal Consultant & Volunteer Coordinator or call 970-563-9583.

Come and Join the Circle...



### Christmas Light Contest Winners!

Hosted by the Southern Ute Police Department

Thank you all, for participating in this year's 2010 Christmas Light Contest

This Years' winners are:

1. Sandra Maez
2. Delbert Kennedy
3. Garnet Olguin



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Southern Ute Tribe's Wildlife Division is seeking bids for water well drilling services at the Lake Capote Recreation Area. Prospective contractors should call the Division for more information and to set up an on-site visit to the project area. Bids should reflect costs for mobilization, all materials, transport of materials and labor to construct the well and establish output capabilities of the well. The Division will accept bids until 5 pm on Jan. 4, 2011. Any bids received after this time will be returned unopened to sender. Please call Josh Batchelor at 970-563-0130 for more information. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Code has established a preference for Indian owned businesses. To receive preference, native owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Division, prior to the closing date. For certification information contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

### 2011 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINES

Classifieds, Jobs, Display Ads	Stories/Articles, Press Releases, Letters, Birthday/Holiday Wishes, Greetings	Distribution & Mailout
Jan 7	Jan 10 (closed Mon. 1/17, Martin Luther King Day)	Jan 14
Jan 21	Jan 24	Jan 28
Feb 4	Feb 7 (Valentine's Day, 2/14)	Feb 11
Feb 18	Feb 18 (closed Mon. 2/21, Presidents Day)	Feb 25
Mar 4	Mar 7	Mar 11
Mar 18	Mar 21	Mar 25
Apr 1	Apr 4	Apr 8
Apr 15	Apr 18	Apr 22
Apr 29	May 2 (Mother's Day, 5/8)	May 6
May 13	May 16	May 20
May 27	May 27 (closed Mon. 5/30, Memorial Day)	Jun 3
Jun 10	Jun 13 (Father's Day, 6/19)	Jun 17
Jun 24	Jun 27	Jul 1
Jul 1	Jul 5 (closed Mon. 7/4, Independence Day)	Jul 12*
Jul 22	Jul 25	Jul 29
Aug 5	Aug 8	Aug 12
Aug 19	Aug 22	Aug 26
Sep 2	Sep 2 (closed Mon. 9/5, Labor Day) (Grandparents' Day, 9/12)	Sep 9
Sep 16	Sep 19	Sep 23
Sep 30	Oct 3 (Cultural Diversity Day, 10/10)	Oct 7
Oct 14	Oct 17	Oct 21
Oct 28	Oct 31	Nov 4
Nov 10	Nov 14 (closed Fri. 11/11, Veterans Day)	Nov 18
Nov 23	Nov 28 (closed Thu. 11/24, Fri. 11/25, Thanksgiving)	Dec 2
Dec 8	Dec 12 (closed Fri. 12/9, Leonard C. Burch Day)	Dec 16
Dec 23	Dec 23 (closed Mon. 12/26, Christmas)	Dec 30

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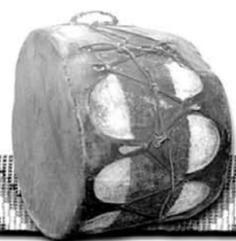
#### Soups & Salads:

Posole  
Peel and Eat Shrimp  
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Ambrosia Salad  
Pasta Pesto Salad

#### Desserts:

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**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.*

**Construction Coordinator**

Closing date 1/3/11 – Red Cedar Gathering Co. Provide construction management support and coordination of activities for the construction of pipeline systems, compression facilities, and treating/dehydrator facilities.

**Process Engineer – Tulsa, OK**

Closing date 1/3/11 – Frontier Field Services Provides pipeline and process engineering, technical interpretations and construction supervision.

**GIS Analyst II**

Closing date 1/4/11 – GF Information Technology Provides technical and development support on spatial technology projects for staff and SUGF business unit customers, to include duties within six areas of responsibility: GIS database creation and maintenance, project coordination, application development, client services, geo-spatial product production and GPS technology coordination.

**Manager Central Land Administration**

Closing date 1/5/11 – Red Willow Production Overseeing the preparation, distribution and documentation of all land department records.

**Application Development Manager**

Closing date 1/14/11 – GF Shared Services Leading the internal application development of

PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM), Kronos and other applications.

**PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer**

Closing date 1/14/11 – GF Shared Services Development and production support of PeopleSoft FSCM applications, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer**

Closing date 1/14/11 – GF Shared Services Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**Project Manager**

Closing date 1/14/11 – GF Shared Services Leading the internal Shared Services Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM) and Human Capital Management (HCM) projects; and, creating and executing project work plans.

**VP Investment/Finance of Alternative Energy**

Closing date 1/14/11 – Alternative Energy To conduct investment research, evaluate investment opportunities, conduct due diligence and actively monitor existing investments.

**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 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

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

**Advanced Practice Nurse**

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**Patrol Officer Trainee**

Open Until Filled – Trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement

with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course.

**Dentist (2 part time positions)**

Closing date 1/03/11 – Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

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**Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements**

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419

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**Administration Director**

Open until filled – Administration Director for a local radio station, responsible for the timely completion of all administrative functions and support of the strategic vision. Provides direct business management, budgeting and financial oversight support to the management team and the Board of Directors. A Bachelors Degree is required along with a minimum of 5 years experience in office management, accounting, budget preparation/management, program/project management and grant management. Good people, organizational, leadership and communication skills are a necessity. Previous non-profit management and grant writing experience a must. Must be self-motivated and a team player.

**Underwriting Sales Representative**

Open until filled – Administration Director for a local radio station, responsible for the timely completion of all administrative functions and support of the strategic vision. Provides direct business management, budgeting and financial oversight support to the management team and the Board of Directors. A Bachelors Degree is required along with a minimum of 5 years experience in office management, accounting, budget preparation/management, program/project management and grant management. Good people, organizational, leadership and communication skills are a necessity. Previous non-profit management and grant writing experience a must. Must be self-motivated and a team player.

**BP - Job Announcements**

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers. BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer. Click on the "View Jobs" under the "HSSE" category or click "Submit Resume/CV" and then click "Search Openings" and type in Req ID#.

**Operations Field Technician #15655BR**

**Operations Field Technician #15761BR**

**Construction Specialist #15891BR**

In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Election Board Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has (1) Election Board vacancy. The chosen applicant will serve a three (3) year term. This opportunity is available to interested

Tribal Members who meet the following.

- must be a registered tribal voter
- must reside on the reservation
- cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office
- must not have been convicted of a felony
- must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years.

All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the Election Board are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2010.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Gaming Commission Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one Southern Ute Tribal Member to serve on the Gaming Commission, for a 3 year term.

Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- All applicants will be subject to background investigations.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should pick up an application from the Division of Gaming office and return by 5:00 p.m., Jan. 28. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 970-563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the west wing of the Judicial Complex.

**Red Willow Production Company Truck Auction**

Red Willow Production Company will be having a truck auction Jan. 3 and 4, 2011. The 3rd will be open to tribal members only, and remaining trucks will be available for public bid on Jan. 4, 2011. Up for sale will be seven field trucks. The list will include, 2-2003 Ford four wheel drive one ton pickups with Sylene beds, 4-2005 four wheel drive 1 ton Chevy Silverado's with RIKI utility beds, and 1-2006 four wheel drive 1 ton ford with a standard bed. These trucks will have a starting price of \$2000.00 all vehicles are sold "As is". All trucks are in running condition, one of the Chevy's has a bad seal on the transmission, and the 2006 ford has a short in the taillights. Trucks will be available for viewing at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Motor Pool starting Dec. 17. For information regarding this auction please call Julian Baker at 970-563-5275, Travis Taylor at 970-563-5274, or Mike Yocumat 970-563-5272.

**IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT**

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**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2006-GS-139**

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Elyssa Katherine Weaver, Civil Subject  
Notice is hereby given that Julie Phillips has filed an application in behalf of Elyssa Katherine Weaver for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Elyssa Katherine Phillips. 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 February 14, 2011. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 22nd day of December, 2010.**  
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-DV-183**

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Jogenia July Cross, Civil Subject  
Notice is hereby given that Jogenia July Cross filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jogenia Thompson. As of December 20, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jogenia July Cross name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jogenia Thompson.

**Dated this 21st day of December, 2010.**  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-209**

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
Tyson Demone Cloud, Civil Subject  
Notice is hereby given that Tyson Demone Cloud has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Damon Anthony Tyson Cloud. 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 5:00 P.M. on January 21, 2011. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 15th day of December, 2010.**  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

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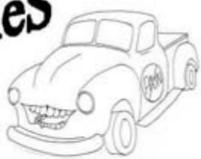
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## SUIMA Celebrates The Season With Santa

Santa Claus stepped into a classroom of small, sleepy primary students who approached bashfully and cautiously as old Saint Nick made his way through the lower Academy. Meanwhile Don Folsom of SUPD was handing out balloons and cutting cake for upper L students as part of the Protecting You, Protecting Me workshop. Angela Baker, Rhianna Carel, Avalina Naneto, and Perla Gonzales share a moment among friends. Nathaniel Howe and Cameron Heintz patiently await a slice of cake as the school week came to an end on Thursday, Dec. 16.

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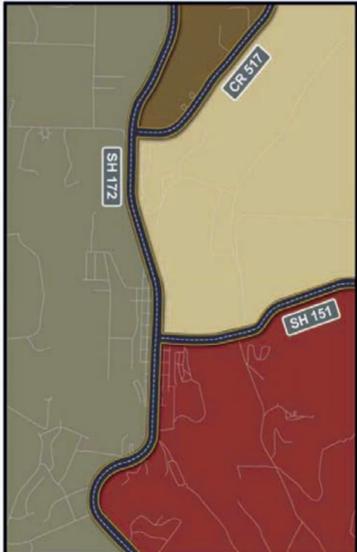
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**IGNACIO AREA**  
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 Project Update #2 - Dec. 1, 2010

The Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan is moving toward solutions to the traffic and growth issues facing the community. The "blueprint" for major traffic corridors will help shape the area for years to come. The Plan will identify recommended improvements and a phased implementation approach and is anticipated to be complete by October 2011. Stay tuned for more information as the project progresses.

- The first series of stakeholder input meetings for those with property directly adjacent to SH 172, SH 151, or La Plata County Road 517 was held in October. The project planners heard a lot about traffic and safety concerns, including how best to address the main downtown intersection at SH 172/151, truck traffic, interactions with downtown businesses, and access to developing commercial and residential sites.
- A second set of stakeholder meetings is scheduled for January, with general public and tribe meetings scheduled for March 2011.
- Project planners will present a series of possible alternatives that will be revised and refined based on input and the desires of the community.
- Recommendations are expected by June 2011.



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**Draft Project Goals**

The Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan seeks to create a unified transportation concept for the principal corridors serving the area, including SH 172, SH 151, and La Plata County Road 517. The corridor plan will provide the appropriate balance of mobility and access for residents and visitors alike. The plan will accommodate anticipated growth along the corridors while making this a better place to live and work.

The principal goals of the plan are to:

- Increase vehicle and multimodal safety
- Smooth traffic flow
- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian movements
- Provide for public transportation amenities
- Improve access to businesses
- Establish a unified corridor identity
- Develop a community-based plan that is championed by all

The IACAP is a joint effort of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Town of Ignacio, and La Plata County. For more information, contact Rodney Class-Erickson, Southern Ute Tribal Planner, at 970.563.4749.