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State declares Feb. 18 Southern Ute Recognition Day

By Amy Barry
The Southern Ute Drum

On a brisk Friday morning, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council welcomed tribal membership, employees, and the community to a historic event at the Multi-purpose Facility at Ute Park.

Feb. 18 marked the proclamation of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Recognition Day in the state of Colorado by Gov. John Hickenlooper. Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia was in Ignacio for the event, which tribal elder Pearl Casias kicked off with an invocation.

"It is a honor to be here before my people, to gather for such a historic event as Southern Utes," she said.

The Southern Ute Veterans Association then provided the color guard as drum group 12 Gauge sang an honor song.

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photo Dana Kopf/Southern Ute MIS Dept.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia recognized the Southern Ute Royalty for their contributions Feb. 18 during what the state declared Southern Ute Indian Tribe Recognition Day.

Council looks to move forward

Media Release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council met Feb. 11 to move forward following the Feb. 10 resignation of Chairman Matthew J. Box.

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Pena becomes charter member of IHS's 3-crown club

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

It was a simple move, but one that could live in Ignacio annals under a Hollywood nickname. Call it "The Great Escape."

Starting in the down position, with a good fraction of the announced crowd numbering 17,000-plus watching the Class 2A mat, Bobcat 119-pounder Alex Pena twisted up and out of Clay Seeman's grasp, putting the Baca County sophomore down 1-0 just seconds into the second period.

But when Seeman started down to begin the third, he'd have needed Charles Bronson's tunneling talents to creep out from under, and Steve McQueen's motorcycle skills to flee Pena, who never let him go.

And just like that, when Act 3 of last Saturday night's thriller in Denver concluded, the score hadn't changed but Pena's life had. Besides winning his 100th career match in methodical manner - more akin to the movie's British intelligence officer MacDonald, rather than the aforementioned stars' extreme characters - Pena joined the list of grapplers (and became the first on IHS's list) to win three prep championships.

Former Bobcat head coach Chris deKay was the first Cat to have ever have won two (1987, '88), and Austin Zufelt also later (1998, '99) booked the accomplishment prior to Pena's emergence.

And with now only five losses - pat your backs, gents - all 34,000-plus eyes inside the Pepsi Center will follow him in 2012, as he'll be the favorite to become Colorado's 17th four-time king.

In winning all four of his bouts at the 76th Colorado High School State Wrestling Championships, Pena also did something relatively few champions do: He didn't stick any of his opponents.

But in true Alex Pena style - remember the triple-OT win in the 119 finals last year? - he made every move count when he

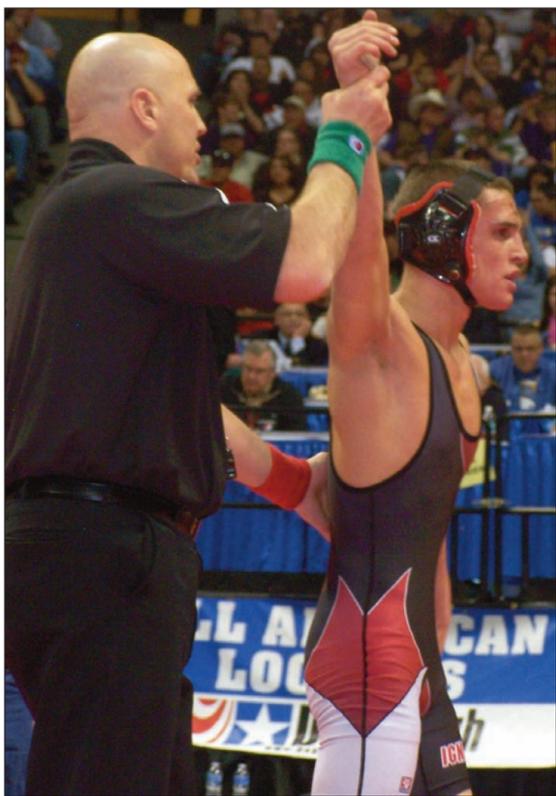


photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

For a third time in three seasons, Ignacio's Alex Pena had his hand raised after the last match on the last day of the last tournament, the State Wrestling Championships inside Denver's Pepsi Center. On Feb. 19, in front of a crowd numbering over 17,000 fans, Pena defeated Baca County's Clay Seeman 1-0 to win the Class 2A 119-pound division.

chose to make them. First he doubled up Yuma sophomore Marcus Seifert, 8 to 4. Then he pulled out a one-point squeaker in the quarterfinals against Rocky Ford freshman Adam Baca, 6 to 5. His semifinal victory over Denver Lutheran junior Drew Greer was a little more certain, judging by the 8-2 verdict, but still: no major decisions, no tech falls, and no pins. Still, CHSAA's brass must have had a hunch; copies of the Colorado State Wrestling Records and Champions packet available on press row featured, though few recognized it, a shot of Pena on the cover.

His "hang loose" hand gesture of victory should have been a

dead giveaway.

Pena, a junior, hung loose and tough to finish with a 34-2 record, while Seeman went 37-6. He was just 14-10 as a freshman, but might find the loss to Ignacio's best educational. To wit: Holly junior Robert Darnell, Pena's first championship victim, finally won a title last weekend after also having taken second in 2010 (though not behind Pena).

Baca (37-11) finished in third place, beating Greer (20-5) 9 to 3. Seifert (17-8) did not place, ousted by Pena's San Juan Basin League foe, Dove Creek's Cole Baughman (35-10), who ended in sixth.

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'Animal' proves mettle on fight night

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Pablo Picasso gained fame for interpreting civil war in his 1937 mural "Guernica."

As fate would have it, a suitably-named middleweight almost singlehandedly triggered a small-scale skirmish inside Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center, fighting against a crowd favorite Feb. 12.

Two bouts before on the aptly-dubbed "Battle of the Rockies" card, the fans' collective ire was inflamed when their selection for the lone title belt at stake lost via split decision. But the ringside rowdies began flinging incendiaries at will during the war of words escalating inside the ropes between Bernardo Guereca (El Paso, Texas) and Joe Gomez (Aztec, N.M.).

Pushing matters to the brink, the regional hero lost by unanimous decision.

Luckily, the cavalry arrived in Bout 7 to restore order.

His name? Ignacio's Elco Garcia, a unanimous winner himself after a hard-hitting eight-round main event, in which the angered rooters - who nearly packed the venue to capacity - virtually booed his enemy back to his base in Denver. That was before the two men's mutual bombings even began.

Pat punches, but "Animal" lunches

Cranking up the pace in Round 2 against Lincoln, Neb., product Patrick Thompson, Garcia showed how happy he was to be back in action. Scoring a knockdown with a big right hand, Thompson received a standing-eight from referee Stephen Blea just before the bell. It also rang just in time to save him again in Round 3.

"I knew he was a tough fighter, a warrior, not someone I could walk over," Garcia said. "He has a lot of experience. He'll do damage to anybody around the Four Corners."

Including Garcia. Thompson kept punching, was cautioned to keep his blows up, and did plenty to ensure he wouldn't be



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Elco Garcia (left) leads into an attack with a jab against Patrick Thompson during "Battle of the Rockies" Feb. 12 at Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

stopped cold. He went down on a slip early in Round 6, but kept trading shots and even bruised Garcia under his right eye. Nothing Garcia wouldn't expect, however, and not enough to sway the judges' scores: 80-71, 78-73, 78-73 for "The Animal."

"I thought he was too strong. When I got on the inside, he'd tie me up - wasn't allowed to work the inside," said Thompson (16-16-1, 6 KO). "I felt if I could get a good combination, I could ... get him off his game plan, but when I'd hit his arms or anything my shots just ricocheted. He's a good fighter."

Thompson said his opponent was "definitely the strongest, talented-wise."

"Or at least top-five. There's Pawel [Wolak; 28-1, 18 KO], Martirosyan [Vanes; 28-0, 17 KO], much stronger than John Duddy [now 29-2, 18 KO] ... trying to think of my toughest, but that's a nice class of names right there."

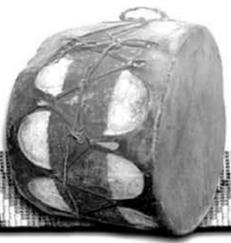
This praise from a man whose

last defeat, in 2009 and long before Garcia, came from one he forgot: Ronald Hearn (26-1, 20 KO), son of legendary "Hitman" Thomas Hearn (61-5-1, 48 KO).

"I thank Patrick; I'd gotten real depressed because I was supposed to fight in New York, signed a contract, then everything fell through," said Garcia (24-7, 12 KO). "And then I signed a contract to fight in Key West, Florida ... ESPN main event against Peter Manfredo Jr. (37-6, 20 KO), and the week of the fight they called me: 'We chose somebody else instead of you.' So I got really upset, didn't train. I don't make excuses for this fight, trained two weeks. ... I was thankful I got this fight."

The Garcia-Manfredo bout would have anchored a Jan. 14 card featuring another icon's offspring: Aaron Pryor Jr. (15-3, 11 KO), son of Aaron "The Hawk" Pryor (39-1, 35 KO).

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News in brief

IGNACIO

Ignacio High School building sheds for sale
Building Trades of Ignacio High School would like to build a shed for you. Sizes are 8x10, 10x12, 12x12, 12x18, or custom to fit your needs. To order your sheds, call Mr. Hansen at 970-563-0544. They will finish and deliver the last shed by May 16.

Free bison meat available to tribal members
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Meat is processed and packaged using local processors and is available as hamburger, steaks, roasts, stew meat and other specialty cuts. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Elders travel information
For all tribal elders and handicapped or disabled members wanting to travel in your own private vehicle, the Elders Department needs the following information for Marge in the Purchasing Office:
1. Your updated vehicle insurance
2. Your up-to-date driver license or that of the person who will be driving you
When you return from your trip, please turn in your motel or hotel receipt within 5 working days; if you don't, Finance will be billing you for the total amount of your trip. The Elders Services Department needs your flyer and two weeks prior notice to travel. And you, as the traveler, will make your own motel or hotel reservation. Have any questions? Call Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

Hay for sale
The Southern Ute Bison Program has 500 bales of grass hay cut in 2010 for sale at \$5 per bale. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay, call Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130 or 970-749-5088.

DURANGO

Durango celebrates Oscars in style
The Durango Independent Film Festival and the Durango Arts Center have announced a joint fundraiser, which revolves around a simulcast of the 2011 Academy Awards. "Get Your Glam On, Durango's Oscar Night" will take place at the Durango Arts Center, 802 East 2nd Ave., on Feb. 27 beginning at 6 p.m. Event organizers promise an exciting event where participants will not only enjoy Hollywood's Oscars, but experience a night of their own on the red carpet with food, drinks, silent auction, prizes and movie trivia! Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 for two and \$250 for a table of eight. For ticket information, please call 970-259-2606.

Durango Shootout Soccer Tournament offers values for return visitors
The Durango Shootout will host its 17th annual spring soccer tournament May 6-8. This tournament attracts up to 150 soccer teams from Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona for a weekend soccer festival. The Durango Youth Soccer Association, Durango Area Tourism Office, and Colorado Tourism Office have partnered in the "rePLAY" program to encourage tournament participants to return to southwest Colorado for their family vacations. The program compiles a variety of discounts, specials and offers for families to use on their return visits. Your tourism-related business can participate: Offer a one-time discount, special pricing, gift with purchase, or incentive to be included in the program. Limitations and blackout dates allowed - please list. Offering may be for locals and/or out-of-area visitors. Send your offer to anne@durango.org by March 15.



10 Years Ago

A photo from 10 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 10 years ago photo in the March 11 issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



photo archives/SU DRUM

20 Years Ago

Ignacio High School students attended the Southern Ute Regional American Indian Science and Engineering conference on Feb. 15, 1991, at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Pictured left to right: Tricia Olguin, JoGenia Red, Fedelia Silva, Alberta Bison, Sarah Hudson, Tonietta Baca, Sky Dawn baker, Jogenia Thompson, Cleona McKinley, Sheila Ryder and Faren Burch. Not pictured were Robert Howe and Conrad Thompson. This photo first appeared in the Feb. 8, 1991, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

School Superintendent Bill Thornton and Principal Jess Medina presented the awards to the winning students of the Colorado Council's International Reading Association story writing contest held in Ignacio, Dec. 9, 1980. Local winners were Maria Tujillo, Danielle Monte, Michelle Gravestock, Brian Hight, Matthew Lambrecht, Paul Lambrecht and Leora Burch. This photo first appeared in the Feb. 13, 1981, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

Hunter Education Class

Buckskin Charlie Conference Room (2nd Floor)
Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado

Five (5) Classes (must attend all classes): Tuesdays and Thursdays:
March 15, 17, 22 and 24 (6:30 - 9 p.m.)
and Saturday March 26 (9 - 11 a.m.) at the Southern Ute Shooting Range

Minimum Age Limit, 12 years of age
Class Limit: 20 participants
Cost: \$10

Class Requirements: Must attend all classes, pass written test,
and demonstrate safe handling of firearms

Class Restrictions: Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, items will be provided
Pre-registration required: Call Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management 970-563-0130

Other Classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs):
Please call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations 970-247- 0855
or visit their website wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses/

Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool.

1ST ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FILM PROGRAM

A GOOD DAY TO DIE
Life of Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

HEARING RADMILLA
Radmilla Cody, Miss Navajo Nation 1997, her life takes an unforeseen turn.

SHIMASANI
Story of two young girls on the Navajo Reservation in the 1920's.

CONVERSION
Christian missionaries disrupt life on the reservation.

HORSE YOU SEE
Horse tells of life on the Navajo Reservation.

See festival program for film venues and show times.

DURANGO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL MARCH 2-6, 2011

NATIVE AMERICAN FILM RECEPTION
Featuring Dennis Banks
Thursday, March 3, 2011
2:30 to 4:00 PM
The Rochester Hotel

SPECIAL IGNACIO SCREENING OF A GOOD DAY TO DIE
Thursday, March 3, 2011
6 PM
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Multi-Purpose Facility
258 Ute Road
Dennis Banks with Directors Lynn Salt and David Mueller in attendance. For Southern Ute Tribal members and their families.

We are committed to developing film literacy and to being a welcoming, intimate, and unique film organization that screens global, innovative, and diverse films that connect independent filmmakers, their artistic process, and their vision to the community.

The Durango Independent Film Festival graciously acknowledges funding support for the Native American Film Program by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund.

No phones, no TV, no distractions!! Just a fun tumbling time with your child.

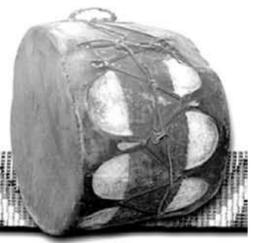
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Tuesday 10-10:45 a.m.
In Ignacio at the SunUte Community Center

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Museum seeks volunteers for opening events

Media release
Southern Ute Cultural
Center & Museum

If you're interested in a behind-the-scenes firsthand experience in the new Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in Ignacio, you may want to volunteer at opening events.

You can help celebrate the living history of Colorado's longest continuous residents in a range of volunteer capacities, including invitations, event setup, transportation and guest relations.

On Saturday, May 14, the Circle of Life Tribal Dedication will honor all Southern Ute, Ute

Mountain Ute and Northern Ute tribal members with a feast and blessing ceremony from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Friday, May 20, the Circle of Life Friends Celebration will usher in honored donors, political dignitaries and special guests, with a keynote address from the director of the National Museum of the American Indian, Kevin Gover. A light supper will be served and entertainment will feature Native American artists including flutist and violinist Arvel Bird. The event, from 6 to 9 p.m., is expected to draw 350 guests.

On Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, the museum

will open to the general public for the first time. The Circle of Life Worldwide Welcome will feature a range of entertainment and educational programs of interest to all ages.

Volunteers will receive 4 hours of training and orientation at the museum and may choose to participate in multiple blocks of 2-to-4-hour shifts at any of these events. Other recognition activities and mementos are planned.

For more information, please contact Karen Thompson at 970-259-7738 or karen@c2creating-connections.com or Chris Warren at 970-375-1246 or wjw-cjw@frontier.net.

Royalty hosts etiquette workshop



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee hosted a powwow etiquette workshop at the Multi-purpose Facility on Feb. 17. Ute Mountain Ute Royalty were in attendance, along with Southern Ute speakers including Lucinda Cloud, Phoebe Kent, Dan Jefferson and Jim Newton Jr. Miss Ute Mountain Ute and Little Miss Ute Mountain Ute also spoke. The Royalty Committee provided a traditional meal for all to enjoy.

Tribal Council looks to move forward, from page 1

Feb. 11. "But, as a Tribal Council, we are committed to moving forward to put these challenging political events behind us and continue our service to our people."

Pursuant to the Tribe's Constitution, the Tribal Council appointed an acting chairman and called a special election April 12 to fill the vacancy created by Box's resignation. In doing so, the Tribal Council emphasized the change that has occurred and the changes it intends to make moving forward demonstrate the power of the tribal membership and the responsiveness of the tribal government to the membership.

The changes made and actions taken by the Tribal Council were in accordance with the democratic processes established in the Tribe's Constitution and laws.

Box resigned effective as of midnight on Feb. 11 following

numerous and conflicting reports as to whether the Tribal Council would seek to remove him, he would resign, or he would remain in office. On Feb. 10, the Tribal Council had hoped to provide Box a letter stating their concerns and asking him to step down; however, the Council did not have the opportunity to do so.

Contrary to some reports, the Tribal Council did not make any attempt to pursue formal charges to remove Box from office. Instead, during a tense meeting with numerous tribal members that Box did not attend, the other members of the Tribal Council heard concerns about the Tribe's leadership. Some tribal members received copies of a draft of the Tribal Council's letter to Box and, ultimately, portions of that draft letter made its way into the Durango Herald and elsewhere.

"All of us hoped that we could work through this difficult time

without causing further dissension and turmoil; however, unfortunately, recent events have only created additional conflict," Newton said.

The Tribal Council expressed their commitment, notwithstanding the resignation of Box, for the regular business of the Tribe to continue.

"Regardless of our differences with former Chairman Box, we respect him as a tribal member and are grateful for his dedication and service to the Tribe," Newton said. "Furthermore, we appreciate that he made his decision to resign in the best interests of the Tribe rather than his own interests. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has always been a leader of Indian Country and the nation as a whole. Despite the challenges we have faced, we intend to continue that leadership in a positive way for current and future generations of tribal members."

Southern Ute Sun Dance meeting

Feb. 28, 6 p.m. at the Multi-purpose Building

Seeking feast volunteers

Southern Ute Bear Dance 2011, May 27-30

The Bear Dance Chief is asking if anyone is willing to take on the task of being head frybread maker and head stew cook for the Bear Dance feast on Monday, May 30.

If you would like to volunteer, to help with the bear Dance feast, please contact Andrea Taylor 970-563-0100 ext. 2250 or Anna-Marie Garcia at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208.

PowWow Trails

Painted Horse PowWow

March 4 - 5

404 E. Hopi Drive • Holbrook, AZ

Contact: Justin Chischillie

Phone: 928-401-1960

Email: jayceenac@yahoo.com

5th Annual Veterans PowWow

March 12

McDowell and Longmore Rd. • Scottsdale, AZ

Contact: George W. Robinson

Phone: 480-362-5530

Email: george.robinson@srpmic-nsn.gov

Web: www.srpmic-nsn.gov

Fundraising PowWow

March 12

4407 Morrison Rd. • Denver, CO

Contact: Lisa Olivas

Phone: 970-672-4727

Healing the Spirit Round Dance

March 12 - 13

120 West 1300 South • Salt Lake City, UT

Contact: Shaundeen

Phone: 801-935-1698

Denver March PowWow

March 18 - 20

4600 Humbolt St. • Denver, CO

Contact: Denver March Powwow, Inc.

Phone: 303-934-8045

Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

Web: www.denvermarchpowwow.org

State declares "Southern Ute Day," from page 1

"This special visit from Colorado is a demonstration of the government-to-government relationship with the state of Colorado through past tribal leaders who have made sacrifices in the past to develop this special relationship," said Acting Chairman Jimmy Newton Jr.

Tribal Council members also provided a welcome to attendees, including Garcia.

"We are citizens of the United States and Colorado, but most importantly we are Nuuciu," said Council Lady Marge Borst. "We carry on our heritage."

Councilman Mike Olguin said "a demonstration of pride and dignity should be happening today within the Southern Ute people."

Also present was Carol Harvey, executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. She said she looks forward to future interaction between the Tribe and state.

"We look forward to mingling amongst you all," she said. "We are very proud of the government-to-government relationship we have with the Southern Ute Indian tribal government and people."

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs was developed to provide a way for the Ute tribes to voice concerns and build relationships with Colorado leaders. Harvey then introduced Garcia,

who was raised in Dulce, N.M., and Ignacio by his parents and extended family.

"Indigenous blood runs through our veins, and I'm looking forward to working together to make contributions to your reservation and community," he said.

Accompanying Garcia were Chris Urbina, executive director of the state Department of Public Health and Environment; Sue Birch, executive director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; Stacey Simms, renewable energy program manager with the Governor's Energy Office; and Larry Trujillo, director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

Simms said the visit was an opportunity to learn more about the Tribe's endeavors in the energy industry.

"I am looking forward to learning more about traditional and renewable energy with the Southern Ute people," she said. "It is an honor to be here."

Trujillo said the state could also learn much in the area of homeland security.

"The Southern Utes are the fiscal agents, the only one of its kind from a tribal resource, to help with homeland security," he said. "With that comes a lot of responsibility. Most counties run from this responsibility, but Southern Ute stepped up and offered the

expertise of [Southern Ute Risk and Emergency Manager] Kathi Gurule. For that, we are so thankful. The Southern Utes are champions of safety."

In closing, Newton commented on the recognition from the state.

"It is an example of our workers, our staff, who provide direct services to our membership. Cutting wood, plowing snow, making sounds investments on a daily basis: The staff works hard to facilitate services everyday to the Southern Ute people," he said. "Without the Southern Ute people, we would not be here."

Following Newton's remarks, the Southern Ute Royalty was introduced and provided a welcome to attendees.

The Tribal Council met with Garcia and his cabinet throughout the afternoon to develop a better understanding of how they can work together for the betterment of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado. Issues addressed ranged from health care and homeland security to energy resources and taxes.

The day ended with the Executive Officer Mel Baker providing a tour of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, SunUte Community Center, and Southern Ute Growth Fund offices, where the group met briefly to discuss energy and investments with employees.

The text of Gov. John Hickenlooper's Feb. 18

"Southern Ute Indian Tribe Recognition Day" Proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of North America, American Indians, have played a unique and distinguished role in our State's history and culture through vital contributions to government, business, education, religion, medicine, science, engineering, art, architecture, environment and military; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe plays a vital role in the tourism, real estate and construction industries in the State and in the energy economy as energy, wildlife, and conservation are staples in their community in the creation of jobs and financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a large employer in the State and is also a major contributor to the State's and the Tribe's regional tax bases; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe share common areas of interest in education, health care, social services, law enforcement, public safety, transportation and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado is committed to work on a government-to-government basis with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a sovereign government; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado will maintain strong, respectful relations between Colorado's State and local governments and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with whom we share the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado desires to celebrate and honor the rich and storied heritage of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe that has called Colorado home for hundreds of years;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2011, SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE RECOGNITION DAY in the State of Colorado.



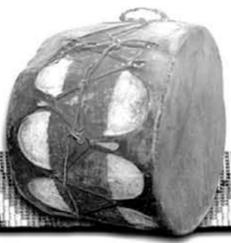
Ute Language

wichichì - bird

töchei - prairie dog

pagü - fish

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.



The Kidney Corner:

Managing pressure is key to health

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

Hypertension (high blood pressure) is very common in all stages of chronic kidney disease.

It is the second-most common cause of kidney disease after diabetes, and is a contributing factor in almost all cases of chronic kidney disease. So it's not surprising that tight control of blood pressure is a major priority in the care of kidney disease patients.

Blood pressure is usually expressed as two numbers; for example, a blood pressure of 120/80 is considered normal (usually expressed as "120 over 80"). The systolic, or higher pressure (in this case 120), is the arterial pressure generated by the heart when it is contracting; the diastolic, or lower pressure (in this case 80), is the pressure in the arteries when the heart is relaxed. Both are important in determining cardiovascular risk, so systolic and diastolic pressures both need to be well controlled. Usually, systolic is more difficult to control.

One long-running controversy is how low the blood pressure should be to give the kidneys the best protection. This issue has not been finally settled. Most studies suggest that, for the most part, "lower is better" when it comes to blood pressure in kid-



ney disease. It is generally reasonable to aim for a blood pressure of 130/80 for most patients.

Some evidence suggests that patients with kidney disease should aim for lower pressures, though this is not known conclusively. Many patients with high blood pressure have increased protein in the urine. If so, lowering the blood pressure can decrease this urinary protein, and the urine protein concentration can sometimes be used as an index of whether the blood pressure control is adequate.

Unfortunately, getting the blood pressure too low can sometimes cause symptoms such as weakness or lightheadedness, especially in elderly patients. Clearly if this happens it's usually appropriate to decrease the blood pressure medication.

A 24-hour blood pressure monitor, which can be worn by

patients at home, is a useful tool to help assess blood pressure control. In addition to providing information about the highest and lowest blood pressures for an individual patient, it also provides data regarding blood pressure at night, when a patient is sleeping, which is also an important determinant of cardiovascular risk. This type of monitor is now available in Durango.

The good news is there are now many different blood pressure medications available, and usually blood pressure can be well controlled with minimal side effects, even in the presence of kidney disease. Lowering blood pressure with any blood pressure medication helps to preserve kidney function; some blood pressure medicines have special kidney-preserving abilities and these agents are usually preferred for blood pressure control in patients with chronic kidney disease.

Many patients are surprised to hear that control of blood pressure requires more than one drug; in fact, most patients need more than one medication to get good control, and it's not uncommon to need several medications taken together.

And blood pressure medicines only work well in combination with lifestyle modifications: weight loss (when appropriate), exercise, and salt restriction.

Boys & Girls Club celebrates volunteer mentors

By Darrell Clah
Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

National Mentoring Month is the time each year when our nation spotlights the importance of mentors and the need of every child to have a caring adult in his or her life.

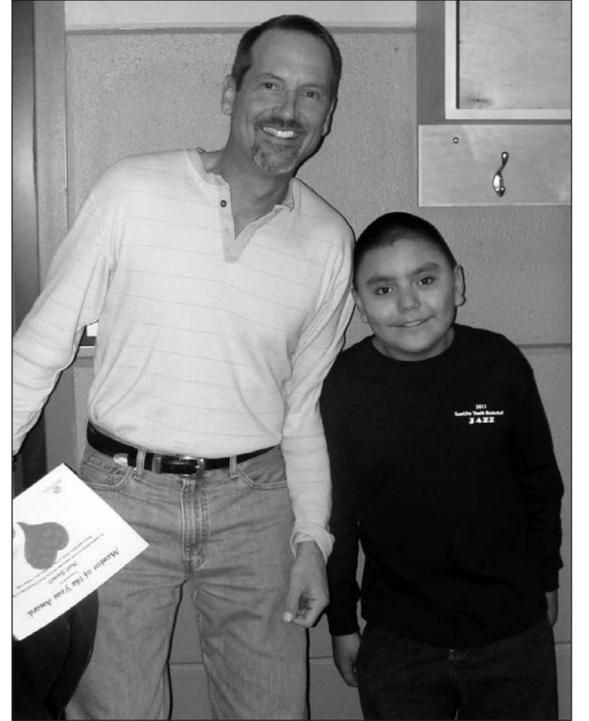
On Jan. 25, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a mentor and volunteer recognition dinner to show appreciation to the positive adult role models involved with youth through Club Connections and other club programs.

Club Connections began in January 2010 with a mentoring grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which is administered through the Southern Ute Tribal Court. The program was developed to serve youth in three categories: one-on-one, group, and peer mentoring, which provides a caring adult in the lives of club members.

This past year, more than 50 caring adults and 25 teenagers were mentors in Club Connections. At the dinner, Matt Barnett and Barbara Bustillos-Cogswell were acknowledged as the mentor and volunteer of the year, respectively.

Barnett, the general manager of Gosney & Companies, was Club Connections' first adult to enroll in the mentor program in January 2010. He and his match, Marico Baca, have been together for more than a year and have developed a strong bond and close relationship. They enjoyed the year working together on projects, doing homework, and attending baseball games and other activities initiated by Baca. Barnett was awarded for his efforts and the time he spent to build a long lasting relationship with Baca.

Bustillos-Cogswell, sales/group tour coordinator for the Sky Ute Casino Resort, also began in January 2010 serving as a one-on-one mentor. During the summer,



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Mentor Matt Barnett and connection Marico Baca.

her mentee had moved out of the area and she continued in Club Connections as a group mentor. Barbara utilized her 20-plus years of experience as an independent documentary filmmaker and with NBC TV-4 in Denver to teach a filmmaking class at the Boys &

Girls Club. This adventure also led to the youth helping create and producing a video for the Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year event.

Other mentors recognized for completing their 6-month commitment to Club Connections were Zach Bertrand, Augusta Burch, Gina Cosio, Oscar Cosio, Don Folsom, Nancy Folsom, Amber Hillis, Sam Lauer, Justin Lupe, Jeremy Shockley, Bayli Stillwell, Crystal Thompson, Ian Twiss, Angelo Valdez, Jontique Velasco, and Mari Villaluna. Most even extended their commitment over a year.

Club Connections and the Boys & Girls Club thanks and appreciates everyone who has sacrificed time in their busy life to care, nurture and love the youth in our community, providing them the most important asset for support and success.



Mentor Barbara Cogswell.

SunUte Q&A

Question 1:
What do you primarily use SunUte for?

Question 2:
What program(s) would you like to see SunUte offer?



Lynnette Sage

Answer 1:

I come to SunUte for a variety of activities, children's activities, fitness classes, work-out/weight room, swimming pool, and using the meeting facilities for birthdays and get-togethers. It's an all around great facility for families as well as for individual needs and the staff is friendly, fun and make each activity enjoyable.

Answer 2:

Zumba is a fun class, I've enjoyed it. I'd like to see more classes offered.



Kdward Knox

Answer 1:

Exercise, weights, treadmill, Group Exercise

Answer 2:

You have everything I need!



Linda Baker

Answer 1:

Recumbent bike, stretch chair and Zumba class.

Answer 2:

I like the variety of programs offered. Would like free breakfast for non-seniors-Just kidding (sorta)



Bucky Knipp

Answer 1:

I come to SunUte to use the weights. The facility is the best in the area and the people are really helpful.

Answer 2:

I would like to see more incentive programs to challenge the everyday lifter.



Seana Cahill

Answer 1:

SunUte is my primary fitness place, utilized mostly for its workout equipment/machines and the LesMills classes they offer. The staff is extremely friendly and attentive. I enjoy the fact that it's not overly busy and the wait time, if any at all, for equipment is very limited.

Answer 2:

I'd like to see SunUte offer more incentive/motivational workout programs that are "self" challenging. Also, the active kid care in the evenings extended into Thursday. Another thing that would be nice to see is an introduction for women to free weights.

Keifer GoodTracks-Alires
(no picture)

Answer 1:

Basketball Practice.

Answer 2:

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Two weeks before Valentine's Day, members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hand-cut paper hearts to sell at the Patio Restaurant in Ignacio to help raise money for the club's Power Hour Program. Seven waitresses and owner Emily Meisner sold 580 hearts raising \$580. On Feb. 17, club members stopped by to collect the money and give thanks for all of the help.

Ignacio restaurant sells 'hearts' for Boys & Girls Club

By Jennifer Bartlett
Boys & Girls Club
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Two weeks prior to Valentine's Day, the Patio Restaurant's seven waitresses and its owner, Emily Meisner, began "selling their hearts" for \$1 each.

The paper hearts were hand-cut by youth members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the fundraiser's beneficiary. The waitresses sold over 580 hearts, raising a total of \$580 to benefit the club's Power Hour Program.

The academic assistance program provides club members with help in math, reading, science and technology. Operating four days a week after school, the program provides activities that enhance school-day learning.

The Patio Restaurant has committed to provide an annual fundraiser to a local community organization. Along with the positive benefits that the club received, the Patio staff had a fun competition, with Meisner providing rewards for their efforts.

Stephanie Ludwig and Candy Johnson sold the most hearts,

making over 200 sales. Other Patio servers involved in the benefit included Shanna Cundiff, Kim Meeley, Colleen Morretta and Mel Ortiz. On Thursday, Feb. 17, club members visited the Patio's servers to thank them and collect the gift.

Most importantly, we'd like to recognize and thank all of the local community members who bought a waitress's heart and contributed to the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Their contributions will benefit the Club's 406 active members, ages 6-18.

SUPD: To serve and to read



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Police Department volunteered some of its staff to help with the Reading Wednesdays afternoon activity at Ignacio Elementary School Feb. 16. Reading Wednesdays is part of the Families in School program coordinated by the Pine River Community Learning Center for parents and family members. Officer John Schnelting reads aloud to a group of students while others in the school library listened to books read by participating parents like Agatha Bison.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on March 4, April 8 and May 6. 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 the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Books are Fun returns

Once again, the Books are Fun Company is back at the Education building. Stop by and see if anything catches your eye. The items are located in the east part of the building, by the offices. There are great items for birthday gifts, to assist you in exercising at home if you just don't have time for the gym, or just to read to your little ones. A list of items, delivery dates and contacts is available on the Drum website and at the Education building.

PRCLC to host state's first rural adult learning conference

Media release
Pine River Community Learning Center

Community-based organizations from across the southwest will convene at the Sky Ute Casino Resort March 17-18 to share expertise and discuss ways to improve basic, workplace, and transitional education among rural adults and their families.

Diverse institutions, nonprofit and public service agencies are

expected to attend. The Conference for Rural Adult Learning and Literacy will offer presentations on best practices, college readiness, regional programming, professional research, and other skill-development issues.

The event will feature a learning disabilities training via the National Institute for Literacy. It will also host officials from the Colorado Department of

Education's Adult Education and Family Literacy unit.

Sessions get underway the morning of Thursday, March 17; a reception is planned for the evening at Dancing Spirit Gallery in Ignacio. Friday sessions will wrap up by midday.

Registration and information is available at www.prclc.org or by contacting the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681.

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Cats' 4-man squad pulls 10th in state

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Quite often at meets, the man wore an Iowa Hawkeyes sweatshirt when not on the mat.

He helped find a quote from U of I's coaching icon to screen onto Ignacio's team-issue shirts.

And as driven as he was throughout the season, to his opponents he... maybe... was Dan Gable?

On Feb. 19 inside a nearly-full Pepsi Center, senior Casey Haga walked in the Parade of Champions with a hostile scowl on his face, older brother and three-time state placer Cody alongside as his designated coach, waiting to devour just one more 145-pounder as he'd done to his previous three.

Unfortunately, the only one he never supplanted in On The Mat's 2010-11 rankings showed why.

Using an early takedown to earn the lead, then locking on a crossface while attempting to stretch Haga prone, Akron's Layne Crumley led 2-0 after the period and 7-3 after the subsequent two, denying the Bobcat

the ultimate prize while earning his second consecutive Class 2A title at the weight.

Voted 2A's Outstanding Wrestler – largely due to topping Haga – Crumley ended his career at 38-1, while Haga's season mark solidified at 43-3, though he did work to cut the Ram's lead down to 5-3 with an early third-period escape. Haga reached the finale by routing, in order: Baca County senior Jeff Welch (25-14) by 17-0 technical fall, Wiggins junior Dave McCombs (37-14) by pin 1:29 into the second period, and Burlington senior Trenton Rico (28-5; 3rd place) by 21-9 major decision.

No matter the loss, several things indicate fans hopefully haven't seen the last of Casey Haga: state championships medals in four different weight classes (and two classifications: Ignacio was a Class 3A team in the 2007-08 season), two carrying runner-up status, and a massive record of 143-26, which will stand in CHSAA's top 30 all-time, all-class victory totals when the record book is updated.

You can bet some coach, some-



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Casey Haga (left) tries preventing Akron's Layne Crumley from lifting him off the mat by applying some pressure himself during the grand finale of the Class 2A 145-pound division Feb. 19 at the 2011 State Championships. Haga took second place in his fourth and final trip to Pepsi Center, posting a 43-win season.

where, is going to bring that onto a college mat. Or offer to.

Ignacio junior Colton Wyatt also met trouble wearing an Akron singlet, but still had up to four more consolation matches with which to maximize his trip to Denver. And any result would be better than last February's: hampered by hip injury, unable to wrestle, camera in hand alongside statewide shutterbugs.

Akron's Caleb Christensen out-gambled Wyatt 16-11 in the quarterfinals at 189 pounds, after Wyatt had pinned Cheyenne Wells senior Chase Beek (24-10) 23 seconds into the second period. Recovery was swift, though, and Wyatt pinned Sierra Grande (Blanca) junior Alex Torres (26-8) right as time ran out in the second period. Meeker sophomore J.R. Crawford (14-15) then got stuck, 1:02 into the second, and Paonia soph Morgan Rieder (25-14) went down 0:26 into the second.

Wyatt's ride finally ended with

an education courtesy of top-seeded Yuma senior Nick Lovell in the third-place match. Lovell, who'd been upset in the quarters, notched a near-fall right at the first period's end, taking a 7-0 lead en route to a 15-0 tech, booked officially 1:12 into the second. He finished 42-5, and Wyatt ended 35-7 – but with a medal in hand.

The 2011-12 season will be just as challenging, with Wyatt, Christensen (34-8), and Burlington's Cole Briegel (32-6); beat Christensen 10-9 for the title) able to return as seniors, and Baca County super sophomore Johnny Lofflin (37-2; 36-0 before losing to Christensen in the semifinals) also in the mix.

Finally, Ignacio junior Teagan Overturf – happy just to be wrestling deep into February rather than out injured (as he was last season in Minnesota) – missed the medal matches at 160 pounds by two points. One to tie, and another to defeat Wray jun-

ior Alex Merritt.

Executing a two-point reversal move at the 5:58-elapsed mark, Overturf apparently didn't satisfy the referee enough to receive the score and lost 9-8, ending his first Colorado campaign at 25-9. He'd wrestled back to meet Merritt (33-19; 4th place) by pinning Antonio junior Joey Gallegos (19-15) in 1:35.

Overturf also notched a pin in his opening action, stopping BC soph Tyler Sharpe (32-10) in 1:46, but then West Grand [Kremmling] senior Chase Hill did likewise to him in only 68 quarterfinal seconds.

Norwood junior Brent Harris

(34-3) defeated Peyton senior Blake Bartlett (36-5) for the title, meaning Overturf will have extensive state-level competition, before the state level, throughout next season's schedule from his San Juan Basin League rival.

In the team standings, Ignacio started the Feb. 19 sessions in ninth place (67.5 points) and ended in tenth (71.5 – 0.5 behind Wray, 1.5 behind Baca County). Not bad for a four-man crew. Burlington, led by Outstanding Coach honoree Doug Duell, held off Fowler 148-131 for the championship, with Paonia (128), Akron (94.5), and Rocky Ford (92.5) rounding out the top five.

3-crown club, from page 1



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alex Pena goes on the aggressive as he tries to "snap" down the head and upper body of Baca County's Clay Seeman during the Feb. 19 Class 2A 119-pound championship match inside Pepsi Center. Neither wrestler could do much with each other when upright; Pena scored the only point on a second-period escape to win his third straight state title.

As a team, Ignacio – ranked No. 9 in On The Mat's final regular-season 2A poll – finished a strong tenth with a team of just Pena, senior Casey Haga (3-1, 2nd at 145), junior Colton Wyatt (4-2, 4th at 189), and junior Teagan Overturf (2-

2, DNP at 160). The quartet combined for – ready for this? – a season record of 137 wins, 21 losses.

With three of that group set to return once more, November can't get here fast enough again.



photo courtesy Roy Lyons

Teagan Overturf of Ignacio wrestles with Alex Merritt of Wray in the consolation semifinal round of the State Championships in Denver Feb. 19. Teagan lost the match by a score of 9-8.

"Animal" proves mettle on fight night, from page 1



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Brittany Cruz (right) exhales after receiving the WIBA Youth featherweight championship belt via split decision over a stunned Amanda Crespin (left) Feb. 12 at "Battle of the Rockies," held at Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

the best. ... It hurts a little bit, but it should be healed up in no time."

After a brief stoppage to slow the blood flow, which looked only to annoy McCarter – back in town to fans' "LAY-LA!" chants after a four-year absence – the two fighters slugged freely until the people's choice regained control to the final bell.

"Overall I think I did pretty well, stuck to my plan, which was to box and watch the distance," McCarter said. "I played the distance game for the first three rounds, took my time because of the altitude. I wanted to see how that affected me. I went for it more in the last two, but got a little careless."

Harris's record dropped to 5-16 (0 KO), while "Amazing" Layla improved to 33-13-5 (7 KO).

A champ is crowned

The masses had their winner, the judges had theirs. And to the masses' disbelief, there was a difference of opinion.

Only a couple years removed from Thornton High School, Denver's Brittany Cruz was named the winner by split decision (59-55, 59-55, 55-59) over Amanda Crespin, even less so removed from her days at West Las Vegas (N.M.) High.

At stake was the vacant WIBA Youth featherweight title belt, and Crespin's mitts rarely stopped flying as she pursued Cruz (8-4-1, 1 KO) around the ring, landing a few solid right hands in each round except the first. Cruz, meanwhile, punched when she had to, but almost appeared to run Crespin's fuel tanks dry if she didn't see what she wanted to attack.

"To me it's not just about going in and throwing down," explained the former two-time Colorado Golden Gloves featherweight champ, now 21, "it's going in there to play a game of chess. That's just the kind of fighter I am: The way my trainer puts it, it's 'Sugar Ray Leonard.' She

makes a move, I make a move, and if I see a certain style or movement then I'm going to do whatever it takes to conquer that."

Cruz said this wasn't the first time the two have squared off. "But I still didn't give her the benefit of the doubt, saying, 'Just because I beat her before I'm going to go in there saying it's nothing,'" she said. "I think I could have done a little better, could have landed more punches ... but you learn from it."

Crespin's camp, however, had one simple question of logic: Was this supposed to be a track meet or boxing? "Boom Boom," just 19 years old, dipped to 4-3-1 with a kayo.

The curtain-raisers

In the card's earlier action, Aaron Fernandez (Farmington, N.M.) won all three judges' favor in a 49-45, 49-45, 48-46 win against David Springer (Las Vegas, Nev.) over five ban-tamweight rounds. Fernandez (1-4) avenged a loss to Springer (3-2-3) in doing so.

The preceding bout saw Chris "Lightning" Leyva (Farmington) transition from mixed-martial arts

to traditional fisticuffs, and do so successfully against rookie Zamir Young of Towaoc, Colo. With Caged Fury MMA president Russ Bradford watching in the stands, Leyva swept the scorecards – reading 40-36 on each – after four rounds at middleweight.

"I was glad I was able to put all my tools together," said Leyva, now back in preparations for an anticipated bout at the next regional King of the Cage MMA event. "Ring's way different ... I had to get used to it a little. And the shoes: I'm used to wearing ... nothing in the cage, being bare-footed. ... So there were some things that were different – even at the belt ... the bottom, the protection thing ... I felt that was making me kind of heavy. It was different, but a good experience for me. Definitely going to do it again."

Finally, "Battle of the Rockies" began with debuting middleweights Herb Begay (Las Vegas, N.M.) and local Steven Victor, and after four rounds Victor was originally declared the winner. But after a "recalculation," with scores already showing 38-38, 39-37, 38-38, the bout ended a majority draw.

Full plate at 'Battle of the Rockies'

Guereca goes for broke

Lunging into every punch, holding – intentionally or not – his opponent's arm when needed, Bernardo Guereca was determined to defeat Joe Gomez at all costs.

And he nearly bankrupted himself early in Round 5, when the Texan tackled himself and the "Iron Man" almost through the ropes near announcer John Ortiz. After swapping stiff lefts later, jawing with each other the whole time, Gomez took a standing-eight after a push-punch sent him down.

"There's no excuses. But it just killed me that ... it felt to me like I was fighting two people, the referee and him at the same time," said Gomez after a 58-56, 58-54, 58-54 verdict. "Come to find out the referee's from Texas, where he's from. ... It was ridiculous."

Gomez wasn't surprised by Guereca's tactics, having weathered them to win an 8-round split decision in Garden City, Kan., in 2009. Guereca (16-10-1, 3 KO) lost a point then for holding, ironically.

A much cleaner left-right combo put Gomez to a knee in Round 6 – the last round – at Sky Ute, another eight was issued by ref Freddy Ledesma, leaving Gomez (17-4-1, 8 KO) with only the unattainable option of a knockout if victory was to be rescued and possible fan eruption was to be avoided.

"I kind of pushed my game plan towards the end, but I felt I needed, with those bull—t knockdowns, to push the action, you know?" he said. "He was holding me; it was hard to get my shots off. But he beat me, that's what happens in this game.

You've got winners and losers, and all I'm going to do is go back to the gym and train my ass off." And celebrate his 26th birthday, which came a week later.

Layla returns

For 15 seconds, the meeting between Kimberly Harris of Tampa Bay, Fla., and Layla McCarter of Las Vegas, Nev., became a brawl – unlike the methodical fight McCarter controlled throughout the first five light-middleweight rounds.

"There were quite a few accidental head-butts. She comes with her head a lot – I actually warned her verbally once – and the last one was really bad," said McCarter, sporting stitches around her right eye. "They closed it up really good; the doctors here are

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Ladies at .500 entering districts

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

For the Lady Bobcats, it was too little, too late.

But more like TWO little, TWO late as their regular season ended with a no-love-lost loss at Bayfield an evening after Valentine's Day – and three nights after an overtime loss at Telluride, which cost them a shot at second place outright in the San Juan Basin League's 2A side. It could still end up theirs, but would require aid from both Mancos and Dolores – the 2A half's top squad – this weekend.

"Our focus is on that," head coach Brice Searles said, concerning this weekend's 2A-District 3 Tournament, "but to play as well as we did was a good sign for us. Face it, there's no Bayfield compared to what we have in our league – it's a whole different ballgame. For us to play this well – even at the end to close the gap the way we did, nobody quit – it showed a real big sign of character for our team. And that's what I'm looking for."

The Lady Bobcats fell 54-50 at the MinerDome, then 56-50 at BHS Gymnasium, leaving them at 9-9 overall. But not before one last rush to inject some future rivalry fear into the Lady Wolverines: 12 straight Michelle Simmons points and a buzzer-beating three-pointer from Rose Mirabal made for a 15-4 Ignacio scoring run. They'd trailed 52-35 entering those final minutes.

"We did make some mistakes there at the end that got them back into the game," BHS skipper Ron Posey admitted. "They have a couple good shooters and we let one of them get started a little bit."

That was Simmons late, but freshman Cloe Seibel early – with three threes in the first half, including one that tied the score at 12-12 after one quarter. She'd finish with 11 points, while Simmons racked up a game-high 19. Mirabal totaled seven points, and Pam Cotton was two missed free throws away from a double-double with her eight points and



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) leaps into action, taking on Bayfield's Candace Shaw en route to the basket during the Lady Bobcats' regular-season finale Feb. 15 inside BHS Gymnasium. The opposing guards combined to score 31 points – Simmons had 19 – as the Lady Wolverines narrowly won, 56-50.

ten rebounds.

"Twelve missed free throws – that will always come back to haunt you," Searles lamented of the team's total. "But I thought our girls played outstanding; the effort was there. But overall ... I think it's just a lack of execution: We get a steal, then we turn it over, get a steal, turn it over. We missed our opportunities, we really did."

Against THS, the opportunities were there: Ignacio led 23-17 at halftime, 38-29 heading into the final quarter. But the Lady Miners stole momentum and then the show by winning the tiebreaking fifth frame 7-3. Statistically, the two teams were about as even as the final score; Mirabal's 16 points offset Emy

Ludwig's 16, Mariah Vigil's 12 one-upped Emily Langley's 11, and Cotton's 12 one-upped Sarah Wontrobski's 11. Simmons put in ten more, but that was the extent of IHS's output.

Finishing a respectable 7-5 against the full 2A/1A SJBL in 2010-11, IHS's most recent win also came in dramatic fashion, a 40-39 home win over Mancos on Feb. 11, meaning the Lady Cats have now won – counting last season's district semifinal – three straight over the Lady Jays.

"I think it's a sign of things to come," Searles said, "but ... the main thing is just that our pressure and the opportunities we get from it – we've got to take advantage."

Cats never trail in Bayfield win

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Too much "Sweet Caroline." Not enough "Sweet Georgia Brown."

Bad news for the Bayfield Wolverines, who saw the Ignacio Bobcats find their rhythm early in the Feb. 15 non-league Pine River Rivalry game inside BHS Gymnasium. And insurmountable news for the hosts when considering the guests had already wrapped up another league championship-winning campaign three nights before.

Junior Shane Richmond opened the scoring with a three-pointer, senior Ryan Brooks followed about two minutes later with a triple, and classmate Jay Black knocked down another at the first quarter's midway moment, staking IHS to an 11-0 lead they'd never relinquish en route to triumphing 54-40.

"Our game plan was to come out fast and strong, play physical. And try not to come out scared, make mistakes," said head coach Chris Valdez. "And Richmond couldn't hold the ball early, Deion [Hudson] had a couple errors ... but we shake those errors off and other people pick up the pace."

Bottling up 3A Bayfield's "Big Three" of center Derek Hillyer, power forward Seth Posey, and guard Seth Roubideaux with the defense, respectively, of Brooks, Richmond, and senior Pedro Vigil, the Cats stormed out to a 20-7 lead after a quarter and led 29-13 through two. Hillyer, Posey and Roubideaux were held to a combined zero points, while Brooks, Richmond and Vigil dropped in 22.

"Jay played a great defensive game, Pedro," Valdez said, "Xavier [Watts] came off the bench and played a great defensive game. And our big guys were consistent – that's what it takes to try to beat a team like this."

Eager to face a team blessed with size and speed, something they didn't find to their liking in a 56-25 walloping of Telluride – though it did polish off an 11-0 San Juan Basin League slate – Ignacio sped up the tempo



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

In his final Ignacio-Bayfield contest, senior Ryan Brooks (3) went out with a roar, here battling for an offensive rebound against Wolverine Seth Posey (10) during IHS's regular-season finale Feb. 15 at BHS Gymnasium. Brooks totaled 26 points as the Bobcats won 54-40.

beginning the third quarter against the Wolverines, with Brooks chipping in five more of his game-high 26 points.

Ignacio's lead expanded to 41-23 after three quarters, with Richmond putting in a nice reverse layup in the waning seconds – though Roubideaux canceled it with a 17-foot pull-up jumper at the buzzer. Posey finally worked in close enough for a bucket, but with 4:37 left in the fourth frame and BHS trailing 45-29, not enough time for the necessary magic remained.

Brooks hit two free throws with 0:20 left, symbolic for the team's sizable senior class in their final go-round against the purple-and-gold, then exited to an ovation from the fans filling one side of the near-capacity venue. Don't really have to say which color scheme they were supporting.

"It's great," Brooks said of the win – and, in effect, the season. "We circle this on our schedule

at the beginning of the year, know we're going to get their best. They're going to get our best; it's going to be a good, hard-fought battle all the time."

Richmond finished with 12 points for IHS (17-2, 11-0 SJBL), Black totaled seven, and Vigil five. Colton Davis and Paul Tahlo each sank one basket as well. Hillyer led BHS (11-8) with 11 points after his slow start, Roubideaux netted eight, and Kane Hamilton had six.

Against Telluride (5-10, 4-9), Vigil scored 13 points as Ignacio dashed out to a 30-10 halftime lead inside the MinerDome and had no reason to look back, other than Austin Koenig's 13 points. Brooks led the way with 15 points, while Black again was a solid third option with his nine.

"We'll be ready for anyone," said Brooks of this weekend's Class 2A-District 3 Tournament, "just go out and play our best and see where it goes from there."

A message from the undefeated IJHS boys' basketball coach

As the top seed in the San Juan Basin Junior High Basketball League, the Ignacio Bobcats beat the Ridgway Demons, Telluride Miners and Mancos Blue Jays, respectfully completing the season 18-0!

I'm very proud of these young men. They worked hard and never stopped. Throughout the season, they received compliments from officials, opposing coaches, players and fans – compliments like "They are well disciplined," "They play well as a team," and "They show advanced playing and good sportsmanship."

Parents, thank you for allowing your sons to play. I am honored

to get the chance to coach your boys. I enjoyed it very much.

In addition, we had two young ladies as our managers. As managers, they helped with inventory, prepared the gym for practice, and learned how to take statistics. Thank you, ladies!

I would also like to thank my coaching staff: Shane Brooks, C team; Tim Velasquez, B team; and Kathy Herrera, A team assistant and statistician.

May God bless all of you and your families. I wish you success in your education, sports, and life goals.

La Titia Taylor
Ignacio Junior High School
boys' basketball head coach



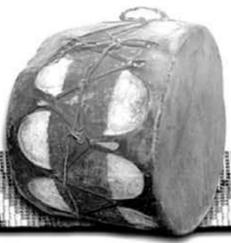
Ignacio Junior High boys' basketball coach La Titia Taylor (left) gives her players pointers during a time-out Feb. 19.

The undefeated Ignacio Junior High boys' basketball team, from left to right: (bottom row) Anthony Manzanares, Wyatt Hayes, Austin McCaw, Andrew Martinez, Keith Joosten, Blaine Mickey, Joseph Herrera, (top row) Kathy Herrera, Ellie Seibel, Shea Hanna, Cody Witcher, Charles Rohde, Trevor Sivers, Nicholas Herrera, Adison Jones, Xavier Reynolds, Klayson Smith, and coach La Titia Taylor.

Ignacio Junior High's Adison Jones (right) shoots a free throw during the championship game against Mancos on Feb. 19 as teammates Anthony Manzanares (25) and Wyatt Hayes (12) look on. The Cats finished the season undefeated at 18-0.

photos courtesy McKean Walton





Little athletes make big plays in SunUte basketball

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The score was supposed to be the least of the players' concerns. It was the underlying theme of the entire program, after all.

"I think that's the best part," said Recreation Manager Janet Mosher, "when you see the kids playing and the parents know it's a developmental league. It's for fun, about getting better at the game."

But in the final engagement of the 2011 SunUte Youth Basketball Developmental League Tournament, Feb. 12 inside the SunUte Recreation Center, youngsters Katrina Chandler and Quannah Casey weren't trying to hear that. Nor were their respective teammates.

Knowing the running clock was his worst enemy, and his Ute Mountain Rec side trailing Chandler's Jazz 21-18, Casey - one of the shortest on the court - coolly swished a trey from the right wing, tying the game and getting an impressive reaction from the still-sizeable crowd of spectators.

But Chandler, daughter of - and player for - Clint Chandler (head coach of the 4A Durango Lady Demons), relished the opportunity to execute what she'd learned. Fouled in the backcourt after the inbounds pass, Chandler stepped to the stripe, and hit the winning free throw - releasing it with 0:01.4 left.

"To me it was nothing out of the ordinary," she said of her make, like a seasoned NBA veteran.

Casey's side, from Towaoc and having already played twice in Cortez before coming to Ignacio for another pair, handled the defeat - concluding the Ages 11-12 division - quite well, illustrating that one of the program's by-products is the confidence needed to execute a crossover.

"The parents are really behind these kids; we had over 200 kids enrolled in this program and every year it gets bigger - last year it was 180," said Angelo Eppie, SYBDL volunteer and 5-6 Bulls coach. "And at the end of the sea-



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Anthony Suina (left) of the 11-12 Celtics gets a shot away before the Suns' double-team can arrive during the Feb. 12 end-of-season tournament.

son we give them prizes: medals, T-shirts. All the coaches are volunteers, which is awesome, and it's all developing up in stages."

Similar to the height of the rim for each division: 5-6s played on eight-foot rims, 7-10s on nine-footers, and 11-12s on the regulation 10-foot hoops. So also was the enforcement of the rules: age-proportionally more strenuous, overseen by Oscar Cosio, Jennifer Ruybal, and R.C. Lucero.

"It's all about fundamentals. They've got to learn the basics now, then elevate their game when they get older," said Trae Seibel, coach of the 9-10 Bobcats. "That's what we really focused on."

Still, players couldn't help but focus on the outcomes after four quarters per contest.

"We went undefeated!" exclaimed Kasey Chandler, member of the 7-8 Nuggets. Seibel's bunch was another that achieved blemish-free status.

"But after we went undefeated I told the kids ... it's not about being undefeated," he said, "it's not about winning, it's about walking away knowing what you learned. And getting better."

Mosher said every member of this year's 18 teams showed improvement.

"Some kids are more experienced, but as a coach I tell them to play as a team, pass it to everyone on the team, make sure everyone shoots," Eppie said. "And as a coach I'll pull players out to tell them that, like, 'I know you can shoot, but let the other kids.' I'd rather we lose as a



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Youth basketball participants scramble for the ball during the last day of competition Feb. 12 at SunUte Community Center. This year boasted the largest program enrollment yet, with about 200 local kids competing.

team, than win by having one guy score all our points."

That was a concept to which the players gravitated. In a contest between Seibel's Bobcats and Kristi Garnanez's Hornets, guard Clay Seibel (a younger brother) came up with a steal late as the first half wound down. No Hornets could catch him on a breakaway, but instead of scoring an uncontested layup, the Cat chose to wait for a trailing teammate to correctly fill his own running lane, then dished off.

The hustle and discipline seen - and on many more plays throughout the season - wasn't random.

"We had practices Monday through Friday at night too, so we just don't throw them out on the court," Eppie said. "They're practicing every night, and we have that set aside for the kids."

"Coaching these kids is something I love to do right now ... teach them some things I learned from my coaches. Chris Valdez and Shane Seibel," Trae Seibel said. "And I implement having fun, big-time."

Mosher expressed gratitude for the volunteers who helped put the program together.

"Thank goodness for them, or we wouldn't have a program!"



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Lawrence Valdez of the 9-10 Bobcats dashes up court before the Hornets' defense can catch him during the Feb. 12 end-of-season tournament.

she said.

"The little kids never forget you," noted Eppie. "So to me it's not a 'job' coaching; it's for the kids. Those kids never forget I made a difference here at this rec center - Janet, Damon [White

Thunder, a coach and tourney scorekeeper], Susan [Velasquez, who went 2-for-2 coaching the 9-10 Suns in the tourney for Beth Santistevan, after her regular work with the 7-8 Thunder] ... we all do."



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Janet Mosher, recreation director at SunUte Community Center, hands out medals to participants in this year's youth basketball league during the final day of games Feb. 12. More than 200 local youth participated.

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- Tournament managers reserve the right to verify all averages.
- USBC membership card required at check-in.
- Bowl three games on one pair of lanes.
- Three divisions: Open, Women and Youth. Open can contain women and men, Women's for women only, Youth for youth only.

- Cash once in a division, highest standing.
 - Pay out will be 1 of 5 entries.
 - \$1,500 will be added by the Sky Ute Casino to the prize fund.
 - Check in time is no later than 30 minutes prior to squad time.
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- Open & Women**
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| Prize fund | \$ 10 |
| Tournament expenses | \$ 3 |
- Youth**
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Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♋ **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

Your new Solar Year blasts into action led by hard-driving MARS in your sign. You can't sit this one out Little Fishes! The keyword here is action. Take the lead and boldly push your agenda forward. JUPITER, MERCURY, and URANUS have moved into a financial area of your chart. Their influence may inspire clever ideas, and money-generating projects. You have the ability to make an impression on others now. Ensure that it's a positive one.

♈ **ARIES (March 21-April 20)**

Not so fast RAMS. Before you go charging off at full velocity there are still a few details in the "unfinished business" sector of your chart. Now might be the best time to clear away the leftovers such as old debt, or unresolved issues. On the 20th when the SUN comes blazing into your sign once more you'll be ready to press forward with your personal agenda. Three motivating planets MERCURY, JUPITER, and URANUS currently occupy your sign ARIES. Take action before the 30th.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**

Hey TAURUS it's not every day that your capable planetary ruler VENUS gets to shine its brilliant light in the highest point of your chart. Set your ambitions free. There's an upsurge of positive planetary activity taking place all month and you won't want to miss any opportunities. MERCURY your sign ruler enters the zone of hopes and wishes on the 9th giving you a clear shot at launching future goals. Furthermore generous JUPITER and optimistic URANUS have your back. GO...do what it takes GEMINI!

♊ **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

As VENUS gradually climbs to the highest point in your Solar Chart, job related matters become priority. Best to adopt a fresh perspective TWINS. Step lively as there's an upsurge of positive planetary activity taking place all month and you won't want to miss any opportunities. MERCURY your sign ruler enters the zone of hopes and wishes on the 9th giving you a clear shot at launching future goals. Furthermore generous JUPITER and optimistic URANUS have your back. GO...do what it takes GEMINI!

♋ **CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

The SUN and MARS in compatible PISCES favor your long range plans and even lend support to your grandest ideas. Additionally, the NEW MOON on the 4th supercharges your intuitive instincts and steers you towards your targeted plan. Avoid snap judgements MOON KIDS. MERCURY in impulsive ARIES may prompt you to speak impulsively, particularly on the job. Choose your words carefully, once spoken you can't take them back.

♌ **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Generosity has always been one of your best qualities LEO. But this month a more conservative approach with finances may be called for. Your sign ruler the SUN, teams with MARS and the NEW MOON to activate the personal resource area of your chart. Clearly the message is to wipe the slate clean of negative spending habits, and impulse buying. Launch a fresh start on the 5th, 6th, or 7th while the Moon is in action-oriented ARIES. Prospective endeavors will have a greater chance of a successful outcome.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)**

The seeds of new growth will be sown on the 4th when a NEW MOON in your opposite sign of PISCES casts its promising light in the relationship section of your chart. No matter how you logically perceive your involvements, the PISCES MOON could turn logic into idealism. Later in the month on the 19th, a FULL MOON in VIRGO brightens the whole picture and common sense prevails once again. The bottom line here is... cooperation.

♎ **LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)**

Have your fun LIBRA, but after it's all said and done you'll still have to think of better ways to improve your health and diet regimen. Currently SATURN (in your sign) is forming a fortunate connection to VENUS your ruling planet. Both love and personal progress take a turn for the better. With the planets heating up things in your opposite sign of ARIES this month, close relationships may require more of your consideration. Work towards a friendly solution.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

Spending more time with loved ones may be at the very top of your priority list. An amplified energy in the enjoyment section of your chart insures that a good time can be had by all. It's a creative month for you SCORPIO. Job or work related projects might showcase your talent and ingenuity and earn you both personal recognition and monetary rewards. Put the excess energy you've acquired this month to good use. Be persistent, and focused.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

Home and property matters might take up more time than you'd like. Current planetary placements indicate March to be a favorable time to form a more secure home base. Spring is about to be sprung and the NEW MOON on the 4th draws your attention to the matters at hand. Family relationships and home improvement ventures may demand your undivided attention. Be kind, clear, and patient when dealing with the elders or other family members.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)**

Each month there is a planetary theme that drives your actions. This time it's all about communication. Normally Capricorn folks are motivated by common sense and practicality. But this month your intuition takes over early on. Used in a productive way you could be quite successful when incorporating creative methods of getting your point across to others. Most of our progress and growth is based on how we verbally express ourselves. Don't be shy CAPRICORN.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**

March glides in like a lamb in your chart and sets off your month on a high note. The big news is lively VENUS breezing into your sign on the 1st and staying around until the 26th. Take note of the NEW MOON on March 4th AQUARIUS, it's your cue to review your financial status and change what is no longer working. It's spring, a time for renewal and revival. Imaginative ideas regarding money may easily pop in when you least expect them. Rely on your quick wit to come up with resourceful solutions.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Marissa Rocha

Job title: Contracts and grant manager
Description of duties: Manage financial and programmatic compliance of contracts and grants awarded to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



Frances Fisher

Job title: AP/AR clerk
Description of duties: Assisting with accounts payable and accounts receivables.

Hobbies: Photography and hiking.
Family: Mother - Jean Haddell

Comments: This will be a challenging and interesting job.

IACAP – IGNACIO AREA CORRIDOR ACCESS PLAN

Sky Ute Casino Resort, Event Center, Room A • Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

All registered Southern Ute Indian Tribe members, aged 18 and over and their families are invited to a "Dinner and Informational Meeting" regarding the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has contracted with URS Corporation, to develop the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan in conjunction with CDOT, LaPlata County and the Town Of Ignacio. This is an opportunity for Tribal Members to come and be a part of what will determine existing and future access needs in the defined study area and make recommendations that seek to establish the appropriate balance between access to adjacent land uses and maintaining an acceptable Level of Service (LOS) and safety on SH172/SH151/CR517. Representatives from the 4 entities will be on hand to receive input regarding this issue from Tribal members. Please RSVP to Marcella Olbert by Feb. 23 and advise how many from your household will be attending so the meal can be planned accordingly. There will be awesome prize giveaways but you must be present to win.

Marcella can be reached at Tribal Planning by phone at 970-563-4749, fax 970-563-4839 or by email at molbert@southern-ute.nsn.us

Express Your Opinions

Recreation staff thanks

I would like to thank everyone who made the 2011 Youth Basketball season a success. Thank you to the Recreation Staff who worked diligently to make sure everything ran smoothly, the rest of the SunUte staff who helped support our efforts, and a huge thank you to the volunteer coaches, without you, our program would not be possible.

Janet Mosher,
recreation manager

Emerging from retirement to right the ship

Greetings, tribal membership. It is with great disappointment and concern that I choose to come out of retirement and put my many years of experience and maturity to lead this tribe again. I am ready to put this ship back on course and bring stability to the tribal membership and its council.

It is my belief that the council needs a leader that will help them become more educated and effective in their roles and responsibilities as council members to work on behalf of the tribal membership. The council must have a leader that they can trust and have confidence in to guide them in making decisions that benefit their membership.

The past administration has forgotten the membership and left the people behind, and have

made decisions that have had a negative impact on the prosperity of the people. The neglect of council involvement in changes has created division among council members, and the unity of leadership has been weak.

Each of the elected council members were elected by the people to assure that all concerns would be addressed and resolutions brought to the satisfaction of the people. These concerns deal with abiding by policies, procedures, laws and regulations passed by the Tribal Council and by the Constitution "in order to exercise our inherent rights of self-government as confirmed by the Constitution and bylaws approved November 4, 1936, to administer our tribal affairs, to preserve and increase our tribal resources."

The Constitution is the people's bible to the elected officials to follow and administer, and only the people can approve changes or amendments to the Constitution.

If I am elected to the chairmanship, I will continue the ongoing investigations and may intensify the process. I feel the membership needs to have the air cleared on the allegations, as well as myself. I do not want to enter an office if issues brought forth by the membership are not being or have not been addressed.

An internal audit needs to be done; again, I would not want to take over an administration that has some questions about mismanagement or misuse of tribal funds. These have to be done professionally and with respect, so that it is resolved in an effective way, and if allegations are found to be true, then the violator has to own up to it and face the outcome of whatever process needs to take place.

This is just a short statement to alert you to my seeking the office of the chairmanship. I will write a longer statement in the next issue of the Drum. I will be available to any tribal member that would like to sit down and talk with me on the past issues and my positions on them or the future.

I know the issues and concerns are about the overall governmental operations that need to be addressed, some of which are Social Services, courts, SUPD, Health Services, employment, elders, and the Growth Fund, just to mention a few.

Again, I offer you my many years of experience, maturity, traditional knowledge, and to work on behalf of you the tribal membership. I am also a veteran. Thank you. May our Creator continue to walk with you and bless your family circle.

Clement J. Frost
Ignacio

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2nd Annual Veterans Seminar



Thursday, March 17, 2011

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Farmington, NM 87402

Refreshments will be served!!!!

Representatives from the following offices will be available:

- Melissa Middleton-Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Program
- Beverly Charley-New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
- Elise Wheeler-University of New Mexico Campus Vet Center
- Storey Smith-Mobile Vet Center
- Charlotte Atso-Veterans' Service Officer Farmington

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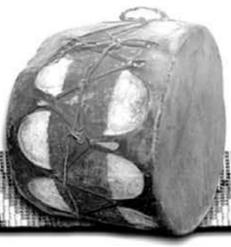
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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION Tuesday, April 12, 2011

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Notice - Vote for One (1)

- Kevin R. Frost
Pearl E. Casias
Richard L. Jefferson
Matthew J. Box
Clement J. Frost

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
Voting is by secret Ballot.
Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
SunUte Community Center
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The candidates for Tribal Chairman

- Kevin R. Frost
Pearl E. Casias
Richard L. Jefferson
Matthew J. Box
Clement J. Frost

The candidate receiving the HIGHEST number of votes shall be elected.

Voter Registration Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Ballot Deadline: April 11, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.

Notice of proposed revised Minor Source Program and request for comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on a proposed revised Minor Source Program...

Reservation dated December 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Tribe will require owners/operators to submit a best available control technology proposal for review by the Tribe on a case-by-case basis. In lieu of case-by-case control technology review, the required level of control and corresponding emission limitations may, in the Tribe's discretion, be set forth in a general permit that may be established for various categories of similar sources with similar control technologies and capabilities.

III. Deadline for submission of written comments.

Please provide any comments on the proposed revised Minor Source Program no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011. Please submit your comments to Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: bjarrell@southern-ute.nsn.us
Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
Fax: 970-563-0384
Hand delivery: Air Quality Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, 116 Mouache Dr., Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Summary description of proposed revised Program.

The purpose of the revised Program is to establish a permitting program for existing minor sources and a preconstruction permitting program for new and modified minor sources located within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Program authorizes the imposition of emission limits and controls for those sources. The Program also provides a mechanism for a source to voluntarily establish permit limits to become a synthetic minor source.

Minor source permits will include emission limitations, and monitoring, recordkeeping, reporting, and testing requirements to assure compliance with the emission limitations. Unless otherwise specified in the permit, compliance by existing sources must be achieved within three years from the date of permit issuance.

I. Statement of time, place and nature of rule-making proceeding.

In addition to receiving written comments as provided below, the Environmental Commission will hold a public hearing at Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building-Buckskin Charlie Room, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p.m., to receive public comment on the proposed revised Program. The public hearing will be held as part of a regular Environmental Commission meeting.

II. Legal authority under which the rule is proposed.

Legal authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian

Pursuant to the Program regulations, emission sources will be charged an application fee as well as an annual emissions fee for releasing air pollutants into the Reservation air-shed. Fees will be used to fund administration of the Program and allow for the development of other necessary regulations.

The Tribe and the Environmental Commission will enforce civil compliance with the Program. Appealable administrative actions taken by the Tribe will be subject to review by the Commission in accordance with the administrative appeal procedures contained in the Program and the Commission's Procedural Rules.

V. Where a complete copy of the proposed revised Program can be obtained.

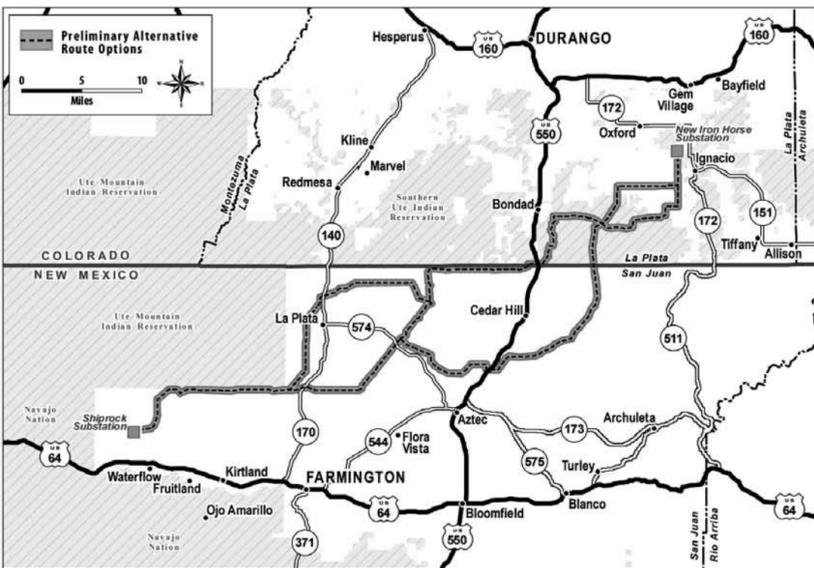
A copy of the proposed revised Minor Source Program is available upon request from the Tribe's Air Quality Program Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, mail, fax, or in person at the addresses noted above. The revised Program also is available at the following website:

http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/air-quality/environmental-commission

For further information contact: Brenda Jarrell, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number (970) 563-4705 (ext. 2246); fax number (970) 563-0384; e-mail bjarrell@southern-ute.nsn.us.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

Public Scoping Meetings MARCH 16TH AND 17TH, 2011



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces public scoping meetings to solicit public comments on the proposed San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project. BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the Federal Register on

January 25, 2011 indicating its intent to conduct public scoping for the proposed project. All interested parties are invited to attend the public scoping meetings to learn about the federal review process and discuss details of the proposed project.

Tri-State has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization from the BLM to construct, operate, and maintain a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Farmington, New Mexico area to Ignacio, Colorado. The project area covers approximately 174,096 acres of mixed Federal, State, Tribal and private lands. The BLM Farmington Field Office and Bureau of Indian Affairs manage the Federal lands in the project area. The BLM Farmington Field Office will serve as the lead agency for preparation of the EIS. Cooperating agencies identified at this time include the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Rural Utilities Service, and Western Area Power Administration.

For further information please visit the project website: www.SJBEnergyConnect.com or contact Marcy Romero, Project Manager, telephone 505-599-6339; address 1235 La Plata Highway Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401; e-mail marcella_romero@blm.gov.

You may submit comments related to the San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project by any of the following methods:

Web site: www.SJBEnergyConnect.com
E-mail: info@sjbenergyconnect.com

Mail: Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, Attention: San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

Comments must be received in writing by the BLM on or before April 1, 2011.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING INFORMATION

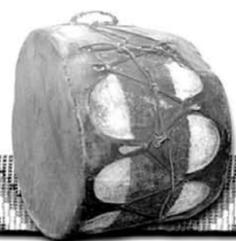
Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Location. Rows include meetings on March 16, 2011 and March 17, 2011 at various locations like Farmington Civic Center and Aztec Senior Center.

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Gas Volume Analyst

Closing date 2/28/11 – Red Willow Production
 Monitors natural gas production volumes, nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines, maintains gathering and transportation contracts, and, controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances.

Custodian

Closing date 2/28/11 – Sky Ute Fairgrounds
 Daily cleaning of Sky Ute Fairgrounds to include vacuuming carpeted areas and offices, sweeping, mopping, waxing, and buffing tiled floors and all facilities.

Lease Operator II

Closing date 2/28/11 – Red Willow Production
 Manages and maintains field operations safely and efficiently in compliance with all applicable tribal, federal, state, and county regulations.

Assistant Controller

Closing date 2/28/11 – Aka Energy Group
 Assisting in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining accounting principles, practices, and procedures, and, managing monthly accounting tasks.

KSUT - Public Radio

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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.

SUCAP

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

Sub-Cook

Open until filled – SUCAP Head Start. Weekdays, preparing meals for children and adults. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, exp. cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds/pass background checks/obtain food handlers permit.

Teacher

Closing date 3/4/11 – Looking for staff to make a difference in the lives of children and have their Early Childhood College Education paid for as they go! (Some restrictions apply.) Exceptional Health Care benefits! HS/GED and 2 years experience working in preschool program required. CDA, AA, or BA preferred. Must pass background checks.

**SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
 Transportation Maintenance Worker 1**

The Adult Occupational Training Program, and the Colorado Department of Transportation are advertising the Transportation Maintenance Worker 1. This training program will be under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, for six months and six months under CDOT and will be employed in Durango, CO. Applications can be picked up at the Education Department, or the Human Resources Department, deadline to apply is Monday, Feb. 28, 2011 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

Major responsibilities:

This position is a training position to become a fully operational Transportation Maintenance Worker I. These positions will receive top notch training from our professional Maintenance Department Staff in roadside, facility, traffic, bridge, and equipment maintenance as well as training in the operation of snow removal equipment. Specific job duties vary by position and location. This position will work under the guidance and supervision of a lead worker to perform the following duties:
 Attending training, safety classes, and meetings related to maintenance activities.
 Performing the following duties under a lead worker: roadway surface maintenance and maintaining roadside appearance and facilities;
 Maintaining traffic maintenance signs and traffic delineations;
 Learning to apply paint and thermoplastic with specialized striping equipment;
 Installing crosswalks, stop bars, lane control arrows, symbols and legends to the roadway surface;
 Operating snow removal equipment to keep roads free and clear of snow and ice;
 Maintaining and repairing bridge structures; maintaining assigned equipment, buildings, grounds, rest areas and miscellaneous structures;
 Stockpiling and/or hauling material as needed.
 Will learn to provide road and weather reports and other pertinent information to the dispatch center

Other agencies as needed through observation and training;
 Other duties as assigned or required.

Education and experience requirements: One year of labor experience in heavy construction, heavy equipment operation, or farming equipment use.
 Possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's License and a good driving record.
 The selected individual must be able to obtain a Colorado Commercial Driver's License within 1 year from hire with appropriate DOT Medical Card and endorsements (e.g. Tanker, HazMat, Air Brakes)
 This experience must be specifically documented on your application.

Necessary special requirements:

Colorado Driving Record release waiver, verification & check may be required during the hiring process
 Must pass a pre-employment medical physical and a controlled substance test (i.e. drug test). A criminal background check may be conducted.
 Must live with twenty (20) miles of where the workstation and/or equipment are located. This is necessary in order to report for emergency work within thirty (30) minutes driving time under adverse weather conditions, after notified to report to work. Knowledge of an emergency or hazardous condition may be considered to be notification to report to work station.
 Must be willing to respond to emergencies outside regular work hours and work overtime including weekends and holidays.
 Must be willing and be physically able to work in extreme temperatures and weather conditions for long periods of time.
 Must provide the supervisor with a telephone number where he/she can be reached for the purpose of responding to an emergency.
 Must be able to read, understand and follow oral and written instructions in English.

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.

Lake Capote Manager – APPRENTICE

Closing date 2/28/11 – This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to become the Lake Capote Manager. Lake Capote Program operations are located under the Wildlife Resource Management Division in the Natural Resources Department. The objective of the Lake Capote Manager Apprentice position is to offer a Southern Ute Tribal Member hands-on experience and guidance in all phases of managing the Lake Capote Recreation Area (LCRA). The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Temporary Electrician

Responsible for the repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

Temporary Buildings Maintenance Technician

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems.

Cultural Department Director

Closing date 2/25/11 – This is a professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal cultural and historic programs and various related activities. The Culture Department Director provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute culture and history. The Director shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions is the tribal membership.

Temporary HVAC Technician

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, computer aided digital controls, hot and chilled water distribution systems and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings.

Temporary Plumber

Responsible for the repair, maintenance, and installation of mechanical and plumbing equipment in Tribal Buildings and Systems, to include correction of safety hazards.

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.
 *Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COMMITTEE
 Election Board Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) Election Board vacancy for an Alternate Board member. 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 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 March 11.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
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**In the Legal Name Change of,
 Case No.: 2011-016-NC
 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Jordan Andrew Cuthair, Civil Subject
 Notice is hereby given that Bernadine Zamora on behalf of Jordan Andrew Cuthair has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jordan Andrew Zamora. 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 14, 2011 at 1:30PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2011.
 Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of,
 Case No.: 2011-017-NC
 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Julius Jacob Cuthair, Civil Subject
 Notice is hereby given that Julius Jacob Cuthair has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Julius Jacob Zamora. 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 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2011.
 Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of,
 Case No.: 2006-GS-139-GS
 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Elyssa Katherine Weaver, Civil Subject
 Notice is hereby given that Julie Phillips filed an application for legal change of name on behalf of Elyssa Katherine Weaver to be known hereafter as Elyssa Katherine Phillips. As of February 14, 2011, Julie Phillips appeared by telephone, no other parties appeared after filing objections. Therefore notice is hereby given that Elyssa Katherine Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Elyssa Katherine Phillips.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2011.
 Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of,
 Case No.: 11-027-NC
 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Araylia Dawn Brown, Civil Subject
 Notice is hereby given that Araylia Dawn Brown has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Araylia Dawn Romero. 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 April 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2011.
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Durango Discovery Museum opens to public

Media release

Durango Discovery Museum

Following a 10-year, \$4 million renovation and interior reconstruction to the town's historic Powerhouse, the Durango Discovery Museum opened to the general public Wednesday, Feb. 23.

"It's hard to imagine we are finally here," said Claire Bradshaw, the museum's executive director. "It's been a long journey, but none of this could have been possible without the thousands of volunteers and donors who generously gave their time and their dollars to this amazing endeavor.

She said the museum is something local residents can take immense pride in.

"It is a worthy addition to the town, and we hope everyone joins us in the coming weeks to

celebrate the Powerhouse's long-awaited 'reopening' as an interactive science and energy museum," she said.

Atom Family memberships are priced from \$60 and are valid for 12 months after purchase. Membership prices will increase (Atom level goes up to \$75) one week after opening on Wednesday, March 2. The individual admission price is \$9.50, and children age two and under are free.

The museum opened with more than a dozen major exhibits in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Energy Gallery, including the eTree, Good Time Clock, Animation Station, Magic Planet, and Mensch Spark Shop, plus a theater, "mad scientist" exhibitions, and Durango Discovery Kids, a toddler-specific play zone.

The museum also features a

new public plaza along the Animas River, including the Carver Brewing Co. and Family Stage, featuring science and art shows. Education programs, birthday parties, and science-related events are already taking place in the newly remodeled Carlton Family Science Education Center, aka "The Ed."

Winter hours for the museum are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Through the winter, the museum will be closed on Mondays. Tuesdays will be open to school-group field trips.

The museum is a unique hands-on museum where visitors can explore science and energy topics of all kinds. Phase II of the museum master plan includes two remodeled buildings at 1333 Camino del Rio and a river-facing public plaza.

Traveling the Old Spanish Trail



Loch Wade, 47, of Utah, began a hike Jan. 31 that would take him and his two llamas, five-year-old short-hair Chelce and seven-year-old long hair Jasper (above), through six states and some of the most beautiful landscapes the country has to offer along the Old Spanish Trail.

The trail, which has not been used since the 1800s, was a trade route connecting settlements in New Mexico to Los Angeles. The trip has been a 7-year dream of Wade's. When asked why he's doing this, Wade said "it hasn't been done since the 1800s, and I wanted to meet different people and cultures."

Loch began his journey in Abique, N.M., and hopes to reach Moab, Utah, by summer. He'll then take a few months off and begin his travels again in the fall. He and his llamas made an appearance at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio on Feb. 18 to spend time with students.

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Tribe, new Durango museum form educational partnership

Media release

Durango Discovery Museum

The Durango Discovery Museum and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have entered into a 5-year science, technology, engineering and math education partnership that will serve tribal youth from pre-Kindergarten through high school.

"The goal of this partnership is to build confidence, knowledge, and skills in STEM subjects, giving Southern Ute tribal youth the tools necessary for success in school and in life," said Claire Bradshaw, executive

director of the Discovery Museum. "Further, the long-term goal is to encourage more Southern Ute graduates to enter STEM fields that will give them employment advantages when pursuing business and leadership positions."

Discovery Museum educators are currently providing hands-on STEM programs to youth in the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Program. To date, more than 60 Southern Ute tribal youth have explored science and technology subjects, learn-

ing about engineering and robotics, magnetism, static electricity, circuits, and states of matter.

Youth are engaged three to four times per week in museum-led experiential programs and field trips to the Durango Discovery Museum.

Additionally, the partnership invites Southern Ute tribal members of all ages to take advantage of a free, 5-year, Proton-level membership at the Discovery Museum. All enrolled tribal members may activate their memberships by visiting the museum and providing tribal identification.



Students share V-Day love

Students from the Ignacio Intermediate School set aside their regular class schedule Feb. 14 to celebrate Valentine's Day. Organized by Oscar Cosio, the festivities included cookie making, a scavenger hunt, and door prizes. Cosio filled the auditorium with music as students and teachers gathered together after lunch to socialize. Student classrooms also created Valentine's Day cards, which were shared locally at the Ignacio Senior Center.

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