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Lyrical frog visits school



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosted a pancake dinner for students and their families in its gymnasium on Thursday, Sept. 22. Following the meal, Americorps volunteer Paul Gebo dressed up as a frog named FRED — an acronym for “Families Reading Every Day” — and sang an original song to introduce the school’s new literacy push.

Finance, ethics among general meeting topics

By Amy Barry
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted on Sept. 28 its first general meeting of the year, which touched on a spectrum of issues from building projects to the performance of tribal investments.

Pearl E. Casias, chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, called the meeting to order. Southern Ute tribal elder Joseph Rael gave the opening prayer.

The meeting began with Growth Fund Executive Director Bruce Valdez, who provided an update on how the tribe’s Financial Plan was derived, where it stands today, and how diversification of the plan will continue going forward. He also explained that dividend payouts to the tribal membership have depended on fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index since 2008, and are based on a calculated three-year average relative to earnings.

Valdez said that energy revenues comprised the main factor once again due to the ongoing recovery of the market and an offshore drilling halt that affected the overall U.S. economy. He also discussed BP’s reporting of inaccurate royalty rates from 2002 through 2007. The U.S. Office of Natural Resources Revenue determined that BP provided false, inaccurate, or misleading reports for energy production on tribal lands and levied a \$5.2 million penalty.

The tribe has entered into settlement discussions on the penalty and will update the membership when a settlement benefiting the tribe is finalized.

In closing, Valdez encouraged tribal members to contact the Growth Fund with any questions and announced a Growth Fund general meeting on Oct. 21.

Ray Torres, director of the tribe’s Construction & Project Management Department, was next on the agenda. The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has completed final project reconciliation and closeout, he said. His department is now addressing warranty-related issues.

Torres then addressed the Juvenile Detention Facility project of 2008 and the building’s subsequent transformation into a Youth Treatment Facility by the Tribal Council. In 2011, the council again revisited the use of this facility — due to the lack of children needing treatment — and decided to use the facility as office space for Environmental Programs, the Tribal Employment Rights Office, and the Tribal Rangers. The building is slated for completion late next spring.

Torres also provided an update on the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Road and Bridge Repair Project. Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the project, which wrapped up in mid-September, consisted of repair to the LaBoca and Youth Camp bridges as well as repairs around the tribal campus. He said discussion would continue on the LaBoca Bridge structural assessment and what the tribe’s best interests are regarding the cost of maintaining the bridge.

Due to heavy snowfall in 2009 and 2010, 16 buildings have been damaged and require repairs, he said. Those repairs are scheduled to be finished this month.

Lake Capote also has a current project going to improve its water distribution system, which has been funded by the leftover funds from the dam project. The estimated date of completion is late fall 2011 or early spring 2012, Torres said.

Next on the agenda was the Legal Department. Director Monte Mills gave an overview of the U.S. Tribal Law and Order Act signed into law on July 29, 2010, by President Obama, which aims to clarify the duties of and increase coordination between federal, state and tribal law enforcement agencies. The act has provisions that empower tribal governments to strengthen law enforcement, reduce violent crime and crimes against Indian women. The Ethics Code approved by the Tribal Council on July 26 was the next topic of discussion. The committee will be known as the Ethics Commission and will consist of three tribal members not on the Tribal Council.

The BIA approved the Ethics

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ConocoPhillips honors Native Americans



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Former Southern Ute Royalty members Amya Bison (left) and Samantha Maez (right) take their Bear Dance partners out of the line dance during a Native American appreciation event hosted by ConocoPhillips in Farmington, N.M., on Thursday, Sept 29. More photos on page 9.

Tribe, Williams pen deal that will improve local air quality

10 gas compressor units to be replaced at Ignacio plant

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Williams Four Corners have struck an agreement that will vastly reduce harmful emissions from the Ignacio natural gas processing plant.

Under the terms of the deal, Williams, which owns and operates the plant, will replace 10 aging compressor units — seven 1950s-era reciprocating engines and three large gas turbines — with four modern turbines. For the improvement in local air quality, the tribe has agreed to grant Williams a 10-year rights-of-way extension for the company’s pipelines and surface leases on tribal lands.

“It’s a large drop in emissions,” said Kyle Hunderman, air quality scientist with the tribe’s Environmental Programs Division. “This is the largest change that could possibly happen at any single source.”

Currently, the plant is responsible for 23 percent of nitrogen oxide emissions and 10 percent of volatile organic compound emissions from all oil and gas activity on the Southern Ute Reservation, said Geologist Kyle Siesser of the tribe’s Energy Department. After the upgrade, it will contribute just 2 percent and 3 percent, respectively.

“It’s cleaner air from a health standpoint and a visibility standpoint,” Siesser said. “It makes it a healthier place to live.”

Hunderman said the difference would particularly benefit those at higher risk for respiratory distress, such as children, the elderly, and people with asthma.

“The benefits are in the air,” he said.

Each of the seven reciprocating engines — which were built before passage of the first U.S. Clean Air Act in 1970, and hence grandfathered into today’s system without needing to comply

with modern standards — could alone be considered a major emissions source, Hunderman said. There is “nothing in the past of the reservation that could compare” to the improvement in air quality projected after the upgrades, he said.

Tom Johnson, head of Environmental Programs, said both Williams and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, which guided the agreement, deserve commendation.

“This is something that is going to be a benefit to the entire Four Corners area,” he said.

Don Wicburg, general manager of Williams Midstream Four Corners, called the deal a “win-win.”

“I think that Williams and the Southern Ute Tribe have always had a solid business relationship,” he said. “Both the tribal community and La Plata County are clearly winners in this, from an air-quality standpoint.”



photo courtesy/Williams

Williams Four Corners has struck a deal with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to replace 10 compressor units at its Ignacio natural gas processing plant with more efficient and modern gas turbines. In exchange for cleaner air, the tribe has agreed to grant Williams a 10-year rights-of-way extension for its pipelines and surface leases on tribal lands.



News in brief

IGNACIO

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. 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.

Did you lose something at the Tribal Fair?

Several items left behind have been recovered and not yet claimed, including a feather bag, a beaded medallion, a beaded headband, a flowered hairpin, a Verizon cell phone, and a scarf. Call Dona Frost at 970-563-0100 ext. 2460 for more information.

Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238 or pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710 or mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

Attention: Agricultural land managers

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for 2012 cost-share program. The cost-share program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing best management practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and riparian protection and improvements. Majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore and protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information. Deadline is Nov. 4.

SUPD offering reward for stolen guns

The Southern Ute Police Department is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for the return of two stolen firearms or information that leads to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The first is a German drilling gun, which is a triple-barrel rifle and shotgun combination with two side-by-side 16-gauge barrels and a single 8x57R rifle barrel. The second is a .38 Special snub nose revolver. The firearms were stolen during a burglary of a residence on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation sometime between May 27 and June 11. If you have any information, please call Detective Luke Austin of the Southern Ute Police Department Investigations Bureau at 970-563-4942.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational session from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

SunUte to offer bowling and a movie Oct. 10

The SunUte Community Center is offering bowling and movie field trip to youth from 6 to 18 years old. Bowling will be at the Rolling Thunder Lanes, followed by a movie at Storyteller Theaters in Durango. The group will leave SunUte at 9:45 a.m., with check-in from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Registration is open to the first 30 children. Children registered are expected to attend both functions. Call R.C. Lucero at SunUte for more information or to register at 970-563-0214.

DURANGO

E-waste collection in Durango Oct. 7 - 8

The City of Durango's biannual e-waste collection event at the Durango Recycling Center will be Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items accepted for the event include TVs, CPUs, printers, scanners, fax machines, monitors, laptops, large office equipment, keyboards, mice, cables, cell phones, batteries and more. For more information, visit www.durangogov.org/recycling/electronic.cfm or call 970-375-5004.



photo archives/SU DRUM

10 Years Ago

Elementary students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy listen to John Oberly as he discusses the art of traditional drumming and singing on Friday, Sept. 28, 2001. The drum class took place in the school's cafeteria and represented a special part of the education offered at the Southern Ute Tribe's private school.

This photo first appeared in the October 5, 2001, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



photo archives/SU DRUM

20 Years Ago

Residents from Durango, Spain; Durango, Mexico; Durango, Colo.; and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe pose at a gathering in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

This photo first appeared in the October 7 1991, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

Former chiefs and council chairmen of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe surround a painting by Jim Box Sr. The Drum presented a tribal history book to the first person under 13 years of age who could correctly identify all the men in the above photo, excluding the painting.

This photo first appeared in the October 9, 1981, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

Rolling Thunder Lanes
FALL BOWLING IS HERE!
 Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center
 at Sky Ute Casino Resort

Monday - Friday
 all Students bowl for \$2.00
 a game and \$1.00 shoes
 from 11:00-4:00
 Also All Seniors with a
 Young at Heart card get
 free shoes M-F from
 11:00-4:00!

Monday night
"Date Night"
 6:00-9:00p.m. Dinner for
 two in the RTG, Steak and
 Shrimp accompanied with
 two games and shoes for
 \$30.00

Tuesday night
"Guys Night"
 \$2.50 a game, (shoes for
 \$2.50) and with this receipt
 25% off any burger on the
 menu!

Wednesday Night
"Ladies Night Out"
 \$2.50 a game, (shoes for
 \$2.50) with this receipt 25%
 off any appetizer or salad
 on the menu!

Thursday Night
"Buddy Night"
 From 4:00 to 11:00 for
 every person who buys one
 game gets the second
 game free!

Friday and Saturday night
"Cosmic Glow Bowl"
 From 9:30 to close on Friday
 and on Saturday night from
 8:00 p.m. to close, under
 the black lights bowl with
 the Red Pin and see if you
 get the chance to Spin the
 Wheel and win prizes and
 SO MUCH MORE!

Sunday Practice Special
 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. \$10.00
 (per person) all you can
 bowl for up to two hours.
 Five people maximum a
 lane and shoes are included.

Saturday and Sunday "Report Card Special"
 Saturdays and Sundays
 from 11:00 to 4:00 if you
 are a student with either a
 valid Student I.D or a
 current report card you can
 get \$2.00 games!! (shoes
 not included)

For information call 970-563-1707

These prices do not apply to any other discounts or offers!



Indian Policies and Procedures meeting notice

The Ignacio School District's Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP) meeting will be held Oct. 27 at the Ignacio High School cafeteria. A meal will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Indian Education meeting beginning at 6 p.m. All parents and guardians of Native American children in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend.

Miss Southern Ute applications being accepted

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee is now accepting applications for Miss Southern Ute 2011-2012. The deadline will be Oct. 14, at 5 p.m. All applications can be picked up from Amy Barry in the Public Relations Division in the LCB Building during normal business hours. All incumbents are requested to attend the Southern Ute Royalty Committee meeting on Oct. 17. in the Chief Ignacio Room in the LCB Building at 5:30 p.m. in full regalia along with any materials needed to share a talent with the committee. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Barry at 970-563-0119 or in person during normal business hours.



Ute Language

pÛtoÇnichì - hill
kaavì - mountain
kanugavaatÛ - valley

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

Southern Ute Language Class 101



- Learn to read and write the Ute language
- Learn to speak the Ute language
- Language fluency taught by Tribal elders
- Instruction by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum
Wednesdays, 6 – 8 p.m.

This an on-going class and will meet for 12-15 weeks.

For more information, call Dr. Stacey Oberly at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-9583 or Dedra White at 307-349-4035
Provided by the Southern Ute Cultural Department

The gift of knowledge

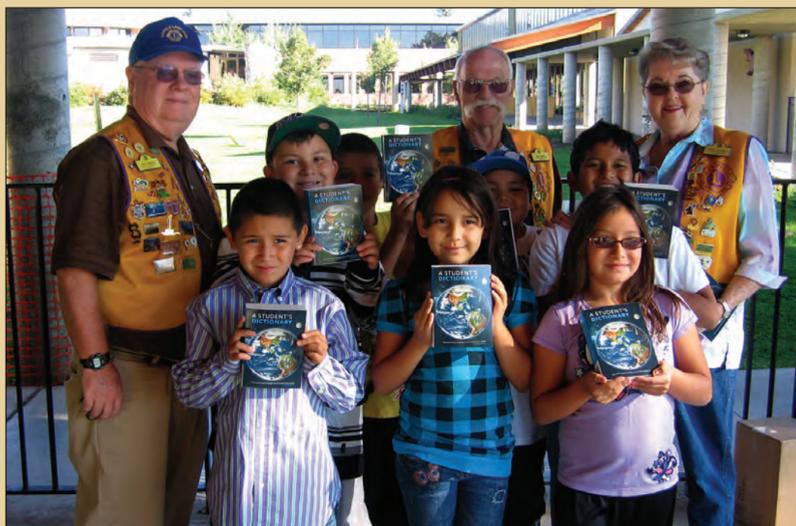


photo courtesy Ken Gaherty

Every year, the Lions Club presents dictionaries to the third-grade students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Pictured here are Lions Ken Gaherty and Ray and Dottie Lawrence with students.

The Johnson O'Malley Committee has two (2) vacancies

Eligible and interested parents are urged to submit a letter of intent to the JOM Committee.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield school district.
- Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe with a certificate of Indian blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descendency.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Commit to a two-year term.



Interested parties please contact Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793 or email Ellen at esbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us.

2011 Southern Colorado Elk Hunt Raffle

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Health & Wellness Pow Wow Committee



Prize: One COW ELK Tag

Actual hunt will be Jan 7– 15 2012

On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation– Sandoval Unit
Ignacio, Colorado

Drawing: Saturday October 22, 2012– Winner will be contacted Via phone

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ANNUAL "HEALTH & WELLNESS POW WOW"

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2 Cow Elk Tags Available—Courtesy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe & Southern Ute Wildlife Division

Tickets: \$ 5 a piece

For info you can contact Larron Dolence @
970-563-0100 ext 2353

Health and Wellness POWWOW

Oct 22, 2011 - SunUte Community Center - Ignacio, CO

Fitness Walk
Sponsored by SunUte Fitness Trainers

Registration 10AM
Walk 11AM
Prizes provided to all participants

General Info

Doors Open 12PM
Gourd Dance 1PM

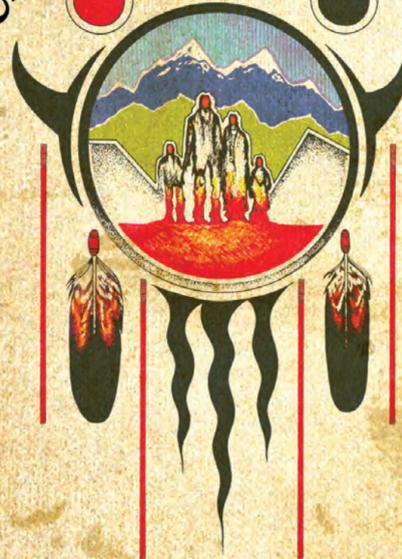
Dinner Feast 5PM
Provided at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility

Grand Entry 7PM

Raffles

50/50 Raffle
Cow Elk Hunt Raffle

Creating a Balanced Life



One Step at a Time

Powwow Trails

Northern Navajo Fair Contest Powwow
October 7

Jimmie K. King, Sr. Memorial Powwow Arena • Shiprock, NM
Contact: Wayne King
Phone: 505-793-5532
Email: wayne.k.king@live.com

Lil' Feathers Benefit Powwow
October 13

3400 South 3450 West • West Valley City, UT
Contact: Emerson
Phone: 801-973-0108

A Community Sponsored Event

Contact Claudette Watts: 970-563-0100 x 2344
or Robert Howe: 970-563-0100 x 2458

Non-food vendors welcome. Call Robert Howe for availability.



The Kidney Corner: The basics of biopsy

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates



For most types of kidney disease, we are able to make diagnoses using standard, non-invasive tests.

These may include blood or urine sampling and in many cases these tests are extremely accurate. In many cases of kidney disease, the diagnosis is fairly clear without many tests. Examples include the kidney disease associated with diabetes or hypertension.

However, in rare instances, it is necessary to be able to examine a piece of kidney tissue to make a definitive diagnosis.

A biopsy is a medical procedure that involves taking a piece of tissue for purposes of making a diagnosis. This is commonly done in various fields of medicine: In dermatology, for example, skin lesions are frequently biopsied to make a diagnosis. However, obtaining a piece of kidney tissue is considerably more difficult than getting a skin biopsy!

To obtain kidney tissue, it is necessary to have some form of imaging to find the organs. This is most commonly done using ultrasound, though occasionally CT scanning is used for this purpose.

long and about the diameter of a pencil lead. When it is on the surface of the kidney, the spring is released and a piece of tissue is obtained. Because of the local anesthetic, this is not painful.

The needle is withdrawn and the tissue is removed from the needle. It is usual to try to obtain two to three such pieces of tissue in order for a full pathologic analysis to be done which usually includes light microscopy using a variety of stains, electron microscopy and a technique called immunofluorescence.

Most patients undergoing a kidney biopsy are kept in the hospital to monitor for a few hours, sometimes overnight. It's important to monitor for bleeding, which is the most common potential complication of the procedure. So patients must be careful not to exercise or engage in strenuous activity for about a week after the procedure.

Using information from a kidney biopsy, we can tailor treatment for various kidney diseases. This treatment may include immunosuppressive medications, which have considerable potential for side effects, so it is necessary to have the accurate information available from a kidney biopsy to justify their use.

An initial scout film is done to locate the kidneys and determine which one is the most accessible for biopsy. Occasionally, bowel may cover one of the kidneys, limiting its availability for biopsy.

Local anesthetic is used to numb the tissue overlying the kidney. Sometimes, the patient is also given sedative medications as well. A general anesthetic is not usually necessary.

Using the ultrasound, a biopsy needle is advanced to the surface of the kidney. Under ideal circumstances, the needle can be seen throughout its course, approaching the surface of the kidney.

The biopsy needle is a spring-loaded device which has a small chamber designed to hold a tiny piece of kidney about a half-inch

San Juan Basin Health begins flu shots

Media release
San Juan Basin Health Dept.

San Juan Basin Health will begin offering its Friday flu clinics this season on Friday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This year, we're offering the same personal care from nursing professionals plus the added con-

venience of extended hours and your choice to either walk in or call ahead for an appointment at 970-247-5702.

Flu shots are \$25 for adults or free for those who have Medicare Part B or Rocky Mountain Health Plan. Children are also welcome. The cost for flu shot or nasal mist for individuals up to

age 18 is just \$14.70 thanks to the Vaccines for Children program.

Friday flu shot clinics will run through Friday, Nov. 18. All will be held at San Juan Basin Health (281 Sawyer Dr. in Bodo Park in Durango). For more information, call 970-247-5702 or visit www.sjbhd.org.



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PLAY - is our play group for little ones ages 2 1/2 to 5 years. Games, music, stories, art and lot of fun activities designed and guided by our speech and occupational therapy staff. Monday through Thursday from 9 to noon, come as many days as you wish!

SKILLS - is our School Kids in Listening and Learning sessions, which meets one day a week after school. Our occupational therapist provides activities to help kids with school, social and living skills.

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www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org
Check our Facebook page!

Fees are on a sliding scale and may be covered by Medicaid or private insurance.

Tribe wins 6-year legal battle

Media release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On Monday, Sept. 19, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit handed the Southern Ute Indian Tribe a victory in an important longstanding legal battle between the tribe and the Indian Health Service regarding the Southern Ute Health Clinic.

This case is the latest in the ongoing effort by Indian tribes to achieve the goals set by Congress when it enacted the Indian Self-Determination Act in the mid-1970s. The Act requires that federal programs for Indians, mostly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service, be transferred to Indian communities whenever requested by those communities.

The idea was that federal programs for Indians should be run by Indian communities, and not by federal employees. As originally envisioned, these federal bureaucracies would have disappeared over time as their programs were transferred to Indian communities.

Because the federal bureaucrats responsible for transferring programs to tribes were the very ones whose jobs would be lost in the transfers, the result has been nearly four decades of federal agency resistance to full implementation of the act and round after round of litigation by tribes. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has now scored the latest victory in the effort to finally secure full implementation of the act.

The tribe's case began in 2005, when it started the process of contracting under the act to operate the Southern Ute Health Clinic in Ignacio. The Indian Health Service refused to sign the contract unless the tribe included language in the contract giving up its right to receive funding that it had a legal right to receive under the act.

The tribe filed a case in federal court to challenge the Indian Health Service's refusal to contract. On Sept. 19, in a case entitled Southern Ute Indian Tribe v. Sebelius, et al., the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit rejected the Indian Health Service's arguments that it could refuse to contract with the

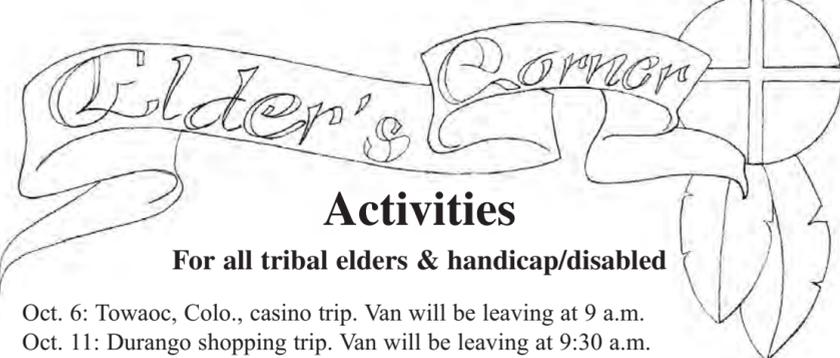
tribe unless the tribe agreed to give up its right to funding.

The Court held that the Indian Health Service's position violated the plain terms of the act, as the tribe had maintained for nearly seven years.

This decision is particularly important in light of another recent federal appeals court ruling in a case entitled Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Salazar, where the court decided that the federal agencies must actually pay the costs that they agreed to pay in the Indian Self-Determination Act contracts signed with tribes.

As a result of the Southern Ute decision, the federal agencies will have to sign contracts guaranteeing the legal right to certain costs and, as a result of the Ramah decision, the federal agencies will have to honor their contractual promises and pay those costs.

The two cases, taken together, will have a significant impact throughout Indian Country. The tribe was represented by Steven Boos, a partner at Maynes, Bradford, Shippis and Sheftel, and Monte Mills, the director of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Legal Department.



Elder's Corner

Activities

For all tribal elders & handicap/disabled

- Oct. 6: Towaoc, Colo., casino trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- Oct. 11: Durango shopping trip. Van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 14: Fall scenery trip going through Silverton, Ouray, Ridgway and Dolores, Colo. Lunch will be at your own expense. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- Oct. 20: Dulce, N.M., casino trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- Oct. 19: Arts and craft at the Multi-Purpose Facility. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Oct. 25: Farmington, N.M., shopping trip. Vans will be leaving at 9 a.m.

If you have any questions or in need of assistance, please call the Southern Ute Elder Services department at 970-563-0156.



Get Your Pink On!

To celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, visit the Sky Ute Casino Salon and get Pink hair extensions! Each strand will be \$6.00 with \$1.00 being donated to the Local Community Foundation! Also, anytime you buy a hair product, your name will go into a drawing for a beautiful, pink gift basket. The drawing for the gift basket will be held on October 31.

You can also come get pampered in the month of October by taking advantage of our 40% off 1-hour facials! As always, facial products are customized for individual skin care needs.

To make an appointment, call the Sky Ute Casino Salon at 970-563-6268.



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Schools announce income eligibility for free, reduced-price meals

Media release
Ignacio school district

Kim Cotta, director of food service for the Ignacio School District, has announced the policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free and reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs during the 2011 – 2012 school year (effective July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

Local school officials will use the listed size and income criteria for determining eligibility. Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being provided to all homes with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data. Applications from families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) need only to list the children's names, respective case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

Income eligibility guidelines

Family Size	Free meals Yearly	Reduced price meals Yearly
1	\$14,157	\$20,147
2	\$19,123	\$27,214
3	\$24,089	\$34,281
4	\$29,055	\$41,348
5	\$34,021	\$48,415
6	\$38,987	\$55,482
7	\$43,953	\$62,549
8	\$48,919	\$69,616

For each additional family member add:
\$ 4,966 \$ 7,067

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

All other households that would qualify based upon income must show the names of all household members related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends), the amount of gross income each person receives in a month, the frequency of pay, and source, the signature of an adult household member, and the last four digits of that adult's social security number — or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number.

The information on the application may be verified by the school

or other program officials at any time during the school year.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for meals, they should complete the application using the instructions for households that have foster and non-foster children residing in the home.

Under the provision of the policy, Cotta will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision, a request may be made to discuss it with the determining official. A formal appeal may be made either orally or in writing to Dr. Rocco Fuschetto, P.O. Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in income, become unemployed, have an increase in family size, or become eligible for SNAP or FDPIR benefits, you may fill out an application at that time.

Each school has a copy of the complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.



photo courtesy Patsy Hood/Education Dept.

Members of the Southern Ute Education Department's Girls in Action program visit with Chairman Pearl E. Casias in the Chief Ignacio Room of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building during a lunch meeting in which the girls asked questions and Casias shared stories from her childhood. Pictured (left to right) are Destinee Agulair, Chasity Bean, Samara Peabody, Casias, Serena Fournier, Alyssiana Baker and Reyna Garcia.

A look at Education's busy summer

By Beth Santistevan
Southern Ute Education Dept.

When the last day of school comes, parents contemplate plans for the summer: family vacations, summer school, Boys & Girls Club activities, or simply buying frozen pizza and video games.

While some children spend their summer at sports camps or helping out relatives with chores and babysitting, some parents are at a loss for options for their kids. It's ideal to keep a child's mind working and constantly learning throughout the summer, so when they return to school their teachers won't have to spend the first week of school dusting out the cobwebs.

The Southern Ute Department of Education aimed to do just that this summer, incorporating summer programs for kids of all ages. The department set a goal to keep kids involved with learning while making it fun and incorporating as many hands-on activities as possible.

The Durango Discovery Museum is quickly becoming one of the more popular activities in which young ones participate. In June and July, the trips to the museum helped the Education Department attain some of those goals in keeping the kids' minds active.

Third-grade students participated in a weeklong camp that focused on science in the kitchen. This activity also taught students how to take notes, the process of the scientific method, and the science of taste. They made mozzarella cheese, strawberry jam, butter, homemade root beer and ice cream. While they made the food, they learned important lessons about fermentation, acids and bases, and the science of sugar.

Aside from cooking, the museum offered many activities to generate accelerated learning: planet exploration, a pedal bike that produced electricity, Lego-built robots, and manipulation of wooden puzzles to make patterns.

Elementary Teacher Carrie Vogel said she noticed one of the students helping a four-year-old child with the wooden puzzles, and was impressed by his demonstration of knowledge and patience working with the little boy for more than 30 minutes.

"The confidence they got from the activities was amazing," Vogel said. "Every place we went this summer, these kids got complimented on how well they behaved."

Vogel also mentioned that on more than one occasion, the students won "camper of the day" by displaying good behavior and being helpful to other campers.

"The students from Southern Ute definitely set the standard for behavior here at the museum," said Lexie Wallace, the museum's education director.

Also in June, a program designed as a "girls-only" workshop called Girls in Action was launched to foster a sense of support among the girls to carry over

into the school year and extracurricular activities. The theme throughout this weeklong program was learning to set high goals and attain them, while supporting and encouraging one another.

Among these activities, the girls got to have lunch with the first lady chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Pearl E. Casias. They asked her questions about how she got to be chairman, and she shared stories of when she was a little girl.

They also participated in the "Let's Move!" national campaign to fight childhood obesity. The program is designed to help create a healthy start for children by empowering parents and caregivers, increasing physical activity, and improving access to healthy, affordable foods.

The young ladies also learned how to scrapbook and bead and learned the rites of passage for young Native girls.

"We had a very capable group of young girls that participated, and I hope they support each other from the bond that was formed," Intermediate Teacher Patsy Hood said. "They were great fun to be around — one of the most entertaining groups I've ever been around."

Not all activities this summer were indoors. The participants studied and hunted for bugs at the local park and chilled out in the waters of the Animas River's beach behind Durango High School. They learned about tracking animals, storytelling, arts and crafts, and Native culture in the area some 400 years ago.

They even overcame their fear of climbing the big wall at the Durango Recreation Center. Their reward was a trip to Sonic for happy hour.

"The difference between our programs and the Boys & Girls Club is our groups are much smaller than theirs. This leaves a lot of room for flexibility," said La Titia Taylor, Education Department director. "That is the key to really empowering these students: They receive more one-on-one attention, and they get to spend more time at one activity or move on to another one at their leisure."

Vogel concurred. "These smaller groups develop an everlasting bond, not only with the teachers and students, but they result in longterm friendships," she said. "Being able to spend time out of the school environment is key. The connection between teacher and student stays fluid throughout the year."

Not all programs this summer were aimed for younger students. A trip to Colorado Northwest Community College in Rangely, Colo., provided older students an opportunity to learn in a college environment and enjoy the outdoors and traditional sites — including those of the Northern Utes of Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

This program, called Explore Colorado 2011, took participants from junior high and incoming senior students to the college for a

weeklong stay in the dorms to learn about the courses that CNCC has to offer. The students participated in a science class where they learned about chemical mixing and eventually got to blow things up — a fine experiment for teenagers.

"I thought it was cool when we got to blow things up," said participant Anthony Suina, a tribal member. "It was quiet, then all of a sudden it just blew up. We also got to touch a brain. That was cool!"

The students had an opportunity to visit the Northern Ute reservation in Ft. Duchesne. They attended a workshop where they conducted an experiment on native plants in the area and their traditional uses among Native Americans. They were taught how to make a plant press book in which they could preserve the plants they found.

Other workshops included an astronomy class and lab where the participants had the opportunity to view the planets. The college has a state-of-the-art telescope through which the students had the pleasure of seeing the planet Saturn as clear as day.

A trip to Canyon Pintado proved to be educational not only for the students, but also for the chaperones.

"I learned from the petroglyphs that the Ute people were the first tribe to utilize the horse," said Junior High Teacher Julie Stone. "I was very proud of that."

The trip consisted of deciphering and analyzing petroglyphs left by the inhabitants of the canyon many years ago. The students learned which symbols represented food, water, women, and some that looked like alien encounters.

By far the most popular event was a rafting trip down the Green River. The trip, taken in early June, meant the waters were nearly Class 5 rapids, including large waves, continuous rapids and large drops.

Most of the student had never been rafting, so this classification was just right — especially for some of the more adventurous students. Tribal member Devin Wilhelm, a Bayfield High School junior, said it was the best time he had ever had rafting.

"My favorite outdoor activity was rafting, because it was very beautiful in the valley and the rock formations all had stories," he said.

Another student, Greg Bison, said it was his first time rafting and his favorite part of the trip.

"I chose rafting because it was so exciting, and I had a great time with my friends screaming and laughing around," he said.

Overall, each student had a great experience with this camp and inquired about next year. High School Freshman Tanisha Coyote summed up the trip: "The trip to CNCC was fun and interesting. The things we did were fun and educational, especially rafting! I loved the trip to CNCC!"

For more information about activities or programs of the Department of Education, call 970-563-0237.

Education update

October and November Classes for Tribal Members

Apple pies, meringue pies and Halloween snacks: Saturday, Oct. 22. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Ed. kitchen. Participants will learn to make a fool-proof pie crust and fresh apple, pumpkin, lemon meringue, and key lime pies, as well as fun and easy Halloween treats, such as popcorn balls and candy snacks.

Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing: Wednesday, Nov. 16. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Ed. kitchen. Participants will learn to season, prepare, stuff and cook a turkey. We will use tribal members' best recipes. Participants should bring a side dish, as we will have a Thanksgiving dinner. A drawing will take place for the turkey we cook in class.

Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up for either or both classes.

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Education Building on Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications.

For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

Newton discusses resignation

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Jimmy R. Newton Jr., who resigned as a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in late August, wants tribal members to know he didn't just up-and-quit — he stepped down to run for chairman in November as required by the tribe's election code.

Newton said he's received

questions in the weeks since his resignation and wishes to quell the speculation: It was a procedural matter. He had served continuously on the council since 2003.

A special election to fill the remaining year in Newton's council term will take place Nov. 1. The candidates in that election are Howard D. Richards Sr., Corliss M. Taylor, Byron Frost and Elise V. Redd.

Also running for chairman on Nov. 4 are Renee J. Cloud, Kevin R. Frost, Clement J. Frost, and incumbent Pearl E. Casias. Eleven tribal members are vying for two additional council seats in the same election — sample ballots listing the candidates can be found on page 7.

The Drum will run candidate statements for all special- and general-election candidates in its Oct. 21 issue.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2011 November Special Election

Tribal Council member seat – one (1)

The Tribal Council and Election Board have determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2011 November Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

- **Special Election – Tuesday, November 1, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
Constitution Article IV, Section 1: The first election under this constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.
- **Special Election Voter Registration Deadline – Friday, October 21, 2011, by 5 p.m.**
Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.
- **Special Election Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Friday, October 21, 2011, by 5 p.m.**
Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.
- **Special Election Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Monday, October 31, 2011, by 5 p.m.**
Election Code 11-5-107 (1)(2)(3): The emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline but prior to the day of the election.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
Off-Reservation tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.
Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.
The Election Board office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southern Ute Education Department Tribal student of the month

Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



Chasity Bean
Sixth grade, Ignacio Intermediate School
Parents: Annette Velasquez and Jeremy Bean
Favorite subjects: Math, science, and gifted and talented classes

I like participating in basketball, volleyball, and Student Council. I want to become a scientist when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for October because I work hard in school and try for everything that I think is interesting.

Going to Denver for a leadership meeting and Student Council are some of the things I have participated in since fourth grade.



Ayona Hight
Third grade, Ignacio Elementary School
Parents: Rachel Alires and Patrick Hight. I have a sister, Milana, and a brother, Marcus
Favorite subjects: Math and reading

I like participating in tetherball, basketball and cheerleading. I want to go to college after high school and be a teacher when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for October because I'm a great student, I work hard for my good grades, and I'm a role model for others.

photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2011

Tribal Chairman and two (2) Council member seats

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2011 General Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

- **General Election – Friday, November 4, 2011**
Constitution Article IV, Section 1: The first election under this constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.
- **Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, October 26, 2011, by 5 pm**
Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.
- **Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Wednesday, October 26, 2011, by 5 pm**
Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.
- **Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Thursday, November 3, 2011, by 5 pm**
Election Code 11-5-107 (1)(2)(3): A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot request; or, (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot request. The written request shall contain the following: (a) The voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing medical confinement or absence from the reservation; and, (c) The voter's signature. The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall promptly be notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that a request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

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Halloween Carnival!



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Election Board adds member



The Southern Ute Election Board gains a new member as Christine (Baker) Sage is officially sworn in before the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, Oct 4.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
SPECIAL ELECTION
November 1, 2011

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Notice - Vote for One

- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Corliss M. Taylor
- Byron Frost
- Elise V. Redd

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

1. Polls are open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by Secret Ballot.
3. Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Official voter registration deadline: Oct. 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballot request deadline: Oct. 21, 2011 by 5 p.m.

Emergency absentee ballot request deadline: Oct. 31, 2011 by 5 p.m.

**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
SPECIAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
Sun Ute Community Center
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Candidates for the Tribal Council member seat are:
Notice - Vote for One

**Howard D. Richards, Sr.
Corliss M. Taylor
Byron Frost
Elise V. Redd**

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center
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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
November 4, 2011

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Notice - Vote for One

- Renée J. Cloud
- Pearl E. Casias
- Kevin R. Frost
- Clement J. Frost
- Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Notice - Vote for Two

- Ian D. Thompson
- Andrew C. Frost
- Steve R. Herrera, Sr.
- Shelly L. Thompson
- Vida B. Peabody
- Barbara Scott-Rarick
- Marge Borst
- Vicenti (Vince) Mirabal
- Alex Cloud
- Pathimi GoodTracks
- Aaron V. Torres

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**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2011
Sun Ute Community Center
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Candidates for the Tribal Council Chairman seat are:
Notice - Vote for One

**Renée J. Cloud
Pearl E. Casias
Kevin R. Frost
Clement J. Frost
Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.**

Candidates for Tribal Council Members seats are:
Notice - Vote for Two

**Ian D. Thompson
Andrew C. Frost
Steve R. Herrera, Sr.
Shelly L. Thompson
Vida B. Peabody
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A downtown fiesta



photo courtesy Charise Hunter

Garcia Chiropractic celebrated its first anniversary with the Dancing Spirit Coop Gallery in downtown Ignacio on Friday, Sept. 9. Mataholla Moon Belly Dancers Amanda Aung, Marty Ragle and Tanya Lawyer opened the show with a dance performance.

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Nov. 5, 2011

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4 Corners Native culture celebrated

Celebrating Hispanic culture, too



Baile Folklorico, a dance group from Fort Lewis College in Durango, shares the Hispanic culture through traditional Mexican folkloric dancing with Ignacio Elementary and Intermediate students in the Elementary gym on Monday, Oct. 3 as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month (officially Sept. 15 – Oct. 15). Each dress worn (top) represented a different region of Mexico; Kathy Smith (left) and Jennifer Cossey (right) perform a dance of the coastal regions of Mexico; Coordinator (left) Shirena Trujillo Long of El Centro de Muchos Colores was not only the emcee for the morning's performance, but also danced as part of the festivities.

photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

ConocoPhillips hosted a celebration of Four Corners Native American culture at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M., on Thursday, Sept. 29. Stacy Oberly, Cultural Department director for the Tribe, offers a discussion on Ute history; Norman Lopez of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe plays the flute and explains the cultural significance of passing on tradition; dancers move to the sound of drums against the backdrop of an American flag, which symbolized the historical diversity of the tribes united under the banner of one nation.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM





How a fisherman finds balance

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

Back in July, I wrote a column about stance and balance and how important they are.

A friend of mine, who fly-fishes, suggested I write a follow-up column on how to achieve balance. My first thought was that getting on and off a bar stool, lighting cigars, and pulling your waders off at the end of the day may help some, but not much.

Reading my mind — it's easy to do — my friend suggested I talk with the fitness professional that is helping him with his balance. So I did. I meet with Robin Duffy-Wirth, the fitness manager at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio. Robin comes from a family of fly-fishers and is well aware of the balance issues facing maturing fly-fishers.

Robin told me that before any type of program could be started, I would have to get into the habit of doing some basic exercises two or three times a week. She further told me I'd have to keep to this schedule, unless a fly-fishing trip comes up.

Truly an understanding person. The first exercise suggested was for my hands. As arthritis begins to take hold, holding a rod and wading staff can get to be a problem that distracts my efforts



to stay upright. To exercise my hands I got Play Foam, which you can purchase at a toy store. A really soft ball will also work.

Now when I'm watching television, I alternate hands squeezing the foam. This exercise should also add strength to my forearms.

The second exercise is the most fun and takes the most effort. Go get an exercise ball. They in come in different sizes based on your weight, so read the box.

Take it home, blow it up, sit on it, don't hold on to anything, lift one foot off the ground, then lift the other foot. Oh yeah: Have a spotter.

The idea is to learn how to balance without falling off the ball. This apparatus not only works on my balance, but my core strength. Imagine: After doing this enough, not only will I be really balanced, but I'll have a six-pack for abs.

The third and final exercise is

the easiest. It can be done most anywhere, most anytime. Robin told me that when standing, lift one foot; sounded simple to me.

However, she did put some footnotes with the exercise. While standing on one foot, I was to close my eyes, or move my arms, maybe tilt from side to side. Anything to make me think about what I was doing and how it affected my balance.

After doing that for a few minutes, she had me stand on an inflated cushion, one foot at a time. It was the same as standing on a flat surface, only much harder to do. It reminded me of wading in streams with big slippery rocks. Similar to the big ball, I went out and bought an inflatable cushion.

All of these exercises can be done at home with a small investment. However, if you'd rather go a gym and live closer to Ignacio than Durango, then I suggest you check out the SunUte Community Center. Membership is available to non-tribal members.

If you live close to Durango, I feel sure any of the local gyms will be happy to help you out.

Regardless of where you go to work on balance, I think the above three exercises will be of help to you. I've started my program and have had it interrupted only once for a fly-fishing excursion. This has possibilities.

Young artists corner



photo courtesy Avaleena Nanaeto

Young Artists Corner is a new feature of The Southern Ute Drum. Each issue, it highlights the artistic work — photography, drawing, painting or otherwise — of a local youth. To submit artwork for the newspaper, email it (high resolution, please!) to Drum editor Ace Stryker at astryker@southern-ute.nsn.us. Submissions are run in the order they're received.

This is back-to-school night at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. The band Ralph Dinosaur played music.

Recipe Rally: Chicken tortilla soup

Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped green chile peppers
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound shredded or cubed, cooked chicken
- 1 (15 ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, mashed
- 10 ounces red enchilada sauce
- 2 cups water
- 1 (14.5 ounce) box chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 can of black beans
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 7 corn tortillas
- Vegetable oil
- Optional: Avacado slices, shredded cheese

Preparation (Tortilla strips)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly brush both sides of tortillas with oil. Cut tortillas into strips, then spread on a baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until crisp, about 10 to 15 minutes. Serve on top of soup. Add additional optional toppings if desired.

Preparation (Soup)

Heat oil in a large sauce pan over medium heat. Add onion, green chili, and garlic, stirring until the onion softens. Add chicken, tomatoes, enchilada sauce, water and chicken broth. Season with cumin, chili powder, salt, pepper, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until the chicken is cooked through, 12 to 15 minutes. Stir in black beans and cilantro.

Nutritional Information

Calories: 258; Total Fat: 10.7g; Cholesterol: 44mg

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The grazing season on the listed units is set for June 1, 2012 – Sept. 30, 2012. Those applicants who do not currently possess a valid grazing permit shall be given preference. All requirements to obtain a grazing permit must be met. Applications may be picked up at the Southern Ute Range Division Office at 575 County Rd. 517 in Ignacio. All applications must be received in the Range Division Office by 5 p.m. on Nov. 7. For questions, please call 970-563-4780. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be accepting applications for grazing permits for the following range units.

Range Unit	Maximum no. of animal units
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Picnic Flats	86
Soda Springs	32
Coyote Gulch	39
Beef Canyon	29
Sandoval	100
Kearns	20
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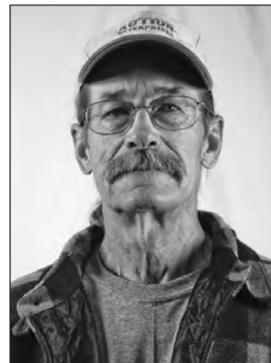


NEW EMPLOYEES



Sarah Taylor

Job title: Risk coordinator
Description of duties: Process workers compensation claims and property insurance claims, conduct fire drills and building inspections.
Hobbies: Camping, reading and traveling.



Steve Craig

Job title: Repair plumber
Description of duties: General plumbing, etc.
Hobbies: Gardening and fishing.



Ryan Huggins

Job title: Water resources technician
Description of duties: Help to manage and protect the water resources of the Tribe.
Hobbies: Fishing, biking, hunting, hiking and eating good food.



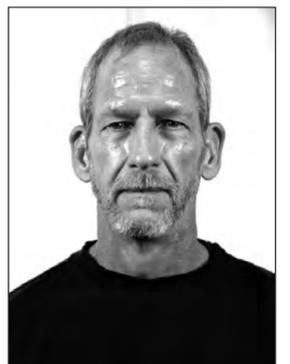
Michael Kirsch

Job title: High school teacher
Description of duties: Assist in the instruction of high school students in all areas.
Hobbies: Playing drums, camping and fishing.
Family: Wife, four kids and a grandson.



Marie A. Rasch

Job title: Montessori guide
Description of duties: Montessori guide for 9-13 year old students.
Hobbies: Outdoor activities, reading, writing and traveling.
Additional comments: I am very excited to be a Montessori guide for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Jeffere L. Hopkins

Job title: Building maintenance technician
Description of duties: Performing a variety of tasks to ensure the general upkeep, maintenance and safety of the Tribal buildings and their operating systems (i.e. plumbing, electrical, HVAC, appearance, etc.)

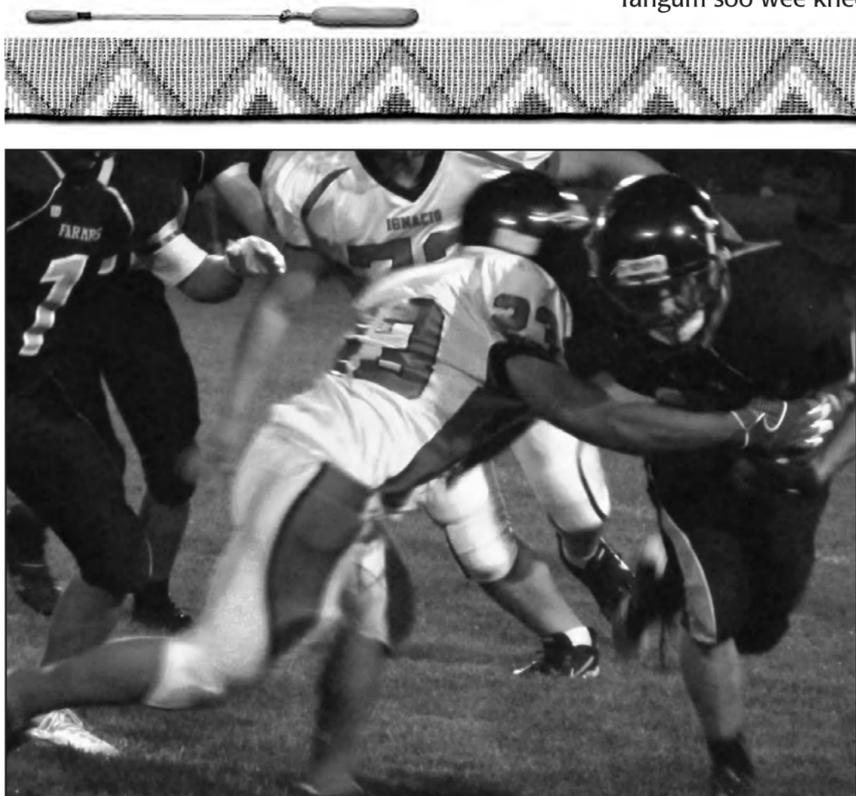


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Ignacio senior Jeff Herrera lunges into the backfield to spoil a Sargent run during IHS's Sept. 30 trip to Farmer Field.

Do it TWO it: Volleycats score sweep!

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Folks had to wonder how much salt and vinegar they still had in reserve.

And that was after a fifth-set tiebreaker in which the in-set ties never wanted to stay broken.

"I said, 'You guys know you can do it.' We'd been in this situation and we'd battled hard," said Ignacio head coach Bayli Stillwell. "And if you outwork them — touch every ball, out hustle — you won't be disappointed in the outcome. You have to go for everything. ... And, oh my God, did we go for it!"

Deadlocked a dozen times with Dolores in Set 5 — their 12th San Juan Basin League set in under 24 hours — Destinee Lucero finally sent the Volleycats into Sunday, Oct. 2 with a perfect tip shot, placed inside the 3-meter line, and between Lady Bears Cydney McHenry and Elana Bernholtz.

"She's somebody I think took great strides this weekend ... played consistently for two days in a row and had two huge defensive efforts," Stillwell said of the team's heroine. "That last point ... she'd tried it a couple other times. Told her it was open, and I said 'You could miss four out of five times, but that's the one that matters.'"

Lucero had opened on serve after DHS, riding McHenry's red-hot right arm, took Set 3 and then Set 4 (McHenry ended both with vicious spikes, the latter off Lucero). But IHS's Rylie Jefferson, blocking as well as she'd been setting, stoned McHenry on her first attack, libero Abeth Okall followed with a back-row kill, and hard-hitting Michelle Simmons put away a tip for a quick 3-0 lead.

Dolores answered, and led at 8-7 after a Lucero attack went into the net. But Lucero quickly made amends, downing a kill the very next play to tie, and teammate Angela Herrera put Ignacio ahead with a kill of her own — only to see McHenry counter with consecutive tip shots to retake a 10-9 lead.

"We knew that after we'd played them at the [Pagosa] scrimmages that we had a chance," said DHS's Lexi Atkinson. "Had a good mentality, switched up our rotations a little and that one really gelled."

But when remembering there had been just nine ties total the previous four sets, it's a safe bet



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Bumping the same ball, though not by design, Ignacio's Angela Herrera (11) and Rylie Jefferson (5) still ensure the play will continue during a 25-14, 13, 13 sweep of Ridgway on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 1 inside IHS Gymnasium. The Volleycats later edged Dolores in a five-set thriller at the SJBL triangular.

to say the Cats had done the same. An Okall roll shot from the back row fell in to tie at 11, then McHenry pounded a kill, only to see Jefferson successfully repel an overpass to get her off the service line. 12-12.

After Dolores' Jesse McEachern netted a pass on match point, Jefferson toed the line and found herself on match point after Bernholtz brushed the strings trying to block Cloe Seibel. In keeping with the match's flow, Bernholtz bounced back with a clean kill to equalize at 15-15, but Simmons converted a tip to put the Cats back on match point — setting the scene for Lucero.

"We needed to play on our level — and stay on our level in order to win games like these," said Herrera of the 25-13, 25-22, 13-25, 17-25, 17-15 triumph, "which are very intense. I like intense games!"

Having opened the Saturday, Oct. 1 triangular inside IHS Gymnasium against underexperienced Ridgway, the Volleycats brought the intensity straight to the Lady Demons, conquering 25-14, 13 and 13, and brought it straight to the

Lady Bears (3-7, 3-3 SJBL) with a 25-13 Set 1 win — after DHS nearly dropped their third set in a 25-9, 14, 20 sweep of RHS (1-3, 1-3).

"We started off really slow [against Ignacio]," concurred Dolores head coach Gina Hollen. "Game 3 we made some adjustments in our lineup — had a little stronger back row, which I think helped us as far as making passes and filling in holes. So for the girls to adjust like that, mid-match, is huge."

"If we really wanted it, we needed to get down and fight for it," said Atkinson, recalling her coach's similar advice during a timeout late in Set 5. "And we really did."

Just as Ignacio (3-5, 3-3) had done a short night before in a hard four-set loss to eighth-ranked and unbeaten Telluride (11-0, 7-0) inside the MinerDome, and as they'll plan to continue doing on Saturday, Oct. 8 at home in a league triangular against Ouray and Nucla.

Results from Tuesday's road match against the 3A Bayfield JV were unavailable at press time.

Cats so-so: Farmers reap reward

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

It's known Bart Simpson's always had sticky fingers for a Butterfinger.

But even the eternally adolescent yellow fellow would join the Bobcat coaching staff and scratch his own serrated mane in disbelief, witnessing the ways receivers' slippery grips spoiled opportunities to grasp the prize on Friday, Sept. 30 at Farmer Field.

"Addy's stepping up," said Ignacio senior Teagan Overturf of freshman quarterback Adison Jones, "but we just need to catch the ball!"

Jones's first completion in 1A Southern Peaks Conference play went for three yards to senior Jeff Herrera. His first incompletion, though — three snaps later during the game's opening drive — whistled past a white jersey and right at a black shirt, fortunately with enough heat to deny Sargent senior Chet Corzine an interception.

Regretfully, four of Jones's 19 total incompletions did land in enemy hands: three killing Bobcat marches deep into SHS territory, and the fourth virtually icing the outcome late in the third quarter. After SHS quarterback Austin Dillon's quick-kick punt netted just 17 yards down to the Ignacio 33, Sargent junior Austin Heersink snared Jones's first-down throw near the hosts' sideline then raced 36 yards in the opposite direction to score.

"Our motto is 'Swarm To The Ball,'" said Farmer Vincent

Conroy. "And we did it, did it well. Very proud of our defense."

Ahead 27-0 with 1:50 left, Dillon then found junior Colton Cooley for the two-point conversion, and Sargent took a 29-0 lead into the fourth frame en route to a 36-8 conquest. A sturdy defensive stand midway through, yielding a 13-yard punt by Corzine, helped the Cats set up shop at the SHS 22 with 6:50 remaining. Four plays and 72 seconds later, Overturf snapped the shutout with a four-yard plunge.

Senior Cuauhtemoc Torres, while coming across the formation as the motion man, then took a shovel pass from Jones (14 of 33, 117 yards) and continued around right end for the two-point conversion. But in following with the contest's theme, the glory was short-lived; Cooley (6-36 rushing) crashed in for a TD from ten yards out, four plays after SHS recovered Xavier Watts' onside kick at the Farmer 43. Heersink kicked the point-after, forging the final margin.

It was the fourth time that a march of 10 plays or more produced no points for Ignacio (2-3 overall, 0-1 SPC). Sargent junior Scott Dillon thwarted two himself — via an end-zone interception with 5:23 left in the third quarter, and a pass breakup on a throw to Watts with 9:04 left in the fourth.

Tailback Conroy was the Farmers' prime directive, and director. Backing up last year's 200-yard performance at IHS Field, the senior racked up 193

yards — including a 47-yard score two plays into the second half — on 23 rushes.

"Ignacio's always tough," he said. "Just to scheme around — the spread offense is really popular now. Hats off to Lupe [IHS head coach Huerta]; it was a good game. ... Ignacio's my favorite team to play."

At last making his season debut, Overturf amassed 138 on 22 — actually outgaining Conroy in the second half, 99 yards to 95 — and repeatedly dragged multiple defenders as he rumbled forward. Pena, however, was lost for the game's final 3:59 after injuring his left wrist on a 22-yard kickoff return, and was held to just 19 yards on four carries.

"We didn't play good at all," said Watts, just the day before cleared of a concussion, but showing a fresh bruise on his left temple after a 6-for-65 receiving evening. "Could have played a lot better — it would have been a different game."

The presence of standouts Colton Wyatt and Adam Herrera would also have impacted the outing, and the Cats can only hope both will be available as the Monte Vista Pirates visit on Friday, Oct. 7 for a 7 p.m. showdown. With backs Shadron Wentta and Hansel Garcia pacing their ground game, MV (3-2, 1-0) has consumed over 750 rushing yards in their last two tries: blowouts of Rye (50-17) and Center (34-0).

"We're still in this, still in the hunt," said Watts. "Just have to hope for Sargent to lose."

Younger guns

Ignacio's Malli Benavidez (23) attacks over Mancos Taylor Goff (5) during JV action inside the Mancos Performance Center on September 27. The Volleycats, under new JV skipper Thad Cano, fell against the Lady Jays in three but recovered their pride in a four-set loss at Telluride three nights later. Back in action the next morning, Oct. 1, IHS split two tests at a San Juan Basin League triangular held inside IHS Gymnasium—a 25-18, 13, 7 domination of Ridgway, then a 12-25, 9-25, 21-25 loss to Dolores. Standing 3-5 overall (3-3 SJBL) after the twinbill, the JV's faced 3A Bayfield's 'C' team Tuesday, Oct. 4, but the non-league results were unavailable at press time. The 'Cats host a pair of the SJBL's 1A crews—Ouray and Nucla—tomorrow, October 8. Action should commence around 10 a.m.

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Ignacio men's summer softball standings

Final 2011 standings (by tournament finish)

Team	W-L	Pct.	Us-Them
Pine Valley Church	16-2	.889	400-174
Duke's Deadly Dozen	16-2	.889	446-256
D.W.A.I.	13-6	.684	318-261
Tha Crew	9-8	.529	313-249
Jager Bombers	5-11	.312	172-322
Poquito	5-11	.312	219-264
Stingers	0-15	.000	133-348
The Associates	1-10	.091	87-214

—compiled by Joel Priest

Bayfield starting adult open gym basketball program

Bayfield's Parks and Recreation Department will be starting up its adult open-gym basketball program beginning 6 – 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9 at the old middle school gym on South Street (across from the primary school). The gym will be open every Sunday thereafter until April, excluding holidays. Participants must be 14 years of age or older. The cost to play is \$1 for high school or college students and \$2 for adults. You can also buy a season pass for \$40. If you have any questions, call Ryan Orendorf, assistant director, at 970-884-9544 ext. 109.

Football Frenzy!

Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference Standings, entering Week 6 (Oct. 7-8)

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Monte Vista	3	2	.600	1	0	151/78
Sargent	2	3	.400	1	0	99/138
Del Norte	2	3	.400	1	0	97/151
IGNACIO	2	3	.400	0	1	96/132
Dolores	2	3	.400	0	1	92/135
Center	2	3	.400	0	1	56/124

Week 6 Matchups: Monte Vista at IGNACIO; Center at Dolores; Sargent at Del Norte.
Ahead in week 5 (10/14-15): IGNACIO at Dolores; Sargent at Monte Vista; Del Norte at Center.

— compiled by Joel Priest



StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)
BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS LIBRA PEOPLE! Make a wish and blow out all the candles!! You're in the lead this month and your actions will likely make a strong impression on others. Be especially mindful on the 11th when a FULL MOON takes a stand in your opposite sign of ARIES. Choose your words carefully LIBRA. It may be necessary to rely on your diplomacy skills to help clear the air between you and a partner, or someone within your immediate environment. The best course is to avoid jumping to conclusions.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
THE NEW MOON in your sign on the 26th indicates an inventive cycle. Launch your objectives SCORPIO. MERCURY enters SCORPIO on the 13th, and immediately begins feeding you positive information. Resist the impulse to procrastinate. VENUS (the planet of favorable events) glides into your sign on the 8th and stays for the whole month. The times are changing for you now. Keep your eyes and ears open for potential opportunities. They don't always get dropped in your lap. Go for it!

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
The month is ripe for setting your objectives into motion SAG. A serious but open minded attitude may help you to accomplish your objectives. Keep your eye on the ball, because maintaining your focus is the key. Both MARS and URANUS have your back and they practically guarantee a favorable outcome to your pursuits. With these two rowdy planets at work in your chart you can be sure there will be plenty of excitement, and a ton of fun as well. Be steadfast with your plans for the future Sagittarius.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
SATURN, your sign ruler, links up with the SUN on the 13th. Not only does it trigger work related challenges, SATURN also sets off a major force for change. Review personal objectives. There might be a tendency to take on more than you can handle. Domestic tranquility may be difficult to maintain when an aggressive FULL MOON on the 11th stirs the pot of discord. Remember the three C'S...Be calm, cool, and collected CAPRICORN.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Current planetary positions indicate news or visitors from afar. With fire driven MARS intensifying your domestic affairs, you may be required to break out the cots, and more bedding to accommodate extra guests. Because excitable URANUS (your personal planet) is now living in the sign of ARIES, impulsive urges to travel might have you hitting the road for a quick jaunt before winter winds begin to blow. The best travel dates for OCTOBER are as follows. 1st, 2nd, 10th, 11th, 15th, and 16th.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
VENUS at present is sailing through the sign of SCORPIO and it ignites your capability to handle financial matters with ease. While the SUN and SATURN are in a money area of your chart, both singular, and combined resources can be reviewed and improved upon. There may be an opportunity to catch up on old debt, and to restore balance with money matters. Learning more about budgeting and spending might be helpful. Adopting a more conservative approach to money would be useful at this time Little Fishes. The more you set aside today, the more you'll have tomorrow.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)
A FULL MOON in ARIES on the 11th, sets off relationship issues with others including friends, and co-workers. If possible make it a point to amicably resolve old problems and move forward. Mutual cooperation and positive communications are a winning combination in any association. Find ways to give each other the space to maintain a sense of self. At the same time it's equally important to preserve a close bond and spend happy occasions together enjoying your favorite amusements. The bottom line is to keep your cool RAMS!

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
JUPITER'S continued presence in your sign can be both a positive and a negative influence. Astrologically speaking our largest planet has a beneficial reputation. But not this month! The generous giant has been known to plump things up people's charts. Pay attention TAURUS, there's an expansion energy at work now. This is not the month to head out to the "all you can eat" buffet, it's much too tempting.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
OCTOBER'S menu includes the pursuit of fun, entertainment, and romance. Set aside some time to enjoy some of your favorite activities with loved ones. Be creative TWINS. Express your talents. As one of the most intellectual signs of the Zodiac, you're clever enough to dream up any number of novel adventures. MARS presently in the idea hatching section of your chart is stimulating creative, exciting, possibilities for you to ponder. Put that vivid imagination to work TWINS. This planetary offering doesn't happen often.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The SUN and SATURN combine forces on the 13th to draw your attention to family related interests. You're in a foundation building month and whatever you set into motion may have a lasting effect. There are opportunities here MOON KIDS, and the chance to make solid improvements in your relationships with parents, elders, or other family members of your household. JUPITER'S beneficial presence in your chart amplifies future ambitions, potential dreams, and expectations. Come out of your shell little crab.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
MARS continues to fire up your sign with flaming intensity. Push forward with personal aspirations LIONS. In all likelihood your sense of adventure is being energized. On the other hand your path may be blocked on the 13th when a frustrating SUN/SATURN combo gets in the way. Patience is a must LEO. You'll soon move beyond all that. A tactful approach is best when sharing your views with those around you. Remember... MARS has a way of instigating trouble, and sparking arguments.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)
OCTOBER'S focus centers around money and what it can buy. Typically your sense of practicality prevents a big spending spree. It's best to keep that in mind near month's end. That's when an encouraging NEW MOON accompanied by MERCURY, and VENUS favors sensible purchases. If funds are a little tight before then, delay spending until after the 16th, when MERCURY connects with PLUTO and starts to feed you some good money-generating ideas. You're certain to think up some excellent solutions.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

Annual Fall Clean-Up

Oct. 17 – Oct. 22

All tribal rental occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and **BAG THE TRASH** for pick up. Tribal members please make private arrangements to deliver **FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER** to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 970-563-0100, ext. 2329 or 970-563-4718 to be put on the list for pick up. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP. Elders & handicapped tribal members who may need assistance can contact Construction Services at 970-563-0260.**

Contact Gerard Gallegos at 970-563-0265 regarding OLD VEHICLES. Please provide title to old vehicles if available. Old vehicles that need to be hauled away should be tagged.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY (OCT. 17, AND OCT. 18) (ALL DAY)
Upper and Lower Tribal and BIA Campus Areas
All Tribal, BIA, HIS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

WEDNESDAY, (OCT. 19) (ALL DAY)
All Southern Ute Public Housing, Cluster Sites and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. Tribal, and SUPHA crews will pick up bagged trash. Construction Services and Natural Resources please coordinate with Gerard Gallegos for pick up on Campus, SUPHA, Cluster sites, Senior Citizen Center and other areas.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY (OCT. 20, OCT. 21, OCT 22) (ALL DAY)
The following Tribal Departments are responsible for trash pickup at the following locations on the above dates:

- Property & Facilities Department: (Building Maintenance & Motorpool)** Tribal homes located north of Hwy. 172 and west of the Pine River including La Posta and Breen areas. Telephone numbers for Building Maintenance: 970-563-0265. Motorpool: 970-563-0280.
- Grounds Maintenance:** Tribal homes West of the Pine River – Hwy. 172, Laboca and Cedar Point. Telephone number: 970-563-0272.
- Tribal Construction Services:** Tribal homes North of Hwy. 151 and east of the Pine River. Telephone number: 970-563-0260
- Custom Farms:** Tribal homes south of Hwy. 151 and east of the Pine River. Telephone number: 970-563-0220.

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Ignacio Future Farmers of America

A letter of appreciation
First, what is a cochlear implant? That's a word I never heard of until May 23, 2010. The day before was a normal working day — supper, watched TV, went to bed looking forward to doing some riding on my motorcycle with my wife Sunday. But at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, I woke up and heard no sound, no noise!

I had lost my hearing. I was deaf, scared.
My wife took me to the emergency room, where I was given steroids, an MRI and a CAT scan, but there were no medical answers from the doctors as to why my hearing loss was so sudden, with no warning at all.
I was referred to Dr. Schackel, an ear, nose and throat specialist. This is where I found out about a cochlear implant surgery that could help a person to hear again. It's a magnetic device that is surgically put under the skin near the ear. Mine was done on the right side; in the future I may get the left side also.
It doesn't take the place of what you were born with, but at least I can hear. It takes time to relearn sounds such as crowds, nature and Native music, which I miss listening to.
You're limited as to what you can hear sometimes. Frustration and "why?" are there too.
I had to wait for three months before my scheduled surgery in Colorado Springs. Living in silence was tough — depression, vertigo. My balance was off, but my wife, nieces, friends, and my best buddies — three Pomeranians that were my ears when visitors came to see me — never left my side as if they knew something was different.
So now, after 1 1/2 years of going through a period of recov-

ery, I want to say how grateful and appreciative I am to the following: Dr. Shaw, cochlear implant surgeon in Colorado Springs; Dr. Schackel, Janea, and the staff from Mercy Medical; Dr. Gruber and his staff; IHS; Cindy Gallegos, tribal health coordinator, and her staff for help in medical and travel expenses; Amber, Doreen and Shiann Baker (my nieces) for helping us when we needed them during those 3 – 4 months.
My biggest gratefulness goes to my wife, Vera. Without her, things probably would have been harder to accept.
She's with me 24/7, and that's what helps: to think positive in my situation and accept the fact that I will never hear again without the help of my cochlear implant.
Without the new technology in the world, where would we be? We all take things for granted and don't realize what a person goes through when something precious like hearing, eyesight, or a limb is taken away permanently.
I thank the Creator every day for giving me another chance to hear by way of the implant, and will always be thankful for that.
Please, for more information about cochlear implants, go to www.cochlearimplant.com.

*Roy O'John
Southern Ute/Dineh*

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Lunch will be served

Obituary

FROST – Ronald Frost died Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at his home in Ignacio, Colo. He was 59. Mr. Frost was born June 12, 1952, in Durango, Colo., son of Jack and Annetta Frost. He was raised in Bayfield, Colo., and he attended Bayfield High School and Moffat High School in Moffat, Colo. During his high school years, he lettered in track, baseball, basketball and football. He was named all-conference, first selection, first forward and was nominated to state for basketball. He quarterbacked for Bayfield High School all four years. He went on to pursue his higher education at Everett Community College, Pike's Peak Community College, and Fort Lewis College.
Mr. Frost worked in natural resources for the tribe in the field of forestry. He held various positions at the casino. He enjoyed fishing, especially with his grandsons, and other outdoor activities, such as farming and irrigating. He loved spending time with family playing games. He was a traditional Sun Dancer. He and his life partner, Ramona Eagle, enjoyed their life together and they were always there for one another.
He is preceded in death by his father, the late Jack White Frost; his mother, the late Annetta B. Frost; his daughter, the late Sadie Roselind Frost; his sister, the late Dorothy M. Frost; and his brother, the late Wade Frost.
Members of his family include his life partner, Ramona Eagle, of Ignacio; daughters Sadie R. Frost (deceased); Theodosha J. Frost of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Rhonda B. Wilbourn of Bayfield; grandsons Larenz A. Wilbourn, Silas H. E. Wilbourn, and Neatris L. Wilbourn, all of Bayfield; brothers Clement J. Frost of Bayfield; Ray C. Frost of Breen, Colo.; and Byron Frost of Bayfield; sisters Dorothy Frost (deceased); Dixie Naranjo of Bayfield; Darlene Frost of Ignacio; Dona Frost of Ignacio, and Debra Frost of Bayfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.
A took place Sunday, October 2, 2011, at the home of Ronald Frost, 20519 Highway 172, Ignacio, Colo., with a Sunrise Ceremony on Monday morning. A service was held Monday, October 3, 2011, at the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel in Ignacio, with Rome Wager officiating. Burial took place at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

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Requests for Bids

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM - PHASE VI
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT

OWNER:

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Housing Department
P.O. Box 737-24
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-4710*

Contact: Hilda Burch, Housing Project Administrator, or Paula Lopez-Trujillo, Administrative Assistant

Scaled bids will be received to address items identified in the scope of work for each home needing either repair or replacement of identified items of each individual home for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation-Wide Housing Repair Project, Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 p.m. (MST) Thursday, November 10, 2011. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contracting party will be with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the Tribal Housing Department managing the project.

Request for Bids may be picked up at the Tribal Housing Department, south of the old casino parking lot - white modular building, Ignacio, Colorado, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make arrangements

for pick up or email Ms. Burch at hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us or Ms. Trujillo at ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us with your request.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Monday October 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., Buckskin Charlie Room. A visit to the project home sites will be following the meeting October 17, 2011 (1 pm - 4:30 pm) and October 18 & 19, 2011 (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

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

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

Ag taking orders for potatoes, beans

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division is now taking orders from the tribal membership for potatoes and beans. We will take orders Monday, Oct. 3 -Friday, Oct. 14. We are happy to announce that we will be purchasing the potatoes and beans from a Native source: the Navajo Agricultural Products

Industry. They have recently been globally certified! Please give us a call at 970-563-0220 and place your order. We hope that this will be more convenient for you by allowing you to get both items at the same time. We will look forward to hearing from you!

Pricing for Southern Ute tribal members is as follows.

Russet potatoes: 5-pound bags, \$1; 10-pound bags, \$1.50; 50-pound bags (No. 1 grade), \$9; 50 count bakers, \$11 per box.

Red potatoes: 5-pound bags, \$1.50; 10-pound bags, \$3; 50-pound bags (No. 1 grade), \$13.

Pinto beans: 1-pound bag, \$1; 4-pound bag, \$4; 20-pound bag, \$15; 50-pound bag, \$26.

Public notice & solicitation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's revised Ethics Code was approved by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 23, 2011. In order to fully implement the Ethics Code, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council directed the Ethics Office to advertise for tribal members that are qualified and interested in serving as Ethics Commissioners or Alternate Commission members (three of each). Commission members will serve staggered three-year terms. Duties and powers of the Commission may be found in the Ethics Code, 19-3-107 and 19-3-108. Qualifications for Commission Members and their alternates are as follows (19-3-104):

- A member of the Tribe at least 18 years of age

or older;

- A reputation for fairness and impartiality;
- Familiarity with tribal government;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality about Commission matters; and,
- Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty.

Please submit letters of interest that include statements related to qualification to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice & Regulatory - Ethics Office, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Letters of interest are due by Friday, October 14, 2011. For further information, you may contact the Ethics Office at 970-563-0292.



Restaurants

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jquintana1952@yahoo.com

11a-8p

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www.ignaciolibrary.org

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285 Lakin St.

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Requests for Bids

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
CLEANING SERVICES, SOUTHERN UTE NATATORIUM HVAC SYSTEM

OWNER:

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for contractors to submit proposals for cleaning the HVAC duct system and an Engineered Air HRU unit at the Natatorium of the Sun-Ute Community Center.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until

2:00 PM MDT, Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

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

Elect Vida B. Peabody

Nov. 4, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



Candidate: Vida B. Peabody

- Experience: 21 years 1985-2005 (7 3-year terms). Vice-chairman 1988-1995.
- Speaks Ute language; respects culture and history, past, present and future
- Believes in the Constitution and the powers of the tribal as contained therein
- Believes in the Oath of Office and its requirements
- Believes in the protection of our natural resources, wildlife and water resources
- Believes in financial and governmental stability
- Believes in equal opportunities in jobs and benefits for all tribal members
- Supports higher education



Elect: Vida B. Peabody



ADVERTISEMENT



Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Pathimi GoodTracks. I am running for one of two seats on Tribal Council. I am 48 years old and have lived the majority of my life (36 years) in the Ignacio area. I have prepared a formal statement which will be mailed to the membership through TIS. And in an effort to provide you timely information, below are excerpts from that statement on issues I feel strongly about.

Tribal People First

"Tribal members hold two citizenships. They are citizens of the So. Ute Tribe and of the United States. Tribal Council, as the governing body of the So. Ute Tribe has the responsibility of making sure any action or governing document approved by Tribal Council prioritizes the tribal membership. All sovereign nations provide for their citizens first. It's a basic principle of sovereignty. Tribal people come first in employment, education, culture, services, natural resources and benefits."

Support Families in Crisis

"If we truly prioritize the health and welfare of our tribal families, we need to provide them with the same level of support. We, as a tribe, need to support our tribal families and provide an attorney (tribal family defender) specializing in family and social issues to ensure families are treated fairly under tribal law and a well-balanced outcome is achieved (both sides have an attorney: tribal family

defender and social services attorney). ...Our goal is not to be punitive in nature, our goal is to help and assist."

Financial Responsibility

"The most important information used to make sound financial decisions is accurate, timely financial records. When you don't know where money is being made or lost, nothing can be done to reduce the losses or build financial strength. Making sure we have accurate records is critical. Without them, decision-makers are not making decisions, we are guessing."

Culture

"Every sovereign nation firmly incorporates the cultural perspective, tradition, values and language that identify it as unique from other sovereign nations and peoples. This is the foundation of sovereignty. In order to protect sovereignty it must be asserted. Asserted in ways that are meaningful to and supportive of the people. This tribe is known as being progressive and in order to be completely successful we must be successful both financially and culturally."

Participation and Involvement (Self-Determination)

"There are inherent qualities, knowledge and insight only tribal members can contribute to the organization, such as knowledge of the tribal community, understanding of traditional values, impact of historical events, tribal sovereignty and self-determination, personal investment and the caretaking of the tribe's future for the generations to follow. ...Greater employment, participation and input of the tribal membership in shaping and improving the way the tribe provides services and does business must be encouraged. ...This is the true meaning of self-determination."

Problem-Solving for the Entire Membership

"Much of what I am hearing are examples of problems that are addressed on an individual basis rather than globally for the benefit of the entire membership. Problems solved on an individual basis are only good for the moment until another tribal member starts to experience the same problem. ...It's quicker to solve problems individually, and it's easy to get caught in this cycle of solving the same problem over and over again. ...We must get away from seeking the quickest way to address issues and focus on the quality of what we put in place."

The tribal membership rightfully holds Council members to a higher standard of integrity and level of achievement. I will submit to random drug-testing whether it's mandated or not. The membership deserves the assurance and confidence that decisions made on their behalf, which will affect their lives and futures, are free from any such influence. I will also formally decline the 6-month severance pay given to each Council member whenever they leave office. It is contrary to my understanding of traditional values and the role of a leader, for a leader to provide for themselves and their family when challenges have gone unresolved for the membership.

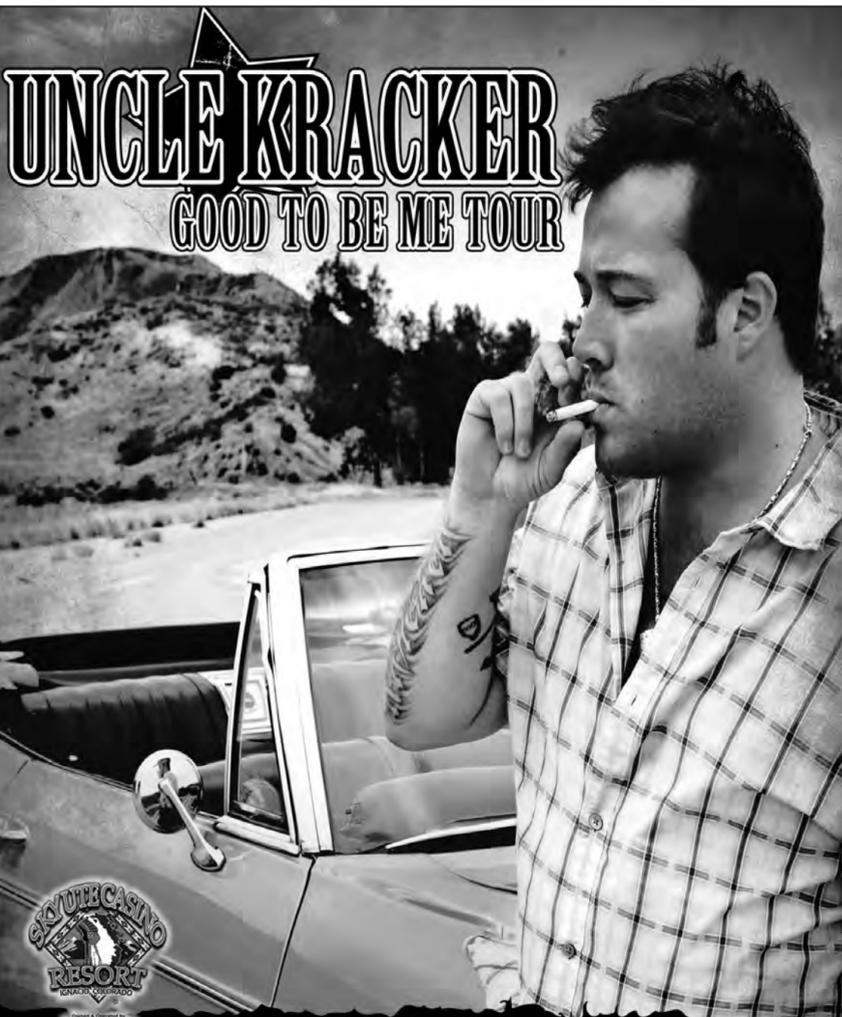
I realize that I may not meet all your expectations however it will not be from lack of motivation or willingness. And I know I will not have all the answers but I do have commitment and dedication to our tribe and tribal membership.

I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote on Nov. 4th for one of two seats on Tribal Council. Call me at 1-855-563-9494 (toll-free), send me an email: vote.pathimi@gmail.com or visit: www.vote.pathimi.com

Respectfully,
Pathimi GoodTracks



ELECT JIM NEWTON JR. NOVEMBER 4 AS THE NEXT TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



3RD ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Saturday, November 12, 2011

Sky Ute Casino Resort presents Uncle Kracker live in concert Saturday, November 12, 2011. Tickets are \$50 for Reserved Seating and \$35 for General Admission. Tickets can be purchased at www.skyutecasino.com, by visiting the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop or by calling 888-842-4180 ext. 6269

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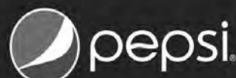
Pow Wow Comedy Jam Saturday, October 8

As seen on the Showtime special, *Goin' Native*, Pow Wow Comedy Jam is coming to the Sky Ute Casino Events Center on Saturday, October 8! Recently awarded the North American Indigenous Image Awards Comedy Performers of the Year, you won't want to miss Marc Yaffee, Vaughn Eaglebear and Howie Miller when they take the stage with their laugh out loud comedy routine.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for Reserved Seating and \$15 for General Admission and can be purchased at WWW.SKYUTECASINO.COM or by visiting the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop.



Marc Yaffee, Vaughn Eaglebear and Howie Miller



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www.skyutecasino.com



Southern Ute Growth Fund

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Accounting Clerk

Closing date 10/10/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Provides office and clerical support to the Accounting Department.

Gas Accountant Supervisor

Closing date 10/10/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Provides supervision of the oil and gas accounts payable function, including the timely payment of all invoices and the maintenance of accurate records and reports. Provides support for joint interest billing and material transfer processes.

Training & Development Coordinator

Closing date 10/12/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Examines departmental area tasks inputs and outputs to determine adequate staffing levels and skills adequacy of staff. Develops and implements training strategies, plans, and processes to support organizational goals.

Petroleum Engineer II

Closing date 10/14/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Complete engineering evaluations and projects, assist with economic analysis using ARIES, and implementing projects, and coordinate and recommend procedures for field operations, rig work, and well testing.

Petroleum Engineer III

Closing date 10/14/11 – Red Willow Production Co. To lead and generate engineering evaluations, projects and technical procedures, perform economic analysis using ARIES, and expedite the implementation of field operations, rig work and well testing.

Petroleum Engineer IV

Closing date 10/14/11 – Red Willow Production Co. To lead and complete engineering evaluations, projects, technical procedures, and project reporting, perform economic analysis using ARIES, assist in implementing projects, and, expedite the implementation of field operations, rig work and well testing.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs
Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Police Sergeant (2 Positions)

Closing date 10/7/11 – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department.

Recreation Specialist

Closing date 10/12/11 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs.

B&G Club Administrative Assistant

Closing date 10/13/11 – Assists Boys & Girls Club management with administrative needs of the organization. Position is a Grade 14.

Group Exercise Instructor (5 Positions)

Closing date 10/18/11 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Position is a Grade 16.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting and Enforcement Sections of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is

contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds. Pay Grade 18.

Elementary Teacher

Open until filled – The Elementary Guide is a professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, an infant through 6th grade private school. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Finance Department Apprentice (Tribal Members Only)

Open until filled – The goal of the Apprentice program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program is designed to benefit Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs. Three levels of positions are available: Senior Finance, Finance Manager, and Other Finance Positions.

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.

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., PO Box 800 Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Substitute Transit Driver

Open until filled – SUCAP, Ignacio
P/T. High School Diploma or GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Must have valid Colorado CDL and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. EOE.

Ignacio School District

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221. Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Director of Health Services - Open until filled.

For sale

A 42" flat screen TV for \$375, delivery options available. For more information please call 970-779-9124

Notice: 30 Day Posting

Availability of Tribal Land Agriculture Assignment

Notice is hereby given to all eligible Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members interested in this Tribal Land Agriculture Assignment. Applications and 5 year farm plans must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources Lands Division. Please contact the Lands Division to view property at 970-563-0126 ext. 2225. Posting date 9-9-2011, Closing date 10-10-2011.



The available Tribal land is described as follows:

Township 33 North, Range 5 West, N.M.P.M., Archuleta County, CO

Those portions of the following sections lying west of Hwy. 151:

Section 1: NW1/4NW1/4;

Section 2: NE1/4NE1/4 and

SE1/4NE1/4 and

NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4.

Containing a total of ~72 acres

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The selection for the attached Tribal Land assignment will be determined by a "Drawing". Any eligible Tribal Member interested in applying for this assignment will need to complete an application and a 5 year farm plan and will also submit a card with the following information: name, census #, and address. The cards will be reviewed by the Division to ensure that the Tribal Member's requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements. *Per the Land Code, only Enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members eighteen years of age or older are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment. Comments have been received regarding what Tribal Members view as "political decisions" being made concerning Tribal Property and use. A drawing would allow all applicants equal opportunity to apply and equal opportunity for selection. Neither staff nor Tribal Council would recommend or select the applicant. The "Luck of the Draw" would decide which applicant will be chosen to be the owner of a home and if *eligible, the assignee. As soon as possible, after the 30- Day Posting Period has expired, a drawing date will be scheduled. A "primary name" and secondary name will be drawn. The secondary name will be drawn in case the primary Tribal Member declines the assignment any time after the drawing. The documents formalizing the assignment (if requested) will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. Tribal members wishing to submit comments or an objection over the assignment may do so by mail or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources Lands Division at 970-563-0126 ext.2231 or P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the land available for assignment. *Per the Land Code, only Enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members eighteen years of age or older are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Accounting

Accounting Analyst – FT, 10/7/11

Cage

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CDP

Career Development Program Coord. – FT, Open until filled

Food & Beverage

Banquet Staff – OC, 10/14/11

IT

Database Administrator – FT, Open until filled

Marketing

Player Development Staff – FT, Open until filled

Sales Manager – FT, 10/10/11

Salon

Cosmetologist – TMP, 10/7/11

Slots

Slot Technician II – FT, Open Until Filled

Table Games

Table Games Manager – FT, Open Until Filled

Poker Dealer – FT/TMP, 10/7/11

Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 10/7/11

Craps Dealer – FT, 10/14/11

Poker Pit Boss – FT, 10/7/11

Craps Pit Boss – FT, 10/7/11

Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.

FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp

Southern Ute Tribal Member youth needed for Wildlife Advisory Board vacancy

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held locally several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers. Click on the "View Jobs" under the "Operations" category or click "Submit Resume/CV" and then click "Search Openings" and type in Req ID #.

BP is seeking: HSSE Technician #25943BR; Construction Specialist #24005BR; Automation Specialist – Farmington, NM #24499BR

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

Community Business Section

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Tribe to update natural resources plan

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Natural Resources Department is sending a survey in October to tribal members asking for feedback that will be used to update its Natural Resource Management Plan.

The plan serves as a guide to how natural resources are managed across the Southern Ute Reservation by the tribe's Agriculture, Forestry, Lands, Range, Water and Wildlife Resources divisions. It was first implemented in 1990 and received its last major update in 2000. The forthcoming update will lay designs for resource management from 2012 through 2032.

"It's important for the membership to fill out these surveys, because it's their resources," Forestry Division Head Brian Gideon said. "We definitely value their time and feedback."

The 27-point survey asks tribal members to rank the importance of certain natural resources —

such as farmlands, water, air and wildlife — and indicate whether they support how such resources are currently managed. It also asks respondents to describe their preferred balance between conservation and use of land, among other things.

The department is asking respondents to return the surveys by Oct. 31 in the postage-paid envelopes provided.

Gideon said part of the reason the update is important is to shift the focus of the plan from areas that are less relevant today — for example, feral dogs or commercial timber activity — to more pressing issues such as restoration.

"Last time, the theme of the plan was kind of drought," Gideon said. "This time, we're leaning toward sustainability and multi-use."

That doesn't mean, though, that tribal staffers have predetermined everything that will go into the update; much could change depending on tribal-member feedback, said Steve Whiteman, head of Wildlife

Resources.

"All of us working in this process recognize that the members are really the ones that are the stakeholders," he said, adding that responses are reviewed and shared with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. "If there are some themes that really come across ... that could potentially carry a lot of weight."

Whiteman said the plan is important because it sets guidelines and goals that touch on everything from agricultural land assignments to economic development.

Coincident with the plan update process, Natural Resources will be working on a programmatic environmental assessment. The combined efforts are meant to follow National Environmental Policy Act protocol.

"I hope you that you will take the time to complete this short but important survey so that the Department of Natural Resources can continue to manage our natural resources for the benefit of the tribe," said Chairman Pearl E. Casias.

State Patrol honors everyday heroes



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal Ranger Mark Kempinski (left) received a certificate of appreciation from the Colorado State Patrol on Thursday, Sept. 22. Kempinski, with the help of civilian Jonathan Hardy (center), pulled a driver out of a burning transport truck on Colorado Highway 151 on June 1. The freightliner exploded soon after from fuel tanks that ignited. Capt. Martin Petrik presented the awards.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Xcel Energy will be conducting a re-survey of an existing pipeline (as depicted on the map shown). A small survey crew will be walking the pipeline route and there will be no ground disturbance associated to this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Lands Division at 970-563-0126.



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Code on Aug. 23, and vacancies are currently being advertised.

Tribal Attorney Steve Boos provided an update on litigation with the Indian Health Service regarding the Southern Ute Health Clinic. In 2005, IHS and the tribe entered into negotiations for the tribe to assume management of the clinic, during which IHS insisted that tribes proposing a new self-determination must agree to include language in the contracts waiving their rights to receive certain federal funding and threatened to decline the tribe's proposal without it.

The tribe refused, and IHS declined the proposal. The tribe sued, and a U.S. District Court judge said declination was unlaw-

ful, but that contract could include language that the tribe was owed \$0 in funding. On appeal, that decision was overturned — a major victory for the tribe and Indian Country. The appellate court said IHS must agree to enter into contracts obligating it to pay the full amount, and then pay.

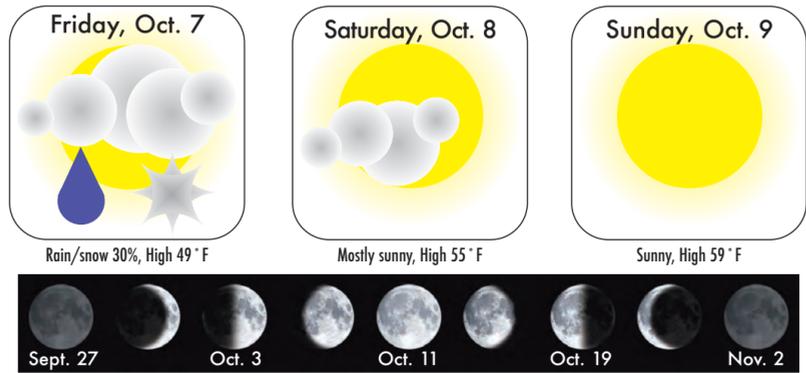
Brian Zink, the tribe's chief financial officer, was the last presenter for the day. He explained the Permanent Fund endowment and its purpose: to generate income for funding core government services, or to create a "savings account" large enough to pay the government from interest earned, leaving the principle to continue to earn for future years. Zink went over the year's per-

formance and rates of return. Although the market continues to recover, he said, the tribe has maintained its target rate of return at 8 percent.

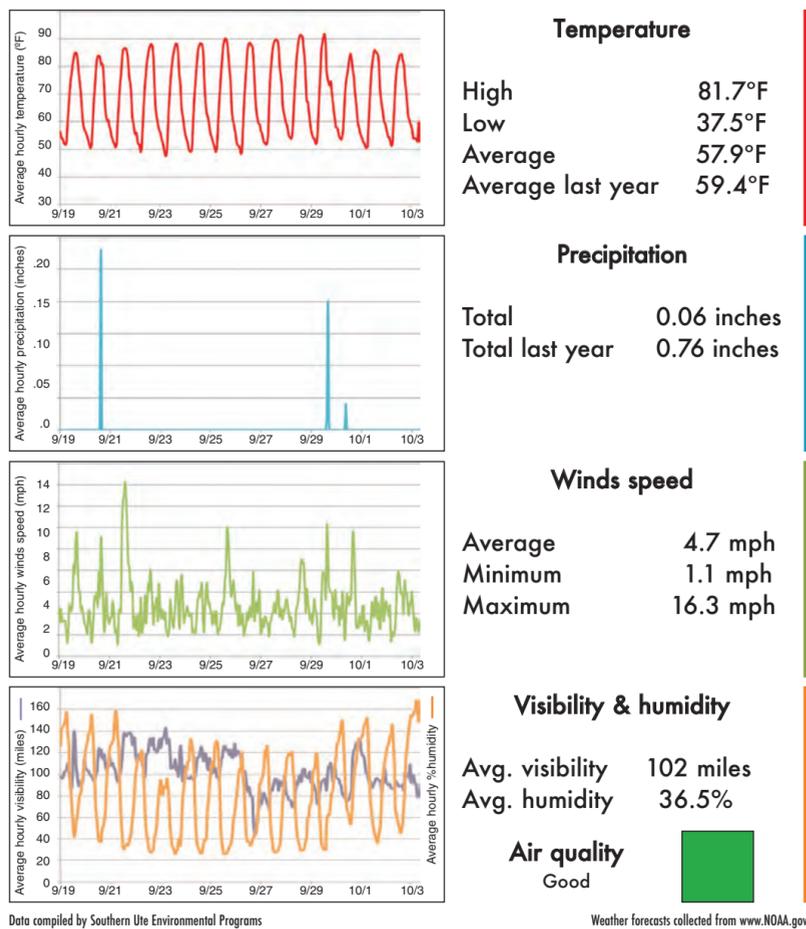
He also went over the endowment's asset allocation and the breakdown of equity, investments, bonds, debt, TIPS, and cash. He went through each sector's performance.

Brief discussion took place on the minors' trust performance and its steady recovery since 2009. Zink said another meeting on the trust will take place in the near future, as the last meeting did not have a good turnout. It will be announced in The Southern Ute Drum for all tribal members interested in attending.

Local Ignacio Weather



Weather data for September 19 - October 3



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