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By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
The Southern Ute Drum

Fourth-graders from the Ignacio Intermediate School filed into a classroom one by one on Wednesday, Oct. 12 to the sound of a dulcimer, an instrument not widely used since before the last century.

The man playing it was seated between numerous animal pelts and other historic frontiersman paraphernalia. Dressed in homesewn buckskin and fringe, Scott "Grizzly" Sorensen is a modern-day mountain man who has been giving school presentations for more than 17 years in the Ignacio area.

Sorensen resides in the wilds of Northern Quebec, and is the author of the book "Kipawa River Chronicles." He attended

Brigham Young University, where he studied Western history, outdoor survival and Indian lore. Once a high school teacher, Sorensen now lives with his family in traditional frontier fashion.

Dressed for the part, the mountain man wowed the attending students with stories and photos from the old West. He finished the show with an outdoor demonstration of a blank musket blast from a Hawken rifle, resounding through the otherwise calm morning and filling the air with a puff of smoke.

Another highlight for the students was an opportunity to wrap themselves in the pelts of wolves and mountain lions.

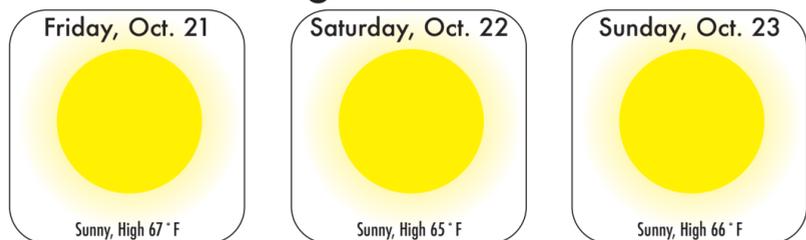
For Sorensen, the highlight is always receiving letters from students, he said.

'Grizzly' Sorensen tells tall tales

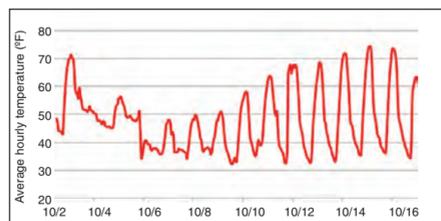


Scott "Grizzly" Sorensen wowed fourth-grade students at the Ignacio Intermediate School with a trip through time to the old West during a presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Sorensen played the dulcimer, bugled like an elk, and loaded a Hawken rifle for a blank muzzle blast as his grand finale outside of the classroom. Students were given the opportunity to feel and even wear some of the soft pelts used by the frontiersman while trapping in days of old.

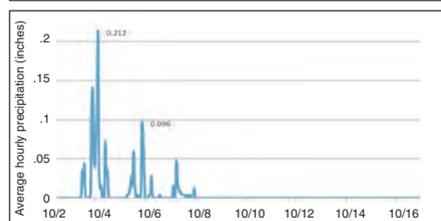
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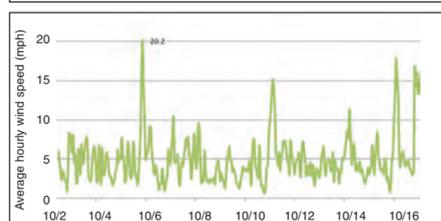
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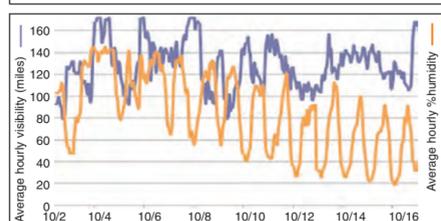
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High	74.5°F
Low	32.0°F
Average	47.8°F
Average last year	51.8°F



Precipitation	
Total	1.67 inches
Total last year	1.66 inches



Wind speed	
Average	4.8 mph
Minimum	0.7 mph
Maximum	20.1 mph



Visibility & humidity	
Avg. visibility	127.7 miles
Avg. humidity	56.9%

Air quality
Good

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov



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