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**Ace Stryker/SU Drum**

Crystal Garnanez (left), a community resource officer at the Southern Ute Police Department and coordinator of the PeaceJam program, joins group members before a screening of "Keep It Sacred" at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility on Friday, Jan. 25 to thank community members for their support.

**YOUTH IN MOTION**

**Youth-produced sacred tobacco film headed to Durango, Denver**

**By Ace Stryker**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A short film about traditional uses of tobacco produced by a group of local kids is soon getting a wider audience.

"Keep It Sacred," a production of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's PeaceJam program, follows a group of youths as they ride their bicycles around Ignacio, learning from various residents about the differences between commercial tobacco and that used for ceremonial and other traditional purposes. Among those interviewed in the film are tribal elders Alden Naranjo, Elise Redd, and Eddie Box Jr. and wife Betty.

The 16 kids in the program participated in virtually every facet of production, from scripting and storyboarding to acting and filming, said coordinator Crystal Garnanez, a community resource officer with the Southern Ute Police Department.

"It was a good experience for them," she said, adding that their interest in filmmaking grew alongside their knowledge of various tobacco uses.

The film was screened for the local community at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility on Friday, Jan. 25.

Jonas Nanaeto, who acted in the film, said he believes it's important to understand the proper uses of tobacco, including as an offering during ceremonies.

"It's not supposed to be used as like a drug ... as a dangerous thing," he said.

That's a message that resonated with the San Juan Basin Health Department's Lasso Tobacco Coalition, which supported the production and helped connect the club with professional videographer Carl Geers. It was also through the health department that the Durango Film Festival got wind of the film and expressed interest in including it in this year's lineup.

The final schedule was not

available by press time, but "Keep It Sacred" will appear in the festival, which runs Feb. 27 through March 3.

Ocean Hunter, who helped with filming, said he's excited about the film's inclusion in the festival. Andrew Morgan, a club member and one of the film's principal actors, said he hopes showing it to a wider audience will promote learning about the dangers of commercial tobacco use.

"I thought it was just going to be in this area," he said. "It got bigger."

And bigger still: In May, the Denver American Indian Commission plans to screen "Keep It Sacred" as part of its monthly film series at the Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center in the state capital, Garnanez said.

Coincident with the club's production of the film was an effort to promote a smoke-free area around the SunUte Community Center. That project

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**State of the tribe address**

**By Chairman**  
**Jimmy R. Newton Jr.**  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a history that extends as far back as words can describe.

Over the generations, our people have endured many hardships and witnessed many successes, but the story of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe continues to be written. About a year ago, I was proud to be sworn in as the chairman and continue my work to make the next chapters of our tribe's history as successful as any already written.

Today I would like to talk about things we've worked on over the course of the last year and discuss my priorities, and those of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, for the future. I am reporting on the state of the tribe because I believe it is important for the tribal membership to understand where we are so we can move forward together.

**OVERVIEW**

The state of the tribe is strong, and the future is full of promise for every tribal member. Although it was my first year in the chairman's office, the past year was full of hard work and important progress for the tribe.

For example, we have made good improvement on



tribal member employment, fiscal savings and responsibility, and the foundation of the tribe's Health Department. I would now like to talk about each of these areas in more detail.

**FINANCE**

A few years ago, when the nation faced a recession, one question the Tribal Council had to address was "What are we doing to quit unnecessary spending within the organization?" For the current fiscal year, the Tribal Council held the Permanent Fund to a "no growth" philosophy. This philosophy helps ensure the tribe keeps within the spending allowed by the Financial Plan.

We intend to implement this plan for the FY 2014 budget as well. This has helped to create opportunity for the tribe to consider addressing other issues that are important to the membership, like tribal member

employment, housing and health care.

The Permanent Fund expected a 6-percent return on investments this past year, and we almost tripled that investment number with a 17.4-percent rate of return. The Tribal Council's decision to diversify investments across many strategies produced these strong numbers, and I believe these changes will provide a better balance of risk and return, which will put the tribe in a better position as we head into the next few years.

In April of this past year, the Tribal Council changed the policies for Tribal Credit. Those changes increased the loans available to members and reduced the criteria for qualifying for a loan.

Since those changes were implemented, the Tribal Credit program has processed 900 loan applications and has provided loans to more than 600 different tribal members. We will continue to consider and review other modifications to expand the types of loans available to tribal members.

**EMPLOYMENT**

Every member of the Tribal Council, including me, knows the struggles that tribal members face when seeking employment. We have long heard that there are many challenges for job applicants.

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**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

On Sunday, Feb. 3 helicopter pilot Mark Shelton, owner and operator of Native Range Capture Services Inc., worked with crewmembers David Rivers and Donnie Wackerman to radio-collar a cow elk in the Washington Flats area of the Southern Ute Reservation. The animals are singled out, captured by net, collared, and released to rejoin their herds in the wild. The data collected helps in wildlife management decisions essential to the long-term welfare of the migratory species, on and off the reservation.

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

**Tracking elk using today's technology**

**By Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Finishing a week of aerial game counts across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Sunday, Feb. 3, Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division Biologist Aran Johnson led a team to fit radio collars to cow elk on tribal lands.

The transmitters, which are designed to automatically drop off after two years, require capturing and handling of the animals for fitting and deployment.

"We deployed 15 radio collars this year, which is a relatively small number, but will give a sample of the habits of these animals, potentially leading to more in-depth study in the future," Johnson said.

Set to fall off on Feb. 3, 2015, the collars will collect locations every two hours around the clock for the next two years. The data stored on board will be downloaded once collected from the field; location data can then be put into a Geographic Information System and illustrated

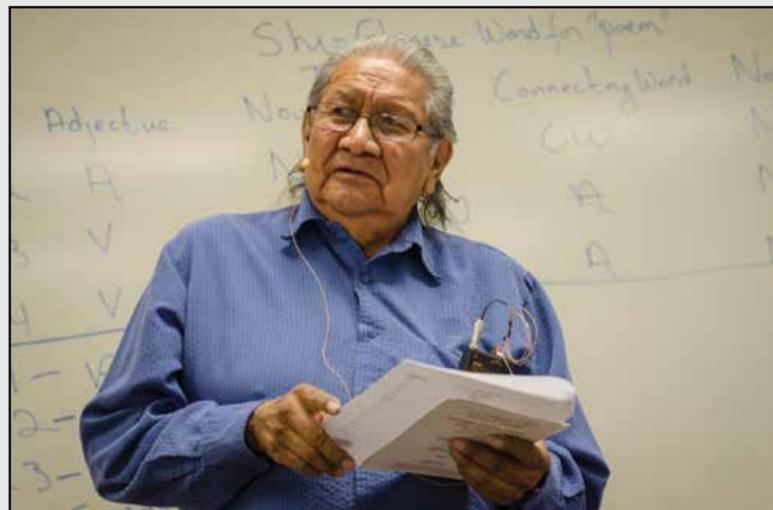
on regional maps, showing migration routes across Southern Ute Reservation boundaries, high-traffic areas, and highway crossings. That information is used for a variety of purposes, including collaboration with the Colorado Department of Transportation on placement of traffic signs.

Aerial net gunning is proven to be a fast, safe and effective method of capturing large game, Johnson said.

The delicate procedure

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**Students craft Ute poetry**



**photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**

Southern Ute elder Bennett Thompson instructs an Ignacio Junior High School class on Ute language during a special poetry project in which students used Native American language to create Chinese form poems.

Students came together for the writing and language project under the direction of teacher Susan Robins. Lindsay Box, beginning with an introduction to the Ute language on Tuesday, Jan. 29, coordinated the cultural aspect.





## NEWS IN BRIEF

### TRIBAL COUNCIL LAUNCHES HEALTH CENTER SURVEY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member feedback on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. The tribe mailed out a survey early in February with nine questions about what tribal members would like to see from their Health Center in the future, including whether the facility should be primarily a health clinic, a wellness center, or a hybrid of both. The survey is also available online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey). For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email [mgo-mez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mgo-mez@southernute-nsn.gov).

### AGRICULTURE LAND MANAGERS

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 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/or riparian protection/

improvements. The 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/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.

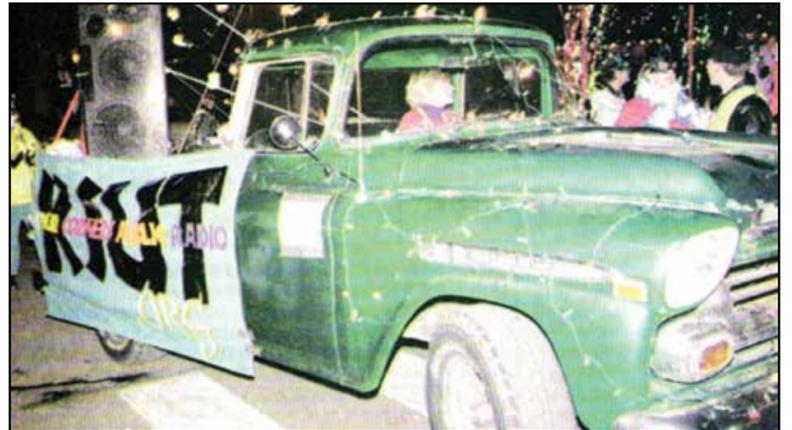
### FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

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.

### Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please write letter of intent, Attn.: SCSYAC, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137  
Any questions or concerns please contact Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355 or email at [sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov).

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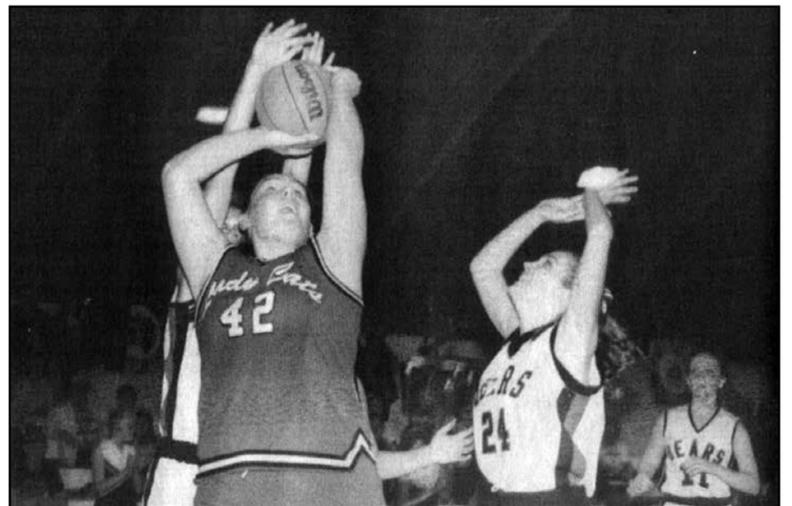


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

A pickup truck adorned with signs and electric lights drew Snowdown Parade attention to KSUT Public Radio.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 7, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

The Lady Cats take it to their archrivals, the Dolores Bears, with Gina Cox going up for two points. The Lady Cats lost 43-45.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 5, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Stanley R. Frost/SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Pictured are people that participated in a diabetes workshop at the Southern Ute Health Center, Jan. 18, 1983. The workshop was sponsored by the Ute Mountain and Southern Ute health centers.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 11, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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## A visit from Samoa



courtesy Elise Redd/SU Cultural Dept.

A government delegation from the Independent State of Samoa came through Ignacio on Saturday, Jan. 12 in an effort to meet with community members and learn about the area and its culture and history. The officials pose for a picture here at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum with Alex Cloud (left), a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, and Little Miss Southern Ute Yilana Howe (center).

## Elders celebrate birthdays



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Elise Redd of the Southern Ute Cultural Department made fresh frybread for the occasion to go along with the menu of chicken, rice, roast and tortillas.



Southern Ute tribal elders enjoy the celebration during the Cultural Department's tribal elders January birthday luncheon on Friday, Jan. 25. The department hosts a luncheon once a month.

Luana Herrera of the Education Department enjoys a slice of lemon meringue pie that tribal elder Dona Frost prepared for the birthday celebration.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### FEBRUARY ELDER'S ACTIVITIES

Feb. 12: Van to Ute Mtn. Casino will be leaving at 8:30 a.m.  
Feb. 13: Arts & Crafts at the Multi-purpose Building at 11 a.m.  
Feb. 14: Elder Services Dept. will be closed from 11:30 to 5 p.m.  
Feb. 18: Closed for President's Day  
Feb. 21: Van to Farmington will be leaving at 8:30 a.m.  
All trips need to have 3 more tribal elders, handicapped and disabled. Dates are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions call the Elder Services Dept. at 970-563-0156.

### FEBRUARY ELDER'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

February elders birthday luncheon will be held at noon on Feb. 15 in the museum's large classroom. The menu will consist of meatloaf and fried chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, corn bread and oven bread, and Jell-O with whip cream. Elders are more than welcome to bring a guest, and don't forget your to-go containers for left overs.

### FRIDAY SENIOR BREAKFAST

Breakfast served from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in the Capote Room at SunUte Community Center.  
**February senior breakfast muffin menu:**  
Feb. 15 – Chocolate-cherry banana muffins  
Feb. 22 – Flax seed and raisin muffins  
Served with boiled eggs, coffee, juice and fresh fruit (when available). If you need a ride, call Elders Service at 970-563-0156. For more information, call SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or the Multi-purpose Facility at 970-563-4784. Hosted by the Multi-purpose Facility staff in conjunction with the SunUte Community Center.

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME AND ARTWORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to start the New Year off by getting everybody pumped up for the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair, so what better way to start than with a contest! The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2013 Southern Ute Fair for all Ute members. ALL medias of art will be accepted until March 29 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Selected artwork will be featured on ALL items involved with the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork. Submit to the Southern Ute Cultural Department at P.O. Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

### UTE LANGUAGE 103, WEDNESDAYS

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum, large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

### ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lamen and T dancers. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers/presenters, Ute bead makers and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

## THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'icha- 'ara mni 'apaghapi 'ura- 'ay

### 25. Existential clauses

By Tom Givón  
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

#### 25.1 EXISTENTIAL CLAUSES

In many languages, **existential** expressions are not formed with the verb “be” (“there is a fly in my soup,” “there **are** many houses there”), but rather with the verb “have.” Ute is such a language. Existential clauses in Ute are thus the third type of possession expressions, where the verb **-ga-** “have” appears as **-aa.gha-**, and the object of possession – now the subject of **being in location** – is prefixed to the verb. Thus, contrast the three types:

(1) a. **Inherent possession:**

'uwas- 'ura 'u-vvaa-tu kani-gya-pugay- 'u  
s/he/S-be there-at-DIR house-**have**-REM-s/he  
's/he had a house there' (long ago)

b. **Incidental possession:**

'uwas- 'ura 'u-vvaa-tu 'ava'natu kani 'uni-aa.gha-pugay- 'u  
s/he-be there-at-DIR many/O house/O **POSS-have**-REM-s/he  
's/he owned many houses house there' (long ago)

c. **Existential clause:**

'u-vvaa-tu kani-aa.gha-pugay-agh  
there-at-DIR house-**have**-REM-it  
'there's a house over there' (long ago)

The second difference between the two possession clauses (1a, b) and the existential clause (1c) has to do with the status of the subject. In both (1a) and (1b) above, a **human possessor** is the subject of the clause, as can be seen from the (optional) use of the suffix pronoun **-u** “s/he.” In contrast, the pronoun on the existential clause (1c) could only be **-agh** “it.” In other words, the “possessor” of the object in (1c) is the **location** “there.” This may be seen from the fact that only the true possession expressions (1a, b) can have a plural subject:

(2) a. **Inherent possession:**

'umus- 'ura 'u-vvaa-tu kani-gya-gha-pugay-amu  
they/S-be there-at-DIR house/O-**have**-PL-REM-they  
'they had a house there' (long ago)

b. **Incidental possession:**

'uwas- 'ura 'u-vvaa-tu 'ava'natu kani 'uni-aa.gha-qa-pugay-amu  
s/he-be there-at-DIR many/O house/O **POSS-have**-PL-REM-they  
'they owned many houses house there' (long ago)

Of course, one may have a singular or plural pronoun referring to the **possessed object** of the existential clause, as in:

(3) a. **Singular object of existential clause:**

kani-naagha tuachi-aa.gha-y- 'u  
house/O-in child/O-**have**-IMM-s/he  
'In the house there is a child' (now)

b. **Plural object of existential clause:**

kani-naagha 'ava'ntu-mu tuachi-u-aa.gha-y-amu  
house/O-in many-AN/O child-PL-**have**-IMM-they  
'In the house there are many children' (now)

This fact can be also seen from the plural marking on the verb in (2a,b) but not in (3b)

#### 25.2. NEGATIVE EXISTENTIAL CLAUSES

Negative existential clauses are found, first, in some fixed expressions, using the negative-possessive verb **-a-** “lack,” “not have,” as in:

(4) a. 'ina-naagha ka-'ipu- 'a-tu  
here-in NEG-WH/O-**have**/NEG-NOM  
'there's nothing in here'

b. 'u-vvaa-tu ka-nuu- 'wa-tu  
there-at-DIR NEG-person-**have**/NEG-NOM  
'there's nobody there'

Thus contrast the affirmative and negative existential clauses below:

(5) a. **Affirmative:**

'u-naagha 'ava'ntu paay-aa.gha-tu  
there-in much/O water/O-**have**-NOM  
'there's a lot of water in there'

b. **Negative:**

'u-naagha ka-paay- 'a-tu  
NEG-it NEG-water/O-**have**/NEG-NOM  
'there's no water in there' (always)

c. **Affirmative:**

'u-vvaa-tu kani-aa.gha-tu  
there-at-DIR house/O-**have**-NOM  
'there's a house (or houses) there'

d. **Negative:**

'u-vvaa-tu ka-kani- 'a-tu  
there-at-DIR NEG-house/o-**have**/NEG-REM  
'there is/are no house(s) there'

Toghoy-agh. 'wusa-gha.

## Southern Ute families

### Uma Nu Apaghapi Ustii?

Would you and your family like to learn to speak Ute?

An introductory class on the Ute language will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (downstairs classroom) on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

This is an introductory class geared to children and adults who wish to learn the Ute language. We encourage you to come and join us in this first session and become acquainted with an important element of our culture, our language. If you have any questions, please call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100. We will get to visit with one another and enjoy a meal at the same time.



## KIDNEY CORNER

### 1 in 9 U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES



As discussed in some of our previous articles, the kidneys are responsible for filtering the blood to make urine, eliminating waste products from the body. Where do these waste products come from?

Some are derived from food. An example is potassium, an electrolyte present in many fruits and other foods. Diets high in potassium are generally healthy for people without kidney disease and are recommended to lower the risk of developing high blood pressure. However, if potassium accumulates in the body, for example due to excessive intake in patients with kidney disease, it can be very dangerous.

Healthy kidneys are extremely efficient at removing excess potassium, usually keeping the concentration in the blood very steady.

Protein, another important constituent of a healthy diet, is broken down to various nitrogen-containing products that can also be dangerous if allowed to accumulate in the blood. Breakdown products of proteins come from our diet or from turnover of the cells from our own bodies.

These nitrogen-contain-

ing chemicals are thought to be some of the main culprits causing patients with chronic kidney disease to feel sick. The kidneys also remove many drugs and poisons from our blood.

When they work correctly, the kidneys are astoundingly efficient in removing all of these harmful substances. They filter about 40 gallons of blood every day to achieve this feat. Not bad for a couple of organs each only the size of your fist!

Unfortunately, kidney disease is all too common: About 1 in 9 adults in the United States have chronic kidney disease, decreasing the effectiveness of this toxin-removing system.

The most common causes of kidney disease are diabetes and hypertension.

What happens when kidney function starts to decline? Initially, there are typically no symptoms. A decrease in kidney function down to as low as

30 percent might allow a person to continue feeling quite well.

Many people therefore develop quite severe degrees of kidney disease without realizing it. So it's worth having your kidney function checked if you have any risk factors for kidney disease. I recommend screening for kidney disease in any person with diabetes, high blood pressure, or a family history of kidney disease.

The screening typically involves a blood and urine test and measurement of blood pressure. Many other medical conditions raise the risk of kidney disease; your doctor can tell you if you should be screened.

More severe kidney disease can cause many symptoms including weakness, fatigue, nausea, wasting, shortness of breath and itching. In the final stages of kidney disease, dialysis or transplantation becomes necessary to preserve life.

Fortunately, if kidney disease is detected early, there are very effective treatments that can slow down the decline in kidney function. It can be difficult to keep taking medicine to prevent a disease that isn't causing any symptoms at the time, but the long-term results of improved kidney function are well worth it.

## YOUR HEALTH

### You can reduce your risk for heart disease

Staff report  
SHINING MOUNTAIN  
DIABETES PROGRAM

February is American Heart Month. If you have diabetes, you are at higher risk for having heart disease. You can improve the health of your heart. There are several risk factors for heart disease. Many can be prevented or controlled.

Here are ways you can reduce your risk for heart disease:

**Talk to your health care provider about heart disease:** Share your health history. Get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked.

**Control your blood pressure and cholesterol:** High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of heart disease. If your blood pressure or cholesterol is high, take steps to lower it. Take small steps to eat healthier foods. Get more exercise. Take your

blood pressure and cholesterol medicines as prescribed.

**Eat healthy:** What you eat has a big impact on your heart health. When planning your meals and snacks, try to eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables; check the labels on your food and choose those with the lowest sodium; limit foods with high amounts of saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol; and cook at home more often. Limit sauces, mixes and "instant" products such as macaroni and cheese and hamburger dish mixes. Rinse canned foods, like canned meat, before using.

**Get moving:** Obesity can increase your risk for heart disease and stroke. Being physically active most days of the week will help keep you at a healthy weight, and will help lower high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Try to walk at least 30 minutes on most days of the week. For example, you could take a brisk, 10-minute walk three times a

day, five days a week.

**Use tobacco in traditional ways only:** Smoking and chewing tobacco greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you smoke or chew, get help to quit. If you don't smoke or chew, don't start. Try to avoid secondhand smoke.

**Remember your ABCS:** An easy way to remember how to reduce your risk for heart disease is to remember "ABCS" — appropriate aspirin therapy for those who need it, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, and smoking/chewing cessation. Talk to your health care provider about heart health ABCS. The heart health ABCS will help you avoid heart disease and live a longer, healthier life.

For more information on how to have a healthy heart, contact your health care provider.

Adapted from information found online at [www.millionhearts.hhs.gov](http://www.millionhearts.hhs.gov).

## SACRED TOBACCO FILM • FROM PAGE 1



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Lakota Two Crow, a PeaceJam member and actor in the "Keep It Sacred" film, accepts a thank-you treat from SunUte Community Center director Kristi Garnanez.

actually began several years back under the club's SMART Moves program, and reached fruition Dec. 18, 2012, when the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council passed a resolution establishing a 100-foot perimeter around the center's south entrance. Garnanez said a private screening of the film for the council helped get the

resolution finalized.

Lakota Two Crow, who also had an acting role in the film, said it was an important victory in the fight to reduce the threat of secondhand smoke.

"You can also get someone else in danger if you're around them," he said of smokers. "They can get sick."

The kids apparently enjoyed

the filmmaking process enough the first time around to want to do it again, said Marissa Rocha, the club's chief professional officer: They're currently in the planning phase of their next project, a feature-length documentary about young members of the three Ute tribes preparing for and competing at this summer's Tri-Ute Games.



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## Counting elk herds



Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division Biologist Aran Johnson keeps a sharp eye on the landscape below for elk herds neighboring Lake Capote and Washington Flats.



Bringing the elk herd into the open, pilots carefully single out an animal to net and collar at close range, the entire procedure taking less than 10 minutes.



Using an ultra-light helicopter, wildlife teams are able to reach the rugged terrain of elk herds.



Removing the capture net, the elk are then hobbled and collared with professional efficiency, minimizing stress to the animal.

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum

### TRACKING ELK • FROM PAGE 1

requires a pilot and crew in a helicopter to fly in close enough to a group of elk that they can shoot a net over an animal to immobilize it. Once on the ground with the animal, the crew proceeds to hobble, blindfold and collar it before releasing it to rejoin its herd. The whole procedure taking less than 10 minutes, minimizing stress to the animal.

Helicopter pilot Mark Shelton, owner and operator of Native Range Capture Services Inc., worked with crewmembers David Rivers, Donnie Wackerman, and Pamela Moriel to tag 15 elk in about half a day.

"This is a new project for us," Johnson said. "[It's] the first time since the early '90s that radio collars have been put out on elk on the east side."

The tribe has been continually monitoring mule deer on the east side of the reservation since 2004 with great success, he said.

"We have collected such valuable mule deer data that it was a natural progression to want to gain that same kind of knowledge about elk," Johnson said.

Division head Steve Whiteman said he expects to find some key differences between deer and elk behavior using the new technology.

"I'm very excited about this project because we'll gain a much better picture of elk movement and habitat use on the reservation," he said. "We have many years of data on mule deer patterns, but almost nothing on elk. We suspect elk behavior will be quite different from deer, and we'll soon have the data to confirm or refute that."

"The important difference between the 1990s and now is the technology of the radio collars," Johnson said. "Newer radio collars are GPS enabled, allowing biologists to collect hour-by-hour data, as opposed to physically collecting single locations each month from a fixed-wing airplane," as was necessary using earlier models.

"This year's capture targeted specific areas of the Southern Ute Reservation: those areas that traditionally host large winter concentrations of elk and an area that encompasses a tribal range unit," Johnson said. "Additionally, all these areas see focused harvest during the January cow hunt, which makes us want to know as much as possible about these herds."

Collars were distributed across Washington Flats, East Cat Creek, and Valle Seco on the eastern border of the reservation.

The type of information the tribe is going to gather from these collars will include migratory routes, timing of migration, habitat use, and seasonal range occupation times, as well as estimating survival rates of the animals, Johnson said.

"The info collected allows us to make the most accurate management recommendations possible to the Tribal Council and allows us to give the membership accurate, up-to-date information about the big game herds on the reservation," Johnson said. "The nature of wildlife management is that we are forced to make assumptions and extrapolate small amounts of information across larger scales. This type of project can cut out that type

of guesswork. If a tribal member asks, 'Where do the deer and elk migrate each season?' or 'What impacts do highways have on our herds?' we can give them precise information. Radio collars really give us incredible insight into the lives of these animals."

Whiteman said such information will help the tribe make better land-management decisions across the board.

"This information on elk movement and habitat use will be very helpful to us as land managers," he said. "We'll have a better understanding of those areas that are important to elk, and be able to make more informed decisions about land use and development activities on tribal lands that might affect those areas."

It's critical that the tribe cultivate its own research data, Johnson said.

"These elk are a shared resource," he said. "While we work closely and effectively with neighboring agencies, it's important for the tribe to gather its own information on animals occupying tribal lands, and to be able to make important management decisions using scientifically based studies."

One question often asked by tribal members is whether animals with radio collars can be harvested. The answer, Johnson said, is yes.

"While we don't prefer that collared animals are taken, if it happens, we understand and consider it good data to us as well if an animal is harvested by a hunter," he said, adding that the collars should be returned to the tribe's Division of Wildlife as soon as possible.



Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson and Wildlife Technician Danielle Austin take inventory of collars at sunrise in preparation for the team's deployment into the field.



Danielle Austin uses a handheld receiver to approximate locations of specific radio collars.



Once unfettered, elk are released to rejoin their herds in the wild.



## Academic achievements



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students gather for an all-school assembly to celebrate their academic accomplishments on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

## IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

### Second quarter honor roll

#### SENIORS

**4.0:** Kayla Knipp, Barbie Lujan, Breana Talamante-Benavidez, Courtney Valdez  
**3.7:** Valerie Armstrong, Mariah Vigil  
**3.5:** Mary Kate Adams, David Storey, William Taylor  
**3.2:** Tracy Bean, Jordan Cuthair, Kiersten Raby, Isaiah Valdez, Tristany Valencia, Celsa Velasquez  
**3.0:** Pamela Cotton, Austin Haire, Jessica Kirsch, Seth Richards, Alexandria Troup

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**3.8:** Jacob Candalaria  
**3.7:** Justin Ballew, John House, Jasmine Red, Cloe Seibel, Antonio Silva De Torres  
**3.6:** Fabian Martinez  
**3.5:** Dylan Pearson, Roshae Weaver  
**3.2:** Cheyenne Cook, Jason Taylor, Raelynn Torres  
**3.1:** Blaine Ward  
**3.0:** Malli Benavidez, Gabrielle Bufanda, Justin Carver, Angela Herrera, Christian Knoll, Patazikivaa Perry, Rebecca Ward

#### SOPHOMORES

**4.0:** David Cooper, Vuong Nguyen, Tyler Riepel  
**3.7:** James Ballew, July Stricherz  
**3.6:** Miguel Perez  
**3.5:** Mitchell Abendroth, Dynesha Drake, Cheyenne Zito  
**3.0:** Tanisha Coyote, Blaine Mickey, Xavier Reynolds, Cody Witcher

#### FRESHMEN

**4.0:** Wyatt Hayes, Austin McCaw, Chrysti-anne Valdez  
**3.9:** Cassandra Brown  
**3.7:** Jerica Jackson  
**3.5:** Tucker Ward  
**3.4:** Charles Rohde, Lillianna Romero  
**3.3:** Alexandra Gearhart, Merri Maddox  
**3.2:** Ruth Hessler  
**3.1:** Gibran Silva  
**3.0:** Rebekah Powell, Ellie Seibel

#### IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS/TEACHERS OF THE QUARTER

**Seniors:** Jessica Kirsch, David Storey  
**Juniors:** Malli Benavidez, Fabian Martinez  
**Sophomores:** Alicia Naranjo, David Cooper  
**Freshmen:** Alexandra Gearhart, Austin McCaw  
**Teacher of the quarter:** Barb Fjerstad



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**Where:** Ignacio, Durango, Bayfield and Pagosa Springs Areas

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## Featuring the flag



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Folding a memorial flag before a captive audience, the presentation included a reading by Ronnie Baker of the meaning represented in each of the 13 folds.



The Southern Ute Veterans Association made a trip to Animas Elementary School in Farmington, N.M., on Friday, Jan. 25 for a formal flag presentation to the student body.

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## EDUCATION UPDATE

### ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM NOW TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

### GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 1st, April 5 and May 3rd. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 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. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at [www.GEDcomputer.com](http://www.GEDcomputer.com). The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details. **The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

### SIX MONTHS EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.



## SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



### TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

### PAGOSA HOT SPRINGS FIELDTRIP, FEB. 18

Field trip is open to everyone. Tribal members/families and descendants free. \$5 per person for all non-tribal members. All ages welcome (kids under 18 must know how to swim). Depart SunUte at 9 a.m., arrive at hot springs at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided (Pizza Hut) at the resort. Depart hot springs at 4 p.m., return to SunUte at 5 p.m. Pick up no later than 5:30 p.m. When registering please let front desk know if you will be needing transportation to Pagosa Springs. To sign up contact the SunUte front desk at 970-563-0214. For more information or check us out on the web [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com)

### UPCOMING SUNUTE LEAGUES

- **Co-Ed Basketball League**  
Games will be Sundays starting Feb. 24.
  - **Men's 35+ Basketball League**  
Games will be Sundays starting Feb. 24.
  - **Co-Ed Volleyball League**  
Games will be Monday nights starting Feb. 25.
- Teams must provide their own jerseys. Registration deadline is Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$225 per team, register at the SunUte, fee must be paid before first game. We accept cash, credit card. Check payable to SunUte Community Center. SunUte will take payment over the phone.

• **SunUte League Waiver**  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe prohibits the use of alcohol and the manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, transfer, or the use of illegal drugs on SunUte premises. Please note in the event a guest is intoxicated visibly or clearly, the staff will ask the guest to leave in a safe manner and may call the southern ute police department to handle the matter. Consequences may apply.

### TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

## Women Warriors in D.C.



courtesy Arlene Duncan

The Native American Women Warriors at the American Indian Society Powwow in Arlington, Va., on Saturday, Jan. 19. The group was invited to be in the parade during the second inauguration of President Obama Monday, Jan. 21. The group members (left to right): Tia Cyrus (auxiliary member), Francis Big Man, Michela F. Alire, Brenda McEwing, Arlene Duncan, Julia Kelly, Angel Young and Josie Porter.



courtesy Sherrell Goggins

The Native American Women Warriors stand in front of the Washington Monument in DC. on Monday, Jan. 21.



courtesy Arlene Duncan

The Native American Women Warriors display beautifully crafted beadwork on their moccasins during the American Indian Society Powwow in Arlington, Va., on Saturday, Jan. 19. The group will be at this year's Denver March Powwow March 22 through 24.

## FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members. Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

Call Peter Dietrich at 970-563-0135 ext. 2238, for more information.

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## Roughing it



courtesy Kirk Lashmett/SU Environmental Programs

Kirk Lashmett, water quality specialist with the Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, spotted this rough-legged hawk near the La Plata River during a quarterly sampling trip on Friday, Jan. 29.

## FLY-FISHING

# Fly-fishing should be mandatory for federally elected officials

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Two weeks ago, I followed my usual morning routine: I put the coffee on, let the dog out, turned on the news, and then got sick to my stomach. It was inauguration day.

I instantly turned it off and contemplated going back to bed. But the dog wanted back in and the coffee was ready — so I turned the TV back on and proceeded to watch my least favorite president and vice president take their oaths of office.

They were surrounded by members of a Congress that has done a good job of being indistinguishable from old furniture bolted to the floor and impossible to move. After the swearing in, I listened to President Obama do a great job of reading a speech his writers had penned for him. So far, I still hadn't spilled my coffee.

After the reading of the speech, it came to me: This wasn't just a day for the current administration. Nope, inauguration day is a day of celebration for every American. It proves that no matter how wrong I might think the current administration and members of Congress are (from both parties), there will be another election and peaceful hand-over. Wow, I felt better.

Now feeling better, and working on my second pot of coffee, I began to formulate a way to get the next group of federally elected officials



to do a better than the current crop of do-nothin'-ers.

Needless to say, fly-fishing is the answer. For this to work, all officials will have to learn how to fly-fish. Since this will be for the health of the country, I envision Obama-care picking up the tab.

Once all officials have learned to fly-fish, time will have to be made for them to practice their new sport. This shouldn't be a problem, since Congress' idea of a work week is three days.

You're probably saying to yourself: So what if elected officials know how to fly-fish? Well, here's where they actually learn a little something from the voters of the United States: Instead of taking polls to find out what anyone with an iota of common sense knows, they will have to spend two of their four days off fly-fishing with one or two folks from their constituency.

Imagine an elected official coming to Durango and spending two days fly-fishing with a soldier who is part of the Warriors and Quiet Waters program. The official

would be required to stand beside this young soldier and fly-fish with him or her for an eight-hour day. I'm sure the topic of how the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hasn't got enough money or time to really help this person, who has been severely injured by an explosive in combat, will emerge.

Another good idea would be for an official to spend a day buddy-fishing with the owner of a small fly shop. I would like to hear the conversation as the official gets an understanding of how all the laws and regulations are putting this person, and his 10 employees, out of business.

I really get excited thinking about the president or vice president fly-fishing with an unemployed welder, talking about why the Keystone Pipeline was such a bad idea. It shouldn't be a day just for voters to bend the ears of their elected officials. We as fly-fishermen need also listen to our elected officials. I'm sure those folks have some ideas about how we, as voters, can do more than yell when talking to them.

I know this is all a fantasy. But it sure would be fun to see all federally elected officials, from the president to the representative of the least-populated district in the United States, stringing up the mandatory travel fly rod for a day of buddy-fishing.

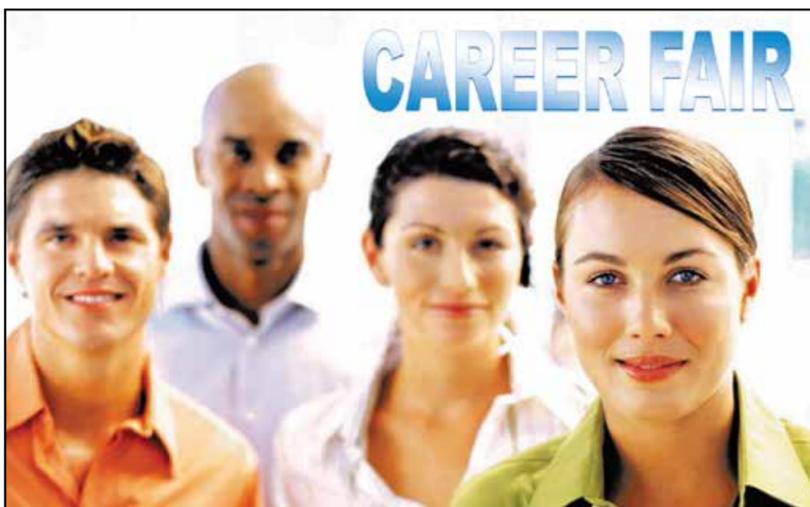
At least in this country, where inauguration days are peaceful and fun, hope may spring eternal.

### Do you have questions about your Indian mineral ownership or royalties?

Department of the Interior Oil and Gas Royalty question and answer sessions, Wednesday, Feb. 20

BIA - Southern Ute Agency • 8:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
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You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.



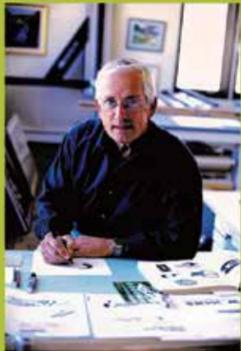
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All renewing and new members must fill out a new membership packet and pay the annual fee for the 2013 year.

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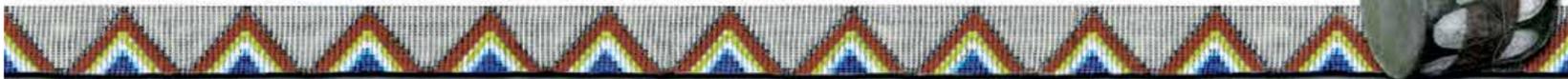
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Mini Devo donned matching costumes for the KSUT float, representing both the tribal and Four Corners signals.



Members of the Southern Ute Royalty bundle up against the cold night before the Main Avenue parade.

## Tribe represents among geeks

**D**urango hosted its annual Snowdown parade on Friday, Feb. 1, lighting up Main Avenue and bringing residents out of their homes to celebrate in the frigid evening temperatures as is customary for the town. This year's theme, "Get Your Geek On," inspired some original ideas, seen throughout the week, culminating in the themed floats whose procession spanned the length of the town's main drag. Representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were KSUT Public Radio, the Southern Ute Royalty, and the tribe's Management Information Systems Department.



Mary Monte entertains her son, Payton, and Grant Ward on the MIS float.



Southern Ute tribal member Sheila Nanaeto sports a bowtie and coonskin hat for Snowdown.

Photos by **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



The Southern Ute MIS Department staff ham it up prior to Friday's parade.



Sporting geek attire and NPR paraphernalia, KSUT staffers Rachel Shockley and Jim Belcher rejoiced in the Snowdown spirit.



This year's theme, "Get Your Geek On," brought out some science and fire during Snowdown.



The Blues Brothers' classic Bluesmobile makes an appearance on behalf of the Four Corners Motorcycle Rally, formerly Ignacio Bike Week.



Sombrero and poncho help to keep a woman warm while singing traditional Mexican music in the parade.

## Fishing proclamation 2013-14: SU Indian Reservation

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**  
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Phone: 970-563-0130  
www.southern-ute.nsn.us/WRMweb/  
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**WHAT'S NEW FOR 2013-2014**  
**New Fishing Access added to San Juan River:** A new fishing access has been added to San Juan River and includes two fishable ponds and 0.8 miles of river. Located one mile east of CR 557 on CR 500.  
**Aquatic Nuisance Species Alert:** Colorado's aquatic ecosystem and fisheries are threatened by several imported diseases, animals and plants, including Zebra and Quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), and Eurasian watermilfoil. Don't let these ruin your fishing trip. Anglers are asked to help control the spread of these pests and prevent new species from entering the reservation.

**SEASON DATES**  
Southern Ute Tribal streams are open to fishing year-round. Season fishing permits are valid from January 1 through December 31, each year.

**STREAM FISHING PERMITS**  
**Southern Ute Tribal Members:** Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members, both juveniles and adults, must have in their possession a Southern Ute Fishing Permit when fishing on the Southern Ute Reservation. No State fishing permit is required, and a Tribal permit allows a Tribal member to take game fish from all waters within the exterior Reservation boundary. See Stream Access for specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property. A Tribal member stream fishing permit is issued free of charge and is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

**Southern Ute Member – Senior Fishing Permit:** Southern Ute Tribal members age 55 or over may receive a lifetime stream fishing permit through the Wildlife Division. A Tribal member Senior Fishing Permit is issued free of charge and is a lifetime permit. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment and age by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

**Non-Tribal Members**  
All non-Tribal members must obtain a Tribal stream fishing permit to fish on designated Tribal waters. A Colorado State fishing license is not required to fish on Tribal waters but is required to fish on private property and public waters (i.e. Navajo and Pastorious Reservoir) within the Reservation boundaries. See Stream Access for the list of designated waters and specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property.

Non-Tribal member Permits & Fees			
Age	2-day	5-day	season
<b>Juvenile</b> (12 yrs. and under)	\$10	\$15	\$30
<b>Adult</b> (13 yrs. and over)	\$20	\$25	\$50
<b>2-day access</b> (13 years and over)	\$5	n/a	n/a

Required for any non-fishing adult wishing to accompany a non-member fisherman on designated Tribal waters.

**Permit Replacement**  
All non-Tribal fishermen needing to replace lost or damaged fishing permits can purchase duplicates at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Office. \$5

**STREAM ACCESS**  
For purposes of stream access for fishing, lands within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are divided into two categories: (1) Tribal trust lands, and (2) allotted and private lands. The Tribe has adopted a policy that allows for open fishing access on Tribal trust lands. Provisions for fishing on these lands are similar for Southern Ute Tribal members and permitted non-members, but not identical. These provisions are further explained below. Allotted and private lands are private property, and permission to fish at these locations must always first be obtained from the landowner. It is the fisherman's responsibility to know where allotted and private lands occur.

**Access For Permitted Non-Tribal Members:** Fishing by permitted non-Tribal members is allowed on the Animas, Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers through designated access points (see Designated Waters and maps). Fishermen must use the access points identified on the maps to enter and exit stream corridors, which are located only on Tribal trust lands. Fishermen may move up or down the stream corridors without securing additional permission, but may not continue on to allotted or private lands unless authorized by the landowner. The stream corridor is bounded by a 5-foot distance from the edge of the water on both sides of the stream, provided, however, fishermen may depart from this corridor only to the extent necessary to avoid a barrier located within the corridor. Use of designated access points and stream corridors is allowed for fishing only.

**Access For Southern Ute Tribal Members:** Fishing by Southern Ute Tribal members is allowed along all waters on all Tribal trust lands on the Reservation. For fishing on unassigned Tribal lands, Tribal member fishermen are not restricted to access points and stream corridors. However, to fish on assigned Tribal lands, Tribal members must use the designated access points and stream corridors as described above for non-Tribal members. Tribal member fishermen are responsible for knowing where Tribal land assignments occur, and fishing is the only activity allowed while accessing Tribal land assignments. All fishermen are asked to respect Tribal land! Do not litter, cut fences, leave gates open, drive

or park in undeveloped areas, or engage in any un-authorized, non-fishing activities. Always remain within the specified stream corridor unless there is an emergency, never trespass on private property and contact the appropriate authorities if you see violations being committed. Activities by non-Tribal members other than fishing are strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. Fishing on Tribal land is a special privilege granted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Following the rules and showing respect for the land will ensure that this privilege continues.

**FISHING REGULATIONS**  
All regulations in this section, unless otherwise specified, apply to all fishermen on the Southern Ute Reservation. Also, regulations generally apply to all waters of the reservation, but some exceptions apply specifically for Lake Capote. These regulations are strictly enforced and violators will be subject to fines, seizure of equipment, and/or loss of fishing privileges, per Southern Ute Tribal law. Individuals witnessing a violation are strongly encouraged to report the violation to the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130 or Southern Ute law enforcement dispatch at 970-563-4401.

**Bag and Possession Limits:** The daily bag limit is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The possession limit is the maximum number of game fish you can have in possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle or home. Game fish caught and not immediately returned to the water are counted in the daily bag and possession limit. The following tables specify daily bag and possession limits for game fish found on the Southern Ute Reservation. See the Animas River Special Waters section for special bag and possession limits on a portion of the Animas River.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits for Streams and Tributaries		
Game Fish	Juvenile (Under 13 yrs.)	Adult (13 yrs. & older)
Trout: rainbow, brown, cutthroat <sup>1</sup>	Tribal Members – 2 Non-Members – 2	Tribal Members – 4 Non-Members – 2
Kokanee salmon	5	10
All warm-water species <sup>2</sup>	Unlimited	

<sup>1</sup> Limits on trout may consist of one species or a mix of more than one species.  
<sup>2</sup> The following fish species are **unlimited** for bag and possession within streams and tributaries: channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, common carp, yellow perch, crappie and white sucker. If you are uncertain about a species of fish you have caught, it should be released unharmed where it was caught.

Daily Bag and Possession Limits for Navajo and Pastorious Reservoirs		
Game Fish	(Tribal Member Anglers Only)	
	Juvenile (Under 13 yrs.)	Adult (13 yrs. & older)
Trout: rainbow, brown, cutthroat <sup>1</sup>	2	4
Smallmouth bass	5	5
Kokanee salmon	5	10
Channel catfish	5	10
Largemouth bass	5	10
Bluegill	5	10
White crappie	10	20
Northern pike, Black bullhead, Yellow perch, Green sunfish	Unlimited	

**PROTECTED SPECIES**  
Roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker and bluehead sucker are rare native fish of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and are protected from take. If caught while fishing, these species must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It is unlawful to have these species in your possession.



**Permitted Angling Methods:** Game fish may be taken by hook and line only. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double or treble) attached. For fly fishing, one line may be used with up to two flies attached.  
**Legal Hours of Take:** With the exception of Lake Capote, fishing may occur 24 hours a day. Fishing hours for Lake Capote will be posted on site.  
**Salmon Snagging:** Snagging, or using hooked devices to snag fish in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for Kokanee salmon on the Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers during the months of October, November and December. Standard salmon bag limits and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging. Southern Ute Tribal Members are further allowed to snag salmon in tributaries of the Los Piños River during the same period.

**GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**  
**Fishing Duration.** All fishermen must discontinue fishing when the legal bag or possession limit is met.  
**Fishing Pole Attendance.** Fishermen must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.  
**Bait.** Use of any live, dead or parts of fish or amphibians as bait is prohibited in all Reservation waters. Non-fish and amphibian baits such as worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs and Power Bait are permitted except where special regulations are in place.

**Minnows.** Unless authorized by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, it is unlawful to take, possess, transport or sell minnows on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

**Chumming.** Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Tribal waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures and flies as specified in the Permitted Angling Methods section.

**Planting Fish.** Unless authorized by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, it is unlawful to release or move into Tribal waters any fish from aquariums, fish ponds, bait buckets or any other external fish source.

**Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods.** Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Tribal waters: all net types (except for hand-held nets used to land hooked fish), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns or any other gear or method not specified in the Permitted Angling Methods section.

**Private Property.** It is unlawful to fish on private property without first obtaining permission from the property owner. Private property includes Tribal allotments, but not Tribal land assignments. Not all private property is posted, and it is the fisherman's responsibility to know when and where access permission is needed.

**Boating.** Recreational boaters (private and commercial) are allowed to float through Tribal portions of navigable rivers that traverse the Southern Ute Reservation, including the Animas River and San Juan River above Navajo Reservoir. However, unless specifically authorized by the Tribe, launching, loading and taking out boats is not allowed on any Tribal lands. The only exception to this rule is that fishermen who have a valid Tribal fishing permit and who are engaged in fishing may put-in or take-out small, portable craft on Tribal

Anglers wanting to fish, before or after these hours, are required to self-permit and deposit fees at the self check-in station located on the front of the Bait Shop. Permits are only valid for the date of purchase.

**Southern Ute Tribal Members:** Southern Ute Tribal Members between the ages of 14 and 53 must purchase a fishing permit at a discounted rate. Tribal Elders (54+ yrs.) and Tribal youth (13 or younger) fish for free.

**DERBY Permits:** Lake Capote is stocked with tagged fish redeemable for cash prizes totaling \$2000 in prize money. Participation in the DERBY requires a separate daily DERBY permit.

**Southern Ute Stream Permits:** SUIT stream permits are available for purchase at Lake Capote.

**Lake Capote Fishing Regulations**  
• No fishing without a permit  
• Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset  
• One pole per angler  
• No live bait (worms & night crawlers allowed)  
• Bag Limits per angler:

**Trout; rainbow & brown:**  
Adults: Three (3) trout TOTAL under sixteen inches (16"). Youth: Two (2) trout TOTAL under sixteen inches (16"). **All trout over sixteen inches are catch and release only.**

**Largemouth bass** – One (1), any size.  
**Channel catfish** – One (1), any size.

**Watercraft:** Privately owned boats, float-tubes, kayaks, etc. may be launched and may only use electric motors. Watercraft MUST be inspected by a Lake employee for Zebra & Quagga mussels before launch into the lake.

For current information regarding the Lake Capote schedule, fees, events, and activities, please call the facility or visit the Division of Wildlife's website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/wrmweb.

**CATCH AND RELEASE**  
Catch and release is an important approach to fishing that many anglers voluntarily practice. Not all fish that you catch need to be kept. In fact, the more fish put back in the river, the more fishing time you'll have and the more fish will be available for others to enjoy. Most of the time, if a fish is caught, handled properly, and then released it will survive to be caught another day. Here are some important things to remember when practicing catch and release:

- Do not play any hooked fish to total exhaustion.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible while handling it.
- Gently remove the hook without squeezing the fish or touching its gills. (Barbless hooks make hook removal much easier.)
- If the hook is deeply swallowed, do not pull it out. Instead, cut the line as short as possible so the hook may dissolve inside the fish.
- Allow an exhausted fish to recover before releasing it. Gently hold the fish in moving water, facing it upstream until it swims away.

**AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES**  
Colorado's aquatic ecosystem and fisheries are threatened by several imported diseases, animals and plants, including Zebra and Quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and Eurasian watermilfoil. Don't let these ruin your fishing trip. Anglers are asked to follow these guidelines to help control the spread of these pests and prevent new species from entering our Reservation:

1. Remove all plants, animals or mud, and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders and equipment that have come in contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.
2. Drain water from boats, including live wells, bilge, ballast, storage areas or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.
3. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to another body of water.
4. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with high-pressure hot water (140° F).
5. Don't move or transport fish between waters. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
6. Don't dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.
7. For general disinfection, soak/treat equipment and waders for 15 minutes with a bleach solution (6 oz. household bleach per 5 gal. water), a solution of Sparquat 256 (4 oz. per 1 gal. water) or a solution of potassium chloride (1 tsp. per 2 gal. water).

**AUTHORITY**  
These fishing regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101 and 13-2-102, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolutions No's. 1989-34, 2001-69, and 2002-215. Adopted January 22, 2013.

**SOUTHERN UTE FISHING VIOLATIONS**  
The following are Tribal fishing-related violations, and associated civil penalties, that would-be offenders should be aware of. In addition to civil penalties, offenders may be assessed penalty points that may lead to the revocation or suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on the Reservation.

Common Fishing-Related Violations and Civil Penalties
• Hunting, Fishing or trapping without required permit or tag (13-3-111) \$150
• Using nets, trotlines or traps (13-3-128) \$250
• Taking undersized fish (13-3-136) \$50
• Guiding or outfitting offenses (13-3-105) \$2,500
• Accessing a stream for fishing and fishing outside designated access and fishing easements (13-3-110) \$150

See page 11 for vendors that sell permits.



## Going beneath the surface



Dustin Sanchez takes in the afternoon with a close watch on his line as his class ice-fishes on Scott's Pond.



Nathaniel Howe and Jawadin Corona team up on the hand auger, drilling a new spot to fish.



Students pull in a sizable trout.

**W**arm weather and clear blue Colorado skies set the stage for an epic afternoon of ice-fishing on Scott's Pond on Thursday, Jan. 31. Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy joined Southern Ute Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm to drill the ice in pursuit of some trout.



Southern Ute Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm punches out fishing holes with the gasoline-powered ice auger.



Ebonee Gomez rejoices in the beautiful day with her classmates.

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Randy Herrera sits with the patience of a seasoned fisherman: tackle ready, rod in hand.



Jon Broholm gives ice-fishing instructions while lending a hand rigging up the student's fishing poles.

### SOUTHERN UTE FISHING PERMIT VENDORS

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
Division of Wildlife Resource Management  
116 Mouache Drive, Annex Bldg., Ignacio  
970-563-0130  
M-F: 8 a.m. – noon, 1 – 5 p.m.

**Sky Ute Casino – Gift Shop**  
14324 Highway 172, Ignacio  
970-563-6269  
7 days: 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.

**Thriftway**  
15051 Highway 172, Ignacio  
970-563-9456  
7 days: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**Duranglers**  
923 Main Avenue, Durango  
970-385-4081  
M-Sat: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**ZIA Sporting Goods**  
500 East Main, Farmington  
505-327-6004  
M-F: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Float'N Fish**  
#4 County Rd 4251, Navajo Dam  
505-632-5385  
7 days: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Lake Capote**  
389 Highway 151, Pagosa Springs  
970-883-2273  
7 days: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
(mid-May – mid-Sept)  
Call for other times



Students release a trout back into the icy water.



## IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

# Bobcats tear into February with Nucla, Ouray blowouts

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Given recent history, it would be tough to believe two Mustangs bookended the game's scoring — senior Seldon Riddle beginning the first quarter, classmate Matt Larson cashing a put-back at the final buzzer — when Nucla visited IHS Gymnasium on Friday, Feb. 1.

In between those fleeting highlights, however, was exactly what Ignacio fans came to see: Destruction, by 79-14 count, of a San Juan Basin League enemy, with all 12 Bobcats scoring.

In fact, the two most nervous young men in the house may have been not any wearing NHS blue, but rather Ignacio's Wyatt Hayes and Bo Ward, who would be presented at halftime as members of the school's Winter Royalty.

Hayes was announced as the freshman prince, and noticeably had more difficulty placing an honorary sash upon princess Chrystianne Valdez — daughter of head coach Chris Valdez — than launching a three-pointer (he'd made two in helping the Cats take a 20-2 lead after one quarter).

Selected from among Ignacio's juniors, Ward had to execute a similar, but possibly more daunting task: With professional junior-middlweight boxer Elco Garcia standing next to daughter Gabriela, failure was not an option.

Both were seen on the court in the second half, indicating success.

Junior center Justin Carver's buzzer-beating triple prior to the pageantry had put Ignacio ahead 40-4, and after three quarters — juniors Clayton Jefferson and Kelton Richmond combined for 13 points in the third frame — the scoreboards read 64-7.

Freshman forward Nick Herrera, eager to get his own legacy against Nucla underway, netted seven of his 11 points in the fourth quarter, while classmate Anthony Manzanera dropped in all six of his points during those last eight minutes to help the Cats seal the deal.

The scary part? Mustang wrangler Samuel Calvert's starters — Riddle (four points), Larson (four), Cody



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Ignacio's Adison Jones (33) takes aim over two Nucla Mustangs for a mid-range jumper during the Bobcats' 79-14 win on Friday, Feb. 1.

Jones (three), Shad Salazar (zero), Keenan Brune (zero) — played their last game in Ignacio, with only two sophomores and three freshmen currently on the roster to fill their shoes in 2013-14.

Richmond led the Cats with 14 points, and Jefferson was right behind with 12. Hayes finished with eight, while Carver and soph Adison Jones each scored seven while also dominating the paint. Ward finished with five, and Sam Corrado (four), Austin Haire (two), Sam Mestas (two) and Tucker Ward (one) rounded out the scoring.

NHS frosh Mason Riddle's three-pointer was his side's only other bucket.

### IGNACIO AT OURAY, SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Clay Zimmerman's three was the only basket Ouray could manage during a dooming first quarter the following night when the Cats stormed the House of Troy. And though he and the other four Trojan starters all managed to score in the game, Ignacio's starting five of Hayes, Jefferson, Richmond, Jones and Carver combined for 26 in the opening eight minutes

alone en route to an 82-33 blowout.

"We brought three seniors up who don't play any varsity, so that they could try to score," Valdez said. "And if we do win a flag [championship banner] — God be with us — then ... they get to be on that flag no matter what it says. Because they've earned that right. And their teammates worked hard for them; that's what makes me proud for this team."

Fifteen Cats suited up and 13 scored, led by 12 apiece from Carver and Herrera. Hayes and Jones each scored eight, Jefferson nine and Richmond 10, but as Valdez hinted, there was no holding back the loudest applause for the backups.

JV call-ups David Storey (two points), Andy Guire (four) and Isiah Valdez each scored in the fourth, in which Ignacio edged Ouray 16-15, to punctuate the win. Valdez drained two treys for his six points, after also burying multiple threes during the junior varsity's 80-24 win.

"This was probably our lightest weekend. But the fact of the matter is you've still got to play the games; the kids still got to come

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## IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Lady Cats dump Nucla, Ouray

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If last-second votes were to decide the night's Winter Royalty senior queen, Jordan Cuthair likely would have swayed undecided voters with February's first last-minute heroics.

Putting the fans into a frenzy with one of her signature, baseline-parallel line-drive shots that fell in for three, Cuthair all but polished off a personal nine-point second half, Ignacio's 21-point fourth quarter, and visiting Nucla's morale with one snap of her wrist.

But in the Lady Bobcats' 68-37 San Juan Basin League victory, an additional significance was twofold. One, Cuthair's output helped Ignacio's developing reserve corps rack up a solid 29 points. And two, all 10 players canned at least one shot of one type or another.

Had an odd chest pain not sidelined energetic sophomore Sky Cotton (who'd led the bench brigade against NHS with 11 points) for lengthy stretches the following afternoon in Ouray, Ignacio could have claimed a rarer achievement: Having all players score in consecutive contests.

The parity of points proved to be a major plus against the Lady Trojans inside their House of Troy; OHS guard Jackie Saunders' red-hot, 12-point third quarter was keeping Ouray in the contest, but Ignacio still led 37-26 beginning the fourth.

"We got it done," said IHS head coach Justa Whitt, "but it got kind of sketchy out there."

As it so happened, the last Lady Cats to score were starters: guards Michelle Simmons and Cloe Seibel. But with Seibel striking twice from downtown, Simmons twice from closer in, and the pair 4-for-4 at the free-throw line, IHS regained a much-needed intimidation factor for the final eight minutes.

With Ridgway transfer Bailey Kerson adding ex-



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Ignacio senior Michelle Simmons (3) yanks in a defensive rebound at Ouray on Saturday, Feb. 2 as teammate Cloe Seibel (lower right) helps with a proper box-out on Lady Trojan Olivia Lockhart. The Lady Cats, following the previous night's home win over Nucla, completed the weekend's San Juan Basin League sweep with a 52-37 win over OHS.

tra height in the post — she snared 10 rebounds — for coach Shawn Carroll, one collected carom on the offensive end quickly resulted in a midrange Sarah Pankow jumper and pressed Whitt into a preemptive timeout with 7:18 remaining and IHS up by nine.

A restarted Mariah Vigil quickly responded, scoring eight of her team-high 13 points (she'd led against Nucla with 14), and Seibel netted four (to give her 12; she'd had six versus NHS) as the Lady Cats outscored OHS 15-9 the rest of the way for a 52-37 victory.

Cuthair, making up for lost time earlier this season due to injury, scored six off the bench against the Lady Trojans, and Simmons also finished with a half-dozen (she'd posted a 5-7-5 line — points, rebounds, steals — against the Lady Mus-

tangs). Starting forward Valerie Armstrong totaled 17 points for the weekend's work and Gabriela Garcia had six, while reserves Roshae Weaver (six), Ellie Seibel (five) and Chrystianne Valdez (four) all chipped in to help IHS improve to 8-7 overall, 4-1 in the SJB�.

Saunders led all players in the Saturday, Feb. 2 game with 19 points, Kerson finished with five, and Pankow and post Olivia Lockhart each booked four as Ouray dropped to 2-11, 1-8. Stats for Nucla (5-8, 4-5 after a Feb. 2 home loss to Norwood) were not reported; the Lady Mustangs had trailed 36-20 at halftime.

Up next for Ignacio will be struggling Mancos tomorrow. Results from the Lady Bobcats' non-league trip to Bayfield (7-7, 1-3 3A Intermountain) on Tuesday, Feb. 5, were unavailable by press time

## IHS WRESTLING

# Wrestlers host own invitational

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

After a move, the first night in a new home can feel weird.

Even when relocation oddly leaves one just up the road, as it did for the Ignacio High wrestlers Friday, Feb. 1. With mats and equipment hauled in from IHS for the following day's Butch Melton Invitational, the Cats themselves were pressed to quickly adjust to the SunUte Community Center's floor plan and surroundings before hosting neighbors Bayfield in non-league dual action.

And only 160-pounder Blaine Mickey truly looked comfortable in the temporary digs.

Coming off a loss to Cedaredge's Brian Leahy in the fifth-place match a weight up at the previous weekend's Screaming Eagle Invitational in Paonia, Mickey made quick work of Bayfield's James Young, pinning the senior in just 23 seconds and trimming the guests' scoreboard lead to just 11-6 (SCI fourth-placer Miguel "Mike" Perez lost 16-1 to BHS senior Joe Zink at 145 starting off, and Bayfield's Ian Hermans then claimed



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Patiently working from low on the mat, Ignacio's laasic Pena reaches for a leg of Bayfield's Drake Rhodes during their 138-pound match Friday, Feb. 1 inside the SunUte Community Center. Pena fell 7-0 after three full periods, but regrouped to place at the following day's Butch Melton Invitational.

a forfeit at 152) before neither team sent out a 170.

Head coach Bob Overturf and his squad knew there'd be 12 points lost via forfeits at 182 and 220, but there was hope to stay within earshot with 195-pounder Javan Webb and heavyweight Josh Gallegos. But Webb was surprised 7-3 by emotion-driven senior Dom Brittain, and despite a strong start, Gallegos was pinned in 1:33 by Class 3A State Tournament-minded senior Matt Eckstein.

Down 32-6, neither Ignacio nor Bayfield sent out a 106-pounder, but the Wolverines — already mathemati-

cally in the clear — did at 113 to swipe a free six when the Bobcats did not. Ignacio senior Taylor Smith then lost by pin at 120, and Kyle Bailey's shoulders also were stuck at 126 as Bayfield's core picked up momentum for the upcoming Melton.

Trever Sivvers lost by first-period technical fall at 132 and Iaasic Peña, held together by an apparatus supporting his right shoulder, battled Drake Rhodes for six hard minutes before succumbing 7-0 at 138 — making the final score Bayfield

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## JV basketball action



Ignacio JV forward Tanisha Coyote clashes with Nucla's Skylar Shelton (20) on a blocked-shot attempt during a narrow 34-31 win Friday, Feb. 1 at home over the Lady Mustangs.



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV guard Anthony Manzanera (11) surprises Ouray's Tanner Trujillo (23) and nabs a rebound from the Trojan during the Bobcats' 80-24 road rampage on Saturday, Feb. 2.



## SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

# Little Miss Southern Ute

Hello, my name is Yllana-Chanelle Nancivuchi Howe. I am Little Miss Southern Ute 2012-13.

I would like to update all the tribal members on what I have been doing to represent as an ambassador for the Southern Ute Tribe.

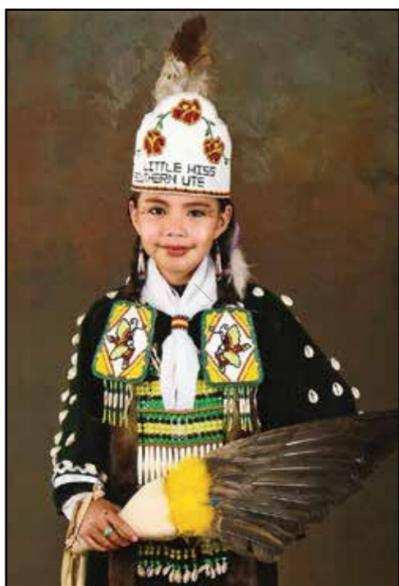
On Sept. 8, 2012, I was crowned Little Miss Southern Ute 2012-13 at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. On Thursday, Sept. 27, I was part of the "hand-holding" along the Animas River Trail during Durango Connect, for which more than 9,000 people linked hands to commemorate a seven-mile stretch of paved trails.

From that event, I traveled to California to attend the Morongo Thunder and Lightning Powwow in Cabazon on Sept. 28-30.

In October 2012, I was one of the Bobcats of the Month at the Ignacio Elementary School. Students were honored for being helpful, having a good attitude in class, and showing a willingness to learn. On Sunday, Oct. 21, I helped escort Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in a procession from St. Ignatius Catholic Church through downtown Ignacio and back to the church. On Oct. 29, I participated with other Southern Ute Royalty members in the Southern Ute Police Department's Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center.

On Friday, Nov. 2, youth bull riding finals came to Ignacio's Sky Ute Fairgrounds; I helped during the event's welcome with other Southern Ute Royalty members and elders. On Saturday, Nov. 3, I traveled to Meeker, Colo., to attend the blessing of the Capitals Christmas Tree, dance performances, and a parade.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, I greeted tribal members at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. On Tuesday, Nov. 20, other dancers, royalty members and I demonstrated a variety of traditional dances and a round



dance with students for Native American Heritage Month at the Ignacio Elementary, Intermediate and High schools.

On Nov. 24, I danced with my family and other cultural dancers at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum during a Native food tasting.

On Dec. 7, 2012, I traveled to the first annual Hustle Your Bustle Powwow at the Denver Indian Center.

On Jan. 12, I met with Okesene Marino and his group, who were visiting from Samoa, and had lunch. They gave me a name, Tausala, which means "princess." They toured the museum and we took group pictures.

*Thank you,  
Yllana Howe*

*Little Miss Southern Ute 2012-13*

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### MYORE FAMILY THANKS

The family of Manual Myore Jr. would like to say thank you to all the people that sent flowers, called, and the ones that came to say their goodbyes to Manny.

We would also like to acknowledge the following people and departments for everything they did to help make our goodbyes a little easier: Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and the

Tribal Council, Estelle Jimenez and her crew, Grounds Maintenance, Multi-purpose Facility staff, the Southern Ute Police Department, Amy at Hood Mortuary, Eddie Box Jr., Cecilia Robbins, and the drum group.

May you all have many blessings for the help that you gave our family during this time.

*The family of Manual Myore Jr.*

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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY NUFIE

February 12, 1998 we welcomed a beautiful baby boy into our lives. Where did the time go? 15 years, it's hard to believe!

I always knew these days would come but I didn't expect them to be here so soon. You have grown into a handsome young man and have succeeded in everything you do and will continue to do so.

We are very proud of you baby. Learn all you can and never quit, the sky's the limit you can be and do anything you want. (Want it all!) Happy Birthday my Nufie!

We love you more than you'll ever know!

*Mommy, daddy,  
Choochie, Hammie, and Sister*



### CONGRATS HUSKY

Congratulations to Christen Heart on her Husky Award for Curiosity!

*We love you,  
Mama and Grandma*

### TO JESSIE D. VIGIL

Grandson, I am wishing you a Happy 19th Birthday for February 9th. Time went by so fast and you are now an Adult by no means. Keep striving for the best that you can muster up, because you are doing such a great job! You have now come to realize what the real world is and what it entails. You have a long way to go and I know you will do the very best you can because you have that drive. May the Creator surround you with all his Love and Blessings. My advice to you is: "Always put the Creator FIRST & FOREMOST", because that is where your Blessings begin and ends, each day. Have a great time on your special day with family and friends.

*Love you always,  
Grams, Darlene F.*



### BELATED BIRTHDAY AH-PA-MA-PA!

You always help everyone, asking nothing in return. You're giving spirit and happy smile lifts us up every day. So, here's hoping and wishing and wanting 2013 to deliver only the best to you, since you deserve only the Best.

*With lots of love,  
from The Family and Taffy Cat!*

### BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH

We would like to wish our Uncle Nate, a belated Birthday. How old are you now? We hope that you will enjoy more in the future. We love you.

*The Thompson Family*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEE

Happy Birthday to my wonderful Leoandro (Lee) wish you the and any more b-days to come. Also happy Valentines Day you're a wonderful father and hubby, we love you very much.

*Love always,  
Alyssa, Leandra, and Dwight*

### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

For Shyanne Vigil on Jan. 28. Goobers, Happy Birthday you silly girl. I enjoyed having to share your special day with you, family and friends. It was a great day to celebrate your 12th birthday. I have pictures of you. May the Creator bless you with more silliness, laughter, and most of all Love and lots of Blessings. I love you.

*Love you always,  
Grams, Darlene F.*

### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

For Mariah Rose Vigil on Nov. 25. Happy belated Birthday my Rosie girl. Sorry I missed your 18th Birthday, but I will make it up to you, and that is a promise. I have watched you grow up to be such a beautiful girl, so full of Love, Honesty and Laughter. I have enjoyed watching you play Volleyball and Basketball this year, your Senior year. Just know how much I enjoy watching you and just talking to you when we can have that little moment. Thank you for being YOU and being in my life. May the Creator always Bless you with all that you need and deserve. I love you very much. Take care my Rosie girl and keep up that pretty smile and Love you have within you. May the Creator take care of you each and every day.

*Love You Always,  
Grams, Darlene F.*

## Winter Royalty



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Ignacio High School kicked off February with a bang by inaugurating its Winter Royalty on Friday, Feb. 1. Pictured are Southern Ute tribal members (left to right) Michelle Simmons, Jordan Cuthair and Mariah Vigil.

## BOBCATS TEAR INTO FEBRUARY • FROM PAGE 12

out and be enthusiastic," Valdez said. "One of the ways we did that was trying to get the first team to work hard, so they could get their teammates in the game who haven't got to play that much all year."

"Ignacio's a great team with a very hard defense to beat," said lone OHS senior Jacob Fedel (10 points), "but

we just had to pushing it to the basket and seeing what we could get."

"It gives us a lot of confidence going into our next games," Zimmerman said, "because they're a tough team, a big team. But we played with a lot of heart and we played hard, so it gives us confidence."

Improving to 11-3 overall,

and 4-0 in the SJB� prior to an anticipated non-league game Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Bayfield (2-12, 0-4 3A Intermountain), the Bobcats meet Mancos tomorrow in circuit play.

Ouray dropped to 3-10, 1-9 after Ignacio's attack, while Nucla sank to 1-11, 0-9 after hustling home and falling to archrivals Norwood the next night.

## WRESTLERS HOST INVITATIONAL • FROM PAGE 12

58, Ignacio 6. The individual performance-gear Melton was more suited to the Bobcats' personnel situation anyways, but the highest any Cat finished was fourth — accomplished by Bailey (3-2 at 126), Peña (3-2 at 138), and Mickey (3-2 back up at 170) — against tough and, in some cases, very familiar resistance.

Santa Fe (N.M.; Class 3A) St. Michael's Horsemen rode out of town victorious after their dominating 260.5-point effort topped the 11-team field. 2A Dove Creek (189.5) was a distant second place, Bayfield (167.5) was a much closer third, and 4A Montezuma-Cortez followed next with 144.5.

Jumping into the postseason this week, Ignacio competed at the San Juan Basin League Championships in

Dolores on Thursday, Feb. 7, but results were unavailable by press time. The Class 2A-Region 1 Championships will take place Feb. 15-16 at Grand Junction High School. Joining IHS there will be SJB� squads DHS, DC, Norwood and Nucla, along with Hayden, Meeker, Walden North Park, Paonia, Rangely, Oak Creek Soroco and Kremmling West Grand — with up to four wrestlers per weight advancing to State at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

### 2013 BUTCH MELTON INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS:

106—Clayton Montoya, St. Mike's; 113—Geno Palermo, SM; 120—Chance Randolph, Dove Creek; 126—Nick Jones, DC; 132—Cole Baughman, DC;

138—Ryan Daves, Mont-Cortez; 145—Wyatt Wade, Dolores; 152—Dalton Randolph, DC; 160—Korey Windham, SM; 170—Luke Sanchez, SM; 182—Trenton Gustafson, M-C; 195—Paul Trujillo, Bloomfield (N.M.); 220—Orrin Kennedy, Bloomfield; Heavyweight—Andres Blea, SM.

### 2013 SCREAMING EAGLE INVITATIONAL STANDINGS:

1.Paonia 270; 2.Dove Creek 168.5; 3.Center 146; 4.Meeker 147; 5.Olathe 113; 6.Merino 101; 7.Cedar-edge 94; 8.Westcliffe Custer County 87; 9.Montrose 66; 10.Nucla 54; 11.Norwood 52; 12.IGNACIO 41; 13.An-tonito 39; 14.Kremmling West Grand 34; 15.Dolores 33.5; 16.Sargent 14.

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**Feb. 15**

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[astryker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:astryker@southernute-nsn.gov)

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## NOTICE OF PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT Proposed Title V Operating Permit

Notice is hereby given that seven operating permit applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following seven sources of air pollution:

**Applicant:** BP America Production Company  
**Facility:** Four Queens Central Delivery Point, SE1/4, SE1/4 Section 26, T33N, R11W, 21 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a natural gas compression facility.

**Applicant:** Red Cedar Gathering Company  
**Facility:** Capote Compressor Station, Section 33, T33N, R9W, 14 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream natural gas boost compressor station.

**Applicant:** Red Cedar Gathering Company  
**Facility:** Elk Point Compressor Station, Section 25, T33N, R9W, 11 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream natural gas boost compressor station.

**Applicant:** Red Cedar Gathering Company  
**Facility:** Animas Compressor Station, Section 1, T33N, R10W, 14 miles NW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream gathering/boosting natural gas compressor station.

**Applicant:** Samson Resources Company  
**Facility:** Howard Salt Water Disposal Facility, Section 19, T34N, R6W, 7 miles NE from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a salt water disposal facility for nearby oil and gas operations.

**Applicant:** Samson Resources Company

**Facility:** Worford Ridge Compressor Station, NW1/4, SE1/4, Section 16, T33N, R8W, 5 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a natural gas compression facility.

**Applicant:** Public Service Company of Colorado  
**Facility:** Tiffany Compressor Station, Section 4, T32N, R6W, 8 miles SE from Ignacio, CO. This facility is a natural gas transmission facility.

Based on the information submitted by the applicants, the Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared seven draft-operating permits for approval. A copy of the draft permit and its statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/air-quality/part-70-public-notices>. Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should:

1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received by Feb. 25, 2013. Any interested person may contact Brenda Jarrell of the AQP at 970-563-4705 to obtain additional information.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your input is needed! Our Club now has its own Board of Directors to create its vision, plan programs, develop funding, and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. Board meetings held second Tuesday each month, 5:30-7pm



Applications due February 11th, 2013

For more information, contact Marissa Rocha, CPO, @ 970.563.0100 x2694 or [mrocha@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:mrocha@southern-ute.nsn.us)

There is one seat open to tribal members or community members. Applications available at:  
• SunUte Community  
• [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Must have the ability to observe restrictions

- concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;
  - Must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
  - Must undergo a background investigation.
- Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, 2013. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180. Posted Feb. 4, 2013 – D.O.G.



## FOR SALE

Tribal Members ONLY

**20' x 7' Concession Trailer, AS IS for \$15,000.00 OBO**

- 10 breaker electrical panel
- Arctic air commercial freezer
- Arctic air commercial refrigerator
- commercial Castle 4 burner grill
- 2-way electrical outlets
- 7" grease exhaust fan
- 6' counter space
- 5'6" stainless steel prep table
- 2 serving windows

• AND MANY MORE UTILITIES INSIDE

Closing date for all bids, February 8, 2013

Contact Travis Garlick at 970-563-1810 for more details.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Justice Center Building improvements and upgrades

ARVISO/OKLAND CONSTRUCTION JV IS SOLICITING SUBCONTRACTOR BIDS FOR THE SUIT JUSTICE CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES PROJECT.

The project consists of Building Code Improvements and Improved Mechanical HVAC performance of the existing SUIT Justice Center Building located at 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO 81137. Specifically, the project work will correct code issues as they relate primarily to building code and fire code deficiencies including smoke evacuation systems, fire alarm system, egress lighting systems, and architectural/code improvements; additionally, the project will address user comfort conditions in the building and removal and replacement of existing mechanical HVAC equipment, controls and systems improvements, all within the currently occupied 43,414 s.f. facility. Bids from qualified subcontractors must be received by Arviso/Okland JV no later than

2 p.m. on Friday, Feb 8. Project documents will be available electronically on Friday, Jan. 25. Bids will be accepted via mail, hand delivery, fax or e-mail. Address: 182 Girard Street #B, Durango, CO 81303, Fax: 970-385-0376, E-Mail: [Jessika.buell@okland.com](mailto:Jessika.buell@okland.com). For additional information, please contact Shawn Slater at 970-247-0477. Bidding and project awards will follow with the SUIT TERO Code for Indian Owned Business preference. THE BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT WILL ADHERE TO ALL SUIT TERO REQUIREMENTS. Subcontractors will be required to comply with these requirements. The TERO Code can be found in the project documents. For purposes of this bid solicitation, a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owner Businesses. For more information on TERO contact Mark Torres at: Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office, 970-563-0117. Arviso/Okland JV reserves the right to reject late and noncompliant Bids.

## Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

### What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

**The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.**

### Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
  - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
  - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

### Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

### How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims

**For a claim form or to update your contact information:**

**Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com)**



## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com  
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

### Summer Intern Engineer

Closing date 2/9/13 – SU Growth Fund  
A short term training position designed to give college level engineering students work experience in the oil and gas industry appropriate to their skill and knowledge level. Interns work, usually during summer months, under the direct supervision of Engineering and Operations staff to complete duties in support of the safe, reliable and efficient construction and operation of oil and gas exploration, production, and midstream facilities. Interns shall provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment.

### Mechanic II

Closing date 2/11/13 – Aka Energy  
Maljamar, NM. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

### Mechanic III

Closing date 2/11/13 – Aka Energy  
Maljamar, NM. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

### Land Records Supervisor

Closing date 2/11/13 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Land Records procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use lease contract records; coordinates communication of lease and contract changes to other departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary. Manages and supervises the day-to-day duties and activities of company analysts and assistants.

### Receptionist/Office Assistant

Closing date 2/11/13 – GF Real Estate Group Lakewood, CO. Coordination of office duties and job functions associated with the Belmar Management Office and Marketing Department, under direction of the Marketing Director, maintaining positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, tenants and the public.

### Land Record Analyst II (Temporary)

Closing date 2/11/13 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO or Houston, TX. Analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, assignments and various documents to document and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, exploration agreements, joint operating agreements, and title opinions; maintains

lease records database, including agreement stipulations for all operated and non-operated properties. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate lease and contract records. Assists with other land issues as needed; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

### Asset Manager

Closing date 2/11/13 – GF Real Estate Group Denver, CO. Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for both development and investment projects. The Asset Manager will be involved in real estate asset management, financial analysis, project evaluation, contract negotiation, project development and management, contractor supervision. This position requires that the Asset Manager work on GF Properties Group projects and with joint venture partners on a variety of project types in accordance with company objectives.

### PeopleSoft HR Senior Developer

Closing date 2/15/13 – SU Shared Services Ignacio, CO. Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) and related modules providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation. This position will primarily focus on the technical view of the HCM application with emphasis on software development, but also includes functional responsibilities with respect to the Software Development Life cycle. The role entails the analysis of the impact, implications, and functional benefit to the production system including enhancements, configuration changes, and customizations. Business stakeholder interactions are an inherent part of this position.

### Senior Petroleum Engineer

Closing date 2/15/13 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Leads and completes engineering evaluations, development of technical procedures, and project reporting to optimize reserve recovery and capital efficiency consistent with Growth Fund priorities and concerns. Assists Red Willow Production Company management, operations personnel, partners, and contractors as needed to implement and manage production projects. Reviews both operated and partner operated field operations, rig work, and well testing as needed.

### Division Order Analyst II

Closing date 2/18/13 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including Divisions of Interest (DOI), and Title Opinions. Advises Accounting Manager and others of changes in Divisions of Interest (DOI) and assists them in use of DOI data. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain DOI records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Responds to communications from interest owners. Prepares reports as needed.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Water Resources Technician

Closing date 2/12/13  
Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from Division professional staff, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

### Caseworker II

Closing date 2/19/13  
Advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment orientated) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection. Pay grade 20: \$47,868/year.

### Construction Crew Leader

Closing date 2/13/12  
Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients homes. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

### Boys & Girls Club Mentor Coordinator

Closing date 2/15/13  
Develops and implements juvenile mentor programs and volunteers to form long-lasting, encouraging relationships between youth and members of the community. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

### Academic Advisor

Closing date 2/15/13  
Professional education position under general supervision of the Education Department Director, providing academic advisement to scholarship applicant and recipients. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

### Ute Language Teacher

Closing date 2/15/13  
Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students,

staff and parents of the Southern Ute Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system. This position's salary is based on education and experience, with minimum salary of \$23,824.

### Tribal Court Process Server (Part-time)

Closing date 2/18/13  
Part-time (24 hours/week) will provide support to the Tribal Court Security Officer/Bailiff's and Tribal Court Clerks Office by serving summons, notifications and other relevant documents to people who are involved in court matters within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Duty will be conducted during and after normal work hours, regular and tribal holidays and weekend with hours to range from early morning to late evening in some cases. Position is 100% grant funded and future employment would be contingent on continued grant funding. Pay grade 15: \$14.10/hour.

### Chief Medical Officer

Closing date 2/28/13  
Organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure the effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Position will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Position will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties. Compensation is determined by training and experience.

### TEAMS Jobs Program (Temporary)

Open to Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM JOBS positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at a minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$10.20/hour.

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.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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.

Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

### Counter Clerk/Entry Level Mechanic

Closing date 2/8/13 – Part-time

### Multi-Games Dealer

Closing date 2/6/13 – Temporary

### Banquet Production Cook

Closing date 2/8/13 – Full-time

### Housekeeping Staff

Closing date 2/11/13 – Full-time

### Shuttle Driver w/CDL

Closing date 2/11/13 – On-call

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Board of Commissioners vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is currently seeking an individual to serve on the Housing Board of Commissioners. The Board adopts policies, and enacts resolutions of the Housing Authority. Individuals interested in serving as a Board Member should submit a letter of intent to the Housing Authority stating their qualifications and why they would like to

serve on the Board. All letters of intent should be submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, P.O. Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137 or deliver to the Housing Authority Office located at 760 Shoshone Avenue, Ignacio, CO. Proof of Southern Ute Tribal Member required. Letters of intent will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. – February 12, 2013.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boxing Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has two (2) commission vacancy. This is for a three-year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of or plead

guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses  
Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on Feb. 14, to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, P.O. Box 737-74, Ignacio, CO 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention Phillip Martinez, Chairman at 970-563-0100 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Vice-Chair at 970-563-4710 ext. 2722.

## 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 member 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.

## REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving "participatory action research." The committee will meet at the beginning and the end of

the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-24 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable in order to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Patrick Aaron Watts, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 2012-0156-CV-NC**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Patrick Aaron Watts filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Patrick Salomon Puerto. As of January 14, 2013 at 1:30p.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Patrick Aaron Watts name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Patrick Salomon Puerto.  
**Dated this 14th day of January, 2013.**  
**Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 8, 2013 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 9th day of January, 2013.**  
**Maria Farmer, Court Clerk**

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Joyce Ann Ford,  
Case No.: 2012-0168-CV-NC**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joyceann Delaware. As of February 4, 2013 at 2:30P.M. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Joyceann Delaware.

**Dated this 4th day of February, 2013.**  
**Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Krista Waukene Red, Civil Subject  
Case No.: 2013-0003-CV-NC**

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krista Waukene Rangel.

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## THE TRIBE AT WORK

# Multi-purpose Facility celebrates 2nd anniversary, plans improvements

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Two years on, the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility and Memorial Chapel is an established social center for tribal members and the venue of choice for everything from birthday parties and yard sales to cultural workshops and funerals.

Since opening in December 2010, the facility has welcomed nearly 22,000 visitors to more than 1,100 scheduled events. Feedback in user surveys is strongly positive. The decades-long dream of a high-quality, cost-free locale for tribal members to congregate is blossoming.

"We're consistently busy," said facility operations manager Barb Scott-Rarick. "You have so many people vying for the space. We get calls and we're booked."

To celebrate its third year in business, Scott-Rarick and staff are giving away one gift basket a month to users of the facility in 2013. The basket includes a variety of personal hygiene products, including lotion, body wash, shampoo and conditioner.

"We just want to say thank you to the community," she said.

Also new this year are a variety of improvements: The facility has already replaced its consumer-



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The Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility has seen nearly 22,000 people through its doors in its first two years of operation.

grade sewing machines with commercial Janome-brand machines and two sergers. It has begun posting its monthly event schedules on its website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/mpf-chapel](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/mpf-chapel). Users can also download agreement forms and request bookings online.

"We want to make this as user-friendly as possible," Scott-Rarick said. "We try to accommodate [users] with the best things that we can."

The staff has also begun working with the Grounds Maintenance Division on a beautification project in Ute Park, which will include new barbecue pits and trashcans and improvements to the monuments. The MPF staff, an arm of the SunUte Community Center, also oversees the park and Memorial Chapel.

Over the past two years, Scott-Rarick said the highlight of her job has been seeing families and the community as a whole come together for events.

"The cool thing is to see the people come together," she said. "It's a place for the community to be a community, to offer condolences, to bring food."

Looking forward, Scott-Rarick recommended that people hoping to use the facility book early. With traffic already picking up for events related to Bear Dance and other spring and summer occasions, people with last-minute requests are less likely to secure a spot on the schedule, she said.

The staff does try to accommodate requests on days that are already booked by helping users find space at SunUte as available, she said.

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When the new administration took office, we said our focus was tribal employment, and we have kept that focus. Despite our "no growth" philosophy for this year's budget, our goal last year and our goal today is to train and place tribal members to hold a job within the organization and give them the tools to become successful employees.

In our effort to employ tribal members, we have promoted a number of employment programs already in existence within the organization. Those include the Tribal Member Apprentice Program, TERO Trainee, Temporary Employee Program, and of course the Career Development Program at the Sky Ute Casino Resort and many opportunities for employment at the Growth Fund.

These tools are working: At the end of December 2011, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe had a total of 229 tribal-member employees in all three entities. At the end of December 2012, we are employing 279 tribal member employees, a 22-percent increase, and that number continues to grow.

### TRIBAL HOUSING

The Tribal Council has made it a priority to improve housing across the reservation for tribal members. The Tribal Housing Department recently completed Phase IV of the Home Repair Project, with a total of 28 homes serviced and completed.

This past year, in conjunction with the Finance Department, Cedar Point houses were made available for purchase to tribal-member homeowners or to tribal members on the waiting list. Some of these homes were rentals for numerous years; these houses were refurbished prior to the sale. The Tribal Housing Department also received an Energy Efficient Conservation Block Grant, which assisted 52 tribal homeowners with energy-efficient doors and windows.

Moving on into the future, I am committed to helping the membership with housing needs; Phase V of the Home Repair Project has started and is currently in full swing, with 29 homes to be repaired. The Tribal Council is also currently discussing additional housing areas for tribal members.

With tribal-member housing off to a great start for 2013, as the chairman I am devoted to the health and wellbeing of the tribal membership.

### HEALTH CARE

This year, the Southern Ute Health Center and the Tribal Health Department have undergone some significant changes. The Tribal Council recruited, screened and hired a new Tribal Health director, Mr. Kaylor Shemberger. Mr. Shemberger brings a wealth of knowledge to the tribal health field and I am confident that he will take us to the next level in health care across Indian country.

As an ongoing project, we have discussed the continuing evolution of health coverage for tribal members. Discussions have included a plan design and how the plan would integrate with existing coverage. The various plans reviewed could provide a significant cost savings to the tribe, and we will continue to evaluate these options to ensure the membership gets the very best. In other areas, we hired a consultant to assess the

Tribal Health Department's clinical and operational aspects, and the consultant's report identified measures that have already been implemented to improve both the operational and clinical side of the department. One of these items assessed and completed was the hiring of a new business office manager, who is addressing many old claims for services rendered to the membership that were not paid for by the U.S. Indian Health Service. Also, recruitment of a chief medical officer has begun.

A Native American-owned architectural company and consulting firm was hired to assist in bringing focus and clarity to a future vision for the Health Department. We are seeking the vision of the tribal membership and Health Department leaders on how the Tribal Health Department should provide services in the future. Your input will be instrumental in implementing the services and the vision that is needed to shape our health care system to be the best it can possibly be. These decisions will be very influential in helping the Tribal Council make these decisions regarding health services, both on and off of the reservation.

As the chairman, I am asking for the continued help of the membership to move this project. In addition to working to improve our own Health Department, Health Center, and operations, we also continue to seek to hold the Indian Health Service accountable to support the health and welfare of the tribal membership.

Last year, the Tribe's long-running litigation against IHS went to the U.S. Supreme Court after IHS appealed the tribe's victory in a lower court. The Supreme Court decided not to hear the appeal, meaning the tribe's lower court victory now stands as final.

The Supreme Court's decision was a triumph for the tribe and for all of Indian Country, as IHS will no longer be able to demand that tribes waive their rights under the Indian Self-Determination Act in order to contract with the IHS. In addition to the tribe's victory in its own case, last year the Supreme Court also decided *Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter*. In that decision, the court found that IHS must pay the full amount of contract support costs listed in each tribe's Self-Determination Act contract.

As a result, many tribes, including Southern Ute, are now pursuing claims against IHS for these unpaid amounts. In the tribe's case, these claims amount approximately \$1.8 million. As the tribe's claims against IHS show, the Tribal Council remains committed to holding all federal agencies to their trust responsibilities and, where necessary, will take to the courts to do so.

This past year, we have made the revitalization of our culture and language a priority. With the establishment of our Cultural Department, we are working toward establishing a strong culture and language program that we can be proud of, and that will instill our culture and language in our future generations.

We are seen as leaders in Indian Country and we need to remember that culture, tradition and language are a

big part of what make us Ute people and are the reason that we are unique and different from any other tribe across the nation.

Currently, the Cultural Department conducts educational workshops like cooking, beading and sewing, and those programs will continue to expand.

The Tribal Council remains committed to helping tribal members achieve a quality education. This year, the council authorized a parent advisory board for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. We want to make sure parents have an opportunity to express their input regarding the academy.

In addition, the Tribal Council also established a board of directors for the tribe's Boys & Girls Club. The new board consists of tribal members and members of the community and is responsible for ensuring the Boys & Girls Club continues to help serve the needs of tribal members and local children.

Also, certain Tribal Council members regularly attend Ignacio School Board meetings, and the entire Tribal Council has also met with the school board to discuss educational issues and the Indian policies and procedures.

### THE FUTURE

As the Southern Ute Indian Tribe continues to move forward into the next year and the future, we are striving to keep the organization moving forward with the ever-changing needs of technology. I believe the more in sync with technology we are, the more successful we'll be in communicating with each other.

Our website has many new things to offer to communicate effectively, including customer feedback, tribal department updates, and announcements. I urge all tribal members to visit our website, which will increase communication between the organization and the membership.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is here to serve the membership, and I firmly believe that with timely and comprehensive information we can overcome the perception that a communication gap has been affecting our progress.

In addition, the administration will continue to demand that all departments across the organization provide the best customer service. We are here to serve the membership, and we aim to ensure such service comes with a smile and a kind word.

### CONCLUSION

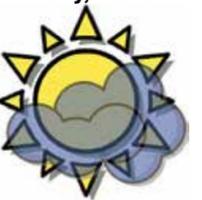
Let me leave you with these closing thoughts as I go into my second year as chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe: I will continue to push forth the priorities set by Tribal Council in the best interest of the membership so we can continue to move forward together.

I will continue to focus on what is important to the membership, including health, communication and customer service. I believe that as the chairman, my job isn't just from 8 to 5, Monday through Friday. I have the best interest of the tribal members in my heart and in my actions all the time, every day.

I continue to encourage the membership to attend Tuesday meetings and to review our schedules, as I believe transparency and communication is key to success. I would like to wish us the best in our continued success this year.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

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Partly sunny 46°F

Saturday, Feb. 9



Chance of snow 34°F

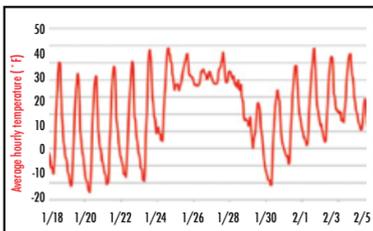
Sunday, Feb. 10



Chance snow 30°F

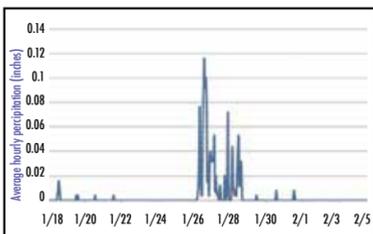


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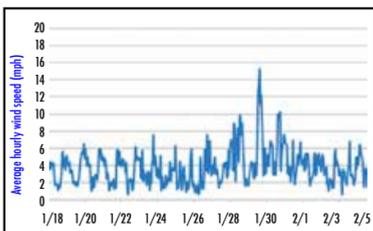
#### Temperature

High	44.1°
Low	2.2°
Average	25.4°
Average last year	28.4°



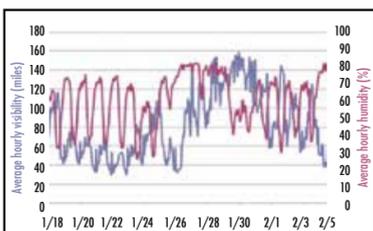
#### Precipitation

Total	1.54"
Total last year	0.53"



#### Wind speed

Average	3.8
Minimum	0.6
Maximum	15.2



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	83.5
Average humidity	72.6%

Air quality  
Good

