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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Tribal health

Part 2: The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is currently reviewing options and making plans for the future of the tribal health care system. The Drum will highlight tribal health care between now and the April 11 general meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

How the Health Dept. finances care

Staff report
SU CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

In the United States today, a big question on everyone's lips is, "how are we supposed to pay for our health care plan?" This question also pertains to Southern Ute Tribal members even though we consider ourselves a sovereign nation of our own.

The Tribal Health Department has two programs available to help eligible patients access services that cannot be provided at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) in Ignacio: Contract Health Services and the Tribal Health Resource Pool.

Contract Health Services (CHS) are "for medical/dental care provided away from an IHS or tribal health care facility. CHS is not an entitlement program and an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources."

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A brief history of health care facilities

Staff report
SU CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

The local health services offered to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a long history that began in February of 1933 with the opening of the Edward T. Taylor Hospital. As the needs of the local population changed, the Health Services moved from the Hospital in 1959, and relocated to the clinic building that currently serves as the home to KSUT Public Radio. The expansion of services offered locally continued until the need of a new facility which better served the Tribe required the construction of the present Health Center building on Highway 172 in 1973.

Growth in services continued through the 1980's and 90's demanding additional space for the clinical services in the Health Center. In 2005, the administrative and finance functions of the Health Department were relocated to the renovated Taylor Hospital, which had been renamed as the Mouche-Capote Building. This was

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Services of the Southern Ute Health Dept.

Staff report
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department's annual report for fiscal year 2012 (Oct. 1, 2011- Sept. 30, 2012).

The mission of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department is "Strengthening the circle of wellness by providing progressive, traditionally balanced, compassionate, comprehensive health care to members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe."

The department administers all tribal health-related programs, services and activities. It manages health-related 638 contracts (see Feb. 20 article for more information) and operates the Southern Ute Health Center. Fiscal year 2011 was the second year the tribe successfully operated the Health Center.

Health Center operations data for 2011 included 9,269 living patients; 23,335 ambulatory care visits; and 33,648 prescriptions.

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TRIBAL MEDIA

Drum launches new, state-of-the-art website

Staff report
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum is pleased to announce the launch of its new online version at www.sudrum.com.

Developed over more than a year by a partnership of Drum, Management Information Services and Tribal Information Services staffers, the website offers the best in cutting-edge news website functionality, including up-to-the-minute news reports, photo galleries, an events calendar, weather reports and classified ads.

The site is built on a heavily modified version of the popular WordPress content management system, also used by outlets such as The New York Times, CNN and Reuters. Trained members of the Drum staff will update content directly, a first within the Southern Ute tribal organization.



Building the site in WordPress will also optimize it for search engines, said Media Manager Ace Stryker. Using the new ability to categorize and tag stories based on their content, the Drum will be able to increase its visibility

online, he said. Such organization also makes finding specific articles quicker and

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TRIBAL MEDIA

Southern Ute Tribal Radio reaches into N.M.

Signals a historic increase in listenership

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

KSUT Public Radio will reach a few more listeners following a Southern Ute Tribal Radio rollout on Monday, March 4, stretching its signal south into the New Mexico high desert across San Juan County.

The expansion has been in the works for five years, enabled by new technology, said Rob Rawles, KSUT's administrative director.

"In the last four or five years, companies have been developing technology to allow radio stations to deliver their signals to the transmitter



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Radio Music Director Lorena Cibrian works from the KSUT studios on Friday, March 1, broadcasting her show throughout the Ignacio area and into northern New Mexico.

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COUNCIL CORNER

Newton, Cloud visit sister tribe in Utah

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Editor's note: Council Corner is a new feature of The Southern Ute Drum that features reports directly from Southern Ute Tribal Council staff about the activities of council members.

Often, Indian tribes come to the Southern Ute Reservation to gain knowledge and tips on how the Southern Utes have become leaders in Indian Country.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is a model in Indian Country that many would like to emulate, whether in energy development, investment ventures or simply governmental operations. Despite the tribe's sterling reputation in Indian Country, we too can step out of our backyard to gain insight on how other tribes run their programs. How similar are their practices? How different?

Every so often, reaching out to our fellow tribes in Indian Country can provide a different view into a comparable way of life. Recently,

Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud visited our sister tribe, the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, to do just that.

On the first day of the two-day trip, Newton, Cloud and tribal in-house attorneys Monte Mills and Lorelyn Hall met with the Ute Tribe's Business Council, the equivalent of our Tribal Council. The tribal leaders discussed areas of common interest and issues on which the tribes could work together, including the Ten Tribes Partnership to address Colorado River issues, in which both tribes participate.

The Ute Tribe's council also discussed its ongoing efforts to resolve the tribe's water rights, many of which are the subject of a "deferral agreement" with the State of Utah.

Both tribes are energy tribes and rely upon energy development to support their economic development. The Ute tribal leaders expressed



courtesy Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. during a visit to the Uintah and Ouray Reservation of the Ute Indian Tribe in northern Utah. Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud also made the trip.

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
General Meeting**

**Sky Ute Casino Resort
Events Center • April 11, 9 a.m.**



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. 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 mgoomez@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.

MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Feb. 28 and March 1, the SunUte Community Center hosted the Intermountain League boys' and girls' district playoffs. Teams from Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa Springs, Monte Vista and Centauri competed at the tournament. The Ignacio boys won the tournament. Pictured are Ignacio's Olin Goodtracks and Andre Mattox setting up a press against the Centauri Falcons.

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

Visitors from up north



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Muskowekwan First Nation from Saskatchewan, a Canadian province, paid a visit to Ignacio on Wednesday, Feb. 20. The Canadian visitors met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council and toured both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund operations. The purpose of their visit was to see how the Southern Ute Indian Tribe got to where it is today, looking for a road map that perhaps they could follow.

Growth Fund Executive Director Bruce Valdez; Julian Baker, utilities assistant manager; and Chuck Farago, assistant manager of operations for the Growth Fund, hosted the visitors, giving them a full rundown of the tribe's history and present day operations.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Several members of the community enjoyed the Cabin Fever Fest's pancake breakfast at the Ignacio High School Cafeteria.

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

30 years ago



SU Drum archive

Beth Santistevan is showing a spaceship built when studying about the planets in Ann Peck's classroom. Lanay Naranjo is standing and David Herrera is sitting down.

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

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WHEN?

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Presented by BGC PeaceJam



View from the top



courtesy Pete Nylander/SU Water Quality

A bald eagle perches atop a utility pole. Southern Ute Water Quality Specialist Pete Nylander sighted the bird in the course of his work.



Grand Circle visits casino



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Ron Solimon, president and CEO of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, accepts a blanket from the Sky Ute Casino Resort as thanks for attending the Grand Circle Association Quarterly Meeting, a gathering of tourism advocates from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Nevada, during a dinner at the casino Sunday, March 3.



Southern Ute Vice Chairman James M. Olguin welcomes tourism advocates from across the Four Corners area to the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

CULTURAL UPDATE

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum is looking for 6 contemporary and traditional Native American artists from the Four Corners region to participate in the Art Leadership Program. This program aims to rebuild cultural self-confidence and to enable artists to think more broadly about themselves and their art while perpetuating Indigenous cultures and reflecting artistic diversity. This is a grant project in collaboration with the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution. Selected artists will work with the SUCCM staff and conduct research at local museums, present art talks, receive professional management training, and lead a youth public art project. Requirements- Native artists well qualified to research Native objects in museum and other collections, document their work, and network at the local institutional level. Application deadline is March 30. Contact Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-0100 ext. 3607 (nstrongelk@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information and application.

OLD SPANISH TRAILS FUNDRAISER, MARCH 30

Come enjoy some yummy elk stew and frybread at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum and help with our fundraising efforts. We will be having these luncheons in conjunction with the Old Spanish Trail lectures. Our first luncheon will be Saturday, March 30 and our Old Spanish Trail lecturer will be Dr. Jim Jefferson Southern Ute Elder, the following Saturday we will have Otis Half Moon of the National Park Service lecturing. We will also have staff on hand to be doing some drumming and singing. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this!

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 lame 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.

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

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.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̄ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

27. Adjectives (cont.)

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The most typical adjectives in Ute are color adjectives, whose internal structure ("morphology") is fairly uniform (see preceding column). But Ute has several other types of adjectives whose structure is less predictable, each showing its own structural peculiarities. In the main, however, these adjectives also abide by the same general distinctions: (i) inanimate vs. animate-singular vs. animate-plural; and (ii) subject vs. object. They thus "agree" in these categories with the noun they modify.

Consider first the adjective "big":

(1) Subject form:

- a. **Inanimate:** 'úru 'avat̄ tuka'nap̄ t̄ú'at̄
that/S big/S table/S good
'That big table is good'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ín̄ 'avatu-m̄ 'áapachi p̄i(y)
this/S big-AN/S boy/S sleep(-IMM)
'This big boy is sleeping'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ 'áavatu-m̄ 'áá'apachi-u kwayi(y)
these/S big/PL-AN/S boys-PL sleep/PL(-IMM)
'These big boys are sleeping'

(2) Object form:

- a. **Inanimate:** 'uru 'avatu tuka'nap̄ p̄nikya-gha
that/O big/O table/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw that big table'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ína-y 'avatu-m̄ 'áapachi p̄nikya-gha
this-O big-AN/O boy/S see-ANT
'(s/he) saw this big boy'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ 'áavatu-m̄ 'áá'apachi-u p̄nikya-gha
these/O big/PL-AN/O boys-PL see-ANT
'(s/he) saw these big boys'

Consider next the adjective "small":

(3) Subject form:

- a. **Inanimate:** máru m̄ip̄ wiichi ka-'ay-wa-t̄
that/S small/S knife/S NEG-good-NEG-NOM
'That small knife is not good'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ín̄ m̄ip̄-chi tuachi p̄i(y)
this/S small-AN/S boy/S sleep(IMM)
'This small child is sleeping'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ m̄imip̄-chi-u tuachi-u kwayi(y)
those/S small/PL-AN-PL child-PL sleep/PL(-IMM)
'Those small children are sleeping'

(4) Object form:

- a. **Inanimate:** maru m̄ip̄ wiichi p̄nikya-gha
that/O small/O knife/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw that small knife'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ína-y m̄ip̄-chi tuachi p̄nikya-gha
this-O small-AN/O boy/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw this small child'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ m̄imip̄-chi-u tuachi-u kwayi(y)
those/O small/PL-AN-PL child-PL sleep/PL(-IMM)
'(s/he) saw those small children'

Consider last the adjective 'beautiful/pretty':

(5) Subject form:

- a. **Inanimate:** 'ícha káni na'awaa-p̄-ni t̄ú'a-t̄
this/S house/S beautiful-NOM-like good-NOM
'This beautiful house is good'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ín̄ tuachi na'awaa-p̄-chi-ni p̄i(y)
this/S child/S beautiful-NOM-AN-like sleep(-IMM)
'This beautiful child is sleeping'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ tuachi-u na'awaa-p̄-chi-u-ni kwayi(y)
these/S child-PL beautiful-NOM-AN-PL-like sleep/PL(-IMM)
'These beautiful children are sleeping'

(6) Object form:

- a. **Inanimate:** 'ícha-y kani na'awaa-p̄-aa-ni p̄nikya-gha
this-O house/O beautiful-NOM-O-like see-ANT
'(s/he) saw this beautiful house'
- b. **Animate-SG:** 'ína-y tuachi na'awaa-p̄-chi-ni p̄nikya-gha
this-O child-O beautiful-NOM-AN-like see-ANT
'(s/he) saw this beautiful child'
- c. **Animate-PL:** 'ím̄ tuachi-u na'awaa-p̄-chi-u-ni p̄nikya-gha
these/O child-PL beautiful-AN-PL-like see-ANT
'(s/he) saw these beautiful children'

Finally, like color adjectives, the **bare stem** of the other adjectives can also be used as a **prefix** on the modified noun, as in:

- (7) a. 'avatu-káni 'a big house'
b. m̄ip̄-mamachi 'a small woman'
c. na'awaa-tuachi-u 'beautiful children'

In the next columns we will discuss other types of noun modifiers.

'h̄v̄us. Toghoy-agh

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

Causes of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the stages of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). To recap, CKD is graded from Stage 1 (the least severe) to Stage 5 (the most severe level, frequently requiring dialysis). What are the underlying illnesses or conditions that can cause this type of decrease in kidney function?

The most common cause of kidney disease is diabetes (also called diabetes mellitus). There are two forms of diabetes mellitus: Type 1, which is due to a deficiency in insulin production by the pancreas; this form is relatively rare in Native American patients, and Type 2, which is more common, tends to begin later in life and is associated with being overweight in many, but not all, patients. Type 2 diabetes results from a decreased ability of cells to respond to insulin, rather than an absolute deficiency of this hormone. The resulting high glucose levels cause damage to various organs including the filtering cells of the kidneys, resulting in damage to the filtering membrane of the kidneys. This causes loss of protein in the urine and subsequently scarring of the microscopic filters, gradually reducing the ability of the kidneys to excrete toxins



from the body. About forty per cent of patients with End Stage Renal Disease on dialysis have diabetes and the prevalence of diabetes appears to be increasing in the American population. It is important that we find ways to stem this epidemic of diabetes by improving our lifestyles: increasing our level of activity, and avoiding being overweight by restricting calories (when appropriate).

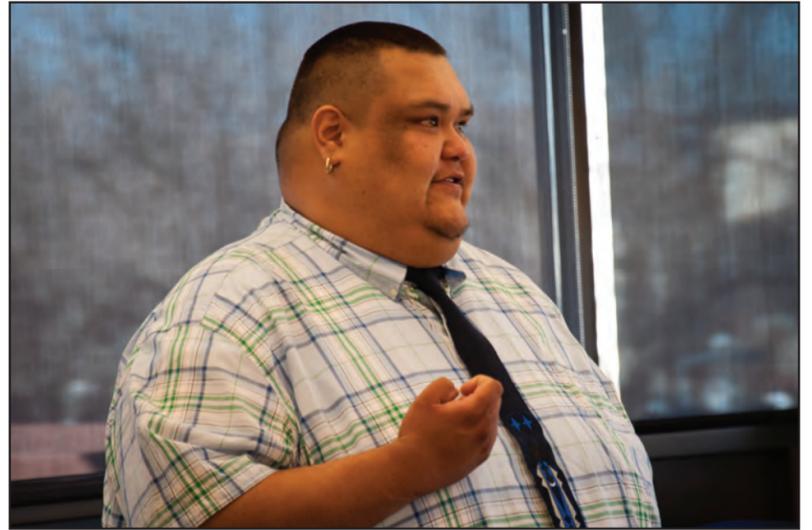
The second most common cause of CKD is hypertension (high blood pressure). Careful attention to the treatment of this "silent killer" can help prevent the onset and progression of CKD (as well as avoiding other health complications such as heart attacks and strokes.) Again, treatment involves attention to lifestyle (avoiding salt, exercise, avoiding excess weight gain), and often medications. If you have high blood pressure, don't be tempted to ignore it!

Inflammation of the kidney, called glomerulonephritis (GN), is a less com-

mon but potentially treatable cause of kidney failure. Some forms of GN, most notably a form called IgA nephropathy, are more common in Native American patients. Like other causes of CKD, GN can also be "silent" (cause no symptoms), but it is sometimes detected by the presence of associated high blood pressure, swollen ankles, or protein in the urine detected by lab tests.

Other causes of chronic kidney disease include various medications, including some over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medicines, infections, obstruction of urine due to prostate enlargement and some less common hereditary conditions. We will continue to discuss each of these periodically in the Kidney Corner.

So, with all these risks to the kidneys, how can you tell whether you have a problem that could progress to severe kidney failure? Simple screening tests can usually detect CKD fairly easily. For most people, this screening would include a blood pressure check, a blood test for creatinine, which is easily performed in all medical laboratories, and a urine test for protein. I would recommend that you have these three tests performed if you have known diabetes, hypertension, a family history of CKD, or if you have any other known medical condition which increases your risk for CKD. I wish you good health!



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. welcomes staff members of the Colorado Department of Human Services to the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building on Friday, Feb. 15. The meeting aimed to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the state and tribe in matters of human services.

SOVEREIGNTY AT WORK

State, tribe discuss services in first-of-its-kind meeting

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The executive director of the Colorado Department of Human Services paid a visit to the Leonard C. Burch Building in Ignacio on Friday, Feb. 15 to establish an ongoing dialog between his department and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Joining Reggie Bicha were the heads of some of his department's offices, which include, among others, Behavioral Health; Economic Security; and Children, Youth & Families. Ernest House Jr., executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and a Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, coordinated the meeting.

Representing the tribe were Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud, Tribal Services Director Elaine Newton, and other employees.

House said the meeting

was an important step toward tightening tribe-state relations.

"In my time, I have not seen a meeting like this take place," he said.

The meeting in some respects resembled the gatherings of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, created in 1976 as a conduit between tribal and state leaders, which take place quarterly — though with a more specific focus on youth and family services.

Newton thanked the state representatives for making the trip and stressed the need to share resources in the common fight to preserve families.

"We're trying to look at how we can break the cycle of this [historical] trauma," he said. "[That is] the goal of my administration. ... As Natives, that's the heart of who we are."

"There's a lot of resources, and it's just capturing those resources," he said.

Bicha agreed, adding that the tribe and state already enjoy a closer relationship than many of their counterparts in other parts of the country, and said he hopes the meeting will further develop that relationship.

"We're hopeful that this process is the beginning of building on that strength and making it even better," he said.

House said it's important that the state communicate with its American Indian population, which comprises about 1 percent of Colorado residents. There are American Indians in all 64 of the state's counties, he said, including approximately 30,000 people representing more than 200 tribes in the Denver area.

House said American Indians account for roughly 20 percent of La Plata County's population.

"Here in the Four Corners area, you really are entering Indian Country," he said.

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.



Following the success of our last film, "Keep it Sacred," the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is planning its next documentary about youth athletes as they prepare to compete in the Tri-Ute Games.

We need volunteers to help with cameras, lighting, sound, and food prep!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

TRIBAL MEMBERS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!

Contact Tina Nielsen at: 970.563.0100 ext. 2690

Southern Ute Health Center: Announcement

The Southern Ute Health Center staff will be contacting patients who are due to be seen for a Diabetes Visit and lab tests. We will be scheduling appointments for Wednesday mornings. You can expect to see a letter in the mail or receive a phone call with your scheduled appointment. If you have not been seen for diabetes within 3 - 6 months, please call 563-4581 to make an appointment with a provider.

Your diabetes care and management includes:

- your medical provider
- your dental, optometry and pharmacy care
- nursing
- education, healthy diet, and exercise
- mental health
- and most importantly...YOU!!



Please contact the Shining Mountain Diabetes to set an appointment for diabetes education.

Julie Olexa, Health Educator 970-563-4741
jolexa@southernute-nsn.gov

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Amber Doughty, Special Programs Coordinator, Fitness Trainer 563-0100, ext 2344 adoughty@southernute-nsn.gov

(topics may be subject to change based on attendee requests & staffing)

LET US SERVE YOU... (970) 563-0154

Southern Ute Health Services Department promotes, supports and assists the Tribal Health Department in delivering health care to the tribal community and IHS eligibility clients. The CHR (Community Health Representatives) strives to meet the needs of Tribal members, Native Americans, Descendants and IHS Eligibility clients of the Southern Ute Reservation and local areas. If you are interested in utilizing the services, a 24-hour request is required for the following:

- Medical appointments to and from
- Medication delivery
- Dialysis Transportation
- Diabetes Treatments
- Home Health Care
- Elder Medical Home visits
- Any other related Medical Request
- 24-hour Emergency service/ 970-563-4401 (SUPD)

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Diabetes & Health Education Winter to Spring Series

12 - 1 at Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility (Conference Room)

Thursdays @ 12-1 March 7 - April 25

Classes are Free & Family Members are Welcome

You may attend any or all of the classes - no need to enroll... just show up!

Refreshments will be served

*Participants who attend 5 out of the 8 sessions will receive a free gift after series completed

Please contact with questions:
Julie Olexa 563-4741 jolexa@southern-ute-nsn.us
Kim Heintzman 563-0100 ext 2342
Amber Doughty 563-0100 ext 2344

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program & Southern Ute Health Center
Activate your Health & Wellness

Please join us for an 8-week series on topics related to health, diabetes, pre-diabetes, and prevention! We will have a variety of health professionals to share information & answer questions.

- March 7, 2013:** Diabetes Survival Skills & Pre-Diabetes
- March 14, 2013:** Standards of Care & Prevention of Complications
- March 21, 2013:** Nutrition and Diabetes
- March 28, 2013:** Kidney Health & Blood Pressure
- April 4, 2013:** Medications & Insulin...Part I
- April 11, 2013:** Medications & Insulin...Part II
- April 18, 2013:** Stress, Depression, & Mental Health
- April 25, 2013:** Physical Activity... Moving to Stay Healthy



Guys & kids breakfast



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Craig Hight and Craig Jr., alongside Rueben Duran and Rueben Jr., work on their origami bunnies, as part of the Guys and Kids Breakfast at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start, Tuesday, March 5. Once a month the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start puts on a breakfast for their students and members of their families. Next month, April 11 will be a family breakfast as part of the "Week of the Young Child".

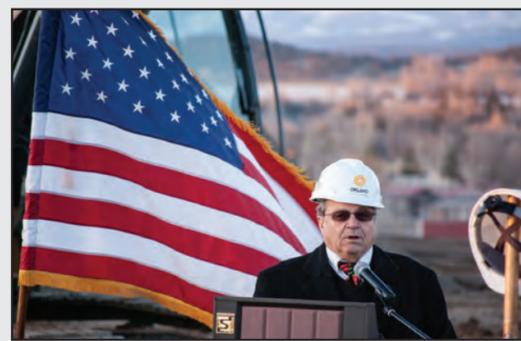
Breaking ground for elementary



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

On Thursday, Feb. 28, students of Ignacio School District were selected to be the first to toss dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Ignacio Elementary School. The school will be located at the site of the current Intermediate School.

Rocco Fuschetto, superintendent of schools, says a few words before passing the microphone to Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. for the opening prayer. Newton spoke positively of the new school.



Youth study observation



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Hannah Land of the Discovery Museum had the students try to draw blindfolded to see what their imagination could create on paper. Students in the weekly Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) class at the Southern Ute Education Center learned about observation by observing particles, feeling things with blindfolds on, and trusting each while moving around the classroom without seeing. Each student received a tray with nine things to observe for only a few seconds and then tried to describe what they observed.

Southern Ute Education Department Tutor Carrie Vogel Tutor helps students put on their blindfolds.



SunUte Community Center

"Right In Your Backyard."

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EDUCATION UPDATE

BREAD AND CHILI CLASS

Participants will share cooking secrets and make fry bread, and tortillas. Want to learn to make an Indian Taco? The secret to a good taco is in the chili. We will make chili beans for tacos. Class will be Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to sign for the class or if you have any questions.

DOROTHY GORE SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE

The Dorothy Gore Scholarship sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter CS is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential, serves her community and has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. This \$1,000 scholarship honors Dorothy Gore, a retired longtime Durango teacher. All applicants to an academic college are considered although priority is given to applicants to Cottey College, a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri, owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Information about Cottey is found online at Cottey College. Applications for the scholarship are available at high school counseling offices. The application deadline is Friday, March 8.

SCRAPBOOKING CLASS

Come to the Southern Ute High Education and bring you souvenirs, photos, cards, etc. Some supplies and equipment are available for your use. Enjoy a day of fun sharing stories and ideas to make your photos and scrapbooks memorable. Calls will be Saturday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to sign for the class or if you have any questions.

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.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming month: April 5. 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. 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.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM, TAKING 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.

CAREER FAIR

Talk to Business and College Representatives

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Education 12th Annual Career Fair

WHERE

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT EVENTS CENTER

WHEN

THURSDAY APRIL 18
9:00AM - 2:00PM

For more information call Renee Sage Or Walter Howe @ 970-563-0237



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CHS provides coverage for medical care that cannot be provided in the Southern Ute Health Center and which meet the definition of "medical priority" defined in federal regulations. These conditions often include emergency or urgent conditions that must be treated because of a "threat of loss of life or limb". However, because Congress does not always appropriate enough money to pay 100% of CHS needs, many times these funds are not available when a Tribal Member is at risk. Last year, over \$900,000 was paid out of IHS Contract Health Services for SUHC patients.

Historically, funding for Contract Health Services runs out by the middle of the fiscal year, usually in June. Once CHS funds are gone, there are other federal funds available for covering major cases with costs exceeding \$25,000 (commonly known as CHEF or Catastrophic Health Emergency Funds). But CHEF funding must be applied for by the Tribal Health Department and there is no guarantee that it will

actually be available. Last year, over \$250,000 in CHEF emergency funds were paid for SUHC patients.

Unfortunately, CHS and CHEF funds are primarily spent on emergency cases. Funding shortfalls have made it impossible to cover many circumstances where patients need care that cannot be provided for by the SUHC in a timely way or at all. In these cases, where the patient is a Tribal Member, the Tribal Council budgets funds to the Tribal Health Resource Pool to cover additional services.

The Tribal Health Resource Pool was established in 2003. The Tribal Council recognized that there was a need to bridge the funding gap for needed services after the CHS Funds were gone. The Pool was originally developed to provide only for those circumstances where a Tribal member needed services that could not wait until additional CHS funds became available in the new fiscal year. The Pool was designed to be only a supplementary funding source to cover CHS funding short-

falls, not a primary health insurance. In recent years, the actual operation of the Pool has moved away from this supplementary role. In 2004, the Tribe spent over \$560,000 from the Health Resource Pool. The Pool has continued to grow and last year more than \$6,000,000 was spent from the Pool.

As use of the Pool continues to grow, it is critical for the Tribe to coordinate how CHS funds and Pool funds are used to ensure that Contract Health Funds continue to be the primary source of funding for outside medical services. Consequently, it will be necessary to address the manner in which Tribal Members utilize health services, preferably through the Southern Ute Health Center.

Tribal Health Department Referral Services is an important piece of the coordination between the Southern Ute Health Center, Contract Health Services and the Tribal Health Resource Pool. All services to be considered for payment from Contract Health Services funds must be referred and approved before payment will be made.

PLEASE COME JOIN US TRIBAL MEMBER PRESENTATION

HEALTH CLINIC/ WELLNESS CENTER

PROGRAM STUDY PRESENTATION BY DYRON MURPHY ARCHITECTS

When: March 19, 2013

Where: Sky Ute Casino & Resort, Event Center

What Time: 6:00PM—10:00PM

Continue to help guide the future of Health
Care for Tribal Members

If a Tribal Member accesses additional or non-emergency services outside of the Southern Ute Health Center, those services do not qualify for payment from Contract Health Services funds and become the sole financial responsibility of the patient. If requests are made to cover services under the Pool, then they must first be reviewed under the rules for Contract

Health Services funding.

Tribal members who do not reside in the vicinity of the Health Center have the option of using a tribal health center in their area, either an Indian Health Services or a one operated by a tribe. In cases where there is no a tribal health service, the Tribal Member must either have private insurance pay for the services or ask for re-

imbursement from the Pool.

The system for payment of health services under the Contract Health Services or the Tribal Health Resource Pool requires us to all consider how we access these services. As the expense for health care services continues to rise it will be important to provide better coordination of care and access to care for the Tribal membership.

HEALTH DEPT. BUILDING • FROM PAGE 1

move provided critical space in the Health Center for direct patient services.

The "Clinic", which is what the Health Center is commonly called, houses primary care services, which are the services the Membership and other eligible beneficiaries (generally local Native Americans) utilize daily. They provide services such as medical, behavioral health, dentistry, optometry and pharmacy services for the Tribal Membership and other eligible beneficiaries. Services that are not available to be provided locally, such as extensive diagnostic exams or surgical services, are referred to other local providers in Durango or elsewhere. Historically, the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the federal government, provided these services.

According to the IHS website, the agency serves 2 million American Indian and Alaska Natives and has 157 IHS/Tribal Health facilities.

The Indian Health Service, part of the US Department of Health and Human Services, is currently the federal agency with the primary responsibility for fulfilling the United States' trust obligation to provide health care for Indian people. The IHS and tribe have established a network of hospitals, clinics, field stations, and outreach programs in the attempt to fulfill the federal trust responsibility and meet the health care needs of the people. The agency has been a frequent target in Washington DC amid allegations of mismanagement. The constant dispute over IHS funding has come at a price for those in Indian Country. Historically, IHS facilities and services have been the subject of numerous complaints, many of which result from a lack of adequate funding and include concerns over the lack of effective services, sufficient

funds to pay for necessary referrals (contract health services), and the quality of care provided by IHS.

As a result of similar concerns over the quality of care, the amount of federal funds available to provide such care, and the level of services provided by the IHS at the Southern Ute Health Center, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe decided to assume control of the Health Center through a 638 contract. Upon the execution of that contract in 2009, the Tribe was able to utilize federal funds from IHS along with third party insurance charges (i.e. from Medicaid and Blue Cross) and additional tribal funding to improve the health services available to the tribal membership.

Also, when the Southern Ute Tribe decided to enter into a 638 contract, to gain control over the provision of health care on the South-

ern Ute Reservation, the Tribe identified the state of the "clinic" building as an immediate need to be addressed. The volume of services and the needs of the patients have outgrown the present Health Center Building, which has lead to concerns by the membership of inadequate space and lowered satisfaction. According to Tribal Planner, Rodney Class-Erikson, the general opinion from the survey that have been gathering Membership's perspective of the Health Center is that the building is not adequate to handle the existing client base, let alone the projected changing demographics. According to Mr. Class-Erikson, "one of the most interesting survey responses indicates that almost thirty-five percent more of the tribal member respondents say they would utilize a clinic that met their expectations. That means that approximately eighty percent of the respondents would utilize

the clinic."

There is a recognized need to upgrade the facilities presently serving the Membership and other native beneficiaries. As part of this evaluation for new facilities, the Southern Ute Tribal Council retained the services of a Native American architecture consultant firm, Dyron Murphy Architects out of Albuquerque, NM, who have experience in designing facilities that meet the cultural and spiritual needs of Native Americans. Dyron Murphy Architects are presently completing a needs assessment and an evaluation of the perceptions of the local Membership. These findings will be utilized to design a facility to not only meet needs of the patients and providers, but also provide an understanding of the culture of healing and wellness for the customers who base their care in the Health Center.

"Several of our designers, managers and technicians have deep native roots. Their knowledge guides

the rest of the team as we mover through the process of designing and creating projects," said Murphy. Part of DMA's portfolio includes the design of the Cañoncito Health Center in Cañoncito, NM. This 11,595 square foot facility was designed in collaboration with the Cañoncito Band of Navajos. The health center incorporates traditional Navajo culture. The main entrance faces east, and the entry and waiting area are Hogan shaped. Accents of the four traditional colors associated with Navajo Culture are found in the lobby.

On March 19th DMA and the Department of Tribal Planning will be holding a membership meeting to gather input and update the membership with the findings of the assessment. The meeting will be held at the Sky Ute Casino and Resort Events Center, from 6pm to 10pm, food will be provided. For more information contact the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-0100.

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The Tribal Health Department is composed of the following divisions:

Health Services: Liaises between patients and providers to ensure patients understand their conditions and treatments. Provides

home health care and dialysis transportation.

Clinical Services: Delivers clinical care and pharmacy services. Includes family practice, optometry and more.

Dental Services: Provides restorative, prosthetic,

endodontic, periodontic, oral surgical, pediatric and preventive dentistry.

Nursing Services: Provides clinical and public health nursing services, including ambulatory care visits.

Behavioral Health Ser-

VICES: Provides services to children and adult patients including evaluation, diagnosis and management of mental, behavioral, chemical dependency and emotional conditions.

Referral Services: Uses tribal and federal funds to pay for referrals when medically necessary services are not available from the department.

Business Office: Bills and collects revenue from various third-party health care sources and records, controls and accounts for patient-related resources.

Patient Information and Prevention Services: Provides and coordinates prevention related to chronic disease. Includes the Shining

Mountain Diabetes Program.

The Tribal Health Department receives monthly feedback from tribal members through the Tribal Health Advisory Committee. The committee consists of enrolled tribal members from the following groups: elders, older adults, young adults and youth.

TRIBAL SIGNAL IN NEW MEXICO • FROM PAGE 1

using [broadband] Internet," he said. "We are essentially using this new technology to transfer our signal to our Farmington transmitter using bandwidth provided by Brainstorm Internet."

"It's been a long process," Tribal Radio Director Sheila Nanaeto said, adding she wants to make sure new listeners understand the programming is Southern Ute. "We want to keep our identity."

"The tribe is very lucky to have had a radio station going on 37 years," said Marge Borst, KSUT board member.

"Public radio, without the listeners, would not exist," said Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. prior to an official on-air welcome March 4 at the KSUT studios in Ignacio. "I'm here to help, whatever I can do."

Newton said the greatest

benefit to the expansion will be "communicating, highlighting and showcasing the talent we have."

"KSUT has come along way from then until now," Newton said on the air. "If I had a ribbon and scissors, this is what I would be doing."

Nanaeto said there was a federal grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, matched in part by the tribe, "that enabled us to expand our signal."

"We were able to purchase equipment, and [that] made it possible for the expansion to happen in New Mexico," she said.

"It's a big deal for tribal radio," Rawles said.

The new signal will originate in Farmington and broadcast across northwest New

Mexico at 89.7 FM, covering most of San Juan County, and bordering or crossing into the Navajo Reservation, with a clear signal in Shiprock, Nanaeto said.

"Our feeling is that we are not really competing with anybody [on Native content]," Rawls said of the expansion, adding that the mix of programming helps broaden listeners' understanding of Native issues.

The programming Southern Ute Tribal Radio provides is unique, Nanaeto said.

"We provide 37 hours of traditional Native music [each week]," Nanaeto said. "That is something that is rare and unique not only in the Four Corners, but also in Indian Country."

"The tribal member that is on the go is going to hear that information daily," she



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. gives a warm welcome to listeners in San Juan County during the official rollout on Monday, March 4.

said. Aside from the set programming and traditional Native American music, the station also offers community updates to its listenership.

"We think of our elders, unemployed, and those tribal members who are traveling," Nanaeto said. "We have a certain personality, style and sense of humor, which we try to keep alive

and well, incorporating Native humor, but keeping solid information."

"I like that individualism of our programming," Nanaeto said, adding that each DJ brings a different perspective to the station, "keeping our identity strong."

Newton, a self-described "big supporter of KSUT," acknowledged the contribu-

tions of tribal members and said he hopes the station's growth will give Southern Ute voices new exposure. He encouraged the radio station to "capture some of that talent."

The tribal signal features programs with tribal members such as Eddie Box Jr., Mike Santistevan and Lorena Cibrian, and actively seeks out new music from across Indian Country — a small but growing genre.

"[We are] constantly networking with labels and artists. We try to help everybody out when we can," Nanaeto said.

Seven weeks of broadcasting have already taken place during a soft rollout to ensure consistency and clarity of programming throughout the new region, Rawles said. Social media efforts have played a role in getting the word out.

"Facebook has been a great tool," Nanaeto said.



Cabin Fever Gourd Dance & Powwow



Neda Chackee with her grandson, Kandlin Johnson.

Photos by Christopher R. Rizzo
The Southern Ute Drum

The Cabin Fever Gourd Dance and Powwow at SunUte Community Center, which took place Saturday, Feb. 23, was a sponsored event by the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society. The event featured an offering of donations that will go back to the society.



A younger generation of dancers lines up for the grand entry at the powwow.



The grand entry included royalty from various tribes and organizations around the Four Corners area.

COUNCIL CORNER • FROM PAGE 1

their ongoing concerns with the impact that air quality issues could have on their ability to develop their resources and asked Newton and Cloud how the Southern Utes are working on those issues on the reservation. "We have our own environmental department, which includes air and water quality," Newton said. "Essentially, we have our own Environmental Protection Agency on the reservation.

It is in compliance with national regulations that are set by the national EPA." The Business Council also mentioned it has purchased an interest in a midstream energy company and is continuing to expand its members' knowledge and capabilities. The second day of the visit included a meeting held at the newly refurbished Ute Lanes bowling alley and continued the

discussion of issues that concern both tribes. The processing of energy-related and other realty transactions by the federal government was a central topic, and present at the meeting was Johnna Blackhair, the Ute Agency's superintendent for the BIA. The meeting also included numerous staff from the Office of Indian Economic Energy and Development who had been detailed to the Ute Agency, as well as staff from the tribe's Energy and Minerals office.

The highlight of the discussion was the close relationship between the local BIA agency and the Ute Tribe, both of which pride themselves in working together to process numerous complex transactions. Because of administrative efficiencies, including a joint timeline that allows both the tribe and agency to monitor projects as they go through the processing procedure, the BIA is able to turn packets around within three to eight days of receiving them, Blackhair said.

The local agency also developed its own internal database tracking system that each staff member can use to determine where a project stands on the timeline and what the next steps may be. The agency also contracts with the tribe through a "638 contract" to provide tribal staff to the agency, which helps ensure efficient processing. The quality, amount and speed of the agency's work impressed Newton and his colleagues. "I was really impressed

on the relationship the Ute Tribe has with their BIA agency. Their use of tribal staff and their ability to turn packets around so quickly was remarkable. This was truly a learning experience on how effective a well-run BIA agency can be," he said after the tour of the tribal and BIA offices. "In many ways, our [Southern Ute] issues are reversed, and it has been helpful and encouraging to see progress and success in areas where our relationship with our local agency has been lacking."

DRUM LAUNCHES WEBSITE • FROM PAGE 1

easier for readers. "It's a big step into the 21st century," he said. "Our focus throughout the process was taking advantage of new technology while retaining the Drum's unique cultural identity on a new platform." To that end, the Drum sought input from tribal members and staff members, including the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, on the site's design and structure before launch. Cultural considerations were a part of every decision from categories to colors, Stryker said. Andrea Taylor, director of Tribal Information Services and a Southern Ute tribal member, said the most exciting thing about the new site is its ability to inform tribal members much more quickly about local news. "It's going to be more efficient, it's going to be more up to date," she said. "Something that we hear isn't going to be two weeks late [in the paper]." Taylor said the new site will also allow Drum staffers to post more in-depth content that might not make it to the paper due to space constraints. "It's going to give us more

information that we're seeking," she said. "You don't have to limit your words, you don't have to limit [your] pictures. ... If you want to put up a video, you can actually do that as well." Dana Kopf, web/applications developer for the Management Information Systems Department, was the technical lead on the project. He wrote the hundreds of lines of code that determined how the website looks and behaves. "I wanted to make sure that the site worked on a variety of devices, including mobile, since that's the direction that everything's headed," Kopf said, adding that the "responsive design" of the site means it detects whether a visitor is using a desktop computer, iPad, phone or other device and reorganizes itself accordingly. Kopf said the process of developing the site began with a simple question: What are the needs of the Southern Ute community? "The first thing to think about is the requirements of the site — so who are the readers, and what do you want to tell them," he said. "In our case, we definitely

had to be able to post new stories anytime, and then we thought about other features that the community would find helpful, such as the events calendar." Allowing Drum staff members to update the site directly is a first within the tribal organization, Kopf said. It's a necessary step to ensure news may be posted online as quickly and efficiently as possible. "We're trying to move in that direction, to give more control over content to the content owners but at the same time maintaining security and adherence to standards and policy," he said. To that end, Drum employees have undergone extensive training and will continue to receive instruction on best practices, Stryker said. Stryker stressed that what readers see online today is not etched in stone — given the flexibility of the platform, the Drum can continue to make changes or add features as needed. The online nameplate, or logo, for example, will be replaced in the coming weeks, mirroring changes forthcoming to the print version.

Bowhunters and dancers



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Jalisa Paul (right) and Autumn Medicine Blanket (center) join the Southern Ute Cultural Dancers Saturday, March 2 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for a demonstration of various cultural dance styles at the annual Colorado Bowhunters Association Convention and Awards Banquet. It was the dancers' first performance of 2013.

Betty and Eddie Box Jr. introduce the dancers to the crowd. The couple introduced each dance and explained its significance in Ute culture.





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio girls' head coach Justa Whitt roars along with her Lady Bobcats while hoisting high the 2A-District 3 Tournament championship plaque, gained Mar. 2 via a 53-33 trouncing of Telluride in Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium.

IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Cats the undisputed D-3 titlists!

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Prior to the celebration came a long-awaited 'stall-a-bration.'

It drove the Telluride faithful in attendance baty—maybe that was part of the plan—but Ignacio's Lady Bobcats had indeed earned a few moments (or, as it appeared on-court, minutes) of 'down time.'

They just didn't expect the Lady Miners to apparently agree.

After crossing the mid-court line into the offensive end of Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium, and meeting no resistance from THS, head coach Justa Whitt's order was simple:

STOP. Let them come to you.

For a sizable chunk of clock—preceding a blow-out's usual time-wasting end—no one did, and Ignacio's ballhandlers stood happily motionless out near the volleyball layout's attack line, rarely having to pass (let alone dribble) while eyeballing a 20-point advantage on the scoreboard.

"It feels good because we've worked up, and we're the team now on top," senior forward Mariah Vigil said of the action-less circumstance, and ultimately a 53-33 win in the 2A-District 3 Tournament's championship clash Saturday, March 2. "And it feels great."

"We just wanted to get this win for our team—especially for the seniors," said sophomore guard Sky Cotton. "And we came out, started shooting...we got hot and kept it going!"

Later dogpiled upon joyously by senior forward/sister Pam, the younger Cotton teamed with junior guard Cloe Seibel to virtually bury

the Lady Miners just after the opening tip—pitting the diminutive Sky Cotton's hops against Telluride senior forward/center Morgan Mackie's size.

THS junior Sierra Sandoval got the game underway with a free throw, but a Cotton trey not long after put the Lady 'Cats up 9-1. She then followed with a breakaway layup off an outlet pass from senior Michelle Simmons (five points; 5-6 FT), and Ignacio was off and running.

Seibel closed out the quarter with a steal and buzzer-beating layup, after draining back-to-back triples inside the last two minutes, swelling the lead to 19-5 through eight minutes. She added two more baskets in the second quarter as IHS held a massive 29-5 advantage at halftime.

"Oh my gosh that set us on fire for sure!" exclaimed Whitt. "Cloe's effort today was through the roof! Through the roof in all departments. And I can't say enough...everybody's effort today was there—you can look at the stats, look at all those marks, you know? That's what it takes to win, a team effort."

Still riding high emotionally from a 55-48 upset at home of Class 1A's then-#1 Norwood [Feb. 23], eight Lady 'Cats contributed points against THS, an afternoon after downing Ridgway 56-46 in the D-3 semifinals. And had Lady Miner senior guard Shelby Brier not found a second-half scoring touch—netting all her 16 points in the third and fourth quarters—Telluride would not have made the final margin even close to respectable.

Sandoval finished with seven points, Sarah Wontrob-ski and Carson Brumley each chipped in four and Mackie was held to just two. Mean-

while Sky Cotton finished with 13 for Ignacio, Vigil netted six, junior Gabriela Garcia four, Pam Cotton three, and Ellie Seibel and Jordan Cuthair two each.

"We'd played them before...thought they'd come out with more than they did," said Vigil. "We just wanted it...more, and we knew it. So we ran off of our heart."

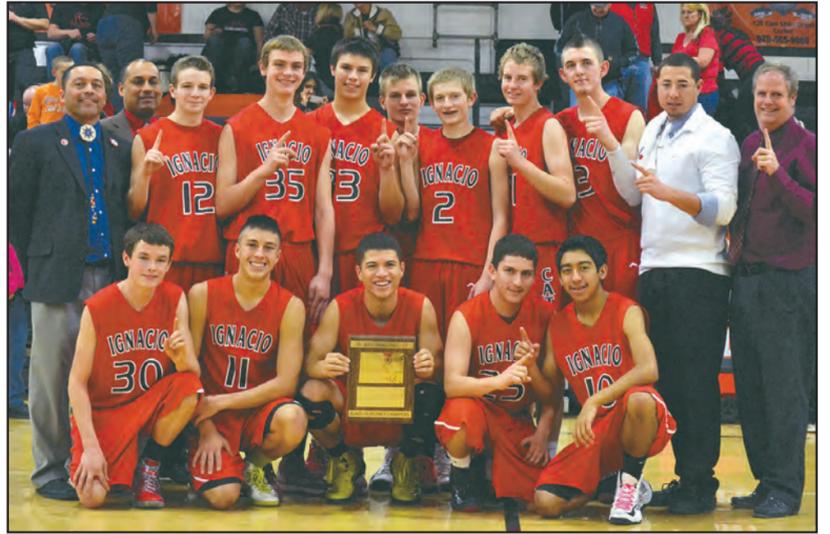
"Before the game we talked about not worrying about the championship, and just coming out and playing our game," Whitt said. "That's exactly what they did—they took hold of the game just like we'd talked about, and they never let up."

"I am one extremely proud coach! For the way my girls played."

Now 14-7 overall, and averaging 54.3 points during a current nine-game winning streak, the Lady 'Cats will next face Sanford (12-11) in today's Region III semis, 4:00 p.m. at Durango H.S. SHS finished fifth in District 1, and the winner will meet either Paonia (17-4 coming in) or Del Norte (14-8) tomorrow.

"I can't take full credit; it all started with Coach [Brice] Searles and his development of them as players," said Whitt, "and their willingness to work in the summertime on their own. And it's all finally coming together at the right time—a number of years, playing together, and we're jelling at the right time."

THS landed in Region I and will first face Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian Academy, D-8 runners-up, at Adams State University in Alamosa. Third-place Dolores—victims of Telluride on D-3's Day 1—fell into Region V and will begin up at Grand Junction Central H.S. against D-5 champs Meeker.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The 2012-13 Ignacio Bobcats pose for a sixth straight district-level championship team photo, Mar. 2 inside Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium, after a 68-51 win over the Dolores Bears.

IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Right mix for six, IHS re-rules

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Somewhat shielded from the officials' ears by a tightly-circled huddle, Dolores senior point guard Cody Carroll's expletive-emphatic [his preaching rhymed with 'PULPIT!'] opinion of the first half's bizarre ending couldn't have played any better into the Bobcats' favor.

Which had just become even more fortunate when Kelton Richmond was fouled heaving a Hail-Mary prayer from well behind the midcourt line as the second quarter expired.

The Bears got a break when the stripes ruled Richmond took Chaz Thompson's contact before his attempt, giving the junior forward two double-bonus free throws rather than three for the try itself, but when both were converted DHS still found themselves down 40-28 with just sixteen regulation minutes remaining in the 2A-District 3 Tournament finale on March 2.

"They were pretty angry," said Ignacio forward Austin Haire, "after a while—the refs, and us getting in their ears.... It just...didn't turn out well for them."

With 6'5" low-post beast Tyler Weir already slowed by three first-half fouls, Dolores shooting guard Austin Blackmer picked up his fourth with 6:11 left in the third, while IHS junior Clayton Jefferson canned a three-pointer on the play. Bobcat freshman reserve guard Anthony Manzanares then immediately followed with a trey of his own, forcing DHS boss Larry Schwartz into a needed timeout down 46-30.

With a somewhat-composed Carroll managing eight points in the frame, Dolores managed to then outscore Ignacio 13-10 before the third ended, but were simply too far behind

as the 'Cats captured a sixth straight district-level title, 68-51 inside Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium.

"This is a pretty big moment, winning six in a row," sophomore forward Adison Jones said. "We're hoping we can go all the way to State this year."

Jones' first six points ended up proving the most crucial towards the program's six-pack of plaques; Blackmer had begun the contest with a triple, and the Bears still led 7-4 when Jones (15 points; 7-8 FT) tied by sinking his second three-ball in as many chances.

"I just didn't want them to get momentum...just wanted to kill 'em right there," he said.

Richmond (17 pts; 7-10 FT) then followed with two go-ahead freebies, and freshman guard Wyatt Hayes (13 pts) threatened to bury the Bears early with three successful charity chucks and 2:24 left, then a steal and breakaway layup with 1:51 left, increasing IHS' lead to 18-8.

Jones rattled in a free throw to start the second quarter, and Weir rattled in a short jumper to bring Dolores back to 21-16, the closest they'd approach as events panned out. Dropping in the last two of 20 FT's attempted by the 'Cats (who finished 23-of-31, besting DHS' 16-of-25) in the frame, Jones rebuilt Ignacio's advantage to 38-28 with 0:12 left—just prior to Richmond's makes with no time remaining.

"We just wanted to get the big guy out because we knew that's who their bread-and-butter was. Then we went after their shooter [Blackmer]," Jones said, "and after that...it was [making] free throws."

"Yeah it got a little rough," concurred Haire, "but we pulled through, did pretty good in the end!"

The Bobcats led 56-43

entering the fourth and soon went ahead by twenty on a Richmond hoop in transition, all but making a DHS comeback impossible given the Bears' foul situation. And when Ridgway Athletic Director Chuck Siefken presented the top prize, Ignacio's lone senior stepped to accept.

"It feels great," Haire said, after re-emerging from the locker room still clutching the award. "Just to be out here with my teammates, and work hard and get this sixth in a row! Feels great!"

Weir finished with a hard-fought 16 points and Carroll 14 for DHS in defeat, while Blackmer and reserve guard Hayden Plewe each scored seven. Jackson Vermeule chipped in five and Mikeal Ford two.

Jefferson and forward/center Justin Carver each scored seven for IHS, and Haire and Bo Ward each scored two as the 'Cats again reached the Region III Tournament, again to be held at Durango H.S.

Now 18-5 overall, including a 49-33 'revenge' win over Telluride in the D-3 semifinals, Ignacio will first play Paonia (10-12), the fourth-place team out of D-5, tonight at 5:30. The winner will face either Sargent (12-10 coming in) or Lutheran (16-5) tomorrow to reach the 2012-13 season's closing weekend.

"We're excited to get there," said Haire. "I'm sure we'll do our best."

SURVIVING THE FALLOUT

D-3 third-placers—via a wild 55-51 overtime win against Ridgway—Telluride landed in Region I and will open against D-1 champs Sanford at Adams State University in Alamosa. Not out of the mix, Dolores will travel to Grand Junction Central H.S. for Region V, and initially challenge D-2 third-placers Yuma.

IHS WRESTLING

Lone Cat goes gallantly at State

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The first day of his Mile High stay, 6,479 fans filed through the Pepsi Center entrances.

13,824 entered the iconic Denver arena on Day 2, when he again stepped onto a mat.

And though Ignacio sophomore Josh Gallegos wasn't in contention anymore when the last of 15,359 patrons found a seat on Day 3, experiencing such an atmosphere as a competitor couldn't help but bode well for the heavyweight when the 2013-14 season's start comes around.

And despite a well-wrapped right shoulder, his wrestling skills should as well for IHS.

For the lone Bobcat in the 2013 CHSAA Class 2A Wrestling Championships [Feb. 21-23] didn't depart like a wide-eyed rookie, losing 2-1 on Day 1 to Walsenburg John Mall's Lorenzo Trujillo—a regional champion coming in—and then 7-6 to Swink's Jarred Zumwalt in the first round of consolation-bracket action to finish the season 11-21 overall.

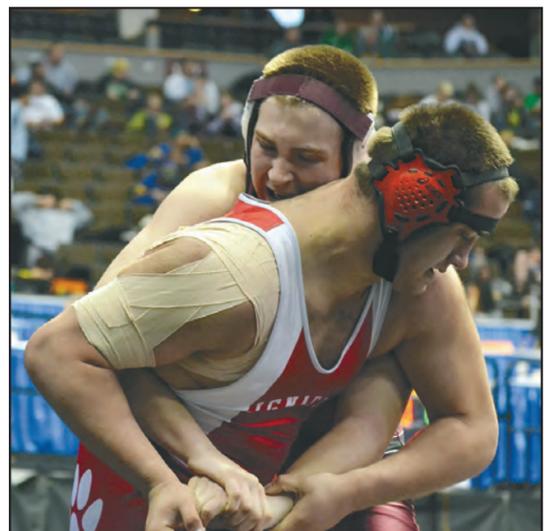
Ignacio Football head coach Lupe Huerta, nursing a wounded right arm

himself, joined IHS Wrestling boss Bob Overturf in instructing from the chairs for Gallegos' final match, and both looked eager to see the young man's future two-sport development.

STANDINGS

1. Paonia 205.5, 2. Highland 148, 3. Baca County 130, 4. Del Norte 87.5, 5. Dove Creek 83.5, 6. Rocky Ford 70, 7. Sedgwick County-Fleming 60.5, 8. Meeker 58.5, 9. Swink 56, 10. Wray 55.5, 11. Holyoke 55, 12. Fowler 54, T-13. Merino/Stratton 52, 15. Akron 50,

16. Wiggins 46.5, 17. Eads 44, 18. Center 35, 19. Yuma 34, 20. Custer County 33, 21. Nucla 29, 22. Burlington 27, 23. Cheyenne Wells 26, 24. Holly 24.5, T-25. North Park/Norwood 22, 27. Peyton 21, T-28. Dolores/Hayden/La Veta 20, 31. Lyons 19, 32. Sargent 15, 33. John Mall 13, 34. Rangely 12, 35. Kiowa 11, 36. Las Animas 8, T-37. Antonito/West Grand 7, 39. Crowley County 6, 40. Soro-roco 4, T-41. Calhan/Limon 3, 43. Centennial 2, T-44. Byers/IGNACIO/Lutheran/Manzanola/Mountain Valley/Rye 0.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio heavyweight Josh Gallegos tries breaking apart the grip applied by Swink's Jarred Zumwalt inside the Pepsi Center in Denver on Day 2 (Feb. 22) of the Class 2A State Championships.



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEW

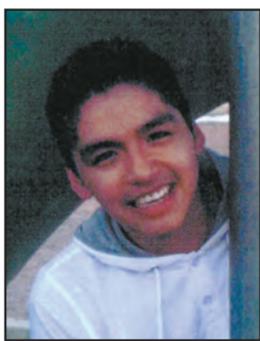
We are all thinking of you on your special day!

CJ, Gracelynn, Shawn, Kyle, Natelle and Krislynn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEW

Happy birthday Chris "Stew" Cloud we would like to wish you a Happy Birthday on March 12. We wish you the best life has to offer and our Heavenly Father watch over you always. We know your going thru a lot in your life. We pray your safety and good health.

From your grandma Sharon Cloud, and family



and Stephen, who turned 2 on the 3rd. We want you to know that we love you very much and we hope you will enjoy much more birthdays in the future!

Love,
Your daughters, sons,
mom and dad, nieces, and
grandkids - the Thompsons.

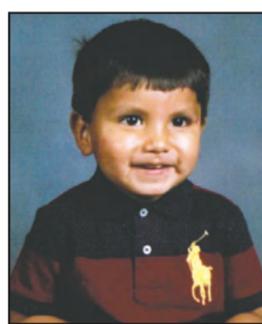
HAPPY B-DAY CHRIS

Happy Birthday to Christopher Stewart Cloud on March 12, 2013. Hope you enjoy your day, we have been through so much, I'm very proud of you. I'm always here for you, thru thick and thin, big or small! I love you!

Mom

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to wish belated birthday wishes to our family members. To Jesus, who turned 7 on the March 1. Our dad, who turned 77 on the March 2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY NIKO

Niko All shining our Lil' man a Happy 3rd Birthday on March 18 Son may bring you what you have brought us, love, joy & happiness but most of all Family.

Love Gloria (Mom)
& Green (Dad)



STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♋ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

MAGICAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS PISCES! March floats in on waves of Piscean imagination. Practically everyone you see has a special beauty of their own as you gaze at them with dreamlike vision. But don't get too caught up in that idealistic haze Little Fishes. MERCURY is still moving backwards through your sign until ST. Patty's Day. Keep both feet firmly planted on the ground, and think clearly before you act. The planets shift into a favorable mode after the 17th if you are planning to put financial goals into motion. Your efforts to get ahead will double when you make logical well thought out decisions.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Dreams, visions, and a lively imagination set your month off on an introspective level. Not to worry RAMS, you won't be swimming in that murky sea of doubt for very long. On the 11th your ruler MARS comes charging into your sign and fills you with high octane energy. Leave your hesitation behind on the 17th and resolutely move forward towards your objectives. Yours is the first sign of the Zodiac, and as such you are the pioneers. Keep your intentions in sight, be a goal-setter ARIES!

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

An upbeat gang of planets, cluster together, to celebrate friendship, and congenial gatherings this March. People look up to you TAURUS, and they may ask for your sage advice. Providing clear and practical answers may help other folks, and yourself as well. Later in the month your social activities multiply and you might even find yourself serving the community, or getting involved in a group project. Show off those artistic talents of yours. Expand your goals, and establish a long term plan. It's what you do best.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

March's planetary pattern stirs up a confusing mix of missed appointments, misunderstandings, and foggy thinking. Keep your focus Twins. Difficult job matters may have more clarity after the 17th when tiny, but mighty MERCURY awakens from its retrograde nap. Meanwhile action-loving MARS takes aim at the social section of your Horoscope and immediately starts to heat things up on the 11th. Calls from friends, invitations, and group related activities liven up the month. Your whole outlook brightens considerably on the 21st. Think Spring Gemini!

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Collect your thoughts Moon Kids, A change of MERCURY'S direction on the 17th, sends a signal to resume your normal routine. A friendly bunch of planets in the compatible sign of PISCES are currently beaming prophetic vision your way. What's more, the NEW MOON also in that sign, initiates a change in direction. Fresh ideas, and travel plans can be activated at this time. Keep your impatience at bay CANCER people, snap decisions made later in the month might throw you off track.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Beware of "March Madness" spending Lions. The month starts on a MERCURY retrograde and you may find yourself caught up in a spendthrift fantasy. Your best course is to concentrate on clearing away old debt, and to conserve your resources for another time. The fun portion of March arrives on the 20th, when the SUN slips into like-minded ARIES, and arouses your sense of adventure, and excitement. Many of you may have the opportunity to reconnect with friends or relatives who live far away. Believe in your dreams LEO. JUPITER'S ongoing presence in the "hopes and wishes" section continues to propel optimism in your direction.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Astrologically, March comes in like a "Lamb", and goes out like a "Ram" in YOUR personal chart VIRGO. Early in the month a pack of planets in PISCES may set up overly sensitive feelings, and confused situations with co-workers, or people in your social group. Additionally, your favorite planet MERCURY isn't in a cooperative mode until after the 17th. Take it slowly, there's less possibility of making mistakes. More than likely your ability for detail will help you figure it all out.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

The planets have piled up in the service section of your Horoscope. Chances are you might be giving help to others in some capacity. But it also means that you may be making a few improvements in your personal life as well. Assertive MARS zips into your opposite sign of ARIES on the 11th and may stir up tension in your relationships with partners, or those closest to you. Stand your ground LIBRA but resist provoking disagreements. Calm consideration, and thoughtful actions are useful tools this month.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

SATURN'S heavy grip on your sign loosens a bit this month as a bevy of planets gather in the recreational area of your chart. Your fixed resolve just melts away on the 11th when the NEW MOON releases a cheerful and entertaining aura that is all but impossible to resist...and why should you. You've earned a break SCORPIO. This is a great month to pursue some of your favorite hobbies. It's renewal time, put a few positive plans into action, and get your mojo working. It should be easy because YOU are the most resourceful sign of the Zodiac!

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

It's your home base that is the primary focus. Three planets and the SUN congregate in the watery sign of PISCES and dampen family relations. Do what you can to maintain the peace Sagittarius. A gentle approach with the kinfolk may help to settle past issues. Avoid letting your fiery nature run rampant over others. The NEW MOON on the 11th sets a course towards future achievements. Don't expect instant gratification Sag. Patience is key this month, there's no need to rush recklessly into challenging situations. Take a walk, breathe deeply, and relax.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

The NEW MOON, and a welcomed group of planets fertilize your garden of ideas, and ambitions with a healthy dose of communications, short trips, and greater insight. MERCURY and VENUS in sweet talking PISCES can usually help you charm the birds right out of the trees. But not until after the 17th. Be willing to keep an open mind to what people have to say CAPRICORN. This month it's all about gaining more knowledge, and learning how to share it with others. A more diplomatic approach is best.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

The SUN, MERCURY, VENUS, and NEPTUNE have bunched up in the money section. The emphasis is clearly on finances. Look to the NEW MOON on the 11th for a fresh viewpoint. If necessary seek out more lucrative means of earning a living. Imagination, and effort should work well for you Aquarius. Get your thoughts organized and be ready to swing into action after the 17th. You can count on your naturally shrewd intuition to steer you in the best direction. Your personal planet URANUS, is currently making sure that you're properly entertained, and ready to try new adventures.

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

TO ALL THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN STAFF

My Family and I were searching for my lost son, Gilroy Luther for the past 2 and half weeks, which finally ended February 11, 2013 in his passing. My family would like to thank you all who gave from their hearts with money donations, food and your kind sympathy cards. With the donations, you made it possible for my son to have a beau-

tiful funeral and the family appreciates and thanks' you so much.

My family n New Mexico and Arizona and I appreciate all your comfort and prayers that you have given to our family in this time of sorrow. I just cannot thank you enough for all your support you have given my family and me.

God Bless you all and many thanks again.
Loretta Chee and Family

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Quarterly report: Naranjo

Mique, My name is Cyrus Spottedfox Naranjo. On September 8, 2012 I was chosen at the Southern Ute Fair and Powwow to represent the tribe as "Little Brave". Since then I have attended many ceremonies, events and powwows.

On October 21, 2012. We participated in the celebration of the Canonization of the 1st Native Saint, blessed Kateri Tekawitha with a procession thru Ignacio. The royalty committee sponsored our booth at the Halloween Carnival October 27, 2012. Where we had a royal duck pond and ring toss.

We were honored to be a part of the AYBR Finals Rodeo blessing and opening ceremony on November 1, 2012. The next day we traveled to Meeker, CO. For "The Cutting of the Capitol Christmas Tree Celebration" which lasted



all weekend Nov. 2-4, 2012. They cut down two enormous Christmas Trees, one for the State Capitol and the other for the Smithsonian Museum Native American Culture Preservation. We performed for the people of Meeker and rode in our float in the night parade.

On November 10, 2012. I danced at the Veterans Powwow here in Ignacio at

the Sky Ute Casino Event Center. The royalty did the "Meet and Greet" at the tribal Thanksgiving dinner. We were invited to the Head start's Christmas dinner where we performed "The Lords Prayer" in sign language. Then on December 22, 2012. We did the "Meet and Greet" at the Tribal Christmas dinner, and then later that evening we did storytelling at the Tribal Christmas program.

On February 1, 2013. We braved the cold and rode in the Snowdown Light Parade in Durango, CO. I'm looking forward to the next six months of my reign, representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as "Little Brave".

Thank you,
Cyrus Spottedfox Naranjo
Southern Ute Brave,
2012-13

FLY-FISHING

Taking one's own advice

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I did it. I went fly-fishing where it's warm and never snows. I went where friends who live there describe it as the place old people go to get older. I went to Florida. As an aging retired guide, whose tip jar is empty, I stayed with friends in Bonita Springs and Marathon. That way I slept in their guest rooms, ate their food, drank their whisky, and at one spot used my friend's flats boat.

Cost to me: plane fare for two, (My wife loves our friends too much to let me stay with them by myself.) and a dinner out for my friends. They didn't seem to mind restaurants that served food on paper plates and drinks out of plastic cups. This seemed like a cheap price for four days of salt water fly-fishing and frolicking in the sun.

While all that was fun, I am not immigrating to Florida. I love living in the mountains. What's not to love about belly crawling to the edge of a small stream, and casting a size 20 adams to a six inch trout that has a brain the size of a pen head. Only to have that trout swim around my fly for 45 minutes, then head upstream. Sometimes you just gotta take a break and try another state.

As my wife and I drove from Bonita Springs to Marathon it struck me that some of Florida is similar

to Colorado. The similarity I noticed was fencing along the highway. Colorado has high fencing to keep the deer and elk from crossing the highways, except at the locations gates have been erected. Florida has chain link fencing to keep the pythons, panthers, and gators, off their highways. I have to assume both fencing projects meet with the same success.

Fly-fishing in salt water resembles fly-fishing in fresh water, with a few exceptions. I make that statement because I don't want anyone to be intimidated with the thought of casting a fly into salt water. The biggest difference is the size of the equipment. For salt water I suggest an 8 or 9-weight rod. Building your own leader is fairly easy. Start with a 40-pound butt section, followed by a 30-pound section, then a 20-pound section. Finish this off with a 15-pound tippet and you're good to go for most fish. If you're after bigger fish adjust the poundage accordingly. To splice the leader together I use both blood and surgeons knots. For flies I use four patterns. I have found clousers, crabs, crazy charlies, and gotches work best. If you tie your own flies be sure and use hooks made for salt water.

Casts for salt water are the same as for fresh water. It does help if you can double-

haul; the wind can do weird things to a cast. Since you'll be casting larger flies be sure and be patient with your casts. A hurried cast will result in some huge wind knots. When this happens to me I use the 30 second rule. If I can't untie the knot in 30 seconds I cut it out and start splicing.

The biggest difference between salt water fly-fishing and mountain fly-fishing is the size and variety of fish in the ocean compared to mountain streams. In four days of fishing I caught red fish, snapper, barracuda, jack crevalle, and yellow tails. I cast at permits, sharks, and tarpon, but couldn't get them to take my fly. As you can see, lots of the fish in the ocean can either eat you, or at least a finger. Be careful taking them off the hook.

Fly-fishing can be either from a flats boat or along the beach. The biggest bone fish, and only tarpon, I've ever caught were while wading in ankle deep water. A boat will get you more places, but it is not necessary. A word of caution. While wading in shallow water along a beach be careful of waves. It is not uncommon to suddenly have a large wave roll in and take you off your feet.

Don't be hesitant to try salt water fly-fishing. It's fun and allows you to fly-fish when belly crawling through the snow deters any sane person from going out.

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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER Installation of speed hump and associated signs

Please be advised that due to safety concerns within area subdivisions, the Construction and Project Management Department has received approval from Tribal Council to move forward with the installation of speed humps and associated signs to address these concerns. Construction will commence late spring early summer.

A Community meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Facility to allow you the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns. Dinner

will be served. For meal planning purposes, please contact Jeannette Frost at 970-563-0138 or email jfrost@southernute-nsn.gov.

The following subdivisions/roads will have speed humps installed:

- Shoshone Avenue
- Northridge Drive
- Ignacio Peak
- Cedar Point
- Mountain View Road (Powwow Circle)
- Sunset Meadows Drive

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has three 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 nurture and promote the positive image of the Southern Ute Tribe. All interested individuals are to submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration building. The Deadline is March 29.

VOLUNTEER SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS NEEDED For Land Acquisition Team (LAT)

Southern Ute tribal members:

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has determined that a "team" composed of tribal staff and volunteer tribal members could better assist them in reviewing proposed land acquisitions to determine if they meet the necessary criteria pursuant to the Lands Consolidation Program. The primary goals and objectives of the proposed Land Acquisition Team (LAT) will be to provide the Tribal Council with recommendations regarding the following items:

- Reviewing current Lands Consolidation processes/procedures for changes or revisions as needed;
- Acquiring fee or allotted land for the benefit of the tribe and its members;
- Determining whether acquired lands will be

placed into trust status;

- Reviewing historical acquisitions to determine when and if it is appropriate to proceed with the Fee to Trust process; and
- Identifying potential uses for and management of historical and new acquisitions.

Your volunteer participation on the proposed Land Acquisition Team is extremely important. We hope you will consider participating. Your contribution of time and participation on the Land Acquisition Team will be appreciated by the Tribal Council, tribal staff, and the tribal membership for generations to come. Tribal-member participation is highly encouraged. Call 970-563-0126 or email leburch@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up. The deadline to sign up is March 29 at 5 p.m.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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**In the Legal Name Change of,
Ayona Maria Hight, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2013-0005-CV-NC**

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Ayona Maria Hight has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Ayana Maria Hight.

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 29, 2013 at 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 27th day of February, 2013.
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

WILL-DRAFTING PROJECT

For Southern Ute, Ute Mtn. Ute and Northern Ute (U&O)

For Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Ute (U&O) tribal members residing on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Thursday, March 21 and Friday March 22. Offered by Office of the Special Trustee

for American Indians: Southern Ute Agency. If interested in this opportunity, please contact Mr. John Roach, Fiduciary Trust Officer, SW Region to sign up or ask questions, 970-563-1013.



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 March 15th, 2013

For more information, contact Marissa Rocha, CPO, @ 970.563.0100 x2694 or mrocha@southern-ute.nsn.us

There are two open seats to tribal members or community members.

- Applications available at:
- SunUte Community
 - www.bgcsu.org

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Grazing Permits on Tribal Units for 2013 Grazing Season

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting applications for grazing permits on Tribal Range Units for the 2013 grazing season. The application deadline is Monday, April 8. Stocking rates are set as illustrated in the table below.

Archuleta Mesa	Kearns	Cat Creek	Vega
103 animal units	15 animal units	43 animal units	60 animal units
Archuleta Creek	Trail Canyon	Pump Canyon	Beef Canyon
60 animal units	51 animal units	35 animal units	22 animal units
Picnic Flats	Soda Springs	Sandoval	Coyote Gulch
64 animal units	24 animal units	60 animal units	30 animal units
Cinder Buttes			
45 animal units			

*An animal unit is 1 cow/calf pair

The 2013 grazing season begins June 1 of the calendar year. August 1 will be the official off date. This date will be initially set with the opportunity to extend, monthly, up to September 30 provided adequate forage is present to support sustainable use. To obtain an application please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range Division at 970-563-4780.

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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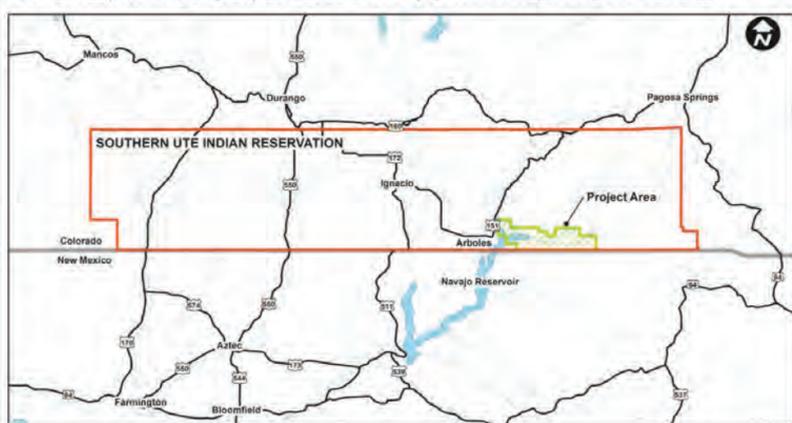
NOTICE OF TRIBAL OUTREACH MEETING FOR PROPOSED NORTH CARRACAS NATURAL GAS RESOURCES PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) will conduct a Tribal Outreach meeting exclusively for members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on March 27, 2013 to present information regarding the proposed development of natural gas resources in the North Carracas area (see map below). The North Carracas Plan of Development contemplates the drilling of 48 Fruitland coal bed methane wells located on 18 well pads utilizing horizontal, vertical, and s-shaped drilling and completion techniques, one salt water disposal well, associated roads and pipelines, and a compressor facility. The North Carracas area of mutual interest (AMI) is an 18,123-acre parcel located east of the town of Arboles in southwest Archuleta County, Colorado within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The AMI consists of Tribal Trust, Indian-owned fee, United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), and non-Indian owned fee lands. The majority of surface disturbance will occur on non-Indian owned fee lands.



The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Tribal representatives will be available during the meeting to present information on the proposed action and its potential impacts. The meeting will be conducted in an informal poster-style format with brief PowerPoint presentations provided by the Tribe's Energy Department and their consultant, Ecosphere Environmental Services, at the beginning of the meeting, followed by an opportunity for participants to view other related materials and ask questions of technical personnel from BIA, BLM, and the Tribe that are involved in the consideration of this project.

Once completed, the draft Environmental Assessment for the project will be available for review by Tribal Members and the general public at the BLM Tres Rios Field Office and Ignacio Public Library or online at <http://www.sugf.com> when available. Written comments may be submitted during the 30-day public comment period. The Tribal Outreach meeting will be held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Event Center Banquet Rooms 1 and 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday March 27, 2013. Refreshments and appetizers will be provided during the meeting. Please call Lynn Woomer at (970) 764-6486 or Joey Herring at (505) 327-3088 with any questions regarding the meeting.



NOTICE • 30 DAY POSTING Availability of Tribal Land Homesite Assignment

Notice is hereby given to all eligible Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members interested in this Tribal Land Homesite Assignment. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources Lands Division. Please contact the Lands Division to view property 970-563-0126 ext. 2231.

The available Tribal Land is described as follows:
**Township 33 North, Range 7 West, N.M.P.M., La Plata County, CO,
Section 18: Lot 27A in the Cedar Point West Subdivision
Posting Date 03-05-2013; End Date 04-16-2013
Property located in the Cedar Point West Subdivision.**



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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



Southern Ute 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.

Production Accounting Supervisor – Red Willow Production

Closing date 3/11/13
Ignacio, CO. Ensuring timely and accurate production volumes are available for all oil and gas properties, operated and non-operated, for use in processes utilizing actual production data including regulatory reporting and budget analysis. Performs allocation process on operated volumes with input from Gas Marketing to feed the revenue generation process. Makes decisions regarding volume estimates when needed. Responsible for managing and developing the Production Accounting staff.

Senior Financial Analyst – Aka Energy

Closing date 3/11/13
Durango, CO. Supports the CFO in facilitating the weekly/monthly/annual forecasting process, provides accounting and financial reporting assistance, assists with annual budget preparation, and provides monthly financial analysis for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries, to the development, monitoring and compilation of key performance indicators and budget plan variance analysis. This position will also be responsible for credit analysis on Aka company contract counterparties.

Environmental, Health & Safety Manager – Red Cedar Gathering Co.

Closing date 3/11/13
Durango, CO. Develops and manages company-wide environmental, health and safety activities specific to applicable safety and health laws, assuring compliance with tribal, state, federal, regulations.

Accounting Financial Analyst – GF Real Estate Group

Closing date 3/15/13
Durango, CO. Providing budgeting and financial analytical support for GF Real Estate Group; Assists accounting staff in the daily operating activities, including administering the capital expenditure and operating budget process, while providing financial reporting analysis,

and maintenance of enterprise key performance indicators. In addition, this position will provide support during the audit as needed.

Energy Accounting Manager – SUGF Department of Energy

Closing date 3/15/13
Ignacio, CO. Management and supervision of all audit, accounting and administrative functions of the Energy Accounting Division.

Environmental, Health & Safety Corporate Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 3/25/13
Durango, CO. Ensuring that Aka Energy operations comply with health, safety, and environmental policies, procedures, laws, regulations and permits to prevent detrimental incidents. Maintaining accurate, up-to-date knowledge of regulatory issues, assisting personnel in complying with regulations, managing Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) training, ensuring timely, accurate, and complete permit applications are prepared, and files documenting Aka Energy's compliance in environmental, health, and safety areas are maintained. Reports on activity and programs as required.

Executive Vice President of Operations – Aka Energy

Closing date 3/25/13
Durango, CO or Tulsa, OK. Provides leadership and management of day-to-day operations activities at natural gas gathering, treating and processing facilities through supervision of individual facility managers. Achieving established P&L, safety, environmental, and operational goals. Directs activities through assigned operations and other staff to achieve approved goals and objectives. Provides recommendations and reports. Authorizes or delegates all management decisions not requiring higher approval. Serves as company spokesperson in external relations as required. Works with other Aka Energy staff to identify and capture business opportunities. Provides administrative leadership to the Tulsa office and to field offices.

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. 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.

Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable Clerk (Part-time)

Closing date 3/6/13
Vendor setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to the vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour.

Detention Cook

Closing date 3/6/13
Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Police Lieutenant

Closing date 3/6/13
Under general supervision of the Chief of Police coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the police department. Serves as acting Police Chief in the absence of the Police Chief. Pay grade 22: \$60,320/annually.

Clinical Information Technologist

Closing date 3/11/13
Under general direction of the Tribal Health Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23: \$65,584/annually.

Lake Capote Worker (Temporary)

Closing date 3/13/13
Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager and the Parks & Recreation Manager, employee will greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions, provide grounds & facility maintenance, cleaning and repair to the grounds and buildings, and assist in continued site developments. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Custodial Supervisor

Closing date 3/18/13
Supervising the janitorial work in the designated Tribal buildings in accordance with the routine cleaning schedule developed in conjunction with the Director of Property and Facility. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Ute Language Teacher (Part-time)

Closing date 3/18/13
Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Academy (SUIA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system. This half-time, contracted position's compensation is set according to education and experience, not less than \$11,917/year

Multi Purpose Facility Coordinator

Closing date 3/19/13
Assists Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park Facility Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park activities and basic office management. Assisting in the oversight/coordination of all regularly scheduled events and special events for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park. Pay grade 15: \$14.10/hour.

Youth Employment Coordinator (Temporary)

Closing date 3/19/13
Under general supervision of the Education Department Director, incumbent develops, plans,

implements, supervises and evaluates youth programs provided within the Southern Ute Tribe's Education Department. This is a seasonal, temporary position, working from April through September. Pay grade 16: \$15.63/hour.

Chief Medical Officer- Tribal Health Clinic

Closing date 3/20/13
Full time position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. This 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. This 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.

General Accountant

Closing date 3/20/13
Assists with daily transactional processing of all aspects of the Tribal business. Plays an integral part in the monthly and year-end closing and reporting processes. Responds to questions from General Ledger/Fixed Assets Manager, Controller, and tribal staff regarding general ledger entries or reports. Pay grade 20: \$23.01/hour.

Summer Youth In Natural Resources Crew Leader

Closing date 3/25/13
The work season is from May through September. The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR. Pay grade 14: \$13/hour.

Youth Employment Aide (Temporary)

Closing date 3/28/13
Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, assists in the planning, implementation, and supervision of activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This is a temporary, seasonal position working from May through August. Pay grade 12: \$11/hour.

Summer Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member

Closing date 4/22/13
Work season runs from June to August. Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crew Members are assembled into a four-man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management. Pay grade 11: \$10/hour.

TEAM Jobs Programs (Temporary)

Closing date 9/29/13
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 the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/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.

SUCCM – Job announcements

970-563-9583 • 77 County Road 517 • P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo. 81137 • info@succm.org

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is hiring for a part-time Museum Technician to begin in April. We are looking for a team player that can potentially function

in multiple departments depending on the need. Willing to perform a variety of duties specific to the department assigned. Pick up application at SUCCM.

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 • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com • *21 years or older

Kitchen Utility Steward, Graveyard shift (Full-time), Closing date 3/8/13

Cosmetologist (On-call), Closing date 3/8/13

***Craps Dealer (Full-time)**, Closing date 3/11/13

TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117 ext. 2294 • Laura Sanchez, Career Developer
Job descriptions and applications can be picked up from TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

Valet parking attendant – Sky Ute Casino

Closing date 3/11/13
American Valet. Must be at least 21 years old; have a High School Diploma or GED; able to drive a manual transmission; able to stand for entire shift; have a flexible schedule

to accommodate business; able to pass a background check and drug test; have a clean driving record (No more than 2 moving violations in a 39 month period); and able to abide by a strict dress code. TERO Preference will be enforced, however, all may apply.

BIA – Job announcements

Southern Ute Indian Agency • Ignacio, Colo.

The United States of America, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency, Ignacio, Colorado is advertising two Realty Specialist (Contracts Management) jobs. Both jobs are full time permanent. One position is a GS 5/7 (job announcement CRPA 50/13) with a salary range of \$31,315 to \$50,431. The other position is a GS-9/11 (job announcement CRPA 51/13) with a salary range of \$47,448.00 to \$74,628.00. The open period for applications is February 20, to

March 12. More information about the jobs and the application process can be found at USAJOBS. Type in REALTY SPECIALIST and IGNACIO, COLORADO. Then press Search and select Federal Employees on the left side of the page. Both job listings will appear for your review. Select "How to Apply" and follow the instructions. Any questions should be directed to the Agency Contact, Josie Montoya at telephone number 505-563-5128, or e-mail at Josie.Montoya@BIA.Gov.

Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for ONE REGULAR and TWO ALTERNATE Board Members!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for either the REGULAR or ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Friday, March 8th**, before 5:00 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, East Wing, of the Tribal Office.



IT'S YOUR VOTE • IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Southern Ute Election Board • P.O. Box 737, MS #32 • Ignacio, Co 81137-0787

Changes to Wood Yard Procedures Wood Program

The following changes have been made to the recently approved Woodyard Policy.

Section 6: Wood Services/Firewood Delivery/Firewood Pick Up

#5 The following wording has been removed. "and/or face prosecution."

Sweat Wood Delivery/Sweat Wood Pick Up

#5 The following wording has been removed. "and/or face prosecution."

Ignacio School District – Job Announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

Vocational woodshop teacher – Open until filled

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GROWTH FUND

Growth Fund awards top safety performers in 2012

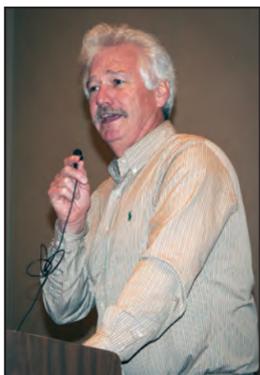
By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Dan Jefferson, safety and training coordinator for the Red Cedar Gathering Co., received the first-place Southern Ute Growth Fund 2012 Safety & Environmental Achievement Award on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

"It's a humbling experience. We come to work and do our job, and it's an honor to be recognized for doing a good job," he said during the Growth Fund's first Safety & Environmental Achievement Award Banquet. "There's a misconception about EHS [Environmental, Health & Safety]. EHS is not the enforcer of safety; we provide the tools and trainings, but it's up to the supervisors and managers to enforce the safety and [ensure] that the rules and policies are followed by their employees."

Jefferson started as an apprentice with West Gas in 1990 and stayed on when Red Cedar acquired the company in 1994. He served as plant operator from 1994 to 1998, then as operations supervisor from 1998 to 1999. He began work with Environmental, Health and Safety as process safety manager coordinator at the Arkansas Loop treating plant west of Ignacio from 1999 to 2001.

Serving as manager of plant operations from 2001 to 2005, Jefferson then became safety and training coordinator in 2005, responsible for an apprentice program. Jefferson also over-



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum Lynn Woomeer, manager of the Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group, coordinated and was the master of ceremonies of the awards banquet Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

sees computer-based safety training programs across the company.

Albert Brown, president and chief operating officer of Red Cedar, nominated Jefferson. Brown said he's worked with Jefferson on several projects.

Jefferson was crucial in

implementing a safety glass program and the Fire Retardant Clothing Program for Red Cedar, Brown said. Jefferson also helped reduce deer-strike incidents through the Smith Defensive Driving Program, he said

Jefferson conducts annual site inspections, ensuring the company is adhering to federal regulations through the Spill Prevention Control Countermeasures Program, which reduces the impact on the environment and ensures sites returned to their previous states.

For his prize, Jefferson received a plaque, a jacket embroidered with the Southern Ute tribal seal, and a \$150 Cabela's gift card.

The awards have been given since 2005, and up until this year, the awards were presented to the winners either at their offices or in regular safety meetings. Woomeer said he wants to make the banquet an annual event.

Last year's first place



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Safety and Training Coordinator Dan Jefferson (right) was awarded first place by the Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group. Executive Director of the Southern Growth Fund Bruce Valdez presented all nominees and winners their certificates and awards at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Thursday, Feb. 28.

winner was in Texas, and Woomeer flew down personally to give the award.

The Southern Ute Growth Fund strives to maintain safety, "ensuring all operations are conducted in a safe and environmentally conscientious manner and achieving full compliance with existing safety and environmental laws, rules, regulations and performance standards."

"All the nominees are winners, and they exemplify the policy of EHS," said Lynn Woomeer, regulatory compliance manager of the Growth Fund's Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group. "There is no compromise when complying with EHS, and the Growth Fund will adhere to all existing laws and policies."

Executive Director Bruce Valdez said safety has been a priority since the inception of the Growth Fund.

"I believe in safety from the top down," he said. "Our goal has always been to be safe ... and to send everyone home."

Steve Van Houton, construction coordinator for

Red Cedar, received the second-place award.

Director of Engineering Tom Weinheimer, who nominated Van Houton, said he "was doing a good job, and that warrants recognition."

Weinheimer lauded Van Houton's constant contact with contractors and all members of a project, saying he goes beyond "the ABCs of the permit" to anticipate and prevent problems early.

"Steve takes care of the land. ... He strives to preserve the land and the reputation of Red Cedar and the tribe, to be the caretakers of the land," he said. "The tribe and Red Cedar trust Steve to do a good job."

The third-place winner was Glen Anderson, a wastewater plant operator for the Southern Ute Utilities Division. Nominator Fred Robyns, himself a 2008 safety award recipient, acknowledged Glen as a "top hand" during years of working together.

As manager of tribal utilities, Anderson established a strict methodology working within the standards set

by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In 2007, the division received the EPA's Clean Water Act Recognition Award for its operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment facility.

"The tribe received an award for best advanced water-treatment plant, and Anderson had a strong role in that recognition by setting up the maintenance program," Robyns said. "He has a strong personality, a tenacious ability to focus — an extraordinary thing. Ten seconds or 10 days, he was going to get the job done. It was certain it to be accomplished successfully."

Other 2012 nominees included Jeff Bowman, Jared DeWitt, Jake Harter, Steve Marker, Pat Morrissey and Wayne VanDenberg. All nominees received a framed certificate and a \$50 Cabela's gift card.

"Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners," Valdez said. "As executive director and a tribal member, the job you put forth is well appreciated by me and others."

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 8

Rain/snow likely 53°F

Saturday, March 9

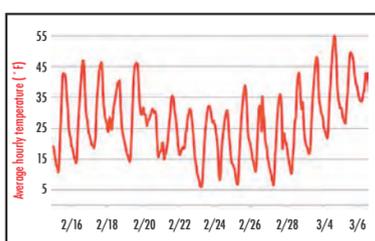
Snow likely 39°F

Sunday, March 10

Partly sunny 37°F

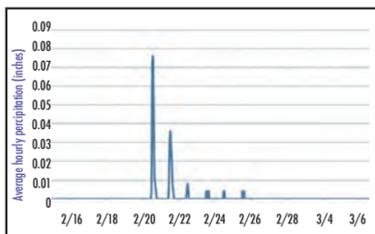


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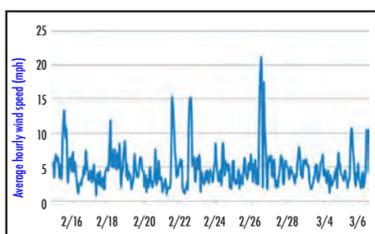
Temperature

High	55.0°
Low	5.9°
Average	26.9°
Average last year	28.9°



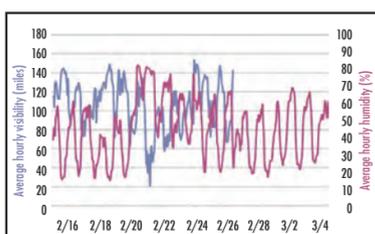
Precipitation

Total	0.39"
Total last year	0.44"



Wind speed

Average	4.8
Minimum	0.9
Maximum	21.0



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	105.4
Average humidity	54.2%

Air quality
Good

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

Options for managing prairie dogs

Staff report
SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

Of all the wildlife what we are blessed to have in this area none is more destructive and problematic than prairie dogs. We all know the potential hazards and risk they cause, ranging from spreading diseases to the damage caused by their digging. In the past few years it's been easy to notice the population of prairie dogs has increase dramatically, and as a result we've began to see their colonies spread. Often encroaching ever closer to where people live causing more and more problems and concerns. Controlling these nuisance animals can be difficult to say the least.

There are many options for prairie dog control available to use. You may choose one control method or combine control for better results. The best method for control depends on a lot of factors ranging from the site location, the amount of time and labor that can be afforded to the project, even time of the year and weather conditions to name a few. The most effective methods available to us involve the use of pesticides.

When pesticides are ap-

plied correctly they are a safe tool that poses little harm to humans and other animals. In open areas away from houses, like vacant lots and farm fields, several pesticides are available which offer the quickest and economical control of prairie dogs. However to protect people's health and safety while still allowing for their use, federal and state laws are in place to control the sale, application and even the storage of this types of pesticides. In Colorado pesticide applicators must become licensed by the State Department of Agriculture. For people wanting to control prairie dogs on their own land, especially agricultural fields and unused lands, a private pesticide applicator license is needed. To get the license you must pass a written exam. It is an easy process that can be done in two different ways. You can request the study materials and test, and then return the completed exam to the Colorado department of Agriculture or the test can be taken online. The cost is \$20.00 for the testing materials and the license fee is \$75. The total cost is \$95 and the license is valid for three years. Completing the requirements to attain

the license is fairly simple and does not require a lot of time. This licensing process gives instruction on how to correctly and safely apply pesticides. Getting the license then allows you to legally purchase and apply restricted use products. Even though pesticides are a good tool, they may not always be the best option. Although caution is always warranted, special caution should be used around houses. In areas where people live in close proximity to each other safe and effective methods are limited. We can't use the same method on every area and every site must be evaluated case by case. We encourage those with agricultural lands to obtain a Private Pesticide Applicators license to assist with prairie dog control, especially with the outlook for continued dry weather ahead of us. To learn more about different type of prairie dog control, or want more information about get a Private Pesticide Applicator License. The SUIT Agriculture Division is available to answer your questions and help with information about prairie dog control. Please come by the Agriculture Division offices or give us a call at 970-563-0220.