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To kids from one to 92



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Helen Dunn (left) is cheered by a Christmas joke told by a few Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students. Ignacio Senior Center residents got a special holiday treat Thursday, Dec. 12. Students from SUIMA made a visit to tell jokes, sing carols, and share a meal.

For more photos see page 6.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Vice Chairman Olguin wins re-election

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In 2010, James M. Olguin campaigned for a seat on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on the promise of a "vision for a stronger tomorrow."

Three years later, in an interview with the Drum following his Monday, Dec. 16 swearing in, Olguin said that promise has been largely fulfilled. The challenge now?

"Protecting our future," he said, echoing the slogan he repeated often in the months before this year's election.

"We built up to where we are now," Olguin said, referring to what he sees as recent improvements to the council's efficiency and overall management of tribal organizations. "We've got to make sure we protect that."

Chief among the council's achievements over the past three years, Olguin said, is its "elevated" perspective: The group now deals less with routine Permanent Fund issues and more with setting the course for the entire tribe for the long term.

"Our job now is to take this opportunity to continue



to build," he said. "Being ingrained in the day-to-day affairs of the Permanent Fund is over. Keep the big picture in mind: It's the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, not the Permanent Fund, not the Growth Fund, not the casino."

Increases in the council's efficiency, especially with respect to technology, have facilitated that change, Olguin said. Council members are now dealing primarily with electronic documents and doing much of their work on the computer, reducing the length of weekly meetings and enabling the council to respond better to

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Mary Guenther/SU Education Dept.

Motivational speaker Howard Rainer addresses a group of students in the Ignacio High School gym on Friday, Dec. 6.

LOCAL EDUCATION

Youth conference promotes leadership, confidence

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Motivational speaker and Taos Pueblo member Howard Rainer visited Ignacio Dec. 6 and 7 to speak to local students about leadership in a Native American setting.

Rainer met with 13 young Southern Ute tribal members at the Ignacio High and Ignacio Middle schools Friday, Dec. 6, and with community educators later that evening. The following day, another 25 tribal members and descendants met at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for a leadership conference hosted by the Southern Ute Education Department.

Rainer addressed both leadership principles, including learning from one's ancestors, and helpful tips, such as the importance of maintaining eye contact.

In thank-you letters sent to the Southern Ute Tribal Council following the event,

"Mr. Rainer taught us the simplest details in our lives can be used to make each and every one of us a better person, from the firmness of a handshake to being a person who is willing to stand out of the crowd."

— Keifer GoodTracks-Alires

many participants said they learned skills they'll put to use immediately.

"Thank you for giving us this conference, letting us young natives have a chance to learn from a great leader," wrote Keifer GoodTracks-Alires. "Mr. Rainer taught us the simplest details in our lives can be used to make each and every one of us a better person, from the firmness of a handshake to being a person who is willing to stand out of the crowd."

Jack Frost III said the confidence-building techniques Rainer taught would help him develop lifelong skills.

"Some of the things I have learned are to show confidence when speaking and to make eye contact," he wrote. "We should do this more often."

Roshae Weaver said the conference empowered her to face future challenges.

"He showed me how to be a leader and to overcome obstacles in life. I truly learned a lot," she wrote.

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

Historic NAGPRA signing honors tribal culture

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In 1990, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act was established to ensure the return of cultural remains, funerary pieces, and objects of cultural significance to affiliated Indian tribes.

But thousands of these items remain waiting for reburial due to lack of available lands.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks, along with Manuel Heart, Juanita Plentyhols, and Regina-Lopez Whiteskunk of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, assembled Friday, Dec. 13 at the History Colorado Center in Denver for the historic signing of a memorandum of understanding that will help solve the problem.

State and federal agencies participating in the signing included the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs.

"I want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for all the people who worked on this," GoodTracks said. "There was a lot of hard work, and one of the things I recognized in those agencies and the state of Colorado staff is they understood where the tribe was coming from."

Ernest House Jr., executive director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, described the sensitivity of the issue.

"Years ago, when our



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks (right) is joined by representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the state of Colorado for the signing of a memorandum of understanding on Friday, Dec. 13 at the History Colorado Center in Denver. The agreement will help provide lands for the reburial of sacred and cultural objects.

tribal leaders came to museums and institutions ... they would find these Native American [remnants] in boxes and stored away in a locked room, never to be dealt with again," he said. "There would never be any information as to where they came from or where they went. This has obviously been an issue and one of the first issues that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs was created in 1976 to address."

Ed Nichols, president and CEO of History Colorado, said the agreement was long in the making.

"This is a tribal driven effort that was started a long time ago," he said. "I think as we look at the accomplishment of having federal, state, and tribal representatives at a single table, I can only express our gratitude of being apart of that and participating in what we do."

The NAGPRA goes through a process in which

museums and agencies determine the rights of certain pieces – funerary objects, cultural remains, sacred items – to the lineal descendants connected to the Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. If the descendants cannot be identified, the objects go to the associated tribes.

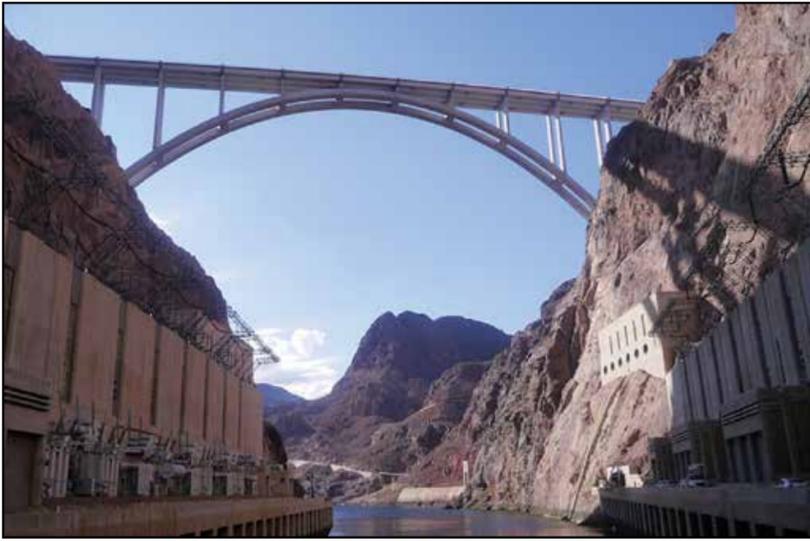
The act does not explicitly address reinterment of these objects. But since its formation in 1990, hundreds of remains have been reburied.

The signing of the memorandum officially began as the representing signatories came to the table one by one. A round of applause roared through the room as history took place.

Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe chairman, expressed his thanks to the committee.

"Today is an honor for two Ute tribes," he said. "Honor and respect the heritage

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courtesy Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

The view from the base of the Hoover Dam near Las Vegas, NV.

COUNCIL CORNER

History of the development of the Ten Tribes Partnership

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Along the Colorado River, there are 29 tribes within the seven Colorado River Basin states with entrusted water rights in excess of 2.9 million acres.

When the Colorado River Compact was signed in 1922, the tribes were not included in the deal, which allocated water between the Upper and Lower Basins. Congress did state that nothing in the compact would affect the United States' obligation to the tribes.

The Colorado River had been used by Indian tribes well before the compact. Indian tribes along the Colorado River have used the river's floods to irrigate bottom lands. Since 1867, Congress has recognized the importance of the river waters to the tribes, signaling so by authorizing \$50,000 to construct an irrigation canal on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, making this project the first federally funded irrigation project in the United States.

In 1904, legislation authorized the United States to utilize new reclamation policies to increase irrigation on the Fort Yuma and Colorado River Indian reservations.

Since 1922, the tribes and the United States have continued to increase their presence with respect to the Colorado River.

The Parker Dam and Reservoir was built to provide water to southern California via the Colorado River Aqueduct and to control river flows and flood waters. Congress took tribal allotted land from the Chemehuevi Reservation in California for the construction of the dam, and all the fertile land bottoms were condemned and residents relocated off the reservation to construct the dam and build Lake Havasu.

Afterward, the United States' involvement in the Indian waters progressed, prompting the Arizona v. California case in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1963. Arizona expressed the need to determine its share of water from the Colorado River in order to obtain federal allocations for the Central Arizona Project. Issues arose from the southwestern states, the tribes and the government concerning the allocation of the Colorado River water.

The United States intervened to proclaim the reserved water rights of the five Indian reservations on the lower reaches of the mainstream of the Colorado River; these tribes included the Fort Mojave, the Chemehuevi, the Colorado River



courtesy Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

A team of Southern Ute employees poses for a photo during a visit to the Hoover Dam.

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Indian, the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation, and the Cocopah Indian Community.

As a result of the litigation, the Boulder Canyon Project Act was passed and the water rights of the five Indian tribes were included and entitled to priority. It also established the standard for those reserved water rights that those five tribes are entitled to for agricultural purposes. This brought forth the importance of tribal reserved water rights in the West.

In 1988, Congress ratified the Colorado Ute Settlement Act, which measured all of the water rights of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe. Some of those water rights are in direct stream flow and others in storage projects, such as the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project and the Dolores Project.

Under the Dolores Project, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is developing 61,000 acre-feet for the irrigation of agriculture. One of the most critical components of the Colorado Ute Indian settlement is the construction of the Animas-La Plata Project, which, among other things, provides water supplies to both tribes for irrigation and municipal and

industrial purposes.

Under the settlement, both tribes received a development fund to assist in reviving their impoverished economies. Following this act, in 1992 Congress enacted a similar act with the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, representing a full and final settlement of the future use water rights claims of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe to the waters of the Colorado River.

In the same year, the Ute Indian Settlement provided the Ute Tribe of Utah with a considerable development fund to compensate for the failure of the federal government to complete Central Utah Project storage facilities for the Ute Tribe. The act provided economic benefit to the tribe in an effort to place it on the same level they would have benefitted from had there been construction of the facilities in the 1985 deferred agreement.

The act also recognizes Congress' consent to the 1990 Ute Water Compact, which quantifies the tribe's reserved water rights. The act recognizes the compact must also be approved by the tribe and the state of Utah; to this date, neither has done so.

Because of these historic makings, the Ten Tribes formed the Colorado River Basin Tribes Partnership for the purpose of strengthening tribal influence over the management and utilization of Colorado River water resources. In 1996, the Ten Tribes Partnership formally joined the Colorado River Water Users Association, with three of its members serving on the board of trustees.

The tribes comprising the partnership are the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Jicarilla Apache, Ute Tribe of Utah, Fort Mojave, Cocopah Indian Community, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Quechan Indian Tribe of Fort Yuma, Chemehuevi and the Navajo Nation. Since its development, the Ten Tribes has worked with seven basin states, the United States, and CRUWA to develop and endorse solutions to areas of concern.



SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Students and staff from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted their annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at the Sky Ute Casino Pavilion. Judging from the smiles, laughs and applause, it was a fitting kick-off to the holiday season for the parents and families of those who have children enrolled.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 24, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Angelina Vicenti leads the Southern Ute Education Center Choir in song. Vicenti and the choir caroled for the attendees at the '93 Southern Ute Christmas Program.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 24, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Judge Pearl Casias is served at the annual tribal Christmas dinner. Steven Herrera (left) was one of the servers.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 30, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUCAP ANNOUNCES NEW YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. (SUCAP) would like to announce that our Youth Services Division has restructured staffing to better serve the Ignacio community. This restructure has added a Division Director position, while retaining two full time program managers, and several part time employees. This change will allow for increased capacity, as well as increased diversity in programming provided, while maintaining greater fidelity to grant obligations. Programming currently being provided by SUCAP Youth Services includes: Club Venture, a character development program; Curiosity, an academic enrichment program; Peer Leaders Uniting Students, a leadership and bully prevention program; and Friday

drop in programming at the Teen Center and Overdrive events. The Youth Services Division aims to continually improve upon services provided to youth in the Ignacio and surrounding communities; and hopes to continue to grow for that purpose. SUCAP Youth Services is located in Ignacio, CO. For more information please call 970-563-4127.

TRIBAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS

This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Christmas Day. On the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally for New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.



OLGUIN WINS RE-ELECTION • FROM PAGE 1



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

James M. Olguin recites an oath of office in the Tribal Council Chambers on Monday, Dec. 16. Olguin garnered 53.3 percent of votes in the Friday, Dec. 13 runoff election.

urgent issues, he said.

All of Indian Country has begun to look at the Southern Ute Tribe as a leader in many areas, and maintaining that reputation will take leaders committed to strategic planning for the future, he said.

"We can go backward very easily if there's not a plan. People are watching us," he said.

Olguin said it's important to acknowledge the work of dedicated staff in getting the

tribe to this point.

"It's the competence of the staff that's really making us who we are today," he said, also stressing the importance of placing tribal members in key roles. "They see a future here in which greater things can come forth."

Going forward, Olguin said his goals are threefold: developing a plan to maintain momentum, improving relations with the U.S. Bu-

reau of Indian Affairs, and keeping the tribal member at the forefront of all the council's considerations.

"At the end of the day, if we don't keep the membership in mind, then why are we doing this?" he said.

Finally, Olguin wished all tribal members "happy holidays and a safe celebration."

"Thanks to the members that voted," he said. "It's good to be back."

SIGNING HONORS CULTURE • FROM PAGE 1

of our tribal members that roamed these lands. We have to respectfully put those back into the ground as we strength mother nature in the proper and traditional way as native people."

"It's good to be in such a position, with great work that has been done, and for the voice to be heard in terms of leadership," said Juanita Plentyholes, vice chairan of

the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. "I honor each and every one of you for coming here for such a wonderful point in our history."

GoodTracks concluded with her thanks.

"When you look at the hallmarks of humanity, it not only includes how you treat the living, but how you treat the [deceased]," she said. "I think we have

treated these individuals of our ancestors with that type of dignity. This is definitely going to be a national model that [follows] the testament of the agencies and partners we worked with in looking at challenges and finding solutions. The state of Colorado will once again be at the forefront in clearing a pathway for other states to follow."

SACRED VAULT FOCUS GROUP

For Southern Ute Tribal Members.

FRIDAY JANUARY 10TH, 2014

5:00PM-6:30PM

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

To be held in the large classroom.



Come join SUCCM in an informative discussion on the professional storing and protection of your most valuable traditional/ ceremonial items. Our newest grant has allowed for the funding of a vault/ storage area dedicated to Southern Ute tribal members, which will provide a functional repository for cultural and ceremonial pieces when not in use. This type of cultural vault, with an emphasis on accessibility to tribal members, will be the first of it's kind in any museum. Lets combine our ideas and concerns to make this sacred vault a model for tribal Museums around the world.

For more information contact: Tallas Cantsee (970) 563-9583 ext. 3608 email: tcantsee@southernute-nsn.gov

Health Center holiday schedule

- New Years Eve Dec. 31 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- New Years Day Jan. 1 Closed
- Days after New Year's Day Jan. 2-3 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CULTURAL UPDATE

POWWOW COMMITTEE NEEDS TWO LOGOS

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee needs two (2) new logos for the powwow posters this year. We are looking for something that represents our Powwow's, the Bear Dance and Fair Powwow.

- Artwork should be original and must be signed and dated by the artist.
- Must measure 8"x10".
- Must be in a medium that is print friendly
- Pen & ink, acrylics, oil, watercolor, gouache, (no pencils please).
- Deadline Jan. 24, 2014, 5 p.m.
- Winning artwork will be awarded \$200/ per logo.
- Open to all American Indian Artists.

For more information contact Edward Box III at 970-779-8940.

CULTURAL CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS & SUNRISE SERVICE

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will be closed for a holiday break Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2014, re-opening Jan. 2. The public is invited to celebrate the New Year at a Sunrise Ceremony on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 beginning at 7 a.m. The museum will have free admission and a host of activities throughout the day from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

MUSEUM EXTENDS RAFFLE FOR ATV TO FEB. 14

The board of directors of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has extended the drawing date for the Honda ATV raffle until noon, Feb. 14, 2014. Only 2,000 total tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at the museum front desk, from board members and staff, and by phone with a credit card by calling 970-563-9583.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH 2014
7 A.M. UNTIL 4 P.M.

For more information please call SUCCM after January 2nd
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Snow removal priority list is as follows:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Tribal Elders and Disabled Tribal Members
3. All other Tribal Home Owners

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- ~ Please pick up all personal or valuable items PRIOR to large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them. For example: bikes, yard ornaments, garden hoses, vehicles, toys etc.
- Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that crews can get in and out in a timely manner

****TRIBAL MEMBERS ON OXYGEN****

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- Construction Service Division >>> 563-0260
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- Motor Pool >>> 563-0280
- SUIHA >>> 563-4575
- Custom Farms >>> 563-0220
- Grounds Maint. >>> 563-0272



Ignacio schools open new office



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Members of the Ignacio School District administration and school board cut the ribbon at the new Ignacio School District Administration Building on Thursday, Dec. 12. The building is located just west of the Ignacio High School.

Ignacio School Board President Toby Roderick (right) gives Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Member Alex S. Cloud a tour of the administration building following the ribbon cutting.



Needham students visit museum



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students of the Needham Elementary School from Durango gather in the lobby of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Thursday, Dec. 19 to learn about Southern Ute history and to tour the museum. They learned about traditional songs and attire and designed their own dream catchers.



Trinity Taylor demonstrates to students the various types of traditional clothing and what they represent.

Local students meet council



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Students from the Ignacio High School toured the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's campus Friday, Dec. 13. Along the way, they had a meeting in the Tribal Council Chambers with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Alex S. Cloud and Melvin J. Baker.

SunUte Community Center holiday hours

- New Years Eve Dec. 31 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- New Years Day Jan. 1 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Jan. 1	(Winter Break)	Feb. 5	Class
Jan. 8	Class	Feb. 12	Class
Jan. 15	Class	Feb. 19	Class
Jan. 22	Last class	March 5	Class
		March 13	Class
		March 19	Class
Jan. 29	Class	April 2	(Spring Break)
Feb. 26	Class	April 9	Class
March 26	Class	April 16	Class
April 30	Last class	April 23	Class
		May 7	Class
		May 14	Last class

NOTE: Only STEM classes meet the last Wednesday of each month

ALL CLASSES MEET ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
Culture Department



TAMALE MAKING

Monday December 30, 2013

Cultural Center Kitchen

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Attn: Tribal Members

Come learn to make tamales....

Learn new methods

Share your cooking secrets...

Have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate with friends and make tamales!



For more Information:

Culture Department

970-563-0100 ext. 3620 to sign up.

Bring your apron.

Attention Parents
Boys & Girls Club Memberships **EXPIRE**
Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

Renew your Childs membership at the Boys & Girls Club front office. Located downstairs at the SunUte Community Center.

(Does not include the summer fee)
\$5.00 Tribal Member/ First Descendant Club Members
\$15.00 Non-Tribal Club Members

Please have your Memberships renewed by:
Friday, January 3rd, 2014

EDUCATION UPDATE

ATTENTION GED STUDENTS

If you are a GED student working toward completing your GED credential, there are some major changes you need to know about. Starting January 2, 2014, students trying to earn their GED will take the new 2014 GED test. That means that students who are testing today must finish up all five subject area tests of the, now old, 2002 Series GED Test by December 31 or start from scratch with the 2014 GED test. In other word, if you have passed some of the 5

required tests but do not complete all of them before December 31, your work will be lost. If this is you, and you don't wish to start over, do this ... Get on the GED website www.gedcomputer.com today. Register and create an account. Schedule a test time. There is not much time to save your work up to this point. If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) or Renee Sage (Office Manager) at 970-563- 0237.



IHS BOYS'/GIRLS' BASKETBALL

IHS hosts, splits with co-ed crew

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Considering it was Friday the 13th, something unusual was bound to happen.

And happen it did to the Ignacio girls' junior-varsity basketball team, expecting to simply be spectators at that evening's attraction.

"We actually found out at about 11 o'clock this morning. We did not know, and our coach had no idea either until [Rocky] Cundiff, our athletic director, told us," said guard Tori Archuleta, after the Lady Bobcats' unplanned engagement with the fledgling, rebuilding Silverton Miners, following the slated game between SHS and Trae Seibel's C-team Bobcat boys. "And we thought ... that there was going to be another [an all-girl] team. ... That wasn't the case!"

"You know, we don't see Silverton all the time and you get a little mix in there with the co-ed," said coach Dylaina Morelli. "It's neat to play against them so you have to play against girls and boys. It's a little bit of a challenge. But it was great to play a different team."

Behind 11 points apiece from guards Isaiah Harrison and Brandon Bigleggins, Ignacio's C-team boys had few problems in blasting the Miners by 31, 53 to 22, with Silverton center Will Custer (who hit 14-of-25 at the free-throw line) booking every one of his side's points.

Hitting two three-pointers, guard Austin McCaw netted eight for the Cats, guard Xavier Reynolds totaled seven and center Joao Campos had seven—all in the first quarter—as well.

"But we keep our heads up, and with this team ... even if we lose by 20, or how-many-ever points," Custer said, "we're going to keep our heads high, and the next game we're going to ... compete."

And with Custer going off for another 20, compete SHS did—leading the IHS ladies 11-7 after one quarter thanks to eight Custer points, two from guard Alexis Gallegos and a free throw from forward Levi Lokey. But when Custer casually retreated to the bench with a bloodied nose, Lady



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum
Ignacio JV forward Selena Cook has a slight edge on Silverton's Derrick Zanon (3) in this race for a loose ball during the Lady Bobcats' Friday, Dec. 13 home loss to the co-ed Miner varsity.

Bobcat Alejandra Lujan was able to net six of her team-high 11 points to keep IHS close.

"I think she might have been the one who hit me in the face!" laughed Custer afterwards. "But she's a really fierce competitor, and I think this also shows whether you play boys or girls ... there's going to be competitors. We knew coming in these girls were going to ... compete as hard as we were."

Two lay-ins by forward Ernesto Saldana kept Silverton just enough in the clear, and a late three-point play by Custer helped the Miners lead 20-13 at halftime. Helping the Lady Cats win the third quarter, 12 points to eight, Lujan gave Ignacio their lone lead (25-24) with 2:09 left before Miner guard Hannah deKay swiped it back with a layup at the other end before fouling out hustling with 1:26 left.

Silverton led just 28-25 heading into their night's eighth frame of hoops, but a tense race to the finish never materialized; IHS managed just a Veronica Gonzales FT (a rarity in itself; Ignacio was a woeful 2-of-13 at the stripe), while the Miners got two Gallegos

points and five from Custer in a 35-26 win.

"But they did a lot better; when we played [Dec. 10, the varsity of 1A] Shiprock [N.M.] Northwest it was no offense. ... Try and score, try and score," Morelli said. "Today they actually slowed it down ... working their passes, working on their up-fakes and trying to go in, trying to communicate better. That was a whole different [Ignacio] team than the Shiprock game!"

"They kept asking me, 'What're we going to do? What're we going to do?' because the JV boys blew [Silverton] out," she added. "I was like, 'We're going to run our plays! Because you need to work on running your plays!' We need to focus on ... getting those passes, swagging the ball, hustling, rebounding."

Selena Cook and Sharmaine Price each scored four points in the loss and Gonzales three.

"It takes everybody to do their part," Archuleta (four points) said. "Our coach always says, 'It's not about the score; it's about the journey.' So win or lose we're still ... going to work together as a team."

IHS WRESTLING

Bobcats devour Dawg Fight, Dolores

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A Junior Bulls entrant in last month's 2013 American Youth Bull-Riding Finals, held in Ignacio, Stocker Robbins has found a few more beastly opponents recently in 106-pound division wrestling.

One unfortunate biper (from 4A Kirtland, N.M., Central), however—ridden and dragged about one of Dove Creek High School's three mats to the tune of a 17-0 technical fall—was no match for the Bobcat, as the rapidly-rising Robbins took third (after losses to highly-rated foes from Del Norte and Walsenburg John Mall) place at the weight on Saturday, Dec. 14 at DC's annual "Dawg Fight."

Ignacio, as a team, finished no less than first with none of its eight grapplers placing lower than third. Led by 145-pound champ Iaasic Peña, 170-pound winner Blaine Mickey and 182-pound victor Christian Knoll—each a 4-0 unbeaten—the Cats amassed 126.5 points to better the local Bulldogs' 83.

Farmington, N.M., came in third with 79.5. Norwood (66) was fourth and Dolores (60) fifth.

Lorenzo Peña (also an AYBR Finals Junior Bulls entrant) was third at 138 pounds for IHS, after a semifinals loss to Bayfield's Colter McMenimen—the weight's eventual winner, and the meet's Lower Weight Outstanding Wrestler. Ethan Appenzeller, youngest brother of former Bobcat state champion, now-assistant coach Jacob Appenzeller, took second at 126—helped by a pin of BHS's Clay Crawford.

Miguel "Mike" Perez, at 152 pounds, placed sec-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum
Ignacio's Iaasic Peña prepares to put the finishing pressure upon Montezuma-Cortez's Briggs Durbin during their 145-pound match inside IHS Gymnasium as part of the Bobcats' first home dual of the 2013-14 season. Ignacio defeated the under-manned Panthers 45-18 on Thursday, Dec. 12, and a week later downed Dolores in their first San Juan Basin League dual of the season.

ond for Ignacio and Josh Gallegos did likewise at 220 after a loss to NHS's Blayde Harrigan, named the 15-team tourney's Upper Weight O/W.

Cody Haga's crew then hosted Dolores in San Juan Basin League dual action on Thursday, Dec. 19, and quickly cruised to a 45-18 win inside IHS Gymnasium. The Bears forfeited away 30 points, but received 12 back, duty-free, from Ignacio to at least have some flicker of hope.

But with the Cats again buoyed by Robbins, it was destined to fade out.

The youngster's rampage continued with a first-period pin of Brandon Ward, and he also picked up an exhibition-grade victory over 113-pound Bear Tristan Medina—himself a "Dawg Fight" champ. Iaasic Peña defeated Guy Wallace 7-3 at 145, but Perez (who had transferred to IHS from DHS) lost by second-period pin to Deano Valdez.

Appenzeller, 132-pounder Charles Rohde, Mickey, Knoll and Gallegos all won by forfeit prior to Ignacio attending the Dec. 21st Piedra

Vista Panther Invitational down in Farmington.

'DAWG FIGHT' TEAM RESULTS: 1.IGNACIO 126.5, 2.Dove Creek 83, 3.Farmington (N.M.) 79.5, 4.Norwood 66, 5.Dolores 60, 6.Del Norte 55, 7.Bayfield 43.5, 8.Kirtland (N.M.) Central 42.5, 9.Blanding (Utah) San Juan 34, 10.Sargent 30, 11.Walsenburg John Mall 27, 12.Kirtland (N.M.) Central JV 26, 13.Mancos 22, 14.Farmington (N.M.) JV 17.5, 15.Nucla 4.

THE TOP 'DAWGS': 106—Jonathan Andreatta, Walsenburg John Mall; 113—Tristan Medina, Dolores; 120—Cobey Hamblin, Farmington (N.M.); 126—Case Baughman, Dove Creek; 132—Chance Randolph, Dove Creek; 138—Colter McMenimen, Bayfield; 145—Iaasic Peña, Ignacio; 152—Luke Haefeli, Del Norte; 160—Jens Grover, Blanding (Utah) San Juan; 170—Blaine Mickey, Ignacio; 182—Christian Knoll, Ignacio; 195—Jason Murphy, Walsenburg John Mall; 220—Blayde Harrigan, Norwood; 285—Damien Nieblas, Norwood.

SOUTHERN PEAKS CONFERENCE

SPC football getting new look in '14?

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

CHSAA Football Committee members met Thursday, Dec. 5 to finalize proposed conference assignments for the next two-year athletics cycle, beginning with the 2014 season.

But the new shifts and moves must be approved by the association's Legislative Council at its January 30, 2014, meeting before becoming official.

Under the plans, Ignacio's status as a member of the Southern Peaks Conference would not change, but the SPC as a whole could if a proposed alteration happens, with the new look also af-

fecting other areas of Class 1A's 11-man and eight-man gridiron realms.

The re-tooled Mountain Conference (eight-man) would absorb Del Norte from the SPC (11-man), where former SPC program Sargent already has called home now for a couple seasons. The Tigers would join the Farmers as well as Sierra Grande, Sanford and Mosca Sangre de Cristo in the loop from out of the San Luis Valley, as well as Dove Creek and Mancos from west of Wolf Creek Pass.

The SoPeaks—still with IHS, Centauri, Monte Vista, Center and Dolores—would then welcome in Walsenburg John Mall (1-8 overall

in 2013, lone win came at home versus DNHS) from the 1A Tri-Peaks, which would officially gain Pueblo Dolores Huerta Preparatory High (joining Buena Vista, Ellicott, Peyton, Rye and Salida) but lose Westcliffe Custer County and Colorado Springs Christian School.

Custer County's Bobcats would join the Southern Conference (eight-man; with Cripple Creek-Victor, Fowler, Hoehne, Kiowa, Simla, Swink), while CSCS's Lions would become part of the South Central Conference (11-man) with Byers, Calhan, Ordway Crowley County, Limon and Rocky Ford.

Bobcats square off



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Anthony Manzanera (10) whips a pass away from a Bloomfield, N.M., defender during IHS's 65-48 road win on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Clayton Jefferson paced IHS with 23 points and Anderson Jones was close behind with 19, dropping BHS to 2-4 overall. The Cats, which entered the game ranked fifth in the most recent CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, improved to a sizzling 6-0 prior to hosting defending 3A State Champions Pagosa Springs (2-2) on Friday, Dec. 20.

Ignacio's Roshae Weaver (11) battles to tip a rebound away from Bloomfield, N.M.'s Tashai Werito (22) during IHS's 42-38 road loss on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Gabriela Garcia led IHS with 12 points, and Ellie Seibel contributed four points and 11 rebounds, but BHS improved to 2-4 overall. The Lady Cats, which lost guard Sky Cotton (seven points) due to a knee injury in the second quarter, dipped to 1-4.

FLC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Herrera's dynamic 'D' gets its due

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fort Lewis College, during the past few seasons, always seems to have big things brewing.

Virtually none, however, have outsized former Ignacio High big man Alex Herrera—who was named Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference defensive player of the week for a second time this winter. Officially recognized Mon-

day, Dec. 16, Herrera was saluted for his work in a 97-93 overtime win two nights before in Alamosa, Colo., against Adams State University. Herrera swatted away eight Grizzly shots—already the third game in his college career in which he has so done—and scored 20 points (4-of-5 FG, 12-of-16 FT) and pulled down seven rebounds.

Fort Lewis entered the Dec. 20-21 weekend 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the

RMAC, but results from the Skyhawks' road games at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction and at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison were unavailable before the Drum's early Christmas deadline.

Going into those contests, Herrera leads the loop in rejections with 28, rebounding average (10 per) and field goal accuracy (63.8 percent, 51-of-80), and ranks second in scoring average (21.9 per game).



Christmas dinner, program fills Events Center



Academy students share the stage in a collaborative performance combining holiday carols and cover songs.



A special nativity scene re-enactment with a Native American twist graced the stage.

The holiday celebration came early at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Saturday, Dec. 21, where the annual tribal Christmas dinner took place. Plenty of food and holiday goodies were available to the packed room. Guests were treated with the music of Derrick Naranjo and various performance acts, including a sing-along with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. A special nativity reenactment took place before Santa Claus made his appearance for all the boys and girls. The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Musuem handed out bags of treats to attendees once the event concluded.



Derrick Naranjo gives an acoustic performance during the holiday program.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum

Stuffing bags of treats



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bags of treats are set and ready to be distributed at the tribal Christmas dinner.



Henry Whiteskunk grabs a handful of treats to stuff into bags full of tasty goodies.



Santa isn't the only guest. Assistance came from this green, hairy helper who was quite the Grinch.



Santa visits SunUte



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe members and staff give a wide smile with Santa Claus on Monday, Dec. 23 in the SunUte Community Center.

Ugly sweater abound



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Employees of the Southern Ute Permanent Fund displayed ornaments, lights, and plenty of bad taste Tuesday, Dec. 24 during an Ugly Sweater Contest in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building's Hall of Warriors. The Executive Office sponsored the contest, which gave top honors to Lisa Burch Frost (far right) for her Christmas poncho.

Bar D Wranglers play Head Start



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The Bar D Wranglers stopped by the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start on Wednesday, Dec. 18 to play a special Christmas set for the kids. Matt Palmer (left) plays a fiddle solo while the rest of the band keeps the rhythm.

SUIMA students visit seniors



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students brought holiday cheer to the Ignacio Senior Center during a special holiday visit Thursday, Dec. 12.

Head Start celebrates season



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ray Coriz (left), chief of police, poses with his son during a surprise visit by Santa Claus during the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Illuminating Christmas



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Weeminuche Kateri group of the San Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio erected a tipi and a dream catcher wrapped in lights, illuminating Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. The display was erected and lit Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.



Students take a moment to pose for a photo with St. Nick after proclaiming their Christmas wishes.

Treats were handed out to the children and parents who lined the gymnasium to meet Father Christmas.



SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Miss Southern Ute

Mique,
I hope you all find joy and happiness in the upcoming holidays and enjoy spending time with your families. I would like to update you all on some of the events I have been to representing the Southern Ute Tribe.

September 13, 2013, I was crowned Miss Southern Ute 2013-2014 at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. September 28, I attended the Ignacio Centennial celebration. On October 11, I traveled to the San Manuel Powwow in San Bernardino California. I attended the Shiprock Fair Powwow October 4. October 25, I traveled to Mesa Arizona for a powwow and I also attended the Fort McDowell Powwow November 15.

I also have made a few appearances including our tribal Thanksgiving dinner, the American Youth Bull Riding Finals, and I walked in the Leonard C. Burch Memorial Poker Walk/Run. In recognition of Native American month, the royalty was fortunate to attend a City of Durango city council meeting where the Mayor of Durango, Dick White, announced the proclamation of American Indian Heritage Month. It was truly an honor to be a part of that presentation not only as a representative of the Southern Ute Tribe, but also as a Native American.

We also attended a presentation to the schools November 26 where we danced and talked about our traditions in recognition of Native American Month.

As for December, we have our annual Tribal Christmas Dinner and program. We hope you all can attend as we have a special



presentation and give away during the dinner and program that we are all very excited to share with you.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming powwows and events. Thank you so much for all your support and guidance.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Tog'oiak',
Amber Doughty
Miss Southern Ute
2013-2014*

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Southern Ute Brave

Hello everyone

My name is Nathan Maes Jr. I am your Southern Ute Little Brave 2013-2014. I am first of all very proud to be chosen to represent our tribe.

In these last three months I have been to four powwows. I have been to the Southern Ute Fair Powwow, the Veterans Powwow, the mini powwow at the Southern Ute Museum, and one away powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah for the Thanksgiving Powwow.

I enjoyed myself helping and making people smile and laugh at the tribal thanksgiving dinner as well and hope to see everyone at the Christmas dinner this month. I have enjoyed myself learning and meeting new friends on the powwow trail.

Thank you for giving me this chance to learn more about my tradition and honor of being the Southern Ute Little Brave. May creator bless everyone with a very happy holiday season.



*Thank you,
Nathan Maes Jr.
Southern Ute Brave
2013-2014*

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays



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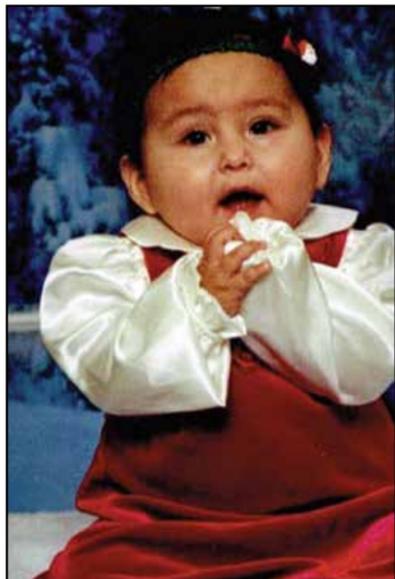
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- Nov. 10-11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 10 Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 25-26 Christmas



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO MY LOVING CHILDREN

Happy Holidays to my loving children, Stais, Dermarr, Autumn and Perah Merry Christmas and lets enjoy our holidays.
Love mom



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRISTEN!

Hope you had a wonderful birthday! We all love you very much!
Love, Mom, grandma, uncle, auntie, brother and baby



HUSKY HOWLER AWARD

Christen Whiteskunk-Heart
Second Grade - Ms. Hoar
Nominated by Ms. Barb
You cannot imagine my delight and surprise when I was given the letter that Christen wrote to Officer Burke as an example of a young lady who is striving to not only be principled herself, but also to spread her values into her community. I am so excited to be able to honor Christen with a Husky for being thoughtful and principled. Christen is very concerned about putting an end to stealing in Durango. She is passionate about fairness and is doing something about it. Way to be principled Christen!
ANIMAS VALLEY ELEMENTARY

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Red families and the Ortiz families. Live, Love, Laugh and enjoy your time with your loved ones.
Love you all - Robert L. Ortiz



CONGRATULATIONS LONI!

To our daughter, Loni Acevedo, for earning her Associates Degree in Nursing this past Dec. 11, 2013. We know you have worked very hard and it is difficult being a mother of two and a full-time student. We are very proud of you and we love you very much!!
Toby and Jeri Mestas

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY SON!

Joseph, it has been a joy and pleasure Watching you grow into the smart, Loving, silly boy you are today no one Could have asked for a better son.
Momma loves you big boy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. JOEY!

I'm very glad to call you my nephew and also a son.
I've seen you grow from a tiny baby to a very outgoing boy!
I love you very much and so does your cousin.
Love Auntie Sue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDPA BEAR!

May your day be filled with Joy, Happiness and Football. Many more to come!
Love Joey, Aeden, Suzi & Shiri

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY WISHES

To Green, Gloria & Niko, Sister Marietta, Abel & kids, Brother Derrick, Leigha & Indy, and Loren. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, wishing you all a blessed New Year. Love you all and God bless you.
Love Geneva, Kenneth and family

Xavier, Jazz & Ivan wishing all 3 of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Love you all, God bless.
Love your Mom, Dad & sisters

To all my uncles, aunties & relatives wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And that's my wishes. Thank you and Merry Christmas to you and your staff for doing a great job.
*Geneva Gomez
Kitchen Manager, SUIMA*

COLLINS HOLIDAY DEDICATION

Wishing my wife and son along with all my family and friends happy holidays and a very happy new year! GO BRONCOS!!!
Trennie Collins

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♊ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS CAPRICORN! A potent NEW MOON in your sign launches a personal cycle that's sure to improve your outlook. January's attention grabbing planetary lineup has you in the right place, at the right time. But don't let it go to your head. PLUTO'S ongoing trek through Capricorn might have you acting like a drill Sergeant barking out orders. It's best to make a good impression, and be more diplomatic when dealing with others. You have amazing leadership qualities ... put them to good use. Begin 2014 with a clean slate.

♈ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

January's unique pattern boasts three Lunations! The last of which falls in your sign on the 30th as a NEW MOON. Your forecast may begin with a few limitations. VENUS, the planet of love and money may slow things down this month. Take stock of your financial needs, and if necessary, find ways to increase your income. Also, on the plus side, by the time January comes to a close the picture brightens considerably and you are ready, willing, and able to embark on a fresh course of action.

♉ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

HAPPY NEW YEAR PISCES! The planets have arranged a little down time for you to regroup, and rest your brain and body from the hectic holiday season. Give yourself time to recharge your mental batteries. MERCURY the thinking planet slips into the quiet zone of your Horoscope and settles into a restful, relaxing state. Night time dreams may offer some good information, and ideas about future plans. Dream on PISCES people. Concentrate on your primary hopes and wishes.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Initially the beginning of 2014 sets off an intense push forward to achieve more this year than last. Your main interest lies in getting ahead. True to your ARIES nature once you've made a decision, you go with it. And there's no stopping you. However, this month's planetary pattern will have you working harder to achieve your goals. Stay the course Rams. URANUS currently traveling through your sign might slip in a surprise or two. Good ones of course. Remember ... sincere efforts have their have their rewards.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Even though you are a patient soul, there are times when partners, kids, or others close to you try to push all your buttons. But this is a brand new year TAURUS, and you may want to do things differently now. Your beautiful planet VENUS has taken up residence in the travel zone and might encourage a visit to, or from, a long lost friend, relative, or loved one that you haven't seen for many moons. Try to plan ahead, as VENUS will be in a snooze mode for the remainder of the month.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

BIG BOY JUPITER is throwing his weight around in the money area and spikes your ambition to acquire more of that green stuff. Just be aware delays are likely to slow your financial progress until the end of the month, so watch those pennies Twins. Finances take a turn for the better on the 31st but you will still need to use some self control with your buying habits on that day. Your favorite little planet MERCURY breezes into AQUARIUS on the 11th and brightens your outlook considerably.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

The CAPRICORN NEW MOON on the 1st activates an emotional roller coaster that might have you feeling challenged by partners, family members, or business associates. It may feel as if they are purposely trying to rile you up. Steer clear of the drama Moon Kids. Instead, shift your attention to more pleasant activities. You'll find as the month progresses, attitudes calm when MERCURY gently glides into the sign of airy AQUARIUS on the 11th. Meanwhile tip toe around disagreements. More than likely, by month's end you might be humming a much livelier tune, and getting cozy with your significant other.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Usually the planets congregate in the work and health section at this time of year. It's possible that you might learn new computer techniques, or take a class. Maybe shed a few holiday pounds. Be patient Leo, you didn't gain it overnight, and you won't magically lose it overnight. Look for entertaining distractions. Walk in the mall, or the park. Dance more, or get into sports. VENUS the planet of temptation won't be much of a help this month. You will need to rely on your own willpower Lions. You can do it.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Beat the drums, bang the pots and pans, and celebrate! A NEW YEAR has arrived in all its gleaming glory. And with it comes the NEW MOON., the SUN, and powerhouse PLUTO, all grouped together. This dynamic combo in compatible CAPRICORN might have you tossing your common sense out the window to buy big ticket items for the kids or loved ones. Practicality returns after the 18th when the SUN enters the job section, and your attention turns to work related matters.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

This is not the month to procrastinate LIBRA. The longer you delay making a decision regarding a financial, or family matter, the more costly it may become. An aggressive NEW MOON in the home and family area might trigger domestic spats. Be cool LIBRA. January may start off rocky and have you feeling more impatient than usual. Just step back, and take a more objective look at the situation. You'll see things more clearly on the 11th when VENUS links with the SUN and SATURN.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

The dawning of 2014 brings fresh ideas, and a much busier daily routine. Visits to friends, relatives, or neighbors, stir up lively conversations, and frequent short trips. A lighter attitude puts you in good with family and friends. They will appreciate your fair mindedness. By the time the end of the month rolls around PLUTO (your sign ruler) connects with VENUS and urges you to be more tolerant of those who let you down. Try to forgive and forget, and move on.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Now that January is here it's time to pay the piper if you have maxed out your credit, or spent a bundle for the holidays. As you may have guessed, this month's main focus is on finances. With VENUS still in sleep mode, income may be slower to recover. Family members may be turning to you for support, and all you want is to be left alone. A very determined NEW MOON in CAPRICORN should give you the willpower you need to call a halt to the money drain. Improvement arrives by the 31st.

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

THANK YOU

Mique Nuche: To family, friends, relatives!

I would like to say thank you to those who had the faith in me, giving me the opportunity to get to the run-off election. I also want to say we still walk the path together in our nuupacha (moccasins). We are the Nuchu.

Big thank you to my own family: my husband, daughters, sons and my grandchildren being there for me.

Thank you Nuchu, for all the support you gave me – and to tribal members who live off the reservation, thank you.

In a statement I made, I said we as tribal members live our lives in the best way we know how and we don't want anyone to take us by our hands to tell us how to live. We live the way we want, and sometimes it seems so unfair.

To the tribal family that has lost loved ones, my condolences go out to you. I also have lost my father; it is a hardship when holidays are here and we have a loss. But I say to you we must be strong and continue with life the sun comes every day, no matter what we face each day.

Again, thank you for the support, Nuchu. The holiday season is upon us now and a new year is coming. Be safe!

May the Creator watch over us, from the youngest to the oldest, throughout this new year that is coming upon us, that we all have a good year.

*Thank you very much (tuvuchi tog'oiak)!
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie*

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- Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age;
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- Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
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Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2014. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Ignacio School District – 2011 Bond Program

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Pre-Qualified General Contractors:

- FCI Constructors, Inc.
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Bid documents may be purchased directly from Point to Point Graphics in Durango. Electronic documents may be obtained at the RTA Architects ftp site at ftp2.rtaarchitects.com (Username: isdhighschool, Password: bid) or on the District's web site at ignacioschools.org. A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference for all submitting General Contractors is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Dec. 12, at the Ignacio School District Offices located at 455 Becker Street.

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands.

Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000.00, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and

injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until 4pm on January 12, 2014 to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the Reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division

NOTICE is hereby given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Utilities Division, a division of the SUIT under control of the SUIT Growth Fund, PO Box 367, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137 will make final payment at the office of the Utilities Division at 293 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, Colorado, on December 30, 2013, at the hour of 3:00 PM, to TRC Construction, Inc, of Flora Vista, NM for all work done by said Contractor(s) for construction work performed for the SUIT Utilities Division Rock Creek Water Systems Improvement Project.

Any person, co-partnership, association of persons, company or corporation that has furnished labor, materials, team hire, sustenance, provisions, provender, or other supplies used or consumed by such contractors or their subcontractors, in or about the performance of

the work contracted to be done or that supplies rental machinery, tools, or equipment to the extent used in the prosecution of the work, and whose claim therefor has not been paid by the contractors or their subcontractors, at any time up to and including the time of final settlement for the work contracted to be done, is required to file a verified statement of the amount due and unpaid, and an account of such claim, to SUIT Utilities Division, whose address is P.O. Box 1137, 293 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO 81137, on or before the date and time hereinabove shown. Failure on the part of any claimant to file such verified statement of claim prior to such final settlement will release the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, its officers, agents, and employees, of and from any and all liability for such claim.



Jeremy Wade Shockley | Southern Ute Drum

Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors 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. There are open positions for tribal or community members. Finance experience a plus.

Applications are due by Jan 14, 2014 and are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

In the Estate Of, Case No. 2013-0122-CV -PR Thella Howell - Bigleggins, NOTICE OF PROBATE

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and

date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

**Dated this 24th of December, 2013
Tasha Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk**

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0123-CV-NC Miguel Alejandro Rodriguez

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Miguel Alejandro Rodriguez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Miguel Alejandro Red. 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 January 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

**Dated this 19th day of December, 2013.
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk**

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0101-CV-NC Angel Santana Ortiz

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Angel Santana Ortiz filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angel Santana Burch. As of November 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Angel Santana Ortiz name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Angel Santana Burch.

**Dated this 25th day of November, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

Johnson O'Malley



Committee Vacancy

The JOM committee has one Vacancy.

To be considered please submit a LETTER of INTENT Eligibility:

1. You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield School Districts or the local Head Start.
2. Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descent.
3. Be 18 or older
4. Be able to commit to a two-year term. Meetings are held once a month.

The next meeting will meet Monday, January 6th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Education building/S. Ute Education Dept. To submit your letter of intent please contact Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0235 or esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov This committee oversees spending of federal JOM dollars in Ignacio, Bayfield, and for Head Start. It's a great way to assist local Native American students. Please call Ellen for more information, or Naomi Russell @ 403-0613.

The Southern Ute Drum Deadlines for 2014

Deadline Dates	Federally recognized holidays and Drum office closures	Distribution & mailout
Jan. 6	New Year's Day: Wednesday, Jan. 1, offices closed	Jan. 10
Jan. 17*	Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 20, offices closed	Jan. 24
Feb. 3	Valentine's Day: Friday, Feb. 14	Feb. 7
Feb. 14*	Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 17, offices closed	Feb. 21
March 3		March 7
March 17		March 21
March 31		April 4
April 14	Easter: Sunday, April 20	April 18
April 28	Mother's Day: Sunday, May 11	May 2
May 12		May 16
May 23*	Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, offices closed	May 30
June 9	Father's Day: Sunday, June 15	June 13
June 23		June 27
July 7	Independence Day: Thursday, July 4, offices closed	July 11
July 21	SU Sun Dance Feast: Monday, July 14, offices closed	July 25
Aug. 4		Aug. 8
Aug. 18		Aug. 22
Aug. 29*	Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 1, offices closed Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sept. 7	Sept. 5
Sept. 15		Sept. 19
Sept. 29		Oct. 3
Oct. 13	Cultural Diversity Day: Monday, Oct. 13	Oct. 17
Oct. 27	Halloween: Friday, Oct. 31	Oct. 31
Nov. 7*	Veterans Day: Nov. 11 & 12, offices closed	Nov. 14
Nov. 21*	Thanksgiving: Nov. 27 & 28, offices closed	Nov. 26*
Dec. 8	Leonard C. Burch Day: Wednesday, Dec. 10, offices closed	Dec. 12
Dec. 19*	Christmas: Dec. 25 & 26, offices closed	Dec. 24*

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Email: sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov • Mail: P.O. Box 737 #96, Ignacio, Colo. 81137
Physical address: 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, Colo. (Leonard C. Burch Building, 2nd floor, west side)

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Guide not provided, but optional for a fee.

TICKETS \$5 each

Purchase yours at

SUCAP Central Admin * 285 Lakin Street * 970-563-4517

Proceeds will fund our new SUCAP Childcare Facility

Drawing: Wednesday, January 8th, 2014

Winner must attend the mandatory orientation: Friday, January 10, 2014,

6 p.m. @ the Multipurpose Building by Ute Park

Must be 12 or older to hunt.

18 and younger must have a Parent/Guardian accompany them.

Ages 12 to 21 need a Hunter Safety Card.



Donated by the Southern Ute Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division



(970)563-4517

WWW.SUCAP.ORG



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Automation Foreman – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 12/27/13

Ignacio, CO. Overseeing the operation and maintenance of gas and oil well automation and gas measurement, including all projects related to installations and repair of automation and measurement equipment, to include ensuring compliance with all applicable company, tribal, federal, state and county regulations and that assigned field personnel are performing in a safe and environmentally manner. Oversee automation and measurement work in all operated areas and may require travel to areas outside of the reservation and also require a significant amount of their time in the field.

Vice President of Land – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 1/3/14

Ignacio, CO. Leads the management of land and venture records for all Red Willow interest properties and opportunities. Monitors relevant land ownership in the industry and works with Business Development on strategic acquisition and/or divestiture opportunities. Directs managers in developing appropriate technical evaluations. Provides leadership for all negotiations as well as ensuring the proper level of due diligence. Manages the formation of new corporate entities as needed.

Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy Group, LLC

Closing date 1/10/14

Colorado, Oklahoma, or SE New Mexico. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

Construction Manager – Aka Energy Group, LLC

Closing date 1/10/14

Colorado, Oklahoma, or SE New Mexico. Managing construction projects for natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and gas plants for the Aka Energy Group.

Employment Opportunities

All Southern Ute Tribal Members interested in full-time, part-time or temporary employment with the Southern Ute Growth Fund, please call Snowbird Frost, Tribal Member Employment Coordinator at 970-563-5000 or you can email Snowbird at sfrost@sugf.com.

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.

Probation Clerk

Closing date 12/27/13

Under general supervision of the Chief Probation Officer incumbent provides clerical support for the Probation, Wellness Court and Family Court programs. Position is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

Detention Officer

Closing date 12/27/13

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Purchasing Agent

Closing date 12/30/13

Assists the Purchase Manager to ensure that requisition and travel processing, supply room fulfillment, central delivery, and other Purchasing Division functions are completed accurately and in a timely manner. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

Finance Department Cashier

Closing date 12/30/13

Provides general clerical support to the Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable and Payroll offices, and serves as cashier. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

Division of Gaming Administrative Assistant

Closing date 1/2/14

Provides Administrative Support to the Director of the Division of Gaming on budget analysis and preparation, as well as providing secretarial and clerical support to the entire Division and the Gaming Commission. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

Recreation Coordinator

Closing date 1/3/14

Develop, implement, coordinate and facilitate all youth and adult recreation programs. Planning, implementing, coordinating and facilitating youth programs and schedules for the Tri-Ute Games, the North American Indigenous Games, as well as other Ute Games. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

Tribal Planning Administrative Assistant

Closing date 1/7/14

Performs administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Planning Department. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

Crisis Case Worker

Closing date 1/10/14

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Water Quality Program Manager

Closing date 1/10/13

Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 21; \$53,373/year.

Diabetes Program Coordinator (.8 FTE)

Closing date 1/13/2014

Provides reception, clerical, secretarial and records management services for the Diabetes Program, coordinates patient appointments and wellness activities for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Diabetes Program and complies with grant guidelines and implements grant

objectives and goals. Develops, implements, monitors and evaluates special programs related to wellness activities within the Diabetes Program. Coordinates diabetes education classes. Position is grant funded for 32 hrs/week with full benefits, pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

Diabetes Program Patient Coordinator (.8 FTE)

Closing date 1/13/14

Coordinates and conducts health screenings for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Diabetes Program; provides health promotion, disease prevention activities to the diabetic population and community. Complies with grant guidelines and implements grant objectives and goals. Grant funded for 32 hours/week, pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour and requires a current LPN Colorado license.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor (F/T or P/T)

Closing date 1/13/14

May be filled as a full time, or a part time position, depending upon the availability of the successful applicant. Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/year for full time and requires a valid State of Colorado LCSW or LPC license.

Social Services Caseworker 2

Closing date 1/15/14

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

Behavioral Health Manager

Open Until Filled

Developing, coordinating and managing the behavioral health program for the Southern Ute Health Center. Oversees the program contract requirements, program development, resource management, employee supervision and training and provides direct clinical client services to eligible members in the community. Serves as the Supervisor for mental health services provided to children, adolescents, adults, couples, families and groups. Pay grade 24; \$74,667/year.

Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Clinic

Open Until Filled

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. 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. 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.

Temporary swimming instructors, umpires, referees, and scorekeepers

Open until filled

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Facilities Staff (F/T)

Closing date 12/27/13

Responsible for the operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts, weekends, and holidays when needed. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Host/Hostess-Willows (F/T)

Closing date 12/27/13

Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class customer service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Assist Managers with table management to maximize seating, and assist guests with special requests. Answers phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed. High School diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old. 1 year of Host/Cashier and food service experience in a hotel, resort or restaurant.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Assistant Cook

Open until filled

Great benefits! Do you like working with awesome people? The SUCAP Senior Center is looking for someone to assist in preparing Meals on Wheels & on site meals for elderly nutrition program. Great hours and weekends off! Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, must obtain food handlers within 3 months of hire; experience cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid Colorado driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Teacher

Open until filled

Great health benefits! SUCAP/ Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for someone who wants to make a difference! Exceptional health care benefits! High School diploma required; CDA, AA or BA preferred. Must have at least one year experience in early child care in a provider setting. Must pass background checks.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year

Director of Health and Custodian

Closing date 1/5/14

Application and information may be found at

www.ignacioschools.org.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

FOR SALE

Attention tribal members and tribal employees

Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16-irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been reduced to \$170K but will discount \$5K to Southern Ute Tribal member or Southern Ute Tribal employee for a quick close please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

is seeking volunteers to record Public Service Announcements to be randomly played on KSUT.

Needing Children, Adults and Elders. If interested please call us at 563-4741.

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Brand NEW home on 1.4 acres outside Ignacio.

1540 sq-ft, 3b/2b. Owner financing available. \$269K.

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Apprentice Grant Writer

Closing date 1/2/14

This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute tribal member with a desire to learn the processes involved grant writing and management for a Tribal entity. The time frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. PAY GRADE: \$18.41/hr (20% under the minimum of the pay grade of the position, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to the minimum of Grade 20).

Apprentice Building Maintenance Technician

Closing date 1/2/14

The objective of the apprentice position is to offer a Southern Ute tribal member hands-on experience, training, and education as a Maintenance Technician, and/or improve on existing experience and abilities. The time frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. Provides maintenance assistance and support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems. \$12.50/hour (20% below position's pay minimum, eligible for quarterly increases, depending upon satisfactory evaluations, up to minimum of grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

Human Resources Secretary

Closing date 1/7/14

Provides clerical office and program support to for the Southern Ute Tribal Human Resources Department in a professional and courteous manner. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

Culture Department Youth Educator (P/T)

Closing date 1/13/14

Provides a part-time opportunity for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to provide program coordination, organization, design, and implementation described in the scope of work

of the grant description that funds the position.

It involves providing cultural programming for the youth of parents who will be attending DBT classes, as well as supporting the cultural youth and family programs at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Boys & Girls Club. The DBT classes will be held in 8-week long sessions, three times per year. Grant-funded for a three year period at an average of 13 hours/week, but not to exceed 720 hours in one year of the grant cycle. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Culture Department Bison Instructor (P/T)

Closing date 1/13/14

Provides a part-time employment opportunity for a Southern Ute tribal member to provide program coordination, organization, design, and implementation described in the scope of work of the grant description that funds the position. It involves developing materials and providing Bison education to the tribal membership, in the traditional uses of bison. The Bison Instructor will develop a cook book, and hold cooking sessions for the membership. Grant-funded and its continuation is dependent upon continuation of funding. Funded for an average of 15 hours/week, but not to exceed 800 hours in the one year of the grant cycle. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Culture Department Media Technician

Closing date 1/15/14

Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Team Jobs Program

Continuously open

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 \$11/hour.



GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

Health care, tribal IDs among topics at Denver meeting

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Honor, respect, partnership: These were at the center of discussion during the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting on Friday, Dec. 13 at the History Colorado Center in Denver.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks met with Ernest House Jr., CCIA executive director, and Joseph A. Garcia, Colorado lieutenant governor. Other agencies present included the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation and Department of Public Health. Juanita Plentyholes and Regina-Lopez Whiteskunk of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe joined in the conference.

One topic brought to the table by the request of the Southern Ute Tribe dealt with health care in the community.

"We recently rolled out and overhauled our health-care system for tribal members," GoodTracks said. "We have been working for over a year to streamline and improve our delivery of healthcare to our [community]. ... We provided new health coverage cards that will [advance] their access to local healthcare providers."

GoodTracks said the tribe is also working on a tribal health assessment to better understand the needs of the

"One of the unique things about tribes and their membership ... we remain citizens regardless of geographical location."

*— Pathimi GoodTracks
SU Tribal Council*

tribal membership.

"That hasn't been done in quite some time," she said. "We continue to explore various options for doing so."

The tribe is tasked with promoting its members health wherever they live, she said.

"One of the unique things about tribes and their membership ... we remain citizens regardless of geographical location," GoodTracks said. "Approximately one-third of our membership lives off the reservation, and that has been a challenge in providing healthcare to all of them regardless of where they choose to live."

House said the state bears responsibility to support the

tribe in its efforts.

"Back in 2011, the Department of Public Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health Care Policy and Financing all agreed to a state tribal consultation policy to work with tribes," he said. "The focus in 2014 is to [develop] joint and independent work between state agencies and tribes. The health concerns in southwestern Colorado are really important."

Plentyholes, vice chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, jumped into the discussion and addressed the agencies.

"Some of the things we are in charge of as leaders and as players from different agencies is how we play together," she said. "I've seen the deficiency on many reservations regarding the time it takes to respond to an issue, and I think we have to do our best to change that image. You are here to help the agencies and create a better quality of life on our reservations, so let's try and do something about it."

Conversation then shifted to a proposed tax exemption on reservations. Under federal law, on-reservation sales of goods and services to Indian tribes and tribal members are exempt from state and local sales taxes. The Southern Ute Tribe seeks legislation to confirm a sales tax exemption for such on-reservation sales for enrolled members.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ernest House Jr. (left), executive director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, and Pathimi GoodTracks (center) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council listen to discussion during a CCIA meeting Friday, Dec. 13 at the History Colorado Center in Denver.

"The purchase of automobiles for the tribes and tribal members, for example, would be more efficient," GoodTracks said.

Motor vehicles sold to tribal members residing on the reservation would need to be delivered to the reservation by the vendor in order for the tax exemption to take effect. The proposed

legislation would codify the existing law and not require the burden of on-reservation delivery.

"We have met with Executive Director House, representatives from the governor's office, legislative counsel, and the Department of Revenue," she said. "All have indicated support for the proposal."

Since 1980, the state's Department of Revenue has understood the exemption. Furthermore, there have also been discrepancies in recognition of the exemption by the state for sales made to tribal members.

"One of the other things the tribe is doing is we're looking at upgrading our tribal members' identification cards," GoodTracks added. "We want these cards to be accepted not only statewide, but nationwide. [Tribal members] can forgo obtaining a passport and use the [tribal ID card] to travel outside the United States."

House showed interest in that particular use of the cards.

"I find the ID and the use of it as a passport fascinating," House said. "Are you aware of any other tribes that have been able to successfully get their cards used in that way?"

"There are a couple," GoodTracks responded. "We are currently researching that."

GoodTracks concluded with an acknowledgement of the strong relationship between the tribe and state.

"We all know the history and I think we've come a long way. We're demonstrating not only on a tribal level, but to other states and other agencies," she said. "The example that the state of Colorado has overcome the past, dealt with current situations, and now we look upon each other for assistance."

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Dec. 27



Sunny 41°F

Saturday, Dec. 28



Sunny 39°F

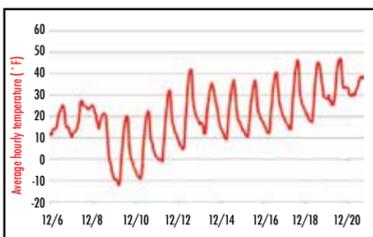
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Mostly sunny 34°F

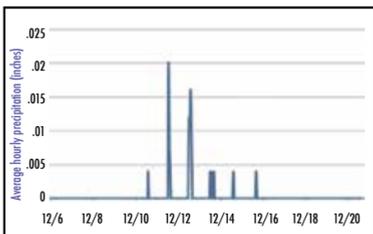


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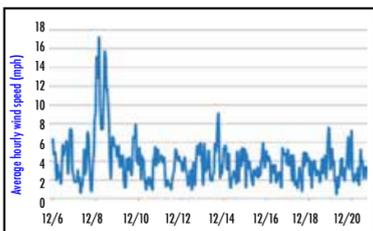
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Average 19.9°
Average last year 24.9°



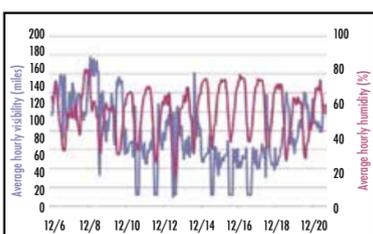
Precipitation

Total 0.104"
Total last year 0.712"



Wind speed

Average 3.9
Minimum 0.5
Maximum 17.1



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 76.3
Average humidity 66.6%

Air quality

Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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3373	2013	DODGE AVENGER	\$20,390	-\$814	-\$3,500	\$16,076
3408	2013	DODGE DART	\$18,180	-\$626	-\$2,000	\$15,554
3269	2013	CHRYSLER 200	\$24,180	-\$1,608	-\$4,000	\$18,572

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