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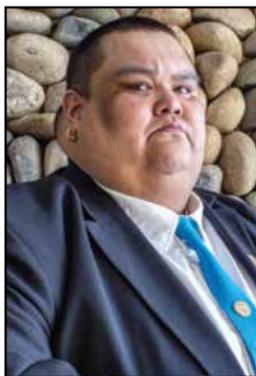
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TRIBAL AFFAIRS

State of the tribe: January 2014

By Chairman
Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.
SOUTHERN UTE
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN



SU Tribal Chairman
Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

Hello and greetings. This is Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. I am here to deliver my state of the tribe address to you, the membership.

I report on the state of the tribe because I believe it is important for tribal members to understand where we are so we can move forward together. The year 2013 was filled with many accomplishments for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe under the leadership of myself and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

The state of the tribe is strong, and the future is full of promise for every tribal member.

The Tribal Council welcomed two members, both of whom have extensive experience in leadership roles, and we are excited to continue at the pace we have set. I would like to welcome back Mr. Melvin Baker, who served on the Tribal Council previously from 2001 to 2005. He brings a wealth of knowledge from the past and is eager to learn about new endeavors.

I would also like to welcome back our vice chairman, Mr. James M. Olguin. He is one of the most dedicated leaders I have had the pleasure of working with. His work experience within the organization makes him the best choice for your vice chairman.

During my second year as chairman, goals were achieved; past council members who wanted the best for the membership set those goals. When I decided to run for chairman, it was my vision that I would help carry those goals to fruition and lead us into tomorrow, as we have so many times been referred to as the "leaders in Indian Country."

I would like to report on not only the Permanent Fund, but on the Growth Fund and the Sky Ute Casino Resort, as we are all one tribe and the prosperity that we experience takes the hard work of each employee in each entity. I would now like to talk about each of these areas in more detail.

Ute tribal members, seven of whom are supervisors, managers or directors, and 140 other Native Americans.

The casino offers internship programs for tribal members, as well as a comprehensive Career Development Program to ensure successful advancement within the organization.

On the casino floor, our marketing strategy has greatly contributed to improving financial numbers, utilizing a direct mail strategy specifically for gamers and rewarding them for their level of play. Concerts and shows are starting a bit earlier and ending earlier to allow guests to migrate to the gaming floor. An "Encore" promotion after each event has proven very successful in keeping guests on the property and encouraging them to participate in other offerings, including bowling, slots, table games, poker, and our varied dining options.

New player signups have also increased as a result of the various strategies. With the innovative web and web-based tools such as Facebook, the casino can market better and more cost effectively, reducing some of the need for expensive radio and print advertising.

The casino will continue to build on its successful strategies while utilizing sound expense control practices. Therefore, we believe the casino can sustain and increase the financial strength of the property through FY 2014.

GROWTH FUND

The success of the Growth Fund relies heavily on timing of projects. Timing is affected by various factors. Some of these factors are out of our control and some of them are planned deliberately.

The future of the Growth Fund is positive. The Growth Fund's major focus in the past few years has been to find, develop and produce oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico and the panhandle of Texas. Larger projects, such as the projects in the gulf, are done with partners to keep our financial exposure limited.

Our production company,

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Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Representatives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe observe as students get a first look at their new classroom in the school on La Plata County Road 320.

IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students cut ribbon at new elementary

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Ignacio School District celebrated the opening of its new Ignacio Elementary School Building on La Plata County Road 320 on Tuesday, Feb. 4 with a pair of ribbon-cutting ceremonies, one for students and one for the community.

In a student assembly at noon, Ignacio School Board President Toby Roderick welcomed a group of excited students in Kindergarten through fifth grade to the new school's gymnasium.

"We look forward to watching you grow up

here," he said.

District Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto also greeted the students, reminding them that the proposal to renovate the old Ignacio Intermediate School into the new elementary – along with renovating the high school and constructing a new middle school across the street from the elementary – won approval from Ignacio voters by a margin of one vote.

The \$50 million bond measure passed by the narrowest possible margin, 524-523, in November 2011.

"Remember to vote," he

urged the children to keep in mind as they get older.

Principal Karl Herr then led the students in the ribbon cutting. Because of snowy weather, the big moment took place in the gym, with a red ribbon stretched from one end to the other. Dozens of students armed with scissors crowded around and snipped simultaneously.

School staffers will collect the pieces and ensure each student has one to take home, Herr said.

Teachers then led their classes to their new rooms, all brightly lit spaces with

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GOV'T-TO-GOV'T

Ute tribes honored with Historic Preservation Award

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Each year, archaeological and historic preservation successes in Colorado are recognized at the Stephen H. Hart Awards Ceremony.

This year, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was chosen to be one of the honorees at the 28th annual ceremony at the History Colorado Museum in downtown Denver on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

The Southern Ute Tribe, in conjunction with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Northern Ute Tribe, received the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, acknowledging the tribes' achievements with the Colorado Wickiup Project, a program that conducts context development, data assessment, and comprehensive field documentation of indigenous sites in the state.

Ed Nichols, CEO of History Colorado, opened the ceremony with an introduction to the crowded room.

"This is a time where we can indeed celebrate what's been done this year in the preservation field of Colorado," he said. "We're proud to partner with many of you and your archaeological preservations through the History Colorado preservations program."

Present in the room were representatives of various departments who had a



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Howard Richards Sr. gives his personal thanks upon receiving the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation at the History Colorado Museum on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in downtown Denver. The award was given on behalf of the Colorado Wickiup Project.

hand in the preservation of statewide sites.

"I am pleased that we have several state legislators with us to help celebrate these honorees," Nichols said. "The people and projects we are recognizing were chosen because they helped create Colorado's future while at the same time honoring the past."

The Dominguez Archaeological Research Group, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. National Park Service, which aided with the Colorado Wickiup Project, were also commended.

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. gave a thankful statement upon receiving the award.

"On behalf of the Southern Ute tribal membership,

a lot of [thanks] goes out to the people that made this possible," he said. "It took a lot of hardship and determination. ... I bring wishes from our people back home, and I want to thank all of those individuals who made it happen."

Manuel Heart, chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, expressed his gratitude to the audience.

"It's a privilege and honor to accept the Stephen H. Hart Award, and to be notified that this project was chosen for the Governor's Award," he said. "We're the oldest living residents, the Ute people. Our ancestors have come a long way, and today we still have a ways to go. Preservation is key to who we are and where we come from."

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SunUte enjoys the powder



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Members of the SunUte Community Center enjoyed some wintery fun as they departed for a ski trip to Wolf Creek Ski Area on Sunday, Jan. 26. For more photos, see page 6.



FARMING

Farmers may be eligible for USDA loans for losses caused by drought conditions

Staff report
FARM SERVICE AGENCY
Farmers and ranchers in Montezuma, Dolores, San Miguel, Archuleta and La Plata counties may be eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help cover losses they sustained as a result of the ef-

fects of drought conditions, according to Rick Cervenka, senior farm loan officer with the Farm Service Agency. "Any farmer or rancher in that category who is interested in a loan should visit the Farm Service Agency county office as soon as possible," Cervenka said.

They must apply within the timeframe that the disaster designation allows for that county. No applications may be accepted after that date. Cervenka is located at the Farm Service Agency at 628 W. 5th St. in Cortez. To reach him by phone, dial 970-565-8879 ext. 107.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

In an effort to preserve Southern Ute Culture, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf (left) teaches students the basics of Ute Language. Classes were held every Wednesday at noon in the multipurpose room on the second floor of the new Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administrative Building and were open to tribal government employees wanting to learn the language.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 5, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

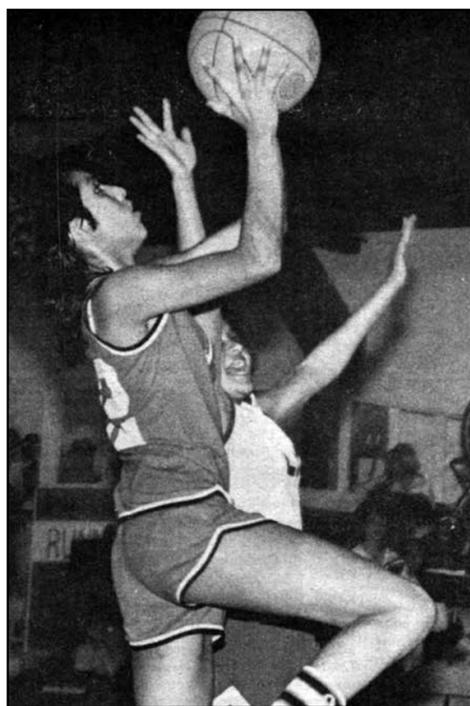


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Leila Baker had a blast riding the tribe's float in Durango's Snowdown Parade. Cold temperatures and lack of snow sidetracked some of the events.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 4, 1994, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Ignacio ladycat, Kelly Herrera in action against Mancos at Mancos

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 10, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

U.S. attorney visits Ignacio



Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

John Walsh (center), U.S. attorney for the District of Colorado, visited the Southern Ute Reservation on Jan. 22. Walsh made the trip to introduce the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council to Thomas P. Ravenelle (second from left), the new special agent in charge of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's Denver Division. Pictured are (left to right) Vice Chairman James M. Olguin, Ravenelle, Walsh, Councilman Alex S. Cloud, and James Candelaria, assistant U.S. attorney in the Durango Branch Office.

Navajo air quality visits



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Christopher Ellis from the Southern Ute Air Quality Program stands with members of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Control Program from Ft. Defiance, Ariz. Kalibah Tsosie, Chris Yazzie, Nolan Hoskie, and Terron Chischilly visited the tribe on Wednesday, Jan. 29 for a site tour of the Ute 1 and Ute 3 air monitoring systems. The AQP provided technical advice on developing digital instrument communication, site setup and operation, and discussed how to operate all gaseous monitoring equipment according to EPA specifications. In addition, NNEPA staff reviewed the AQP's process for submitting data collected from the sites to EPA's Air Quality Subsystem Database. The AQP addressed NNEPA about the importance of developing standard operating procedures and Quality Assurance Project Plans for their program.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UNDERSTANDING TRIBAL PROBATE CODE

Sponsored by Southern Ute Tribal Services & Tribal Court, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, this event is free of charge. The division of property when a person dies is a difficult topic to think about. Yet, it is important to know what your rights and responsibilities are when it comes to the division of your estate or a loved one's estate. When a family member dies, you may designate someone as administrator or personal representative of the deceased's estate. The personal representative is in charge of overseeing the division of the deceased's property according to the law. In preparing for your own death, you may want to draft a will. With a will you determine how your property will be divided, rather than having

the law decide. Some people hire a lawyer to draft a will for them, especially when the division of property is complicated. But anyone can make a will and have it upheld in court without the help of an attorney, as long as certain procedures are followed.

NEWFIELD ALLOTTEE SPRING UPDATE MEETING

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 3, and head over to the Sky Ute Casino in Ignacio at 10 a.m. or the Ute Mountain Casino in Towaoc, at 4 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Newfield about successful pooled Allottee wells, the Company's plans and activities in 2014, current exploration priorities and community involvement. Questions? Call Newfield's Elton Blackhair or Travis Lindsey at 435-646-3721

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Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum
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This meeting will cover how the sacred vault is available to the membership, at no charge, for their personal storage of cultural items with no time limits or loss of ownership. This fully functional cultural depository is here for you. We can provide a secure, environmentally controlled sanctuary for items you may wish to preserve for future generations; or you just might need temporary storage for regalia during your next move. The numbers of reasons to use the vault are too many to list, so come see what is available to you for free! We are asking for your ideas to ensure that this vault is everything you want it to be. Let's combine our ideas and concerns to make this sacred vault a model for tribal museums around the world. Refreshments to be served.

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



STATE OF THE TRIBE • FROM PAGE 1

Red Willow, has been very successful in exploring the gulf and has now made nine discoveries there. Two of these wells came online during the past two years and are now producing significant volumes of oil and gas. Last year the total volumes were up, but like all wells these will decrease gradually until new wells come online in 2015.

The Growth Fund also made a large investment in the Panther Energy Company. This investment paid off in 2013 when a large asset in the Anadarko Basin held by Panther and Red Willow was sold for a significant profit. This profit not only increased the Growth Fund's EBITDA – earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization – but also returned cash and decreased the Growth Fund's debt.

That followed the Growth Fund's continuing strategy of borrowing money for important projects and then using profits to repay debt. We will continue to follow that strategy in our future endeavors.

In addition to Red Willow's recent success, Aka Energy Group is holding its own despite extremely low prices for ethane, butane, propane and the other natural gas liquids that it removes from its customers' gas streams. Red Cedar Gathering continues to excel and to squeeze higher profits out of the shrinking produced gas volumes on the Southern Ute Indian

Reservation.

Finally, Southern Ute Alternative Energy is maintaining a presence in the alternative energy field by investing in alternative energy funds that invest in companies that improve the profitability of energy-based companies.

Our non-energy companies have right-sized and modernized their operations so they better fit the current economic climate. As a result, GF Properties Group and the GF Private Equity Group were successful in FY 2013. Both companies exceeded their FY 2013 budgets and are exceeding their FY 2014 budgets as well. We support the plan to build on those successes in future years.

Our other operations – Quichas Hills Apartments, the Sky Ute Fairgrounds and the Southern Ute Utilities Division – are providing much-needed services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Town of Ignacio, and the surrounding area.

PERMANENT FUND

This year, the Tribal Council and the Tribal Health Department went live with a revamped tribal member health benefit plan. On Oct. 1, 2013, which coincided with the rollout of President Obama's health care initiative, all tribal members received newly reshaped health care coverage.

It's the newest program rolled out by the tribe, and

My administration has made the employment of tribal members a priority. ... Tribal member employment has increased significantly.

there are still many things to be worked out, but those glitches will likely be worked out here in the coming year. Along with the benefit program, we are committed to improving operations at the Southern Ute Health Center and incorporating services to serve all of our needs.

We have made big strides in improving the service of Southern Ute Police Department to the membership. A recent U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs audit of SUPD deemed the department as one of the best-operated law enforcement agencies in Indian Country.

The findings also indicated that the dispatch center was "top notch" and one of the best and most professional ever seen in Indian Country by the BIA reviewer. In fact, as a result of the audit, the BIA requested that SUPD dispatch trainers train BIA Ute Mountain Agency dispatchers.

In addition to the BIA audit, the Tribal Council has

contracted with the Police Assessment Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that aims to strengthen police oversight to advance effective, respectful and publicly accountable policing. It is a goal of the Tribal Council to increase community policing on the Southern Ute Reservation. It is important to us that the police department knows our members and their issues.

During the time of the federal government shutdown, we experienced the shutdown of the BIA as well. At that time, tribal hunting season was upon us and, after rain and snow, many of our known hunting roads were in severe disrepair.

Under the guidance of the Executive Office, we took it upon ourselves to improve those roads for the members who utilize the roads. The collaboration between the Department of Natural Resources – which provided mapping, GPS and the bulldozers – and Construction Services – which provided labor – made the project possible in an extremely expeditious manner.

The Permanent Fund's workforce has changed since I have been chairman. My administration has made the employment of tribal members a priority. With the incorporation of the TEAM program and the restructuring of the job qualifications, tribal member employment has increased significantly.

When a job is vacated, the

qualifications are reevaluated and, where appropriate, the job may be advertised as a "tribal member-only" position. In addition, a tribal member who wishes to become employed may apprentice for the position, be a trainee, or, if qualified, simply enter the position as a regular hire.

Currently, the Permanent Fund has 659 employees, 190 of whom are tribal members and 130 of whom are other natives.

We have also been moving forward with changes in technology. The Tribal Council has been paperless for two years, which has helped with efficiency and cut operating costs. We have also improved the Southern Ute website and incorporated the tribal member-only website.

We get requests every day from the membership to join the exclusive website. It has items specific to tribal members' interests, including Tribal Council minutes and agendas, surveys, presentations, posters, and other information the organization deems important to the membership.

There is also a monthly electronic newsletter that goes out to the membership who is signed up for the website. I encourage any members interested in electronic communication to sign up for the website.

In keeping up with technology, the Permanent Fund has begun working on a Facebook page. Although

some of us are not Facebook savvy, we see it as an alternative communication channel for the membership. It is our goal to create transparency and increase communication with the membership.

CONCLUSION

Let me leave you with these closing thoughts. I want the membership to take part in how we move forward in the best interest of the tribe now and into tomorrow, but always remember what past leaders and elders have done for the tribe.

There are a lot of needs of our membership, and through the council and administration we want to evaluate those needs and services, so we are not wasting money. No matter what department or building they're housed in, you the membership know that everyone that works for the tribe is working together to benefit the membership and the reservation.

For this next year, we will work to complete the priorities of the tribe and understand and shape our government to be more efficient and practice our sovereignty to the max. That work extends to let Washington, D.C., know to give us the authorities to max our sovereignty out.

I ask for good health for our people and to respect one another as we work together for the future of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

MOTHER DAUGHTER CONFERENCE

February 23, 2014

Cultural Center Large Classroom

11:00 AM—3:30 PM

Lunch is provided

SUIT Culture Department

Contact: Darlene Frost 563-0100 Ext. 3620 / Joycelyn Dutchie Ext. 2306

Culture Department

Elder Luncheon
February 14, 2014
Cultural Center Large Classroom
Noon—1:30 PM
Movie: "When the Legends Die"

Menu:
Green Chili Stew and Pinto Beans with ham
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You can purchase tickets in person at the front desk of the museum or by phone during normal business hours: (970) 563-9583. Tickets are also being sold by SUCCM Staff and Board Members.

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CULTURAL UPDATE

MUSEUM ATV RAFFLE ENDS 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. Tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at the museum front desk, board members and staff, or by phone with a credit card by calling 970-563-9583.

CULTURE DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY EVENTS

Youth Activities (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.):

- Feb. 5: Herbs
- Feb. 19: Storytelling

Adult Activities (5:30 – 7:45 p.m.):

- Feb. 4: High top Moccasins Pt. 1
- Feb. 13: Hand Drum Making
- Feb. 18: High top Moccasins Pt. 2
- Feb. 27: Drum Sticks

Ute Language:

- Wednesdays: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Reading & Writing Ute – Givon/Cloud
- Thursdays: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Conversational Ute with Alden Naranjo
- Sundays: 2 – 4 p.m. Children & Family Ute with Crystal Ivey

Other Culture Department Events:

- Feb. 9, & 16: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Projects, Potluck & Movie: bring your projects and a potluck dish, watch a movie and work on your project. Sewing machines are available call Friday to reserve.
- Feb. 23: 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mother Daughter Conference. Lunch will be provided.

Classes are held in the Cultural Center Large Classroom. Craft Activities: Thursday evenings, the staff is available to help you with your projects.

HAND DRUM/DRUM STICK MAKING TEACHER NEEDED
Attention Tribal Members: The Culture Department is seeking Tribal Members to teach classes in Hand Drum making, and Drum Stick making. These two classes are scheduled for Feb. 13 (Hand drum) and Feb. 27 (Drum stick). If you are interested in teaching either of these classes or any culture classes in the future, please contact Joycelyn Dutchie, Education Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 2306, or send an e-mail to: jdutchie@southernute-nsn.gov.

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SUNUTE UPDATE

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



SUNUTE POOL CLOSURE

Pool Area will be closed starting Friday, Feb. 14- Tuesday, Feb. 18 for pool deck maintenance and repairs. We will re-open on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 6 a.m. SunUte will be open on President's Day from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (pool closed).

SUNUTE YOUTH SWIM TEAM Sessions:

- Winter session: Jan. 6 - April 30
- Summer session: May 1 - Aug. 28
- Fall session: Sept. 2 - Dec. 18

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4 - 5:30 p.m. except on holidays in SunUte pool and lap lanes. \$30 registration fee at the beginning of each session paid at SunUte front desk (waived

for Southern Ute tribal members). There is a separate SWIM USA registration form with a separate fee for those swimmers who want to enter a sanctioned swim meet. See coach Lin for more information about racing. For ages 8-18 with coach Lin Eskridge, a certified USA Swim Instructor. For more information contact: Lisa Allen, Aquatics Coordinator at 970-563-0214 ext. 2653.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

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

Chimney Rock burn a success



courtesy Ann Bond/San Juan National Forest

The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest conducted prescribed burning on Jan. 28 and 29 on 30 acres near the Visitors' Center within Chimney Rock National Monument. A dozen firefighters ignited by hand needle litter and debris left over from a 2009 mechanical fuels-reduction project to further reduce flammable fuels on the ground.

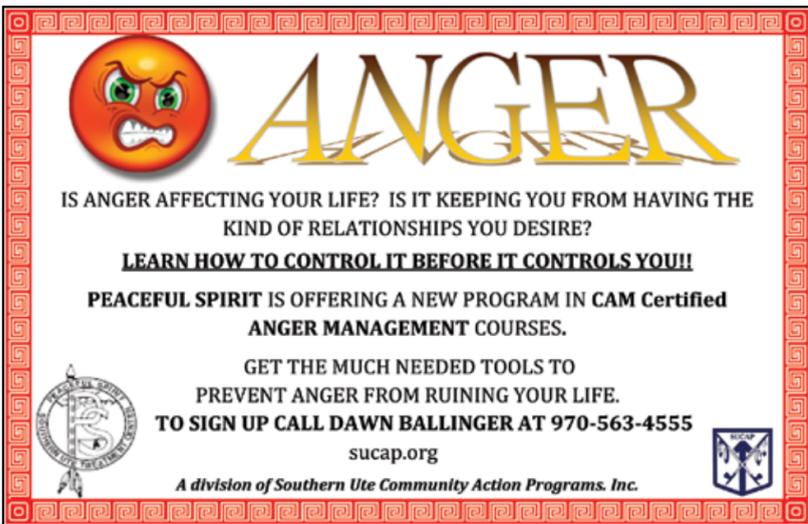
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD • FROM PAGE 1

Since its beginning in 2004, the Colorado Wickiup Project has identified more than 330 "wickiup" sites in the state including indigenous shelters, tree platforms, and bush fences. A majority of these sites are located in western and northwestern

Colorado on the Uncompahgre Plateau and along the White River and Colorado River drainages. Most of the surviving features are associated with Ute culture and are known to be the only remaining ephemeral architectures of the state's native peoples.

Nichols expressed his stance on recognizing this project.

"It's a project where there's so much effort spent on it but so little understanding of it across the state," he said. "I am so pleased that we are able to award them this evening."



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



JASMYRN DOYEBI

My name is Jasmyrn Doyebi. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a third grader. My favorite subjects in school are art and math. My parents are Alberta and Randy Doyebi and my grandmothers are Frances Howell and Beulah Kent. I like play basketball and soccer. I like to dance at powwows we travel to and camp at the Sun Dances in Towaoc, Idaho and Oklahoma. I like to read books everyday. In addition, I want to be an artist when I grow up.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

CAM'RON DOYEBI

My name is Cam'Ron Doyebi. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a fifth grader. My favorite subjects in school are art, science and I like computers. My parents are Alberta and Randy Doyebi and my grandmothers are Frances Howell and Beulah Kent. I like play basketball and football. I like to dance at powwows we travel to and camp at the various Sun Dances we travel to. In addition, I would love to be a police officer when I grow up.

Honor students recognized



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bobcat Award winners line up inside the Ignacio Middle School cafeteria and admire each other's achievements on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Cloe Seibel reaches for a prize after being honored a Bobcat Award in the Ignacio High School gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 28



Ignacio High School second quarter honor roll

Seniors: 5.0 Jacob Candelaria; 4.5 Kelton Richmond; 4.4 Jayce Stricherz; 4.3 Christian Knoll; 4.1 Cheyenne Cook; 4.0 Fabian Martinez, Shannon Mestas; 3.9 Rebecca Ward; 3.7 David Baca, Cloe Seibel; 3.5 Malli Benavidez, John House, Clayton Jefferson, Roshae Weaver; 3.4 Gabriela Garcia, Raelynn Torres; 3.3 LaDonna Garcia, Angela Herrera, Blaine Ward; 3.2 Gabrielle Bulanda; 3.1 Issiah Harrison; 3.0 Justin Carver, Kaleb Sage

Juniors: 4.5 Anna Adcox; 4.1 July Stricherz, Dynesha Drake, Tyler Riepel; 4.0 Joao Campos; 3.9 David Cooper; 3.8 Miguel Perez; 3.7 Joshua Gallegos; 3.6 Blaine Mickey, Annika Zschiegner; 3.5 Adison Jones; 3.4 Andreanna Phillips, Summer Youngman; 3.3 Mitchell Abendroth, Iaasic Pena; 3.2 Alicia Naranjo, Ziyu Wang; 3.1 Kristean Velasquez-Baker, James Ballew

Sophomores: 4.0 Austin McCaw, Chrystianne Valdez; 3.8 Wyatt Hayes, Antonia Mejia; 3.7 Jerica Jackson; 3.6 Javen Webb; 3.5 Grace Lister; 3.4 Alexandra Gearhart, Charles Rohde, Ellie Seibel; 3.2 John Alvarez, Joseph Herrera; 3.1 Miel Diaz, Chasity James, Vernon Snodgrass, Anthony Suina, Tristan Vickers-Boone; 3.0 Shayna Johnson, Anthony Manzanares, Matthew Powell, Lillianna Romero

Freshmen: 4.0 Tori Archuleta; 3.9 Rachel Cooper, Lea Monroe, Zachary Weinreich; 3.7 Bryan Gram, Colton Logan; 3.6 Lainey Espinosa; 3.5 Samuel Abendroth; 3.4 Isis Gonzales, Joaquin King, Donovan Villarrial; 3.3 Stocker Robbins; 3.2 Zehrena Antez, Lucas Monroe, Ryley Webb; 3.1 Richard Sanchez; 3.0 Kelly Campbell, Tyler Jourden

Student/Teacher of the 2nd quarter: Teacher of the quarter: Tony Kimball; Seniors: Cheyenne Cook and Fabian Martinez; Juniors: Kaylin Robson and Adison Jones; Sophomores: Antonio Mejia and Joseph Herrera; Freshmen: Lainey Espinosa and Lorenzo Pena

Second nine weeks, Cat Honors: Cool Cat Charles Rohde, Jayce Stricherz, Tori Archuleta; **Bobcat Of The Week** Colton Logan, Veronica Gonzales, Chrystianne Valdez, Antonia Mejia, Kiara Raby, Iaasic Pena, Rebecca Ward, Fabian Martinez, David Cooper; **Star Attendance** Azala Perez, Justin Ballew, Jade Richards, Kyle Bailey, Jessica Manley, Bryan Gram, William Whitworth, Angel Bowman, Chrystianne Valdez, Anthony Suina, Rhemedio Lovato, Grace Lister; **Student Of The Week** James Ballew, Iaasic Pena, Klayson Smith, JT Alvarez, Darrel Tuck, Cheyenne Cook; **Staff Of The Week** Bethany Bieth, Gwynna Reinhardt, Rocky Cundiff, Dawn Alexander, Jessica Musch, Rachel Rosenthal

Ignacio Middle School second quarter honor roll

4.0 Chasity Bean, Gabriela Creason, Piper Creason, Sydnee Cruz, Natoni Cundiff, Briana Duran, Chase Francis, Elizaveta Gearhart, Lauren Gram, Brianna Henderson, Makiah Howe, Makayla Howell, Justus Logan, Wyatt Logan, Payton Lyon, Cole McCaw, Kiana Valdez, Johnny Valdez Jr., Chloe Velasquez, Ian Weinreich, Quincy Witt; 3.833 Ada Wilmer; 3.8 Clay Campbell, Avionne Gomez, Stephan Gomez, Emerald Owens, Kendall Raby; 3.75 Stephen Taylor; 3.6 Eli Armendariz, Christopher Cloud, Dominic Cuthair, Zane Dill, Amethyst Egger-Morris, Anastasia Ellison, Larissa Gallegos, Emily Lohrey, Keegan Schurman, Elizabeth Valdez, Badger Yellowbird; 3.5 Sapphire Pascoe, Kai Roubideaux

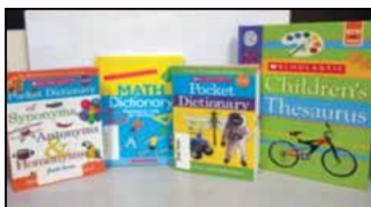
"Mystery Word"

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Recently, Ms. Carol Olguin presented a set of reference materials to each SUIMA family for use at home. These reference materials included: Pocket Dictionary, Math Dictionary, Children's Thesaurus, and Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms. Ms. Mari Jo Owen's Upper Elementary classroom of 4th, 5th and 6th year students did a Dictionary lesson which included finding a "Mystery Word" for families to figure out at home using the dictionary sets that Ms. Carol gave them.

THE CLUES FOR TODAY'S MYSTERY WORD ARE:

1. Use the Pocket Dictionary
2. Look on page 163
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(Clues by Dillon Thompson, 4th year)
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Southern Ute Head Start closure

School will be closed Friday, Feb. 7 for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please call your teachers to schedule a conference if you haven't.

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This is an opportunity for students to learn about internship programs as well as other career and educational options in the areas of science, technology and math.

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Southern Ute Department of Education

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This is a first come, first serve opportunity.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

DOROTHY GORE SCHOLARSHIP 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 long time 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 7. If you have any questions about this information please call me at 970-259-4039.



Opening the doors to education



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The cutting of the ribbon signaled the official opening of the Ignacio Elementary School.



Alex Stryker/SU Drum

Alex S. Cloud of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council gives a smile as he enters a Kindergarten classroom through a small door meant to be easier for young students to open.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Rocco Fuschetto, superintendent of the Ignacio School District, gives a warm welcome to students of the new school while thanking the workers and staff involved in making it ready.



Alex Stryker/SU Drum

Dozens of Ignacio Elementary School students (left) line up in the new school's gym to cut the red ribbon during an opening celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

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colorful desks. A few vestiges of unfinished construction remained here and there, but it didn't seem to bother the kids.

Representing the tribe at the student opening were Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Howard D. Richards Sr. and Alex S.

Cloud. They received a personal tour from Fuschetto.

With the old elementary school's downtown Ignacio location now vacated, the district will move Ignacio High School students in. That will allow contractors to accelerate remodeling work at the high school.

Hitting the slopes



photos Damon Staffer/SU Drum

Kevin Winkler of the SunUte Community Center hands out lift tickets to anxious skiers ready to hit the slopes on Sunday, Jan. 26 at Wolf Creek Ski Area.



Boarders and joyful skiers wave while rising on one of the numbered lifts Wolf Creek Ski Area has to offer.

Skis in hand and helmet secured, Jonas Nanaeto is prepped and ready to hit the slopes.

Sage visits academy

Lynette Sage, daughter of the late Southern Ute Chairman Leonard C. Burch, stopped by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Upper Elementary Class on Wednesday, Jan. 29. She presented information on the Animas-La Plata Project to the students to promote participation in the second annual Leonard C. Burch Art and Literacy Contest. The contest is open to all students enrolled in the Ignacio School District and all Southern Ute tribal members in grades K-12. Email tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov for more information.



Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

Youth basketball underway



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Lakers run and gun against the Pacers in opening night action of the SunUte Community Center's youth basketball 2014 season Monday evening, Feb. 3 in the SunUte gym. Parents, family members and friends cheered on the four- and five-year-olds. Four- and five-year-olds play Mondays, six- and seven-year-olds play Tuesdays, eight- and nine-year-olds play Wednesdays and 10- and 11-year-olds play Thursdays. Check the SunUte website at www.sunute.com for full schedules.

A Mavs player looks into the paint for an opportunity to dish for the score during first night action of the youth basketball season in the SunUte gym.




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A gathered group of blue-and-orange-clad fans displays a supportive team banner.

Tribe celebrates game

Another year, but not just another Super Bowl for Broncos fans: The much-anticipated bout between the hometown team and the Seattle Seahawks brought out the blue and orange in everyone. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund hosted a special tailgate in the Leonard C. Burch Building's Hall of Warriors on Friday, Jan. 31.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



Bronco fans pose with a cheery smile, sporting their favored numbers of Colorado's No. 1 team.



There was no doubt that orange and blue would be the main color of the event. But all teams were (marginally) welcome in the celebration.



Teresa Chee has honed in on her team spirit. This celebrative Denver getup pushed her into a winning position in the best-dressed category.

BGC celebrate the big game



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe provided a special football spin on Pin the Tail on the Donkey on Friday, Jan. 31 in the SunUte Community Center in celebration of the Super Bowl.

Club members spun in circles before trying to pin their crafted football inside the field goal.



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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Red-hot IHS boys remain on track

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though there was envy and possibly even respect mixed into their sarcastic cheers, Dolores' junior varsity players probably shouldn't have called down any more thunder than their higher-ups had already weathered.

Ignacio guards Clayton Jefferson and Wyatt Hayes, neither being exactly tree-toppers, probably just ignored the "Dunk it!" shouts on their many breakaways during the teams' San Juan Basin League clash Jan. 30 inside the IHS Gymnasium. But reserve forward/center Nick Herrera was ready to put trailing Bear Kyle Biery, on a poster during a second-half sprint and spring towards the rim.

Though the try was unsuccessful, unlike many jams witnessed during warm-ups, there were still highlights to come – as in two late three-pointers by reserve forward John House, polishing off an 87-21 rout of DHS five days after a more low-key 55-31 road win at Ridgway.

"We've been waiting for him to score, and this was a good opportunity!" head coach Chris Valdez said. "He's such a good shooter... can really shoot the ball when he's open. And he gets open ... kind of unorthodox, but he can finish."

With Jefferson scoring five points in the first quarter and senior Kelton Richmond seven, helping create an 18-4 advantage, the outcome was never in doubt. The No. 1 ranked Bobcats (12-0, 4-0 SJBL) canned a total of 10 treys, with nine individuals connecting – a scary thought for tonight's unlucky opponent, Nucla, to ponder – and all 12 of Valdez's men scored at least two points.

"We came out sluggish," he said, "but the kids recovered. They got aggressive



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Allowing Dolores' Jakob Rudosky (12) zero daylight, Ignacio's Kelton Richmond (21), Clayton Jefferson (11) and Adison Jones (33) tighten the full-court pressure during an 87-21 home win over the Bears.

defensively and that's what kind of took off. We were 5-for-18 from the three-point line in the first half – wasn't good – but our shooting came around in the second half and I thought we moved the ball throughout the game well."

Jefferson finished with 15 to lead the attack Richmond totaled 13 and Herrera 10. Senior Bo Ward notched nine, Adison Jones and Justin Carver each posted seven and House had his six. Hayes, Sam Corrado and Anthony Manzanares each chipped in five, Tucker Ward had three and Xavier Reynolds two.

Guard Jackson Vermeule and forward Ben Lykins each scored five to lead Dolores (now 4-9, 3-5). Biery had four, Mikeal Ford a

game-ending three, and J.T. Kotarski and Cody Cable each had two points.

"We've got to play better, but there's not much you can do in a game like that," Valdez said. "But we're going to play our starters more, even if it's a blowout; we've got to start getting ready for playoffs and making sure they've got the time and they're getting used to playing ... a game. Whether pressing or not, we've got to have them out there a little more often, got to get our rotations a little better."

After traveling to face NHS, Ignacio will return to host Ouray on Feb. 8 in more SJBL action, then will welcome 3A Bayfield on Feb. 11 in what should be an exciting encounter.

IHS WRESTLING

Tune-up duals, Melton go Ignacio's way

Gallegos' barn-burner ends weekend

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Late Thursday, Jan. 30, inside IHS Gymnasium there was rowdy atmosphere, almost as though the Bobcat boys were still dominating Dolores for a sixth or seventh quarter of San Juan Basin League basketball.

"Let's get some color in this place!" Ignacio wrestling head coach Cody Haga said, a red mat beginning to cover the midcourt circle, bordered on each side by a black mat extending from the floor to the wall in preparation for a long weekend highlighted by the 2014 Butch Melton Invitational.

A fantastic finale highlighted the invitational with all eyes on the 220-pounders: 3A Bloomfield, N.M., sophomore David DeHerrera and, fittingly, Ignacio junior Josh Gallegos.

Bloomfield's Lorenzo LaMere had needed only 35 seconds on the adjacent mat to pin 4A Aztec, N.M.'s Jordyn Garcia to win the heavyweight division – what would normally have been the meet's closer – allowing fans to savor a virtually all six regulation minutes, ended by a 4-4 scoreboard deadlock.

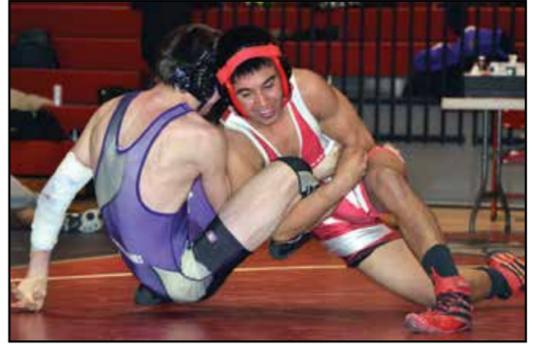
"You have to want it," Gallegos said. "Mental toughness. That's it; I had to do it, had to get it."

"Coaches pound that into our heads from day one: Mental toughness is always key to winning your match," concurred senior teammate Christian Knoll. "You could be strong, or fast – mental toughness is always the ace in the hole."

Observing Gallegos' match not far from the Bobcat coaches' chairs, Knoll knew how tough Gallegos would need to be in the upcoming overtime. Shoved off the mat by 4A Farmington (N.M.) Piedra Vista's Avery Norton, he himself shaken off a slam into the venue's wall to recover and dominate the Panther, 13 to 2, for the 182-pound championship and Upper Weight Outstanding Wrestler Award.

"Felt awesome," said Knoll of his final prep win at the meet. "I'm here to represent the late Mr. Melton, and I'm really glad I could."

Readied for the day by non-league duals – and victories – the night before against 2A Rangely and 3A



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 138-pounder Lorenzo Pena tries reining in Bayfield's Colter McMenimen during the teams' non-league dual inside IHS Gymnasium on Friday, Jan. 31. Ignacio downed BHS, 34 to 11, in final preparations for the next day's Butch Melton Invitational.

Bayfield (by scores of 26-24 and 34-11, respectively), the Cats, minus injured Isaac Pena (left MCL), did the program's former mentor proud with a strong third-place finish overall.

In addition to Knoll's conquest, Stocker Robbins beat out Dove Creek's Colin Hobbs to capture the 106-pounders' title, and Ignacio's 105.5-point tally also included second-place results from Ethan Appenzeller at 126 and Lorenzo Pena at 138. His crucifix-style pin of Rangely's Ethan Allred in an exhibition match still a lingering visual from the duals, Blaine Mickey earned third at 170 with a defeat of PV's Aaron Simpson.

Bobcats Colton Logan and Charles Rohde even had to go at an entertaining head-to-head to decide fifth place at 132, with Logan prevailing and assistant coach Jordan Larsen seated mat side – evenly in between the pairs of coaches' chairs to attempt neutrality.

"The boys are tired, sore right now – we just started morning practice. They showed up and wrestled tonight, and that's all you can really ask for," Haga said after the duals. "Especially in the tradition that they're in right now; we're pushing for regionals and preparing ourselves for the tournament [2A-Region I, Feb. 14-15] that matters."

Then one could consider Gallegos well warned of what lies ahead.

Still sweating buckets long after the match, Ignacio's lone State Championships qualifier from last season finally managed to prevail over DeHerrera with a two-point takedown – leading to a elated leap with arms outstretched, absorbing as much as possible the energy echoing in the venue.

"It was pretty intense, but it's what we've been training for, what we've been preparing ourselves for – that extra fight," Gallegos said.

"I was very ... on the edge of my seat, ecstatic. I wanted him to take a shot," Knoll said. "He's my best friend so I was like, 'C'mon man! Just go for it! I know you can take a shot!' Like, 'You'll get your points!' And lo and behold, he did!"

"You couldn't ask for a better way to finish a tournament, going into overtime and winning a big match like that," Haga said. "That was cool. He's a hard worker and I hope he continues working hard so we can get that son-of-a-gun qualified [for State]!"

"We worked for it. That's what it is: work," Gallegos said. "But what it means to me is ... an accomplishment. It's a goal I set for myself, and I achieved it. Now I have that much more to go further."

Where the crowds will only be larger and louder.

The Bobcats' next action was at the SJBL Championships on Thursday, Feb. 6, but results were unavailable by the Drum's deadline.

2014 BUTCH MELTON INVITATIONAL STANDINGS:

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats tuned, ready for Nucla

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It didn't take long for the Lady Bobcats' season-high individual output to come under siege.

All of four quarters. The only thing separating IHS from victories in those two outings was the Lady Cats.

Senior Gabriela Garcia's 27-point outburst at Ridgway on Jan. 25 unfortunately went for naught – albeit narrowly, with the final margin just 43-38 – as only Cloe Seibel (nine points) and Alejandra Lujan (two points) managed to also put the ball in the hoop against the comeback-minded Lady Demons.

Such a mentality was then needed on Jan. 30 when long-time San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores visited IHS Gymnasium, and luckily every Ignacio player had it as a 23-13 halftime deficit was overcome in a much-needed 50-37 triumph.

Seibel netted seven points (of her game-best 25) in the third quarter, in which a well-watched Garcia was hit with a technical foul midway through, and senior Roshae Weaver also suddenly struck for seven of her nine as IHS (3-10, 1-2 SJBL) fought back to lead 33-29 heading into the fourth.

Closing the contest in style, Cloe Seibel pumped in her last 11, Ellie Seibel added four and Angela Herrera two in the quarter, while the Lady Bears (now 5-8, 2-6)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ridgway's Grace Benasutti (2) displays a "Not again!" expression as Ignacio's Gabriela Garcia (3) slices down the lane between her and Lady Demon teammate Rane Dickerson (4) for two of her 27 points – as of the Drum's deadline, the team's season high – in a 43-38 road loss on Jan. 25. Benasutti led RHS with 15 in the contest. Ignacio bounced back on the 30th to defeat Dolores behind Cloe Seibel's 25 points.

managed little more than the last four points of Brianna Schwartz's team-leading 19. Especially after Schwartz fouled out.

Nichole Kibel totaled 10 for DHS, Larissa Umberger chipped in six and Madison Archuleta two, but the guests were just 2-of-10 at

the free-throw line, outside of Lujan's 9-of-16 mark.

Lujan, Herrera and Ellie Seibel each finished with five points and Garcia one, with the Lady Cats going 10-of-18 collectively – led by Cloe Seibel's 5-of-8 and Weaver's 2-of-2 – at the charity stripe.

JV ballers in action



Ignacio JV guard Isaiah Harrison (32) takes a five-fingered stop sign right in the chops from the Ridgway Demon while rebounding during the Bobcats' 51-19 road win on Jan. 25.



With teammate Bekah Powell (15) also in the vicinity, Ignacio JV forward Lilliana Romero (20) tries to out-reach a Dove Creek player for a rebound during battle inside IHS Gymnasium on Jan. 18.



Fence installation progresses; roadway could be open tomorrow

Staff report
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The recent cold spell has greatly assisted crews as they work to install rockfall fencing on US 550 as things stay frozen and "locked up" on the mountainside above. Since January 31, the highway has been opened up to traffic twice a day (6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.); the road remains closed through-

out the day to enable crews to install the fence.

Great progress has been made – six of 10 total fence posts have been installed on the highway and today crews will anchor the six posts to the rock face above, run the cable and begin attaching the fencing (which was manufactured on-site from the rockfall netting that was placed on the slope). The four remaining posts will also be installed today, if time allows.

"We'll start setting the barrier tomorrow on the south end while Yenter Companies is finishing their work the on the north end," said Incident Commander Greg Stacy, CDOT's deputy superintendent for the Durango Maintenance Section. "Our target opening is Friday night if everything goes extremely well."

Motorists are urged to check www.cotrip.org before setting out for the pass.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

CONGRATULATIONS MARISA RANA
We are so proud of you and see your natural talent and love of sports only growing. I and your sisters support your future in the sports of Basketball and Volleyball. It is awesome that you made 1st place in the Denver Nuggets Skills Challenge. Now we head to the sectional competition in Gunnison wishing you luck and fun while you keep shooting for the stars and beyond ... We Love You Very Much.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Kevin Prior

Job title: Purchasing agent
Description of duties: Assist with purchasing and travel requests for the tribe.
Hobbies: Playing basketball, camping and fishing.
Family: Two boys with me full time. Ten and thirteen years old, love to watch them play sports.
Tribe: Member of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



Andrew Switzer

Job Title: Air quality tech
Description of duties: Air monitoring tech.



David Jaworski

Job title: Clinical applications coordinator
Description of duties: Help clinic manage electronic records.

JACE CARMENOROS

This boy unfailingly and without being asked, performs acts of courtesy for Classmates and Teachers. He opens doors, cleans up messes and erases the white boards. Being helpful just makes him happy, he's not "fishing" for praise. He's also worked hard at becoming a better Sport and Student. Jace is a good student with a GPA 3.38. Congratulation Jace!



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTEN

On earning your Yellow Belt in Karate! Great job for being disciplined and working hard at every practice, you earned it!

*Love You,
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Brother, and Baby*

CONGRATULATIONS TYLA ROSE FROST

Great job on graduating from Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, Hawaii on December 18, 2013! We are so very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Although you have been off the reservation for such a long time, you made a commitment to graduate from College, and you did!! I loved going to Hawaii back when you first applied, accompanying your Mom- Debbie, Little sis Jennifer, Auntie Dona, and your Uncle Ronnie, (who passed onto the Spirit World 2 years ago), however we all had fun. The family hopes to see you soon as you take a rest from the Island, before you return back there. Stay positive and May the Creator Bless you even more with great



things ahead for you. We all love and support you in whatever next step you take. Once again, Congrats to you our Niece, Auntie and God-Daughter!

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PUBLIC NOTICE XTO Energy Inc. ("XTO")

Notice is hereby provided by XTO Energy Inc. ("XTO") of a public information meeting/open house to be held on the 5th day of March, 2014, at the Sky Ute Casino, John S. Williams Banquet Room #1, Ignacio, Colorado from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and answer questions regarding XTO's application for approval to drill additional infill wells producing from the Fruitland coal formation in the following two drilling and spacing units established by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC"):

Township 32 North, Range 6 West, N.M.P.M.

Section 5: S1/2

Section 8: W1/2

La Plata County, Colorado.

XTO's application is pending with the COGCC (Docket No. 1312 AW-81). XTO also will request a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of County Commissioners, La Plata County, Colorado regarding the pending infill application. XTO recognizes the importance of providing information and receiving public input regarding its plans for energy development in La Plata County, Colorado.

If you have questions, please contact undersigned counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of January, 2014.
Dugan & Associates, P.C.

By: Thomas P. Dugan, Reg. No. 13576
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Durango, Colorado 81301
Phone: 970-259-1770

Public Notice: Request For Comments

Proposed Air Quality Permits to Construct BP America Production Company Miera Central Delivery Point

Notice issued: January 29, 2014

Written comments due:
5 p.m., February 28, 2014

Where are the facilities located?
Southern Ute Indian Reservation
Miera Central Delivery Point
SW ¼, SE ¼, Sec 8 T34N R8W
Latitude 37.19886N
Longitude -107.740183W

What is being proposed?
This permit action will apply to an existing facility operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Colorado.

This facility is an existing natural gas compressor station that currently holds a Federal operating permit issued by the U.S. Region 8 Air Program pursuant to the Title V Operating Permit Program at 40 CFR Part 71 (Part 71). The permit contains emission limits created by the EPA. The creation of the emission limits in the Part 71 permit was a temporary, gap-filling measure for those sources operating in Indian country that did not have the ability to obtain these limits through pre-construction permitting programs, such as exists in state jurisdictions.

Upon promulgation of the Tribal New Source Review Program at 40 CFR Part 49 (MNSR), implemented by Federal government, and the approval of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Title V Permit to Operate Program (Part 70) implemented by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, it is now necessary to transfer these limits to the appropriate MNSR permits before the Southern Ute Indian Tribe issues new Part 70 permits.

Proposed Permit Requirements:
The proposed permit includes limitations on the emissions of carbon monoxide and formaldehyde from compressor engines operating at the facilities. The permit requires the use of catalytic reduction

control technology to comply with the emission limits. BP is required to conduct performance tests on the engines to demonstrate compliance with the established emission limits. BP must also perform continuous monitoring to assure emission limits are being met between performance tests.

What are the effects on air quality?
This action will have no adverse air quality impacts. The emissions at this existing facility will not be increasing due to this permit action. In addition, this action does not authorize the construction of any new emission sources, or emission increases from existing sources, nor does it otherwise authorize any other physical modifications to the facility or its operations.

Where can I send comments?
EPA accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail.

US EPA Region 8 Air Program, SP-AR
Attn: Federal Minor NSR Coordinator
1595 Wynkoop Street,
Denver, Colorado 80202
R8AirPermitting@epa.gov
Fax: 303-312-6064

How can I review documents?
You can review an electronic copy of the proposed permits and related documents at the following locations:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Environmental Programs Office
71 Mike Frost Way
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
Attn: Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program
Manager

US EPA Region 8 Office:
1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO
(Please call Kathy Paser at 303-312-6526
in advance of your visit.)

US EPA Region 8 Website:
<http://www.epa.gov/region8/pubnotice.html>.

Permit numbers:
Miera Central Delivery Point:
SMNSR-SU-000039-2012.001

What happens next?
EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permit as proposed, issue modified permit based on comments, or deny the permit.

Tribal Minor New Source Review in Indian Country



United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Region 8
Air Program

1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202
Phone 800-227-8917

www.epa.gov/region8



REQUEST FOR BIDS for all trades for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe SH 172/CR 314 Access Improvement in Ignacio, CO. Notice is hereby given that proposals from qualified firms shall be received by FCI Constructors, Inc. at 186 Moose Lane, Durango, CO 81303, email at ksmith@fcicol.com, or by fax at 970-259-8633 until 2:00pm (MST) on Thursday, February 13, 2014. Bid evaluations will comply with SUI TERO Code for Native American Preference. Bid requirements and information may be obtained by contacting Kristi Smith at 970-259-8644 or via email. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to see that any submitted bids are delivered to FCI prior to the closing date and time. FCI reserves the right to reject late proposals and cancel this RFB, or reject any and all submittals, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of FCI. FCI assumes no financial responsibility/liability whatsoever for the preparation of any response to this RFB.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Grazing Permits on Tribal Units for the 2014 Grazing Season

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting applications for grazing permits on available Tribal Range units for the 2014-2017 grazing cycle. The application deadline is 5pm Friday, March 7, 2014. Initial stocking rates are illustrated in the table below:

Archuleta Mesa 180 Head	Kearns 20 Head	Cat Creek 57 Head	Vega 180 Head
Archuleta Creek 133 Head	Trail Canyon 114 Head	Pump Canyon 46 Head	Beef Canyon 29 Head
Picnic Flats 86 Head	Soda Springs 32 Head		

It is very important to understand that adjustments in the length of the grazing season will be made every year in response to environmental conditions. Due to the drought conditions we have been experiencing the last few years, we will evaluate range conditions on a monthly basis to make a determination on the length of the grazing year. This means the grazing season may be shorter than 4 months. The usual grazing permit season begins June 1st of the calendar year and ends September 30th of the calendar year. To obtain an application please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range Division at (970) 563-4780 or come by the office at 575 CR 516, Ignacio.

FOR SALE

Brand NEW home on 1.4 acres outside Ignacio. 1540 sq-ft, 3b/2b. Owner financing available. \$269K. 970-749-6646.

LAND FOR SALE

Attention tribal members/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.

Should I Make A Will?

Hot Topics:

Understanding of Wills
Language of Wills
BIA Wills v. Tribal Court Wills

Please join
Judge Elaine Newton
February 20, 2014
Sky Ute Casino
9-12PM

Refreshments will be provided

CALLING ALL DJ'S

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe along with the Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort would like to invite you to DJ for our Annual Employee Appreciation Day, which will be held in June. We will be holding auditions in April. If you are interested please contact Trennie Collins at (970)563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov by March 14.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
♥ 8PM-11PM ♥

\$15.95 PRIME RIB BUFFET
DINNER @ 6:30PM | DANCE @ 8PM

Sky Ute Casino
RESORT
Owned & operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
IGNACIO, COLORADO

Purchase tickets online at skutecasino.com,
by calling 888.842.4180, at the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop
or at the door.





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

Marketing Representative III – Red Willow

Closing date 2/10/14
Ignacio, CO. Under the supervision of the Gas Control and Marketing Manager, this position performs marketing assignments, for all Red Willow assets, and interfaces with Gulf of Mexico partners. Works with Gas Control, Operations, and Engineering staff and others to sell and accurately account for natural gas, oil and Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) production volumes. Solicits sales and negotiates contracts for all natural gas, oil & NGL accounts.

Senior Office Manager – Red Willow

Closing date 2/10/14
Ignacio, CO. Provides support to the Company President and Executive Team. Supervises Administrative staff and develops and implements office procedures.

Solid Waste Monitor – SUGF (Utilities)

Closing date 2/17/14
Ignacio, CO. Under general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, performs duties necessary to operate the Tribal Solid Waste Transfer Station operation, the Tribal Customer Polycarts system, and assists with other duties at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Scheduled to work eight hours a day, Tuesday – Saturday.

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.

Banquet Staff – On-Call

Closing date 2/10/14
Assisting in serving, set-up, and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/GED preferred. Must be at least 18 years old, preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have food service experience. A valid driver's license and to be insurable under the tribal vehicle insurance policy.

Housekeeping Staff – Full-Time

Closing date 2/7/14
Cleans all public areas, casino; public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/GED preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

Craps Dealer – Full-Time

Closing date 2/7/14
Deal all craps games. Promotes positive guest relations through prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/GED. 1 year experience as a Craps Dealer with dealer school certification or 3 years experience dealing Craps, or Sky Ute Casino dealer certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in Craps.

Player Development Staff – Full-Time

Closing date 2/10/14
Performs all administrative functions of the Player's Club, enrolls new members and services existing members, promotes card usage from existing members through club benefits and promotions, assist guests with accounts, point redemption, promotion entries, and any other questions. High School Diploma/GED required. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a minimum of 2 years working in a customer service driven environment. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Must have a pleasing, customer service oriented personality along with superior people skills. Must have experience in database entry.

Deep Cleaning Staff – Temporary

Closing date 2/7/14
Responsible for cleanliness of food and beverage facilities and equipment. High School diploma/GED preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to take and provide written and oral direction in English.

KSUT

Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT is seeking one Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional

special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer

recruitment skills. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancies

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

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

restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
- Applicants must undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2014. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Casino Resort

The Sky Ute Casino Resort Human Resources Department is soliciting bids for two commercial sewing machines-like new. Interested parties must submit a bid that is postdated no later than February 28, 2014. The minimum bid accepted is \$400 per machine.

Letters must be clearly marked "Sky Ute Casino Bid Proposal" Mail letters to: P.O. Box 340 – Attention: Human Resources – Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information about the sewing machines please contact Casino Human Resources at 970-563-1311.



Art Teacher Wanted

Bids are being accepted for an Art Teacher for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Detention Facility. This position will be 2 hours a day/4 hours a week (Wednesday & Thursday). Responsible for knowledge and understanding of background and history of art, expected to plan an art curriculum, instruct students on safe handling of art supplies, keep inventory of art supplies.

Submit bids to include curriculum to the Southern Ute Education Department, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. The deadline for the bids will be February 11, 2014.

PHONE: 970/563-0237

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.

Maintenance Laborer

Closing date 2/7/14
Performs duties related to the daily operations of the Yard Maintenance Program, which provides various yard-related and firewood services to Tribal Members. Pay grade 12: \$11 hour.

Repairman

Closing date 2/7/14
Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15: \$14.10 hour.

Public Health Nurse

Closing date 2/10/14
Registered Nurse, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21: \$25.66 hour.

Senior Probation Officer

Closing date 2/13/14
Under direct supervision of Chief Probation Officer & Court Administrator represents the Tribal Court in a positive and professional manner in the provision of probation counseling to Tribal Members and serves as Wellness Court Case Manager. Pay grade 18: \$18.80 hour.

Multi Purpose Facility Coordinator

Closing date 2/18/14
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.

Temporary Boys & Girls Club Program Aides, Swimming Instructors, Umpires, Referees, and Scorekeepers

Open until filled

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
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. 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.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled
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 current Colorado LCSW or LPC license.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Team Jobs Program

Continuously open
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.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Early Care Educator – SU Early Head Start

Open until filled
Full-time. Exceptional opportunity for those who love children. High school/GED and CDA, AA, or Infant/Toddler Certification required; BA in Early Childhood Education preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience.

Diploma/GED required. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test, background check.

Substitute Cook – SU Head Start

Open until filled
Weekdays, assist staff in preparing meals for children and adults. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, experience cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 30 pounds, pass background checks and obtain food handlers permit. Regular, dependable attendance a must.

Driver – Road Runner

Open until filled
Part-time. Current CDL, medical card, and passenger endorsement preferred. High School

F&M CONSTRUCTION INC. Heavy Equipment Operators

Heavy Equipment Operators with experience operating Backhoes, Trackhoes and various other pieces of Heavy Equipment. Also looking for Skilled Laborers having experience with Wet/Dry Utilities and Grade Checkers. Health

Insurance and 401k offered upon completion of 90day probationary period. Pre-employment Drug Test required. For application please come to 479 Wolverine Drive, Bayfield, CO 81122. For directions call 970-884-0109.

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: Cecelia Frances Humpy, Case No.: 2013-0082-CV-PR

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 February 24, 2014 at 9:00 AM. 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 16th of January, 2014
Maria Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Estate Of: Gregory Nick Box, Case No.: 2013-0125-CV-PR

NOTICE OF PROBATE

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Dated this 9th of January, 2014
Maria Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk



FLY-FISHING

Alone on the San Juan River

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When I was contemplating writing this month's column, I thought it would be nice if I went where the fish would take dry flies, the weather would be nice, and I wouldn't be fishing with hundreds of my nearest and dearest friends.

I figured this type of research would help me gather my thoughts. Obviously, I'll use any reason I can to get on a river. As I wracked my brain about where I could go that meets those requirements, the San Juan River kept popping up. Now, I know many of you who fly-fish the San Juan River are thinking, "Either this guy has never been to the San Juan, or he has taken advantage of the new smoking laws in Colorado." Neither is true. I only smoke cigars, and I have fly-fished the San Juan hundreds of times.

Now that I'm a retired fly-fishing guide, I get to fish with my goals in mind, not those of a client. My goals of being relatively alone on a river where the fish will take dry flies, and the weather is nice, can be easy on the San Juan.

First, don't fish the San Juan on the weekend. I pulled into the Munoz parking lot on a Thursday at 9:15 a.m. and found it completely empty. The weather was clear, and the temperature was 35 degrees and climbing. This was after driving over the dam and seeing only one fisherman in the upper flats.

Where was everyone?



So, there you have it. Fish on off days, stay out of the main channels, search out areas others have no interest in, cast dry flies.

At first I thought maybe the river had been closed, but without any signs indicating that, I booted and suited. At 9:30 a.m., still nobody else in the parking lot, I headed for the back channel. Here is where I had my "aha" moment on fishing the San Juan sans the crowds. It came to me as I looked up the channel completely void of any fly-fisherman. I needed to find the places others had no interest in fly-fishing.

Secondly, cast your fly in the back channels. The back channels are located from the dam to the Munoz parking lot. This is a lot of river that receives very little fishing pressure, especially

if the flow is above 1,000 cubic feet a second. With less pressure, I find the trout will look at and take something other than a size-24 red something.

In fact, my favorite fly in this stretch of water is a Parachute Adams. But there are other areas that most fly-fisherman have little interest in fishing.

I like to fish upstream from the Cottonwood Camp Ground. The bait fishermen work the water in front of the campground. Go upstream 200 yards and the number of fishermen, fly or otherwise, goes to zero. If the river is low, wade across to the brads. Again, you won't be hassled with lots of folks.

Still having doubts about my choice of what to smoke? Go down stream from the campgrounds. The pump house area is seldom overrun. If you're there on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, chances are you'll be the only one in the parking lot.

Now, go even further downstream. There are public access points below Abe's. Finding them will take a little detective work, but they are there. Just be sure you don't trespass on a site that is indeed private.

So there you have it. Fish on off days, stay out of the main channels, search out areas others have no interest in, and cast dry flies. I know I'll be paying more attention to those rules of the river. And, if lots of the other fly-fishermen follow these suggestions the main channels might become more welcoming.

Safari, so good

That was the motto for this year's annual Snowdown Festival in Durango. From Wednesday, Jan. 29 to Sunday, Feb. 2, sightings of costumed lions, hunters, and other representations of the wildlife were abundant.

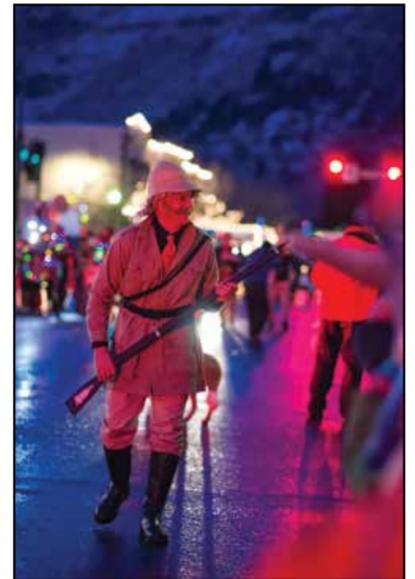


Amber Doughty (right) and Tauri Raines of Southern Ute Royalty supported the tribe in this year's parade. Doughty flashes a smile before throwing a handful of treats.

Photos by Damon Toledo
The Southern Ute Drum



The frigid air didn't stop a crowd from appearing. Various floats provided heat by blasting flames from balloon baskets, high in the air, warming everyone nearby.



Many attendees dressed in unusual and creative types of humorous apparel. A safari hunter sports his rifle and runs up to a cheering flock of parade attendees.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Feb. 7



Chance of snow 36°F

Saturday, Feb. 8



Chance of snow 38°F

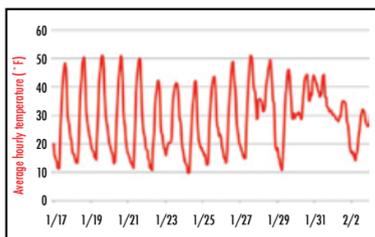
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Mostly sunny 42°F

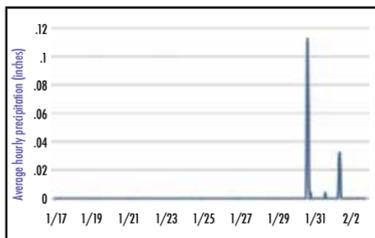


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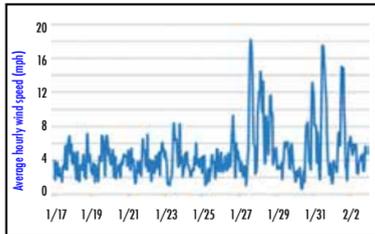
Temperature

High 51.0°
Low 9.7°
Average 28.9°
Average last year 24.8°



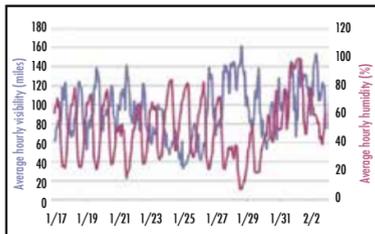
Precipitation

Total 0.364"
Total last year 1.620"



Wind speed

Average 4.7
Minimum 0.6
Maximum 18.2



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 93.7
Average humidity 50.9%

Air quality
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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