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# Cats rule regionals, run away with first state game

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

The only reason Steve Swartzendruber heard the whistle was because he'd screamed for it. Amid deafening applause generated by consecutive enemy three-pointers, virtually none of his players likely heard it either – but they knew the unpleasant timeout was coming.

After Ignacio senior Jay Black quickly called for and received classmate Pedro Vigil's inbound pass in the right corner, Black easily buried an unguarded trey. And after Paonia came up empty on their next possession, Vigil dribbled down-court to the right wing and, with no hesitation, drained one himself.

"When I was on the bench, I was just going to keep encouraging my team," said Vigil of three first-half fouls that forced him to miss nearly all the second quarter. "And when I came back out, I was going to make sure I put in just like the rest of them did for me."

Black said it was "exhilarating." "As soon as you hit it, all you hear is 'Aaaaaahhhh!' And all that adrenaline hits you, and you're like 'Yes! We're going, we're going!'" he said.

One fist pump had been followed by another, the roof of the DemonDome had somehow contained the crowd's explosion, and

the Eagles' skipper must have sensed his final chance had arrived to disrupt the Bobcats' momentum in the March 5 Class 2A-Region III championship.

Behind strong shooting by his own guards, Adrian Penny and Kacey Kropp, PHS – coming off a 61-60 overtime win over Mosca-based Sangre de Cristo the night before – fought well enough to weather 11 Vigil points in the first quarter, a combined 11 from posts Ryan Brooks and Shane Richmond in the second, and had trailed by only a 30-22 deficit at halftime.

But the two Bobcat bombs he'd just seen had stretched Ignacio's lead to 19, 51-32, with only about two minutes left in the third quarter. And as it ended, he and his flock learned what practically every IHS opponent has learned in the last three seasons: 19 points translates to "Game over."

"I thought we came out a little slow, but we picked it up in the second half – came out pretty strong in the third quarter and did well on defense," said Richmond, who led the Cats with 20 points in the previous day's 59-29 blowout of Crowley County (Ordway). "That's what we need to do; doesn't matter if you score or not, because if you play good defense they're not going to score."

Sixth man Deion Hudson kept the 24-minute mark's margin 18

points wide, 59-41. First came a triple with 0:33 left, extinguishing the mini-rally Swartzendruber's pause helped cause, then, after an Eagle basket, the Cats raced back down with time for one last dynamite shot.

Taking a feed on the left wing from Brooks, Hudson let fly from near the sideline over a defender, and the celebration the swish triggered could have made fans forget eight minutes were yet to be played.

"It felt like an NBA three," he said of his buzzer-beater. "Felt kind of off, felt flat, but as soon as I felt it go off my fingers I knew it was going in. The first one I hit – I already knew it was going in."

And at that point it was evident the Bobcats were going on to Pueblo for a third straight season, with a third consecutive Region III winners' plaque from Durango for the trophy case.

Vigil split two Eagles with an incredible behind-the-head, no-look pass to Brooks for a no-brainer bucket beginning the team's final frame of the season in southwestern Colorado (they'd won the previous weekend's district tournament at Montezuma-Cortez).

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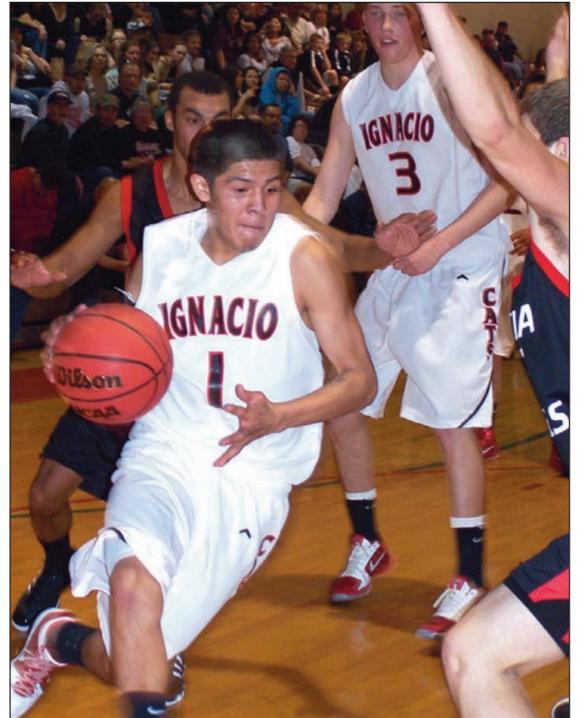


photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Using a screen set by Ryan Brooks (3), Ignacio's Deion Hudson (1) accelerates to the baseline against Paonia during the March 5 2A-Region III championship game in Durango. Hudson scored eight points, six on two crippling three-pointers, as IHS erased the Eagles from the postseason, 76-46.

## Education depts. in talks over Tri-Ute youth conference

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Education leaders from the three Ute tribes met in Ignacio March 4 to discuss the possibility of a Tri-Ute youth conference.

The conference would allow Ute tribal members between the sixth and 12th grades a social setting to have fun and learn about culture and leadership through workshops, panels and various activities. Details about where and when the conference might take place haven't been set, but some at the meeting said southwest Colorado presents some promising options, including the new Multi-purpose Building at

Ute Park and Fort Lewis College.

"I would see this leadership conference as something that would go before the Tri-Ute Games," said Jennifer Bartlett, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, adding that it could help establish a "baseline of camaraderie" before the games.

While offering potential as a tie-in to the games, a conference would also allow less athletic tribal members an opportunity to make friends and demonstrate their talents, said Carrie Vogel, early elementary tutor with the Southern Ute Education Department.

"We need to get the math and science kids involved," she said.

La Titia Taylor, director of the Education Department, said vendors could be included at conferences to give youth access to college representatives and role models like law enforcement officers. Talk included the potential for workshops on everything from the Ute language to drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

Afrem Wall, K-12 student services director for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, suggested friendly competitions like a knowledge bowl or talent show could attract students who other-

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## Hula-hooping for health



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Messorsori Academy students Marquise Salazar and Donovan Watts take to the hula hoops during the annual Health Services Kids Fair, hosted at the SunUte Community Center on Friday, March 4. Classrooms of varying ages toured the many booths and activities offered at the informational fair.

**BREAKING NEWS:**  
Ignacio triumphs over Wiggins in March 10, Class 2A State Tournament quarterfinals 56-31!



Tune into KSUT 91.3 FM, Southern Ute Tribal Radio to catch all of the upcoming action Friday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 12, TBA



## Casino named Ignacio chamber's 'member of year'

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Ignacio Chamber of Commerce on March 2 named the Sky Ute Casino Resort its member of the year for continued support of the chamber's activities, including monthly meetings and Ignacio Bike Week.

Acting General Manager Madilenia Chavarillo and Marketing Director Ben Fernandez accepted the award from chamber President Emily Meisner. The casino won the top prize over about 70 other member businesses.

"It's an honor that they recognize us as an important business member of the chamber," Fernandez said. "We always want to do as much as we can to support the chamber."

Fernandez said the relationship between the chamber and the casino, which hosts the chamber's monthly meetings in one of its conference rooms, has historically been "very close."

"We look forward to doing a lot more ... as they grow and as we grow," he said.

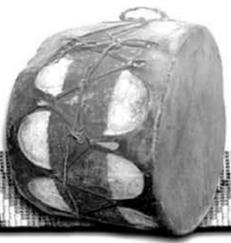
Meisner said Sky Ute has shown support for virtually all of the chamber's activities over the years. During a discussion of which business deserved the award most at the chamber board's annual meeting, the casino emerged a clear winner, she said.

"They are a team player in the biggest way," she said. "This is a long-coming, well-deserved award."



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Madilenia Chavarillo, acting general manager for the Sky Ute Casino Resort, proudly displays a "member of the year" plaque awarded by the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce during its March 2 meeting. The casino won the award for its long-standing support of chamber efforts, including monthly meetings and Ignacio Bike Week.



## News in brief

### IGNACIO

#### Local Regional Science fair winners announced

The following students competed and placed in the Regional Science Fair on Thursday, March 3, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds:

#### Behavioral science

First: Rachel Cooper  
Second: Jaylynn Herrera

#### Earth science

Third: Veronica Gonzales

#### Energy/transportation

First: Bryan Gram

#### Medicine/health

Second: Tori Archuleta

#### Physics

Second: Tyler Gay  
Third: Ruger Valdez

#### Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Meat is processed and packaged using local processors and is available as hamburger, steaks, roasts, stew meat and other specialty cuts. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

#### Tribe offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich (970-563-0315 ext. 2238; pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us) or Mel Baker (970-563-4710; mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us) to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

#### Hay for sale

The Southern Ute Bison Program has 500 bales of grass hay cut in 2010 for sale at \$5 per bale. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay, call Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130 or 970-749-5088.

### DURANGO

#### Around the World Children's Fair

Children and their parents are invited to the second annual Around the World Children's Fair on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the gymnasium of St. Columba's Catholic School, 1801 E. Third Ave., Durango. Children will receive a "passport" and then visit 13 booths of nations or regions where they will make a craft that represents that nation/region. Entertainment will be provided all day, and food will be available for purchase. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information please call the event sponsor, Del Alma, at 970-382-9693.

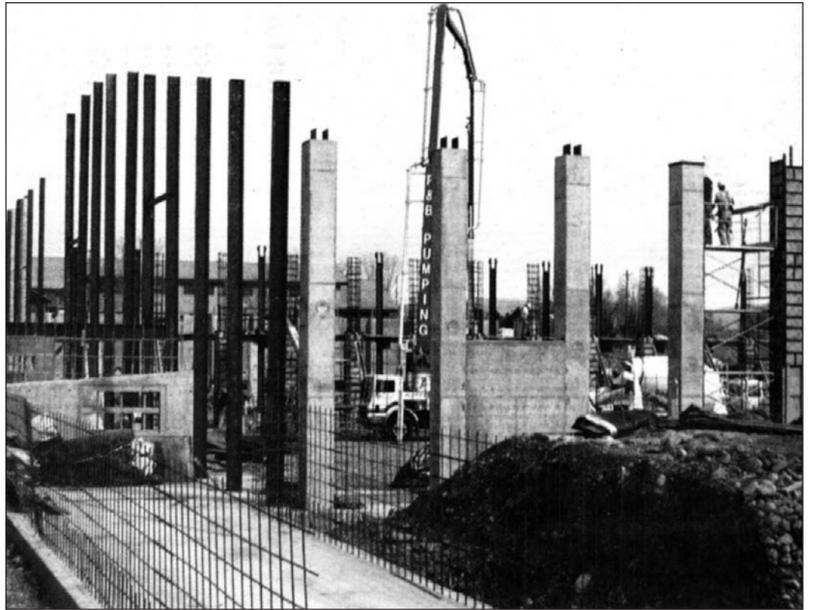


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## 10 Years Ago

Construction on the Southern Ute Community Center is proceeding nicely, according to Bob Piccoli, director of the Construction and Project Management Department. The project was scheduled to be completed on Aug. 14, 2001. Interested individuals could check the progress of construction by visiting the Tribe's homepage on the web. Information was made available on how the installation of the french drain to help alleviate drainage problems, look at progress photos, and more.

This photo first appeared in the March 9, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Hunter Education Class

**Buckskin Charlie Conference Room (2nd Floor)  
Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado**

**Five (5) Classes (must attend all classes): Tuesdays and Thursdays:  
March 15, 17, 22 and 24 (6:30 – 9 p.m.)  
and Saturday March 26 (9 – 11 a.m.) at the Southern Ute Shooting Range**

**Minimum Age Limit, 12 years of age • Class Limit: 20 participants • Cost: \$10  
Class Requirements: Must attend all classes, pass written test,  
and demonstrate safe handling of firearms**

**Class Restrictions: Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, items will be provided  
Pre-registration required: Call Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management 970-563-0130  
Other Classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs):**

Please call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations 970-247- 0855  
or visit their website [wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses/](http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses/)

Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Christopher Taylor

Job title: Grounds maintenance laborer  
Description of duties: Maintain all tribal properties.  
Hobbies: Riding horses, team roping, and riding dirtbikes.



### Nicole Y. Pearson

Job Title: Recording secretary  
Description of duties: Receptionist for the Tribal Council, records Tribal Council meetings  
Hobbies: Camping, hiking, fishing and spending time with family.  
Tribe: Sault St. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians



### Blenda L. Ortiz

Job title: Tribal Council recording secretary  
Description of duties: Recording Tribal Council's regular and special meetings, supporting the tribal chairman, Tribal Council members and executive office.  
Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, camping, fishing, watching TV and vegging out.  
Family: Children – Anthony "Ace," Sapphire and Angel Ortiz. Granddaughter "Princess" Alexis Ortiz and companion Jeff Lyman.  
Tribe: Taos Pueblo/Southern Ute.



### Thomas L. (Tom) Johnson

Job Title: Environmental Programs Division – Division head  
Description of duties: Responsible for the management of tribal environmental programs, including Air Quality, Water Quality, Brownfield & Compliance, and the General Assistance Program.  
Hobbies: Skiing, Cajun cooking, and geology  
Family: Married to Pam Leschok; two cats, Stony & Gracie  
Tribe: Scottish-Clan Wallace, Clan McTavish



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## 20 Years Ago

Is it spring yet? Head Start children enjoy the warm sunshine that the Ignacio area experienced the week before the march winds and cold weather set in.

This photo first appeared in the March 8, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 30 Years Ago

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch (in back row at left) with Vennie Valdez, Anna Marie Scott and Clement Frost. Front row: Art Weaver, Roger Sage, John Weaver, Howard Richards, Ray Olguin and Gerald Howe.

This photo first appeared in the March 13, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Education Director La Titia Taylor keeps track of ideas for a Tri-Ute youth conference during a meeting of education leaders from the three Ute tribes at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park on March 4. The group is hoping to plan a 3-day conference that would include workshops, panels and activities like a tipi-raising contest and talent show.

**Education: Tri-Ute youth conference, from page 1**

wise have little opportunity to demonstrate their nonathletic talents to fellow tribal members. A dance, mini-powwow, tipi-raising contest, and shinny game were also suggested as possible inclusions. Those at the meeting agreed three days is a good length. Because the timing is dependent on so many other obligations to students' time throughout the year, the group elected to postpone setting any dates until after the Tri-Ute Council meeting in April.

**Elders sew traditional garments**



The sounds of sewing machines and conversation filled the Education Building on Tuesday, Feb. 22. The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a two-day workshop for tribal members to come together and sew traditional garments. Ribbon shirts and traditional dresses were among the many projects underway. San Jean Burch and Elise Redd were among many of the tribal elders who partook in the sewing workshop. Mary Inez Cloud carefully marks fabric to be cut into patterns for her sewing project.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

**Attention all Sun Dancers**

Call for Sun Dance meeting to be held on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at SunUte Community Center. Meeting is for Southern Ute sun dancers only. **NO WOMEN ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Kenny Frost, Sun Dance chief

**Seeking Bear Dance feast volunteers**

Southern Ute Bear Dance 2011, May 27-30

The Bear Dance chief is asking if anyone is willing to take on the task of being head frybread maker and head stew cook for the Bear Dance feast on Monday, May 30.

If you would like to volunteer, to help with the Bear Dance feast, please contact Andrea Taylor at 970-563-0100 ext. 2250 or Anna-Marie Garcia at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208.



**Ute Language**

üaÇinikH - plant  
 üatüvüpÜ - planted land  
 üaÇnapÜ - planter

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

**PowWow Trails**

**Denver March PowWow**  
 March 18 - 20

4600 Humbolt St. • Denver, CO  
 Contact: Denver March Powwow, Inc.  
 Phone: 303-934-8045  
 Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net  
 Web: www.denvermarchpowwow.org

**SDSU 40th Annual PowWow**  
 March 26

5500 Campanile Drive • San Diego, CA  
 Contact: Preston Chipps  
 Phone: 619-594-1681  
 Email: aiasdsu@gmail.com  
 Web: aiasdsu.org

**University of Arizona Wildcat PowWow**  
 April 1 - 2

1500 E 4th Street (North of the Arizona Stadium) • Tucson, AZ  
 Contact: Nicole Scott  
 Email: uawildcatpowwow@gmail.com  
 Web: wildcatpowwow.wordpress.com

**19th Annual Spring Contest PowWow**  
 April 16 - 17

CSU Foothills Campus  
 B.W. Pickett Equine Center • Fort Collins, CO  
 Phone: 970-498-0290  
 Email: ncipa@fortnet.org  
 Web: www.fortnet.org/PowWow/NCIPA\_powwow.html



photos courtesy Kristi Gamanez/SunUte

Native American activist Dennis Banks answers questions from Southern Ute tribal members after a screening of the documentary "A Good Day to Die" at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park on March 3. Banks is a cofounder of the American Indian Movement. To the left are David Mueller and Lynn Salt, who produced and directed the film.

**Native documentary gets special screening in Ignacio**

By Ace Stryker  
 The Southern Ute Drum

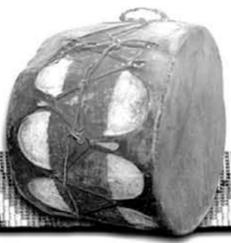
The Durango Independent Film Festival made a detour into Ignacio March 3 for a special screening of "A Good Day to Die," a documentary about Native American activist Dennis Banks. Banks, cofounder of the American Indian Movement, was present in person at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park to answer questions from Southern Ute tribal members after the screening. Also present were David Mueller and Lynn Salt, who together produced and directed the film.



Marshall McKay, chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation in California, addresses the audience after the March 3 screening of the documentary "A Good Day to Die".

restore the traditions and rights of Native Americans. The organization coordinated a series of high-profile events in the 1970s, including the "Trail of Broken Treaties" in 1972 that led a caravan of activists from the West Coast to Washington, D.C., culminating in the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices.

The movement also staged the occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., in 1973. Members held the town - made famous as the scene of a massacre of Native Americans nearly a century earlier - for 71 days in an effort to bring light to decades of grievances. "A Good Day to Die" follows Banks's story from boarding through military service and his involvement with AIM. It also showed in Durango on March 6.



# The Kidney Corner:

## Consider lifestyle changes to control blood pressure

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates



In the last edition of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the importance of controlling blood pressure. Such control can very effectively prevent the complications of high blood pressure including stroke, blindness, heart disease and kidney failure.

Although medications are often needed to control high blood pressure, it is important to start with non-medicine approaches to controlling blood pressure. We call these "therapeutic lifestyle changes," and they can be extremely effective for blood pressure control.

Although it can be difficult to maintain a change in one's lifestyle, these efforts usually don't cost anything and don't have any side effects so they are in many ways better than medications.

Exercise is one effective lifestyle modification which has been shown to markedly improve blood pressure. I am often asked which exercise is the best for my patients. There have been many studies done on this subject, and in general, they have shown that it doesn't matter what form of exercise is done; the benefits to the cardiovascular system are about the same.

A recent study even showed

that it doesn't matter whether exercise is "aerobic" (endurance type exercise like running, biking or swimming) or "anaerobic" (strengthening type exercise like weight lifting); again, the benefit to the cardiovascular system is about the same.

For people who have problems with joints or muscles, some types of exercise that put less strain on the joints, such as stationary biking or swimming, can be more enjoyable. Another consideration regarding choice of exercise is that "weight bearing exercise" (walking or running) can be more beneficial for prevention of osteoporosis by improving calcium deposition in bones.

A long-term commitment to an exercise program is essential for it to be effective. So my usual answer to the question, "Which

type of exercise is best for me?" is to ask the patient "What kind of exercise do you like doing best?" I feel that the exercise a person enjoys the most is the one they will stick with the best. Thirty minutes five times per week is a reasonable goal for exercise.

Weight loss is another effective way to reduce blood pressure. Exercise and calorie restriction are the most beneficial ways to achieve this. Even loss of a modest amount of weight can be extremely beneficial in blood pressure control.

I don't recommend high-protein diets for weight control. Although they can result in rapid weight loss, they are often associated with rapid return of the weight, and their safety is not well established.

Long term weight loss is better achieved by balanced calorie restriction. In this context, "balanced" means keeping an appropriate balance of protein, carbohydrates and even some healthful fats to maintain a diet high in nutritional value.

Finally, no discussion of therapeutic lifestyle changes would be complete without mentioning the importance of sodium (salt) restriction. This can have a significant effect in reducing blood pressure, whether patients are on blood pressure-lowering medications or not.

# 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."



### NEWS:

**SunUte pool reopens:** The pool is now open! Bring the family and friends to come enjoy the water. We have swim lessons starting back up, and we also have new swim lesson prices and time lengths. Please give us a call to find out pricing. Swim Club will also be starting up March 1 – May 12! Call for more details.

**Men's 35+ Basketball League:** Games are scheduled on Monday evenings.

### FITNESS:

**Active Kid Care:** It's back on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.! Group exercise classes are rocking on Saturdays!

### SENIOR BREAKFAST:

The SunUte front desk staff invites all Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older to come enjoy a hot, healthy meal at SunUte. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older eat free. Non-members pay \$4 at the door. Brought to you by the SunUte Front Desk Staff. March 4: Blueberry-ricotta pancakes  
March 11: Breakfast parfaits

March 18: Asparagus, mushroom and gruyere omelets  
March 25: Scrambled egg muffins

### Boys & Girls Club

Here's the Overdrive schedule for March 25  
6:30 p.m.: Family Dinner  
7:30 p.m.: Pre-OD Enrichment  
9 p.m. – midnight: Overdrive  
Call 970-563-4753 for more information.

For general information on SunUte activities, programs, holiday hours or closures please feel free to call the SunUte Front Desk at 970-563-0214.



# SunUte

Right In Your Backyard.

## Healthy updates

### IGNACIO

**Health Center now open during lunch**

The Southern Ute Health Center is now open during the lunch hour Monday through Friday. This change was implemented on March 7 and is expected to improve service by giving patients the opportunity to access care and medications between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

### Weekly health programs now on KSUT

Tune in to KSUT 91.3 FM or on the web at [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org), every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., to hear the weekly Tribal health radio program and updates.

### DURANGO

**9Health Fairs - La Plata and Archuleta Counties**

9Health Fairs will take place on April 2 in Durango at Escalante Middle School from 7 a.m. to noon; April 2 in Pagosa Springs at the Pagosa High School from 7 a.m. to noon; April 16 in Ignacio at Sky Ute Casino from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and April 30 at Bayfield Elementary School from 7 a.m. to noon.

## Advertise With Us!

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**Tumbling Tots**  
**Tuesday 10-10:45 a.m.**  
In Ignacio at the SunUte Community Center

Call Nicole/Robin at 563-0214 for more info. Fee: Free for SunUte members. \$4 for non-members. Bring in this ad and your first class is FREE!

# TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

Every Sunday in March & April at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the John S. Williams Room. 12:00pm-3:30pm

**March:**  
6 Larry Tucker / Bingo  
13 Flowers  
20 Show and Tell / Finish Up Projects  
27 Baby Moccasins / Buffalo Bag

**April:**  
3 Finish Up Moccasins and Buffalo Bags  
10 Beaded Eggs  
17 Finish Up Beaded Eggs  
24 Easter -- No Activities

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12:30-3:30pm.

All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.

# PeaceJam Mural

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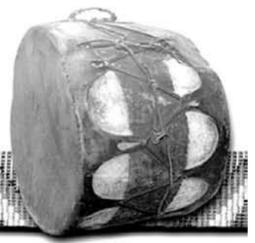
During Spring Break the Boys and Girls Club and its' PeaceJam group will be painting a mural on the Lodge Pole Way Bus Stop at Cedar Point. The mural will be designed by a few community artists and finished by the BCC PeaceJam members.

The PeaceJam group decided that they would like to create peace through art work and as part of the PeaceJam Global Call to Action: (PeaceJam's Global Call to Action is an international movement of young people who have decided to work together to solve the most pressing issues of our time. In small groups and clubs, in cities and in villages, Global Call to Action groups are tackling important problems facing our planet) they have chosen to combat "Violence" and to give back "Rights for Woman and Children, and their roles as Leaders".



# Peace Jam

TEN YEARS ONE BILLION ACTS OF PEACE



# Friday night Overdrive returns

By Jennifer Bartlett  
Boys & Girls Club  
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Five community organizations came together in fall 2010 to discuss bringing back a popular teen program, Friday Night Overdrive.

Beginning on Jan. 28, the SunUte Community Center opened its doors to junior high- and high school-aged teens from 9 p.m. to midnight. Staff members from the Southern Ute Police Department, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, SunUte Community Center, and Southern Ute Community Action Programs' Youth Services provided a variety of activities.

Healthy Lifestyle La Plata and Southern Ute Education also provided support. The collaboration of organizations has allowed the event to grow and become sustainable for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's current and future teens.

Before the live DJ turned the sound on to begin the event, a family dinner – coordinated in partnership with the Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life Program – provided a healthy meal for community members of all ages. The dinner



photo courtesy/SU Boys & Girls Club

A group of teens kicked off Overdrive on Jan. 28, with a dash starting Dodgeball Madness. The third Overdrive is scheduled for March 25, and it will continue the last Friday of every month.

was followed by other activities for teens at SunUte until Overdrive began.

On Feb. 25, 30 youth attended the second Friday Night Overdrive of the year. The event included a dodge-ball tournament, flag football, indoor tennis, active video games, indoor soccer, rock climbing, and a lounge area.

Complimentary food was served to participants as well.

Friday Night Overdrive is free and requests that participants enter the event only once after 9 p.m. Participants are also offered

a free ride home after the event, within 10 miles of SunUte, with a completed waiver. Waivers can be picked up at Ignacio schools, SunUte, or SUCAP's Teen Center.

The next Friday Night Overdrive will be March 25, and the event will continue the last Friday of every month.

For more information on volunteering at Friday Night Overdrive, contact Jennifer Bartlett at jbartlett@southern-ute.nsn.us or 970-563-4753. Volunteers must pass criminal background checks to participate.

# Bobcats of the Month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn.

Pictured from top left: SyRya Coyote, Jasmyrn Doyebi, Isaac Herrera, April Lang, January Murray, Alexis Ortiz, Dean Price and Mia Tallbird.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## Education update

### Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education
- An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on March 4, April 8, May 6, June 3 and July 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

## Southern Ute Head Start and Early Head Start Community Survey

In the interest of providing better services to children and families in our community, the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and Early Head Start program is requesting your input.

Please visit [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org) and follow the link to the Head Start Community survey.

The survey will be open until March 31. In the meantime, if there are questions, please contact Elaine Wasserbach at 970-563-4517 ext. 102 or ewasserbach@sucap.org.

SUCAP thanks you for your feedback!

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Department**

**10th Annual Career Fair**  
April 13, 2011  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Sky Ute Casino & Resort, Events Center**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**  
If you have any questions please call  
970-563-0237

**Learning is the HEART of Community**

Thursday, March 17-  
Friday, March 18, 2011  
Sky Ute Casino & Resort  
Ignacio, Colorado

**Conference for Rural Adult Learning & Literacy**

**Workshops, including...**

- Computerized GED Testing—an update from Chalmer Naugle, State GED Administrator
- "Bridge Programs: Breathing New Life into Adult Ed"
- "Emerging Literacy classes: A Niche Population?"
- Roundtable discussion: The Rural Challenge for Higher Ed

**Featured session**

"Learning to Achieve II" seminar—part of a NIFL training by Sue Petranek, using the latest research on learning disabilities and effective teacher responses.

**PLUS**

A visit from the State AEFL Director, Margaret Kirkpatrick

**Accommodations**

Conference Registration fee: \$0

Food fee: \$25 per person —includes continental breakfast Thursday, breakfast burrito Friday, coffees; sandwich buffet lunch Thursday (iced-tea), snacks on Friday.

Sky Ute Resort rooms: \$75 single; \$85 double.  
For other accommodations options please visit our website: [www.PRCLC.org](http://www.PRCLC.org)

Early-bird check-in: Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) at PRCLC, 4-6:00 pm  
Regular check-in: Thursday 7:30 am or Friday 7:30 am at the main conference hall

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE ONLY;** please confirm your TWO-DAY or ONE-DAY attendance

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*Professional opportunity for the educators & service providers "out yonder"*

Sparse populations. Small-town culture. Youth outmigration. Disproportionate costs. For adult instructors in rural Colorado the refrains are all too familiar, though they may sound strange to outsiders.

*Teaching for 21<sup>st</sup>-century ruralites; sophistication that balances traditionalism*

What makes our work so different here? How is the learning curve so distinct, and the adaptations unique? When local values meet global norms, what's the future? Helping adults achieve new vitality and skills in the "outback" often challenges our most basic assumptions.

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And after Vigil's last three, putting Ignacio up 68-44 with 3:48 remaining, Swartzendruber helped give IHS boss Chris Valdez time to plan his seniors' curtain calls with a timeout. Brooks exited with 17 points, Vigil sat with 21, Black departed with his three, Hudson totaled eight. Low-post backup Colton Davis played to the final whistle, hitting two free throws and scoring once inside for his four points.

Paul Tahlo netted Ignacio's seven other points, after also booking seven against the Chargers, and hit a tide-turning three early in the Bobcats' 29-point third quarter. Penny had just rattled in one of his four threes, bringing Paonia back to 34-29, but Tahlo answered immediately from distance.

Paonia had taken their last lead at 20-19 on reserve Daniel Ford's two free throws - incidentally, the game's first attempts (of which the teams totaled only 13) - with 5:14 left before halftime.

"We knew they were going to come out and give us a good game. They weren't just going to lay down for us," Brooks said. "So we came tough and ready to play, let them breathe a little in the first half, and Coach told us in the second to clamp down and don't let them get anything. ... We did that, started hitting our threes, and that started opening up the inside game."

Hudson said the offense started out too fast.

"We had to slow it down," he said. "And after we slowed it down, everybody started getting into the game."

Penny led the Eagles (16-8) with 16 points, Kropp scored 11, and forward Anthony Roeber, who scored the game's first bas-



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Shane Richmond (23) whirls around Paonia's Daniel Ford (25) to score two of his 16 points in the 2A-Region III championship game March 5 in Durango. Penalizing teams all season for over-defending teammate Ryan Brooks, Richmond also scored 20 the day before against Crowley County. CC fell 59-29, and PHS fell 76-46.

ket, totaled eight before fouling out with 85 seconds left in Paonia's season.

"It's crazy. Feels so good," said Brooks of the 76-46 triumph. "Just working hard and knowing that work pays off with all these cham-

pionships or whatever. We just want to ... make it a step further."

Vigil said he didn't want it to be the last game he'd ever play.

"I came out like it was my last ... and just wanted to do it for my coach," he said. "He worked all year for us - it was one of our main goals - and I just wanted to get there for the whole team."

Off to the double-elimination Great Eight phase inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena, Ignacio (21-2) received the No. 2 seed behind only undefeated Yuma (23-0). In March 10's opening quarterfinals, the Cats overcame Wiggins (14-10), who stunned Limon in the Region VIII finale, by a final score of 56-31. Ignacio advanced to face either No. 3 Lutheran (20-4) or No. 6 Peyton (19-5) in the March 11 semifinals at 4 p.m.

Also in are No. 8 Hoehne (12-11), No. 4 Denver Christian (20-3), and No. 5 Lutheran-Parker (20-4).

"Very special. Feels good going back to Pueblo," Hudson said. "I was there once, now I'm going back, and I'm going to play my hardest when I get up there, help the team out the best I can."

Black said Ignacio's senior-driven success has made for an amazing ride.

"Especially with Chunk [Brooks] and Pedro - Chunk's a phenomenal post player, Pedro can just shoot - and Deion, nobody can stay with him. Amazing to watch them play," he said.

Add Paonia, Crowley County and Wiggins to the long list of witnesses who'd have to agree.

Lady Cats exit in regional semis

By Joel Priest Special to the Drum

After an electric start and energized first quarter, it was as if someone just pulled the plug.

And even when the socket was in sight and the prongs were re-inserted, there was no current flowing through the circuit for the Lady Bobcats March 4 in Grand Junction.

Facing Lutheran (Parker, Colo.) in one semifinal of the 2A-Region V Tournament, Ignacio managed just eight baskets - including a combined two in the second/third quarters - and succumbed, 43-27, inside Mesa State College's Brownson Arena.

"When we played with them in the first two or three minutes, we had a feeling of confidence," said head coach Brice Searles. "But from there it was a matter of us being more efficient offensively. ... We became stagnant, and it was pretty easy for them to take over from there."

Forward Mariah Vigil began the game with a workman's three-point play, and the lefty then dropped in another hoop to put IHS ahead 5-0 only 1:10 into the contest. Rose Mirabal then hit two free throws nine seconds later to show the Lady Lions that the southwesterners meant business.

"We knew what we had to do; we went last year so we knew what it was like," Michelle Simmons said. "We started off strong ... and for a team of seniors [at Lutheran], we could have beat them easily."

Fortunate to have experience of six seniors and two juniors on its roster, Ignacio quickly learned that only two would actually pose a threat. And with Mirabal holding Kelsey Wall almost completely in check up front, and Simmons slowing Kelsey Hizer in the backcourt, the Lady Cats gave themselves plenty of chances to build off their defensive results.

But suddenly very few were converted, or even attempted at all. Lutheran ended the first quarter on an 11-0 run to go ahead by four, before Pam Cotton nailed two free throws and Simmons drove hard for a tying layup early in the second quarter.

But again, that was all for IHS. The Lady Lions went into halftime on a 13-1 tear, helped by seven Hizer points, and a



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) attacks the basket before Lutheran-Parker's Kelsey Hizer (23) can arrive to defend during the March 4 2A-Region V semifinal game in Grand Junction.

Wall three-ball that put LHS up 14-11. The stanza couldn't have ended any better for Lutheran: unguarded weakside baskets by Hizer and junior Lexi Radic in the final 60 seconds.

With Mirabal picking up her third foul with 4:30 left in the third, Wall finally had some leeway to operate, and singlehandedly won the frame 8-6, after also getting Vigil (seven points) to commit her third with 1:31 left. A late Simmons basket gave the Lady Cats some hope, but the deficit still stood 32-18.

Stretching their offense to the limits of the court allowed LHS to effectively waste time while waiting for either Hizer (15 points) or Wall (18 points) to make only the perfect cut to the basket for a shot. However, they also found themselves reverting back to their first-quarter form, in which IHS assistant coach Justa Whitt caught three Lady Lion passes.

And the Lady Cats (10-11 overall) slowly re-started their engine; guard Cloe Seibel hit a 17-footer to cut Lutheran's lead to just 35-26 with 3:05 left. But

Wall swished a three from the right corner with 2:21 left, senior Alex Winters scored her only basket, and Wall sank another triple for a 43-27 lead.

That would hold for the final 52 seconds, after Simmons fouled out with an outstanding line by her name: seven points, six blocked shots, four steals, and three rebounds. Mirabal scored the team's final point on a free throw, giving her a team-high nine points (5-6 FT) to go with her four steals.

"Both girls played really well, were really focused on what they needed to do," Searles said. "I didn't realize [Wall] had that much range, and on those couple open looks I don't think it was so much our defense - it was just the open looks that gave her the opportunity to shoot. ... Their size didn't hurt us that bad, and I thought we did a good job on the boards. ... For the most part, it was a great effort."

Mirabal said the Lady Cats had trouble getting much going on the offensive end.

"We weren't running what we were supposed to," she said, "and unfortunately we couldn't get it." Searles said offensive efficiency is a target for improvement.

"There's times in games where we don't get the individual ability to score - either a drive or a jump shot - and as a group I think we just need to focus more on our offensive efficiency with each player," Searles noted. "And we'll be fine; everything else is set."

At the end of her IHS career, Mirabal said she was sad to go.

"Our basketball program is turning around, and it sucks that I'm at the end of it," said Mirabal who, along with fellow seniors Katelyn Siviers and Bonnie Lucero, saw the season to its end. "But they're going to keep progressing, and it's good to see that people are that interested in the girls' program."

Improving to 20-3, LHS advanced to this weekend's 'Great Eight' by low-balling Sargent 35-29.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Rose Mirabal (30) attempts a wrap-around pass against Lutheran-Parker's Michelle Cattau (44), as L-P's Alex Winters (21) observes at left during the March 4 2A-Region V Tournament semifinal in Grand Junction.

Bobcats Box-out Boys/Girls at the Class 2A Regionals

[Brownson Arena, Mesa State College, Grand Junction]

GIRLS, Region V semifinals, Mar. 4, 2011: IGNACIO 27, at Lutheran-Parker 43

I (7-5-6-9)—M.Simmons 3 1-3 7, C.Seibel 1 0-0 2, P.Cotton 0 2-2 2, M.Vigil 2 3-5 7, R.Mirabal 2 5-6 9, V.Armstrong 0 0-0 0, G.Garcia 0 0-0 0, B.Lucero 0 0-0 0, K.Siviers 0 0-0 0, J.Cuthair 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 8 11-16 27. 3-PT'R'S: none. FOULED OUT: M.Simmons.

L (11-13-8-11)—L.Radic 2 0-0 5, A.Winters 1 0-0 2, K.Hizer 5 4-5 15, M.Cattau 1 1-2 3, K.Wall 5 5-7 18, B.Washburn 0 0-0 0, A.Otte 0 0-0 0, C.Carpenter 0 0-0 0, H.Loptien 0 0-0 0, L.Ortmayer 0 0-0 0, K.Sidebottom 0 0-0 0, W.Dettmering 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 10-14 43. 3-PT'R'S: K.Hizer, L.Radic, K.Wall 3. FOULED OUT: none.

[The DemonDome, Durango HS, Durango] BOYS, Region III semifinals, Mar. 4, 2011: Crowley County 29, at IGNACIO 59

CC (4-11-6-8)—R.Haynes 3 0-0 0, A.Ferraro 0 0-0 0, E.Gayna 0 0-2 0, D.Ferraro 0 0-0 0, J.Vetere 1 0-0 2, E.Martinez 5 0-0 11, N.Baylor 0 0-0 0, C.England 0 0-0 0, C.Robinette 2 0-0 4, J.Storrier 2 2-6 6, J.Salinas 1 0-0 2, T.West 1 2-2 4. TOTALS: 12 4-10 29. 3-PT'R'S: E.Martinez. FOULED OUT: none.

I (19-17-17-6)—P.Vigil 5 1-2 12, R.Brooks 3 3-4 10, J.Black 1 0-0 3, S.Richmond 8 4-4 20, P.Tahlo 3 0-0 7, D.Hudson 1 1-2 3, C.Jefferson 1 0-0 2, K.Richmond 0 0-0 0, C.Davis 0 0-0 0, X.Watts 1 0-0 2, M.Silva 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23 9-12 59. 3-PT'R'S: P.Vigil, R.Brooks, P.Tahlo, J.Black. FOULED OUT: none.

BOYS, Region III final, Mar. 5, 2011: Paonia 46, at IGNACIO 76

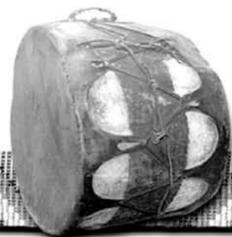
P (13-9-19-5)—B.Escher 3 0-0 6, A.Penny 6 0-0 16, A.Roeber 4 0-2 8, T.Walters 0 0-2 0, K.Kropp 5 0-0 11, D.Ford 1 3-4 5, J.Devlin 0 0-0 0, A.Flinchum 0 0-0 0, S.Dutton 0 0-0 0, A.Flynn 0 0-0 0, Z.Anderson 0 0-0 0, R.Kendall 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 19 3-8 46. 3-PT'R'S: A.Penny 4, K.Kropp 1. FOULED OUT: A.Roeber. I (17-13-29-17)—P.Vigil 9 0-0 21, R.Brooks 8 1-3 17, J.Black 1 0-0 3, S.Richmond 8 0-0 16, P.Tahlo 3 0-0 7, D.Hudson 3 0-0 8, C.Jefferson 0 0-0 0, K.Richmond 0 0-0 0, C.Davis 1 2-2 4, X.Watts 0 0-0 0, M.Silva 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 33 3-5 76. 3-PT'R'S: P.Vigil 3, P.Tahlo, J.Black, D.Hudson 2. FOULED OUT: none.

—compiled by Joel Priest

Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

2010-11 Basketball Standings (as of March 7)

Table with columns for BOYS, GIRLS, OVERALL, and SJBL, listing teams and their records.



## Durango Film Festival names winners

*Media release  
Durango Independent Film Festival*

The 2011 Durango Independent Film Festival capped off its March festival with an awards program full of levity and accolades for films that took this year's program to new heights.

"The lineup of films was amazing," said Joanie Fraughton, DIFF's executive director. "From an Academy Award-winning animated short ["The Lost Thing"] to three adventure film programs, and all the features, shorts, documentaries that made up the over-100-film-strong program ... all fantastic."

### The awards for the sixth Annual Durango Independent Film Festival

#### Juried Awards

Best Live Action Short: "Little Accidents" (Sara Colangelo).  
Special Jury Commendation: "Between the Shadows" (Zac Petrillo).  
Best Animated Short: "The Lost Thing" (Andrew Ruhemann and Shaun Tan).  
Special Jury Commendation: "Ormie" (Rob Silvestri).  
Best Documentary Short: "Sister Wife" (Jill Orschel).  
Special Jury Commendation: "WildWater" (Anson Fogel).  
Best Documentary Feature: "Bag It" (Suzan Beraza).  
Special Jury Commendation: "I Am" (Tom Shadyac).  
Best Narrative Feature: "Obselidia" (Diane Bell).  
Special Jury Commendation: "Becoming Eduardo" (Rod McCall).  
Best Family Film: "The Mouse That Soared" (Kyle Bell).

#### Audience Awards

School Audience Award: "Bait" (Michael Moore).  
Best Short: "The Desperate" (Ben Hur Sepehr).  
Best Feature: "Bilal's Stand" (Sultan Sharrief).  
Best Documentary: "Still Bill" (Damani Baker and Alex Vlack).  
Best Family Film: "Ormie" (Rob Silvestri).  
Best Adventure Sports Film: "Fly or Die" (Peter Mortimer and Nick Rosen).

## Center of Southwest Studies to present 'The Real Savages'

*Media release  
Fort Lewis College*

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College will open a new exhibit on March 18, "The Real Savages," that presents a viewpoint of how propaganda and American stereotypes have influenced and impacted Native American cultures and identities.

Juxtaposing stereotypical visual images with historical facts, this exhibit explores the experience of culture assimilation, identity and knowledge.

member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The project was inspired after a summer semester in Germany studying propaganda in art.

Art professor Paul Booth facilitated both the summer semester and Lansing's project. What resulted from dedicated research and creativity was a student exhibition first displayed in the Fort Lewis College Art Department.

"My ideas and motives have come from a variety of sources and influences within my own life and culture," Lansing said. "I am pleased to see that the overall final product has exceeded by far what I expected when I first started this project."

Impressed, the Center of Southwest Studies staff invited the exhibit its gallery space, in part to augment the story of Indian boarding schools, which is touched upon in the new exhibit "Frontier Blues: The Legacy of Fort Lewis College," also opening March 18 as a part of the college's centennial celebration.

An opening reception for both exhibits will take place Friday, March 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Center of Southwest Studies Gallery on the campus of Fort Lewis College. The event is free and open to the public, with light refreshments provided.

For more information, call 970-247-7456 or visit <http://swcenter.fortlewis.edu>.

## Ignacio Community Library news and updates

• **Girls Night Out:** Tuesday, March 22, Movie "Tuscan Sun", potluck deli style bread and cheese. The library will provide chili and drinks

• **Bruce Spining, Clapboards, Blackboards & School boards:** Thursday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. will be giving a presentation celebrating the legacy of the rural schools in our area by sharing fun stories and some of the key lessons learned about the importance of the old rural schools. Join us for an educational and entertaining evening.

• **Cheese-Making Class:** Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. at the library. Learn to make basic cheese in your own home. If you are interested in this class please call the library at 970-563-9287 and reserve a spot.

• **Poetry Contest:** For all ages March 28, is the deadline. The theme is "Spring Breakthroughs". For information call the library at 970-563-9287.

• **Spring Break at the library:** The Solar Roller is coming to the library March 31 Durango Power House Museum brings the Solar Roller. A day for energy related Science activities.

• **Upcoming Spring Art Exhibit:** Ignacio Community Library invites artists of all ages, talents, and medium in the Four Corners to exhibit their artwork in the Spring Art Exhibit; this exhibit will appear from April, 1 through June 30. If you are interested in exhibiting your work, please stop by the Ignacio Community Library to pick up an Art Exhibit Request Form, or you may download it from our website at [www.ignacio.colibraries.org](http://www.ignacio.colibraries.org). If you have any questions you may contact Renee at 970-563-9287, or via email at [rmorgan@ignaciolib.org](mailto:rmorgan@ignaciolib.org)

#### Tween activities for March

- March 17, Arts and Crafts
- March 24, Game Time

## By-Laws Of The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

**Mission Statement:** To preserve the Southern Ute way of life in perpetuity for the future of the Tribe.

**I. The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee (Committee) will be the authority on language and culture for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.**

#### II. Statement of Purpose.

The Committee seeks:

- To teach the Southern Ute language, culture, and traditions;
- To interpret to the tribal members on language, culture, and traditions;
- To be or identify a resource for the Ute language, culture, and traditions
- To assist the Beardance and Sundance Chief;
- To assist the Culture Preservation Department.

#### III. Membership

##### A. Composition of Committee.

The Committee will consist of 7 members, each of whom will be appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council (Tribal Council). Interested applicants must submit letters of interest to the Committee, who will determine if the applicant is eligible for membership and whether to make a recommendation to the Tribal Council for appointment to the Committee.

##### B. Eligibility.

Members of the Committee must be 55 years and older, an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and should be a Ute speaking candidate.

##### C. Term.

The term of office of members of the Committee shall be for three (3) years and terms shall be staggered. When the Committee is first established, two members' terms shall be designated to expire in one (1) year, two members' terms to expire in two (2) years, and three members' terms to expire in three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for (3) years, except that in the case of a vacancy before the term has ended, a replacement appointment for that position shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Committee shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.

##### D. Officers.

The Committee shall choose a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its seven members.

##### E. Resignation and Removal.

Any member may resign by a written notice to the Chairperson. Any member may be removed by majority vote of the Committee upon (4) unexcused consecutive absences or other action (s) deemed in conflict with the purpose of the Committee.

##### F. Vacancy.

When a Committee position is vacated, the Chairperson shall prepare and place an advertisement in the Southern Ute Drum for two publications. The Committee will select names to be submitted as recommendations to the Tribal Council, who will appoint a replacement.

#### IV. Duties of the Committee

##### A. Duties of Committee.

See purpose.

##### B. Duties of Officers.

1. Chairman – Shall be responsible for scheduling and moderating the monthly Committee meetings. Shall have the power to appoint special and standing committees and delegate those responsibilities of the Chairperson to the other officers, members of the Committee, or staff when appropriate and when that delegation does not undermine the position and powers of the Chairperson, who is a voting member only in a tie vote.
2. Vice-Chairman – In absence of Chairman, will have responsibilities of the Chairman.

#### V. Meeting and Notice

- 1) The Committee shall meet on a day designated by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall notify all members of the time and place of such meetings by a written notice to all members at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.
- 2) The Committee shall meet with and update Tribal Council on a quarterly basis.
- 3) Committee meetings shall be open to any Tribal Member who wishes to attend

#### VI. Quorum and Voting

A quorum to conduct Committee business shall exist when (4) members are present.

#### VII. Compensation

Committee members shall be compensated \$100.00 per meeting for their participation.

#### VIII. Travel

Four trips per committee member per fiscal year will be allowed. Travel should only pertain to language and culture activities that would benefit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All travel must be conducted in accordance with the Tribe's policies and permissibility of travel is contingent upon adequate funding in the budget.

#### IX. Amendments and Revisions

These by-laws may be amended or revised, in whole or in part, by majority vote of the Committee with the concurrence of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

## February Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.		AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.			
February	2.68 C	36.83 F	February	-7.10 C	19.21 F
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.		PRECIPITATION DATA			
February	0.57 C	33.02 F	Date	Daily Total	
AVERAGE WINDSPEED		February 1	.02"		
Monthly Average	5.5 MPH	February 2	.02"		
February	5.5 MPH	February 8	.01"		
Maximum Hourly Average	24.5 MPH	February 19	.12"		
February 8, 2011	24.5 MPH	February 20	.02"		
		February 25	.02"		
		Monthly Total	.20"		



## Annual Spring Clean-Up April 11th – April 16, 2011

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and BAG THE TRASH for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP. Elders, and Handicapped Tribal members who may need assistance, Contact Construction Services 970-563-0260.

Contact Mike Mitchell at 970-563-0265 regarding OLD VEHICLES.  
Please provide title to old vehicles if available.

#### Monday and Tuesday, April 11, 12 (ALL DAY)

Upper and Lower Tribal and BIA Campus Areas. All Tribal, BIA, IHS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

#### Wednesday, April 13 (ALL DAY)

All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUPHA home owners and renters, Senior Citizen Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 970-563-4575. Tribal Operations and Construction Services please coordinate with Mike Mitchell or Don Sutton, Ext. 2510 for pick up on Campus, and Cluster sites. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

#### Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14, 15, 16 (ALL DAY)

The following Tribal Depts. will be responsible for trash pickup at the following locations on the above dates:

Property & Facilities Department: (Building Maintenance & Motorpool) Tribal homes located North of Hwy 172 and West of the Pine River. Telephone number for Motorpool: 970-563-0280. Building Maintenance 970-563-0265. (Grounds Maintenance 970-563-0272) Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak. Tribal Construction Services: (Woodyard) Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of Hwy 151 to Arboles. Contact Tyson Thompson at: 970-563-0260.



# Kids Fair 2011



The annual Southern Ute Health Services Kids Fair took place Friday, March 4 in the SunUte Community Center, receiving a "healthy" attendance of 213 kids and adults from tribal departments and schools. Health Services staffers gave students a chance to see the effects of unhealthy food firsthand, while the hands-on Wildlife exhibit showcased a stuffed turkey. While most of the booths were informational, SunUte and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gave the kids a few athletic challenges, included an obstacle course. The Southern Ute Police Department and Los Pinos Fire Protection District honored the youngest attendees with badges and helmets. Two lucky youngsters, James McGoven and Heaven Lovato, won bikes.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM





### Academy sells goods for hospital



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy once again filled the Hall of Warriors in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building with baked goods and craft items March 4 during the Treasure & Bake Sale, which raised \$850 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Academy students Dustin Sanchez and Hunter Frost volunteered to price items and handle money during the sale. Tribal elders Elaine Newton and Dona Frost take a few minutes to look over the goodies on display.

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### Youth compete in art contest



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Selections of art were displayed in the front lobby at the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Feb. 25 as part of an art contest sponsored by the See It Stop It Youth Leadership Project. The contest garnered more than 40 entries from all ages. Entries on display covered topics from curbing violence and creating positivity to traditional beliefs.

### Late winter storm blows in



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A sudden storm swept through Ignacio and surrounding areas on Monday, March 7. Here, a sweeping view of the Los Pinos River just north of Ignacio the day after the storm shows the blanketed Southern Ute landscape.

### Pride and glory

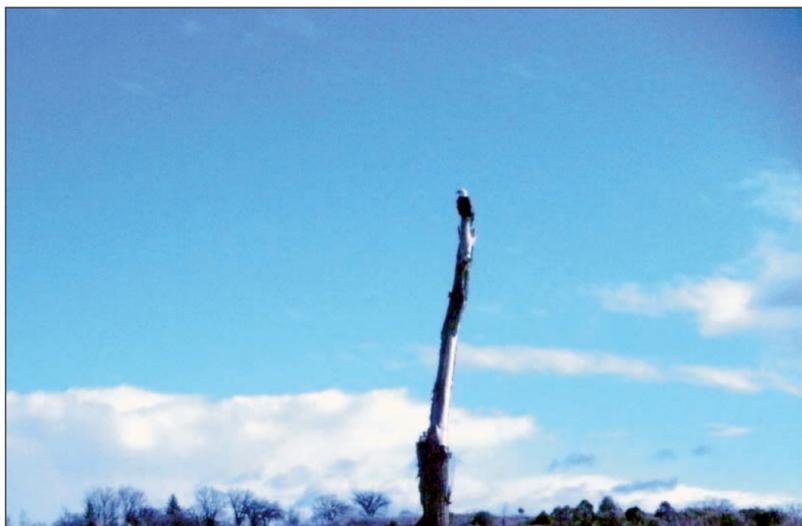


photo courtesy Jon Broholm/SU Wildlife Division

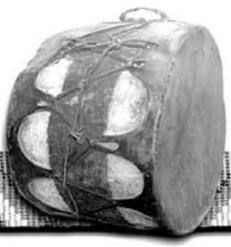
A bald eagle overlooks the Pine River near the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Thursday, Feb. 24. The eagle is perched on a "perch pole" that was installed as part of a habitat improvement project by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. Other parts of the project include rock structures in the river to improve fish habitat and cottonwood plantings along the riverbank.

### Meet your Wildlife Advisory Board



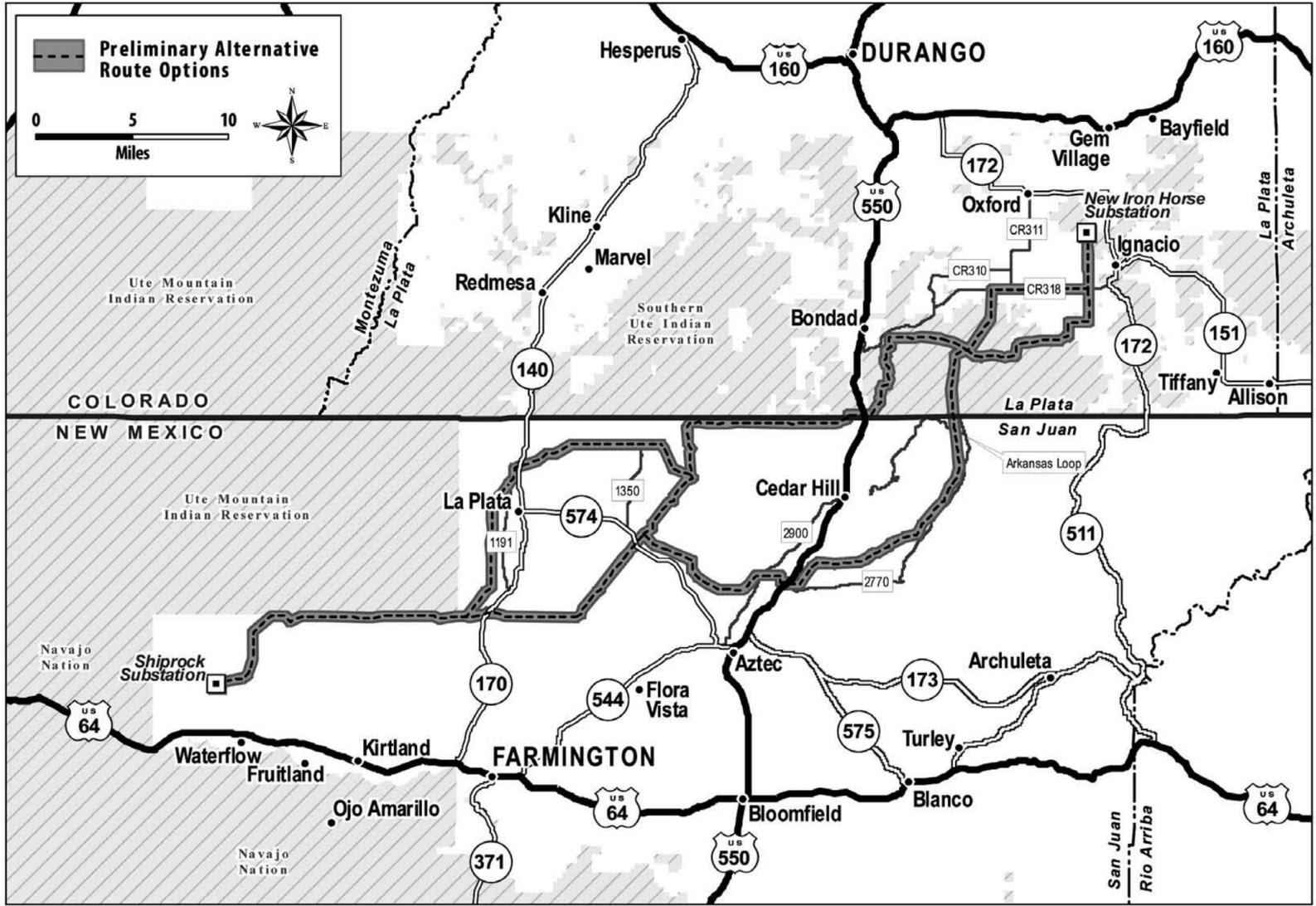
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The Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board met Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building. Pictured left to right: Howard Richards Sr., Marshall Watts, Lance Taylor, Maria Baker, Erv Taylor, Julian Baker, and Laura Richards. The Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board, established by Tribal Council in 2005, is a seven-person advisory board whose members are appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for staggered 3-year terms. The board meets several times during the year with wildlife management and law enforcement staff members to review and provide feedback on tribal hunting and fishing seasons for both the reservation and the Brunot Area. These Tribal representatives provide an important voice for the tribal membership in the hunting and fishing-related decisions ultimately made by the Tribal Council.



# San Juan Basin Energy Connect

## Two Additional Meetings Scheduled for



### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State) is proposing to construct a 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Farmington area in northwest New Mexico to Ignacio, Colorado. This line and supporting electrical facilities are needed to provide the power delivery infrastructure for the San Juan Basin that will relieve transmission constraints, serve new loads and offer economic development through renewable energy opportunities.

### PROJECT NEED

Increasing electric load growth in the San Juan Basin region of Colorado and New Mexico, in commercial, residential and industrial sectors, has put a strain on the existing electrical system. While the existing generation resources throughout the region are adequate to meet load growth, additional transmission is required to ensure that power can be delivered reliably. An added benefit of this new transmission line will be that new renewable energy developments could more easily interconnect to the power grid.

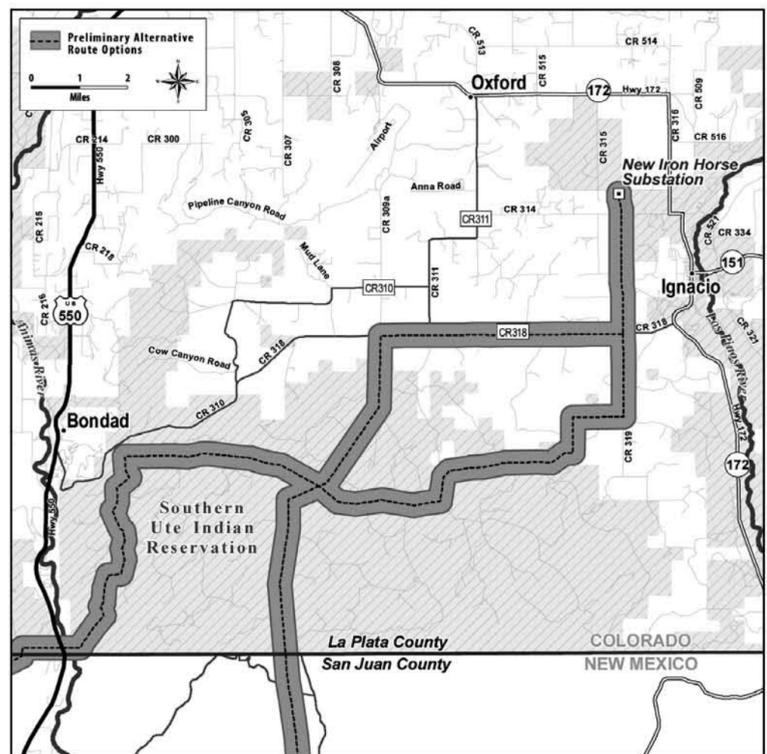
Tri-State, its member co-op La Plata Electric Association, and other regional utilities have been making improvements and additions to the electric system over the years to maintain reliability. While improvements to the local system have helped, the need to import more power into the region to meet the needs of growing communities has resulted in the proposal of this 230-kV transmission line.

Most of the infrastructure in the region was built in the 1950s and, over the years, aging equipment has been replaced and upgraded. Numerous investments have been made at substations throughout the region to improve reliability by building in redundant systems, installing voltage support mechanisms and increasing capacity. But still the transmission path in the region is constrained and Tri-State must ensure that it meets the needs of its member systems, as well as comply with numerous federal mandatory reliability standards.

### Purpose, Need and Benefits

The purpose and need for the project is to relieve transmission constraints, improve the power delivery infrastructure, and serve growing and new electric loads. The proposed project would also:

- improve electric reliability
- increase the load-serving capabilities for residential, small business and industrial electric consumers (including oil and gas developers)
- provide a pathway for potential renewable energy development



### FEDERAL REVIEW PROCESS

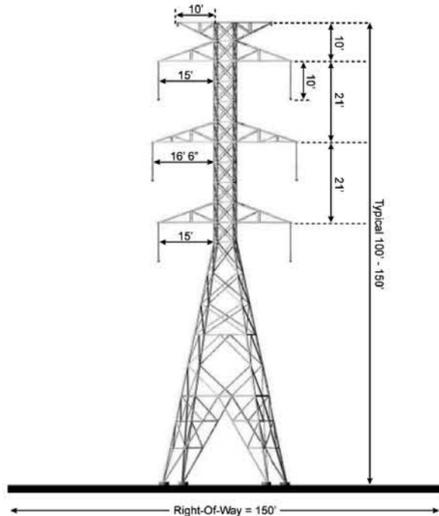
Tri-State is requesting right-of-way grants from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as well as financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for their San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project. The Western Area Power Administration (Western) also is a cooperating agency.

Prior to making a decision about whether to approve funding requests or to grant rights-of-way for the proposed project, federal agencies including the BLM, BIA, RUS and Western are required to conduct environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with federal agency policies and procedures.

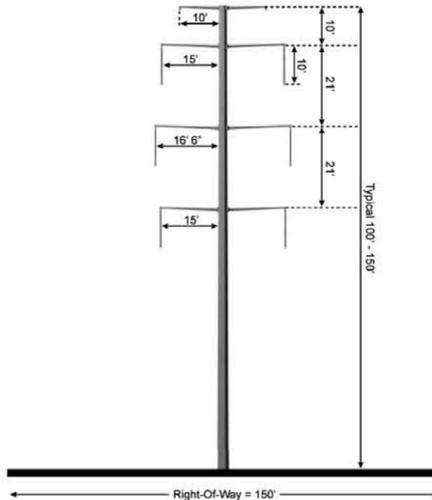
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and affords the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable



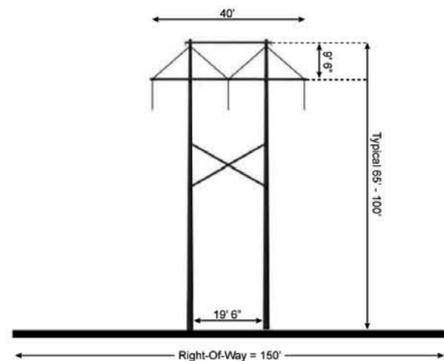
# Tribe Members: March 15 and April 16, 2011



230-kV Double Circuit Lattice Structure



230-kV Double Circuit Steel Mono-Pole



230-kV Single Circuit Wood H-Frame

opportunity to comment. Section 7 requires federal agencies to evaluate impacts to species that are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The BLM is the lead federal agency for NEPA, NHPA, Section 106 and ESA Section 7 review and compliance. The BIA, RUS, Western and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe are cooperating in these processes. Additional agencies may coordinate throughout the life of the project.

### TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Transmission lines carry large amounts of electricity at high voltages across long distances and are considered bulk power delivery systems. Once the electricity has been generated at a power facility, it is carried to a substation by a transmission line and then to residential and business consumers via distribution power lines.

Voltages on a transmission line typically range from 115 to 500 kV. Distribution lines carry the energy at lower voltages (12.5 to 34.5 kV) until it reaches a small transformer that converts it to a voltage of 110 and 220 volts, suitable for consumer use.

### DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Tri-State is proposing to use a combination of steel lattice structures, steel mono-poles and wood H-frame structures. The choice of structure type would be dependent on location and design conditions (e.g., mountainous vs. flat terrain, double- vs. single-circuit construction). The transmission line would use low-corona hardware to minimize audible noise. Structures typically range between 100 and 150 feet tall. Some structures, particularly those crossing over lower voltage transmission lines, may need to be taller than 150 feet.

Tri-State would hire a contractor to construct the transmission lines. Construction is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months and would be completed in several phases: access development, staging structures, foundation construction, framing and erecting the structures, stringing conductor and reclamation. Several work phases may be in progress simultaneously at different locations along the route.

Voltage	Double-Circuit 230 kV		Single-Circuit 230 kV
	Steel Lattice Structure	Steel Mono-Pole Structure	Wood H-Frame Structure
Typical Right-of-Way Width	150 Feet	150 Feet	150 Feet
Typical Distance Between Structures	800-1,200 Feet	800-1,200 Feet	800-1,100 Feet
Typical Structure Height	100-150 Feet	100-150 Feet	65-100 Feet
Typical Structures per Mile	4-6	4-6	4-7
Ground Clearance (beneath conductor under maximum operating conditions)	28 Feet	28 Feet	28 Feet
Minimum Clearance of Equipment to Energized Conductor	14 Feet	14 Feet	14 Feet

Clearances would be maintained in accordance with the National Electric Safety Code.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Develop and Refine Alternative Corridors					
	Alternative Route Development					
	NEPA and Permitting					
		Surveying, Design Activities and Land Acquisition				
					Construction	

### PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register on January 25, 2011. Public scoping meetings will be held March 16 and 17, 2011, at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
March 16, 2011	10am-1pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W Arrington Street Farmington, NM 87401
March 16, 2011	4pm-7pm	Aztec Senior Center 101 S. Park Aztec, NM 87410
March 17, 2011	4pm-7pm	Sky Ute Casino and Resort 14324 US Highway 172 N. Ignacio, CO 81137

You may submit scoping comments by any of the following methods:

**Website:** [www.SJBEnergyConnect.com](http://www.SJBEnergyConnect.com)

**E-mail:** [info@sjbenergyconnect.com](mailto:info@sjbenergyconnect.com)

**Mail:** Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, Attention: San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401

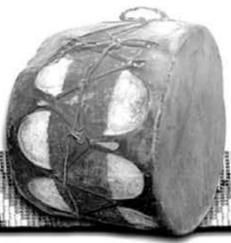
**Comments must be received in writing by the BLM on or before April 1, 2011.**

### TRIBAL INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

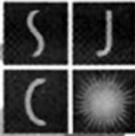
Southern Ute Indian Tribe members (meetings are not open to the general public) are also invited to attend informational meetings to learn details about the project and the route alternatives. Information will be provided through open house displays, a formal presentation, and discussions with project team members. Meetings will be held March 15 and April 16, 2011, at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
March 15, 2011	4pm-7pm Presentation begins at 5:30pm	Southern Ute Tribal Multi-Purpose Building 258 Ute Road Ignacio, CO 81137
April 16, 2011	1 pm-4 pm Presentation begins at 2:30pm	Southern Ute Tribal Multi-Purpose Building 258 Ute Road Ignacio, CO 81137

Comments received after April 1, 2011 will be reviewed and taken into consideration but will be considered outside of the NEPA scoping process.



# 2nd Annual Veterans Seminar



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 ☆ **Thursday, March 17, 2011**  
 ☆ **10:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
 ☆ **Henderson Fine Arts (Rm. 9008-9010)**  
 ☆ **San Juan College 4601 College Blvd.**  
 ☆ **Farmington, NM 87402**  
 ☆\*\*\*\*\*

Refreshments will be served!!!!

Representatives from the following offices will be available:

- **Melissa Middleton**-Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Program
- **Beverly Charley**-New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions
- **Elise Wheeler**-University of New Mexico Campus Vet Center
- **Storey Smith**-Mobile Vet Center
- **Charlotte Atso**-Veterans' Service Officer Farmington

For more information contact Adela Bob at 505-566-3510 or via e-mail at boba@sanjuancollege.edu

## Request For Bids

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, PHASE III

**OWNER:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Tribal Housing Department  
P.O. Box 737-24  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-4710

**Contacts:**  
**Hilda Burch, Housing Project Administrator**  
**Paula Lopez-Trujillo, Administrative Assistant**

Please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make arrangements for pick up or email Ms. Burch @ hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us or Ms. Trujillo @ ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us with your request.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Wednesday March 30, 2011 at 9 a.m., Buckskin Charlie Room. A visit to the project home sites will be following the meeting March 30, 2011, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and March 31, 2011, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Separate sealed bids will be received to address Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Septic, Water Heater, Roof, Stucco, Drywall, Carpentry, Foundation and Site Condition work and all other items identified in the scope of work for each home needing either repair or replacement of identified items of each individual home for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation-Wide Housing Repair Project, Ignacio, Colorado until 3 p.m. (MST) Thursday, April 14, 2011. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contracting party will be with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the Tribal Housing Department managing the project.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

Request for Bids may be picked up at the Tribal Housing Department, south of the old casino parking lot - white modular building, Ignacio, Colorado, during the hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION  
PO BOX 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2006-GS-139-GS  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Elyssa Katherine Weaver, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Julie Phillips filed an application for legal change of name on behalf of Elyssa Katherine Weaver to be known hereafter as Elyssa Katherine Phillips. As of February 14, 2011, Julie Phillips appeared by telephone, no other parties appeared after filing objections. Therefore notice is hereby given that Elyssa Katherine Weaver name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Elyssa Katherine Phillips.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2011.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2011-NC-003  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Daisy Lynn Blue Star, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Daisy Lynn Frost filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Daisy Lynn Blue Star. As of January 28, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Daisy Lynn Frost name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Daisy Lynn Blue Star.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2011.  
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 11-027-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Araylia Dawn Brown, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Araylia Dawn Brown has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Araylia Dawn Romero. 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 April 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2011.  
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,  
Case No.: 2011-004-NC  
**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote. As of March 1, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2011.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

## Second Annual No Tap Tournament

Rolling Thunder Lanes in Ignacio • March 19 & 20  
Sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort

### Rules:

- Must use highest 2009-2010 league average. If no 2009-2010 average is available, current league average as of March 21 of 21 games will be used. (Verification from league secretary/association manager must be presented prior to bowling). If not established average, bowler must bowl scratch.
- Tournament managers reserve the right to verify all averages.
- USBC membership card required at check-in.
- Bowl three games on one pair of lanes.
- Three divisions: Open, Women and Youth. Open can contain women and men, Women's for women only, Youth for youth only.
- Cash once in a division, highest standing.

- Payout will be 1 of 5 entries.
- \$1,500 will be added by the Sky Ute Casino to the prize fund.
- Check in time is no later than 30 minutes prior to squad time.

### Breakdown of funds:

<b>Open &amp; Women</b>	
Lineage to Rolling Thunder	\$ 9
Prize fund	\$ 10
Tournament expenses	\$ 3

### Youth

Lineage to Rolling Thunder	\$ 7.50
Prize fund (scholarships)	\$ 7.50



July 10-14, 2011

This year there will be no Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for 2011. Instead, Millwaukee, Wisconsin will be hosting a U.S. Indigenous Games. Athletes are only allowed to participate in one of the following sports:

- ARCHERY
- BASKETBALL
- GOLF
- SWIMMING
- WRESTLING

If there are not enough players signed up for a sport, that sport will be dropped.

For more information and anyone interested in coaching any of these sports please contact Andrea Taylor, Director of Tribal Information Services at 970-563-4702.

Calling Native American athletes.

To be eligible, athletes must be ages of 13 - 19 as of December 31, 2011.

All athletes must provide a birth certificate upon registering.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER**  
**APRIL 2, 2011**



SKY UTE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

# Indigenous

GRAMMY NOMINATED IN 2011

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Show starts at 8:00 p.m.  
Reserved tickets are \$25  
General Admission tickets are \$20

Purchase tickets at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) or in person at the Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop

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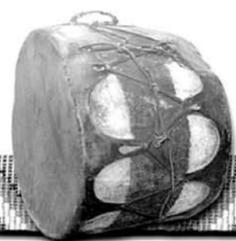


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## Gulf fishing ruined? Don't believe the press

By Don Oliver  
Special to the Drum

Writing "Flies and Lies" frequently requires me to travel to verify information from my sources.

So after the Deepwater Horizon explosion that covered the Gulf of Mexico with millions of gallons of oil tragically killed 11 people on the rig, and did huge amounts of damage to both businesses and the ecology of the area, I felt a need to return to southeast Louisiana. I wanted to see for myself just how bad the fly-fishing business had become.

As Gomer Pyle used to say, "Surprise, surprise, surprise."

I discovered the lodge where we were staying, Woodlands Plantation, was doing great; the Louisiana food, as was to be expected, was excellent; and the red fishing was as good or better than before the tragedy. From a visual inspection of the areas I fished, there appeared to be very little damage from oil to the marshes. (I'll use another column to talk about the disappearance of the marshes.)

The group I was with fly-fished for two days. Our guides, Alec and Rich – same as last year – netted for us two 28 pound reds and one 29 pound red, plus

numerous reds in the 14-pound range, drums that took two hands to boat, and two sheep-head. And this was in weather conditions less than pleasant.

While fishing I made a comment that the fly-fishing seemed to have bounced back since the spill. That statement brought a quick response from Rich, my guide.

"The fish never left; only the fly-fisherman who believed everything the government and press said," he said.

That's the sanitized version. Rich, being a former Marine, sometimes speaks in terms not printable for the sensitive or faint of heart.

"Oil did make it into the marshes, but nothing here like was shown on television from other areas," Rich went on to say. He then pointed out a small island, maybe 15 feet across, that was obviously struggling to survive.

"In this area, that is the only spot dying," he said.

Alec and Rich both said their biggest concern is what all the chemicals used to disperse the oil will do. No one has that answer; only time will tell.

As for fly-fishing, maybe the total lack of pressure from last summer is helping to make this a banner year to fly-fish for big reds. If you go – and you should – take

the proper equipment. I suggest an 8 or 9-weight rod. Your guide will provide leaders and flies.

I used a large purple crab pattern both days, and it worked great. When you're casting and you hear "set," strip set your fly, clear the line, get on the reel, and keep your knuckles away from the reel handle.

Remember, your leader will be 30-pound test, so a high setting on the drag works great. Also, fight that big fish from the butt section of your rod, not the tip. If you're not sure how to do that, your guide will be happy to offer some instruction. Take it; it's what they're good at.

You know, what happened with the Horizon was horrific and will most likely have effects on the Gulf for years to come. I don't want to cast aspersions at any one group as to whose fault it was; there is plenty of blame to go around.

However, the fact remains that to enjoy the pleasure of red fishing in Louisiana, it will take oil and gas to get us there, power the boats, heat the guest lodges, and warm the stoves and ovens for that great Louisiana food.

I can only hope that from this tragedy all of us will finally learn how to manage our natural resources and the way we tap into them.

## Express Your Opinions

### Words of Appreciation

I would like to than the following for making our fifth wedding anniversary a success: Amy Barry for making sure the chapel was open; Barb Scott-Rarick for

making sure the Multi-purpose Building was set up to our needs; and Flora Murphy Newton, Nick Olguin and Josephine Olguin for their hard work in decorating and cleaning up. The Sky Ute Casino

prepared a delicious meal. Thanks to all our friends and relatives who joined us that day, and thanks for the gifts and cards.

Jimmy and Elaine Newton  
Ignacio

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## Birthday wishes and more!



### Happy Birthday to Ethan Ben Barry on March 16th!

We love you & can't wait to celebrate with you.  
Love you,  
Auntie Amy, Uncle Mario,  
Ty and Gracie

### Happy birthday to my baby Stais

Happy 15th birthday.  
Enjoy your birthday.  
Mommy loves you very much.  
Brother loves you very much.  
Bahozho loves you very much.

### Lilly Frost Happy Belated Birthday on Feb, 28 "Aunty"

Growing up and always having a place to go. To feel loved and taken care of. You were always there with open arms. Rain and lightning "I'll protect you Aunty" or Getting scared by the dog... Growing up memories are what they are. We always had our laughs and smiles together. You are the best, and my second Mother. I wish you the best for the rest of the year.  
Love you always,  
Nikko

### Judy "Judy Bug" Lansing Happy Birthday on March 3rd "Mom"

Having you as a mother that's strong and never gives up... Always there making sure we're okay... "Tough Love" You always cared and no matter what, you were always there... That's why on your Birthday, We wish you the very best threw out the rest of the year... "Happy Birthday Mom!"  
With Love,  
Sam, Tamera, Nicole, Nikko

### "To a Good Friend"

### Lloyd Lucero Jr. "Cha-Ci"

Growing up, playing hopscotch, Knowing that we're the best and now being on the top spot, No matter what, we are what we are, So keep on shining and be that bright shining star. Always smile, and never give up. Even though I'm not around, keep walking forward on this rough ground. Just know we're coming home soon so be ready to get down...

With Love,  
Nikko "Peaches" & Juan "Droopy"

### "Look who went 18-0" Congrats to a young basketball player! \*Xavier Reynolds\*

I can remember when you were young and played with your little basketball goal... Time has gone by so quickly... You know we love you and miss you Chuckie. We are so proud of the basketball player you've grown up to be. Keep it up and never give up...

Proud Uncles,  
Nikko & Juan



### Happy Birthday Mom and Grandma In Memory Vera C. Red

(March 11, 1945 – July 11, 2007)

Naomi Rabbit Lopez

(March 25, 1916 – March 8, 2008)

Although you are no longer with us physically, you will always be with us spiritually and in our thoughts, and our hearts.

We will celebrate your birthdays in memorium, with laughter, love and happiness, as you taught us - as a your loving children, but more importantly as a family.

Love your children,  
sisters, neices & nephews,  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren

## 2011 LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA SCHEDULE & FEES

398 HWY 151  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147



Phone #: (970) 883-2273 or 563-0130

### LAKE CAPOTE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Opening Day: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Initially, the Lake will operate on a 4 day a week schedule, Thursday through Sunday, until May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 24/7, 7 day a week schedule begins Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Gates will be open 24/7 until September 4<sup>th</sup>.

September 8<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>, Lake Capote will resume a Thursday through Sunday, 4 day a week schedule.

Closing Day: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Lake Capote is regularly stocked with rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass and catfish.

(Fishing Bag Limit: 3 trout, 1 catfish, 1 bass, all fish 16" or larger are catch and release only)

Adult Fishing: \$8

### Southern Ute Tribal Members receive free fishing & camping.

(Not including Derby permits & RV sites)

- New Shade Structures
- Tribal Members receive 50% off RV sites
- More food items & fishing supplies available at Bait Shop
- 2011 Fishing Derby

### 2011 Lake Capote Permit Fees

Youth Fishing: \$4  
Derby Permit: \$13  
Tent Site: \$13  
RV Site (elec. & water): \$20  
Day Use (1<sup>st</sup> ½ hour free): \$3  
(Call for weekly RV discounts or for promotional offers to rent the entire campground for special events)

## Library to host poetry reading

Media release  
Durango Public Library

“Many Muses: A Multi-Media, Multi-Generational Exhibit and Performance of Poetry, Art, and Music” will

take place on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Durango Public Library.

Key performances will be presented by Esther Belin, Dine poet, artist, and professor of writing at Fort Lewis College;

and Dr. Janice Gould, Concow/Maidu poet, musician, and Native American scholar/assistant professor in the Women and Ethnic Studies Program at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

## Next Drum March 25 DEADLINES

Display/Classified Ads & Jobs  
March 18  
Stories & News, Announcements  
Wishes/B-Days!  
March 21

### THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

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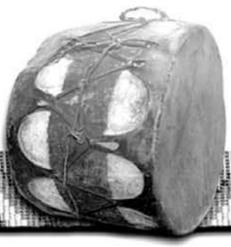
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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEEKS GENERAL MANAGER FOR SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking qualified enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member applicants for the position of General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort (Casino). The successful candidate shall serve as the General Manager and shall be responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the entire Casino, including, but not limited to, all gaming operations, surveillance, hotel/salon/retail outlets, RV park, operations (Facilities, Purchasing, Transportation), food & beverage outlets and administration (accounting, human resources, marketing, information technology, security). The General Manager shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the Casino's personnel and shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Casino. The General Manager is subject to the supervision, direction and oversight of the Tribal Council and must manage the Casino's operations in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Tribe's gaming and other codes, regulations of the Southern Ute Division of Gaming, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe-State of Colorado Gaming Compact and, where applicable, regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission, among others. The Tribal Council is seeking enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY and all interested and qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to apply with the Casino's Human Resources Department BY APRIL 1, 2011.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Administers and supervises all Casino operations and facilities, including gaming and non-gaming aspects as well as administrative and operational departments and divisions. Ensures compliance with all applicable laws, policies, rules, regulations, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe-State of Colorado Gaming Compact, and procedures to ensure the highest gaming integrity and success of the operation. Supervises the Casino Executive Team, including CFO/Controller, HR Director, Director of Marketing and Director of Operations. Reviews gaming, revenue and departmental statistical and financial data for fluctuations, trends and other issues; manages and administers the Casino's operations to maximize revenues, minimize expenses and carry out the directives of the Tribal Council. Oversees and administers the marketing of the Casino for future growth and profitability, including, but not limited to ensuring appropriate promotion to develop new markets, increasing market share, and obtaining/maintaining competitive position in the market area. Develops, implements and complies with long and short-term strategic plans for the Casino and communicates and implements an effective organizational strategy for setting objectives for successful operational results and future growth, in accordance with and subject to approval of the Tribal Council. Works with the CFO and staff to prepare, review and present annual budgets to the Tribal Council for approval. Directs and coordinates activities to obtain optimum efficiency and economy of operations and to maximize profits. Leads and motivates employees to provide excellent customer satisfaction, while exercising ultimate oversight and administration in hiring, staffing, training, scheduling, addressing complaints and resolving problem/concerns while promoting a positive work environment. Provides regular reports to the Tribal Council and attends meetings with Tribal Council as necessary,

on a monthly basis or as otherwise directed. Attends job related meetings, in-services, and training to maintain and enhance professional and technical knowledge. Performs all other duties and responsibilities required by the Tribal Council.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A Bachelor's degree in Business, Gaming Management or related hospitality field. Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. At least seven years in a gaming operation, familiarity with all aspects of such an operation (e.g., slots, table games, bingo, surveillance, accounting, marketing, etc.). At least seven years of management experience in a gaming environment, including administration and/or oversight of the gaming operation's finances or financial personnel, personnel/human resources administration, marketing and promotion, and oversight of customer and employee relations. At least seven years in a professional environment requiring compliance with applicable gaming codes, regulations, rules and procedures, including, but not limited to, tribal or state gaming ordinances and compacts, gaming commission or Division of Gaming regulations, and standards of the National Indian Gaming Commission. At least seven years supervisory experience directly managing 10 or more employees. Satisfactory record with and positive references from all current or prior employers. Able to obtain and maintain a Key License from the Southern Ute Division of Gaming. Able to communicate complex concepts and information to the Tribal Council, employees, and customers, verbally and in writing. Possess strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent organizational and management skills and the ability to excel in handling details, multi-tasking and working under pressure. Knowledge of computer software as it relates to customer databases, POS systems and gaming activity/marketing analysis. A valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and vehicle insurance in accordance with applicable laws. Meet and maintain eligibility requirements to operate a personal or tribal vehicle under appropriate tribal guidelines and requirements. Pass pre-employment drug test and adhere to the Casino's Drug-free Workplace Policy. Pass pre-employment background and criminal history check. Be available to work weekends, holidays, and all shifts, as necessary or required.

### SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT:

The Tribal Council may appoint a committee to screen interested candidates before recommending a candidate or candidate(s) to the Tribal Council for appointment. Upon receipt of the screening results, the Tribal Council will review all applications from candidates who meet all Minimum Requirements and Qualifications and may interview candidates of its choosing. Any candidate selected for the position will be offered employment via an employment contract, the terms of which are subject to final approval by the Tribal Council. Salary for the position will be determined by the Tribal Council, in accordance with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEEKS CHIEF JUDGE CANDIDATES

The Tribal Council is seeking candidates to be appointed as the Tribe's Chief Judge. Under the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code, the Chief Judge is appointed by the Tribal Council for a three-year term and, during that term, is responsible for the administration of the Tribal Court System and the adjudication of cases filed in the Tribal Court. The Chief Judge acts in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct and hears criminal, civil, traffic, juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect, domestic, probate, protective custody cases, wellness court cases and all other matters arising under tribal or other applicable law. In addition, the Chief Judge is responsible for preparing and presenting the Tribal Court's annual budget - both for the Tribe, in regards to general funding, and for the B.I.A. under the 93-638 contract. The Chief Judge manages the Tribal Court's various grants and ensures that all required reports are submitted to the requesting agencies by the required date. Lastly, the Chief Judge is generally responsible for the overall supervision and administration of the Tribal Court, including its personnel. All interested Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to apply with the Tribe's Personnel Department BY APRIL 1, 2011.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following sets forth a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Judge and the qualifications that a successful candidate must or should have in order to be appointed by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council is seeking enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY and may consider both well-qualified Tribal Members and Tribal Members who do not possess all of the qualifications listed below for trainee positions, with a specified training curriculum, goals and objectives, to eventually perform all of the duties and responsibilities and assume the position of the Chief Judge. As with other trainee positions, a tribal member selected to fulfill a training curriculum will begin the position at a reduced rate of pay and increases may be tied to specific performance objectives. Administers the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Court, including, but not limited to, supervision of employees working for the Tribal Court, providing appropriate guidance and training to all Court employees, developing the Tribal Court's annual budget in accordance with Tribal policies, procedures and guidelines and, where appropriate, the rules, regulations and guidelines of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (for P.L. 93-638 funding); monitors expenditures to ensure that the Tribal Court operates within its approved annual budget. Presides over and resolves assigned cases before the Tribal Court, including, where appropriate, issuing warrants upon proper showing of probable cause, issuing clear and thorough written and oral verdicts and decisions on motions, hearings, trials and any and all other appropriate matters in accordance with applicable law and established legal principles. Performs all necessary legal research to render accurate and comprehensive judicial decisions. Develops guidelines and standardized court forms and orders to ensure due process and other procedural standards are met for all parties before the Tribal Court. Displays a sense of basic fairness and justice, treats all parties equally, and acts in accordance with the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct. Works with social services, law enforcement and related tribal and non-tribal agencies and entities where appropriate; participates in committees and meetings related to the effective operation of the Tribe, the Tribal Court, the administration of justice, and amendments to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code. Recuses/disqualifies self from cases involving relatives or where possible conflicts of interest may

exist; refers said cases to other qualified and appointed tribal judges. Works with federal, state, county and local agencies and judicial systems to ensure that tribal laws and ordinances are understood and respected. Ensures that all reports and required correspondence are completed accurately and in a timely manner. Assigns cases to associate judges. Performs all other duties necessary to ensure the proper operation of the Tribal Court

### QUALIFICATIONS:

An enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member and citizen of the United States at least 22 years of age or older at the time of appointment. A person of good moral character and judicial temperament. Never been convicted of any felony by any court of competent jurisdiction. Not been convicted of any misdemeanor in any court of competent jurisdiction within a period of (1) one year prior to the date of his selection. Shall not be an attorney otherwise employed or under contract to the Tribal Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Five (5) years experience working in a court or legal field or a Bachelors, Associate, or advanced degree in criminal justice, psychology or sociology plus at least two (2) years experience working in a court or legal field. Advanced/graduate degrees (e.g., Juris Doctorate) may be preferred. Knowledge of and familiarity with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Law, Federal Indian Law and Southern Ute Tribal Court procedure and practice. Experience developing, monitoring, and administering budgets. Experience applying for, managing, and overseeing federal, state and other grants. Experience supervising employees and administering personnel matters. Willing and able to agree to and successfully complete training plan, including off-site training, if required by the Tribal Council. Able to analyze cases before the Tribal Court and produce written legal opinions demonstrating proper legal analysis and efficient legal writing skills. Able to manage a full docket and process cases in a timely manner. Able to maintain appropriate and strict confidentiality at all times. Have a working knowledge of computers and Microsoft Word. Culturally sensitive and has successfully worked with and in Native American communities (Southern Ute community preferred). Must pass pre-employment drug test and in-depth background/criminal history check.

### SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT:

The Tribal Council may appoint a committee to screen interested candidates before recommending a candidate or candidate(s) to the Tribal Council for appointment. The Committee may also recommend training curricula or programs to assist with the development of candidates who may not meet all of the qualifications set forth herein. If a training curriculum is established then, as with the Tribe's other trainee positions, rate of pay and the training curriculum will be adjusted accordingly. Upon receipt of an acceptable recommendation, the Tribal Council may appoint an individual to the position and/or may designate the person as a trainee until such time as the training curriculum or other qualifications have been achieved and the appointed individual is able to perform all of the duties and responsibilities outlined herein. The salary for the position will be determined by the Tribal Council, in accordance with the training curriculum, if any, and the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION Tuesday, April 12, 2011

### TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Notice - Vote for One (1)

- Kevin R. Frost
- Pearl E. Casias
- Richard L. Jefferson
- Matthew J. Box
- Clement J. Frost

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret Ballot.
- Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION

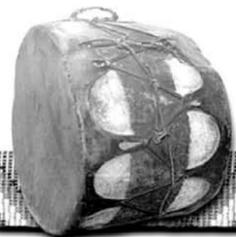
Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
SunUte Community Center  
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### The candidates for Tribal Chairman

- Kevin R. Frost
- Pearl E. Casias
- Richard L. Jefferson
- Matthew J. Box
- Clement J. Frost

The candidate receiving the HIGHEST number of votes shall be elected.

Voter Registration Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.  
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.  
Emergency Ballot Deadline: April 11, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.



**Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements**

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com

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**Carpenter**

Closing date 3/14/11 – Tierra Group, LLC  
Performs carpentry work on construction projects for the Tierra Group, to include communication with clients on the jobsite.

with outside auditors and valuation consultants, monitoring capital spending and budget compliance, and presenting findings and recommendations.

**Senior Accountant**

Closing date 3/14/11 – GF Accounting/Finance  
Provides accounting support for monthly consolidation and close, general ledger account reconciliation, financial reporting responsibilities and annual audit support.

**Pipeline Systems Operations Supervisor**

Closing date 3/21/11 – Red Cedar Gathering  
Coordinates and oversees all pipeline related activities and work tasks while conforming to all federal, state and county environmental requirement for pipeline and right of way operations.

**Controller**

Closing date 3/14/11 – Real Estate Group/GF Prop.  
Responsible for directing and participating in accounting and financial reporting functions of GF Real Estate Group, to establish and maintain accounting principles, practices, and procedures, implementing policies and procedures and enforcing accounting and financial reporting policies, monitors compliance, provides training and coordinates with the Information Technology, conducting or directing internal audits of property managers, coordinating

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements**

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept.

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**Assistant Facilities Operations Manager**

Closing date 3/14/11 – (2 Positions) Assists Facilities Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of SunUte Community Center activities. Assists with the development of marketing, special events, special projects and public relations. Oversees morning/evening operational procedures, facility set-up/breakdown, scheduling of activities and inventory management.

associated with the Durango Pumping Plant, Ridges Basin Dam and other ALP structures located in Durango Colorado. The Association has negotiated an Operational, Maintenance, and Replacement (OM&R) Transfer Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (“BOR”), the owner of the project. Once the Project is transferred from construction status to OM&R status, this position will be transitioned to work directly for the Association, and will assume mechanical duties and responsibilities associated with the OM&R of the Project.

**Elders Services Secretary/Driver**

Closing date 3/14/11 – Provides office support for the Elder Service Program to include, but not limited to, reception, secretarial, office management and records management services. Provides transportation and services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Elders and Handicapped/Disabled individuals. Provides transportation to the Committee of Elders and Handicapped/Disabled .

**Building Maintenance Technician**

Closing date 3/23/11 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems.

**Dental Hygienist**

Closing date 3/23/11 – Under limited supervision, provides preventive dental care to include cleaning/polishing teeth and instructing patients in good oral hygiene habits to patients in variety of age groups.

**Air Quality Engineer**

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds.

**Games Coordinator**

Open Until Filled – Plans, implements, and coordinates programs and schedules for the North American Indigenous Games, the United States Indigenous Games, the Colorado Games and the Tri-Ute Games.

**Lake Capote Manager – APPRENTICE**

Open Until Filled – This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to become the Lake Capote Manager. Lake Capote Program operations are located under the Wildlife Resource Management Division in the Natural Resources Department. The objective of the Lake Capote Manager Apprentice position is to offer a Southern Ute Tribal Member hands-on experience and guidance in all phases of managing the Lake Capote Recreation Area (LCRA). The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

**Temporary YNR Crew Leader**

Open Until Filled – The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR

**Temporary YNR Crew Member (4 positions)**

Open Until Filled – Temporary summer position designed for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years old or older. Crewmembers serve as workers on a crew of four that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions related to environmental education and on-the-ground work in various disciplines of natural resource management.

**Temporary HVAC Technician**

Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, computer aided digital controls, hot and chilled water distribution systems and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings.

**Temporary Plumber**

Repair, maintenance, and installation of mechanical and plumbing equipment in Tribal Buildings and Systems, to include correction of safety hazards.

**Temporary Electrician**

Responsible for the repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

**Fine Arts Guide**

Closing date 3/14/11 – Provides a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the social/emotional, and cultural needs of Academy students. A person in this position will provide developmentally appropriate fine arts and music activities for students. Responsible for communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their children's progress in the area of fine arts.

**Dental Assistant**

Closing date 3/16/11 – Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions.

**Air Quality Compliance Specialist**

Closing date 3/17/11 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, assists with coordinating and conducting technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting and Enforcement Sections of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds.

**Homeland Security Coordinator**

Closing date 3/17/11 – The Homeland Security Coordinator is responsible for general administration of the Homeland Security Grants for the Southwest Region of Colorado and reports directly to the Southwest All Hazards Advisory Council (SWAHAC) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Risk and Emergency Manager. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe currently serves as the fiscal Agent for Southwest regional Homeland Security Grants. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding.

**ALP Electrician**

Closing date 3/18/11 – Under general supervision of the Animas-La Plata Project General Manager, incumbent is responsible for performing electrical maintenance and repairs on equipment and facilities at the Animas La Plata Maintenance and Replacement Association (ALP) site located in Durango Colorado. Performs duties involved in the operation and preventive maintenance, repair and overhaul of heavy industrial equipment associated with the Durango Pumping Plant, Ridges Basin Dam and other ALP structures. Performance of this maintenance ensures that all plant equipment is safe, mechanically sound and operating efficiently, in order to maintain reservoir levels and provide reliable water deliveries. The Association has negotiated an OM&R Transfer Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation (“BOR”), the owner of the project. Once the Project is transferred from construction status to operation, maintenance and replacement (OM&R) status, the position will be transitioned to work directly for the Association, and will assume electrical duties and responsibilities associated with the OM&R of the Project.

**ALP Plant Mechanic**

Closing date 3/18/11 – Under general supervision of the Animas-La Plata Project General Manager, incumbent performs mechanical duties involved in the operation and preventive maintenance, repair and overhaul of heavy industrial mechanical equipment

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**Finance Director**

Closing date 3/18/11 – SUCAP  
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**Program Director**

Closing date 3/18/11 – SUCAP Senior Center  
Management and supervision of program activities and staff. BS/BA in Human Services or related field required. Must have 1 year direct supervisory experience, 2 years in human services field. Must pass the criminal history background check. Must have Colorado drivers license, proof of vehicle insurance, and provide a copy of DMV driving record.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Boxing Commission Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy. This is for a two year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are:

- Must be 18+ years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty boxing related offenses

Submit your letter of intent by 4 PM on March 31, 2011 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, PO Box 737 #74, Ignacio, CO 81137

Or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department, Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0135 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Treasurer 970-563-4710 ext. 2722.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Election Board Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) Election Board vacancy for an Alternate Board member. The chosen applicant will serve a three (3) year term. This opportunity is available to interested Tribal Members who meet the following.

- must be a registered tribal voter
- must reside on the reservation
- cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office
- must not have been convicted of a felony
- must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years.

All interested Tribal members are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on March 11.

**BP - Job Announcements**

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### Bobcats triumph in district, region

After back-to-back 30-point wins against Crowley County on Friday, Feb. 4, and Paonia on Saturday, Feb 5., the Ignacio High School boys' basketball team took center court (top) before a packed house of cheering fans in the Durango High School "Demon Dome" in reverence to the 2011 Class 2A-Region III championship trophy.

Repeating what they had done a year before, the Ignacio Bobcats (left) raised the coveted 2A District III championship trophy high with pride as they defeated the Mancos Bluejays 66-42 Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Montezuma-Cortez High School gym. The Bobcats previously defeated the Dolores Bears 72-44 on Friday, Feb. 25.

photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM



### Sky Ute's Olin vacates top job



photo Tracy McKellip/Sky Ute Casino Resort

The Sky Ute Casino Resort bid farewell to General Manager Matt Olin on Friday, March 4. Pictured here (left to right) in the casino's Aspen Room restaurant are Executive Director of Marketing Ben Fernandez, Executive Director of Operations Travis Garlick, Olin, Assistant General Manager Madilenia Chavarillo, Executive Director of Human Resources Elsie Charles, and Chief Finance Officer Christine Hudgens.

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## Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

#### Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

#### Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
• The account had at least one cash transaction.
• Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

#### Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
• Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
• Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

#### What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
• A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
• Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
• A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

#### How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
• Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
• If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

#### What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by April 20, 2011.
• If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.