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'Days of Beauty' brighten Durango

The 47th Fort Lewis College Hozhoni Days PowWow filled the school's Whalen Gymnasium with the sounds of celebration March 25 - 26. The weeklong Hozhoni Days — Navajo for "Days of Beauty" — culminated with the crowning of a new Miss Hozhoni. The crown passed from native Alaskan Jennifer Bennis to Tawni Knight of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Friends and family supported Knight, a junior at Fort Lewis College, as she accepted the title of Miss Hozhoni 2011-12. Many Southern Ute tribal members, including tribal elder Dr. James Jefferson, turned out for the event.

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Amita Nathwani of the Southern Ute Healthy Warrior Nutrition and Fitness Program explains March 31 how the eight-week program has helped motivate community members to adopt healthier habits. Diet choices play a large role, and Nathwani emphasizes alternative eating options with hands-on food preparation each Thursday. Eighteen two-person teams are competing for prizes like an Xbox Kinect.

Health program pits 'warriors' against one another

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Muffin Tops. Spice It Up. Veronica's Secret. Lean Cuisine Queens.

Just a few of the names belonging to the two-person teams in the Healthy Warrior Nutrition and Fitness Program. All told there are 18 teams, each competing over the course of the eight-week program to lose the most weight and claim one of the top prizes, which include high-dollar items such as an Xbox Kinect, iPod Nano and gift certificates. Team members are weighed once a week and progress is tracked on a big chart near the basement kitchen in the Mouache-Capote Building.

That kitchen is also the site of weekly lunch get-togethers, during which coordinator Amita Nathwani guides participants through the preparation of waist-line-friendly meals during a light-hearted discussion of healthy habits. On March 31 it was vegetarian Panini sandwiches, which



— despite the lack of meat — seemed to delight the participants, including Velma Armijo and Heather White Thunder.

Those two, incidentally, are rumored to have taken the early lead in the contest — though they declined to reveal their team name, citing its highly secret nature.

The Healthy Warrior program also includes a fitness component led by Kalvin Evans. Evans has been hosting fitness walks around the tribal campus and

sharing tips with Southern Ute employees by email during the challenge.

The program is funded by grants through the tribe's Tribal Services and Social Services departments.

Lest one think it's all good, clean fun, though, one participant revealed during a recent meal the seedy underbelly of weight-loss strategy.

"I'm going to be sending them some Krispy Kreme donuts," he said of his competitors.

Chairman candidates take questions on finance, employment

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The five candidates to fill the vacant chairman's seat on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council took the stage April 4 to answer tribal members' questions on topics from cultural preservation to how financial decisions are made.

The candidates are running to replace former Chairman Matthew J. Box, who resigned Feb. 11 "following numerous and conflicting reports as to whether or not the Tribal Council would seek to remove him, he would resign, or he would remain in office," according to a release issued by the tribe the same day. Vying for the job are Kevin R. Frost, Pearl E. Casias, Richard L. Jefferson, Clement J. Frost, and Box, who is seeking to reclaim it.

Each contender opened the forum at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center with an opening statement. Clement Frost went first, speaking briefly about his intent to restore order to the inner workings of the tribe.

"This tribe has lost its way," he said. "That's why I'm here."

Jefferson followed with a discussion of the tribe's personnel processes, questionable business decisions within the Growth Fund, and trimming the fat within the tribal organization to improve its bottom line.

"We have way too many eggs in too many baskets and no oversight," he said, adding the Growth Fund runs no fewer than 84 limited liability companies. "A forensic audit is one of the easiest ways to find out if there's anything fishy going on over there."

Jefferson added that he has already selected a tribal member to serve as his executive officer if elected.

"I want to do this as fairly and as honestly as I can," he said.

Box was next saying he's running because he's "obligated to follow through on what we have started." He said the Tribal Council had attempted to remove him from office without due process. He also highlighted accomplishments from his administration, such as creating minutes to catalog what's discussed in general meetings of the tribal membership.

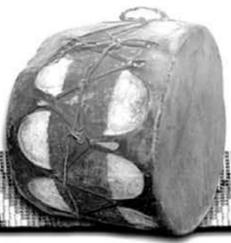
Kevin Frost's opening statement focused on the role of the chairman as servant of the people. He said a true chairman realizes his position is powerless except to represent the interests

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Honoring our missing brothers



Howard Richards Sr., (left) commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, stands alongside Vietnam veteran Ronnie Baker (right) to lower the Ute Mountain Ute tribal flag in recognition of soldiers missing in action. The Missing Man Table Ceremony took place the morning of April 1 on the lawn of the La Plata County Courthouse in Durango. City officials, community members and veterans of the U.S. armed forces paid tribute to those soldiers who are considered prisoners of war or missing in action. An empty table stood as a reminder of those who could not join the ceremony. Richard S. Schleeter, veterans service officer of La Plata County, moderated the remembrance.



News in brief

IGNACIO

Free bison meat available to tribal members

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

Ignacio School upcoming events

Family Dance: Check out your child's dance moves, dance the night away and fight cancer all in one evening. Please join us for our third annual Family Dance, Friday, April 15, Family Dance 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Dance the night away DJ's Eddie & Betty Box. A skit, "Magic Cure for Cancer", will also be performed by six IES third grade students. All proceeds raised will support Ignacio Schools' Relay for Life team. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Students must be accompanied by an adult!

Yard Sale: Explorers Club will be hosting a huge yard sale in the parking lot Saturday, April 30. You can rent space for \$15, and all the profits you receive from your sales are yours. So, start cleaning out your closets, sheds, and storage units. If you have any questions call Deb Otten at 970-563-0675 ext. 345.

Incoming Kindergarten: Calling all incoming Kindergartners who will be five years old by Oct. 1. All incoming students (and their parents) entering kindergarten for the school year 2011 - 2012 are encouraged to meet the kinder teachers and have lunch at the Ignacio Elementary School, Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. The cost for an adult lunch is \$3 and a guest child \$2. If your student is NOT in the Head Start program you will need to buy your own lunch. Please call 970-563-0653 to let us know if you and your child will be joining us. Please bring: Birth Certificate and Immunization record.

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 at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238, pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710, mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

DURANGO

2011 Severe Storm Spotter Training

If you are interested in severe weather, then please show up for the training, the training is free to the public. Learn how to identify and report significant and severe weather to the National Weather Service, and learn how to accurately measure precipitation.

- Monday, April 18 - Combined basic and advanced Storm Spotter training 6 - 9 p.m. at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, Pagosa Springs, in the CSU Extension Office, 344 Highway 84.

- Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 20 - Combined basic and advanced Storm Spotter training 6 - 9 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, in the Lightner Room (upstairs meeting room in the exhibition hall).

- Thursday, April 21 - Basic Storm Spotter training 1 - 3 p.m. in the Towaco Community Center, 485 Sunset Blvd, next to the recreation center, Towaco.

- Thursday, April 21 - Combined Basic and advanced Storm Spotter training 6 - 9 p.m. in the Cortez Journal Building, 123 N. Smith Avenue in Cortez.

Questions about the training? Contact Jim Pringle at 970-243-7007 ext. 726, or send an e-mail message to james.pringle@noaa.gov by April 14. See <http://weather.gov/gjt> for more information. Storm Spotter Training provided in cooperation with: Southwest Colorado county emergency management agencies CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain Hail & Snow network) - <http://www.cocorahs.org/Colorado> Climate Center - <http://ccc.atmos.colostate.edu/>

Utilities Division Solid Waste Transfer Station Hours

Effective Monday, March 28, 2011

Monday thru Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

See SkyUteCasino.com for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

\$50,000 HOT CASH GIVEAWAY

April 1 - June 4, 2011

Be sure to play with your Bear Club Card for your chance at a share of \$50,000 to be given away throughout the months of April and May! Drawings will be held every Saturday at 9 p.m. and as the prize money increases throughout the month so will the amount of days you have to earn entries. In order to give everyone a better chance to win we will discard all entries after the Saturday drawings each week and start with an empty drum for the following week. Please see the Player's Center for full details.

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Must be 21 or older. Must show valid picture ID to win a prize. Must be present to win. All entries will be discarded at the end of each week. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at any time without prior notice. Employees of Sky Ute Casino Resort and their immediate family are not eligible.

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10 Years Ago

Team dancers try to attract the eyes of the judges during the 37th annual Hozhoni Days PowWow at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Team dancing incorporates the talents of dancers from different categories into one team. It's important to dance as a team, quite different from the individual competition associated with most powwow contests. Judges look for coordination and rhythm to determine the winner. The Hozhoni Days PowWow took place March 25 - 26. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was one of the major sponsors of the event.

This photo first appeared in the April 6, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

Councilwoman Evalyn Hudson (third from right) accompanied Junior High and High School students who participated in the Spring Break Educational Experience. The students visited several colleges in the state, including Colorado State University in Fort Collins and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

This photo first appeared in the April 5, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

This photograph of Melinda "Pathimi" GoodTracks accompanied an article of how GoodTracks had been accepted for admission to Northeastern Oklahoma State University, where she was also a candidate for the "Bio Medical Program" that would focus on scientific research. As published in the Many Moons Ago section of the Drum 20 Years Ago, Pathimi had worked as acting director of the tribe's Natural Resource Department and as director of the Lands Division.

This photo first appeared in the April 10, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Introduction to Beading

In this class the participants will be introduced to several types of beading and supplies needed. The techniques that will be used are lazy stitch, appliqué, peyote stitch and loom beading. Please bring bead supplies, scissors. If you have any needles, thread, bees wax and beads please bring them with you. Class will begin 9 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m. at the Education Building. If you have any questions, please contact Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

Southern Ute Royalty Workshop #2 Bear Dance Etiquette

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will be hosting a Bear Dance Workshop with guest speakers and a warm meal.

April 14, 2011
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility
258 Ute Park Road, Ignacio, Colorado

For more information, please call Amy Barry at 970-563-0119.
Door prizes will be awarded through the workshop.



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

pawapÙ - cedar tree
sawavÙ - sagebrush
koçapÙ - tobacco

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

PowWow Trails

University of Oklahoma PowWow
April 16

2900 Jenkins • Norman, OK
Contact: Corey Still
Phone: 918-822-4421
Email: lwaters@ou.edu

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

Highland High School Spring PowWow
April 27

4700 Coal Ave. S.E. • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: HHS Native American Leadership Council
Phone: 505-265-3711
Email: nativeleadership@gmail.com

Gathering of Nations
April 28 - 30

Avenida Cesar Chavez Blvd. SE • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Gathering of Nations
Phone: 505-836-2810
Web: www.gatheringofnations.com

18th Annual Spring Bear PowWow
May 14

Regis University Field House, 3333 Regis Blvd. • Denver, CO
Contact: Bear or Alisa Limvere
Phone: 303-648-3414
Email: powwow@ravendancers.org
Web: ravendancers.org/powwow/

Pray to heal Mother Earth

A message has been sent from our surrounding sister tribes that the world is hurting.

This has manifested itself by all the volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and other Mother Earth events. These events tell us that Mother Earth needs healing.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, tribal spiritual leaders took it upon themselves to offer a prayer for the world in the four directions. A schedule has started for this today, which is as follows:

- East: Capulin, Okla., March 25 - 26.
- South: San Carlos, Ariz., April 1 - 2.
- West: San Francisco Peak, Calif., April 8 - 9.
- North: Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Ft. Duchesne, Utah, April 15 - 16.
- Return to Dulce, N.M., April 22 - 23 for a community blessing with other tribes.

"We are told by our elders that there are no coming-out feasts and bear dances; don't let this prayer session end. This is not political, because we believe that these problems, the politicians cannot fix. But the medicine people, through spirituality ... can pray for these problems to be fixed. Long ago, we didn't have the luxuries we have now: electricity, jobs, vehicles and such," wrote Stanley Montoya, Bryan Vigil and Jay Vigil, spiritual members of the Jicarilla-Apache Tribe of Dulce, N.M. "Take all that away, and what do we have? ... An Indian fighting for survival through prayer: praying for food, shelter and protection.

"We are inviting other tribal

medicine people from different tribes to join us. We, as medicine people, have a gift of prayer that was given to us by our Creator to use to help our people. We feel that when we put all that power together, in one place, at one time, that that one prayer for one purpose, that awesome power ... will help our people."

As they went to Oklahoma March 25 - 26, they were joined by the spiritual leaders of the Apache and Kiowa.

"It was humbling ... how it made you feel," Jay Vigil said. "The support of other tribes in our prayer, that began from the elders of our tribe."

Let the people know that our prayers are for the following:

— We pray for unity. Tribes are not getting along with one another, and that extends to families fighting among themselves, brother against brother, and so on. Pray that we come together for the sole purpose of surviving as Indian tribes, and pray together.

— We pray for forgiveness if there is anything we have done or said that hurt another person.

— We pray for our people living on the reservation as well as people living off the reservation, that all are treated equally by our government.

— We pray for our governments — tribal, state and federal — that they don't forget the Indian tribes they are responsible for.

— We pray for protection for our people traveling, wherever they may be going; our youth,

elderly, and warriors in war. Protection that these warriors can come home as they went: free from injury, physical, mentally and spiritually.

— We pray for the families that have lost a family member, that comfort be given to them and for them to know that they will see the departed ones.

— We pray for the medicine people who are misusing their power to gain profit by using witchcraft against people that are trying to make a difference, that they will awake and see what they are doing and rechannel their power toward helping our people.

— We pray for the tribal death rate. We understand that death is part of life; however, we pray that this process slows down and our people are allowed to live longer than they are now.

We believe in the power of prayer, and the strength and healing power it has. Our Creator has blessed us, "the People," and has chosen us to take care of Mother Earth and her two-legged and four-legged beings. Also those beings that fly, swim and walk the earth.

The prayer on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation is planned for April 16 at sunrise at the Bottle Hollow site in Ft. Duchesne. Our sister tribes from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, Shoshone-Bannock, Arapahoe, Eastern Shoshone and others have been contacted, but all persons are invited. If you have family, let them know of this blessing, and if they can come, invite them to be here with us.

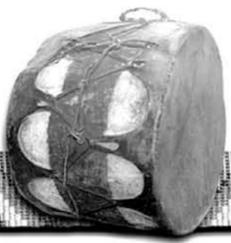
We don't want anyone to be left out. Join us if you can.

Buckskin and beadwork



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal elders worked to create traditional buckskin moccasins as part of an ongoing cultural crafts workshop March 23 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park. The Southern Ute Education Department hosted the workshop. Southern Ute elder Ella-Louise Weaver hand stitches a piece of leather as she begins the first stages of her own beading project. Beadwork adorns one set of leather strips, which will be used to add color and symbolism to the moccasins once they are assembled.



The Kidney Corner: Exploring the causes of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates



In recent issues of the Kidney Corner, we discussed diabetes and hypertension, the two most common causes of chronic kidney disease. What other conditions can cause kidney disease?

Glomerulonephritis (a long word!) means "inflammation of the filtering parts of the kidneys." There are many different types of glomerulonephritis. The most common in the Native American population is called "IgA nephropathy."

IgA stands for "Immunoglobulin type A." It is a protein present in the blood in all normal people. The type of IgA found in patients with IgA nephropathy is abnormal, and this can cause the protein to be deposited in the kidney, causing damage.

This condition can sometimes be relatively harmless. Some people with this condition get blood in their urine intermittently, especially when they have an upper respiratory infection, or common cold. Although this can be alarming, it usually does not cause serious consequences.

However, other forms of IgA nephropathy can cause protein in the urine, which can be much more serious and can lead to kid-

ney failure. The more serious forms of IgA nephropathy can be treated with medications that suppress the body's immune system, though most patients with IgA nephropathy do not need this. Similarly, other types of glomerulonephritis may or may not need specific treatment, depending on their severity. For most cases of glomerulonephritis, the cause is unknown, even though most are treatable. As one might expect, the earlier it is diagnosed and treated, the better the outcome is likely to be.

Lupus, also called systemic lupus erythematosus or SLE, is another common cause of chronic kidney disease. It is more common in women than men. The cause of lupus is unknown; it can cause disease of many different systems in the body, such as the joints, skin,

heart and lungs. It is also usually treatable with medications which suppress the immune system, though these medications can have numerous side effects which must be monitored carefully.

Various medications can damage the kidneys, causing chronic kidney disease. The most common may be over-the-counter pain medications such as ibuprofen. Many people incorrectly think that these medications are harmless, but in fact if they are taken for long periods of time they can cause a variety of kidney problems, including kidney failure. Occasional use of these medicines in people who do not have underlying kidney disease usually does not cause problems.

Urine obstruction, for example due to prostate enlargement in men, is another common cause of chronic kidney disease. Problems with urination should therefore usually be evaluated by a physician.

There are also genetic causes of kidney disease, for example polycystic disease. Generally, these are less common in Native American patients.

Early detection of all these disorders allows timely treatment and improves the outlook for all patients with chronic kidney disease, no matter what the cause.

Academy offers healthy choices



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Academy student Amarante Pardo dons a blindfold along with classmates as part of an activity to identify vegetables by taste during an in-classroom workshop on Tuesday, March 22. The Shining Mountain Diabetes Program and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy began a new project this winter with 11 weeks of lessons from the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools curriculum. The health-education lessons focused on living a healthy life in balance; preventing disease, diabetes and its risk factors; and healthy lifestyle choices such as staying active, limiting "screen time," and choosing more healthy foods on a daily basis. Students also learned about advertisements used to sell foods to children and nutrition food labels. Some hands-on activities included trying "Zumba," making their own fruit smoothies, vegetable taste testing, and a healthy popcorn party.

SUCAP offers anti-suicide training

Media release
Southern Ute Community Action Programs

There will be two types of suicide prevention trainings happening in La Plata County this spring and early summer.

SafeTALK is a three-hour suicide awareness training that prepares any interested or concerned person with skills to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide in only a few hours.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, or ASIST, is an intensive, interactive, and practice-dominated two-day course designed to help caregivers recognize risk and learn how to intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide.

SafeTALK enrollment is limited

to of 20 participants per class. It will take place in three locations; hours for all three trainings are 8:30 - 11 a.m. The cost is \$25. Training dates are May 4 in Ignacio in Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Parent Room, May 19 at Bayfield Town Hall, and June 22 at Durango Big Picture High School at 215 E. 12th St.

The ASIST trainings are over two days and each have a limit of 30 participants. They will take place 8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m. each day and cost \$100. There will be two separate trainings: April 28 - 29 at First Presbyterian Church of Durango at 1159 E. 3rd Ave., and May 25 - 26 at Upper Pine Fire Station at 515 Sower Dr. in Bayfield. For more information, call SUCAP at 970-563-4517.

La Plata County's suicide rate is 8 percent higher than the state

average and 55 percent higher than the national average. Just as a CPR-trained first responders can help persons with physical first aid, people trained in suicide intervention can help with mental distress. Identified high risk populations include men 75 and older, and the largest number of suicide deaths occurs among men 35 - 54.

Nearly half of Colorado teenagers who died by suicide had experienced a personal crisis within the two weeks prior to their death. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers and young adults in Colorado. Other identified high risk groups include first responders, veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan military actions, and gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered or questioning persons.

Piedra area prescribed burn planned

Media release
Pagosa Ranger District

Fire managers on the Pagosa Ranger District are planning to conduct a prescribed burn on Forest Service lands in the Piedra Area. The burn area is located on the north side of the Piedra River between Davis Creek and Sand Creek. The burn is approximately 1300 acres in size and will take two days to complete. Burning will occur sometime in the next few weeks when conditions are acceptable. Notice will be posted on local radio station and newspapers one to two days prior to the burn.

A burn plan has been prepared for the area that describes specif-

ic weather, fuel, moisture conditions and number and types of personnel needed to safely conduct the burn. Burn plans are prepared by qualified burn bosses and reviewed by higher level, experienced fire managers. Burn plans also specify wind and atmospheric conditions that will minimize smoke impacts to surrounding communities.

Ponderosa pine and lower mixed conifer forests are adapted to and benefit from periodic, low intensity fires. Prescribed burns conducted by fire managers reduce fuels on the ground and prune lower branches of trees. Burning provides for nutrient cycling, increases grass cover and

induces re-sprouting of shrubs which improves browse and feed for wildlife and livestock. In general, burning promotes biological diversity and reduces the risk of severe wildfires.

The Piedra Area was designated by Congress as an area to be managed to maintain its presently existing wilderness character. It is located on the northwest part of the Pagosa Ranger District.

If you are planning to recreate or hunt in these areas, signs will be posted as you enter a prescribed burn area. For additional information about the proposed burns or other fuels-reduction efforts, contact the Pagosa Ranger District at 970-264-2268.

**Our Sister's Keeper Coalition Host
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
Candlelight Vigils**

It is estimated 98% of Native Americans will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime. Please join us in remembering those who have been victimized.

Vigil Locations

Thursday, April 7, 2011 5:30pm-7:00 pm Southern Ute Multipurpose Room Ignacio, Colorado	Thursday, April 21, 2011 5:30 pm.-7:00 pm. Towaoc Community Center 485 Sunset Blvd. Towaoc, Colorado
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Sponsored by: Our Sister's Keeper Coalition, Healing Hearts, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute

For more information: Our Sister's Keeper Coalition
(970) 259-2519
Visit our website: www.oursisterskeeper.org

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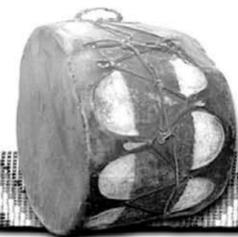
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SunUte Update

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



NEWS:

SunUte holiday closure: SunUte will be closed Easter Sunday April 24th. We will resume normal hours Monday April 25th.

SunUte pool open: Pool is now open! Bring the family and friends to come enjoy the water. We also 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 1st to May 12th! Call for more details.

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.

- April 15: Orange Yogurt
- April 22: Fried Egg and Avocado Sandwich
- April 29: Fresh Fruit Salad w/Creamy Custard

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

Boys & Girls Club

Overdrive schedule for March 25:
6:30 p.m.: Family Dinner
7:30 p.m.: Pre-OD Enrichment
9 p.m. – midnight: Overdrive
Next Overdrive is April 29
Call 970-563-4753 for more information.



SunUte

Right In Your Backyard.

Ignacio Community Library news and updates

Fly tying class: Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. Experienced and inspiring anglers join Mike Minot for a lesson in tying flies. Mike has been fishing local waters for over 40 years and will be at the Ignacio Community Library on April 30. All materials and tools will be provided. Call us at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

Writing workshop: Thursday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. Local writer Tanaya Winder will be at the library for a writer's workshop. Inspiring writers come hone your writing skills with some help from the pros.

Meet the author: Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m. Local songwriter and children's author Melanie

Milburn will be reading her newly released children's book I Love You More... Than Chocolate. She will also present the story musically. Come join us and meet one of our fine local authors.

Meet the author: Thursday, April 21, 5 p.m. Renowned author and poet David Mason will be at the Ignacio Community Library to share some of his work and answer questions. David is the 2010 Colorado Poet Laureate and author of several books. Please call us at 970-563-9287 for more info.

Need computer help? Give us a call at 970-563-9287 to sign up for our basic computer classes starting Saturday April 16th. Or set up a one-on-one appointment with a staff member.



July 10-14, 2011

This year there will be no Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for 2011. Instead, Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be hosting a U.S. Indigenous Games.

Coaches are needed for the following sports:

- Basketball,**
- (Boys & Girls ages: 13-14, 15-16, 17-19)*
- Swimming**
- Wrestling**

Calling Native American athletes ages 13 – 19, as of Dec. 31, 2011 are eligible to participate.

- Athletes must provide the following upon registering.
- Birth Certificate
 - Proof of Indian Blood

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.



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.



Restaurants

Hero's Pizza & Deli Favorites

970-563-9500
580 Goddard Ave.
M-Th 6:30a-6p; F 6:30a-8p
"Best in the West, feast from the East"

The Patio Restaurant

970-563-9574
85 Goddard Ave.
www.thepatioignacio.com
M-Th, Sa 6a-8p; F 6a-8:30p; Su 6a-2p
"Where good friends meet & eat"

Julie's El Amigo

970-563-9998
355 Goddard Ave.
jquintana1952@yahoo.com
11a-8p
"Mexican & American food"

Retail

Classy Seconds

970-563-1230
645 Goddard Ave.
classysecondsangela@gmail.com
M-F 9a-5p

Pine River Enterprises

970-563-9286
1817 Hwy. 151
M-F 7:30a-5p
"Selling tires and farm and ranch goods"

Ignacio Floral & Gifts

970-563-4070
745 Goddard Ave.
"Don't forget Administrative Professionals Week April 25-29"

Roots Natural Foods

970-563-1234
695 Goddard Ave.
rnf@centurytel.net
Tu-F 10a-6p; Sa 9a-4p
"A foundation for a healthy lifestyle"

Marcella's Gifts

970-563-0266
355 Goddard Ave.
diamondlady@frontier.net
Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt

Pinon Liquors

970-563-4083
125 Goddard Ave.
M-Th 10a-11p; F-Sa 10a-12a; Su 10a-10p
"Everyday low prices; drive-up window; good wine selection; coldest beer"

Services

Dancing Spirit Healing Arts Center

970-563-4600
640 Goddard Ave.
www.dancingspiritcoop.com
M-F 11a-6p; Sa 10a-4p
"Locally made hand-crafted art"

Pine River Community Learning Center

970-563-0681
535 Candelaria Dr.
www.prclc.org
"Adult education, GED, English classes, home school resources"

Garcia Chiropractic Wellness Center LLC

970-563-1006
640 Goddard Ave.
M-F 9a-12p, 3-6p
"Helping people recover from illness, injury, and the stress of life"

Pine River Times

970-884-2331
110 E. Mill St.
www.pinerivertimes.com
"The heart of the Pine River Valley"

Ignacio Community Library

970-563-9287
470 Goddard Ave.
www.ignaciolibrary.org
M-Th 9a-7p; F 9a-5p; Sa 9a-4p
"A cool place to check out"

Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc.

970-563-4517
285 Lakin St.
www.sucap.org
Hours varies by program
"Services for families. With you every step of the way"

Paco Glass Inc.

970-563-4074
950 1/2 Goddard Ave.
"Summertime is coming; keep the bugs out and get your screens done early"

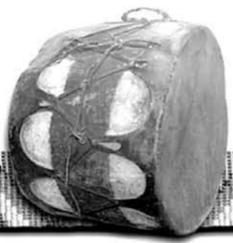
Sunshine Motors

970-563-0498
170 S. Ute St.
M-F 9a-5p; S 10a-2p/appt
"Family run for over 30 years. Several financing options available, vehicle detailing and restoration"

Photocopier Service/Copy Shop

970-884-2311
1327 U.S. Hwy 160B Ste. F
M-F 9a-4p
"Copies, inks, toners, imaging supplies on all makes office equipment"

To advertise in the Ignacio Business directory, contact Ignacio Floral & Gifts at 970-563-4070 or The Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118.



Special election candidate statements for Southern Ute Tribal Chairman



Pearl Casias

Mique,

In previous platforms I have stated my positions on economics, housing, employment and other functions of government. I stand on my record concerning those issues and vow to continue to seek excellence in all arenas of government and governance.

The office of chairman has many functions. I would like to talk about one of these functions, and another one often overlooked but very, very important. That function is to create and sustain an atmosphere wherein the issues can be given the attention necessary to make informed decisions for you, the people. The other is one I want to spend some time on: That topic is leadership, a return to the basics.

I have stated that being elected in a position of leadership is a great honor, but it carries with it an awesome responsibility and accountability to all of the people. Leadership is not for the faint of heart or that person who cannot deal with criticism and wants to be, above all, liked.

Let's for a minute discuss some of the qualities of a leader. This is off the top of my head and not a formal definition.

Leadership: Listen to all the people, take into account all variables affecting the problem, and subject them to different scenarios and what-ifs using the constants and variables of that particular matter to intelligently ascertain the best answer or course to follow in achieving what is best or will benefit the tribe and all the people independent of personal opinions, family opinions or popular opinions.

This results many times in criticism, and it is said "You don't listen to the people." Nothing could be further from the truth!

It is because you have taken into account the welfare and met the needs of the entire people that individual wants seem not to be addressed. Conversely, a person who does the bidding of a special-interest group or committee is not a leader, but someone who adopts and proffers the principals and positions of a few, a paid mouthpiece whose job it is to advance the interests of a few at the expense of the many.

That, in and of itself, in today's realities does not constitute unethical or for that matter undesirable qualities; however, if that individual is an elected official charged with representation of all and ensuring equity in the sphere of governance, one must be free from prejudice or even nuanced influences for all concerns other than the people. All too often the reasons for the need of a leader are obscured by political rhetoric, and those of us elected need to be reminded of the differences between a leader and a politician.

I often hear, "Let's see how the membership feels," or "Before we do anything, let's find out how they feel about it." Our positions demand from us the ability to access the information available, explore all known possibilities, get expert opinion, research similar prior events and their outcomes, break the information down, and assimilate it to make decisions on behalf of the membership — NOT to saddle you with that responsibility without the time or benefit of all the resources at our command.

You have not only by the way of the elective process given your blessing to our decisions, but have trusted us with your wellbeing. We are to take that sacred trust you have placed in us and act decisively.

One of the functions of government is the security and welfare of it people. It is a great responsibility, but it is one that we asked to be given. It is incumbent on us to take that responsibility and discharge those actions necessary to make that honor a reality, not turn around and ask you to absolve us of our accountability by asking you to make decisions. We could speculate on the reasons for this aversion to action, but this is not the proper forum.

In the interest of brevity, if elected, I will work on promoting stability and uniting to enable us to continue to be a progressive tribe, to continue to be prosperous, and to continue to be a tribe.

Thank you, and please vote Pearl for chairman on April 12.



Kevin Frost

Our People, Our Future, Our Time
Our People:

We need a tribal chairman that will put our people first and make our people a priority. I am willing to work with all tribal members to address and solve concerns. This includes our youth, our adults and our elders.

Our current administration is not prioritizing our youth. Having the Boys & Girls Club deal with our youths' issues is nothing more than having a buffer in place that allows our Tribal Council to place our youth on the back burner. We need a tribal chairman that is not afraid to spend time with our youths. I have several ideas that incorporate our young tribal members from pre-school through 12th grade into what they can do for our people regardless of which career path they wish to pursue. We need to develop tomorrow's leaders today.

Our adult tribal members have a lot to offer our people. Ages 18 – 54 need to be encouraged to take part not only in our business ventures, but need to be able to express their concerns and offer ideas to Tribal Council as well as our businesses and ventures without fear of reprisal. This benefits us in the long run. This untapped resource is vital to the survival of our people.

Our elders have a lot of information gained through life experiences that can help us right now. They have seen how the government has worked for and against our people. By asking for their assistance and knowledge, we can work effectively to solve our people's issues. I wish to solicit any and all ideas from our people that can help us make informed and culturally relevant decisions.

Our Future:

Our future is now. We cannot afford to not stand still. Our people have plenty of knowledge and passion about the direction our government is going. If I am elected chairman, we can work toward a common goal, differences aside, to do what is best for our people.

The foundation for tribal member employment has already been established. A current example is the advertisement for the positions of casino manager and chief judge: Both of these positions are asking for tribal members only. If the current administration can carve out specific instances wherein we want our people to work, then this can also be done across the board for both tribal government and Growth Fund positions on our reservation. If you've been told that it is not possible, then you must question why your elected representatives do not want to employ our people.

Our language and our culture define who we are. We can all work together to preserve our traditional knowledge. We built a museum as a monument to our past, present and future. If we can spend that amount of money to ingratiate ourselves, then why can't we spend money

to preserve our language and culture for our future? Several tribes have already used technology as well as traditional methods to teach their people. We can do the same by making language and culture a priority.

Will this be completed in eight months? Probably not, but we can lay the foundation so that future administrations can work toward fulfilling this goal in the immediate future.

Some of our people have discussed communication as an important issue. This can be easily dealt with through various forms of media to get the information to our members, such as using social networking, building kiosks around our tribal campus where members can log on and gather relevant information they choose to research, making more effective use of our tribe's internet pages to broadcast secure transmissions of Tribal Council meetings and general meetings, and using our tribal radio and newspaper to keep our members updated.

We can also use these forms of media to help our off-reservation members. We need to utilize all means necessary to make sure our people on or off the reservation have an opportunity for their voices to be heard.

We can hold more general meetings and allow for our people to discuss their issues and concerns with Tribal Council during Tribal Council meetings by establishing a block of time for our people that will be on the record. There has to be accountability to our people, and I believe we need to report to our members how Tribal Council votes as well as why they need to attend conferences and meetings off the reservation.

I have given examples of some things we can accomplish together. There are many more issues that we can discuss and work together to solve, such as rewriting our Constitution, protecting our tribal member employees so they can discuss what is wrong with their departments without having to worry about losing their jobs, and teaching our people how to write a referendum or recall in case the current or future administrations are unwilling to do what is in our best interest. The important thing is to plan for our future together.

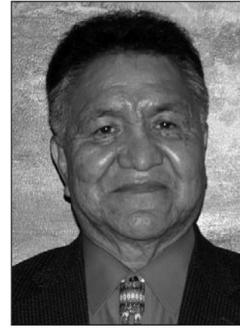
Our Time:

This special election is for a short term. We can accomplish a lot together in this limited amount of time. We can prioritize what is important to us and solve the issues at hand as well as prepare for our future. We can make our government and services fair for all of our people. There shouldn't be a different set of rules when it comes to family members. This will require a lot of work by all of us and the ability to set aside personal differences.

I believe in our people, and I know that when challenges arise our people will be successful. No man is an island and there is no "I" in team. I want to work with our people and walk side-by-side with our people and learn from them and teach along the way. I look forward to gaining your respect as tribal chairman, not through my words, but through my actions.

I can be reached either by email at vote4frost@gmail.com or through Facebook, keyword search: "New Ideas with Old Traditions."

*Respectfully,
Kevin R. Frost*



Clement Frost

Greetings tribal membership,

The special election for the chairman's office is just around the corner. I would like to reiterate my experience, my leadership, and my traditional values, in running for the office of the Chairmanship.

Let me remind you of my qualifications, which I believe support my ability to run for the office: I graduated from Bayfield High School; attended college in Scottsbluff, Neb., on a full athletic scholarship; and transferred to Otero Junior College before I was drafted into the U.S. Army, where I became a military police officer.

After armed services, I came back and worked for the Southern Ute Police Department as a dispatcher/deputy under the late Chief of Police William Thompson. I worked there for three years, then left and worked for the tribe in various other positions.

My last place of employment was the Sky Ute Downs before I was elected to the Tribal Council, where I served the people until 2008 as council member, vice-chairman, and chairman for approximately 28 years before retiring.

Because of the many issues, concerns, complaints, and lack of leadership, I decided to return and throw my hat in the ring and run for the office of tribal chairman and bring some unity with the council members working together, establishing solidarity in the tribal government and the people, and bringing respect back to the tribe.

In doing so there need to be answers to the membership about the actions taken by the past administration, which has caused the loss of transparency and questions regarding our financial picture, employment, the health program under the 638 contract, and Social Services regarding our children and family unity instead of dividing of families and children. There needs to be serious programs to address unity of families.

If elected, my first duty is to see where we're at in the organization and why changes have affected the membership negatively, and look into hiring and firing of employees in the last six months and if their rights were violated in due process. Our financial picture will be looked at and decisions made to ensure that the membership's questions are answered.

The air needs to be cleared regarding many issues, including rumors that need to be followed up on so that the membership gets the assurance that their concerns have been addressed.

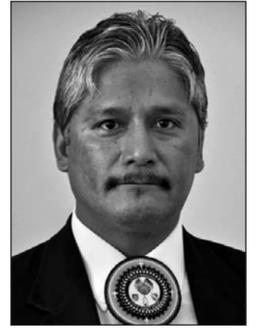
In resolving these many issues, a strong relationship with the council has to happen, and the trust and confidence of the council in the administration needs to become workable. I am ready to bring the council together and to work together with goals and ideas to create a strong future for the tribal membership.

Our tribal elders' voice has been neglected; in fact, it has been taken away under the past administration, and that needs to be re-established with programs to meet the elder membership's needs and concerns. I am willing to put my experience to work to address the many issues that are out there and to do my best to resolve them in this short period of time left in this term.

I will close for now and ask for your vote April 12, as the highest vote getter will be elected. I will work hard on your behalf in getting this ship back on course! May our Creator bless each and every one as you make your life's journey.

*Thank you,
Clement J. Frost*

**At press time,
The Southern Ute Drum
did not receive a
statement from candidate
Richard L. Jefferson.**



Matthew Box

Dear tribal members,

Thank you for your time. For some time, I have considered writing you concerning my resignation of my position as your chairman. I would like to clear the air and provide explanation to the membership now.

There have been multiple reports, editorials, opinions and rumors regarding my resignation. The truth is this: I never considered resigning when I woke that day in February. Council gave me an ultimatum earlier in the week, which I took seriously. They indicated that they wished to remove me and in fact threatened to do so regardless of the fact that I had earlier survived a recall effort. They refused to acknowledge the people's choice, and I would not allow myself to be removed by the majority vote of six individuals and add to that the cost to the membership of such a proceeding.

They also refused to consider my due process rights afforded under the Constitution. I was accused in the media of financial and administrative mismanagement of which there was neither proof nor any written documentation to support. In fact, these allegations are not true at all.

The majority of their accusations revolved around administrative actions and personnel issues. Holding our staff accountable to the rules set forth in the tribe's policies and procedures was being questioned. I was surprised that they knew the intimate details of the confidential administrative affairs of the Personnel Department. When questioned about these facts, they stated that they were entitled to the information. The Constitution clearly states that they have delegated that authority to the chair and the Executive Office. Regardless, all actions taken were reviewed by Legal and Personnel as required by the personnel policies and procedures.

When I questioned them regarding the accusations specifically, they vowed jointly to continue to attempt to remove me without regard to due process and without official documented allegations. These obstructions and distractions of governance were not generated by my representation of the administration or my responsibilities as chairman.

The council was arguing that I was not working with them, and by moving forward the administrative agenda, I was mismanaging the tribe. If I continued with the commission of my duties, I would be forced to protect the tribe's policies and procedures (with my own outside attorney) against the council and the tribe's attorneys in an open forum. While this is not impossible, it is illogical. This type of proceeding would not resolve our differences, and would provide for a public scrutiny of our nation's private affairs.

Regardless of perception, we as a council put many long hours into legislative causes that needed to be updated in a manner and speed that I am proud to have been a part of as your chairman. We affected change in every way. Our positive approach to the needs of the membership is unprecedented in our time. The foundation of the policies, codes, procedures and protocols we have laid before the people is priceless.

We have provided general meeting notes, established new intergovernmental relationships, created a new set of elders policies, and started to implement a paperless workplace. We have created a code plan that has produced the completion of the Protection Order Code, the final stages of the Traffic Code, and the code list, to include recommendations on the Ethics Code and the Land Code, and begun the process of releasing more and updated information via a new website concept.

We were also in the process of releasing additional information more quickly to the membership with a tribal-member-only access to general agendas and immediate minutes. We have also worked very hard creating new policies and protocols where they did not previously exist. One of the next things to provide was an informational service book that explained all the services the tribe provides. The future of this type of immediate access to information for our members has been an important goal for the

**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.**

Emergency Ballot Deadline: April 11, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.



Candidate statements (continued)

more than two years I served as your chairman.

It is necessary to speak to some of those issues. A new vision of ethics must be addressed. Accountability at all levels must be part of our future. As I see it, there are three major questions to be addressed with the Ethics Code.

— Good faith/bad faith: At no time can there be frivolous or unsubstantiated claims made against someone. If it is going to be used, it had best be serious and have more than non-factual claims. Some types of clear deterrents from doing so must be stated.

— A clear definition of “whistle-blower” protection as it relates to the personnel policies must be implemented. The policies and the Ethics Code contradict each other. A solution must be created that allows the two to work in harmony while providing due process to the accused as well as protection for the person making the claim.

— Finally, under the current code, a council could remove an elected official without a reason, without providing due process, or without following the approved Removal Ordinance proceedings. Similarly, a council could be provided a legitimate recommendation from a seated Ethics Committee to remove an elected official and not take that action. In the past, this has happened. Council members have received recommendations from Ethics Committees to remove members, but the council has used its powers within the Constitution to keep the offenders in office. This contradicts the high standard by which each council member is supposed to conduct him or herself. The result is that the council can be unaccountable and arbitrary. It seems to me that this type of abuse can be a waste of time and resources, not to mention the disruption of work conducted by the council and the administration. This entire process could have been

completed if the council wished to address these matters. It is clear that they have concerns and do not want to resolve these difficult issues.

The health care system is still new, but is moving forward toward providing a quality of life that could only be dreamed of before this new direction. The dream of 100 percent tribal trust responsibility to the members is being implemented. This has become a necessity because the federal system has broken down to the point of ineffectiveness. I still envision looking to the clinic to see a helicopter pad, an ambulatory care facility, a diabetes center, and a holistic and spiritual health care model. This and much more are possible. It means that a healthy community is a strong community. We want our well-being and health protected into perpetuity, forever and ever.

My future plans for the tribe included a new system of financial stability and responsibility. We had begun the process of creating a credit system that allowed each member to receive maximum credit for the funds they received and a personal banking system to achieve that goal. With the help of Mr. Zink and Mr. Deighan, we were in the process of introducing a new debit card system for council review and potential approval.

The system would allow each member to have a debit card and loan with an outside bank. It would allow for each person to gain credit for all funds that the member received from the tribe. Currently we do not release credit information to the outside world, so tribal members do not get credited for having good credit within the existing system. This would change that process and that old line of thinking. Like other wealthy families, each member should receive positive credit for their own funds.

We also envisioned building our financial priorities and portfolios. We need an outside organization to

review what we are doing and why we are doing it. It is important to have a membership-driven review committee to do this. This will help us build a strong existence for our people moving forward and will provide new transparency within the membership. It is so important to situate the tribe to survive regardless of the threats to our sovereignty and our very existence.

Another major concern is the handling of our legal affairs. As I mentioned earlier, we must not position ourselves to create infighting. We must make every effort to extinguish all conflicts of interest. Everyone has talked about the attorneys running the tribe. That statement isn't true, but agendas and conflicts that are not in the best interest of all of the membership need to be addressed.

The obstructions and distractions to running the government must end, and not just for the administration, but for the tribe. Negative publicity and negative thinking will not move the tribe forward in a positive way. Attacking me personally will not resolve the matter either. We must be respectful of each other and allow the will of the people to be heard again. Although these have been difficult times, I will continue to build lasting working relationships.

I am here today to say that I am willing and able to serve you as your chairman. I am requesting this honor and privilege with the honesty and respect I have served you with previously. I would be humbled by returning to serve you through a vote of my people to bring the administration to serve the members, assist the council with timely policy and code changes, and bring a stability and calm to these troubled times. I would like to focus on the crucial positioning of our tribe for the future generations while caring for the needs of all today. The path to that place begins today and together.

of tribal members. Members should have a greater voice in their own government, he said, including the opportunity to have their comments to Tribal Council included on the record.

“If I'm given the opportunity as tribal chairman, we can go ahead and start utilizing our people,” he said. “We can put our tribal members first.”

Finally, Casias shared a list of priorities on which she'd like to focus as chairwoman: housing, education, employment, law enforcement, health care, the court, the public defender's office, and the Growth Fund.

“The lack of action has hurt each and every one of us,” she said of the Growth Fund, adding she feels it “sat on cash” during the recession when it should have been making investments.

During the question-and-answer portion of the evening, tribal member Carol Jefferson asked Box why he didn't appear during a meeting with the Tribal Council and dozens of tribal members days before his resignation. He said the meeting wasn't scheduled.

Another tribal member questioned whether Box was responsible for calling Southern Ute Police Department officers to the meeting. Some have claimed the officers prevented tribal members from entering the Tribal Council Chambers. He said he received reports of yelling and decided that “for the safety and public welfare of the meeting, they should be standing by.”

Tribal elder Annabelle Eagle advised the candidates to take seriously the prospect of becoming chairman.

“It is not a thing that you can play around with,” she said. “You must have the forethought to change some of these policies that are not working for us.”

“Don't be a ‘yes man’ or ‘yes woman’ or whatever,” she said.

Estelle Jimenez asked each candidate to identify their top priority. The responses varied widely and offered a glimpse at what each candidate considers the most urgent concern that bears addressing.

Clement Frost said the council must look into the tribe's financial processes and personnel

policies to help tribal members find jobs and prosper.

“Take another look at those policies to see how we can put those tribal members to work,” he said. “That is going to be the job of the chairman: to unify the tribal council.”

Jefferson also targeted employment, saying the roadblocks keeping tribal members out of jobs must be dealt with.

“Human Resources has been keeping the gate closed for a little over two decades now,” he said. “There are some gatekeepers over there that need to be removed.”

He also said the Growth Fund's investment portfolio should be reviewed and possibly overhauled.

“There's hundreds of thousands of dollars that are falling off the wagon,” he said. “We're being led down the wrong road as far as investments are concerned.”

Box's top priority: the ethics code, which became a hot-button issue during his administration. He also said the personnel policy should be revised to allow for tribal-member preference in areas other than hiring, such as discipline.

Though the discontent of some council members with Box has been no secret, Box acknowledged that, if re-elected, he would need there help to be successful.

“None of these things will happen unless they are approved by Tribal Council,” he said.

Kevin Frost said he would place the most emphasis on protecting and promoting Southern Ute language and culture.

“Language and culture is from where everything that we do flows,” he said. “[It] provides the guidepost for governance. ... It will help us make culturally relevant business decisions.”

Southern Ute heritage can be used to inform decisions on things like alternative sentencing for youth offenders, he said.

“We cannot please everyone, but if we stick to our language and culture, it will make things a lot easier,” he said. “It doesn't come down to the bottom dollar. It comes down to our language and our culture and keeping those things alive.”

Casias said tribal members need a chairperson who is action-oriented and willing to make real changes to improve policies that are harming tribal members.

“The lack of action, direction and guidance from the top has hurt all of you,” she said. “Who makes the policies? It's the Tribal Council members: They make the policies, they change policies. The Tribal Council needs to make changes.”

Tribal elder Byron Frost then asked the question that seemed to be on everyone's minds: What would the candidates do to ensure financial stability in the future?

Casias stressed the value of a working financial plan and said the Growth Fund must diversify its investments.

“The Growth Fund is focusing only on energy,” she said. “I'll tell you what: Energy is a loser.”

Kevin Frost said financial health hinges primarily on one thing: educating tribal members.

“We have to lay the foundation and the groundwork to do it now,” he said, stressing the need for tribal members well-versed in investment banking, law, health, and other skilled fields.

Box said the surest path is staying the course of the tribe's financial plan.

“I sincerely believe in it,” he said.

Jefferson, conversely, said while the financial plan did a good job at first, the time has come to revise it to account for recent changes in the economic landscape. It's not so easy to find winning investments as it once was, he said.

“A monkey could have thrown darts at the stock market back then and made money,” he said.

Clement Frost responded that the plan receives a formal review every three years, but there is a strong need to re-evaluate the tribe's existing investments.

The special election is slated for 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. April 12 at the SunUte Community Center. The winner will serve as chairman for the remainder of Box's unexpired term, with a regular election following in November to determine who will assume the job for the next three-year term.

Meet the Candidates Night • from page 1



VOTE

Pearl Casias



For
Tribal
Chairperson

Let's Continue Into Prosperity

Tribal Group to Elect Pearl Casias

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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.



We can't bloom without you



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students from the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start took a hands-on approach to fundraising last week by creating colorful class banners. Each class made collaborative posters as a plea to the governor of Colorado to preserve education funding. Classrooms filled the auditorium to show off their posters on Wednesday, March 23. The Early Head Start students even rallied to create their own banners for the occasion. The collaborative art pieces were mailed to the governor's office in Denver. One poster made the clear and simple statement: "We can't bloom without you!"

Become a Part of High School Leadership La Plata!

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's High School Leadership La Plata Program is seeking applications from high school sophomores and juniors (next fall's class). Applications are due at the time of interviews which are noted on the application attached. This is open to ANY students from an educational institution in La Plata County. Students do not need to be Club members prior to applying. Please forward this application to any students who can benefit or has interest in participating!

If you are a Sophomore or Junior in High School next Fall, you are invited to be part of an educational adventure, one where you will learn about yourself and about the communities around you. You will get to know students from other schools as well as meet and learn from a remarkable variety of adult leaders in La Plata County. High School Leadership La Plata is an opportunity for you to expand your knowledge, develop your leadership abilities, and gain perspective on your goals and values. The skills that you learn and contacts that you make will help you achieve success in high school and beyond.

Isn't that sweet?



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Ignacio Intermediate School students broke all the rules (with permission) March 25 when they spent the afternoon dousing Dr. Kathy Pokorney with all the fixings of an ice cream sundae. This is the second time Pokorney has subjected herself to such "treat"-ment, all in the name of encouraging students to read. The event was part of a principal's challenge to encourage students to meet their reading goals during the second trimester. Nearly 90 percent did so.

Ignacio Junior High School 3rd quarter honor roll

Student	Grade	Rolling GPA	Term 3 GPA	Student	Grade	Rolling GPA	Term 3 GPA
Adams, Caleb	7	3.571	3.571	Roehrs, Joy	7	4.000	4.000
Brown, Cassandra	7	3.810	3.810	Rohde, Charles	7	3.800	3.800
Diaz, Mie	7	3.500	3.500	Sanchez, Chase	7	3.667	3.667
Gearhart, Alexandra	7	3.667	3.667	Valdez, Chrystianne	7	4.000	4.000
Gott, Marilyn	7	3.500	3.500	Ballew, James	8	3.571	3.571
Hayes, Wyatt	7	4.000	4.000	Cooper Jr, David	8	3.667	3.667
Hessler, Ruth	7	4.000	4.000	Coyote, Tanisha	8	4.000	4.000
Jackson, Jerica	7	3.619	3.619	Drake, Dynesha	8	3.600	3.600
James, Chasity	7	3.520	3.520	Naranjo, Alicia	8	4.000	4.000
Martinez, Andrew	7	3.500	3.500	Ribera, Jessie	8	3.833	3.833
McCaw, Austin	7	4.000	4.000	Riepel, Tyler	8	4.000	4.000
McDonald, Jessie	7	3.500	3.500	Santistevan, Sydney	8	3.500	3.500
Mejia, Antonia	7	3.800	3.800	Stricherz, July	8	3.571	3.571
Powell, Rebekah	7	3.600	3.600				

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 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.



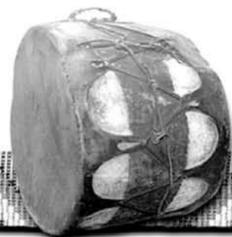
Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Department

10th Annual Career Fair

April 13, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sky Ute Casino & Resort, Events Center

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





Alpine Triangle could use your help

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum



When I was in elementary school, I was told stories about the Bermuda Triangle and how it devoured boats and airplanes. Then came high school, and I had a geometry teacher tell me a right triangle would change my life.

Both of those were scary. Now there is the Alpine Triangle. It holds more promise than the other triangles I learned about.

Until I had lunch with Ty Churchwell, the backcountry coordinator for Trout Unlimited, I was a little hazy about just what the Alpine Triangle is. Simply put, it's 186,000 acres of public and private land. Its boundaries are formed by a line moving north from Silverton to Ouray, then east from Ouray to Lake City, and southwest back to Silverton from Lake City.

The name comes from the Bureau of Land Management, which manages approximately 156,000 of the 186,000 acres in the triangle. It is the goal of Trout Unlimited to establish the triangle as a National Conservation Area and have the BLM continue to manage it.

Now before you gag on the thought of the federal government taking control of and managing yet one more project, read on.

The first thing to remember is that the BLM already manages almost 85 percent of the triangle. With that in mind, why would anyone want to do battle for a

and anyone who just enjoys being out doors in the Alpine Triangle.

You're probably now saying, "What does this have to do with me?" Well, the Alpine Triangle has lots to do with where you fly-fish. One of the things I learned while researching the Alpine Triangle is that three rivers have their head waters in the Triangle: the Animas, Uncompahgre, and the Lake Fork of the Gunnison. Add to that a countless number of small streams and lakes, and you have fly-fishing opportunities that you would be hard-pressed to completely fish in a lifetime. I encourage you to get a map of the Alpine Triangle and try to count all the places you can cast your fly.

I know over the last couple of years I have been doing a lot fly-fishing just north of Silverton on the Animas and in other unnamed small streams. I've been finding lots of fish and very few people. I want to see it stay that way for the entire Alpine Triangle. I also don't want to see any governmental body try to prevent private owners from enjoying what they have worked hard to obtain. With Trout Unlimited, a private organization, leading, I think this could work.

At the end of our lunch, Ty said "T.U. is advocating for a public-and local stakeholders-driven process to discuss the values of the Alpine Triangle and the merits of a possible federal designation."

Wouldn't it be great if the stakeholders could do what the U.S. Congress can't — actually get something done?

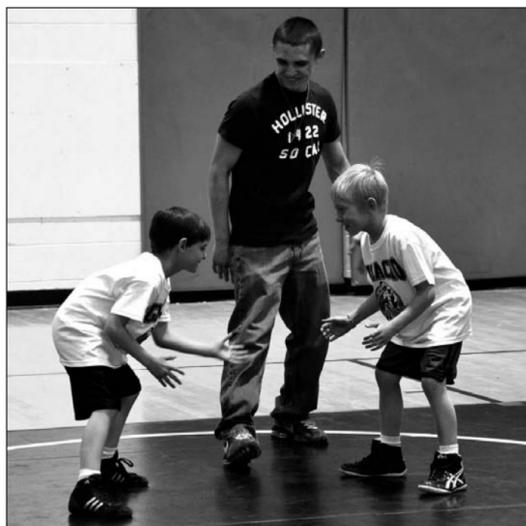
new designation? I believe Ty summed it up best: "To keep it like it is."

That's what an NCA designation would do. With that motto in mind, Trout Unlimited and its regional supporters have formed the Alpine Triangle Coalition to help guide the long and drawn-out process to obtain an NCA designation. This designation will help provide permanent protection for the Triangle.

According to its promotion brochure, the Alpine Triangle Coalition is a sportsmen-led grassroots campaign to permanently protect premier hunting and fishing, historical, recreational and economic resources. While the coalition is led by Trout Unlimited, anyone wanting to be a member just has to sign up. You are then afforded the opportunity to have your words heard.

There are no dues, no board of directors, just a grassroots effort to get all the stakeholders talking. The coalition wants input from private land owners, mine claim owners, private businesses,

Ready to rumble



Ignacio's aspiring junior grapplers squared off March 24 in the Ignacio High School gym. The pee-wee wrestling event guest-refereed by IHS student athletes including Southern Ute tribal member and three-time state wrestling champ Alex Pena.

photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Ignacio spring sports standings

Baseball: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League
(as of April 4, 2011)

Team	Overall	League
Dolores	4-3	0-0
Nucla	4-4	0-0
IGNACIO	1-5	0-0
Dove Creek	0-8	0-0

Girls' Soccer: 3A Southwestern League
(as of April 4, 2011)

Team	Overall	League
Telluride	6-1	5-0
Bayfield	2-2	2-1
Ridgway	2-2-1	2-2-1
Alamosa	2-2-1	1-2-1
Pagosa Springs	1-2	1-2
IGNACIO	0-2	0-2
Center	0-3	0-2

—compiled by Joel Priest

Ignacio High School 2011 spring sports schedules

Baseball

April	Opponent	Home/Away	Team	Time
12	Dove Creek	A	V	3 p.m.
16	Dolores	A	V/JV	11 a.m.
19	Nucla	A	V/JV	2 p.m.
23	Dove Creek	H	V/V	10 a.m.
26	Dolores	H	V/V	1 p.m.
30	Nucla	H	V/V	10 a.m.

May	Event
7	Districts
13-14	Regionals
19-21	State



Soccer

April	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
9	Alamosa	A	11 a.m.
12	Center	H	4 p.m.
15	Ridgway	H	4 p.m.
16	Pagosa Springs	H	11 a.m.
19	Bayfield	A	4 p.m.
22	Telluride (Double Header)	A	2:00/4:30 p.m.
23	Ridgway	A	11 a.m.
30	Pagosa Springs	A	11 a.m.

May	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
3	Center	A	4 p.m.
11	Playoffs		



Track

April	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
*9	Pine River Invite (Bayfield)	A	9 a.m.
*16	Ron Keller Invite (Durango)	A	9 a.m.
*19	Bayfield	A	4 p.m.
23	Bloomfield Invite	A	11 a.m.
*26	Cortez Invite	A	TBA
*30	Cortez (Bayfield/Dove Creek)	A	9 a.m.

May	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
*7	Pagosa Springs	A	9 a.m.
13/14	League Meet (Grand Junction)	A	9 a.m.
20/21	State (Denver)	TBA	

* State Qualifying Meet



Rolling Thunder Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament



May 6th, 7th & 8th

\$200 per team

1st place \$1000

2nd place Jackets

3rd place Long Sleeve Shirts

All Star Awards

Deadline to sign up will be 5/4/2011

Hosted by:

SunUte Community Center

Ignacio, Colorado

(707) 563-0214





Ignacio boys stack up basketball awards

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The Gold Ball may have again eluded them, but the parting gifts haven't been too bad.

At the conclusion of the season, after the Bobcats' trip to Pueblo yielded a fourth-place finish in Class 2A, the All-San Juan Basin League honorees were officially revealed. On April 2, the Denver Post's all-class rosters were announced. Ignacio senior center Ryan Brooks's name was doubly prominent.

The SJBL's co-player of the year (of the loop's 2A teams; 1A Ouray senior guard Chris Cramp was the other) was a double-double troublemaker for opponents, a fine filler of the low-post vacancy created by Alex Herrera's graduation, and also a perimeter threat like graduated brother Shane. And as far as Ignacio's group performance, there was little letup from 2009-10 to 2010-11.

Sure there was some — losing most of a starting five will do that to a team — but not enough for the challengers to dethrone the champs. Especially not with senior guard Pedro Vigil — also a First Team All-SJBL selection — still shooting from the outside and helping run the offense from the point.

And definitely not with junior forward Shane Richmond making the most of his first full-time varsity campaign, complementing Brooks in the paint. Richmond also earned First Team All-SJBL among its 2A squads, with Mancos senior guard Emilio Marquez and Dolores sophomore guard Cody Carroll completing the lineup.

Brooks also garnered Second



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Late in this season's regional championship win over Paonia in Durango, Ignacio High seniors Pedro Vigil, Ryan Brooks, and Deion Hudson (left to right) receive a fine ovation in their final local curtain call. The three also received spots on the postseason All-SJBL Team.

Team All-2A status from the Post, with senior Andrew Bowers of Lutheran (Parker), Byers junior Jake Eikleberry, Rye sophomore Denton Keys, and Rangely senior Caleb Thompson. A respectable quintet, though only Brooks and Bowers helped their teams into the decisive "Great Eight."

But wait, Bobcat fans; there's more!

Senior guard Deion Hudson was named Honorable Mention All-SJBL, head coach Chris Valdez received co-coach of the year (with 1A Nucla's Mike Epright), and Richmond received Honorable Mention All-2A from

the Post. Vigil's exclusion, however, was puzzling.

Also receiving All-League [2A] H.M. honors were Ridgway junior Tanner Skalla, Telluride senior Austin Koenig, Dolores senior Tyler Underwood and junior Michael Neubert, and Mancos's senior post tandem of Cade Mitchell and Cody Miller.

FIRST TEAM ALL-SJBL [1A]: Cramp; Bryan Hanner, sr., Gabe Torres, sr., and Nick Rushing, jr., Norwood; Logan Thompson, sr., Nucla. **HONORABLE MENTION:** Jeffrey Rummel, sr., and Eli Holmes, sr., Ouray; Seldon Riddle, soph., and Jonathan Denny, sr., Nucla.

Ignacio's Mirabal plays in all-state win

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Spring Break didn't begin for Rose Mirabal without a detour — in fact, about five-and-a-half hours' worth just to get back to her point of origin and then begin the longer drive toward Phoenix with her parents.

But to play in a postseason all-star basketball game, it was all worth it to the IHS senior.

"Let's just say it was a long day," Mirabal said then from Arizona. "The trip to Denver to play only comes once, so of course I had to go! I don't know when Ignacio's girls' program has had any girl play in an all-state game, so I definitely wanted to go."

With additional San Juan Basin League representation around her, Mirabal played in the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State (Class 2A) Game March 27 at Arvada West High. Suiting up for the Red team, she was coached by Dolores's fiery John McHenry, with Durango's Cheyenne McCoy and Mancos's Kendra Cox as teammates, not opponents, against the Blue crew guided by Hayden's Eric Hamilton.

And the one-time-only basketball blend producing victory, 67-56, despite having only the previous day to practice as a unit. From stats reported in by Brian Allmer of barnmedia.net, the SJBL trio combined for 15 points (Mirabal 4, with 8 rebounds—7 defensively), while Rocky Ford's Jessica Kienitz (15 pts., 8 rebs., 6 assists) was selected as the Red player of the game.

She had signed with University of Colorado-Colorado Springs (NCAA Div. II) in December 2010.

Sedgwick County's Mackenzie Ault was Blue's best, with a 16-point-7-board-2-steal line in defeat.



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Ignacio High's Rose Mirabal drives inside against Dolores early in the Lady Bobcats' 2010-11 season. The IHS senior recently played in the CCGS All-State Game, where she was coached by none other than Dolores's John McHenry.

RED ROSTER: Mirabal, Cox, McCoy, Kienitz, Maggie Cure (Wray), Christina Koutnik and Sami Willhoite (La Veta), Danielle Penny (Burlington).

BLUE ROSTER: Ault, Meredith Barnes (Custer County — Westcliffe), Libbie Meier (Limon), Alex Ochoa (Fountain Valley — Colorado Springs), Sarah Pigg (Rye), Kyra Rolando and Delanie VeDepo (Hayden), Vanessa Vigil (Front Range Christian — Littleton).

FIRST TEAM ALL-SJBL: 2A — Mirabal, Cox, Cortney Brunner (player of the year, Durango), Candace Yengst (Ridgway), Emy Ludwig (Telluride). 1A — Kyli Banks

(player of the year, Dove Creek), Harlie Williams (Norwood), Lindsey Stindt (Norwood), Emily Winner (Norwood), Katie Squires (Nucla).

HONORABLE MENTION: 2A — McCoy, Michelle Simmons (Ignacio), Emily Langley (Telluride), Kelsey Corbin (Mancos), Sarah Wontrobski (Telluride). 1A — Jessica Heaton (Dove Creek), Katelyn Hardman (Norwood), Madison Young (Dove Creek), Shelby Brier (Norwood), Shelby Knuckles (Dove Creek), Macaela Morris (Nucla).

SJBL COACHES OF THE YEAR: Mike McCloud (Telluride), Greg King (Norwood).

Lady Cats find their balance



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As assistant coach Stephanie Ribera watches at right, Ignacio sophomore defender Jasmynn Red (6) wins — and saves — possession along the sideline at Bayfield during the Lady Bobcats' last match March 22 before Spring Break. Red is one of nine newcomers this season, and the crew resumes 3A Southwestern action April 9 at Alamosa. Ignacio fell 10-0 to AHS in their season opener, then 8-0 to the Lady Wolverines, leaving them 0-2 overall/league prior to the trip. Ignacio's next home match comes April 12 at 4 p.m. versus Center.

Cats' weapons are armed



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Ignacio's Mark Garcia delivers to the plate, while Pagosa Springs's Clay Ross (15) leads off from second base during the Bobcats' final pre-Spring Break contest March 24 at SunUte Field. Ignacio fell in non-league play to the 3A Pirates, 14-6, leaving them at 1-5 overall (0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin) entering this week's play, which started April 5 at home against non-league 2A Sargent. Results were unavailable at press time, as was the outcome of the April 7 trip to 3A Bayfield. The Bobcats finally begin SJBL play April 12 at 1 p.m. at Dove Creek.

Star grappler tries hand at coaching

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

There's little surprise when fans read about a former athlete making the transition to coaching.

Especially when the athlete was a star in his or her sport.

But how about when that moment arrives while the athlete is active? More specifically, when that athlete still has a full season left in a high-school career?

That should raise some eyebrows. It surely did for Ignacio junior Alex Pena.

A third state championship earned him a recent First Team All-2A salute from the Denver Post, though both he and 3A Buena Vista senior Corbin Bennetts — also thrice a champ, and a fellow 119-pounder — were denied the paper's All-Colorado accolades. A career record of 100-5 helped gain respect from a peer's parent — and a request to serve as a mentor.

Asked by the father of Durango sophomore Clay Dillon, Pena lent his mind to aid the Demon at the 2011 Freshman-Sophomore Folkstyle State Championships March 5 at Pueblo Centennial High. Dillon had gone 0-for-2 inside the Pepsi Center in 4A's 119-pound division back in February, but stopped Hunter Milner of 5A Air Academy (Colorado Springs) 4-zip in his

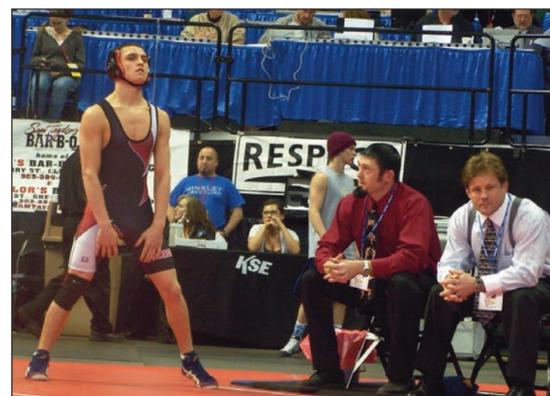


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Ignacio High junior Alex Pena (left) thinks intensely about his strategy prior to winning a third Class 2A state championship back in February in Denver. Ignacio assistant coach Daven Reinhardt (center) thinks intensely about whether Pena looks ready to do so.

first match.

"Coaching is definitely a different experience," Pena said via e-mail. "I still get nervous, but it is like a whole different kind of nervous. Because you don't wanna say the wrong thing and you want 'your wrestler' to win!"

Dillon then lost to eventual champ P.T. Garcia of 5A Bear Creek (Lakewood) by 15-1 major decision, and was eliminated 6-0 by 4A Delta's Shane Anderson, but that his pupil gained a win was a good sign for the young master. Especially considering Garcia went 36-2 and took second at 112 on the

prep season's greatest stage — as a freshman.

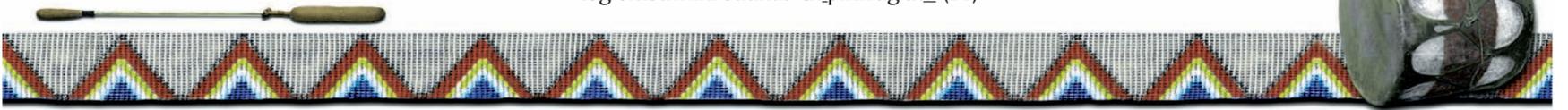
Ignacio senior Casey Haga received Second Team All-2A from the Post, after matching First Team heavyweight Zach Jackson (Wray) and Second Team 140-pounder Buddy Watson (Wiggins) for most wins (43) during the 2010-11 season. Haga took second place at 145 pounds in Denver.

Ignacio junior Colton Wyatt received Honorable Mention All-2A after taking fourth at 189 — via a loss to Yuma's Nick Lovell, a fellow H.M. recipient — and finishing with a season mark of 35-7.

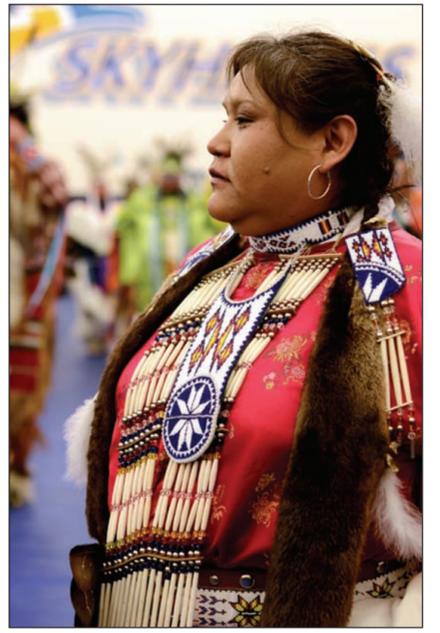
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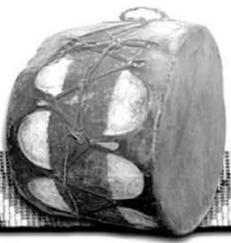
Fort Lewis College hosts Hozhoni Days



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17th annual Native American natural resources youth practicum

Open to incoming 10th, 11th & 12th-grade students

Media release

SW Region Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

The Practicum is open to Native American high school students from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, southern California, and Utah who have an interest in pursuing a career in fishery and wildlife management, forestry, range management, watershed management, hydrology, or other natural resources related field. The Practicum provides a "hands-on" learning experience in natural resource management and combines classroom with field

sessions that enables students to learn concepts and techniques used to manage natural resources.

The Practicum will be from June 20 - 24, at Ladder ranch, located approximately 15 miles northwest of Hillsboro, New Mexico. Ladder Ranch is owned by Turner Enterprises, Inc.

Summer temperatures in the area during June/July range from the 50's to 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Some strenuous hiking will be involved. For more information, contact Jeanne Lubbering at 505-281-7694, or Norman Jojola at: (office) 505-753-1451 or (cell) 505-927-3494.

All Applications Must Be Received By June 3, 2011. Selections will be made by June 8 and students will be notified by June 10. Only COMPLETE APPLICATIONS will be accepted. Please send completed applications to: Jeanne Lubbering, 59 Santa Maria Dr., Edgewood, NM, 87015 or Norman Jojola, P.O. Box 1451, Espanola, NM 87532, or Fax: 505-753-1404.

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Birthdays & Memorials

To my sister Florina
Happy Birthday - love you.
Your sister,
Shirley

To Lucy Olguin
Happy Birthday,
from all your children and grandchildren.
We love you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to our young man,
FREEDOM HUNTER
on April 8th!

You have grown so much this year and we are so proud of all the things you have been able to do! Skiing, Surfing, and sharing a Bowling Championship with Hunter and Jack at TRI-UTE Games.

The future hold so many wonderful things for you Freedom, and I hope you go after them like you do when you ski down a hill or eat chicken nachos... with all you heart!

Have a Very Happy "12th" Birthday my DD!

We love you very much!

Mom, Mo, Granny and

the rest of the "lovely bunch of coconuts"



Happy
8th Birthday!
Gerald!

In Memory of
Abel A. Velasquez, Sr.
Beloved Husband, Dad,
Grandpa and Great Grandpa

April 4, 1951-April 5, 2010

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane,
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again,
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness,
And secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more,
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today,
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.

Sue, Gus, Kelly, Susan and Tim

2011 LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA SCHEDULE & FEES

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

LAKE CAPOTE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Opening Day: April 14th, 2011

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

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

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

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

Closing Day: October 9th, 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 (1st ½ hour free): \$3

(Call for weekly RV discounts or for promotional offers to rent the entire campground for special events)

19th Annual Family Fun Runs & Walks



The JMI events are scheduled according to the Navajo philosophy of the four directions: East, South, West, & North.

Chapter / Location	Date	Registration	Start
EAST			
Tse Daa K'aan *	May 1	7 AM	8 AM
San Juan *	May 3	6 PM	7 PM
Nenahnezad	May 5	6 PM	7 PM
Upper Fruitland *	May 9	6 PM	7 PM
Farmington - Berg Park	May 11	530 PM	7 PM
Ignacio- SunUte Multi-Purpose Field	May 14	9 AM	10 AM
Bloomfield - Cultural Center	May 16	530 PM	7 PM
Huerfano *	May 18	6 PM	7 PM
Dulce	May 22	9 AM	10 AM
Dzilth Health Center *	May 24	6 PM	7 PM
Nageezi	May 26	6 PM	7 PM
Counselor	May 31	6 PM	7 PM
SOUTH			
T'is Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham) *	June 2	6 PM	7 PM
Sheepsprings	June 6	6 PM	7 PM
Newcomb *	June 9	6 PM	7 PM
Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	June 13	6 PM	7 PM
Tsé alnáozt'íí (Sanostee) *	June 16	6 PM	7 PM
Red Valley	June 20	6 PM	7 PM
Cove *	June 23	6 PM	7 PM
WEST			
To'likan (Sweetwater) *	June 27	6 PM	7 PM
Mexican Water	June 30	6 PM	7 PM
Red Mesa *	July 5	6 PM	7 PM
White Mesa Wellness Center	July 7	6 PM	7 PM
Montezuma Creek	July 11	6 PM	7 PM
Aneth *	July 14	6 PM	7 PM
NORTH			
Cortez - Parque de Vida	July 16	9 AM	10 AM
Towaoc Wellness Center	July 18	6 PM	7 PM
TeecNosPos *	July 21	6 PM	7 PM
Beclabito *	July 25	6 PM	7 PM
Gadi'í'ahi	July 28	6 PM	7 PM
Shiprock *	Aug 3	530 PM	7 PM

* Health Screening Available

Just Move It is made possible by the commitment and partnership of the 31 Local Communities / Chapters, Shiprock Office of Youth Development, Navajo Nation Special Diabetes Project, Community Health Representatives, Northern Navajo Medical Center, Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center, Four Corners Regional Health Center, Shiprock Health Promotion (368-6300), White Mesa Wellness Center, Towaoc Wellness Center, City of Bloomfield, City of Cortez, Shining Mountain Diabetes Program, Dulce Wellness, City of Farmington, San Juan County Partnership - "Most of Us", Utah Navajo Health System

Being active everyday - like running and walking can help you stay healthy and prevent diabetes and heart disease. By exercising each day, your chances of getting diabetes can go down by more than 60%. You can do something about your health, it is UP TO YOU (T'áá hwó' aji t'éego)—only YOU can make the change to make the difference.

Just Move It (JMI) is a series of non-competitive runs and walks held in 31 communities in the Shiprock area during the summer months. The events are open to families and communities of all ages. Every new registrant who participates receives a free t-shirt. The goal of JMI is to prevent diabetes and heart disease by getting people moving.

Over the past 19 years, Just Move It has grown in the number of communities and participants. JMI began in 1993 with 20 communities and 482 participants. In 2010, JMI had events in 31 communities and had 11,346 participants!

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.



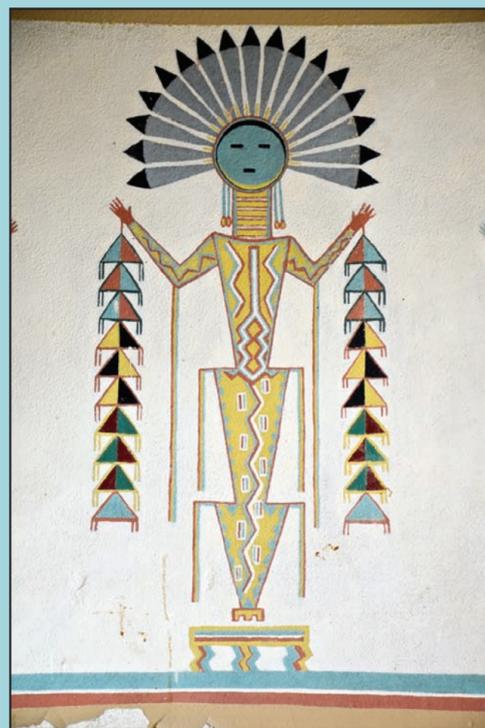
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Ute art stands test of time



These murals, some dating as far back as the 1930s, decorate the walls inside the old food distribution building on the Southern Ute tribal campus.



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Los Lonely Boys visit KSUT

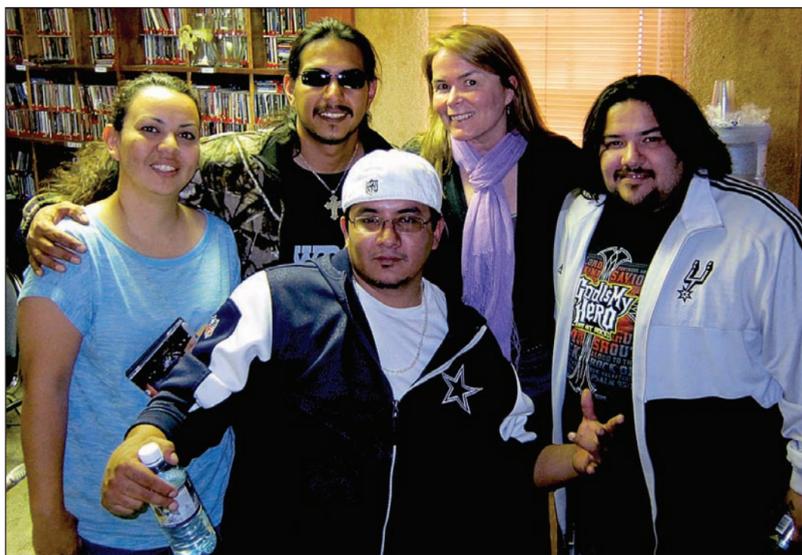


photo courtesy/KSUT

Self-described "Texican rock-and-roll" musicians Los Lonely Boys stopped by the KSUT studios April 5 to play a few songs and shoot the breeze with host Stasia Lanier. The band — which is composed of brothers Henry, Jojo and Ringo Garza — were promoting their new album, "Rockpango." They played a concert at Fort Lewis College's Community Concert Hall in Durango later that evening.

Wildcats up their game



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Ignacio Wildcats placed second in the sixth-and-seventh-grade division at the recent Terry Turner Memorial/MAYB tournament in Chama, N.M. Alejandra Lujan was named All-tourney. The Wildcats will play this weekend in the Durango Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament at Fort Lewis College. This team photo was taken with Coach Naomi Russell prior an April 5 practice at Ignacio Junior High School. Standing left to right: Shelsey Lagerstrom, Alejandra Lujan, Caitlin Garcia, Couch Naomi, Skyla Ruybal, Veronica Gonzales, Keegan Richmond, Coach Gabriela, Elco Garcia Jr., Erika Hovland, Chasity Bean, Lacey Hoselton and Destaney Reynolds.

Regarding the March 14 Colorado Supreme Court Case

Recently, some tribal members have requested word on the Colorado Supreme Court judgment of March 14 involving the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The tribe's Legal Department is looking into the issue and will issue a statement in the coming weeks. Please check the Drum's website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/drum for all the latest information.



Bring Your Own Basket. Meet the Bunny as he rides in on a fire truck. Hunt eggs on the SunUte fields with friends your own age.

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM Saturday
April 23, 2011
SunUte Soccer Field
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HUNT DATE SUMMARY

Pick-up	Season Dates	
Deer and Elk		
Early Archery	Aug.15	Aug.27– Sept.9
General	Aug.15	Sept.10 – Dec. 31
January Cow Elk		Jan. 7 – 15, 2012
Limited		
Upland Game Birds	Aug.15	Sept.1 – Dec. 31
Migratory Game Birds (doves)	Aug.15	Sept.1 – Oct. 31
Mountain Lion	Oct. 3	Nov.1, 2011 – April 1, 2012
Spring Turkey	March 28	April 9 – May 22
Small Game (Including furbearer)	Anytime	Calendar Year
Fall Turkey		
Early Archery	Aug.15	Aug.27– Sept.9
General	Aug.15	Sept. 10 – Dec. 31
Waterfowl	Aug. 15	Sept. 1, 2011 – Jan 30, 2012

REMINDERS FOR 2011-2012

Validation Requirements: For the 2011 / 12 seasons there WILL NOT BE a mandatory validation requirement for off reservation transport of deer and elk harvested during the General Season. Note: There will continue to be a mandatory validation for deer, elk, and turkeys harvested during the early archery season and for mountain lions harvested during the lion season. The Division still encourages hunters to have their animals validated after they harvest them.

2012 January Cow Elk Hunt: There will be 10 tags available to Southern Ute Tribal hunters for the January Cow Elk Hunt. These tags will be available on a first come, first served basis and will be good for either the Archuleta or the Sandoval Unit.

Shed Antler Collection: Collection of shed antlers (deer and elk) on Tribal land will be open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members. Non-members are prohibited from picking up shed antlers on Tribal land.

Radio Collars: Hunters harvesting animals with radio collars are asked to report the location of the kill and to return the collar to the Wildlife Division as soon as possible.

HUNTING PERMITS

Southern Ute Tribal Members:

The following conditions must be met to obtain Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting permits:

- Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older and be able to present an enrollment card at the time permits are picked up.
- Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.
- Issued permits must be signed by the applicant.
- Mail-out permits will be provided to non-resident Tribal Members only after receiving a letter including the Tribal Member's name, date of birth, copies of their enrollment card and hunter safety education card (if applicable), and a list of permits desired. Permits will not be valid until signed by the applicant.

Duplicate Permits: Lost or destroyed hunting permits will be replaced by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management for a cost of \$5.00 per permit.

New Address/Telephone Number/Driver's License Information: If you held a previous year's hunting permit and your home address, telephone number, or driver's license information has changed, you are required to provide the new information to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

LEGAL WEAPONS

Legal weapons for mule deer, elk and mountain lion shall include:

- Shotguns of 20 gauge or larger firing a single slug,
- Any bow with at least 40 pounds of draw weight. Hunting arrows must include a broadhead with an outside cutting diameter of at least 7/8 of an inch with at least 2 blades. Each cutting edge must be within the same plane throughout the length of the cutting surface. Unless specifically approved by the Management Division, crossbows are illegal during the early archery season,
- Crossbows with a minimum draw weight of 125 lbs, and a minimum draw length of 14 inches from the front of the bow to the nocking point of the drawstring. A positive mechanical safety device is required. Bolts must be a minimum of 16 inches long, having a broadhead a minimum of 7/8 inch wide and a minimum of 2 cutting blades. Cutting edges of broadheads must be in the same plane for the entire length of the cutting surface.
- Muzzleloading rifles with a single barrel of at least .40 caliber for deer, and .50 caliber for elk,
- .357 magnum or larger handguns with a barrel length of 6 inches or longer, using .357 magnum or larger caliber ammunition with soft nose or hollow point bullets,
- Center-fire rifles or center-fire handguns chambered for a center-fired cartridge, a minimum of .23 caliber. No fully automatic firearm may be used. All bullets must be soft nose or hollow pointed and not weigh more than 350 grains.

Legal weapons for turkey shall include: Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns except .410 gauge, bow and arrow, crossbow, rifles and handguns, center-fired cartridges only, and Muzzleloading rifles and handguns,

Legal weapons for waterfowl shall include: Any shotgun 10 gauge or smaller and not capable of holding more than 3 shotshells in the chamber and magazine combined. Shotshells must not contain lead pellets.

Legal weapons for small game (including furbearers and upland birds) shall include: Any rimfire or center-fire rifle or handgun, any shotgun, any bow and arrow or crossbow.

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Hunter Safety Requirements: All hunters under the age of 21 years must have successfully completed a hunter safety education course prior to issuance of permits. Hunters under age 21 must present their hunter safety education card to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management when acquiring permits and must carry the card with them while hunting. The DWRM offers hunter education classes twice per year. Please contact the office for more information.

Hunters Under Age 18: Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older while hunting.

DESIGNATED HUNTING

Designating Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members:

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members over the age of 12 may designate another enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who meets the hunting permit eligibility requirements to hunt for them during the regular hunting season. Southern Ute Tribal Members who wish to designate another Southern Ute Tribal Member must pick up and sign their own permits, and the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will place the name of the designated hunter on permits at this time. Designated hunters will only be allowed to harvest female deer and elk, or turkey of either sex during the general fall Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season. Designated hunters will not be allowed for any other form of hunting.

Designating Division of Wildlife Resource Management: The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will provide designated hunting services to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member elders (55 years of age or older), single women, or physically disabled individuals. Requests must be made to the Division of Wildlife Resource Management, and all animals will be harvested during the regular Southern Ute Tribal Member hunting season.

TAGGING AND VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

Tagging Requirements: All big game must be tagged by the person who harvested the animal. The hunter must physically notch (cut) the Month, and Day of harvest on the tag, and sign the permit in Ink immediately after harvesting the animal. The hunter must then remove the tag from its backing and affix to the carcass.

All big game animals must be securely tagged with the carcass tag prior to transportation. If numerous trips are required to remove the carcass from the field, the tag should remain attached to the portion of the carcass left in camp or in a vehicle.

There is an additional "Antler Tag" attached to the carcass tag. This was developed for Tribal members to be able to have proof of legal harvest on both a set of antlers (or horns) and on a carcass if the two are separated. The antler tag should be affixed to antlers kept at a residence or brought to a taxidermist.

Validation is the inspection of a harvested animal and may or may not be required depending on the species or hunt type. Part of the validation process may also require the hunter obtaining a validation tag as proof of inspection prior to the hunter leaving the reservation with the harvested animal. For further information regarding validations and validation tags, please contact the DWRM within 24 hrs of harvesting an animal.

Validation Requirements: Depending on the season and species hunted, validation of harvested animals may be required. Guidelines vary and are given in detail by species and hunting season below.

- Early Archery mule deer, elk, and turkey:

Mandatory Validation.

- General mule deer and elk, fall and spring turkey:

Voluntary Validation. Tribal member hunters will not be required to have mule deer, elk or turkeys validated prior to off reservation transport. Hunters wishing to have their animals validated should make arrangements with DWRM staff during regular business hours.

- Mountain Lion: **Mandatory Validation.** Validation must take place **within 24 hours** of the kill. Contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management or Southern Ute Tribal Rangers during regular business hours or contact Southern Ute Dispatch outside of regular business hours to arrange validation.
- Upland game birds, waterfowl and small game: **No Validation Required**

EVIDENCE OF SEX REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of the sex of harvested mule deer, elk, wild turkeys, and mountain lions must remain naturally attached to carcasses while transporting animals from the field, while in camp, or until the animal is validated (if necessary). Evidence of sex for mule deer and elk include the head and/or the testicles or udder. Evidence of sex for wild turkeys is the beard (for males). For mountain lions, the reproductive organs of both males and females must be left attached for sex identification purposes.

GUIDING AND OUTFITTING

Guides and outfitters must be permitted by the Division of Wildlife Resource Management before operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To obtain a guiding and outfitting permit or to acquire a list of permitted guides and outfitters, contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

CROSSING PERMITS

The Division of Wildlife Resource Management issues crossing permits to non-Southern Ute Tribal Members to accompany permitted hunters while hunting. Persons holding crossing permits may not hunt or carry a firearm of any type while accompanying a permitted hunter. **Persons holding a crossing permit may not provide specialized guiding and outfitting type assistance to permitted hunters.** Contact the DWRM for more details on crossing permits or to have crossing permits issued.

Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are not in the immediate family of a Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter must acquire a crossing permit so that they may accompany the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member while hunting. **Non-Southern Ute Tribal Members who are in the immediate family of a permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter may accompany the hunter without obtaining a crossing permit.** For the purposes of crossing permits, immediate family is considered a spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or legal guardian of the permitted Southern Ute Tribal Member hunter. Note that a maximum of two permittees at a time are allowed per Southern Ute hunter and the crossing permit will be valid for 30 days or until the end of the hunt season, whichever comes first. Cost for crossing permits will be \$20.00 per permittee, and each permit is valid for accompanying a single specified Tribal member hunter.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING

In 2011-2012 the Division of Wildlife Resource Management will continue its Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance and monitoring program. CWD is a degenerative disease affecting the central nervous systems of deer and elk. Although it has not been identified on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, it has been identified in other parts of Colorado. It is important that we determine whether the disease occurs on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation so that we can properly respond to its presence or absence.

Testing for CWD requires removing the brain stem, a sample of brain tissue, and 2 lymph nodes of the deer or elk to be tested, which requires removal of the head. **Samples must be collected within 48 hours of harvest.** Samples can be collected without causing damage to the skull, skull plate, or antlers, but damage to the hide will occur if the animal is not caped prior to sample collection.

During the Southern Ute Tribal Member Hunting Seasons CWD testing will be **voluntary**, but hunters are strongly encouraged to allow collection of samples from harvested deer and elk. Hunters who wish to have animals tested should contact the Division of Wildlife Resource Management as soon after the kill as possible. We will make arrangements to meet the hunter and collect the necessary sample. Test results will be mailed 2-3 weeks after the sample is sent in for testing.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL SEASON DATES AND BAG LIMITS

Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members Only, unless specified

Open Areas: Open areas for mule deer, elk, spring and fall turkey, and upland game birds, small game and waterfowl shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

Closed Areas: Closed areas shall include all grounds immediately surrounding the Lake Capote Recreation Area including the campground. For precise boundaries contact the Wildlife Division.

MULE DEER AND ELK

Season Dates:
Archery: Aug. 27 – Sept. 9, 2011
General: Sept. 10 – Dec. 31, 2011
Permits Issued:
Beginning August 15th, 2011
Bag Limits:
3 Mule Deer (1 Buck and 2 Does)
4 Elk (1 Bull and 3 Cows)

** Tribal Members must have their first cow or doe validated to receive their second cow or doe tag and have their second cow validated to receive their third cow tag.

2012 JANUARY COW ELK HUNT (SUIT members and Other Native Americans)

Season Dates:
January 7 – 15: Archuleta Unit
January 7 – 15: Sandoval Unit
Permits issued:
January 6: Archuleta Unit (60 Tags)
January 6: Sandoval Unit (60 Tags)
Bag Limit:
1 antlerless elk

Permitting: There will be 10 tags made available for Southern Ute Tribal members who would like to participate in the January Cow Elk Hunt. These tags will be available on a first come, first served basis through the end of the hunt.

SPRING TURKEY

Season Dates:
April 9 – May 22, 2011
Permits Issued:
Beginning March 28, 2011
Bag Limit:
1 bearded turkey.

No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached

FALL TURKEY

Season Dates:
Early Archery: Aug. 27 – Sept. 9, 2011
General: Sep. 10 – Dec. 31, 2011
Permits Issued:
Beginning Aug. 15, 2011
Bag Limit:
1 Turkey (either sex)

MOUNTAIN LION

Season Dates:
Nov. 1, 2011 – April 1, 2012, or until harvest quota filled
Permits Issued:
Beginning Oct. 3, 2011
Bag Limit:
1 mountain lion (either sex)

Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of mountain lions will be allowed.

Restrictions: It is unlawful to kill mountain lion kittens or female mountain lions accompanied by kittens. Kittens are defined as mountain lions exhibiting visible spotting of the fur. Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens are defined as female mountain lions that have kittens traveling with them or dependent on them.

Open Areas: Open areas for mountain lion hunting shall include all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. For private, assigned and allotted lands, hunters must first obtain written access permission from the landowner. For USFS lands and Navajo State Park lands contact the respective agencies for information pertaining to access restrictions.

Harvest Quotas: It is the hunter's responsibility to call the harvest quota information line IMMEDIATELY BEFORE hunting to check the status of harvest quotas and hunt area closures. Call (970) 563-0130 at anytime for quota status

Reservation-wide: 7mountain lions total or 4 female mountain lions

***The mountain lion hunting season will remain open until the season ending date or until the harvest quota is filled, whichever comes first.

Mountain Lion Harvest Quota Information Line: The Division of Wildlife Resource Management will maintain a mountain lion hunting information line throughout the mountain lion hunting season. The phone number to call is 970-563-0130. This information line will have recorded information regarding the status of harvest quotas and will state which units are open to mountain lion hunting. The recorded message will be updated whenever a change in quota status occurs.

Crossing Permits and Guiding and Outfitting: Non-members accompanying Tribal member lion hunters must possess a Hunter Accompany Crossing Permit, which can be purchased from the Wildlife Division. The Crossing Permit is specifically to accompany a permitted hunter while hunting on Tribal land. The permittee is expressly prohibited from carrying a firearm, or providing hunter assistance in the form of equipment, specially trained dogs, pack animals, or other similar types of hunting aids commonly provided by professional guides and outfitters.

UPLAND GAME BIRDS INCLUDING BLUE GROUSE AND QUAIL

Season Dates:
Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2011
Permits Issued:
Beginning Aug. 15, 2011
Bag Limit:
Dusky Grouse: 3 birds per day
Quail: 8 birds per day
Migratory Game Birds including Doves and Band-tailed Pigeons
Season Dates:
Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, 2011
Permits Issued:
Beginning Aug. 15, 2011
Bag Limit:
Mourning Doves: 15 birds per day
White-winged Doves: 15 per day
Band-tailed Pigeons: 5 per day
Collared Doves: Unlimited

Dogs: Using trained hunting dogs in the take and attempted take of game birds will be allowed.

BLACK BEAR: NO OPEN SEASON

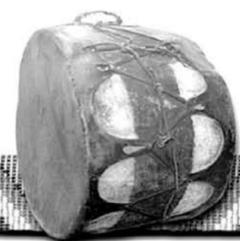
WATERFOWL

Permits Issued:
Aug. 15 2011
Season Dates:
Sept. 1, 2011 – Jan. 30, 2012
Daily Bag Limit:
Ducks and Mergansers: 7
Including no more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintail, 2 redheads, 3 scaup and 1 canvasback.
Coots: 25
Dark Geese or Light Geese: 4
Rails (Sora or Virginia): 25
Snipe: 8
Possession Limits:
2 daily bag limits

** Please note that all waterfowl hunters are required to purchase and possess a Federal Duck Stamp. Duck Stamps can be picked up at the Post Office.

SMALL GAME (INCLUDING FURBEARERS)

Permits may be picked up at anytime during the calendar year. The season runs year-round.
Furbearers shall include beaver, badger, bobcat, coyote, fox species, muskrat, prairie dogs, rabbits and hares, raccoon, ringtail, squirrel species, and weasel species.
While no bag limits apply to furbearer permits, certain rules and regulations do apply to trapping:



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Important Regulations for Trapping:

- Permission from assignee to trap. No person shall trap furbearers on assigned property of another without the permission of the assignee or person in charge of the property.
- **Interference with traps:** It is unlawful to interfere with, disturb, remove or otherwise molest any trap, snare or other device lawfully set by a trapper, or remove any furbearer from said devices.
- **Unattended traps:** It is the duty of a trapper to endeavor to prevent undue suffering by wildlife captured or trapped. It is unlawful for any person to set a trap and leave it unattended in excess of forty-eight (48) hours unless chemical or mechanical methods are provided to prevent suffering of trapped animals.

ADDITIONAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

A complete listing of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Southern Ute Indian reservation is contained in Title 13: Wildlife Conservation Code. Contact the DWRM for a current copy of Title 13 or visit our website: <http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/wrmweb/>. Additionally the Division has a limited number of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Laws Handbook 2008 available to Tribal hunters. Please ask about them in the office.

Failure to wear Daylight or Fluorescent Orange Garments: During the hunting season it is unlawful to hunt big game with a firearm unless the person hunting or guiding is wearing a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline, both of solid daylight fluorescent orange color, totaling five hundred (500) square inches or

more of clothing. Penalties include a \$50.00 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

Failing to Tag Wildlife Properly: It is unlawful for any person to fail to tag wildlife properly. In its simplest form tagging means to sign and punch the dates on your tag and affix it to the animal's carcass. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 10 points towards permit revocation.

Shooting from a Motor Vehicle: It is unlawful for any person to shoot any type of firearm from a motor vehicle to take wildlife. Penalties include a \$300 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Wastage of Game Meat/Abandoning a Carcass: It is unlawful to abandon any edible portion of wildlife or permit it to go to waste. Penalties for big game include a \$1,000 fine and 15 points. Other wildlife includes a \$250 fine and 15 points towards permit revocation.

Additionally it is unlawful to take any wildlife and abandon the carcass or take wildlife only for the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers, horns, tusks, or organs with the intent to abandon the carcass or to mutilate any living wildlife. Penalties include fines ranging from \$25 - \$20,000 and 25 points towards permit revocation.

Closure of Lake Capote Recreation Area: The Lake Capote Recreation Area will be closed to all hunting. Hwy 160 borders the closure area on the north and Hwy 151 on the west. The range fence directly south of the lake (running east/west) defines the southern boundary and the east boundary will follow the eastern bank of Stolteimer Creek running north.

Off-road Travel on Tribal Lands: It is unlawful to travel off of established roads and two-tracks with any vehicle while on Tribal lands. This includes ATVs. Penalties include a \$100 fine and 5 points towards permit revocation.

SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES CONNECTED TO POACHING CONVICTIONS ON THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION

Big Game
Mule Deer
Trophy Buck
(24" or greater inside spread): \$10,000
Buck: \$5,000
Doe: \$1,000
Elk
Trophy Bull
(6 or more point count on one antler): \$10,000
Bull: \$5,000
Cow: \$1,000
Mountain Lion
\$5,000

Additional penalties associated with poaching convictions often include point accrual and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges on the Southern Ute Indian reservation for 2 – 5 years

AUTHORITY

These hunting regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3), Article 2, Section 13-2-101, Subsections (1) through (5), Article 2, Section 13-2-104, Article 2, Section 13-2-105, Subsections (1) through (3), of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolution No's. 89-34, 01-69, and 02-215.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Southern Ute Dispatch
970-563-4401

Tribal Obituaries



SANCHEZ - Joan Howe Sanchez died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. She was 70.

Joan was born May 24, 1940, in Ignacio, Colo. She moved to Richmond, Calif., to go to school for nursing. She then met Winfred Sanchez and they were married June 11, 1963. They were married for 48 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Howe, father Edward Howe, brothers Elwood, Marcus, Elbert and Helia Howe, and sisters Rose Marie and Marjorie Howe.

She is survived by her husband Winfred Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; sons Edward Sanchez, Sr., of Zuni, N.M.; and David Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; daughters Marlene Victorino of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; Maria Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo, N.M.; Diane Analla of Ignacio, Colo.; and Edwina Sanchez of Acoma Pueblo; and eight grandchildren.

A wake was held Friday, April 1, 2011, at the home of daughter Diane Analla, 114 Howe Drive, in Ignacio, Colo. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio. Father Douglas Hunt of St. Ignatius will officiate. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

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.: 2011-DV-31

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Starlene Naranjo, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Starlene Reed filed an application for

legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Starlene Naranjo. Therefore notice is hereby given that Starlene Reed name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Starlene Naranjo.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2011
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Notice of public hearing

SOUTHERN UTE CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM

In order to provide information and opportunities for comment on Southern Ute Indian Tribes Child Care Plan proposed 2010-11. We would like to invite your input and feedback on the up coming Plan proposals. The public hearing will take place: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Location: Sun Ute Recreation Center: Capote Room

Quality childcare is one of the most important investments that can be made to help families. Parents can stay active in the workplace, education and training while children develop the solid foundation they need to achieve in school. Working parents need stable, affordable and safe childcare for their children.

The main focus of the Public Hearing is supporting the physical, social and emotional wellness of the tribal children:

TOPICS

- Developing the Child Care Program
- Child Care Services Offered
- Procedures for Parents
- Activities and Services to Improve the Quality of Child Care
- Health and Safety Requirements for Providers.

If you have any questions, contact Social Service Department at 970-563-0209 ext: 2331 Steve Brittain or ext: 2459 Evangeline Gray

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

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

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting 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.

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.

Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

55 years and older,
Enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and Ute speaking

If interested in serving on this Committee,
please submit your letter of interest to the Executive Office by April 15, 2011.

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

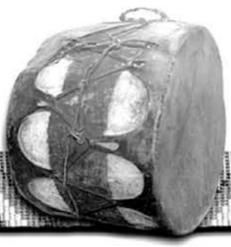
Committee members shall be compensated \$100.00 per meeting for their participation.

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.

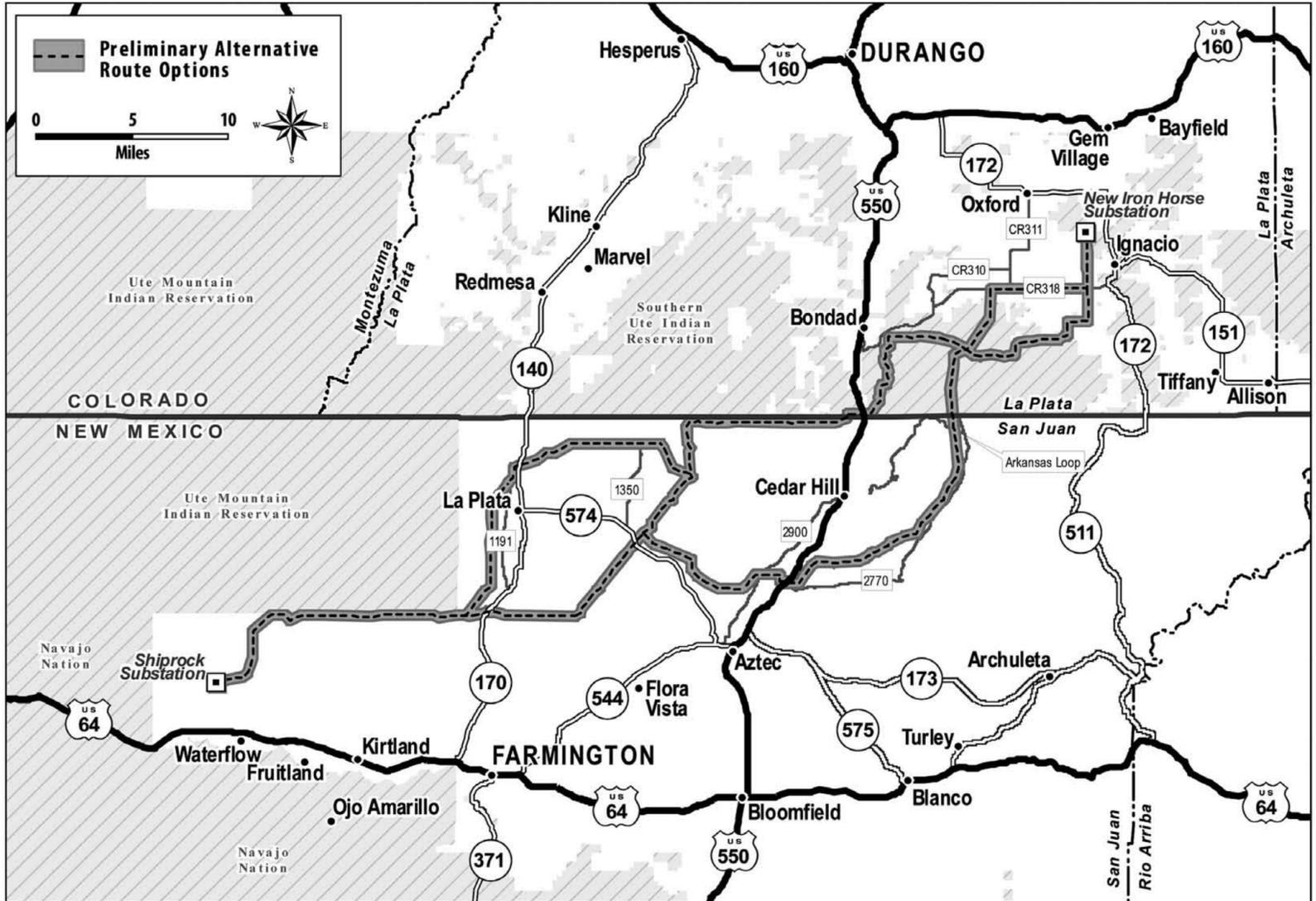
IX. Amendments and Revisions

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.



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.

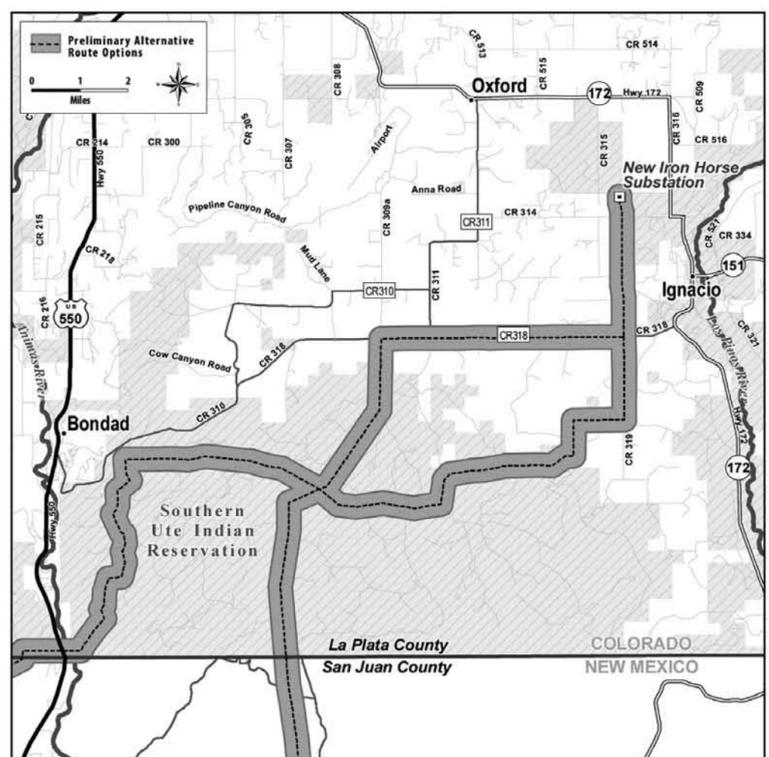
Tri-State, its member co-op La Plata Electric Association, and other regional utilities have been making improvements and additions to the electric system over the years to maintain reliability. While improvements to the local system have helped, the need to import more power into the region to meet 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

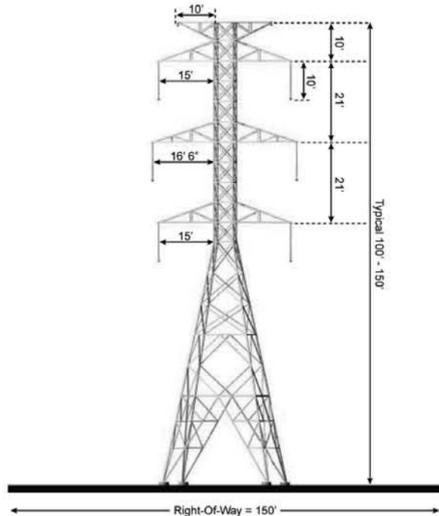
Tri-State is requesting right-of-way grants from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as well as financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for their San Juan Basin Energy Connect Project. The Western Area Power Administration (Western) also is a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

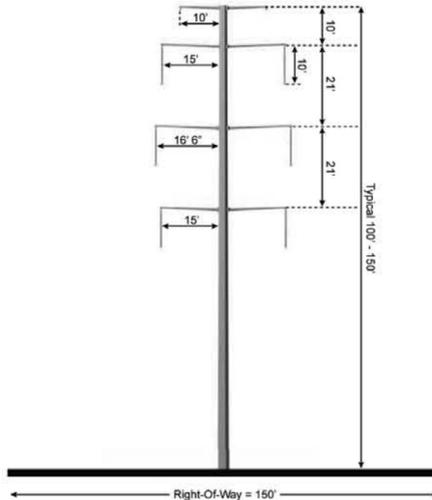
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and affords the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable



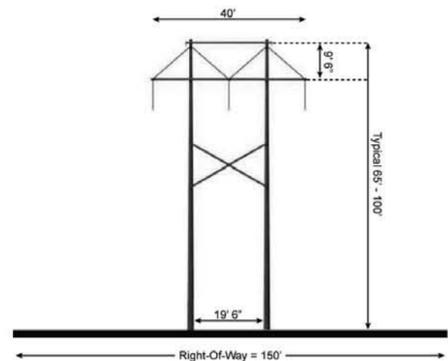
Tribe Members: March 15 and April 16, 2011



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 were 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

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

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



2010 – 2011 Southern Ute Royalty quarterly reports

Sage Rhode



Mique',

The past few months have been a little busy, but the next few months promise to be busier. I went to different events, including one about language.

In November, my mom Linda Baker and I drove to Rapid City to attend a language conference. The group is called Tusweca Tiospaye and the conference was Nov 18 – 20. Besides all the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota, there were more than 600 people and 40 tribes at the conference. I went to workshops during the day, and played hand-games with students and friends from Red Cloud School (Pine Ridge) after the workshops.

Royalty played the role of host at the tribal Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 20. We shook hands with the crowd of tribal and non-tribal people and helped take food plate to elders sitting at tables. Skipping ahead, royalty was also at the tribal Christmas program, which my grandma, Diana Baker, was able to attend. As with the Thanksgiving dinner, we shook hands and helped serve food plates. We also helped Santa hand out gifts at the end, which was fun.

On Nov. 23, the royalty went to Ignacio Elementary and Ignacio High schools as part of Native American Month. Eddie Jr. and Betty Box were the emcees and Southern Outlaws sang for the dance presentations. The visits ended with a round dance, which always includes the students in

the audience.

On the evening of Feb. 4, several of the royalty rode a float for the Snowdown Light Parade. Heather and Arnulfo Pardo supplied the truck and flatbed for the float, which the younger royalty rode on. Jr. Miss Southern Ute Sage Medicine Blanket and I walked beside the float and shook hands with the crowd.

The new year began with the New Year's PowWow at the high school. I arrived at this event around 11 p.m. because my mom and I drove from Denver during a snowstorm — but it was early enough to do a potato dance with a friend and get blessed for the new year. Thanks to everyone who put on the powwow!

An important day was Southern Ute Recognition Day on Feb. 18. Lt. Governor Joe Garcia came with a group of people, including Colorado Commissioner of Indian Affairs Carol Harvey. I enjoyed talking with Sue Birch, executive director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, who was very friendly and encouraging.

I attended the Denver March PowWow with the rest of royalty. We danced in grand entries throughout the weekend and entered as a group. We also had Miss Ute Mountain Ute enter the arena with us. It was nice to visit with friends and family during the powwow.

The Royalty Committee had a potluck during the last regular meeting. There were guests from the Ute Mountain Ute royalty committee and from Ignacio as well.

The committee also hosted a potluck and workshop on powwow etiquette, with Lucinda Cloud, Fibi Kent, Dan Jefferson, Jimmy Newton (Tribal Council), and Ute Mountain Ute royalty doing presentations.

Our schedule will be getting busier, especially with local tribal events. I hope to see everyone at these upcoming events, such as the Southern Ute Montessori

Head Start graduation and the opening of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

Sincerely,
Sage Rhode,
Miss Southern Ute
first alternate



Serena Shoshone Fournier

This year has been very busy for me as I am supporting Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I have attended some powwows and community functions. I recently attended the Hozhoni Days PowWow at Fort Lewis College, which was fun. I traveled to Denver for the Denver March PowWow and spent time with family and friends.

These upcoming months will also be busy for me as I attend more functions along with keeping up with school activities.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me. Hope to see everyone at some of the upcoming functions and powwows.

Serena Shoshone Fournier
"Morning Star"
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
first alternate



D'Vondra Garcia



Mique, nuche, toguuyak taguvan,

My name is D'Vondra-Colleen Ellentee Mary Garcia. My Ute bands are Caputa, Mouche, and Weeminuche. I am the great-great-grand daughter of the late Max Smith Watts and Ellen House Watts.

My maternal grandparents are Debra Watts and the late William Richards Sr. My paternal great-grand parents are Mary and the late Joseph Garcia from Durango. My paternal grandmother is Janice Garcia, my mother is Lorena Richards of Ignacio, and my father is Jamie Garcia of Durango. I have two brothers named Joseph and Marquise. My brothers and I attend school at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

I am very proud to be Little Miss Southern Ute 2010 – 2011. I recently just came back from the 37th annual Denver March PowWow. Then it was on to the 45th annual Fort Lewis Hozhoni Days PowWow. I was there to support my teacher, the outgoing Miss Hozhoni. While there I got to meet her mother, who just came from Alaska. I had lots of fun at Hozhoni Days. On April 7, I appeared at the Our Sister's Keeper Coalition candlelight vigil.

I just recently celebrated my seventh birthday on March 5. I am a diehard Denver Broncos and Justin Bieber fan. On May 14, I will appear at the tribal dedication for the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, and on May 20 at the museum's Circle of Life Friends Celebration. On May 27, I will attend the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start graduation.

I would like to invite all eligible boys and girls to our next Bear Dance workshop on April 14. I hope to see you soon.

Toguuyak,
D'Vondra Garcia
Little Miss Southern Ute

Amarante and Eufemia Pardo



Mique,

My name is Amarante Pardo. My Ute name is Aya — Turtle — given to me by my grandfather, Raymond Frost Sr. I am seven years old and attend the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

I am currently representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as Southern Ute Brave first alternate.

My name is Eufemia Isabel Pardo. My Ute name is Waitach — Little Bird — given to me by my grandfather, Raymond Frost Sr. I am six years old and attend the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. I am currently representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as Little Miss Southern Ute first alternate.

We are the great-great-grandchildren of the late Moav and Maria Frost and the late Riley Joy and Chippewa Eaton Joy. We are the great-grandchildren of the late Julius Cloud and Mamie Frost and the late Preston Barry and Jeanette Eaton Joy Barry. We are the grandchildren of Edna and Raymond Frost Sr. and Loretta and Arnulfo Pardo Sr. Our parents are Heather and Arnulfo Pardo Jr. We have two brothers: Arnulfo Pardo III, who attends Bayfield Middle School; and Kruz Rey Pardo, who attends the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

It has been wonderful representing the Southern Ute Tribe

these past months. We are learning a lot, and we are eager to learn more. Our latest ventures have included the annual Christmas dinner and program, where we both greeted tribal members and employees. We also participated in the program presented by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. We had the opportunity to ring in the New Year while participating at the New Year's Eve PowWow. It was a great event, and we had so much fun staying up late dancing.

While we nearly froze while riding in the Snowdown Light Parade, we enjoyed and appreciated all the spectators that showed up to support the event. This year's theme was monsters, so we incorporated myths and legends from our culture. Our chairperson made a scary basket lady; we had a skin walker, big-foot, and ghoul. It was fun.

The committee hosted a workshop on powwow etiquette, which was very interesting. We learned how things have changed from long ago and about the meaning of, care for, and respect of our regalia. It was nice to see royalty from our sister tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, participating as well. We appreciate all of the presenters that spoke to us on these important matters. Thank you all who participated.

We had the wonderful opportunity to meet our Lt. Governor, Joe Garcia, when he presented the Southern Ute Tribe with a proclamation. We were able to talk and get our pictures taken with our Lt. governor. We recently attended the annual Denver March PowWow, our biggest celebration yet. There were many royalty members, dancers, and veterans as well as active-duty military present. We felt great pride to be there representing our tribe.

While these have been a couple of slow months, we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the spring and summer months so we can attend the Bear Dance and some of the many powwows that will be held throughout Indian Country. We will do our best to represent our tribe and we appreciate the continued support of our friends and families.

Togoiaq,
Amarante Pardo
Southern Ute Brave
first alternate

Eufemia Isabel Pardo
Little Miss Southern Ute
first alternate

Express Your Opinions

The divided one

I think about how life is on the reservation. I continue to reflect upon my life for information and connect with knowledge I gain every day. I and the people in my family were taught to be aware and be good. I receive a constant reminder to be positive. There are things I did not quite understand until now. I remember being told that there is someone praying in ceremony for you to fail. I understand now.

Living here on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation is a constant reminder of healing. At times, being here is almost like living in an abusive household with perpetrators and victims. I observe these actions by the words spoken by members: a continuous cycle of abuse from times long before now. Martin Luther King rose up for a purpose to unite people.

Here, I see in my mind, a water fountain that is for tribal members only. Descendants of tribal members, other natives, and non-Indians have to drink from another. The cycle of abuse, what I call the memory of the divided ones, lives in the minds of tribal members.

I wrote a story about the spirit of an American Indian. The story speaks of a divided people that traveled great distance to receive healing. Their pain was great and only the spirit of an American

Indian can heal the divided one. The only way to heal is to become them.

The pain is so great that the American Indian may remain as the divided one. The path of healing is through the tone, vibration, and essence of the Great Spirit. My grandfather, Red Ute, fed my family and others the knowledge to heal the self as we become the divided one. To be a warrior is to live in the spirit of the American Indian.

The spirit of the American Indian lives. I observe tribal members talk as if the American Indian is dead. The words I hear are about how Indians have to do certain things a specific way, as if we have to hold onto it before it disappears. The spirit of an American Indian is a living presence who never leaves or dies; the individual is the one who lives with the idea of a dead Indian.

The individual, with the idea of a dead Indian, lives in a world of sadness and fear. He or she constantly grabs at others for help. The feeling is overwhelming. The individual lashes and shares with us his or her pain. That is because he or she has the memories of the divided one.

Sometimes the individual will use ceremony to find guidance. He or she will pray for another to fail. I understand now about what I was told. The spirit within me

told me that I do not have to worry about that. The person who does that is only sharing their everyday world with me and is only temporary. The spirit also told me what happens to that individual, but I will wait for another time to share.

The way of healing is to look within the self and know that I am free. The spirit of an American Indian is universal and does not discriminate against blood quantum, the color of skin, college degree, and name of family. The spirit is free. If one is living as a divided one, find methods to heal the self to join every aspect of your being. I write this because I constantly remind myself of how to live with the spirit of an American Indian.

I share this with my family, my children, and anyone who wants to be free. I observe and sense individuals who live the way of the warrior with the spirit of the American Indian. Thank you!

Melanie Seibel is the daughter of Eddie and Betty Box Jr. Her paternal grandparents are Red Ute and Blue Mist Women. Her maternal grandparents are Alcario and Jennie Vigil. Her husband is Shane Seibel and together they have five children. She currently is in the last year of pursuing her bachelor's degree in human services management. She is a lightworker.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four PowWow Committee Member vacancies.

A Committee member must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member.

Members serve on a voluntary basis.

The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian PowWow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows.

All interests individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

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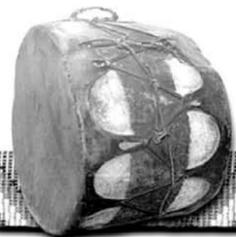
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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

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

Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Database Systems Manager

Closing date 4/11/11 – SU Growth Fund
Leads database development, management, maintenance and use for all Growth Fund Enterprise functions including security, systems analysis, data algorithms and process integrity, reporting, training, and installation of upgrades. Assists other IT staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Growth Fund.

Construction Inspector – Engineering

Closing date 4/11/11 – Red Cedar Gathering
Provide construction inspection support, coordinate activities between Operations and Engineering for the construction of pipeline systems, compression facilities, and treating/dehydrator facilities.

Assistant Controller

Closing date 4/12/11 – Aka Energy Group
Assisting in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining accounting principles, practices, and procedures, and, managing monthly accounting tasks.

Division Order Supervisor

Closing date 4/12/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Houston, TX. Supervise staff working with Divisions of Interest (DOI), to ensure all necessary files documenting title and interest are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate filing system.

Field Maintenance Technician

Closing date 4/12/11 – Red Cedar Gathering
Operate and maintain the field compressor stations and associated equipment including performing routine operational checks, documenting all daily operational tasks, changes in operating parameters, and tracking product and waste fluids.

General Accountant

Closing date 4/12/11 – GF Accounting/Finance
Provides general accounting support, to include reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis. Responsible for the reconciliation of bank statements to the General Ledger and providing support for monitoring ongoing cash activity. Supports the monthly close process. Provides administrative support to Growth Fund Controller's group as required.

Land Records Supervisor

Closing date 4/12/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Supervise the maintenance of orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records including leases, joint operating agreements, and various other land documents.

Maintenance Technician I

Closing date 4/12/11 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintain equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations.

Maintenance Technician II

Closing date 4/12/11 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintain equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations, serve as the primary relief for the maintenance foreman.

Maintenance Technician III

Closing date 4/12/11 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintain equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations, provide support for engineering projects, oversee third party contractors during maintenance and construction projects, and serves as the primary relief for the maintenance foreman in his absence.

Manager Central Land Administration

Closing date 4/12/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Oversee the preparation, distribution and documentation of all land department records.

Processing Engineer

Closing date 4/14/11 – Frontier Field Services, LLC Tulsa, OK. Provide pipeline and process engineering, technical interpretations, and construction management. Supervises field construction activities and provides business and operations support of mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Assistant Utilities Manager

Closing date 4/15/11 – GF Utilities Division
Assists the Utilities Manager in the management of the Utilities Division. Day-to-day management of the Water, Wastewater, Hauled Water, Natural Gas and Solid Waste Programs, and for the inspection of all projects involving Tribal utilities.

Division Order Analyst

Closing date 4/15/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Obtain and maintain orderly and accurate land records, including Divisions of Interest (DOI) and title documentation.

Land Records Analyst

Closing date 4/15/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Obtain and maintain orderly and accurate land records, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, title opinions, maintain lease records database, including agreement stipulations.

Land Records Analyst II

Closing date 4/15/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Maintain orderly and accurate land records, including leases, exploration agreements, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions, and, maintains lease records database, including agreement stipulations.

Senior Division Order Analyst

Closing date 4/15/11 – Red Willow Production Co. Obtain and maintain orderly and accurate land records, including Divisions of Interest (DOI) and Title Opinions.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

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

P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs

Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Social Services Caseworker II – Apprentice

Closes 11/11/11 – This position is designed to provide a Southern Ute Tribal member with education and training in case management in the Tribal Division of Social Services. This Apprentice Position and curriculum provides basic intake and/or ongoing social services casework for a variety of social services program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Repairman

Closes 4/15/11 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units.

Electrician

Closes 4/15/11 – Responsible for the repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

Detention Cook

Closes 4/19/11 – Responsible for assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties for the Southern Ute Detention Center.

Fitness Trainer

Closes 4/19/11 – Responsible for fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

Full Time Lifeguard

Closes 4/19/11 – Responsible for lifeguard activities at the SunUte Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines

established and approved by the Fitness Manager and/or Community Center Director.

Patrol Officer

Closes 4/19/11 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

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. Southern Ute Tribal Member Only.

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.

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 – This is a temporary summer position designed for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years old or older. The 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.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers. Click on the "View Jobs" under the "HSSE" category or click "Submit Resume/CV" and then click "Search Openings" and type in Req ID#. BP is seeking the following positions. BP is an equal opportunity employer.

#20025BR Site Planner (Durango, CO), #20096BR Site Scheduler (Durango, CO), #20273BR Site Scheduler (Farmington, NM), #20383BR WMS Systems operator (Durango, CO), #20389BR WMS Systems Operator (Farmington, NM), #20532 Optimizer (Durango, CO)

In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

Colorado Department of Transportation Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Transportation Maintenance Worker 1

The Adult Occupational Training Program, and the Colorado Department of Transportation are advertising the Transportation Maintenance Worker 1. This training program will be under the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, for six months and six months under the Colorado Department of Transportation, and will be employed in Durango, CO. Applications can be picked up at the Human Resources Department, deadline to apply is Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Training Coordinator 970-563-0237.

Fathers' Voices Board of Directors

The Fathers' Voices program is seeking interested individuals from the Ignacio, Durango area to serve on the Board of Directors. The mission of the Fathers' Voice Program is: "To help fathers and mothers to build safe and happy families in order to strengthen our communities, reduce family violence, reduce teen pregnancy, reduce alcohol and substance abuse, and to improve the health of individuals and families". The Board will consist of no less than 5 members and no more than 10. Each board member will serve a two-year term, Experience in nonprofit work a plus. Interested individuals must submit a letter in interest, all nominations will be reviewed by the Board and will be contacted after review. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2011. Please letters of interest submit to Fathers' Voices c/o Robert Ortiz, PO Box 4, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS Board of Directors, Six Vacancies

Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. (SUCAP), will be holding its biennial elections June 7, 2011, we are looking for community members who are interested in running for a seat under Category II of our Board of Directors.

Category II – those elected by the community at large, will have 6 vacant seats. This is a two-year term. If you have an interest in human services, non-profit organizations or like to be involved in new and exciting initiatives impacting your community – here's your chance! The SUCAP Board of Directors meets once a month and committees meet approximately every quarter. You must be 18 years old and reside within the Ignacio School District (11JT) boundaries. Please contact Naomi Russell if you are interested or know of someone who might be. 970-563-4517 or nrussell@sucap.org
All nominations will be followed up by our office. Deadline for nominations May 13, 2011.

Archaeological Internship Opportunity

Participate in cultural resource survey, site recording and mapping, artifact identification, Work in Four Corners area, office based in Ignacio. Can be physically demanding, some overnight camping may be required. 10-40 hrs/week, 8-12 weeks, starting in May or June. Contact Cynthia or Doug Loebig at 970-563-4615. Applicants must be TERO qualified, call 970-563-0100, ext. 2294.

Ignacio School District

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

Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year

Multiple positions open

Closing date 4/15/11 – Social Studies Teacher, Spanish Teacher, Computer Paraprofessional, Opportunity Room Paraprofessional, Counselor Secretary and District Nurse.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

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Expert: Educators must consider culture

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Educators cannot afford to ignore students' cultural backgrounds if they hope to teach in meaningful ways that improve bottom-line academic performance, an education expert told a group of education leaders from tribal and local communities March 25 at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Building.

The group met to discuss how best to reach Native American students and improve their odds for success in school. Many attendees expressed concerns over the dropout rate, which some reports have pegged at higher than 50 percent.

"We have a job to do in educating our young children," said Mel Baker, Southern Ute acting executive officer.

The roundtable's keynote speaker was Dr. Chad Novak, executive director of the Headwater Foundation. Novak spoke about a foster son who struggled in school until Novak noticed his intense concentration on animals, the wind, and other natural stimuli. That led to years of research, much of which Novak distilled during his presentation.

"Culture allows humans to adapt in one to two generations, when it took hundreds or thousands before," he said. "People can learn from those who came before."

Not only that — culture can influence how a student learns on neurophysical level as well, he said. His hypothesis — that Native American students are "divergent" learners according to the widely accepted experiential learning theory — has led to the

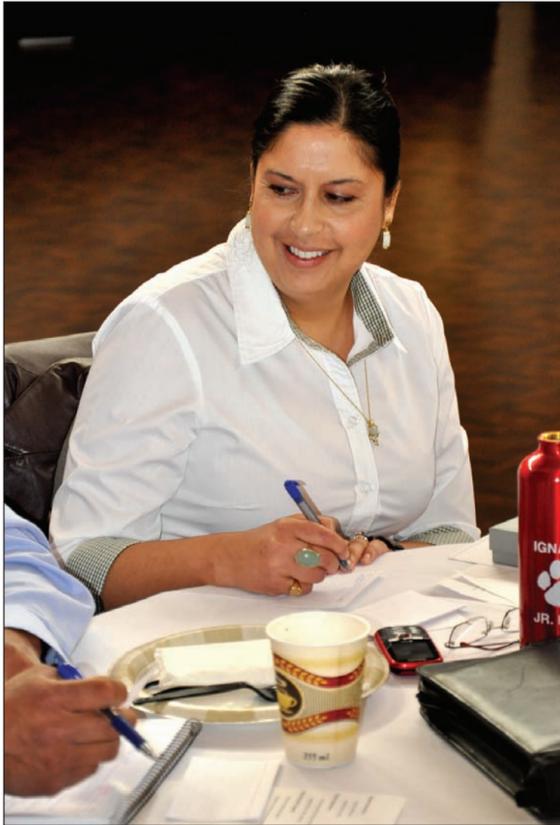


photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Education Department Director La Titia Taylor participates in a group discussion during an education roundtable meeting March 25 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park. Representatives from several tribes and local educational authorities came together to discuss how best to serve the Native American population in schools.

development of practices better able to engage those students in the classroom.

"We're using an obsolete model," he said. Novak suggested that to be suc-

cessful, teachers must learn how to tap into learners' unique circumstances in four areas: environmental sensitivity, collaboration and imagination, creativity and empathy, and neuroscience.

Persian Gulf memorial relocated



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Rod Grove, vice commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, stood by as representatives from Family Craft Memorials Inc. carefully relocated a granite memorial in Veterans Park on Tuesday, April 5. The memorial, which commemorates the Persian Gulf War, was chipped by snow removal crews this winter and as a result is now positioned further from the roadway. Mark Kimsey and Kayce Chadborn use a truck to hoist the heavy marble marker into its new resting place inside Veterans Park.

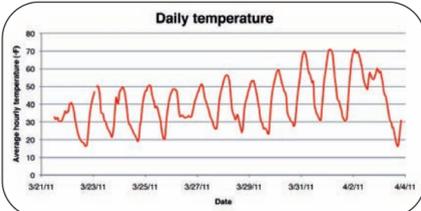
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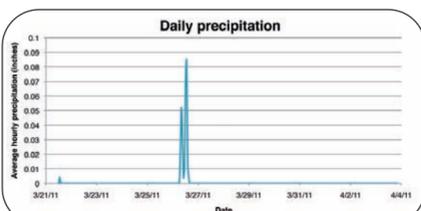
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Rod Grove, Southern Ute veteran service officer, gives a group of Northern Ute veterans cost estimates and planning advice during the group's March 31 visit to Ignacio. The group visited the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park as part of a fact-finding mission. They plan to construct a veterans park in Ft. Duchense, Utah, and were traveling through the southwest United States to gather information on various veterans parks.

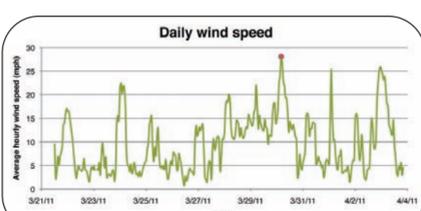
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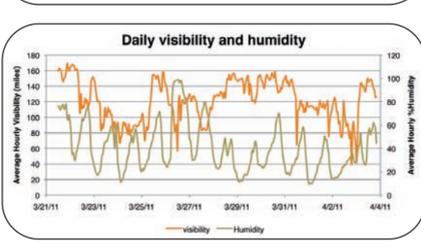
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High	70.9
Low	16.3
Average	41.0
Average last year	38.0



Total precipitation	
Precipitation	0.3
Precipitation last year	0.2



Wind speed	
Average	9.5
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	28.1



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	121.3
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Air quality	
Good	

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