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# Museum puts on finishing touches

*SUCCM slated to open with tribal dedication on May 14*

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud takes a seat at the teacher's desk in a replica classroom while touring the soon-to-be-dedicated Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Thursday, April 21. The museum, which is slated to open with a tribal dedication on May 14, boasts state-of-the-art architectural design, spacious galleries, and multimedia presentations featuring Southern Ute tribal members. For more on what's been going on at the museum lately, see our photo spread on page 9.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

# Tri-Ute Council favors youth conference idea

*Event would feature cultural workshops, college counseling, activities*

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Leaders of the three Ute tribes gave effusive praise April 27 to a proposal for a Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference, which would take place Aug. 8 - 11 at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

The proposed conference would feature educational workshops and activities such as a talent show, basketball tournament and knowledge bowl. It would be open to children in the sixth through 12th grades. The education leaders involved in planning

the conference and proposing it to the council included La Titia Taylor from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Afrem Wall from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Antonio Arce from the Northern Ute Tribe.

Southern Ute Chairwoman Pearl E. Casias said the workshops represent a great opportunity for youth to learn about everything from culture and spirituality to violence prevention and drug and alcohol use.

"This is a really fantastic thing that we're putting together that we're working toward," said

Southern Ute Chairwoman Pearl E. Casias. "It's very important that children learn about the culture, and along with that comes the spirituality. ... You marry that with education, and then our children can be proud of who they are, where they came from. We can't learn that in public school."

The discussion took place during the council's quarterly meeting, this time hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Cherry Creek.

Conference plans also call for career and college counseling,

forums and sexual awareness training. Organizers have discussed offering class credit to attendees and incentives for students who bring their academic transcripts to the conference.

Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Gary Hayes said placing the conference at Fort Lewis will allow young tribal members to experience the college atmosphere, hopefully inspiring them to consider higher education after graduation.

"What we're trying to do is open their eyes and help them make better decisions in their lives. This is a way to do it," he said. "I wish I had this when I was growing up. ... If we're serious about education, if we're serious about taking care of our youth, if we're serious about Tri-

### Proposed Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference

Aug. 8 - 11  
Fort Lewis College,  
Durango

Ute coming together ... we need to start something for our youth."

The organizers also presented a fiscal note to the council, which, based on an estimated 255 attendees including chaperones, projects a total cost of \$48,480.75, or \$160.12 per person. If the cost were split into equal thirds, which Taylor said is the preferred approach, each tribe would be responsible for \$13,610.25.

"I know that might sound like a

lot, but per person, I think that's pretty reasonable," Taylor said. "I thought Fort Lewis gave us a pretty good deal."

Hayes called the cost "money well spent."

"As far as return on investment, you're not going to see it on the books," he said. "You'll see it in our people, in the future, 20 years from now."

Frances Poowegup, vice chairwoman of the Northern Ute Tribe, also voiced her support.

"I applaud you for coming forward with this workshop concept," she told the organizers. "I think this is one of the most positive things that we have done for our children."

The proposal now goes back to the individual tribal councils for consideration.

## Many nations at 'Gathering'



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Head dancers make their way into the arena, bringing out the Eagle Staff, as the Gathering of Nations Powwow returns to the University of New Mexico's "Pit" for the 28th annual event from April 28 - 30 in Albuquerque. The Gathering of Nations attracts tens of thousands of participants and spectators from around the world, including members from more than 500 tribes in the United States and Canada. This cultural event showcases art, dance, music and the highly anticipated crowning of Miss Indian World. See page 8 for full photo coverage.

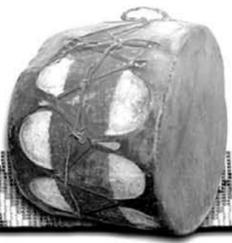
## 'Here comes Peter Cottontail'



"Hopping down the bunny trail, hippity-hoppity, Easter's on its way." Bringing Easter to Ignacio, the Easter Bunny didn't actually hop into town — he caught a ride with the Los Pinos Fire Department on April 23 to the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose fields. The Southern Ute Police Department hosted its annual Easter egg hunt on a brisk-yet-sunny Saturday. Hundreds of kids fetched the 4,000 eggs, filling their Easter baskets to capacity. Some were even lucky or brave enough to pose with Mr. Cottontail, as these were.

See page 14 for more Easter photo coverage.

photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM



## News in brief

### IGNACIO

#### Royalty to host ribbon shirt and dress-making workshop

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will be hosting a ribbon shirt and dress-making workshop on May 19 at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Building from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please bring materials to make your ribbon shirt and/or dress. Dinner will be provided. Should you have any questions, please call Amy Barry at 970-563-0119.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## Food Service Training Course Get your Food Handler Training Certification

- May 5, Session I: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Session II: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Leonard C. Burch Building, Buckskin Charlie Rm (2nd Floor), 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio
- May 12, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center, Ignacio

For more information contact the Southern CO Ute Service Unit at 970-563-9443. No reservations required; course capacity based on space availability. Must be 12 years & older. Certification Cards will be issued within five days after successful course completion.

## Attention Tribal Hunters: Annual Brunot Area Rare Game Permitting Lottery

Included with Brunot Area hunting available to Southern Ute Tribal hunters is the opportunity to pursue rare big game, including Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goat. Due to the rarity of these animals within the Brunot Area, only a limited number of permits will be available each year through an application and random draw process administered by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. Tribal hunters may apply to receive a permit during the month of May only, and drawings and notifications will be made in June.

**THE WINDOW FOR SUBMITTING A 2011 RARE GAME PERMIT APPLICATION IS:  
MONDAY, MAY 2 through TUESDAY, MAY 31**

Applications must be signed by the applicant and received by hand-delivery or postmarked during the application window. Please note that if you apply but are not drawn for a permit in a given year, you will receive a "bonus point" toward drawings for that hunt type in the future. The more bonus points you accrue, the better your chances are at being drawn. Applications are available free-of-charge to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members only. Applications must be obtained and submitted through the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, contact the Division at (970) 563-0130.

## Many Moons Ago



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 10 Years Ago

Seven Rivers 4-H members mold clay into flowerpots, which will be fired and then distributed along with packets of flower seeds to Ignacio citizens during the "Blooming Festival" on May 5, 2001. Pictured, left to right: Micah Odoms, Paula Cox, Natalie Bravo, Cody Mills and Casey Correia of the Dancing Spirit Gallery, who oversaw the clay pot molding process.

This photo first appeared in the May 4, 2001, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

The Southern Ute youth group/Eagle Springs drum group performed powwow dances and sang songs at the Navajo Academy in Farmington, N.M., during Native American Week. Pictured, left to right: JoGenia Red, Marvin Pinnecoose and Sheila Ryder.

This photo first appeared in the May 3, 1991, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Calvin J. Evans

Job title: Assistant operations manager at Southern Ute Recreation Center

Description of duties: Assist in managing operations at SunUte Recreation Center; setting up special events; help at front desk; manage facility cleanliness; overall help with operations of the SunUte Recreation Center.

Hobbies: Reading, outdoor sports, mountain biking, hiking, climbing, kayaking, basketball, playing, having adventures.

Family: Elisabeth Evans (spouse), Kristin, Mariah, Jordan, Elijah, Aysia, Aniya.

Tribe: Cherokee and Sioux in addition to being African American  
Additional Comments: I am excited about the opportunity to work at the SunUte Recreation Center.

### John S. McKay

Job title: ALP plant mechanic

Description of duties: Troubleshoot, repair, and maintain all Animas-La Plata Project equipment

Hobbies: Mountain bike riding

Family: Beautiful wife, Theresa, and 3-year-old son Dakota



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.

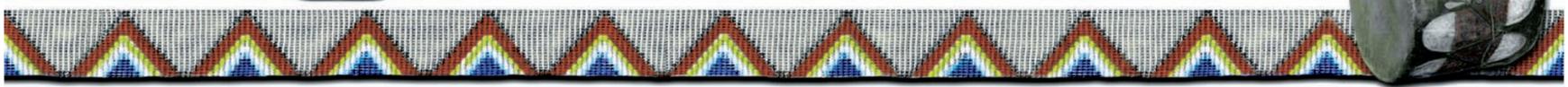
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**Bear Club**  
Your Name Here

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.

**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT**

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www.skyutecasino.com



# Southern Ute Bear Dance CONTEST POWWOW

*May 27 & 28, 2011*

<p><b>Master of Ceremonies</b> Alex O. Shepherd, Cedar City, UT</p> <p><b>Arena Director</b> Lakota Claremont, Lakewood, CO</p> <p><b>Head Man</b> Michael Grant Sr., Bloomfield, NM</p> <p><b>Head Woman</b> Johnna Black Hair, Albuquerque, NM</p>	<p><b>Host Drums</b> Red Spirit, Northern Drum Southern Mountain, So. Drum</p> <p><b>Head Gourd Dancer</b> John Emhoolah, Denver, CO</p> <p><b>Head Drum Judge</b> Damien Bear, Tama, IA</p> <p><b>Color Guard</b> Southern Ute Veterans Assoc.</p>
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**Contest Categories**

<p><b>Registration</b> Friday: 5pm Closes Saturday: 2pm</p> <p><b>Gourd Dance</b> Friday: 5pm-6:30pm Saturday: 11am-12:30pm Saturday: 5pm-6:30pm</p> <p><b>Grand Entry</b> Friday: 7pm Saturday: 1pm &amp; 7pm</p>	<p><b>Adults</b> Fancy Shawl, Grass Dance, Jingle Dress, Northern and Southern Traditional</p> <p><b>Teen Boys &amp; Girls (12-17)</b> Fancy, Grass Dance, Jingle Dress, Traditional</p> <p><b>Junior Boys &amp; Girls (7-11)</b> Fancy, Grass Dance, Jingle Dress, Traditional</p> <p><b>Golden Age (50+)</b></p>	<p><b>Food Vendor Information</b> Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541</p> <p><b>Arts &amp; Crafts Vendor Information</b> Jeannette Frost, 970-563-0128</p> <p><b>Outside Booth Rates</b> \$75 per day (10x10) \$100 per day (10x20)</p> <p><b>Inside Booth Rates</b> \$50 for 1 day (10x10) \$75 for both days</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Cash only! Bring your own setup.</p>
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**Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO**

The POWWOW Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft. Drugs & alcohol prohibited!  
For further information contact Carliss Taylor at 970-799-3149 or Cindy Winder at 970-563-0100x2301

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# SOUTHERN UTE

## MAY 27-30 IGNACIO, COLO.

**NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING. PHONE PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND AUDIO RECORDING ARE NOT ALLOWED, EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF UTE TRIBES.**

**BEAR DANCING STARTS 10:30 A.M.**

**BEAR DANCE FEAST MAY 30, 12 NOON**

**FOR MORE INFO: 970-563-0100 EXT. 2208**

# BEAR DANCE

**CHIEF:**  
MATTHEW BOX  
970-759-5414

**2ND CHIEFS:**  
JAKE RYDER  
AND JOHN CHAVARILLO

**THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED.**

**THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES OR THEFTS.**

## Ute Language

üaÇinikH - plant

üatüvüpÜ - planted land

üaÇnapÜ - planter

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

### Seeking Bear Dance feast volunteers

Southern Ute Bear Dance 2011, May 27-30

The Bear Dance chief is seeking a 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.

## PowWow Trails

**IAIA Spring Homecoming Powwow**  
May 7  
83 Avan Nu Po Rd • Santa Fe, NM  
Contact: Nocona Burgess  
Phone: 505-424-2339  
Email: nburgess@iaia.edu

**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/

**Idaho State University Spring Powwow**  
May 20 - 21  
Fort Hall, ID  
Contact: Nolan Brown  
Phone: 208-282-4220  
Email: brownola@isu.edu

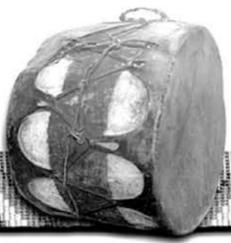
**University of Denver Spring Powwow**  
May 21  
2190 E. Evans Ave. • Denver, CO  
Contact: Leo Begay  
Phone: 720-394-9242  
Email: leo\_b1986@yahoo.com  
Web: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2201019720

**NACA Powwow**  
May 27 - 28  
Native American Community Academy  
1100 Cardenas Dr SE • Albuquerque, NM  
Phone: 266-0992  
Web: nacaschool.org/event/naca-pow-wow

### Academy hosts art show

photos Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted an art show April 22 to showcase the teachings and artwork of students at the Multi-purpose Building. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Vice Chairman Mike Olguin received an award from the Academy along with Chairwoman Pearl Casias.



# The Kidney Corner: Treatment of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates



In recent articles in the Kidney Corner, we have been discussing chronic kidney disease, a condition in which the ability of the kidney to excrete waste products is impaired. How can this problem be treated?

Many forms of chronic kidney disease can be effectively controlled so that they do not become a burden for the patients, even if they are not cured. Good control of the underlying disease can typically slow down the progression of chronic kidney disease rather than cure it. For example, kidney disease due to diabetes can be slowed down by good control of blood glucose (sugar) levels.

Some other causes of chronic kidney disease, on the other hand, can be directly treated and sometimes cured. Examples include glomerulonephritis (an inflammation of the kidneys, some forms of which are common in Native Americans), lupus and vasculitis, an inflammation of the small blood vessels.

Avoidance of toxins that could cause further damage to the kidneys is also important in patients with chronic kidney disease. The most common offenders in this

regard are over-the-counter pain medications ("non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs"), including ibuprofen and naproxen.

Since these come with many different trade names, the best rule to follow is that the over-the-counter pain medications which are generally SAFE from the kidney point of view are acetaminophen (Tylenol) and aspirin. There are also many prescription medications which can cause problems with the kidneys, particularly in patients with underlying kidney disease.

Ask your doctor if you have any concerns about potential risk to your kidneys from your prescription medication.

Good control of blood pressure is also very important to preserve kidney function. In the next issue

of the Kidney Corner, we will discuss some of the issues related to blood pressure control in chronic kidney disease. We will also discuss medications called ACE inhibitors and ARBs which have a very valuable effect preserving kidney function.

Patients with chronic kidney disease may also unfortunately develop various complications and these too may require treatment. This may include management of anemia (decreased red blood cells), bone disease, attention to nutrition, and so forth.

Attention to your general health is especially important if you have kidney disease. Keeping in shape with regular exercise is important for your cardiovascular system and bone health, and avoidance of being overweight is also vital. Eat a healthy diet which is not too high in fat and salt, and please don't smoke or overindulge in alcohol.

All these interventions are important to avoid further kidney damage and also to prevent complications which can be associated with the kidney disease. The personal effort required to stick to these therapeutic lifestyle interventions will be easily repaid by improved health in your future.

# NFL Quarterback Sam Bradford urges Native American youth to get active

Media release  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack welcomed St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford to the Agriculture Department and joined him in urging Native American youth to spend the summer pursuing healthy outdoor activities.

Bradford, an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, participated with over 30 Native American students at USDA's People's Garden in planting a Native American garden called The Roots of American Agriculture.

"Through programs like Fuel Up to Play 60 and Let's Move!, the Obama administration is helping get kids active in order to help them have a healthy future," Vilsack said. "Our partners at the NFL and across the country are key to engaging kids in an exciting way that teaches them that physical activity can be fun, while also important to their health."

Bradford and Vilsack noted that a recent study of 4-year-old children found that obesity is more than twice as common among American Indian/Alaska Native children as among white or Asian children. In 2002, nearly 15 percent of those receiving care from the United States Indian Health Service were estimated to have diabetes.

The USDA People's Garden Initiative promotes the establishment of school and community gardens to grow healthy food, people and communities across the country. Over 30

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*- Tom Vilsack,  
U.S. Agriculture secretary*

Native students helped plant the garden. Those participating included students representing Eastern and Western tribes, Southeast Alaska, and a class from a Native elementary school in Tuba City, Arizona. The garden showcases heirloom Native American crops and planting techniques and celebrates the tremendous contributions Native Americans have made to the foods we eat today.

Bradford and Vilsack were joined at USDA by Robin Schepper, executive director of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! campaign; Keith Moore, the Department of the

Interior's Bureau of Indian Education director, and Janie Hipp, senior advisor to Secretary Vilsack with the USDA Office of Tribal Relations.

The First Lady's Let's Move! initiative, which aims to end childhood obesity, has also since joined in support of Fuel Up to Play 60 and USDA's HealthierUS Schools Challenge, which are both helping to combat this issue and provide access to nutrition information.

Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by the National Dairy Council and the National Football League, with additional partnership support from USDA. The program encourages youth to consume nutrient-rich foods (low-fat and fat-free dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains) and achieve 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Fuel Up to Play 60 is designed to engage and empower youth to take action for their own health by implementing long-term, positive changes for themselves and their schools.

On April 22, 2010, Bradford was selected by the St. Louis Rams as the first overall pick in the 2010 NFL Draft. He grew up in Oklahoma and spent his college career with the Oklahoma Sooners. In 2008, Bradford became the second sophomore to win a Heisman Trophy. In his first season in the NFL, Bradford won the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award after setting the record for most completions by a rookie in NFL history

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Sleeping Ute Diabetes Prevention Program

Saturday, May 7  
Towaoc, Colorado

Mother's Day Walk: 9 a.m.

Veterans Park  
Everyone welcome

First 25 mothers who walk will receive a free T-shirt

Mother's Day Gourd Dance: 12 – 5 p.m.

Towaoc Recreation Center

Supper break: 5 – 6 p.m., Gourd dance: 6 – 8 p.m.

M.C.: Dominic Arquero (Cochiti Pueblo)

Head singer: Michael Coan (Long Walk Des. Dine)

Head gourd dancer: Larry Anderson Sr. (Dine), founder of Black Creek Gourd Dance Society (Ft. Defiance, Ariz.)

Arena director: Donald Tolino Sr. (Dine), Black Creek Gourd Society (Gallup, N.M.)

For more information, contact Sleeping Ute Diabetes Prevention Program at 970-564-5391/5392. Diabetes program will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

## Plays address dating violence



The anti-violence group "See It. Stop It. On Tribal Lands," in conjunction with Ignacio High School, sponsored an informative day called "Standing Together to Advocate Nonviolent Dating" on Monday, April 25 in the high school auditorium. Two separate plays, acted out by visiting educators, addressed how young adults are at risk for dating violence and highlighted early warning signs and preventative strategies. "The Yellow Dress" (left) is the monologue of a young girl telling her story about being in an abusive relationship, ending in tragedy; student volunteers, (top) Shailyn Olguin and Abriana Baker-Silva man an informational booth as part of the awareness program. The other play was titled "Remote Control."

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



# WALKING TOGETHER FOR HEALTHIER NATIONS



# MAY 13, 2011

## REG: 6 AM START: 7AM

All participants that walk 3 miles will receive a FREE TSHIRT. We encourage all walkers to wear good walking shoes, a cap and plenty of sunscreen. Come out and join us at one of the starting points and walk to the Four Corners Monument.



**Four Corners Regional Health Center Contacts**

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(928) 656-5389  
northbear.fragua@ihs.gov

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Lorraine Thomas  
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lthomas@unhsinc.org  
Yvonne Denetsosie  
White Mesa  
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**Ute Mountain Visitor Center - Contacts**

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Rita King  
(970) 564-5391  
rking@utemountain.org



## Fishermen, pro golfers: kindred spirits

By Don Oliver  
Special to the Drum

While checking my eye-lids for light leaks and listening to a golf tournament last Sunday it hit me, professional golfers and fly-fishermen are a lot alike. Well, except for million-dollar paydays and pods of beautiful women following the golfers around, our two sports have lots in common.

For instance, when one of the golfers came off the 18th green he had a reporter ask him an amazing question, and the pro had an amazing answer. The question went something like, "You just shot a 61 to break the course record, what are your thoughts?"

He answered along the lines of, "Well, a 61 is certainly a good score, and breaking the course record was lots of fun. However, I missed too many easy shots and putts to make me happy. I'm going to have to reevaluate my swing, grip, and equipment, before I tee off again. Hopefully, after I do that, the next 61 will mean more."

Somehow, I think this professional is missing something, like maybe a grip on reality. While that wasn't the exact question and answer, it was close to some I have heard.

By the same token I have heard some amazing statements



another, similar to professional golfer I know of, I think you've lost touch with reality."

Herein lies the rub. Two people on top of their game, having few equals, have lost sight of why they participate in these sports. Yes, it is great to want to be the best you can be at whatever you do. No, it is not good to lose sight of what got you into the sport to begin with. I used to play golf, gave it up twice, then sold my clubs. Just couldn't get to the fun part. But I have for fly-fishing.

So, with spring and summer now here, I offer the following advice for fly-fishermen everywhere to stay safe and have fun while fly-fishing. Don't fish in a lightning storm. Unlike a one iron, God can hit a fly rod. For fun, relax when you're on the streams. Leave your Smartphone and/or Ipad in the truck. If your cast is not doing what you want it to, turn sideways and watch the beauty of it as you make it. Too many wind knots, find something that blocks the wind and get behind it. If your flies have gotten smaller over the winter and it's harder to tie them on, get bigger flies. Cold water in your waders is easily solved, don't wade so deep.

I believe by following my safe and fun rules not having a million-dollar payday or a pod of beautiful women following you around will not be missed.

His critique might sound like, "I think if I'd used my 6-weight instead of the 5 the wind would not have affected my cast as much. Also, by starting my double haul one smidgen sooner I should be able to get another six inches of distance. Further, if I roll my thumb to be more on top of the grip my mending will be smoother and have a better drift. What do think?" I look at him and say, "Are you talking to me? Because if you are, after having watched you catch one fish after

## Aspen students visit tribe



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students from Aspen, Colo., paid a visit to the Southern Ute tribal campus on Thursday, April 21. The cultural tour was led by Ellen Baker of the Southern Ute Education Department. Students called on the Southern Ute Growth Fund headquarters, the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and the soon-to-be-dedicated Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum as part of their educational field trip to the Southern Ute Reservation. Tribal Council (above) stands for a photograph with visiting youth; students (top) listen attentively as Chairwoman Pearl E. Casias gives a cultural account of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## Lobos visit Drum office



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students from a University of New Mexico Native American journalism class visited The Southern Ute Drum office on Friday, April 22. It's the second year in a row the class, led by lecturer Mary K. Bowannie, has made the trip from Albuquerque to Ignacio.

## Durango Public Library seeks participants for History Fair

The Fort Lewis Mesa Branch of the Durango Public Library is seeking individuals interested in participating in or contributing to a History Fair to be held on July 1 during the Fort Lewis Mesa Reunion. If you would like to share family stories, pictures, scrapbooks, etc. from growing up in Southwest La Plata County, please contact Laurel Penwell at 970-588-3331, Jean Campion at 970-588-3491, or email [fortlewis mesa@ci.durango.co](mailto:fortlewis mesa@ci.durango.co).

2011 2011

**JUST MOVE IT**

It's up to you!



**SunUte Multi-Purpose Field**  
May 14, 2011

19TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK

4 MILE ROUND TRIP

HEALTH CHECKS, REFRESHMENTS AND  
T-SHIRTS WILL BE PROVIDED

9 AM REGISTRATION      10 AM WALK STARTS

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**Specific Benefits:**

- Reduces risk of heart disease or stroke
- Lowers risk of high blood pressure, cancer, and diabetes
- Lowers high blood pressure (hypertension)
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- Increases the number of calories your body uses – weight control
- Helps control joint swelling and pain from arthritis
- 30 minutes of moderate exercise may decrease your blood glucose level by 50 mg/dl

For More Information Call Claudette or Julie 563-0100 ext. 2344  
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## Native American Athletes

Rocky Mountain 2011 State Games  
Colorado Springs

**Basketball, Boys & Girls: July 22-24**  
6th thru 8th grade

**Archery, Boys & Girls: July 31**  
6th thru 8th grade

**Golf, Boys & Girls: July 29**  
6th thru 8th grade

**Wrestling, Boys: July 29-31**  
6th thru 8th grade

If you are in 6th, 7th or 8th grade and would like to participate in the Rocky Mountain 2011 State Games in any of these sports listed above, please fill out registration applications at Tribal Information Services office.

For information contact Andrea Taylor, Director of TIS  
at 970-563-0100 ext. 2250 or Anna Marie at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208





# Fun in the sun

*Students blossom on sunny Field Day*



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The SunUte Community Center's multi-purpose fields were flooded with smiles and laughter of the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students May 28 as they tested their agility, coordination and teamwork during the annual Head Start Field Day. Students (left) kick beach balls toward the goal line; face-painting (above left) is a popular station as Mrs. Schank demonstrates her brush skills; spring fishing (above right) is always popular, as students snag various prizes; young cowboys and cowgirls (below) unhitch their ponies and ride like the wind; and finally, what would a field day be without a sack race (below left)?



## League of extraordinary Legos



The Southern Ute Education Department's Lego League presentation took place on April 27. Students, working in teams, are challenged with building Lego-based robots to complete tasks. The Education Department has partnered with the Durango First Lego League and Durango Discovery Museum on the project. The league's mission is to inspire students to explore science and technology to solve global problems through local action.



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## High school celebrates cultures



The second Ignacio High School cultural fair April 22 included many displays and food from different ethnic groups represented in the Ignacio Junior High and High schools. Many families, friends and community members participated, enjoying the homemade food, art and performances. Students (above) explore an exhibit about bows and arrows; artwork by many students, including Samantha Maez (left) was also on display.

photos Suzi Richards/SU DRUM



## Cowbelles talk beef



President Peggy Beebe and Vice President Patti Buck of the La Plata County Cowbelles made a visit April 18 to Ignacio High School's nutrition and wellness class. They spent 90 minutes fielding questions from students, showing how to properly grill top sirloin, and assembling a recipe using pita pockets, sirloin, cheese, and spinach with basil. Beebe and Buck discussed how their families raise beef, humane techniques for handling the cattle, and the importance of respect for the land and animals. The ladies left goody bags for the students filled with recipes, beef nutrition facts, and other beef industry-related information.

photos courtesy Jackie Fischer/  
Ignacio High School

## IHS gives Earth Day service



photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

Ignacio High School students got into the Earth Day spirit on Friday, April 22, helping clean up trash along County Road 318 south of Ignacio.

## Head Start, local schools observe Children's Mental Health Day

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Administrators and counselors from Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and Ignacio public schools met May 2 to discuss how to promote children's mental health.

The meeting was timed to precede May 3, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, a program of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Charlene Schank, program director for Head Start, said the importance of children's mental health cannot be overstated because it heavily influences later development.

"Children's mental health is something that we take very seri-

ously," she said. "By teaching them at a very young age how to cope with some of those things, it builds resiliency for the future."

Schank said children today face greater challenges in areas like relationship development because they're often exposed to media such as video games that influence their thought processes.

"All of their choices have to be split-second choices," she said. "It's OK to stop for a moment before you make a decision."

To help children understand how relationships are formed, Head Start hosts weekly "TLC groups" in each classroom to encourage bond-building between children and teachers. The school's parent handbook also includes information about social-emotional child development.

And parenting, naturally, is

key, said Jennifer Diethrich, school counselor at Ignacio Intermediate School. Whether a child has a dependable support system is the single biggest factor affecting risk for mental health issues, she said — though sometimes the best support comes from outside the family.

Schank said on average, between 10 and 15 percent of Head Start's nearly 100 children receive one-on-one attention from trained experts.

Eileen Wasserbach, executive director of Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc., said disseminating information about children's mental health issues is half the battle.

"There hasn't been a lot of awareness about mental health issues," she said. "[Some] parents haven't been really well trained."

## Southern Ute Education Department Southern Ute tribal students of the month

Introducing a new special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



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**Sydney Santistevan**  
8th grade, Ignacio Junior High  
**Parents/grandparents:** Verna Velasquez and Arnold Santistevan  
**What subject(s) do you feel are your strengths at school?** Science, English, and math.  
**Hobbies/pastimes:** Hands-on activities.  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A veterinarian.  
**Comments:** "I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for the month of April because I have been identified as an outstanding student, good attendance rate, positive behavior, and good citizenship in school. I am extremely honored to be a nominee in the Southern Ute student of the month."



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

**Cameron Weaver**  
6th grade, Ignacio Intermediate  
**Parents/grandparents:** Tammie Begay and Brian Weaver  
**What subject(s) do you feel are your strengths at school?** Math, language, and science.  
**Hobbies/pastimes:** P.E., Lego League, math and golf.  
**What do you want to be when you grow up?** I want to be a scientist who studies space after college.  
**Comments:** "I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal student of the month for the month of April because I have been an honor roll student all year. Thank you for having me, I feel honored."

## Education update

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on June 3 and July 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. 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.

### New and Continuing College Students!

Deadline to turn all scholarship applications is July 1 at 5 p.m. Applications cover the entire year until the next July 2011 deadline. Any applications received after 5 p.m. of July 2011 will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact the Higher Education Department at 970-563-0237.

## GRADUATIONS

**Bayfield High School**  
Sun., May 15, 2 p.m.  
Bayfield High School

**Ignacio Intermediate School**  
Tues., May 24, 5 p.m.  
Intermediate School

**Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy**  
Thur., May 26, 10 a.m.  
Sunute Community Center

**Southern Ute Head Start**  
Thur., May 26, 4 p.m.  
Head Start Gym

**Cortez-Montezuma County High School**  
Thurs., May 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Panther Stadium

**Durango High School**  
Fri., May 27, 6 p.m.  
D.H.S. Stadium

**Ignacio High School**  
Sat., May 28, 10 a.m.  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

**Pagosa High School**  
Sat., May 28, 10 a.m.  
Pagosa High School

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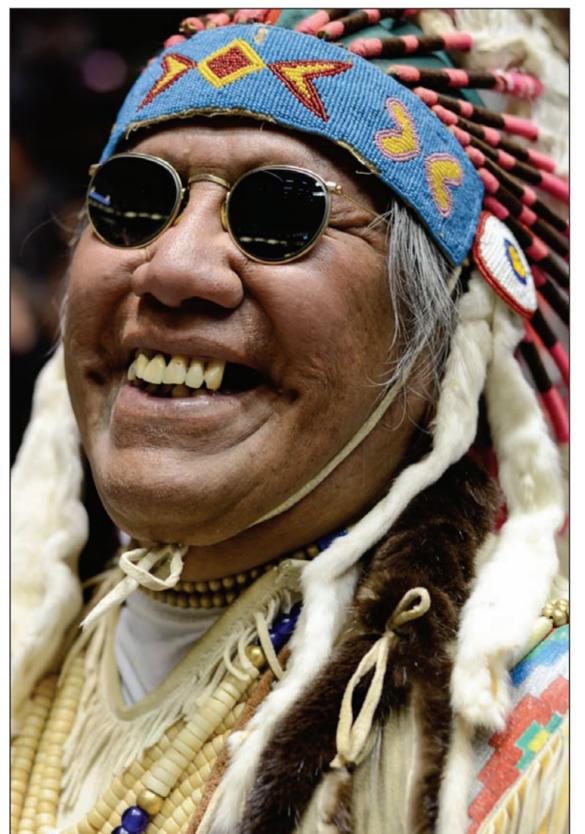
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## Southern Ute among nations at 'Gathering' powwow



The 28th annual Gathering of Nations Powwow returned to the recently renovated University of New Mexico arena, "The Pit," on April 28 - 30 in Albuquerque. Dancers and spectators from across the United States filled the venue for the cultural event. Live music performances took place on "Stage 49." Powwow celebrations culminated with the crowning of a new Miss Indian World following Saturday evening's grand entry ceremony. The crown went to Marjorie Tahbone of Nome, Alaska. Tahbone hails from the Inupiaq and Kiowa tribes.





# Tribal members invited to dedication of new museum



**Media release**  
Southern Ute  
Cultural Center & Museum

Invitations have been sent to all members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the Circle of Life Tribal Dedication at the new Cultural Center and Museum on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event is free and open exclusively to tribal members, who are encouraged to take part in the dedication and blessing of the new museum. Tribal members will have the first opportunity to experience the new museum before it opens to the

public Saturday and Sunday, May 21 – 22.

The opening program will include remarks by tribal dignitaries and museum leaders. A special banquet, catered by the Sky Ute Casino Resort, will be served. A video documenting the construction process through a lapsed-time camera will be presented on a continuous loop screen in the Multipurpose Room. Attendees also will have an opportunity to view a multi-screen production of tribal history in the Circle of Life Theater.

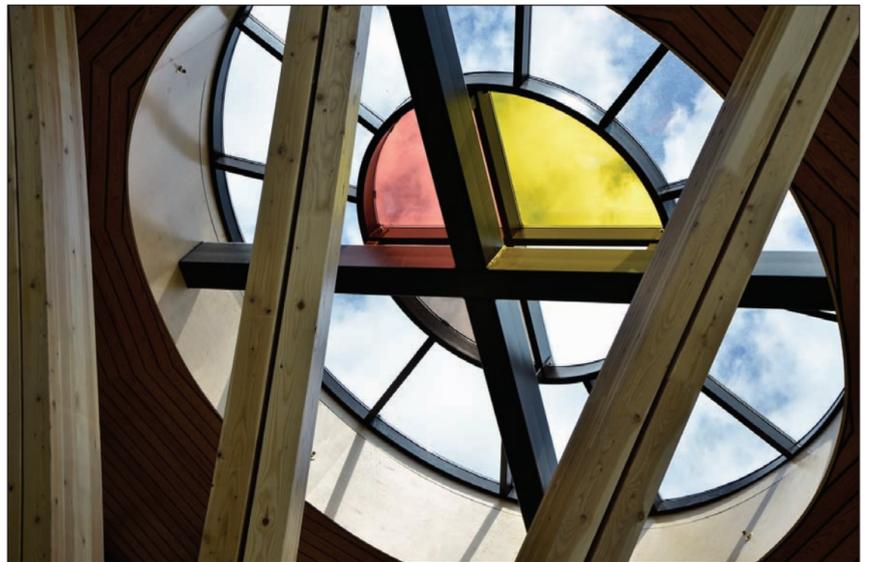
“We are grateful to many tribal members who offered input about what the new museum should look

like, from students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to tribal elders,” says Robert Burch, board chairman for the museum. “We are looking forward to giving everyone the opportunity to see for themselves just how inviting this museum really is.”

Construction of the new museum has been supported through the generosity of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Burch reiterated that the museum’s mission is to preserve and promote the history and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and other Native Americans so young people and the community will always be known and remember what it means to be Southern Ute.

Once the museum opens May 21, admission is always free to all tribal members. General admission for non-tribal members is \$7 per person, and children ages three to 14 are \$3 each. Children under age three are free. Regular hours are Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is closed Mondays. More information is at [www.southernutemuseum.org](http://www.southernutemuseum.org) or 970-563-9583.

On April 21, Southern Ute Drum staffers were given a preview of the facilities and exhibits at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum prior to the upcoming tribal member dedication on May 14. An opening for prospective donors will follow on May 20. The museum then opens to the public on May 21 and 22.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



**The new museum features many exhibits and displays that may be of special interest to tribal members:**

- Important details of passages in tribal history are presented through interactive exhibits in the Permanent Gallery.
- The museum’s Temporary Gallery will feature a basket exhibit, including contemporary creations made by White Mesa basketweavers.
- Many of the artifacts housed in the museum’s galleries showcase the artistic skills of Southern Ute tribal members, particularly exquisite examples of intricate beadwork.
- Twenty-six artifacts have been loaned to the museum from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. Other major institutions also have loaned materials that are on display in the new museum.
- Oral histories are recorded and catalogued in the library, which also includes an extensive collection of books and films by and about Southern Ute Indian tribal members.
- A meandering stream in the Welcome Courtyard and native plants and medicinal gardens make the 8.5-acre campus especially attractive in the early spring.

## Artifacts on loan from Smithsonian



Twenty-eight Ute artifacts arrived May 27 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on a long-term loan of 3 years from the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Lynn Brittner (left), SUCCM executive director, and Landis Smith, contract conservator for NMAI, unpack a pair of leggings May 28 at the museum; Landis (right) points out the paint on a buckskin beaded shirt. The artifacts were climatized for a day and then unpacked, while condition reports generated and mounting began onto custom mounts. The artifacts will be exhibited in the Permanent Gallery.

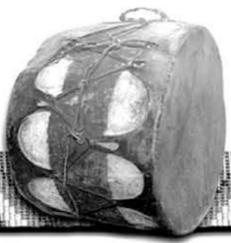
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## Museum ‘prayer trees’ blessed



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Byron Red (center), Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum board member and spiritual leader, and Nathan Winder, apprentice director for SUCCM, prepare to give a blessing for the two “prayer trees” that were planted on May 29 east of the museum entrance. Tribal elders Dr. Jim Jefferson and Evalyn Burch were selected as part of the blessing for the male and female trees, respectively.



# Happy birthdays and wishes



**Happy Birthday Princess  
Alexis Ezekiel Hazel Julia Ortiz**

You're turning 6 years old and getting to be a big girl and learning a lot, I love you very much. Your smile, your crazy way you talk, the time we share together, is always precious. You have brought love, joy and laughter into our lives. May great creator take care of you and keep you safe when you are not with me.

*Love you,  
Grandma Blenda, Your Mom Sappy,  
Uncle Ace & Angel, and your family*



**Happy 13th Birthday Serena**

My life changed when I first laid my eyes on you, Your curiosity made me seek answer, Your humor made me enjoy life more, Your high maintenance made me work harder, You have brought me so much joy and happiness, I can't imagine my life without you, Remember I will always be here to support you and guide you, Always seek answers and never accept average. Dream big – the world is yours

*Your mom,  
Ronallynn Tiznado*

**Grandmother You're a Special Friend**

We knew that you loved us when we were once a child, it showed in your eyes in the way that you smiled. And whenever it seemed no else understood the love that we shared made certain you would. So now that we are older, we just want to say how thankful we are that you loved us that way. And we are glad we grew closer to someone like you the grandmother that we loved who was a special friend too. We all loved you so much and miss you each and every day.

*From all your grandchildren Abel, Elania, Renelda, Mark, Eli, Shelton, Christian, Shoshone, Mariah, Krislyn, Natelle, Kyle, and all your great grandchildren.*

**For our mother LaVara Thompson**

Who went to be with the Lord on May 8,2008, we just wanted to say how much we miss and love you, you will always be in our hearts.

*Love always your children and husband:  
Luana, Becky, Frank, Keith, Shawn, JoGenia and your husband Bennett*

**Happy Mother's Day and  
Birthday 5/10 to Janis Peabody**

Wishing the best two days ever. Thank you for being there for us and your granddaughters. We know it can be rough and you are always there to give us hope and guidance. We appreciate everything you do for us. Thank you for keeping us on track and encouraging us to be the best parents to our children. You are a strong wise woman and we hope to provide our children with the same that you have given us. We hope you enjoy your days to the fullest. Thank You Mom and Grandma.

*Love Your Family  
and Your Granddaughters.*

**Happy Mother's Day  
to the most important women in my life**

Heather, Amy, Aunt Marge and most of all my Mama. I love you all and thank you for bringing me happiness

*Love Jen*

## Colo. Senate resolution honors Ute tribes

*Following is the text of a Colorado Senate Joint Resolution read in Denver on April 26, shortly before the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting the same day and the Tri-Ute Council meeting on April 27.*

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11-042**

**CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF THE TRI-UTE MEETING IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE UTE INDIAN TRIBES.**

**WHEREAS**, The original inhabitants of North America, American Indians, have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation's history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine, education, religion, architecture, the environment, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ute Tribes, who have called Colorado and its surrounding states home for centuries, are a confederation of seven bands: The Capote, Moache, Tabeguache, Uintah, Weeminuche, White River, and Yampa; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the Capote and Moache bands comprise the Southern Utes; the Weeminuche constitute the Ute Mountain Utes; and the Tabeguache, Uintah, White River, and Yampa bands make up the Northern Utes; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ute Tribes play a vital role in the tourism, agriculture, and construction industries of Colorado and its surrounding states; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ute Tribes also play a vital role in other areas of the economy of Colorado and its surrounding states, as energy, wildlife, and conservation are essential for the creation of jobs and financial sustainability in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes meet annually to discuss, plan, strategize, and share with each other their progress, issues, and vision for the future of their peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, The state of Colorado desires to celebrate and honor the rich and storied heritage of the Ute Tribes that have called Colorado and its surrounding states home for hundreds of years; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the General Assembly, recognize the importance of utilizing the talents, creativity, and experience of the Ute people and the major influence on the history of this state that the Ute Tribes have provided and continue to provide; and

That the state of Colorado is committed to working on a government-to-government basis with the Ute Tribes as sovereign governments, and we endeavor to maintain strong, respectful relations between Colorado's state and local governments and the sovereign Indian Tribes with whom we share the state.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper, Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Garcia, the Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, the Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Chairman of the Northern Ute Tribe, and each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.

*Signed,  
Brandon C. Shaffer, president of the Senate  
Frank McNulty, speaker of the House of Representatives  
Cindi Markwell, secretary of the Senate  
Marilyn Eddins, chief clerk of the House of Representatives*

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Elders Language and Cultural Committee

Must be 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-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.

**SKY UTE CASINO RESORT**

# TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in May & June  
at the Sky Ute Casino Resort  
In the John S. Williams Room.  
12:00pm-3:30pm**

<b>May 1st</b>	<b>Doll Cradle Board</b>	<b>(Helen Tom)</b>
<b>May 8th</b>	<b>Doll Cradle Board</b>	<b>(Helen Tom)</b>
<b>May 15th</b>	<b>Gloves-Bear Dance</b>	<b>(Lorna House)</b>
<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>Gloves-Bear Dance</b>	<b>(Lorna House)</b>
<b>May 29th</b>	<b>Handgame</b>	

<b>June 5th</b>	<b>Sewing</b>
<b>June 12th</b>	<b>Ute Bingo</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Necklace Crafts</b>
<b>June 26th</b>	<b>Pillow-blanket Making</b>

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

**All Activity Afternoons 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 Edward Box III at 563.1762.*

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## SW Invitational: Cats in mix's middle

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Speed and power. Two traits usually among the most prominently visible in athletics, and the two most controlling of the Ignacio High track-and-field teams' fortunes in 2011.

Both were well-displayed as the Bobcats competed against a more suitably-sized field — only six other teams participated — at the Dove Creek Southwestern Invitational April 30 at the Montezuma-Cortez Panthers' facilities.

Michelle Simmons captured the squads' only individual win, tying Mancos's Aimee Johnson with a best of 4'8" in the high jump, and also scored the girls' only second-place result — in the 100 meters, clocking 13.45 seconds — in helping the Lady 'Cats amass 16 points. And half of fifth with Antonito High.

Colton Wyatt flung the discus an even 111 feet, securing the boys' only runner-up award,

and also took third in the shot with a 39'9" heave, helping the IHS boys rack up 54 points and sole possession of fourth place. The two disciplines have been a focus of the program this season; a combined eight Bobcats competed in Cortez, while only one solo sprint (the 100) or distance event was contested.

Shane Richmond placed third in the discus (110'11") and fourth in the shot (38'1.5"), and Christian Knoll was 11th (74'10") and 14th (26'4"), respectively. Kelton Richmond took 11th in the shot (30'0"), and Austin Haire was seventh in the discus (87'4").

Kiana Thompson also did the throwing double, finishing ninth in the girls' discus (61'9") and 12th in the shot (25'2"). Bonnie Lucero (8th, 26'1.5") and Jayce Stricherz (13th, 24'10") also represented Ignacio in the crowded shot put event.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS: Boys' 100 Meters — Isaiah Harrison (10th, 13.71), Shane Richmond (11th, 13.72),

Christian Knoll (12th, 14.55); 4x100 Relay — 2nd (52.20); 4x200 Relay — 3rd (1:41.67); Pole Vault — Ethan Pearson (3rd, 11'6"), Dusty Mangus (4th, 11'0").

Girls' 100 Meters — Carly Barborinas (10th, 15.20); Long Jump — Katelyn Silvers (7th, 11'9").

TEAM SCORES: Boys — Mancos 160, Bayfield 157, Dolores 79.5, IGNACIO 54, Antonito 24, Dove Creek 22.5, Nucla 0. Girls — Bayfield 206, Dolores 147, Dove Creek 66, Mancos 40, IGNACIO and Antonito 16, Nucla 7.

Results from M-CHS' Invitational on Monday, May 2, were reported after the Drum went to print. Up next for the Bobcats will be the Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs May 7 (9 a.m. start), and it will be the final state-qualifying meet on IHS's itinerary.

The San Juan Basin League Championships are slated for May 13 — 14 in Grand Junction, Colo.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With teammate Garrett Becker (left) ready to defend, Ignacio's Tyler Young (20) fires to the plate against Nucla April 30, a Mustang aboard at second base behind him. Ignacio fell 11-1 in Game 1 at SunUte Field, then lost a 19-18 shootout in Game 2.

## Bobcats fuel morale for districts

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Amends needed to be made, and Christian Rockwell took it upon himself.

Picked on by the visitors' bats during a seven-run outburst — shifting the advantage back into their favor — in the top of the inning, Ignacio's second baseman led off the bottom half with a daring dash to stretch a single to right-center into a double. And re-rile up his teammates in the dugout.

A walk to nine-hole hitter Pedro Vigil then followed, and Tyler Wancura followed with a short single up the middle to begin a fresh cycle through the order. Mark Garcia then singled to left, plating Rockwell. After three-man Tyler Young struck out, Jesse Vigil knocked a single to center and brought in Pedro Vigil and Wancura. Orion Watts, back from a major knee injury sustained in basketball season, then singled to score Garcia, quickly putting Ignacio ahead 18-17.

And doing so against a Nucla hurler who'd earlier dominated in front of his closest critics.

first-inning, bases-loaded jam after Garcia and Young singled and Pedro Vigil walked. Goforth then mowed down Bobcat after Bobcat (seven in a row at one point), finishing with Jeff Herrera to end the sixth inning — the Mustang's 17th 'K' in a complete-game four-hitter.

Young (L; 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, K) smacked an opposite-field triple in the Ignacio sixth after Garcia flew out — the only out not recorded via strikes — to center-fielder Jonathan Denney. He scored on a Jesse Vigil single to right, snapping the shutout, but Goforth fanned pinch-hitter Ryan Brooks and then retired Herrera to finalize an 11-1 Nucla victory.

Offensively he was intentionally walked twice, drew a conventional base-on-balls, then drilled a bases-clearing double in the NHS sixth, off the first pitch he saw from Wancura (IP, H, 3 R, K), who'd plunked both Seth Knob (2-3, 3 R) and Nick Rushing and walked Brad Campbell.

Brice Steffan and Morgan Rummel followed Goforth in the order, and each went 2-4.

Later, Steffan — who opposed

tough catch in short left-center.

Denney tagged up and scored on the play, tying the score at 18-18, before catcher Blyade Harrigan — who replaced Knob — ripped a double to left and plated Campbell for the go-ahead score.

His lumps taken, and right arm loosened after beginning in right field, Goforth — with Steffan now unable to get the win — froze Rockwell, got Pedro Vigil to fly to right, then Wancura on strikes (so ruled by the umpire after Wancura put a hand out to apparently draw a beanball) to preserve the 19-18 win.

Using a strong fastball to enhance a slower curve, Goforth totaled six K's in his three-inning relief stint, making 23 for the doubleheader and 31 total — in three wins — against IHS in the teams' season series.

Steffan (3.2 total IP, 6 H, 8 R, 4 K), in fact, could have received two no-decisions. Herrera scored to tie the game at 2-2 through two innings, and Steffan was pulled in favor of Rummel. But the Bobcats — after leadoff hitter Garrett Becker was ejected for profanity in the field during the top of the third — tagged Rummel for five runs on four hits, a walk, and a hit batter (Wancura, who replaced Becker).

Steffan then re-entered and finished 1-2/3 innings more, but was pounded for six runs in IHS's fourth, triggered by a lead-off triple by Young (3-4, 3 R, SAC-FLY, RBI), a three-base error off Denney's glove from Jesse Vigil (2-5, 2 R, 4 RBI), and a Watts (4-5, GR-2B, 3 RBI) double to right.

Campbell finished with five runs scored for NHS, though batting just 2-for-2 (he also walked three times), while Riddle and Steffan (4 RBI) each went 3-5, and Arnold 2-6 (3 R, 2 RBI).

Wancura finished 2-4 and scored three times, and Brooks was 3-5 with two ribbies. Young, in an odd day for pitchers, was credited with the loss — dropping him to 1-3 in 2011 — and blown save, as Ignacio finished the regular season with a deceptive 4-12 overall (2-7 SJB�) record.

Up next for the Bobcats will be the 2A-District 2 Tournament, May 7 at Canyon View Park in Grand Junction, Colo. SJB� champs Dolores (14-3, 9-0) will also attend, along with Paonia, Meeker, and Rangely from the Western Slope League. Nucla (11-6, 6-3) and Dove Creek (1-16, 1-8) will compete in the 1A-District 1 Tournament, with only one team advancing to regionals.

From Grand Junction, the top two teams will advance to Region I against the two best from 2A-District 1 — essentially the Southern Peaks League — next weekend at Delta High School. La Veta and Sargent — an Ignacio victim this season — are the early D-1 favorites.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jeff Herrera (3) takes a cut against Nucla with a teammate in scoring position during the April 30 doubleheader at SunUte Field. Ignacio fell 11-1 in Game 1, then lost a 19-18 shootout in Game 2.

Not often in baseball do three generations of a family get to witness a fourth playing the sport. Even rarer is the occurrence when those three generations assemble at the same game, and even rarer still when that gathering requires a three-hour drive, minimum, to and from home.

But with parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents watching from SunUte Field's smooth, concrete seats, Nucla senior Justin Goforth controlled the Cats as few have in recent seasons — including Dolores' Austin McCracken — during Game 1 of the San Juan Basin League twinbill April 30.

Working unscathed out of a

Young as Nucla's Game 2 starter — plated three with a long triple to right off Garcia to complete the aforementioned seven-run outburst. But after Ignacio's reply, Young retook the hill, unable to get the win but able to save it for Garcia (3.1 IP in relief, 6 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 3 K).

Facing the 7-8-9 hitters beginning the seventh frame, Young began well with a strikeout of Seldon Riddle. Denney, though, tapped an infield single and took second on a walk to Campbell. A wild pitch dealt to leadoff man Keegan Arnold allowed Denny to reach third, and Campbell then stole second before Arnold lofted a soft fly that required Garcia — now at shortstop — to make a

## A wrench in the works



Ignacio's Angel Paul (5) slyly gets a boot between those of Telluride's Morgan Fansler to stall a THS attack during their doubleheader at Down Valley Park on April 22. The Lady Bobcats played aggressively throughout, and especially so against the Lady Miners' second team, but fell by matching 7-0 scores in 3A Southwestern League action. The Lady Bobcats' match at Ridgway the next morning was postponed — to be played this week (results unavailable at press time) — and the team received even more bad news soon after returning. The April 30 match against Pagosa Springs would be forfeited due to multiple academic-ineligibility issues; it would have been IHS's home finale. Prior to facing RHS, Ignacio (0-9-1 overall/SWL) traveled for the rematch — also completed after the Drum went to print — with Center.

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## Ignacio spring sports standings

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

Team	Overall	League
Dolores	14-3	9-0
Nucla	11-6	6-3
<b>IGNACIO</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>2-7</b>
Dove Creek	1-16	1-8

—compiled by Joel Priest

Girls' Soccer: 3A Southwestern League  
(as of May 2, 2011)

Team	Overall	League
Telluride	11-1-1	9-0-1
Pagosa Springs	8-3-1	7-2-1
Bayfield	7-4-2	7-2-2
Ridgway	5-5-1*	5-3-1
Alamosa	4-7-1	3-7-1
Center	0-9-1	0-8-1
<b>IGNACIO</b>	<b>0-9-1</b>	<b>0-9-1</b>

(\*one league match not reported)

### Los Pinos Softball Tournament

May 28 — May 29

Men's and women's softball teams, ages 16 and older.

Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 26.

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To sign up and for more information contact Recreation, 970-563-0214

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Monday nights, beginning May 16.

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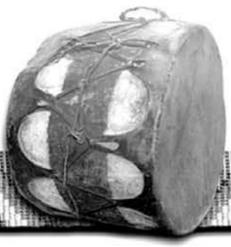
Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Friday, May 13.

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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.

## 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 non-profit work a plus. Interested individuals submit a letter in interest, all nominations will be reviewed by the Board and will be contacted after review. Deadline for submission is May 27, 2011. Please submit letters of interest to Fathers' Voices c/o Robert Ortiz, PO Box 4, Ignacio, CO 81137.

## SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS Board of Directors, Six Vacancies

**Deadline for nominations May 13.** SUCAP will be holding its biennial elections June 7, 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. 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 SUCAP.



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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) Election Board vacancy for a regular board member. The chosen applicant will serve a three (3) year term. This opportunity is available to interested Tribal Members who meet the following. Must be a registered tribal voter; must reside on the reservation; cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office; must not have been convicted of a felony; and must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years. All interested Tribal members are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council COORDINATOR VACANCY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sunshine Cloud Smith Advisory Council has one vacancy for an Adult Coordinator.

The Adult Coordinator must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. Must be familiar with youth development and proper techniques to empower young people.

The Sunshine Youth Advisory Council strives to empower young Tribal members to take responsibility on local and global issues that effects the current and future Tribal membership.

The position offers an hourly wage with hours varying, from 4-12 hours/week. The person filling the position must be able to pass a criminal background check and be insurable to drive tribal vehicles.

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## Request For Proposal

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DEMOLITION OF OLD SKY UTE CASINO STRUCTURE IN IGNACIO, COLORADO

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737  
116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0138

2:00 PM May 23, 2011. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Steve Williams for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or swilliam@southern-ute.nsn.us.

There will be a mandatory meeting and walk-through at 1:30 PM Monday May 16, 2011

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for demolition (building materials), liquidation of salvageable items, demolition (concrete/asphalt), removal of hazardous waste and site reclamation for the existing Old Sky Ute Casino located at 14826 Hwy 172 Ignacio, Colorado.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until

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.

## Request For Proposal

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN (NRMP) UPDATE  
AND PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA)

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Department of Natural Resources  
Mailing Address:  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137

related goals and objectives drawn from the Tribe's comprehensive plan; a summary of management issues and policies based in part on Tribal Member feedback; comprehensive descriptions of seven different watershed management units along with management options for each; and detailed GIS-produced maps and data for the reservation. Also included both as a component of the NRMP and as a stand-alone document, is a programmatic environmental assessment that has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency. The PEA provides an umbrella NEPA document which site-specific management activities under the NRMP can tier to for environmental compliance.

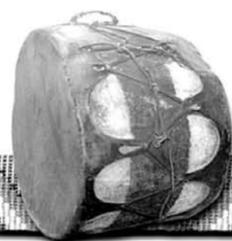
**Contacts:**  
Brian Gideon, Forestry Division Head  
Steve Whiteman, Wildlife Division Head  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the NRMP Update and PEA. RFP will be accepted through May 20, 2011 until 5:00 PM. RFP received after this time will not be accepted and returned to the unopened. Contracting party is the SUIT and DNR will be managing the project.

The NRMP is a comprehensive, long-range planning document that spells out the SUIT's vision of how its natural resources should be managed as a whole for the benefit of the Tribe and Tribal Members. The NRMP is a living document subject to periodic updates in order to respond to changing needs and directions as determined by the Tribe. The last major update occurred in 2000, and the plan is currently effective through 2020.

The NRMP is divided into multiple sections, including (but not limited to) narrative descriptions of reservation setting and resources; a listing of

RFP's may be picked up at DNR, Annex building from Ms. Liz Bacon, 116 Mouache Dr, Ignacio, CO, 81137, 970-563-0125. Questions regarding the project may be directed at Mr. Brian Gideon at 970-563-4780 or Mr. Steve Whiteman at 970-563-0130.

The SUIT's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the SUIT TERO office. For more information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.



**Congratulations go out to the two Frost brothers, Hunter G. & Jack III, for an awesome youth bowling season**

They are members of the LaPlata County Youth Bowling league at the Rolling Thunder Lanes. Jack III (age 14) ended the season with some impressive awards. On January 22, 2011 he bowled 11 strikes in a row and was given an award from USBC and the LaPlata County Youth League. He ended that game with a 277. Then several weeks later he would do this amazing feat again bowling 11 strikes in a row and ending that game with a 279! He also received awards for high personal game of 279 and high series with a 685. He also finished the season with a 88 average!

Then, not to be outdone by his older brother, Hunter G. (age 12) took home top honors as 2nd half season champ and then bowled against the 1st half season champ and came away with overall season champion! His other awards include high personal game of 214, high series of 575, and high handicap series 770. His final average was a 138, which is a big improvement from when he first started the season! Congratulations again on a fine season!

We are all very proud of your accomplishments. They will now be headed to Aurora along with their teammates to the Colorado State Youth bowling tournament. Last year their team came in 2nd out of 146 teams in their division and missed 1st place by 2 pins! Good Luck, have fun, and happy bowling!



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**To the 4 women who helped me succeed**

Thank you for all of my success to my mom, Nova Burch; Aunt Ernestine Burch; Aunt Cindy Buckskin; and Aunt Lavara Thompson.

You have given me an opportunity to learn and understand the world by having us live in the city. When I was afraid to fail, you told me to believe. With your words of encouragement, I graduated high school with honors. You told me to always push myself and strive to be the best; with this support, I finished college.

Throughout my career, I have surpassed all of my expectations to be the best. There was never one moment of importance, but many so amazing moments that were shared with four strong women who supported me with

their wisdom, love and their high expectations for me to be an achiever — and more importantly, a great mother.

I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to my mom and my aunts who have shared their words of encouragement and wisdom over the years to stay strong and always face challenges as a time to succeed. As of today, my success is shared with my family, along with words of wisdom and never-ending support.

Ronalynn Tiznado

**Thanks from house fire victims**

We, Victor and Dolores Atencio, wish to thank the Red Cross and the Southern Ute Victim Services for providing us

with a place to stay at the Sky Ute Casino Resort after the night of the fire, April 9 to 16.

Thanks to the casino's restaurant waitresses for being so kind. We also wish to thank neighbors, friends, relatives, and the crowd that was present to comfort us and make sure we were OK. Not forgetting the fire department from Los Pinos Fire Protection District, Upper Pine and Durango Fire District — we really appreciate them fighting the fire trying to save our house. It turned out OK; you did a good job.

Thanks to the Ignacio police, the Southern Ute police and for the help that we got from the area policemen. There sure were a lot of red blinking light vehicles, fire engines and police cars.

Victor B. Atencio

**Obituaries**



**CHEVARILLO** - Barbara Eden Chevarillo was born on May 5, 1942 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to George Howell Jr., and Thelma Stoneroad. She passed from this life on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma having reached the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 12 days.

She attended Haskell Institute; Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree; then the University of Utah, Salt Lake City where she obtained her Masters in Social Work, and also, attended Western Region Indians Alcoholism Training Center at the University of Utah. She was a Social Service Specialist II for the Department of Human Services of the State of Oklahoma for 11 years, and was founder of N.A.Y.O (Native American Youth Organization) at Ignacio High School, where she served as a counselor for 14 years before moving to Oklahoma. She moved from Ignacio, Colorado in 1992

to El Reno, Oklahoma and was affiliated with the Indian Methodist Church.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, GERALYNN "Precious" Chevarillo; granddaughters, Brittany Richards; Amara Analee Ferrell; grandsons, Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexander Apolo Ferrell; great-grandson, Omar Alejandro Quiroz Jr., all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; brother, George Elton Howell, Pawnee, Oklahoma; sisters, Sharon K. Pinnecoose, Ignacio, Colorado; Sarah J. Howell, El Reno, Oklahoma; plus numerous nieces, nephews, grandsons, granddaughters, cousins and many friends.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, George Howell Jr. and Thelma Stoneroad. Services were held at Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Roam Chief Building, Pawnee, Oklahoma with Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr. officiating. Interment was at the South Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Potteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

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# Hunting for eggs



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The brisk morning April 23 didn't keep the youth at home as they dragged their parents to the Southern Ute Police Department's annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt brought hundreds of the young and the young-at-heart together to claim some of the bounty of eggs strewn across the SunUte Community Center's multi-purpose fields. Don Folsom, SUPD community resource officer, said a total of 4,000 eggs were up for grabs. Different age groups (left) take turns on various sections of the fields; the Easter Bunny (above) makes his annual appearance via the Los Pinos Fire Department's fire truck. The Easter Bunny helped Folsom with the countdown to ready the kids before the hunt began and took time to pose with countless children — and a few adults.



**Circle of Life Tribal Dedication**  
Saturday May 14  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

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**IACAP**  
**Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan**

All registered Southern Ute Indian Tribe members, aged 18 and over and their families are invited to a "Follow-up Informational Meeting" regarding the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan.

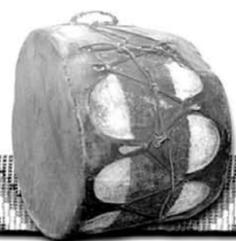
**Sky Ute Casino Resort, Vida Peabody/John S. Williams Room**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:00 pm**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has contracted with URS Corporation to develop the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan. This plan will directly affect area property owners, adjacent owners, businesses and Tribal members. This is an opportunity for Tribal Members to come and review the Recommended Alternative presented by URS based on the comments and feedback received from Stakeholders meetings and the first Tribal Member meeting to determine existing and future access needs in the defined study area and which seeks to establish the appropriate balance between access to adjacent land uses and maintaining an acceptable Level of Service (LOS) and safety on SH172/SH151/CR517.

RSVP would be appreciated but not required, you may call Marcella Olbert at Tribal Planning phone 970-563-4749, fax 970-563-4839, or by email at [molbert@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:molbert@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
**Refreshments will be provided**

**CORRIDOR PLAN OVERVIEW**

**IGNACIO AREA**  
CORRIDOR ACCESS PLAN



**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.*

**Financial Reporting Manager**

Closing date 5/9/11 – GF Finance/Accounting  
Position supports all aspects of routine and non-routine accounting, auditing, and reporting processes and projects; reviews and analyzes accounting pronouncements, both FASB and GASB related, and determines the impact on Growth Fund business entities; serves as an accounting expert in advising Growth Fund management, Controller and business entities on complex accounting issues. Responsible for assisting in the development and compliance testing of Growth Fund accounting policies.

**Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Specialist**

Closing date 5/10/11 – SU Shared Service  
To provide support and assistance in the coordination and administration of Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) programs to the oil and gas, utilities, land development and construction industries. This position is part of the Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group.

**Instrument & Controls Technician I**

Closing date 5/10/11 – Frontier Field Services  
Artesia, New Mexico. To maintain the plant control system, analytical equipment, and instrumentation, and perform work related to the repair and maintenance of instrumentation and control equipment.

**Gas Measurement III**

Closing date 5/11/11 – Frontier Field Services  
Maljamar, New Mexico. To perform meter calibrations, gather and edit meter data, secure gas samples for analysis, calculate gas volumes, size orifice plates, service and repair meters.

**Vice President Investment/Finance**

Closing date 5/13/11 – Alternative Energy  
To conduct investment research, evaluate investment opportunities, conduct due diligence and actively monitor existing investments.

**Pipeline Systems Operator**

Closing date 5/16/11 – Red Cedar Gathering  
To perform all pipeline equipment and facility operations, maintenance and installations, including specific DOT tasks.

**PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer**

Closing date 5/20/11 – Shared Service  
Responsible for development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) applications, providing PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Finance & Supply Chain Management (FSCM) Developer**

Closing date 5/20/11 – Shared Service  
Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft FSCM applications, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer**

Closing date 5/20/11 – Shared Services  
Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft SQL Server Database Administrator**

Closing date 5/20/11 – Shared Services  
Responsible for the PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and Financial and Supply Chain Management databases in the production and development infrastructure, administration and support of SQL Server 2008 SP2 databases, BEA WebLogic, BEA Tuxedo, PeopleSoft Process Scheduler and Integration Broker components. Developing identified data management procedures, data base maintenance, disaster recovery processes, data projects, security, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support.

**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.

**Plumbing Building Maintenance Technician**

Closes 5/9/11 – Responsible for the repair, maintenance, and installation of mechanical and plumbing equipment in Tribal Buildings and Systems, to include correction of safety hazards.

**Social Services Caseworker I Apprentice**

Closes 5/13/11 – 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.

**Grant Writer**

Closes 5/16/11 – Responsible for planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. In addition, the Grant Writer is responsible for monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations.

**Apprenticeship/Trainee Program/Finance Dept.**

Open Until Filled – The goal of this program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program is designed to benefit

Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs.

**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.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Southern Ute Social Services**

**Child Protection Team**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Child Protection Team. The Team reviews all cases of alleged child abuse or neglect reported to the Division of Social Services to determine if they are founded, or unfounded. If founded, the Team makes recommendations for services and treatment to promote the well-being of children and to reduce child abuse and neglect on the Southern Ute Reservation. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be 18 years or older, and be parents, foster parents, or community members and are subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Child Protection Team can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office by 5 p.m., May 10, 2011. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Southern Ute Social Services**

**Citizen Review Panel**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. The positions are volunteer appointments and receive no compensation. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office by 5 p.m., May 10, 2011. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100.

**BP - Job Announcements**

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

**Automation Engineer – Durango, CO #21300BR Automation Engineer**

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.

**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.: 2011-049-NC  
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

**Beatrice M. Cervantes, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Beatrice M. Cervantes has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Beatrice M. Tucson. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than May 23, 2011 at 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
**Dated this 7th day of April, 2011.**  
**KELLY HERRERA, Court Clerk**

CO. Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, and the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 9:30 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 12th of April, 2011**

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-PR-215  
NOTICE OF PROBATE**

**Jamie Silva Scott, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio,

**Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk**

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**Ignacio School District**

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

Job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

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

**High School Principal**

Closing date 5/9/11 – Ignacio School District has an opening for a High School Principal for the 2011-12 school year. Must have at least five years of successful teaching experience; knowledge of secondary curriculum and school activities; possess a Colorado Administration License with CDE and be willing to live in the Ignacio School District.

**SUCAP**

Southern Ute Community Action Program

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

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

**Finance Director**

Closing date 5/20/11 – SUCAP, in Ignacio, CO  
Finance Director for large non-profit. Minimum BS/BA in Accounting/Finance and 5 years recent accounting experience. Government and fund accounting experience preferred. Must be bondable. Great benefits package! Must pass criminal history background check. Addendum required.

**SUCCM**

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

Application packets can be picked up at 77 County Road 517, Ignacio, CO, or emailed on request.

970-563-9583 • www.southernutemuseum.org

**Museum Docent**

Closing date 5/6/11 – Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Minimum requirements include a high school diploma. Meets and greets museum guests. Collects admission and other museum fees. Assists in tours and other duties to insure a quality museum experience for visitors. Reports to the Education Manager. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check and be able to be bonded. Southern Ute Tribal member required.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements**

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419

P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**Food & Beverage**

Rounds Cook, Temp - Closing date 5/31/11

**IT**  
Database Administrator, FT - Closing date 5/06/11

**Salon**  
Cosmetologist, OC - Closing date 5/06/11

**Table Games**  
Multi-Games Dealer, FT - Closing date 5/06/11

*Preference Given To  
Qualified Southern Ute  
tribal members and other  
Native Americans.*

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### Students fish at Scott's Pond



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy teamed up with Southern Ute wildlife specialists for an afternoon on the water May 2, when students in the school's Fishing Club got some firsthand experience on Scott's Pond. Zechariah Red (above) casts his line from the pond's edge; Ebonee Gomez (left) proudly shows off her big catch. Favorable weather made for a pleasant spring afternoon on the Southern Ute Reservation.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

### Ft. Lewis seeks tuition bill support

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs granted its support April 26 to a U.S. Senate bill that would direct the federal government, not the State of Colorado, to pay for out-of-state Native American students to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Under the terms of a 1910 agreement, the state pays tuition costs for all Native American students who attend the state-run college. That's become a heavy burden on the state, which in the past 25 years has spent more than \$110 million for such students, many of whom are not state residents. As a result, the program "is at risk of being reduced by the severe budget constraints of the State of Colorado, thereby jeopardizing the education of many talented Indian students from around the nation," according to the text of Senate Bill 484.

To alleviate the problem, Sen. Michael F. Bennet, D-Colo., introduced the bill March 3, after which it was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. It asks the Secretary of Education to pay tuition costs for out-of-state students, while the responsibility for Colorado residents remains with the state. The net change would be invisible to Native American students, who would continue to receive free tuition regardless of residency, but would relieve Colorado of the obligation to pay to educate non-resident students.

Fort Lewis President Dene Kay

*"It is a simple bill. It simply says that the federal government will take over the tuition waivers for the non-Colorado Native American students."*

*— Dene Kay Thomas, FLC president*

Thomas explained the bill during CCIA's quarterly meeting at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, requesting the commissioners voice their support for the bill.

"It is a simple bill. ... It simply says that the federal government will take over the tuition waivers for the non-Colorado Native American students," said Thomas, who added that 85 percent of the college's approximately 800 current Native American students are from out of state. "I ask for your support for this effort to receive federal help for a program that is so vitally important

to Native Americans."

Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, who presides over the commission, said passing the bulk of the bill to the federal government would keep the tuition waiver from becoming a target of state budget-cutting talks, protecting Native American students' promise of a free education at Fort Lewis.

"It costs the state a great deal of money for the nonresident tuition. It does seem that it ought to be a federal obligation," he said. "[The bill] does not cost the state anything; it does not risk education for native students, whether they're Colorado residents or otherwise."

Southern Ute Chairwoman Pearl Casias, in her first CCIA meeting as leader of the tribe, voiced her support for the educational opportunities available at the college.

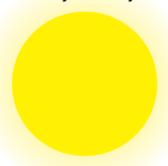
"We are a very strong believer in education," she said.

According to the bill, Fort Lewis grants more bachelor's degrees to Native American students than any other institution in the country, awarding 95 degrees in 2009 — more than 13 percent of all degrees to such students in the country. The student body during the 2010-2011 school year represented students from 124 different tribes and 35 different states. About 20 percent of all students were Native American.

The CCIA unanimously approved supporting the bill. Thomas said the National Congress of American Indians and the Native American Rights Fund, among others, have already voiced support.

### Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, May 6



Sunny, High 74 degrees

Saturday, May 7



Sunny, High 72 degrees

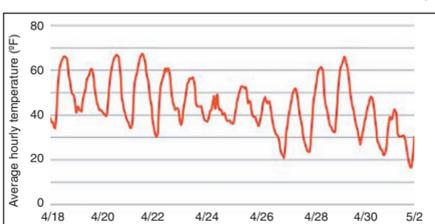
Sunday, May 8



Mostly sunny, High 74 degrees

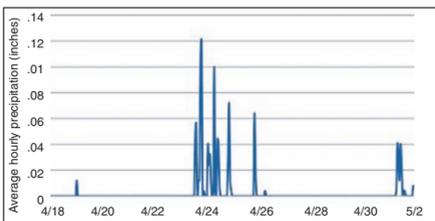


Weather data for April 18 - May 2



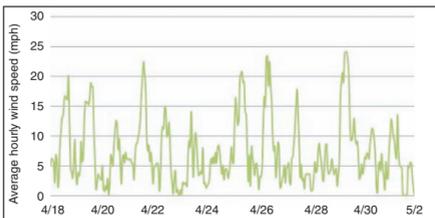
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High 67.3°F  
Low 16.6°F  
Average 44.0°F  
Average last year 45.8°F



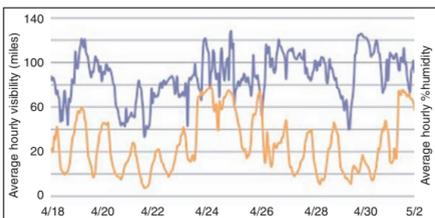
#### Precipitation

Total 1.0 inches  
Total last year 0.3 inches



#### Wind speed

Average 7.3 mph  
Minimum 0.1 mph  
Maximum 24.1 mph



#### Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility 107.7 miles  
Avg. humidity 46.5%

Air quality Good

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

### Renovating the tipi



On Tuesday, April 26, workers set up fencing and began the prep work required to replaster and repaint one of Ignacio's historic monuments, the aging tipi that has for so long been a permanent fixture at Ute Park. The renovations will include a plaster coat, repairs to the interior's woodwork, an anti-graffiti seal coat, and a commissioned artistic rendering of the original mural. The original art (left) has deteriorated from extreme age and exposure to the elements; a contract worker (above) cleans up debris from the tipi's aging and repeatedly vandalized interior.



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Happy Mother's Day, May 8 from the Drum staff