



Training to save a life



photo Suzi Richards/SU Drum

Potential life savers (left to right) Jeff Marquez, Mathew Box, Instructor Amanda Rockwell, Trennie Burch, and Victor Archuleta at CPR training class in the Buckskin Charley room second floor of the Leonard C. Burch building on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Making better choices



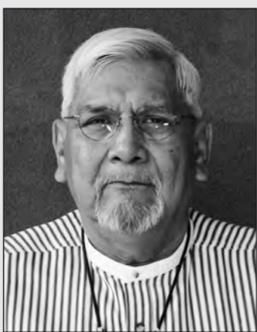
On Feb. 16, Southern Ute Police Officer Brad Jesmer (pictured) along with Chief of Police Zachary Rock and Resource Officer Don Folsom, spoke to each Ignacio High School class about the importance of making the best choices possible when dealing with bullying, drugs and gangs.

photo courtesy Don Folsom/SUPD

SUIMA thanks board members



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January was school board recognition month and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy would like to recognize the board of directors, your Southern Ute Tribal Council. "SUIMA staff, students and parents appreciate your support. Tribal Education could not happen without you!!" From top left: Jim Newton Jr., Mike Olguin, Ramona Eagle, Joycelyn Dutchie, Pathimi GoodTracks, Aaron Torres and Howard Richards.

3rd Annual Ignacio Intermediate School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students for making it to the next round in the spelling bee!

Sergio Salazar
Ian Weinreich
Sydnee Cruz
Payton Lyon
Chase Francis

Heather Kerrigan
Jesse Rubio
Keegan Richmond
Kayden Box

Our State Qualifying Bee is next Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. GOOD LUCK!

Thanks Mrs. Ballew, Mrs. Krispin and Mr. Cosio for all your help!

Our State qualifying spelling bee overall winner is 6th grader Kayden Box.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 2, April 6, and May 4th. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

Education Dept. Community Classes for February and April

- **Women's High-Top Moccasin Class: March 1, 8, 15, 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Get ready to Bear Dance! This is a 4 part class, participants must be dedicated to attend all four classes, and to finish their project. We will provide the leather, you will provide the beads and beading supplies. Space is limited, participants must be at least 15 years old. Participants will learn how to measure and make the pattern, cut out pattern develop and bead a design.

- **Dress and Ribbon Shirt Workshop: Saturday April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.

For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

STEM after-school open house at The Southern Ute Education Department



DISCOVERY MUSEUM at the POWERHOUSE

After school Feb. 29 from 2:15-4:45 p.m. Similar open house STEM programs will run the last Wednesday of each month, same time, and same place:

March 28 • April 25

spark curiosity, ignite imagination, and power exploration

Is your 3rd-8th grader into science? Are they not sure what to do after-school? Come discover your inner scientist in this fun and interactive experiment-filled open house program!

FREE FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL STUDENTS. \$10 EACH FEE PER SESSION FOR JOM STUDENTS.

Believe it or not, Durango Discovery Museum after-school programs have taught students new science concepts and vocabulary, enhanced students' science skills and allowed them to have loads of fun! The tradition will continue, with **science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)** programs at the Southern Ute Education Department one Wednesday a month during Early Release. February's STEM program will explore engineering concepts as they create bridges, towers and roller coasters. They will make their own catapults, slingshots and trebuchets and have a group competition! Do-it-yourselfers, watch out – here comes the next generation of inventors!

Durango Discovery Museum's education staff will guide students through inquiry and hands-on activities. *Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the fun!* We'll meet at the Southern Ute Education Building the last Wednesday of every month from 2:15 – 4:45 p.m. Stop in, say hello, and stay as long (or as short) as you'd like! Discovery Museum classes have sparked students' interest in science, engineering, math and technology, and they have inspired students to notice, wonder and learn. Parents, asked in the past, have responded that their children enjoyed the experience and they were highly likely to bring their children to other programs offered by the Museum. Join us and have some fun!

For further questions please contact Sarah Margoles at the Discovery Museum 970-403-1863, sarah@durangodiscovery.org or Carrie Vogel at Southern Ute, 970-563-0235, cvogel@southern-ute.nsn.us

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