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Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department Director Mel Baker goes over some basic construction practices with Julius Baker, a construction repair tech trainee, during a training session on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Baker's focus mirrors an emphasis lately brought to bear by tribal leadership: In a Feb. 21 directors meeting, the Executive Office gave instructions to department heads to create training positions for tribal members wherever possible, to teach marketable skills and create employment. The Tribal Housing trainees are working approximately six-month terms under a program run by the Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Office. The tribe's Human Resources and Education departments offer similar programs. But it's not a free ride, Baker said — his trainees are expected to abide by policy at all times and put in a day's work for a day's pay. "It's really an opportunity for them, but they've got to meet us halfway," he said.

Powwow dos and don'ts



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The Southern Ute Royalty Committee recently hosted a pair of powwow etiquette and protocol workshops for tribal members — one for women on Tuesday, Feb. 21; and another for men on Tuesday, Feb. 28 — at the Multi-Purpose Facility. The sessions include information on regalia, drums, veterans, and other integral parts of the powwow experience. The whole host of Southern Ute Royalty poses with visiting Miss Jicarilla Tyland Anderson (above) during the women's workshop; Miss Southern Ute Brianna GoodTracks-Aires (left) leads the group in a grand entry ceremony to kick things off.



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Announcing the 2012 Young Native Writers Essay Contest

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation is proud to welcome entries for the Young Native Writers Essay Contest, which we organize each year in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. This essay contest for Native American high school students is designed to encourage young Native Americans to think about the most important issues affecting their tribal communities, as well as ways in which challenges can be addressed. Hundreds of Native American high school students participate each year. While all participants receive a Certificate of Honor for submitting their essays and adding their voices to this important dialogue in Indian Country, the five first-place winners are awarded an all-expenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C., accompanied by a teacher or mentor nominated by each winner, to visit the National Museum of the American Indian and other prominent Washington, D.C. sites. Each winner also receives a \$2,500 college scholarship. Please help us spread the word about this year's contest by forwarding this email to groups and individuals who might be interested in submitting an essay. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2012. We look forward to reading this year's essays! For more details please visit: <http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/>

PeaceJam youth working on secondhand smoke

Lasso Tobacco Coalition is working with PeaceJam Ignacio Boys and Girls Club on creating a 100 foot tobacco-abuse free zone around all SunUte Community Center property. They are currently designing a logo and message for a t-shirt. In March, they will conduct monitoring of second-hand smoke in outside areas. Contact Mariel 970-335-2045 or mariel@sjbhd.org.

**48TH ANNUAL HOZHONI DAYS POW WOW**  
 "CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL THROUGH TRADITIONS AND EDUCATION"  
**MARCH 30TH & 31ST, 2012**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** - John Emhoola Jr  
**SOUTHERN DRUM** - 12 Gauge  
**NORTHERN DRUM** - The Boyz  
**ARENA DIRECTOR** - Randy Medicine Bear  
**HEAD GOURD** - Steve Darden  
**HEAD DRUM JUDGE** - Ian Twiss  
**HEAD LADY** - PrairieRose Jack  
**HEAD MAN** - Cory LeClaire  
**COLOR GUARD** - Fort Lewis College Veteran's Club

| DRUM CONTEST | ADMISSIONS   | REGISTRATION         |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1st - \$2000 | General \$5  | Drum Contest - \$100 |
| 2nd - \$1000 | Students \$3 | Dancers - \$8        |
| 3rd - \$500  |              | 6 and under - free   |
|              |              | 60 and over - free   |

**FRIDAY MARCH 30TH**  
 Gourd Dancing, 6pm  
 Grand Entry, 7pm

**SATURDAY MARCH 31ST**  
 Gourd Dancing, 11am  
 1st Grand Entry, 1pm  
 Gourd Dancing, 6pm  
 2nd Grand Entry, 7pm  
 Crowning of Ms. Hozhoni 2012-13  
 Chicken Dance Special sponsored by Wanbli Ota

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**  
 Best Western Inn & Suites  
 21382 US HWY 160, Durango CO  
 970-247-3251

**WHALEN GYM**  
**FORT LEWIS COLLEGE**  
**DURANGO CO**

**NO RAFFLING PERMITTED**

Pow Wow sponsored by Wanbli Ota Student Organization LLC  
 Vendors contact Myra Benton or (970) 247-7221  
 Wanbli Ota & Fort Lewis College are not responsible for theft, accidents, or injury. Parents are responsible for children's actions.

**Buffalo Harvest**

A ceremony to promote Indian education as part of the healing process of indigenous communities on Fort Lewis College's 100th year anniversary  
 Sponsored by the Indigenous students at Fort Lewis College

March 16, 2012 Women's sweat lodge ceremony at 3 p.m.,  
 Men's sweat lodge subsequent to  
 March 17, 2012 Prayer ceremony, offering and harvest workshops,  
 gathering at 8:30 a.m.  
 March 18, 2012 Distribution of medicine

Location of sweat lodge ceremony: Fort Lewis College Campus

Location of harvest ceremony: Bill and Virginia's  
 377 Country Road 120  
 Hesperus, Co (A few miles northeast of the Old Fort Lewis Indian School land)

Contact Numbers:  
 970-903-2093 or 505-366-1879  
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