



### Bon voyage



Sky Ute Casino Resort employee Buck Purcell was acknowledged and honored during a retirement party by the Southern Ute Veterans Association and colleagues on Thursday, March 14. Purcell, a well-travelled man, displayed a map of his journeys from Australia to North America, and the around-the-world route that he plans to tackle in his upcoming retirement. As a fellow former serviceman, the Southern Ute veterans sent off Purcell with a Pendleton blanket for his contributions to the veterans during their many events at the casino.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## National Park Week to feature free admission

Media release  
National Park Foundation

The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, invite people everywhere to enjoy, explore, learn, share, and give back to America's nearly 400 national parks during National Park Week 2012.

Celebrating the theme, "Picture Yourself in a National Park," National Park Week will run from Saturday, April 21 through Sunday, April 29. Throughout the country, visitors can enjoy the beauty and wonder of 84 million acres of the world's most spectac-

ular scenery, historic places and cultural treasures for free.

National parks will mark the annual celebration with special events and activities including Volunteer Day on April 21, Earth Day on April 22, and Junior Ranger Day on April 28. From ranger-led hikes and kayak trips to camping and exploring, park visitors can plan their National Park Week at [www.nationalparkweek.org](http://www.nationalparkweek.org). Discover information about events, special activities for visitors of all ages, how to share your park adventure with other travelers, and how to support the parks.

"America's national parks have something for everyone," said

National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "Take a break and experience something new, enjoy some fresh air, get some exercise, and see where history happened. And, since admission is free to all 397 parks, all week long, National Park Week is a great time to get up, get out, and explore a park."

"This is our annual celebration of America's best idea: our national parks," said Neil Mulholland, president and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "We are proud to stand with our partners at the National Park Service and encourage people everywhere to enjoy, learn from and support our nation's greatest treasures."



### Back to Montana



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe sent Gordon Eldredge off in style on Wednesday, March 14 with a presentation of gifts from Tribal Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Eldredge, a Montana native, served in an advisory position as chief professional officer for the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Among his parting gifts, Eldredge received a beaded bolo tie.

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**PLEAD THE FIFTH**

WHEN: APRIL 21, 2012  
WHERE: 49 LOUNGE - SKY UTE CASINO  
TIME: 930PM TO 1230AM

[www.reverbNation.com/pleadtheFifth](http://www.reverbNation.com/pleadtheFifth)



## 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

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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE  
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