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Tribal Christmas Program Lights Up Ignacio



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Council Lady Marge Borst took her place in the spotlight during Saturday's Tribal Christmas program to read a Christmas story. The Christmas program followed immediately after the Christmas dinner, served buffet style, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center.

Ho, Ho, Ho! SUPD Revives Old St. Nick Tradition



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Rhianna Carel and Amarante Pardo sing along with classmates of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's lower elementary in thanking the Southern Ute Police Department and Santa Claus for their visit on Dec. 18.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

It's a good thing not many of the children at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy were on Santa's naughty list this year: the big man that came around to visit on Dec. 18 did, after all, have law enforcement training.

Several classrooms, along with offices in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, were surprised to see Father Christmas and company drop in during an otherwise routine Friday to spread a little holiday cheer. It was part of a former Southern Ute Police Department ritual that staffers decided to renew in 2009, said Senior Community Resource Officer Don Folsom.

"It was something that had been done years ago by SUPD," he said. "They kind of knew there was an old tradition of doing it way back when."

Nobody seemed to mind that the tradition was taken down off the shelf after so many years. The police department even decided to share the fun by inviting members of the Los Pinos Fire Protection District along on the visits.

Initially the group hadn't planned to visit any offices, but found time while waiting between classes at the academy to make a run through the Burch Building. They hurried through the halls with handshakes and Christmas wishes in a flurry of holiday merriment.

Communications Tech Ian Walter wore the famous suit,

while coworkers Lucinda Tyler and Amanda Lucero donned supporting elf costumes. Folsom said the reaction the kids gave them was priceless.

"Occasionally we'd have a kid that would just be like, 'Santa!' and just fly after him and hold onto his leg," he said. "The kids absolutely loved it, and then so did a lot of the offices in the LCB Building... He got such a reaction."

But reviving the tradition wasn't as easy as pulling the old suit out of the closet, Folsom said. They tried to do exactly that, but found it had faded and cracked over years of disuse, he said. So the department bought a new one. Does it mean Santa plans to make these visits routine again?

"We went ahead and got the costume to keep the tradition," he said.

Newton, Dutchie Return to Council

By Ace Stryker
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Jim Newton Jr. and Joycelyn Dutchie rejoined the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Dec. 21 after a close runoff election.

Both have served previously on the council. Newton reclaimed the seat he held in the last election cycle, while Dutchie returned to the council for the first time since serving from 2002 to 2008. Following a swearing-in ceremony, Chairman Matthew Box asked Newton to retain his position as vice chairman, a request the returning councilman accepted.

In a closely contested race in which 564 votes were cast, Newton came away with the clear lead with 212. Dutchie followed with 125, narrowly edging out former Council Lady Barbara Scott-Rarick, who earned 119. Howard D. Richards Sr. was not far behind with 108 votes.

Dutchie said she plans to get to work quickly on issues like employment for tribal members, a longtime passion of hers.

"You cannot put your tribal members aside," she said. "Here at home, there's a lot of issues that we still have to work with."

She said she's been in the posi-



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Following her swearing-in as a newly elected Tribal Council member, Joycelyn Dutchie says one of her priorities will be to expand employment opportunities to tribal members.

tion many unemployed tribal members now find themselves in, and she's eager to help. She also pledged to be accessible and transparent as a leader.

"There should not be any hush-hush about anything," she said. "You can't be too busy to answer the phone. This is your government. This is your tribe. You need to know what's going on."

Council Lady Marjorie Borst called the swearing-in ceremony a "heartfelt event" and said she was glad to see Dutchie return to

the council.

"Thank you so much for coming back into this circle," she said. "It is something to sit up here and work on the decisions that affect all of us."

Dutchie is one of just 18 women to have served on the Tribal Council since 1936.

Following his oath, Newton said he would continue to work to preserve the integrity of the tribal government and preserve its right to self-determination.

"Self-government is about our people. Sometimes we take it for granted," he said. "We have to step up and protect that sovereignty."

Newton said he had all but decided not to run for re-election, but the momentum of the issues he worked on as a councilman drew him back. He urged tribal members to come to him with concerns.

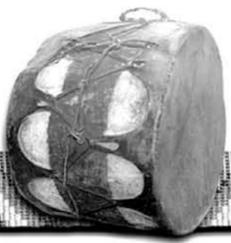
"You are our bosses," he said. "You are the ones who put us here. I'm back at work. Come visit me. Come call me."

Box said he was glad to have Newton back on board and had no reservations about reinstating him as vice chair.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Jim Newton Jr. gives thanks to the membership for supporting his re-election as a member of the Southern Ute Tribal Council.



Tribal Update

Disabled American Veterans Vans

The Disabled American Veterans organization is running a VA Health Care van from Durango to Albuquerque on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To arrange transportation to the Albuquerque VA Hospital on these days, call Webb Gary at 970-884-0663. They are also running a van from the Farmington area to Albuquerque on Mondays and Wednesdays. Call Harriet Mulnix at 505-793-1782 to arrange transportation to the Albuquerque VA Hospital from the Farmington area.

Host a Mammogram Party

Native American women and women 40 and over: invite three friends, call me and I will schedule mammograms at Mercy Hospital for you and your friends. Health Services will provide lunch at a Durango restaurant and a gift. Call Gloria Casias-Mounts at 970-663-0164 ext. 2347 or e-mail her at gmounts@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Attention All Tribal Members Listed

James L. Box
Ashley A. Brooks
Sandra Burch
Little War Casias
Cheryl Frost
Ron Frost
Gary L. Jefferson
Orval C. Joe

DeAnn O'John
Yolanda Williams Joy
Mathew S. Olguin
John A. Payne
April Rivas
Maria Rivera
Justin Romero
Christopher T. Taylor

Scott E. Taylor
Mary Velasquez
Izaya J. Washington
Joseph Williams-Durant

Please call
Tribal Information Services
970-563-0100 ext. 2302

Los Pinos: Season of Solitude



Quiet moments are easily found along the Pine River, where snow, ice and wildlife prevail and the landscape turns to rest as winter sets in and the New Year rolls over. One more cycle of life taking its place on Tribal lands, unaffected by holiday consumerism, economic downturn or globalization. Sacred to those who have a strong connection to the land, much of the Tribal Reservation remains pristine and will carry on for future generations, intrinsically tied to the strength and values of Southern Ute culture.

Scattered snow showers and gray horizons are said to give way to a full week of clear weather and classic Colorado blue skies- time to bundle up and enjoy the sunshine and solitude for yourself.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

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"He has done a great job," he said. "He's pretty knowledgeable."

It's exciting to have a full council again and to be able to get back to work, Box said.

"There is a great deal of work. Now as a full council, we're ready to go," he said.

Other council members also praised the tribe's decision to bring Newton and Dutchie back.

"The people have spoken," said Council Lady Ramona Eagle. "Often times, this job is not a very thankful job. I appreciate what these two have done in the past. I welcome them to this council."

Councilman Alex Cloud said he's optimistic the returning members will help the council work toward its goals.

"I too would like to congratulate Joyce and Jim," he said. "Hopefully all the hard work we've put in place will keep going."

Both returning council mem-



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Chairman Matthew Box offers his personal welcome to Jim Newton Jr. as newly reappointed vice chairman of the Tribe.

bers received a traditional blessing before taking their seat. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart also offered a prayer and said he hopes to be able to work together with the council toward building a better future for both

tribes. "I come to work with these people as a partner - not above them, not below them, but next to them," he said. "We must not forget who we are and where we come from."

Gov. Ritter Says State Must Continue to Slim Budget

Media Release
Office of Gov. Bill Ritter Jr.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment reported that Colorado gained 2,800 jobs in October and November and that the state's unemployment rate declined 0.1 percent in November to 6.9 percent. Today's revenue forecast, however, calls for additional budget cuts.

"Today we received some economic news showing the recession is easing and the recovery is beginning in Colorado," Gov. Bill Ritter Jr. said. "Our November unemployment rate went down slightly. We have one of the lowest rates in the country and we continue to be about 3 full points below the national average."

"Even better, we added 1,800 new jobs in November - we had two new-job announcements just this week - and the rapid decline in consumer spending looks like it's stopped. But we still have tough times ahead. It will take years to regain all the

jobs we lost, and it will be a while before state government revenues recover.

"So, just as families and businesses are going to keep tightening their belts, so will state government. We always balance to the lowest forecast, and based on today's numbers, it looks like we'll need to do

days, weeks and months ahead to do whatever is necessary to keep the budget balanced, just as we've been doing all along.

"We've made some very difficult decisions over the past year. We've cut spending. We've streamlined and modernized operations. We've made government more efficient. Our for-

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- Gov. Bill Ritter Jr.

some additional work to rebalance the current [fiscal year] '09-'10 budget and the proposed '10-'11 budget.

"While we've been preparing for this, it will take a few days to integrate the forecast with our previous balancing plans and some other variables. I'll be working closely with lawmakers in the

ward-thinking strategies are paying off. We're positioning Colorado to weather the final stages of the recession and recover well ahead of other states.

"We have more tough choices to make, choices that may be unpopular, but choices that are necessary to lead us to a strong and sustainable recovery."

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Mar 5	Mar 8	Mar 12
Mar 19	Mar 22	Mar 26
Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 9
Apr 16	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr 30	May 3 (Mother's Day, 5/9)	May 7
May 14	May 17 (Memorial Day, 5/31)	May 21
May 28	May 28	Jun 4
Jun 11	Jun 14 (Father's Day, 6/20)	Jun 18
Jun 25	Jun 28 (Independence Day, 7/4)	Jul 2
Jul 9	Jul 9	Jul 16
Jul 23	Jul 26	Jul 30
Aug 6	Aug 9	Aug 13
Aug 20	Aug 23 (Labor Day, 9/6)	Aug 27
Sep 3	Sep 3 (Grandparent's Day, 9/12)	Sep 10
Sep 17	Sep 20	Sep 24
Oct 1	Oct 4 (Cultural Diversity Day, 10/11)	Oct 8
Oct 15	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct 29	Nov 1 (Veteran's Day, 11/11)	Nov 5
Nov 10	Nov 15 (Thanksgiving, 11/25)	Nov 19
Nov 26	Nov 29	Dec 3
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Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closures

Fri., January 1, 2010
"New Years Day"

Mon., January 18, 2010
"Martin Luther King, Jr., Day"



Of Four Corners Interest

Durango Independent Film Festival Announces Film Festival Package

The Durango Independent Film Festival and local restaurants have partnered to give film enthusiasts and holiday shoppers this year's most unique and creative gift! The Dinner and a Film Festival package includes a 2010 Durango Independent Film Festival 6-Punch Pass and a \$50 gift certificate from your choice of Guido's Favorite Foods, the Irish Embassy Pub, Mutu's Italian Kitchen, or Cosmopolitan restaurants. The festival and participating restaurants are offering the package for \$95, which is 10 percent less than if purchased separately. Dinner and a Film Festival packages are on sale now through the end of February and can be purchased at participating restaurants or the Film Festival office. The Durango Independent Film Festival will be held in downtown Durango from Wednesday, March 3 through Sunday, March 7, 2010. Other festival passes are also on sale at durangofilm.org. For more information, call 970-375-7779.

Durango Independent Film Festival Announces 6-Punch Pass Sales

The Durango Independent Film Festival and local banks have partnered to give film enthusiasts a creative gift! Give the Gift of Film passes are available at Alpine Bank (two locations), Bank of the San Juans (two locations), First National Bank of Durango (downtown location), and Pine River Valley Bank (Durango location). 2010 DIFF 6-Punch Passes can be purchased at participating banks or the Film Festival office for only \$54 (that's cheaper than regular movie tickets) now through the end of February. The Durango Independent Film Festival will be held in downtown Durango March 3-7, 2010. Other festival passes are also on sale at durangofilm.org. For more information, call 970-375-7779.

Men's Basketball and Coed Volleyball

Durango Parks and Recreation organizational meetings for winter adult sports leagues is January 7th at the Recreation Center. Men's basketball meeting is at 6:45 p.m. followed by the co-ed volleyball meeting at 7:30 p.m. Registration opens at the meeting and will close on January 15. Games start on January 31. Teens 14 and older may participate in the adult leagues with parental permission. Manuals and the registration/roster forms can be picked up at the Durango Community Recreation Center. For more details, contact Chris Clements, Durango Parks and Recreation at ClementsCS@ci.durango.co.us or 970-375-7324.

Free Workshop: "How to Apply for U.S. Forest Service and BLM Jobs"

The San Juan Public Lands Center will offer two 2-hour sessions on how to apply for employment with the U.S. Forest Service and BLM on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Bayfield Public Library, 15 East Mill Street, Bayfield CO 81122. The first session will run from 10 a.m. until noon; the second session from noon until 2 p.m. The workshops will focus on how to use the Federal Government's AVUE Digital Services hiring website to apply for all types of seasonal and permanent jobs with the U.S. Forest Service across the country. The BLM process, which is more user friendly to use, will also be covered to a lesser extent. Four laptop computers will be set up for use by participants. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own laptop computers. Federal employees will be on hand to walk participants through the process on how to apply for a job, what paperwork is needed, how to find where job openings are posted, and how to contact prospective employers. Each session is limited to the first 40 participants to register. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by no later than Friday, January 8, 2010, although the workshops will attempt to accommodate walk-ins. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jacob Thelen, Columbine Ranger District Prescribed Fire Specialist at 970-884-1430 or via email at jthelen@fs.fed.us, or Hon Schlapfer Columbine Hand Crew Foreman at 970-884-1425 or via email at hschlapfer@fs.fed.us. To visit the AVUE Web site, go to: www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu.

Winter Weather, Icy Roads



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Cold temperatures and consistent winter snowfall has left many of the city streets and county roads in the region less than safe. While many residents will travel by automobile over the holidays, care must also be taken here at home. Have a safe and enjoyable New Year! Icy roads keep motorists on guard in Ignacio on Dec. 30.

PowWow Trails 2009

14th Annual New Years Day Dance

January 1, 2010
Kickapoo Tribal Gym • McLoud, OK
Contact: Diana Plumley
Phone: 405-598-0636

Morning Star Celebration

January 9, 2010
703 Churchville Rd • Bel Air, MD
Contact: Gary Scholl
Phone: 410-838-8333
Email: glsjcs@yahoo.com
URL: morningstarpowwow.com

26th Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days

January 16-17, 2010
300 Main St • Keokuk, IA
Contact: Julie Spotted Eagle Horse Martineau
Phone: 319-572-4904
Email: spottdeaglehorse@aol.com
URL: www.keokukiowatourism.org/eagledays.htm

2nd Annual NSU PowWow

January 23, 2010
Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA
Contact: Elisabeth Pierite
Phone: 318-357-4364
Email: nacan.nsu@gmail.com

Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

Drummer Karak Burgos leads the Blue Sky Montessori Singers during their medley of Christmas songs performed during the tribal Christmas Program. They sang the Chipmunk Song in Ute!

This photo was published in the Dec. 30, 1999, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

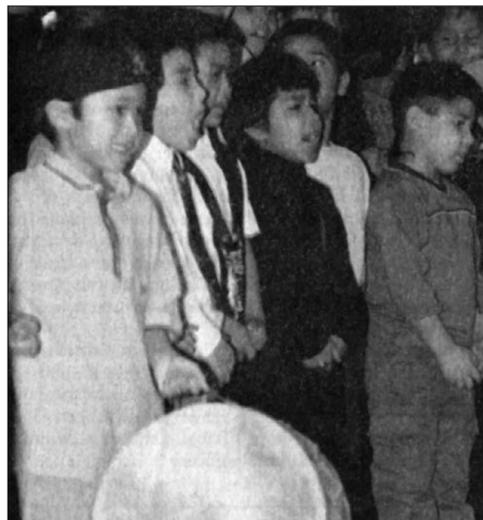


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20 Years Ago

Photo Archives/DRUM

Eddie Box, Sr. blessed the new Housing Project adjacent to Ignacio Peak with Everett Burch, Richard Jefferson and Clement Frost.

This was published in the Jan. 5, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



30 Years Ago

Photo Archives/DRUM

Families gather for the Southern Ute Community Center Tribal Christmas dinner, Sat., Dec. 22, 1980. Families enjoyed a buffet style dinner with roasted turkey and baked ham. Fred Garcia, Tim Barret and Ellen Washerbach sang Christmas songs.

This photo was published in the Jan. 4, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



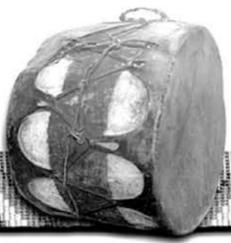
Ute Language

kwàkwapÛ stuupu - Wood Stove

tömötÛ - Winter

wiÇyaràtii - Warm Up

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



San Juan Basin Health Department News Briefs

Media Release San Juan Basin Health

January is National Radon Awareness Month; Workshops Offered

Long-term exposure to radon, a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas, is the most frequent cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Locally, about two-thirds of homes tested in 2008 had radon levels high enough to warrant mitigation recommendation. There are reduction techniques that work in virtually any home.

Marion Schaub, radon program coordinator for San Juan Basin Health, says January and February are the best times to test because homes are closed up tighter.

"Testing is easy to do," Schaub said, "and it's the only sure way to tell whether or not your home is affected by radon."

San Juan Basin Health and the Colorado State Extension Office are offering free radon presentations in southwest Colorado again this year. Individuals attending also receive free test kits.

People can also get kits at local hardware stores. Discount coupons are available at www.coloradoradon.info. The website includes a public information video, a list of certified contractors, and other resources. People can also call the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Radon Hotline at 800-846-3986.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Radon Hotline 1-800-846-3986

Tue., Jan. 12, 12:00 noon
LaPlata County Fairgrounds

Sat., Jan. 16, 1:00 pm
LaPlata County Fairgrounds

Thur., Jan. 21, 6:00 pm
Bayfield Public Library

Thur., Feb. 11, 10:00 am
Fairgrounds

Thur., Feb. 18
Ignacio (TBD)

Tue., Feb. 25, 5:30 pm
LaPlata County Fairgrounds

New Girls' Group Starts Jan. 5

A new girls' group is being offered for high school girls beginning Jan. 5. Using a combination of Girls Circle and Young Women's Lives curricula, Darlene Clayton from Alternative Horizons and Kendra Gallegos Reichle from San Juan Basin Health Department will be offering a 10-week group for high school girls. This group will cover such issues as self-esteem, body image, healthy relationships, assertiveness and diversity.

This new girls' group will take place on Tuesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Durango Joe's on College Drive. Snacks and fun provided.

Questions? Want to sign up? Contact Darlene Clayton at reach@alternativehorizons.org or 970-403-1574.

Free Heart Screenings Available

Free Heart Healthy Solutions Screenings take just 15 minutes and no fasting is necessary. You get your Heart Healthy score (cholesterol levels, triglycerides, blood sugar/glucose, blood pressure, body mass index) with recommendations. Colorado Heart Healthy Solutions is a program of San Juan Basin Health Department, funded through the Colorado Prevention Center and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Screenings are offered every Tuesday at the Health Department by appointment and at community screenings around the county. There will be community screenings on Jan. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pine

River Library in Bayfield and Jan. 25 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Women's Resource Center in Durango. Please call the Pine River Library to make an appointment for the Jan. 11 screening and 970-247-5702 to schedule an appointment for any Tuesday at San Juan Basin Health. Call JoJo at 970-749-9604 for more information.

Free Screenings for Senior Citizens to Continue in 2010

The Senior Outreach program continues to provide free screenings to our senior citizens. Our nurse tests blood pressure, temperature, heart rate, oxygen level and blood glucose level. All take place from 11 a.m. to noon. Anyone 60 years or older can receive a free nursing visit at home by calling the Senior Outreach Nurse Tracy Davis at 970-749-4007.

- Second Thursday of each month at the Durango/La Plata County Senior Center (Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11)

- Third Thursday of each month at the Ignacio Senior Center (Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18)

- First Friday of each month at the Pine River Valley Senior Center in Bayfield (Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5)

Food Safety Trainings Offered in 2010

San Juan Basin Health Department offers ongoing training for local food establishment staff and managers to help in keeping retail food safe for our community. This year, seven courses will be offered. Private classes are also available. Call Marian at 970-247-5702 ext. 223. The first Food Protection class this year will be offered on Jan. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at San Juan Basin Health's Training Center. This 4-hour class is designed for food service employees and as a refresher class for managers. For more info or to RSVP, call 970-247-5702 ext. 223. For a complete list of scheduled classes and ServSafe trainings, visit www.sjbhd.org.

Plan to Quit Tobacco

Setting a "quit date" as part of a plan to quit smoking that is shared with family and friends leads to a better success rate with the perennially popular New Year's resolution. MyQuitPath.com, a new state online resource, can help smokers who are getting ready to quit and those who are ready now. Smokers can find the resource that's right for them among seven different linked sites.

MyQuitPath.com also has an innovative online text-messaging quitting tool and proven strategies for creating personal plans for quitting smoking or chew tobacco. Individuals can still come into San Juan Basin Health for a free Quit Kit and/or call the Colorado Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW to get free, one-on-one support from a personalized quit coach.

Cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of premature, preventable deaths in Colorado. People who stop smoking can see immediate health benefits. Within 20 minutes after quitting, a smoker's heart rate and blood pressure drops, and in as little as two weeks after quitting circulation and lung functions improve.

Focus on Your Driving

The Injury Prevention Coalition of San Juan Basin Health Department was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from State Farm Insurance for its "Focus on Your Drive: Arrive Alive" campaign to reduce distracted driving. Local State Farm agent Ken Willyard and Office Manager Ruth Vetter are Coalition members and were instrumental in attaining the grant.

This local campaign seeks to increase public awareness about what constitutes distracted driving, its impacts, and what indi-

viduals can do to reduce it. "Focus on Your Drive: Arrive Alive" also offers community education opportunities for groups, worksites and youth. To schedule a free presentation, call Brandi at 970-385-1675. For other information about this campaign, its DVD, or the Injury Prevention Coalition, call Pattie at 970-247-5702 ext. 228.

H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Shots Available

H1N1 flu vaccine is available at City Market and Walgreens. San Juan Basin Health is providing H1N1 flu shots and nasal flu mist by appointment only at our Monday Immunization Clinics. This service is primarily intended to serve those children needing a second dose of the vaccine or those individuals who are not able to pay the administrative fee for the same product at the local pharmacies (which are charging a nominal fee to administer the product).

We will also continue to provide seasonal flu vaccine for anyone who wants it Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. by appointment only. The cost is \$25. It is not too late to vaccinate!

San Juan Basin Health Vaccinated Over 600 People at the Durango Mall

Special thanks to the Durango Mall for partnering with San Juan Basin Health in holding its first H1N1 Clinic that was open to the general public. The location was great and all went smoothly for everyone. Our nurses vaccinated over 600 individuals in less than 4 hours.

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program to Start in March

San Juan Basin Health's Women, Infants, and Children program is looking for women interested in being breastfeeding peer counselors. Individuals will be compensated for their time starting at \$10 an hour. Ideally, the person would be a current or previous WIC client with breastfeeding experience and enthusiasm for breastfeeding. Additionally, WIC is looking for women with excellent communication and organizational skills who are fluent in Spanish and English. The majority of the work will be from home with some in-office training and meetings required. For more information, contact Betzi Murphy at 970-247-5702 ext. 210.

Nurse-Family Partnership Program Graduated 27 Women in 2009

Nurse-Family Partnership had a successful year in 2009, graduating 27 women. Recently, Program Director Jane Henson-Inda met La Plata County Commissioner Joelle Riddle for a Nurse-Family Partnership visit at a client's home. Riddle got to watch a home visit in action, including weighing and measuring the baby and an activity with the client. The client shared with Riddle her successes and challenges as well as how the program visits have been helpful. Riddle enjoyed the visit and is very supportive of the program.

Immunization Opportunity

Our Immunization Program received a grant to provide pneumonia vaccine and Tdap vaccines to individuals for \$14.70 a dose. A recent change in guidelines now enables individuals with increased risk factors to obtain a pneumonia vaccine before age 65. We encourage individuals to consult with their physician regarding their need for a pneumonia or tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine or to call and speak to an immunization nurse if they have questions at 970-247-5702.

Employment Opportunities

Please check the website at www.sjbhd.org for up-to-date job opportunities.

The Kidney Corner: "New Year's Kidney Resolutions"

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates



Happy New Year to everyone! As we enter a new year, this is a good time to think about the things we can do to positively impact our health this year.

As a kidney doctor, I am always interested in the things my patients can do to help prevent kidney disease and improve their health in general. So let's think about some healthy New Year's resolutions.

First, if you expose your body to harmful toxins, how about eliminating these? Tobacco use increases the risk of various types of cancer. In addition, the harmful chemicals in tobacco smoke also cause increased deposition of cholesterol in the arteries, resulting in an increased risk of heart disease and stroke. It also damages the lungs, causing chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

Less well-known is the fact that it can also cause kidney disease. It's never too late to quit, but the sooner the better! Quitting is usually accompanied by withdrawal symptoms, so it is never easy, but there are some medicines which can help with tobacco cravings.

So if you smoke, set a quit date early in 2010, tell your friends and family when it will be so that they can support you, and then

stick to that date for a total withdrawal!

Heavy alcohol use is another harmful habit with many potential bad effects. It can cause severe liver damage, heart disease and hypertension. There are also many indirect harmful effects, including risks of motor vehicle accidents and failed relationships.

It is recommended that women drink not more than one alcoholic drink per day, with a two per day maximum for men. Many people who have problems controlling their alcohol intake should not drink alcohol at all.

This year, how about addressing another lifestyle-related health issue if it applies to you: obesity. This problem has reached epidemic proportions in the United States, and the obesity problem seems to get worse every time a

new measurement is made of Americans' body weight.

This can be one of the most difficult lifestyle issues to correct. Although there are many diets out there, some of which will enable short-term weight loss, my opinion is that, unfortunately, there is no substitute for simple calorie restriction to promote long-term weight loss.

Support groups can help with all the lifestyle changes discussed above. Exercise can also help with weight loss, though results are often disappointing unless there is calorie restriction to go with it. However, exercise has so many other advantages for cardiovascular health, bone strength and psychological well-being that it is strongly recommended, even independent of its contribution to weight loss.

The benefits of these therapeutic lifestyle changes extend to many medical conditions. For example, patients with diabetes benefit from weight loss and exercise by improvement of blood glucose, lower blood pressure and improved kidney function. It's also a great feeling to know that you are doing everything you can for your body's health using natural lifestyle measures that are simple, save money, and are without side effects.

I wish you the best health and happiness in 2010.

Children's Health Integration Project Receives \$185,000 Grant

Media Release
Early Childhood Council of La Plata County

The Early Childhood Council of La Plata County has received a \$185,000 grant from The Colorado Trust to help improve the health of La Plata County children.

The three-year Early Childhood Council Health Integration Grant is the result of a comprehensive six-month planning process that involved local agencies and organizations working to identify barriers to young children accessing the health care services they need. The grant will support communitywide collaboration in La Plata County to connect young children and their families to resources and quality services in health, mental health and family support services.

Several projects will be supported by the grant, including the development of a discounted care model using sliding scale fees;

the design of a medical voucher program for qualified individuals; the creation of a bilingual resource guide of available services; and the organization of a community coalition of pediatric healthcare providers based on a medical home model which emphasizes coordination of care.

Multiple community partners will be involved in each activity to encourage integration of care and avoid duplication. The extensive database of programs and services available to community members will be incorporated into an interactive website based on the County's Children, Youth and Families Master Plan. The Adult Education Center recently received funding to develop the website from the Colorado Department of Human Services through their Southwest Pathways out of Poverty program.

"We are excited to have received this grant which will lead to easier, more affordable access

to health services for all children in La Plata County," said Tamara Volz, Early Childhood Council of La Plata County Early Childhood manager. "We are grateful to The Colorado Trust for the opportunity it is providing to create a healthier community in which our children can grow and thrive."

The Early Childhood Council of La Plata County is part of the Durango 4-C Council Inc. and has been operative since 1988. It is a coalition of community members and agencies working together to create a high quality comprehensive early childhood system to benefit all young children and their families. The goal of the council is to connect children and families to quality services in early care and education, primary and mental health care, and family support.

The Colorado Trust is an independent foundation dedicated to achieving access to health for all Coloradans by 2018.

"Saa-swani hiswaqs" Memorial New Years Sobriety Walk



Sponsored by Fathers' Voices
In conjunction with the
Buckskin Family

January 1, 2010
Meet at 7:30 am

Start walking at 8:00 am

Start at CO/NM Stateline on HWY 172

End at Ouray Cemetery

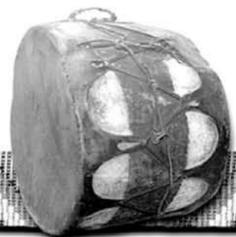
Meal After Walk (Location TBD)



The walk is in memoriam of Saa-swani hiswaqs (Robert Buckskin) and those that we have lost in the past year. We walk to begin the New Year in a good way, to bring awareness of the effects of alcohol/drug abuse in our families and our communities.

We will gather at the Colorado and New Mexico Stateline on HWY 172 (8 miles south of Ignacio) at 7:30 am and begin walking at 8:00 am. The walk is approximately 10 miles. There will be a transport vehicle. DRESS WARM, IN LAYERS AND WEAR GOOD SHOES.

Pass the word to your friends and families.
For further information please call Robert Ortiz at (970) 903-0346.



Heating Savings Barely Costs a Dime

Media Release

Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program

During the holiday season, many families face the added expense of presents, festivities and a noticeable increase in their monthly heating bill.

While the holiday season is to be enjoyed, rising bills are never fun and can be avoided with some smart changes. Whether a family lives in a house or apartment, just a few minor alterations can increase energy efficiency and significantly lower energy bills. For example, according to Energy Outreach Colorado, a family can save three percent on their energy bill by turning their thermostat down just one degree.

This winter, Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program would like families to know that they have the power to lower their home heating bills.

The federally funded program provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay winter home heating costs. The program pays the highest benefits to those with the highest heating bills and lowest incomes by family size. Applicant income cannot exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty index, which equals a maximum income of \$3,400 per month before taxes for a household of four people.

"Many people think that to lower their heating bills, they will have to significantly change their lifestyle," said Todd Jorgensen, director of LEAP. "Instead, if a family makes a few minor changes to their daily

habits and is conscious of energy efficiency, they will save a significant amount of money each month."

According to Energy Outreach Colorado, the following are some no- and low-cost ways to save money on home heating bills this winter.

- Let the sun heat help heat your home. On average, Colorado has 360 days of sunshine, so on sunny winter days, make sure to open blinds, drapes or curtains to let the sun help heat your home. Close them at night to keep the warm air in and cool air out.

- Adjust the temperature on your hot water heater. Water heating typically accounts for 14 percent of your energy bill. Try to keep the temperature at 120 degrees or lower.

- Reduce your use of appliances. Lighting, cooking and using other appliances account for about 30 percent of a home's heating bill. Turn off lights as you leave rooms, microwave foods rather than using the over and wash only full dishwasher loads.

- Seal leaks and cracks, especially around windows and doors. Poorly sealed homes allow conditioned air to escape through the gaps. Caulking and weather-stripping reduce uncomfortable drafts and high utility bills.

- Replace light bulbs with newer compact fluorescent light bulbs. By replacing just 25 percent of your lights in high-use areas with CFLs, you can cut your lighting costs in half.

- Check your furnace filter

often. Replace or clean it as needed, but do it at least once every two months during the heating season. A dirty furnace filter makes your furnace work harder to push air through it and raises your energy bill.

- Install a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat will help save money and keep your home comfortable by automatically adjusting your temperature settings, saving you about \$100 per year. Look for the Energy Star logo.

Sometimes, these minor changes to a home's energy efficiency are not enough, and costly repairs are needed to properly keep a family warm. When this is the case, LEAP-eligible households may also qualify for the Crisis Invention Program and the Governor's Energy Office's Weatherization Program. The CIP operates year-round and provides assistance with a home's primary heating source such as a furnace or wood-burning stove. The Weatherization Program improves the energy efficiency in homes throughout Colorado, permanently reducing heating costs.

LEAP is currently accepting applications and will continue to do so until April 30, 2010. To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs directly to an energy provider, fuel dealer or as part of rent and be a permanent legal resident of Colorado or have household members that are U.S. citizens.

For more information about LEAP, call 866-432-8435 or visit www.cdhs.state.co.us/leap.

Don't Fall Asleep on Fire Safety

Media Release

Southern Ute Risk Management

Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Nearly 600 lives are lost to fires that start in bedrooms each year. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters too close to combustibles. Many other bedroom fires are caused by children who play with matches and lighters, careless smoking among adults, and arson.

Children are one of the highest risk groups for deaths in residential fires. At home, children usually play with fire – lighters, matches and other ignitables – in bedrooms, in closets, and under beds. These are "secret" places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily.

- Children of all ages set over 35,000 fires annually.

- Every year, over 400 children 9 years and younger die in home fires.

- Keep matches and lighters locked up and away from children. Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with matches.

- Teach your child that fire is a tool, not a toy.

Bedrooms are the most common room in the home where electrical fires start. Electrical fires are a special concern during winter months, which call for more indoor activities and increases in lighting, heating and appliance use.

- Do not trap electric cords against walls where heat can build up.

- Take extra care when using portable heaters. Keep bedding, clothes, curtains and other combustible items at least 3 feet away from space heaters.

- Only use lab-approved electric blankets and warmers. Check to make sure the cords are not frayed.

- Never smoke in bed.

- Replace mattresses made before the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard. Mattresses made since then are required by law to be safer.

Finally, having working smoke alarms dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. Place at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home and in halls outside bedrooms. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently with your family.

**Southern Ute Education Department News
Attention All Parents With Students At Ignacio Schools!**

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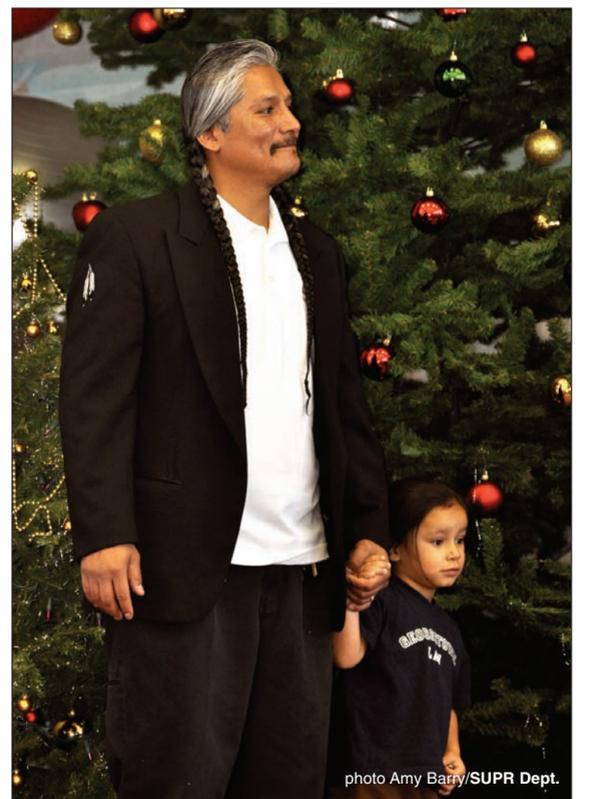
Christmas

Nah-VAY-knee (6)

December 31, 2009



...as I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,



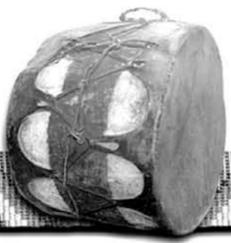


Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.





One on One with FLC



Adelle Watts gets ready to shoot some hoops and shares a moment with her classmates on the court. Watts, Jade Richards and Adele Hight had the honor of shooting hoops with Fort Lewis Basketball superstars Laura Haugen and Dana Schreibvogel. The Fort athletes spent an hour playing two-on-two, horse and knockout. Laura Haugen holds the title for highest scorer at the Fort, recently joining the 1,000 Point Club, and she was the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe employee of the month in August 2009. The girls stood for a group photo with their FLC mentors. A good time was had by all!

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Burnin' Up, Wanting More



photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

Ignacio's Xavier Watts (12) skies hard through Ridgway's Harley Ryder (14) during the junior varsity's 55-28 rout of the Demons on Dec. 18 at home. Ignacio then followed with a 52-32 beating of Ouray at the House of Troy the following afternoon to close their pre-Christmas slate with a perfect 6-0 (3-0 San Juan Basin League) record.

Ignacio's Kristie Ribera (21) rips the ball away from Ridgway's Richelle Walker during the Lady Bobcats' Dec. 18 home game at IHS Gymnasium. After falling to Ridgway 53-44 (which followed a 49-39 loss to Dolores at SunUte Recreation Center three nights earlier), Ignacio bagged their first league win Dec. 19 at Ouray. The 45-33 win gave Ignacio a 1-2 overall/San Juan Basin League record. Assistant coach Justa Whitt was the bench boss in Brice Searles' stead for the Ridgway and Ouray games.

'Mall' Rats: Ignacio Fourth At Invite

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

No need for alarm, folks. Nobody won a state championship, although sophomore Alex Pena, junior Casey Haga, and senior Chance Wyatt each added another first-place medal to their respective collections.

And probably the only thing burning was a concession-stand hotdog – surely not a blaze worthy of summoning the Huerfano County Fire Department, right?

Wrong. Not once, but twice HCFD arrived on site – apparently a cheap entertainment alternative in town. And not once, but twice an Ignacio wrestler's match was interrupted. Such was the case, as it was last year, at the Dec. 19 John Mall Invitational in Walsenburg, the final pre-Christmas tournament of 2009, which was already prolonged enough with 17 teams represented in the 14 weight brackets.

Oddly, just two squads entered ranked in On The Mat's most recent top-ten tables: Rocky Ford (No. 8 in Class 2A) and Ignacio (2A's No. 4). And by the time Ignacio heavyweight Kent Kerrigan's impressive run ended and officially closed the event, the Bobcats backed their billing by nabbing fourth place, while the Meloneers struggled to finish 14th. Ignacio netted 151.5 points, but their gross total was significantly higher – maybe within striking distance of winners Holy Family [Broomfield, 3A].



photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

With a good grip on Taos' Dylan Gomez, Ignacio heavyweight Jared Ruybal moves the Tiger about the mat in Walsenburg. Gomez, however, reversed the Bobcat's fortune and booked a pin at 1:59 of the first period. Ruybal finished the tournament with a 2-2 record.

three wins before falling to Taos' Dylan Gomez and ending up fourth as well. Jared Ruybal also competed with the heavies and went 2-2, notching two pins but losing to Gomez and conceding to Kerrigan.

Tanner Harwood joined Wyatt among the 215s and enjoyed a 4-2 day, ultimately taking fifth against Holy Family's Charlie Dunlap via coin toss. Two matches before, his pin of John Mall's Isaac Sierra with just a second left in regulation elicited the tourney's most vocal celebration, which occurred right in front of the Bobcat cheering section.

Ethan Pearson went 2-2 and saved fifth at 145 with a first-

previous match, a 16-1 technical-fall loss to Centennial (San Luis) sophomore Alex Torres, after having been pinned by Peyton senior Blake Tope.

The Invitational's Outstanding Wrestler honors went to Trinidad's Kevin Cole, who defeated Manitou Springs' Garrett Eastep for the title in a battle of state tournament upset victims (Cole was 32-10 going in and left 32-12, while Eastep lost his opener before winning five straight to save third place). Chance Wyatt would have been a worthy pick as well, winning all his matches by pin in a total of 4:31.

Taos' Virgil Vigil won the Most Pins/Least Time honor with three in 2:25, but lost the 103-pound finale, 8-3, to Dolores Huerta Prep's Kendall Flemmer. Taos' Matthew Silva routed Lucero, 17-1, to win the 125s, and Trinidad's Gadge Cole was equally nasty winning at 130, stopping Centennial's Dillon Quintana 16-0.

Rye's Brandon Padilla won the 140s by forfeit, as both Ignacio's Josh Plehinger and Huerta Prep's Jaurex Vasquez were ejected from the tournament after their nonwrestling scuffle in the other semifinal. Crowley County's Ty Pfeiff received a free pass into the third-place match as a result and stopped Trinidad's Matt Simpson. Both the Bobcats and Scorpions lost whatever team points the ousted had accumulated, and to top it off, both teams will be minus their man at their next event (for Ignacio, Pagosa Springs' Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 9).

Rye's Billy Forell captured the 145s, and Holy Family's John Sandoval won at 152. HF teammate King Medlin won at 160, where Ignacio's Sonny Sanchez and Derrick Naranjo were eliminated back-to-back by John Mall's Eric Figueroa. Manitou's Jake Landals beat Tope 4-2 to win the 171s, and DHP's Mario Garcia beat Trinidad's Tyler Holland to win the 189s (the one weight without an Ignacio wrestler).

Tomas Martinez of 4A Pueblo Centennial's JV won the heavyweights over teammate Damian Garcia in a swift freshman-versus-freshman finale, while Kerrigan was busy working against Gomez.

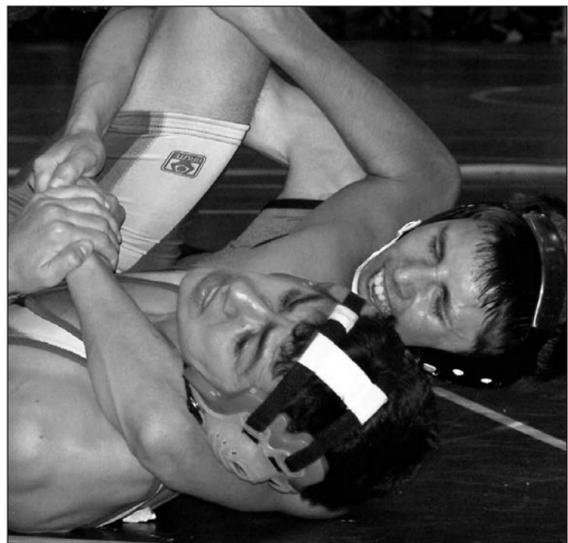


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Ignacio's Brendan Ruybal grits his teeth as he tightens his hold on Crowley County's Chris Slocum in an elimination match at 135 pounds in Walsenburg. Slocum worked to free himself, and eventually notched a third-period pin. Ruybal finished 1-2 for the tourney, while weight mate Casey Haga went 4-0 and won the title.

Holy Family ended with 190, with 3A Trinidad close behind (184.5) and 3A Peyton (165) back a little more. 3A Dolores Huerta Prep (Pueblo) was well back in fifth with 98, and 4A Taos, N.M., was sixth with 95. With only four grapplers at most last season, and barely more this season, 2A Cripple Creek-Victor (7 points) was the only team without a placer anywhere from first to sixth in each division.

Coming off a fourth-place finish at the Dec. 11-12 Bloomfield (N.M.) Invitational, Ignacio again had enough – they brought 20 – to contend for the title, even inserting two wrestlers in some brackets to score experience as well as points. And the usual suspects were up to mid-season specs: Pena (119 pounds) and Haga (135) each went 4-0, and Wyatt (215) was 3-0.

Falling in the respective finals were John Mall's Waylon Cordova (a 10-5 decision), Trinidad's Angelo Gitano (pinned in 1:54), and Peyton's Nick Lancaster (pinned at 1:07 of the second period).

At 125 pounds, Jeff Herrera went 3-2 and placed a deceiving fourth, losing his first match 3-2 to Holy Family's Chris Lucero, and his last match 6-5 to passive-aggressive Tyler Hutson of Peyton. Kerrigan also fell in his opening action, but rallied with

period pin of Peyton's Josh Floyd, regrouping well after being pinned in the third by Holy Family's Lance Hernandez – the second time the fire alarm shrieked (Hagen Sanchez's earlier unsuccessful survival bid at 112 against Taos' Michael Suazo was first).

Cuahtemoc Diaz-Torres (1-3 at 130) and Colton Wyatt (1-3 at 171) each took sixth, with Diaz-Torres losing to Garrett Gibson of Crowley County (Ordway), and Wyatt forfeiting in street clothes to Trinidad's Brian Shaw. Wyatt had been injured in his

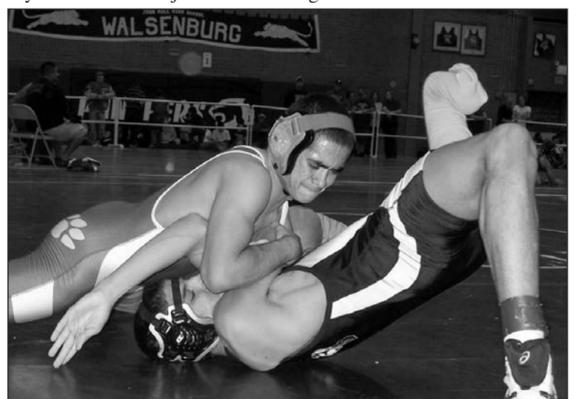


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Ignacio's Jeff Herrera puts pressure on Sargent's Diego Pons during an elimination match in Walsenburg. Pons has no lower left leg, but Herrera noted his arm strength and balance – which produced two wins prior to facing Herrera. Herrera won by second-period pin, and eventually took fourth at 125 pounds.



Irrigation Canals: Colorado's Other Small Stream

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum



An irrigation canal is not the small ditch of moving water you see on lots of farms and ranches. A canal, by my definition, is a much larger body of water that usually feeds the smaller ditches. Believe it or not, irrigation canals can be home to trout of various species and sizes. I know, you're thinking this guy is having his cigars rolled at a medical cannabis store. Bear with me.

I have fly-fished in irrigation canals in the past, but as I got busy guiding I pretty much forgot how well they fished. Really, what client wants to be told they have flown a thousand miles to fish in an irrigation canal? However, once I retired I began to seek out new places to fly-fish. I stumbled on, and rediscovered, irrigation canals this past fall.

As I was walking to a local river it dawned on me that I was crossing a canal right at its head gate. As I crossed, I glanced up and down the canal and noticed trout rising. I didn't think much of it and kept walking to the river.

After fishing on the river with limited success, I remembered the trout rising in the canal. It was very close by and paralleled the river. I thought "What the heck?" and moved over to the irrigation canal. By this time I

others I have fly-fished. It is, on average, 2 feet deep. The bottom consisted of sand, gravel and moss. It is, on the whole, an ideal place for us mature (old) fly-fishermen with bad knees and backs to wade. The whole idea of an irrigation canal is to move water as easily as possible. If there were rocks, turns, and trees in the canal the purpose would be defeated. I, for one, am really happy this canal was doing what it was designed to do.

As I got closer to the head gate, I found large numbers of itty-bitty trout. On either side of the gate it looked like a beehive of 3-inch trout. I can only guess the water moving through the gate provided food and shelter. Hopefully, they'll survive the winter and be around next spring... only larger.

Canals on private land are just that: private. Be sure and get permission from the landowner before you ease into a canal. Also, the appropriate fishing license needs to be obtained. As always, catch and release is a great policy, but if you're going to keep fish, stay within the legal bag limit.

An irrigation canal is a great place for youngsters after their first trout, or for us old codgers looking for an easy place to wade. So whether you're new to fly-fishing or a mature veteran, take the opportunity to explore and fly-fish new places in the New Year.

was a pretty good ways from the head gate and really thought nothing would have moved this far down the canal. I was wrong. Way wrong.

As I stood on the edge of the canal, I figured I would just pretend it was a small stream and fish it accordingly. I eased in and stood very still, just to see if anything was rising. I saw trout rising an easy cast ahead of me along the bank. I tied on a Parachute Adams and proceeded to work the canal as if it were a small stream without any structure. Similar to a small stream, I found if I moved slowly, made gentle presentations, and worked the banks - as this was the only place a trout could find a place to hide - it was worth the effort. I was rewarded with strike after strike. Much to my surprise, I found this canal was home to some trout over 12 inches long.

This canal is very similar to

Express Your Opinions

Dutchie Thanks

Mique Greetings,
I would like to express to my Tribal members who had voted me into council, thank you to the entire 125 Tribal Member who supported me in this election. And thank you for the pat on the back and being there for me and the kind words you have given

me. It is always a good feeling when people do talk you and give the support. As I had stated I will work with to the best of my ability, I will take your concerns and issues to Tribal Council whether we get the answers or not you will be heard.

May the creator watch over each and every one of you in this

up coming New Year from the youngest and the oldest. I say Happy New Year and that we can get along and be a tribe and not belittle one another and say bad things to others.

Once again thank you
Joycelyn Dutchie
Tribal Council Member

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My Daughter

Congratulations on your success at Fort Lewis College on December 19, 2009.

I know it was tough on you sometimes because being a parent, wife and student is a challenge. I am on PROUD parent that my youngest daughter took the bull by the horns and succeeded. Two down and two degrees to go - (just said it).

I am glad you remembered what your dad told you,

"Once you start something you need to finish it!"

Which you did, it paid off.

May the Creator take care of you on our your journey though life.

With much love,
Your mom Dixie

Mommy Brandi Raines

We just want to tell you good job on recently graduating with your B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Fort Lewis College. We are very proud of you and love you very much.

Hugs-N-Kisses
Manny & Lil T

Happy Birthday Marquise Salazar

Wow my son time has flew by so fast. I remember the morning you were born. It was snowing so bad it took us a whole hour to get to the hospital. You were born at 8:19am on December, 29th. I thank god for blessing me with you. I love to see your smile every morning. Congrats on moving into the primary class. I love you lots & happy 3rd birthday my sonny!

Love always,
Mom, Jojo, Sissy,
& the rest of the family.

SunUte New Year's Holiday Hours

December 31 - 6am-5pm (New Year's Eve)
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Have a Safe and Happy New Year!
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Southern Ute

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Southern Ute Family Court Support Office & Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

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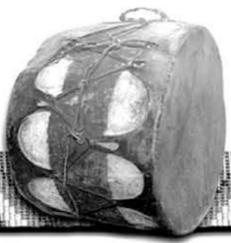
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**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2009-199-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Nevaeh Begay-Pena, Civil Subject
NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that Nevaeh Begay-Pena filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nevaeh Angel Pena. As of December 15, 2009 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Nevaeh Begay-Pena name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Nevaeh Angel Pena.
Dated this 16th day of December, 2009.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-151-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE**
Bertha Marie Grove, 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, 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, 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 **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 at 10:00 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 23rd of December, 2009
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-PR-171
NOTICE OF PROBATE**
Tammy Rose Porambo, 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, 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, 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, JANUARY 25, 2010 at 9:00 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 23rd of December, 2009
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

City Boards & Commissions Seek Volunteers

The Durango City Council is seeking individuals interested in serving on the following City Boards and Commissions:

- Airport Commission
- Business Improvement District Board
- Design Review Board
- Election Commission
- Established Neighborhood Design Review Board
- Historic Preservation
- Land Use Development Code Board of Appeals
- Library Advisory Board
- Natural Lands Preservation Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Public Art Commission
- Retirement Plan Board
- Transit Advisory Board
- Water Commission

Durango's Boards and Commissions provide a foundation for public input and are a great way for citizens to get involved with their community. Boards and Commissions generally meet on a monthly basis. Brief interviews with applicants will be conducted by City Council in January. For applications or more information, including any special requirements, please visit our website at www.durangogov.org/boards. Applications are due by close of business on Friday, January 8, 2010, and may also be obtained from the City Manager's Office, 949 East 2nd Ave. For more information, contact Karen Ramirez, at (970) 375-5001 or by email at RamirezKS@durangogov.org.

Burn Wise

Program of U.S. EPA

BURN THE RIGHT WOOD, THE RIGHT WAY, IN THE RIGHT WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCE

Did you know that by changing the way you burn wood you can save money, reduce air pollution and protect your health?

Here are a few simple tips to make your fire burn hotter, keep your wallet fatter and keep your local air cleaner and healthier.

- Clean ashes from your wood-burning appliance.** Excess ashes can clog the air intake vents reducing efficiency. Be sure to dispose of ashes in a metal container away from the house or any flammable material to reduce the risk of fire.
- Keep your chimney clean.** A clean chimney provides good draft for your wood-burning appliance and reduces the risk of a chimney fire. Have a certified professional inspect your chimney once a year.
- Be a good neighbor.** Follow best practices for burning wood and always remember to comply with state and local codes.
- Follow instructions.** Operate your wood-burning appliance according to the manufacturer's instructions and follow all maintenance procedures.
- Upgrade to cleaner equipment.** EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts burn cleaner and burn wood more efficiently emitting less particle pollution than older models.
- Size matters.** Choose the right-sized appliance for your needs. If your wood-burning appliance is too big for your room or house, the fuel will smolder and create more air pollution.
- Season all firewood.** All firewood should be split, securely covered or stored, and aged for at least six months. Seasoned wood burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption and reduces the amount of smoke your appliance produces.
- Choose the right firewood.** Hardwoods are the best. Never burn trash or treated wood which can emit toxic air pollutants.
- Start it right.** Use only clean newspaper or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter, or a propane torch.
- Don't let the fire smolder.** Many people think they should let a fire smolder overnight. But reducing the air supply does little for heating and increases air pollution.

For more information on how to burn wise, go to www.epa.gov/burnwise

Ignacio High School Winter Sports Remaining Schedule 2009-2010

Wrestling Schedule

January

9	Rocky Mountain (Pagosa Springs)	V	A	9 AM
14	Bayfield Dual	V, JV	A	6 PM
16	Shiprock Tourney	V, JV	A	TBA
22	Paonia Duals	V, JV	A	6 PM
23	Paonia Tourney	V, JV	A	9 AM
29	League Tournament	V	H	5 PM
30	Ignacio Invite	V	H	9 AM

February

6	Bayfield JV Tourney	JV	A	9 AM
12,13	Regional Tournament (Center)	V	A	TBA
18-20	State Tournament (Denver)	V	A	TBA

Basketball Schedule

January

9	Dove Creek	H	G	JV/V	2 PM
12	Pagosa Spgs.	H	B/G	JV/V	*B 4 PM
15	Mancos	A	B/G	JV/V	4 PM
16	Telluride	A	B/G	JV/V	3 PM
19	Bayfield	H	B/G	JV/V	*G 4 PM
19	Winter Royalty				
22	Norwood	H	B/G	JV/V	*G 4 PM
23	Nucla	A	B/G	JV/V	2 PM
26	Dolores	A	B/G	JV/V	4 PM
29	Dove Creek	A	G	JV/V	4 PM
30	Ridgway	A	B/G	JV/V	2 PM

February

4	Durango	A	B	C/JV	5:30 PM
6	Ouray	H	B/G	JV/V	2 PM
12	Mancos	H	B/G	JV/V	*B 4 PM
13	Telluride	H	B/G	JV/V	2 PM
19	Norwood	A	B/G	JV/V	4 PM
20	Nucla	H	B/G	JV/V	2 PM
26, 27	Districts (Dove Creek)	B/G	V	TBA	

March

5, 6	Regionals (Durango)	B/G	V	TBA
11-13	State (Pueblo)	B/G	V	TBA

All Schedules Subject to Change
*No JV Girl's Teams - Ouray, Ridgway & Telluride
*No JV Boy's Teams - Dove Creek and Nucla
*No Varsity Boy's Team - Dove Creek (at present time)

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Monday Couples Night!
6-9pm Dinner for two in the Rolling Thunder Grill Steak & Shrimp Special, bowl two games and shoes rental for \$20. (must be 21 or older)

Tuesday Guys Night Out!
6pm-10pm
\$2.50 a game and 2 for 1 pizza slice, not including shoes

Wednesday Ladies Night Out!
6pm-10pm
\$2.50 a game. 50% off Appetizer Sampler (shoes not included)

Thursday Buddy Night!
6pm-11pm
\$12 Bring a friend and both you and your friend will bowl two games including shoe rental

Friday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close
Win prizes and so much more!

Saturday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close
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For information call 970-563-1707

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www.skyutecasino.com

Celebrate New Year's Eve with Sky Ute Casino Resort

Thursday, December 31, 2009

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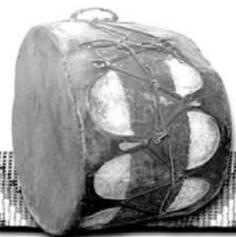
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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • PO Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Applications Development Manager
 Closing Date 1/4/10 - Southern Ute Growth Fund
 Leading the internal application development of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM), Finance and Supply Chain Management (FSCM), Kronos and all other enterprise applications where necessary. Coordinate users groups, managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support. Supervises technical development staff.

PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer
 Closing Date 1/4/10 - Southern Ute Growth Fund
 Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the North America Payroll application.

PeopleSoft Senior Finance and Supply Chain Management Developer
 Closing Date 1/4/10 - Southern Ute Growth Fund
 Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation. Will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications.

Area Manager
 Closing Date 1/4/10 - Aka Energy East, LLC
 Ohio, River Valley. Supervision of employees as well as all aspects of operations, maintenance, cost tracking, safety and environmental compliance for all gas processing, gas treating, compression, and gathering facilities in area assigned.

Vice President of Operations
 Closing Date 1/4/10 - Red Willow Production Co.
 Managing field production operations, establishing systems and procedures to control costs and maintain operations, developing and training field personnel, and, monitors and manages capital projects and major expense projects.

Database Systems Manager
 Closing Date 1/5/10 - Southern Ute Growth Fund
 Leads database development, management, maintenance and use for all Growth Fund Enterprise functions including security, systems analysis, data algorithms and process integrity, reporting, training, and installation of upgrades.

Lease Operator I
 Closing date 1/5/10 - Red Willow Production Co.
 Ensuring that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Growth fund priorities and concerns.

Field Office Assistant II
 Closing Date 1/6/10 - Frontier Field Services
 Maintaining office systems to assure the efficient flow of data and tracking invoice flow and coding, as well as helping coordinate HR information paperwork. Will work out of the Empire Abo Plant near Artesia, NM.

Quality Control Specialist
 Closing Date 1/7/10 - Gallup Sand & Gravel
 Gallup, NM. Concrete, asphalt, and aggregate quality control efforts. Will also include some sales responsibilities.

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 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396
 *Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Supervisory Pharmacist
 Closes 1/5/10 - Professional, responsible for providing administrative, clinical, health promotion/disease prevention, and educational services specific to the pharmacy programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Organizes and supervises the work of the pharmacy program to ensure that effective pharmacy services are provided and quality standards are met.

Clinical Information Technologist
 Closes 1/5/10 - Under general direction of the Tribal Health Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center.

Risk Coordinator
 Closes 1/5/10 - Assists Risk Manager in all functions of Risk Management with an emphasis on workers' compensation, property and liability insurance.

Family Practice Physician
 Open Until Filled - This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Clinical Director
 Open Until Filled - This is a contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Patrol Officer
 Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

SU Indian Tribe Job Hotline • (970) 563-4777

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 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.
 *Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.

Hay For Sale

The Southern Ute Bison program has 2000 bales of surplus hay for sale at \$5.00 per bale. This is barn stored grass and alfalfa mix, if you have any questions or are interested in purchasing hay contact Chris Olguin at (970) 563-0130 or (970) 749-5088.

KSUT Seeks Board Member

KSUT is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. This is a non-paid position which requires attending monthly meetings with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr. KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO, 81137.

SUIT Wildlife Division Seeks Tribal Member Advisory Board

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board.

This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected.

To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred.

Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

SUIHA

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
 Housing Office • 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4575
 Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA Office.

Junior Accountant / Human Resource

Closing Date - January 14, 2010
 Responsibilities include bi-weekly payroll, benefits, tax filing 941's, 401k reporting and figuring, account reconciliations, and accounts payable knowledge. Knowledge of Indian housing laws and regulations a plus. 2 years minimum accounting/finance Human Resources experience or degree in related fields' reqd. Southern Ute/Indian/Veteran preference.
 Please send a completed application and resume to: Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, 760 Shoshone Avenue, PO Box 447, Ignacio, CO 81137; Phone - (970) 563-4575; Fax - (970) 563-4417. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Human Resources Department: (970) 563-3387 • Fax: (970) 563-3367
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Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members & Other Native Americans.
 FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program
 Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517
 Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Substitute Transit Driver
 Open Until Filled - SUCAP
 Part-time. Must have High School Diploma/GED. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Must have valid Colorado Drivers License and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. EOE.

Residential Assistant
 Open Until Filled - Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP
 Full-time. Must have High School Diploma/GED, minimum 2 years of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Great benefits. Must pass criminal history background check.

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Southern Ute Tribal Council Runoff Election Winners



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Chairman Manuel Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute tribal member Jerald Peabody wrap newly elected Southern Ute Tribal Council members Joycelyn Dutchie and Jim Newton Jr. in Pendleton blankets emblazoned with the tribal seal. Honor songs were sung in council chambers and traditional blessing were performed for each incoming council member. Jim Newton Sr. congratulates his son with a firm handshake. A full council was present as Lillian Seibel read aloud the certification of the votes Dec. 21.



2009 Runoff Election Results



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Police Department Officer Ferlando Fonseca monitors the voting polls during run-off elections, which took place Dec. 18 at the SunUte Community Center. Official Voting Numbers: Jim Newton Jr.: 212, Joycelyn Dutchie: 125, Barbara Scott-Rarick: 119, Howard D. Richards Sr.: 108, Total votes: 564.

