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Gathering Blooms Under New Mexico Skies



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Grand Entry is Vibrant in Sound, Color

Samantha Mayes enters the arena during Saturday night's Grand Entry at the Gathering of Nations on April 24. Mayes is the current reigning Miss Southern Ute. Held in Albuquerque, the 27th annual Gathering of Nations took place under open skies for the first time in history in the University of New Mexico's University Stadium. The powwow will return to the school's University Arena, nicknamed "The Pit," next spring following renovations.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

The 27th annual Gathering of Nations went off without a hitch in Albuquerque from April 22 through 24, the first year the event has taken place outside.

Gathering of Nations is the largest congregation of Native American and indigenous people in the world and is considered the world's most prominent Native American powwow, hosting more than 150,000 people and more than 500 tribes from throughout the United States, Canada, and around the world. Attendees celebrate their culture and traditions through dance, music, food and indigenous dress.

Founder Derek Matthews said the "mild climate and great

spring weather" allowed organizers to host the event outdoors for the first time. The event has historically been housed in the University of New Mexico's University Arena, nicknamed "The Pit," but this year took place in the school's University Stadium instead. Plans call for it to return to the arena next year.

As part of the festivities, the 2010 Miss Indian World Pageant invited 27 Native American women representing their different tribes and traditions to compete for the title of Miss Indian World in the areas of tribal knowledge, dancing ability, and personality assessment. With much fanfare, Dakota Brant of the Mohawk Six Nations Territory was crowned the new Miss Indian World on April 24 following a Grand Entry ceremony.

Brant, who hails from Ontario, Canada, will travel to Native and indigenous communities around the world on behalf of the powwow and represent all Native and indigenous people as a cultural goodwill ambassador.

Responding to the honor, Brant said she hoped "to represent Indian Country in the best way that I know how."

Matthews said the pageant offers participants an opportunity to build relationships among a vast spectrum of tribes.

"Miss Indian World is one of the most prestigious honors in the Native American and indigenous world," he said. "The winner will bring together Native and indigenous people throughout North America by providing a cultural link between tribes."

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Tribe, Federal Gov't Help Canal Company Avoid Disaster

Media Release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in coordination with the Pine River Canal Company and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, recently voluntarily undertook an important and complex reconstruction and rehabilitation of a section of the Pine River Canal.

The canal serves a number of tribal and nontribal water users and, if breached, loss of irrigation and potential damages caused by an additional flow of 300 cubic feet per second of water from the canal down



Box

"Given the serious and emergency nature of the canal's condition, the Tribe found itself in a unique position to provide critical and timely assistance."

- Chairman Matthew Box, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

That section has been dangerously degraded and could have breached this spring when the canal began water deliveries to the more than 20,000 acres of land it serves. Throughout recent months, representatives from the Tribe and the canal company had witnessed further deterioration of the canal bank and had even seen water flow from the canal through the bank and into nearby Beaver Creek, which highlighted the need for prompt action.

Beaver Creek could have been catastrophic.

"The canal company has always been and remains responsible for operation and maintenance of the Pine River Canal," said Chairman Matthew J. Box, "but, given the serious and emergency nature of the canal's condition, the Tribe found itself in a unique position to provide critical and timely assistance."

The area of concern is partly on tribal land, and the Tribe was able to secure some federal

funding to assist with the repair project. Because of the danger presented by the current situation, the canal company has not yet allowed water in the canal; however, the coordination between the Tribe, the company and the federal government has resulted in a plan to quickly implement repairs so as to have minimum impact on the irrigation season.

"Our goal all along has been to work with the canal company to ensure that our members, their shareholders and the general public are safe," Box said. "Due to the hard work and commitment of the Tribe's Water Resources Division and Department of Natural Resources, and the cooperation of both the federal government and the canal company, we have met that goal while still providing for a timely solution to the immediate crisis."

Box also said the Tribe would be happy to work with the canal company to reassess the state of the canal following the irrigation season and discuss whether additional work would be needed.

"We have been focused on providing a quick-but-effective fix," he said, "but if a more long-term solution may also be needed, we are available to assist with that too."

The repair work was completed May 4.

Skate Jam Brings Together Skaters of All Nations

By Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The All Nations Skate Jam once again hosted skaters – young and old, beginner to experienced – during a two-day skate jam at the Los Altos Park in Albuquerque during the Gathering of Nations PowWow on April 24 and 25.

A strong showing from various nations filled the skate park. Skaters of all age groups and skill levels were invited to participate. The event aims not just to bring skaters together, but to invite people to share in something that is tribal in a sense: a sport that has been around for generations and is shared by the pioneers of the "Dogtown" days.

Todd Harder, a member of the Muskogee Creek Tribe, is the organizer of the event, which is now in its fourth year. Harder said he was excited to bring another skate jam to



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The All Nations Skate Jam took place April 24 and 25 at Los Altos Skate Park in Albuquerque. Skaters of all levels competed for various prizes, which included the beaded medallion seen worn by ANSJ founder Todd Harder below. Harder stands next to World Cup skateboarder and ramp builder, Abe Towery.

Albuquerque. When asking kids about what they want to do with their skating, the common answer is "go pro" – Harder, however, encourages them to think higher.

"Who writes the paychecks for the pro skaters?" he said. "Why go pro when you can buy the sport and own it for the rest of your life?"

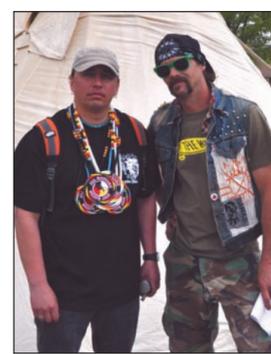
Abe Towery of Albuquerque is known to "rule all the ditches" but is also outspoken about the communal values of skating.

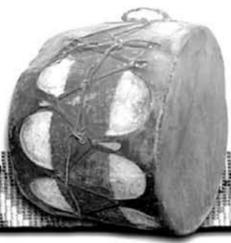
"In skating, you never need a diversity program. Skaters aren't concerned about nationality," he said. "Skaters aren't concerned about the color of your skin. They just want to ride."

During the two-day event, music acts like Chase Manhattan of Minneapolis and Bloodline of Gallup, N.M., performed live sets.

Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom), host of the Skate Jam, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and empowerment of Native youth. The organization's mission is "to foster creativity, build courage, enable cultural identity and pride, and promote nonviolent and healthy physical activity through skateboarding."

The Skate Jam will next be in Denver for the Our Nations-Energies Gathering on Saturday, July 10 at the Denver City Skate Park and Cuernavaca Park at the South Platte River.





Tribal Update

Wildlife Selling Hay, Bison

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife has grass hay for sale for \$4.00 and \$4.50 per bale. The division also has 5 bison bull calves for sale, starting bid on these calves is \$250.00 each. If interested, please contact Chris Olguin at 970-563-0130.

Food Service Training Course Coming

Get your food handler training certification! The certification will take place May 19 and May 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building's Buckskin Charlie Room. For additional information call the Southern Ute Colorado Ute Service Unit at 970-563-9443.

Education Department to Host College Application Sessions

College application sessions will take place at the Higher Education Building on the following Thursdays: May 20, May 27, June 3 and June 10. Each session will begin at 6 p.m. Food and drink will be offered. The final session and application review will be set for June 24. For more information, call the Education Department at 970-563-0237.

Water Users Meeting Coming Up

The Pine River Indian Irrigation Project will have a water users meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 27 in Sky Ute Casino Resort's Bonny Kent Room (banquet room three). For more information, contact John Waconda and 970-563-4511.

TERO Hosts Logo Design Contest

The Tribal Employment Rights Office is looking for a logo. The winner will receive a prize of \$250. Our mission is to promote Indian preference in any employment, contract and subcontract conducted on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. We work with tribal entities, oil, gas and construction companies to make this happen. All art media will be accepted until May 28. A winner will be selected by June 4. Artwork should be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Selected artwork will become the property of TERO to be used in all advertising. All Southern Ute tribal members and local Native Americans are encouraged to submit their ideas and drawings by dropping them off at the TERO office at 116 Mouache Dr. or sending them to P.O. Box 737 #34, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Health Department Seeks Input on Diabetes Program

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department is looking for volunteers to participate in an advisory group for the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program. For more information, call Julie or Henry at 970-563-4741.

Fathers Workshop Coming This Summer

"A Nurturing Father's Journal for Developing Attitudes and Skills for Male Nurturance" will take place Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning June 9 and running through Sept. 1 at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start at 279 Capote Dr. In Ignacio. Study topics will include the roots of fathering, self-nurturing skills, the world of feelings and male nurturance, the power to nurture, overcoming barriers to nurturing fathering, discipline and fun, games for fathers and their children, fathering sons and daughters, teamwork between fathers, sons and spouses or coparents, a time and place for fathering, healing the father wound, and a closing ceremony on commitment to family. Babysitting will be available (call 970-563-4566) or meals will be provided. A \$50 stipend will be awarded to all applicants who complete training. For more information, call Sam at 970-563-2566 ext. 23 or Joe at 970-563-4566 ext. 27.

Ignacio Elementary to Screen Students

Ignacio Elementary School will be screening incoming kindergarten students who will be five on or before October 1. Screening will take place on Monday, May 24 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 970-563-0675.

SunUte Community Center's New Hours For May

SunUte Community Center will have the following changes to the normal business hours in May:
May 8: CLOSED - all staff in-service; May 21: 6am-5pm - gym floor resurfacing
May 22-23rd: CLOSED - gym floor resurfacing; May 28: 6am-5pm - Memorial weekend

11th Annual Shoshonean Language Reunion

June 29-30 and July 1 • Ft. Duchesne, Utah

Host tribe: Ute Indian Tribe.

Information, call Venita Taveapont at 435-725-4083 or 435-722-2331

Attention Tribal Hunters

Annual Brunot Area Rare Game Permitting Lottery

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

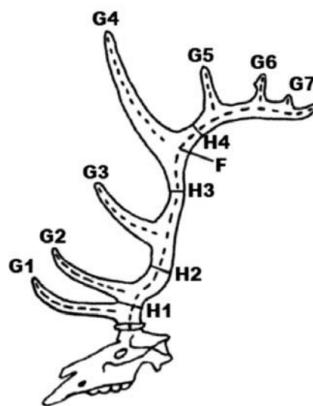
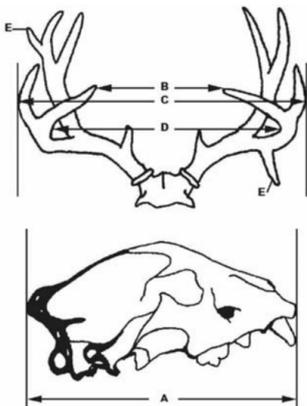
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PERMIT APPLICATION IS MON., MAY 31, 5 PM
(Hand-delivered or Postmarked)

Please note: if you apply but are not drawn for a permit in a given year, you will receive a "bonus point" toward drawings for that permit in the future. The more bonus points you accrue, the better your chances are at being drawn. Applications are available free-of-charge to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members only. Applications must be obtained/returned at the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, contact the Division at 970-563-0130.

Attention Southern Ute Tribal Hunters

Boone & Crockett Official Scoring Night

Wed., May 12th, 2010 • 6 - 9 pm • Sky Ute Casino, Bonny Kent Meeting Room
Bring your mounts, skulls or shed antlers to be scored by Official Boone and Crockett scorers from the Jicarilla Apache Game and Fish Department.



Event hosted by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

Express Your Opinions

Thanks From the Family of Abel Velasquez

The family of Abel Augustine Velasquez Sr. would like to express their deep appreciation for the outpouring of love and compassion shown to us during the sudden loss of Abel.

We were truly overwhelmed by all the food, cards, flowers, phone calls, monetary donations, words of encouragement and prayers for our family. Very special thanks to the Silva family for the delicious dinner. Abel loved and respected each and every one of you.

Jeannie, Andi and Candice Cook, much love to you; you are truly angels in disguise for always being there for us. Chris

Valdez, we can never thank you enough for going to pick up Tim; God bless you. The wonderful staff at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start for the food, use of the building for the dinner, your prayers and visits.

Rocky and Geraldine McPherson and Larry Alcon for the beautiful music at the service. Deacon Larry Tucker for the service. Josie and Jose Archuleta for saying the rosary and readings at the service. The six pallbearers, Andy Peacock, Laramie Miller, George Levi and Tony Maldonado.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for honoring Abel one last time. The Ignacio Senior Center for transporting Abel's chair. The Ignacio Road Runner,

Ron: Thanks for all your assistance. Southern Ute Police Department. Ignacio School District and Ignacio School Board and the Bayfield and Ignacio high school track coaches for honoring Abel by naming the meet after him.

To our families, we love and appreciate your presence and comfort given us. If we have inadvertently missed anyone, please know that we are very thankful to everyone. Bless each and every one of you. Abel touched many lives and we are so very thankful for the time we had with him. He will be missed but in our hearts always.

Sue, Gus and Tina,
Susan, Tim and family

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Tribal Member Wins Internship

Media Release

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

A dream of working to preserve Native American artifacts with a world-renowned conservator at the prestigious Smithsonian Museum has come true for Southern Ute tribal member LeAnn Wilson Baker.

Baker has been awarded a 10-week internship with Head of Conservation Marian Kaminitz at the Smithsonian's Conservation Institute Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Md.

Wilson Baker, who has worked in a variety of roles with the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum for more than eight years, will gain experience in conservation and collections management through the program. She will be involved in the treatment of several items in the National Museum of the American Indians' collection that are slated for loan to the Southern Ute facility when it opens in June 2011. The 25-piece collection includes worship dance dresses and rare Ute artifacts that have never before been displayed publicly.

"Not only will this experience

help me to care for and conserve objects for future generations, but it also will deepen my respect and appreciation for the objects that I work with at the museum as well as the artifacts that I will be working with at the Smithsonian's Conservation Center in Maryland this summer," Wilson Baker said.

She currently serves as the collections manager and apprentice to the director at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

A key feature of the new museum is its state-of-the-art collections department that will be built and maintained to contemporary professional collections and conservation standards. This assures donors and lenders of artifacts that their pieces will be safely and securely protected when they are on display for visitors.

During her internship, Wilson Baker will learn conservation treatments so that she gains experience with condition report writing and photo-documentation while examining and treating collection objects. She also will work with database entries and digital imaging technology. Further, she will gain object installation experience and help install "Up Where We Belong,"

an upcoming exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian on the Mall in Washington, D.C.

"The museum board members and I felt this would be a wonderful opportunity when we encouraged LeAnn to apply, and we all will benefit from her work with objects that will be on display in our new facility," said Lynn Brittnier, the museum's executive director.

The new 52,000-square-foot museum currently is under construction in Ignacio and is scheduled to open in June 2011. It will house the museum's collection of more than 1,000 artifacts as well as a library containing dozens of Southern Ute tribal members' oral histories. The museum's multi-sensory exhibit space has been designed to portray a living culture using iconic artifacts of Ute and other Native American people with traditional print and high-quality flat-screen DVD presentations.

Funding for the museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is being provided through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and contributions from members and donors. More information about the museum is at southernutemuseum.org.

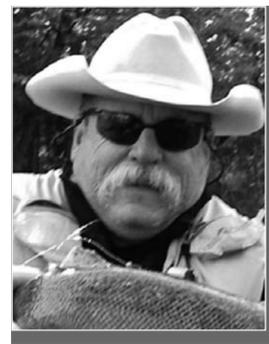
Fly-fishing in Paradise

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

If one day you find yourself fly-fishing on a fresh-water lake for three types of bass, pan fish, and an unusual looking small red fish that looks like it came from a child's gold fish bowl, then fast-forward four days and discover you are on a saltwater flat chasing banded rudder jack, trevally, goat fish, and gigantic bonefish, all the while wading amongst black tip sharks, puffers, and stingrays, and later sipping the best Mai Tais known to man, you are in Hawaii. That's where my family and I were in mid-April.

I was there because my wife had reminded me that I hadn't caught a fish on my fly-rod in Hawaii. And, since Hawaii is the 50th state, I was informed then was the time to put the Hawaiian notch on my fly-rod. Before we left I managed to get an adult to supervise me while I "surfed" the web investigating fly-fishing in Hawaii. It was a fruitful search.

My search for fly-fishing opportunities on Oahu found Stan Wright. Stan had his son, Chris, guide my son-in-law and me on a fresh-water lake known as Lake Wilson. Lake Wilson is located in Wahiawa State Park, a 45-minute drive from the bikini-clad beaches of Waikiki.



Our prey of choice was peacock bass. While the day was cold and rainy, two peacocks were brought to net. We fished six and seven-weight rods with eight-pound leaders. For flies, we used anything that had orange on it and stayed just below the surface of the water.

From Oahu, the family traveled to Maui. Once on Maui, my son-in-law and I ferried over to Molokai to chase bonefish. We were guided by Captain Clay Ching (www.hallelujahhousfishing.com). If you are a student of history, you know that Molokai is not famous for fly-fishing. It is better known as the place people having leprosy were deposited to live out their days. Fortunately, modern medicine has made huge advances in the treatment of leprosy and it no longer requires

people to be hidden away. As on Oahu, this day was a success. Within minutes of reaching the flats we were among the biggest bonefish I have ever seen. The bones seemed to be three feet long weighing over 10 pounds. While not in the huge pods you find in the Bahamas, probably because you can't get that many gigantic fish in one pod, they were numerous. They were also very shy. They took traditional bonefish flies, and were into the backing on a nine-weight rod in a heartbeat.

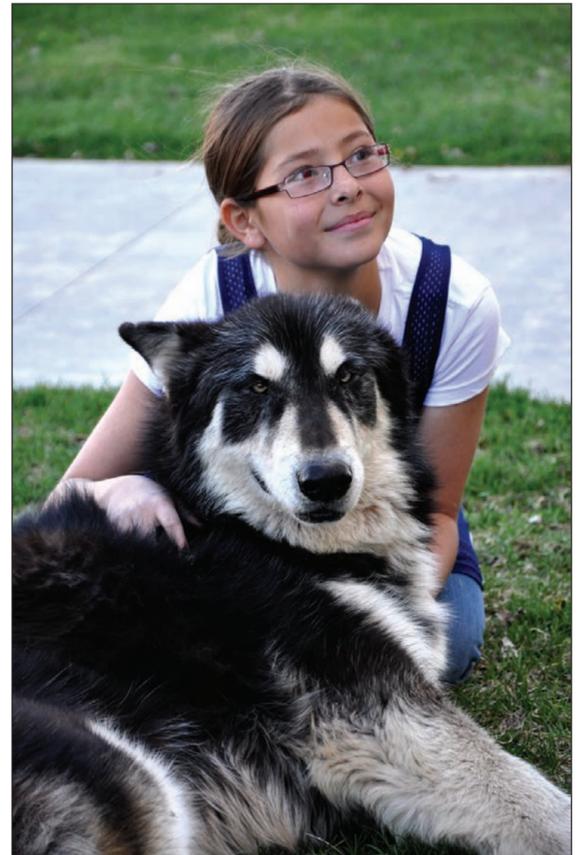
As mentioned above, we found numerous other fish on the flats. The trevally chased our flies like linebackers running down a crippled quarterback. The black-tipped sharks had my head on a swivel. I'm told they won't hurt you, but it was also said the Titanic was unsinkable.

If you are looking for a place where the fly-fishing is good, where the service industry is a shining example of how it should be run, where everything is beautiful, and where ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual preference and any other thing people are prejudiced about seems not to exist, then Hawaii is for you.

One ugly thing I did discover: There are some people who should not wear string bikinis or Speedos.



Local Youth Try Running With Wolf Pack



The WolfWood Refuge & Adoption Center made a special appearance on tribal campus for the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Monday, April 26 behind SunUte Community Center. Paula Watson of WolfWood gave an informative presentation to the youth and their mentors. The presentation covered wolf behavior, breeding traits of domesticated dogs and their wilder counterparts, and the story behind WolfWood and its mission. Following the presentation, club members were allowed to interact with the "ambassador animals" one-on-one. While many of the ambassadors are pure wolf, many are part dog – and all are calm, friendly creatures at ease in public venues. Pictured above, Shelsey Lagerstrom sits for a photo with the six-year-old wolf dog Bronte. Bronte is one of the premier ambassadors and is handled by WolfWood volunteers Keith Lauyer and Joel Frizzell. Standing with the pack is tribal member Byron Red and Paula Watson of WolfWood.



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Group Honors Mural Artist



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



photo courtesy Leonora Burch

Willette Whiteskunk, Pat Senecal, Leonora Burch, Judith Miller and Leona Burch stand before a mural created by the Seven Rivers 4-H Club in downtown Ignacio with Grace Gonzales and Nevaeh Pena in front. The group met to honor Miller, who helped transfer the contest-winning design by Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students Keifer and Keiston Goodtracks-Alires onto the wall.

UNM Students Visit Drum, KSUT



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Students in a digital journalism class of the University of New Mexico's Native American Studies Department made a trip to Ignacio on Friday, April 30 to meet with staff members of The Southern Ute Drum and KSUT. Following the visit, the students began to author articles, blog posts and videos for the popular site YouTube about their experience.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

A group of about a dozen University of New Mexico students in a digital journalism class made a trip to Colorado April 30 to see how media outlets on the Southern Ute Reservation do things.

Mary Bowannie, a lecturer in the school's Native American Studies Department, led the group, which consisted of students from a variety of study areas and grade levels. Lloyd Lee, a visiting assistant professor of Native American Studies, also accompanied the students.

During their visit to the Drum office in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, the students learned about the history of the paper, its current-day operations and plans for the

future. They also toured the new photo studio and visited the Drum's archives, viewing the oldest local newspaper in its collection – a May 19, 1950, issue of The Ignacio Chieftain and Bayfield Blade.

Drum staffers appreciated the opportunity to share their work with the students and garner some feedback on recent efforts.

"I thought it was interesting," said Robert Ortiz, the paper's composition technician. "It's always good when we get to show people what we do."

Following the Drum visit, the students headed to KSUT, the local public radio station, for a primer on how broadcast media is handled in Ignacio. They then paid a visit to the Sky Ute Casino Resort. As part of a class assignment, the students filmed much of their experience in Ignacio for

video reports they would later post on the video site YouTube. Bowannie said they were also encouraged to create blogs as a means of honing their writing and getting a sense of the power of digital journalism.

The UNM group's visit was one of several to the Drum office over the past few months. In March, Wade Healy, a communications consultant to the Siksika Nation in Alberta, Canada, spent an afternoon with staffers to glean ideas for improving his tribe's media operations. Following his visit, he compiled those ideas in a report to his tribe's chief and council.

Members of the Drum staff have also made presentations to students at local schools and at the Southern Ute Community Action Programs' Teen Center in downtown Ignacio.



Of Four Corners Interest

Scottish Dancers to Host Traditional Workshops, Concert

The nonprofit group Durango Scottish Dancers is sponsoring two workshops: an Irish flute and tin whistle workshop, focusing on Irish traditional ornamentation techniques, with Grey Larson; and a singing workshop, focusing on harmonies and group improvisation, with singer/songwriter Cindy Kallet. They will take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 3 at the Rocky Mountain Retreat at 848 E. Third Ave in Durango. The suggested donation is \$25 per person, which goes toward art and dance education and appreciation. Larson and Kallet will then perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. The suggested donation for the concert is of \$10-15 per person. To sign up for the workshops or for more information, call Maria Blair at 970-382-9593.

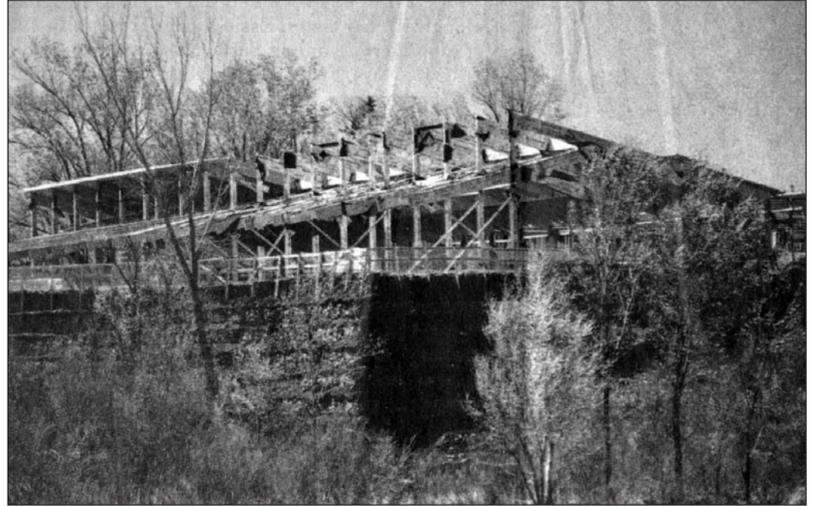
Turtle Lake Refuge to Host Dandelion Festival

Celebrate spring with our honey bees at the second annual Dandelion Festival on Saturday, May 15 from 1 to 10 p.m. at the Rotary Park. Bring your own dishes and utensils since the free event is zero waste. The Turtle Lake Refuge fundraiser for its project, Grass Roots Organic Lawn Service, is complete with local dandelion beer, live music, children activities and more. For information, call Katrina at 970-247-8395.

Four States Ag Expo to Host Ranch Rodeo in Cortez

Ranch Rodeo is coming to the Montezuma County Fairgrounds in Cortez from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 15. Events mimic real ranch work with the excitement amped up by competing against a clock and other ranch teams. Competition includes a mix of wild contests: cow milking, team doctoring, team branding, ranch relay and team sorting and penning. And of course, there's the crowd favorite: ranch bronc riding. Audiences have been known to count that eight seconds out loud for the cowboy who's hanging on. Ranch Rodeo teams can sign up with Mark Pollack at 970-749-3684. The entry fee is \$500 per team; the four-person teams should be mixed gender (no age stipulations), and a maximum of 10 teams will participate. Payout will be 40-25-15 percent (first through third places). The Four States Ag Expo is pleased to be the host sponsor for this event, which replaces the ranch rodeo postponed at the Ag Expo in March. For more information about the Ag Expo, visit www.FourStatesAgExpo.com or call president Dusty Beals at 970-749-7570.

Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

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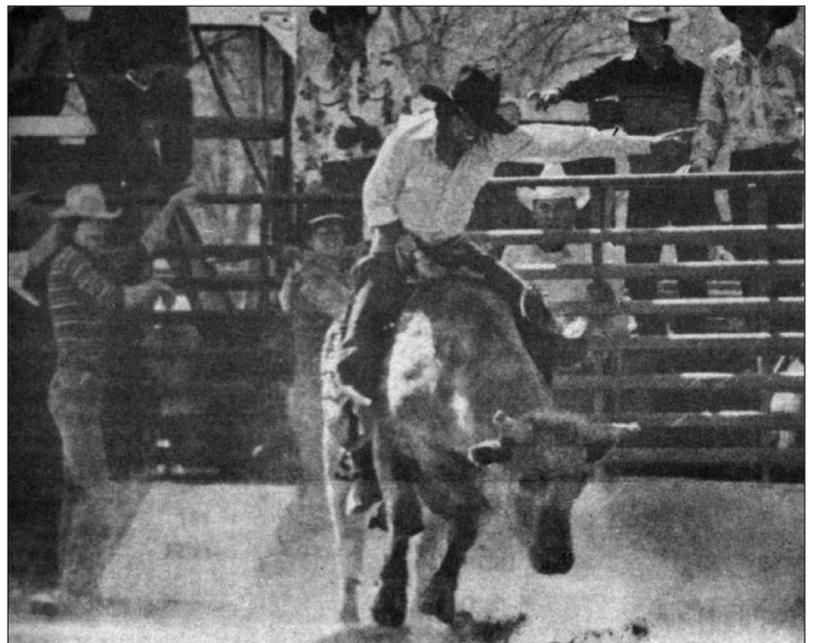
During construction, Southern Ute Indian Academy talk interested tribal member families a great deal. Buildings that would eventually house the Southern Ute Indian Academy begin to take shape from this view taken from the east side of the academy site. This photo was published in the May 5, 2000, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



20 Years Ago

photo archives/SU DRUM

The NAYO PowWow took place on May 5, 1996. Gourd Dancers Rob GoodTracks, Gerald Howe and Daniel Weaver can be seen here in this photo. The Head Start gym was filled with over 100 dancers and spectators for the powwow. This photo was published in the May 11, 1990, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



30 Years Ago

photo archives/SU DRUM

Manuel Harry, Ignacio high school rodeo team member, is pictured here riding a bull at the Montrose High School rodeo. This photo was published in the May 9, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

Mother's Day Brunch
AT SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Sunday, May 9
Aspen Room Buffet & Restaurant
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
\$16.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children * no discounts *

Menu:
Seasoned and Carved Roasted Inside Round with herbed Au Jus
Delmonico Ribeye Steaks Au Poivre
Salmon Oscar
Turkey Pot Pie
Pork Roast w/Cranberry Applesauce
Rotisserie Baked Chicken
Peel & Eat Shrimp
Pork Tamales
Soup & Salad Bar
Assorted Desserts

PEPSI
Bear Club
14324 Hwy 172 N. Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-7777
www.skyutecasino.com

PowWow Trails 2010

10th Annual Indian Market & Contest PowWow

May 15-16, 2010

US 285 (West Hampden) & HWY 8 • Morrison, CO
Phone 303-839-1671

Email: tesoroinfo@tesoroculturalcenter.org

Web: www.tesorofoundation.org/Calendar.html

22nd Annual Snow Mountain PowWow

May 28-29, 2010

Snow Mountain Exit #95 • Las Vegas, NV

Contact: Marcia Mahone

Phone: 702-386-3926

Email: powwow@lvpaiute.com

Web: www.lvpaiutetribe.com/powwow

29th Annual UCR PowWow

May 28-29, 2010

1000 W. Blaine St. • Riverside, CA

Contact: Raymond Braveowl

Phone: 951-827-3850

Email: rbraveowl@yahoo.com

Web: nasp.ucr.edu/Events/UCR+Pow+Wow.htm



Ute Language

wHsiaag'atÜ - Bird

akwiisichì - Squirrel

pagü - Fish

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



The Kidney Corner: Peritoneal Dialysis

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we discussed hemodialysis, a procedure used to clear toxins from the body of patients who have kidney failure.

An alternative type of dialysis is peritoneal dialysis, which provides a different way of treating kidney failure. This treatment removes toxins from the blood using a naturally occurring membrane, which surrounds the abdominal contents, called the peritoneum.

In this procedure, sterile fluid is infused through a catheter (flexible tube) implanted into the abdomen through the front of the abdominal wall. This fluid is allowed to dwell in the abdomen for a few hours, during which it absorbs toxins from the blood. It is then drained and replaced with fresh sterile fluid.

Different strengths of fluid are can be used to drain more or less water with each exchange, depending on the needs of the individual.

This procedure is done by the patient himself or herself. He or she undergoes a period of training, usually one to two weeks, then continues the peritoneal dialysis at home.



left in the abdomen without needing to be changed.

Patients on peritoneal dialysis often have fewer dietary restrictions than their contemporaries on hemodialysis. However, they often still need to restrict various dietary constituents, including phosphate. The other important dietary issue for patients on peritoneal dialysis is the need to take in plenty of protein. Protein is lost in each peritoneal dialysis exchange and needs to be replaced with dietary protein intake.

When not doing an exchange, the peritoneal dialysis catheter, which is flexible and comfortable, has a sterile cap covering the end. It is usually taped to the abdomen and does not interfere with most activities. Patients on peritoneal dialysis can continue to be active and participate in physical pursuits, including swimming in chlorinated pools.

Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis are different methods of treating end-stage kidney disease. These are the two available types of dialysis. In the next issue of the Kidney Corner, we will compare the advantages and disadvantages of the two types of dialysis. Subsequently, we will start to discuss kidney transplantation.

Usually a patient does around five exchanges per day. This can either be done throughout the day or at night. Nighttime peritoneal dialysis is usually done with the assistance of a cycler, a machine which does the exchanges while the patient is asleep. Nighttime cyclers have become popular for peritoneal dialysis since they allow more freedom during the day.

The main risk of peritoneal dialysis is infection of the abdomen, called peritonitis. This can occur when exchanges are done without using proper sterile technique. Peritonitis can be quite serious and requires antibiotics to be placed in the abdomen with the patient's exchanges. In most cases of peritonitis, the catheter can be

Tribal Obituaries



RIGGIN - Long time area resident Frances H. "Frankie" (Parks) Riggan died at her home in Wittman, AZ on April 21st following an extended illness. Frances was born December 9, 1933. She was the youngest of six children born to George and Chrysell Parks. Frankie went to school in Bayfield and graduated in 1951. She married Ross Riggan in 1959 and they worked a farm in the Ignacio area for many years. Frankie and Ross moved to Wittman, Arizona in 1993 and Ross preceded her in death in 1999.

Frankie was employed for many years as a lunchroom lady at Ignacio High School. She loved her family and her job. She attended church at St. Ignatius Church in Ignacio and was active in the Carmelitas. Her cakes were well known at bake sales. She was a great amateur artist and craftswoman. She loved gardening and yard sales. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Frances is survived by son, Mike Riggan, daughter-in-law Lesli Bishop Riggan and grandson Jonathan Riggan of Wickenburg, AZ; daughter Patricia Riggan, friend Steve Schwartz and granddaughter Dusty Riggan of Wittman, AZ. She is also survived by two sisters, Bobby Sapp of Cortez, CO and Mary Dye of Tularosa, NM and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Irvin Parks, Rose Edwards and Alma Cooper. At the request of the deceased, no services will be held.

Ute Women's Conference

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May 13 & 14

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8a.m. - 2p.m. May 14

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL HONORARY PROCLAMATION

NATIVE AMERICAN SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH April 20, 2010

WHEREAS, one in three Native American women experience sexual violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds and can be devastating, not only for the victim-survivor, but also for the family and friends of the victim-survivor; and

WHEREAS, Our Sister's Keeper Coalition is a non-governmental, non-profit service provider working with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes, other non-profit groups who also assist the survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and the Town of Ignacio, to prevent crimes and assist victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, working together, we can educate our population and the Native American community to prevent sexual assault; support victim-survivors and their significant others; and increase support for agencies providing services to victim-survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is committed to such education and support and recognizes the importance of dedicating a month to raise awareness of the impacts of sexual assault and domestic violence on the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to become part of the solution in ending sexual violence through education and awareness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this Twentieth day of April, 2010.

Matthew J. Box, Tribal Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe



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Save the Date

Our Sisters Keeper Coalition presents the 2nd Annual Native American Sexual Assault Prevention Summit, "Exploring the Sacred Family in Native Communities" on Friday, May 28, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center, 290 Moache Circle in Ignacio, Colorado.

Guest speakers will include Sylvia Guerrero - The Gwen Araujo Story "A Girl Like Me" and Lydia Nibley - The Fred Martinez "Two Spirit" documentary. There will also be eight individual forums regarding Sexual Assault Prevention and assisting "Two Spirit" individuals who have been victimized.

For more information or to register, please call Our Sisters Keeper Coalition Administration at 970-259-2519 or toll free 888-770-OSKC (6752), you may also register online at www.oursisterskeeper.org.

This project is supported by Grant 2009-2010 awarded by the Chinook Fund, Denver, Colorado and the #OE FLA PSD09000069 grant awarded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.



Boys and Girls Club Hosts Hip-hop Workshop

Media Release

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On March 30 and April 1, the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a Native Hip-hop Workshop covering the media forms of writing and photography.

There were over 30 youth who participated in both workshops. The photography workshop was run by Tay, a Native photographer from Durango, and the spoken word/poetry workshop was run by Mari from the Boys and Girls Club.

The writing workshop is offering spoken word/poetry CDs from the workshop for a \$5 donation. If you're a teen and are interested in future creative media opportunities or want to get a CD, please contact Darrell or Mari at 970-563-0214. In the next issue, we will be publishing their slam bios.

These poems are what we call Apacha (Earth in Zapotec) Mama poems, which are poems about our Mother Earth and honoring her.

"For the Mama"

Destinee

I walked out the doors instantly, the green on the ground, the blue in the sky caught my eye. The rocks that were kicked by man were jumping for joy. The grass crunching as I run my fingers through it. The lonely star in the sky is surrounded by many clouds

"My Poem for Mama Earth"

Kaylah Torrez

The sky is many colors
But what I see today is blue, gray, and orange
The ground is soft, poky, smooth, cold, rough
Cars are coming and going
Trees lost there leaves
But they are still speaking to us everything
Telling us to be someone to listen to, talk to and be someone to depend on
Mama Earth talks to us all the time

"For the Mama"

Anonymous

I was outside and seen the many color hues
The sound of mother earth blocked out by man made Things
Its noisy but the tree is sleeping and standing
Silent
The grass dances around the tree peacefully
Last I see the silent spider scurrying across
The cement
But all in all I feel mother earth crying for help and I here to comfort her

Santana

The sea colored blue with the pink color light
soothed my mind as I laid in the comforting green
grass, the sunset with the silver sparkling star shining at me blissfully.

Andrea

The Sky in rotation revealing around the town, one star shining down at me as the sunset with the blue and pink shuffles that are in the sky. Hearing the words of "Thank You."

Talia Porambo

It is my earth.
And its my whole Southern Ute land.
The cars, machines and chainsaws are what is making her work hard.
Even though it's the fall and...
We fall back in time, don't mean we have to fall back on the population of our wilderness.
The grey, blue, and sunset orange skys, getting polluted, and destroyed.
Its my earth, your earth, you, and even you, don't hurt her, don't make her cry.

Greg Bison, eighth grade

She is the woman who takes cares of everyone (how do we take care of her?)
she is the woman we take things from. (What do we give her?)
she is the woman who shelters us. (how do we protect her?)
we speak up for her well being when others do not we are all of her children we must all take care of her as she ages
this woman who I speak of is mother earth.

Valerie Armstrong

As I walked outside to the colors of red,
blue,
orange,
Hearing the sounds of cars,
voices and machines... as if men were working from a far distance
As I felt the grass it seemed as everyone forgot...
what mother earth was creating for me and you

Lakota TwoCrow, age 9

The sky is blue and on the sun set the sky is orange and yellow it makes me to gest lay bown and look the sun and I LIKE the way the grass moovs and it rumind me of the Beach I like the full moon.

Odessey Silva, first grade

I like the earth and the places and the things and the world and the people. I take care of this place.
The sky is so baby blue I just couldn't stand it until I touch the ground so corn I fell like was in heaven.

Maylen Newton

The Sky Was Bright Orange like a Women's Fancy Shawl with a Bald Eagle,
The Green Grass Felt So Calm, So Calm I Could Sleep Peacefully.
My Peaceful Mind Felt The Hardworking Ants Build Their Home.



Day of Remembrance Honoring All Who Served

Presented by
The Southern Ute Veterans Association
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Memorial Day
May 31, 2010
Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park
10am



Photos: 1. Wounded Heart; 2. Brokenness; 3. Road Less Traveled; 4. The Plunge; 5. Cleansing; 6. Freedom and 7. Emptiness. These photos were taken by workshop members Lucas Monroe, Lorraine Watts, Robert Rhodd, Alex Gearhart, Trina Gearhart and Keyana Valdez.

90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow Logo and Theme Contest

The Southern Ute Public Relations Division, in conjunction with the Southern Ute PowWow Committee, would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2010 Southern Ute Tribal Fair for all Southern Ute tribal members.

All medias of art will be accepted until May 31.
Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches.
Selected artwork will be featured on all items involved with the 90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow.
Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork.

All artwork will be accepted at the Public Relations Office in the Leonard C. Burch Building in person or by mail. Public Relations Division, P.O. Box 737 No. 13, Ignacio, CO 81137. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Barry at 970-563-0119 or email abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The winner will be announced and featured in the June 4, 2010 edition The Drum.



Students Take Earth Day Seriously

Media Release
Southern Ute
Environmental Programs Division

Environmental Programs continued its Earth Day outreach efforts again this year on April 22 at Scott's Pond. During a week of foul weather, the clouds dispersed, the sun came out, and the winds calmed down just long enough for the students and teachers from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to meet to talk about important environmental issues.

The students walked down to the pond where they talked about the significance of recycling, pollution, and water and air quality issues. Water Quality Manager Sal Valdez, specialist Pete Nylander and intern Audrey Harvey brought in samples of aquatic bugs that are indicators of the water quality and overall health of waters on the reservation. The bugs, or macroinvertebrates, depend on clean water to survive, and fish depend on the bugs as a food source as the food web expands from there.

Air Quality specialist Mike King discussed the issues that affect local air quality, like very small airborne particles and ground level ozone, and showed the kids a chart of how air quality is measured. The students then got to experience how it feels to breathe during an asthma attack by trying to breathe through small straws.

Afterwards, students asked the



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Water Quality Specialist Audrey Harvey shows a few of the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, April 22 an insect extracted from Scott's Pond in an effort to bring awareness to Earth Day and the role the insects play in the environment.

staff questions about what was presented. One student brought up the volcano in Iceland and how it's affecting air quality. The afternoon wrapped up with

the group walking around Scott's Pond and picking up all the trash they could find. Most of the trash that was picked up could have been recycled.

Tribal Jr. High Students Meet Council



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, including Chairman Matthew Box, Council Lady Marge Borst and Councilmen Steve Herrera and Al Cloud, met with junior-high-age tribal members at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Tuesday, April 27 to discuss the value of a good education. Herrera told the students he wishes he'd taken his schoolwork more seriously in youth.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Indian tribal members from area junior high schools met with Tribal Council members on April 27 to discuss the importance of education. "You never stop learning," Councilman Steve Herrera told the students. "There's always something out there to learn."

or the background when you graduate from high school, it's going to be so much harder for you," he said. "It will make your life a lot easier if you have that foundation." He added that the Tribal Council is willing to do all it can to help the younger generation succeed.

"We're all looking out for you," he said. "We're praying for you, and we hope that every one of you is a success in your life."

Councilman Al Cloud urged the group to participate in as many extracurricular activities as possible.

"Any time you get to go on trips or anything like that, take advantage of the opportunity," he said. "Remember these times. Try to do as many programs as you can."

Chairman Matthew Box shared the final message of the afternoon, talking about the hard work the students' ancestors did to ensure opportunities would be available to them.

"It all had a humble start," he said. "They were thinking about you, that life needed to be better for you." Box said the Tribe is willing and able to help students who are genuinely interested in seeking higher education. He asked the group to consider his offer as they continue through school.

"How you treat that tool really reflects how much you recognize where it came from," he said.

In closing, Box said it's important for the younger generation to grow up strong in the Ute culture.

"Having braids doesn't make us Ute," he said. "It's how you live your life."



Herrera said he spent much of his time in school socializing – time he wishes he could have back now. He encouraged the group to take their studies seriously and start planning for the future. "If you don't have the education

and where you come from, because that is so important," she said. She punctuated her message with a performance of the robin song from the Mohawk Nation, adding, "I want to encourage you: Don't be afraid to sing."

Fuschetto is New Superintendent

Media Release
Ignacio School District

The Ignacio School Board announced Thursday, April 29 that Dr. Rocco Fuschetto will take over Ignacio schools beginning July 1.

Fuschetto succeeds Juvie Jones, who has served as superintendent since 2005 and is retiring. He has worked as superintendent of the Swink School District since 2006. He received a doctoral degree in educational leadership and school administration from Ball State University in Muncie,

Ind.; a master of science in Spanish and French from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ind.; and a bachelor of science in education in Spanish and French from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio.

Fuschetto has a wide range of experience in leadership roles, including six years as assistant principal in Alexandria, Ind., and principal in Elwood, Ind.; 25 years teaching experience in Muncie, Yorktown and Wabash, Ind.; and 11 years as the vice president and general manager of Jane Wiley Interiors.

Fuschetto has successfully

received approximately \$2.2 million in grant funding over the past four years for school improvement projects and developments.

The Ignacio board chose two finalists from among 12 applicants. The other finalist was James Szoka from Monte Vista.

The board began searching for a new superintendent in January with the help of the Colorado Association of School Boards' superintendent search team. The board and two interview committees that included community members, staff and parents concluded interviews in April.

Ignacio Community Library News, Events

Computer Classes

Tuesdays, 5:15pm, May 11

Computer classes will be offered by Art Charette on Tuesdays. They will alternate between a Basic Computer Class and a free Spreadsheet Class.

Ignacio Library Staff Visits the Senior Citizen Center

Tues., May 11, 11:30 am-1 pm

Southern Ute Bear Dance Presentation

Tues., May 11, 1pm

Tribal elder Pearl Casias will give a presentation on the Southern Ute Bear Dance Protocol.

Overdrive Class

Gardening Workshops

May 13: Building Great Garden Soil

May 20: Planting the Garden

May 27: Composting and Mulching

Regular Board Meeting

Wed., May 12, 5pm

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meet The Artists Reception

Fri., May 14, 4:30-6:30 pm

See art demonstrations, and get to know the artists of the exhibit.

Spring into Summer!

Sat., May 15

The Ignacio Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Spring into Summer events. The Friends of the Library will have a pancake breakfast. There will be a kids booth with puppet making, and summer crafts and the Pine River Learning Center will have a book sale and music of the Murga Sisters String Band.

Book Club News

May 18, 5pm

Nancy Atherton's *Aunt Dimity Down Under* and a knitting mystery, *While My Pretty One Knits*.

Free Basic Computer Class for Senior Citizens

Wed., May 26, 1pm

Knitting Groups

Tuesdays, 1pm

The Library will be closed **Mon., May 31** in observance of Memorial Day.

Book and Chat

Fri., May 28, 10am to 12pm

We will have all our new books for the month of May on display and ready for checkout. Enjoy chatting over a cup of coffee and the smell of new books off the press. We will also have games available for playing. We have a Mah-Jong set and are hoping to find some patrons that know how to play it.

Summer Reading Program

June 9 - July 28

All programs are free and open to the public and are for preschool through 12th grade. There will also be an Adult Reading Program. Wednesdays at 10:00 am story time & crafts for younger children at 2:00 pm events and programs for tweens & teens. Opening day of the summer reading program is June 9th. Luke Renner the Yo-Yo-Man will be performing at 10:00 am. The first 50 kids will receive a free yo-yo.

New Books For May

Imperfect Birds by Anne Lamott

The Lake Shore Limited by Sue Miller

Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes

The Missing by Beverly Lewis

The Walk by Richard Paul Evans

The Shadow of Your Smile by Mary Higgins Clark

The 9th Judgment by James Petterson

The Black Cat by Martha Grimes

The Bride Collector by Ted Dekker

Caught by Harlan Coben

Deception by Jonathan Kellerman

Deliver Us From Evil by David Baldacci

Computer Use Policy Change

Starting in May adult patrons will notice a change in the computer time limits. You will now be allowed 120 minutes per day.

TEEN SCENE/KIDS ZONE

Wii Tournament

Wed., May 12, 3:30pm

Checkers & Chess Tournament

Wed., May 26, 3:30 pm

Book & Movie Charades

Winner Kaitlyn Bell

Book Blog Winner

Macy Brown

Marcy's book review is titled *The Magicians's Elephant* by Katie DiCamillo. The next blog drawing will take place on May 26th. Winner will receive a MOVIE PASS to the Storyteller Theater in Durango.

NEW books in the library

Tempted by P.C. Cast & Kristin Cast

Rules of Attraction by Simone Elkeles

Gone by Lisa MaMann

Spirit Bound by Richelle Mead

The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner: An Eclipse Novella by Stephenie Meyer

Syren by Angie Sage

Nightfall by L.J. Smith

April Donations

Total money donated: \$146.00

Item donations:

167 - books

10 - movies

10 - magazines

Poetry Contest Winners

Thanks to all the literary artists who submitted their work, we had a great turnout for the contest. There are three winners for each age group and the winners are:

Adults Category

1st - Diana Ruthers

2nd - Theresa Boss

3rd - Ronald Yellowbird

Kids Category

1st - Samantha

2nd - Tauno Gallegos

3rd - Raeann

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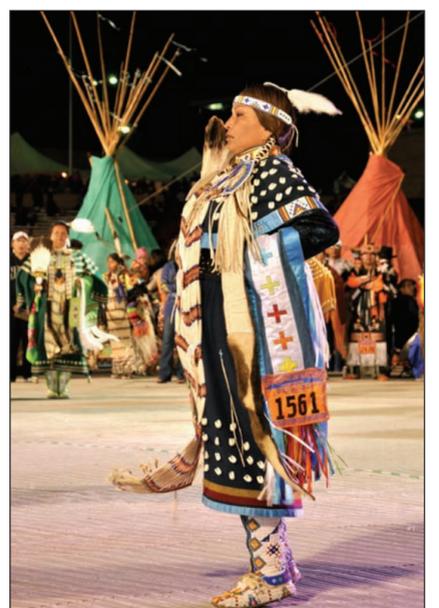
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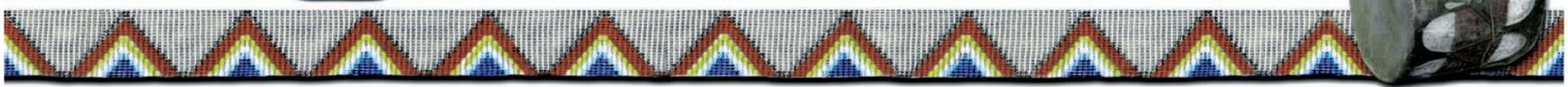
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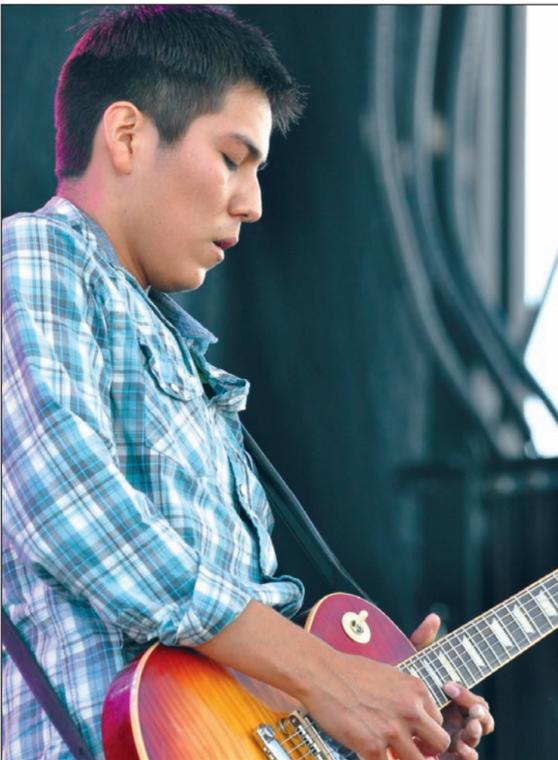
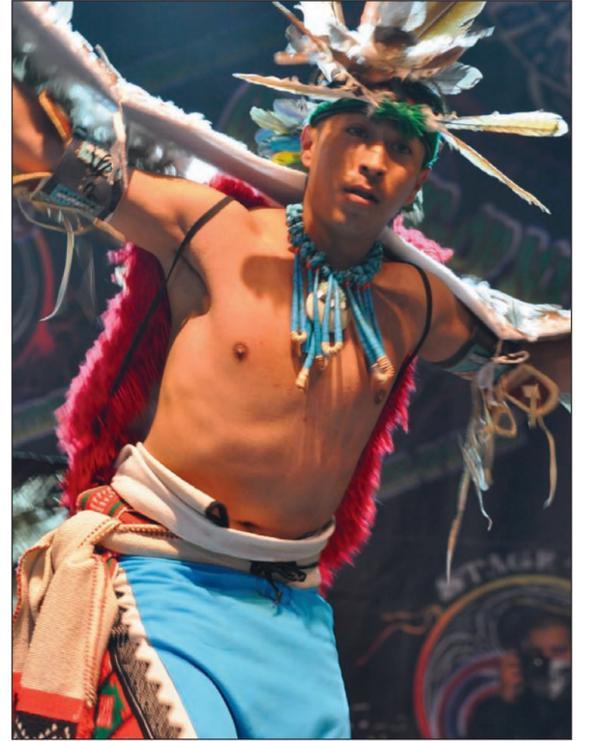


Gathering of Nations Draws Thousands





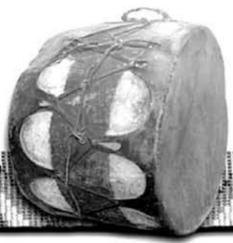
In Celebration of Indigenous Culture



The Gathering of Nations PowWow in Albuquerque not only attracted drum groups and dancers from April 23 to 25, but many other entertainers and musicians as well. Most shared Stage 49 at the Gathering, while other venues hosted related events throughout the Duke City. Pictured clockwise from top left: The newly reunited Red Earth fills the stage and keeps the funky grooves and beats alive at Rock the 9; an eagle dancer performs for the late Friday night crowd on Stage 49; outgoing Miss Indian World Brooke Grant; Hoopa, Yurok, Kuruk and Chippewa Tribes perform traditional healing dances on Stage 49; the Battle of the Chiefs main event features Queese IMC (right) throwing words at Red Cloud as the crowd at Paparazzi Nightclub cheers them on; Crooked Arrow was one of three Southern Ute bowling teams competing in the seventh annual Native American Bowling Tournament at the Santa Ana Star Casino; Saving Damsels, led by J.J. Otero, organizer of Rock the 9, opens Saturday night's concert; 17-year-old Levi Platero rips through a furious blues set on Stage 49; Paparazzi Nightclub was the place to be to catch paint slingers Big Chief (left) and Bunky Echo-Hawk (right) dueling with their "live" art; and Miracle Dolls bassist Danielle, one of the twin sisters, and lead guitarist sister Desiree, who front the three-piece punk band from southern California.

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'Nuc' Bombed: Mustangs Outslug IHS



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jesse Vigil beats the throw to second as Nucla shortstop Seldon Riddle (13) has to snare the relay from the outfield on a hop during a May 1 doubleheader at NHS. The Mustangs swept the 'Cats in SJB action.

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Even giving Nucla a taste of their own medicine – a double digit-scoring inning – wasn't enough to cure the Ignacio Bobcats' late-inning ailments, and the 'Cats lost more ground in the already-decided San Juan Basin League baseball championship race.

Traveling last Saturday to the West End, called so by those in Montrose and San Miguel Counties, IHS managed a 10-run breakout to start the fifth in Game 2, but still couldn't complete the climb from the 19-4 hole they found themselves in before the rally, and the Mustangs won 20-15.

Game 1 of the twinbill on NHS' old-timey field (345 feet down the line in left, 365 to the left-center alley, 380 to straight-away center, 315 to right-center, 295 down the line in right) featured much more defense, but IHS fell 10-6. They had led 6-3 after the fourth, but NHS finally got to senior Anthony Porambo for six runs in the bottom of the fifth, and the senior was pulled

in hopes Mark Garcia could staunch the flow.

Meanwhile, Nucla's Justin Goforth drew the Game 1 start, as he'd done when the Mustangs' 13-run seventh inning saved them April 20 at SunUte Field in a 17-10 win. And as he'd done then, Goforth's bat again set the team's tempo on offense, and he finished 2-for-2 with two runs scored and four RBI (two on a homer to center in the bottom of the fourth).

Porambo (L, 4-5; 4 IP, 5 H, 9 R, 4 ER, 4 K, 8 BB), Josh Plehinger, Jesse Vigil and Jared Ruybal each knocked two hits in the closer contest last Saturday, but Goforth notched a fine 10:0 K-to-walk ratio (he did plunk Porambo once) in his complete-game (7 IP, 10 H, 6 R, 1 ER) victory.

Outshining all, however, was NHS centerfielder Dirk Smuin. After going 2-4 with a run and 3 RBI in the four-run win, he topped all with 3-for-5 in the five-run triumph – including a homer, three runs scored and 5 RBI. Goforth and catcher Seth Knob each scored four times in the afternoon shootout. IHS' full stats were unavailable at

press time, though it was reported Porambo belted two homers in the loss and Garcia took the 'L' on the mound, which would drop him to 0-3.

With just their long-delayed Game 2 of their double-dip at Dove Creek remaining (completed late Tuesday; Game 1 was played April 24), Ignacio will finish the regular season third in the SJB. DC will finish fourth, no matter the outcome, while Nucla finishes second behind Dolores.

Up next for Ignacio – and Dolores – will be this weekend's 2A-District 2 Tournament (Nucla and DC are in 1A-District 1) in Cortez. IHS' first opponent and game time had yet to be reported as of Monday afternoon, though Paonia is a strong possibility for the 10 a.m. Saturday contest. The top two – amongst IHS, DHS, Paonia, Meeker, and Rangely – will reach the 2A regional phase. But only one – amongst Dove Creek, NHS, and Primero [Weston] – will advance to the 1A regional round.

Rangely was rated the bunch's best, voted No. 8 in the most recent Denver Post/9News 2A poll.

'Cats Complete Sweep of Center



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's seniors – seen at halftime of their Senior Day match April 22 against Bayfield – played their final matches in Lady Bobcat colors this week. Left to right: Hannah Minkler, Morgan Gantt, Venicia Sala, Ali Adams, Ashley Self.

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The bus ride over often far outlasts the actual match length.

But it's something all teams in the 3A Southwestern must each do once – usually – and each time, the San Luis Valley hosts always appear to have improved. And each time, they defend their field with a little more resolve, especially when they see Ignacio's transport roll into the parking lot.

And when the Lady Vikings finally do win a contest, the celebration alone should get its own space in the local weekly, alongside the match writeup, box score, and whatever else.

The Lady Bobcats made sure last Saturday wasn't that day.

After finding out that their second win wasn't official after all, IHS got Win No. 2 the hard way and stopped Center, 2-0, at

Center Community Park. Destinee Lucero and Hannah Minkler each found the back of the net, with Minkler's coming on a first-half penalty kick. But what may have impressed head coach Andrew Fenity most was the effort's completeness, preserving the shutout for goalie Valerie Armstrong.

"Some of the best soccer I've ever seen this team play in a second half," he said.

With the season wrapping up this week, Fenity again expressed hope that the 'Cats (2-5, 2-5 SWL) could carry their momentum into three tough matches – all of which are rescheduled dates including what was to be their 2010 opener on March 13, and what they figured was a forfeit victory on April 10.

"Yeah, I'm not too happy about it," said Fenity about the rescheduled test against

Ridgway, who failed to show at IHS Field the morning after Ignacio blanked CHS 4-0. "They blamed us for not telling them when it was, or something like that... but it's OK. At least we get to end the season at home now."

RHS' new visit was slated for Thursday at 4 p.m., two days after Ignacio's trip to Telluride for a key doubleheader with the Lady Miners – where any positive result would likely help Bayfield lock up their first SWL title. Ridgway, now in third place, could also assist with a win or tie Friday (5/7) at THS.

The top three squads earn a berth in the Class 3A State Tournament's opening Round of 32, with seeding to be determined on Sunday, May 9, based on a poll conducted by the Colorado High School Soccer Coaches Association and CHSAA.



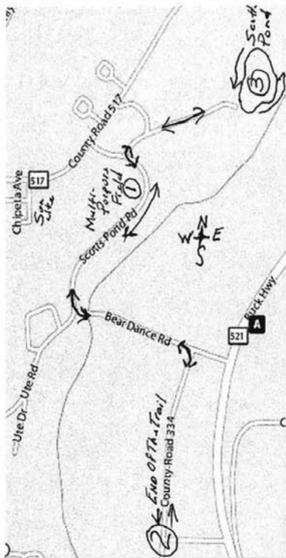
Saturday May 15, 2010 SunUte Multi-Purpose Field

18TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN RUN/WALKS
A 4 MILE THERE AND BACK ROUTE
REFRESHMENTS AND T-SHIRTS
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9:00AM REGISTRATION
10:00AM WALK START

1. Walk begins at the SunUte Multi-Purpose field. It will then go south down Scott's Pond Road then turn east on to Bear Dance Road.
2. It will then go east to the End of the Trail road then turn south down the Trail road. It will then go to the end of the road then turn around north and backtrack to Scott's Pond Road.
3. Then north on Scott's Pond Road to and around Scotts Pond and finally ending back at the starting point.

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Baseball: 2A San Juan Basin League (Through May 3, 2010)

Team	Overall	League
Dolores	13-4-0	9-0
Nucla	9-7-0	6-3
IGNACIO	6-11-0	2-6
Dove Creek	4-12-0	0-8

Girls' Soccer: 3A Southwestern League (Through May 3, 2010)

Team	Overall	League
Bayfield	8-3-0	8-1-0
Telluride	7-4-0	6-1-0
Ridgway	4-4-0	4-3-0
Pagosa Springs	6-7-0	4-5-0
IGNACIO	2-5-0	2-5-0
Center	0-10-0	0-8-0

compiled by Joel Priest

SunUte 2010 Men's Summer Basketball League

Men's basketball players ages 16 and up.

Wednesday nights beginning May 19.

Deadline: 5 p.m. May 14.
We accept Visa and MasterCard.

Entry fee must be paid no later than
May 14 to hold a spot.

To sign up or for more information, call
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Ignacio High School and Junior High Honor Roll 3rd Quarter, 2009-2010

Ignacio High School

Seniors: 4.6 Hannah Minkler; 4.5 Cassandra Sanchez; 4.0 Alexandra Adams, Shane Brooks, Oakley Hayes, Alex Herrera, Richard Hott, Tony Hutchinson, Kayla Lewis, Jared Ruybal; 3.8 Shaylene Brassard; 3.7 Ashlee Albrecht, Morgan Gantt, Michael McBeth; 3.5 Kristie Ribera, Christian Thompson; 3.3 Anthony Porambo, Ashley Self; 3.2 Trae Seibel, Chance Wyatt

Juniors: 4.0 Garret Becker, Carly Bentley, Ryan Brooks, Micheal Mestas, Mariah Pena; 3.7 Colton Davis, Corey Francis, Casey Haga, Tanner Harwood, Katelyn Silvers, Shelby Wiederin; 3.5 William Jacobsen, Ethan Pearson; 3.4 Candace Wade; 3.2 Terril Kroschel

Sophomores: 4.0 Abeth Okall, Shane Richmond, Colton Wyatt; 3.8 Brittney Benavidez, Zach White; 3.7 Carly Barborinas, Kelsey Frost; 3.6 Christian Rockwell; 3.5 Shawnara Troup; 3.4 Carley Hutchinson, Kevin Park, Alex Pena; 3.3 Jesse Vigil; 3.2 Jefferey Herrera

Freshmen: 3.8 Lindsay Hutchinson; 3.7 Mary Kate Adams; 3.6 Austin Haire; 3.4 Breana Talamante-Benavidez, William Taylor, Alexxandria Troup, Tristany Valencia; 3.3 Natelle Thompson; 3.2 Pamela Cotton, Celsa Velasquez

Ignacio Junior High School

8th Grade: 4.0 Linda Hovland; 3.9 Malli Benavidez; 3.8 Raelynn Torres; 3.7 Christian Knoll, Kelton Richmond; 3.6 Jacob Candelaria, Gabriela Garcia, Jeannie Grossardt, Shannon Mestas, Jalen Pena, Jayce Stricherz, Deanna Trujillo; 3.5 Angela Herrera, Antonio Silva De Torres; 3.4 John House, Cloe Seibel, Jason Taylor; 3.3 Cheyenne Cook, Adam Herrera, DaShona Lloyd, Paco Mounts; 3.2 Clayton Jefferson, Dylan Pearson

7th Grade: 4.0 James Ballew, Baylee Hutchinson, Jessie Ribera, Tyler Riepel, Glory Roehrs; 3.9 Sarah Sitton; 3.8 Dynesha Drake, Katherine Dunivin, Sydney Santistevan; 3.7 July Stricherz; 3.6 David Cooper Jr, Kaya Godac, Shea Hanna, Alexander Lopez, Blaine Mickey, Kaylin Robson; 3.5 Kyle Bailey, Angelyn Bowman, Tanisha Collins, Adison Jones, Alicia Naranjo, Iaasich Pena; 3.3 Christopher Cloud, Marillee Cotton, Kiara Raby, Alexis Tyner; 3.2 Charles Ponder, Xavier Reynolds, Trevor Silvers



Patrick Hight Basketball Tournament Brings 25 Teams



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

The Patrick Hight Memorial Basketball Tournament drew teams from all over the country April 30-May 2. A local team, the Posers, won the men's competition, while Louisville, a team from Albuquerque, took home the silver medal and Exclusive claimed third. On the women's side, Sweet Sage from Albuquerque claimed top honors, the local squad No Skills took second, and Fighting Hens rounded out the top three. The tournament was planned in memory of Hight, who died in a car crash in 2006. Hight's aunt, Vinnie Valdez, and grandfather, Sylvian Valdez, spoke during the event. The tournament hosted a total of 25 teams, 16 men and 9 women. Other local teams included the Gatherers (women) and the Revolution and Buckshot (men).



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Council Honors Flag Raisers



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Police Department stood before the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Monday, April 12 to receive recognition for a job well done. The department was asked to raise a flag on short notice and graciously fulfilled the request. During the presentation, Chairman Matthew Box said he was grateful for the service of each officer and thanked them for their time. Pictured above, Southern Ute Co-executive Officer Andrew Frost shakes hands with members of SUPD.

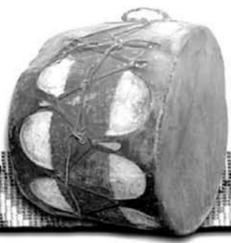
Kids Tumble, Hop at Field Day



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students break free of the classroom for a full morning of cowboy antics during the annual Southern Ute Head Start Field Day. The Field Day took place indoors this year due to poor weather and high winds. Standing ready for class photos, Head Start students Roxana Rangel and Zoey Ross sport purple bandanas and temporary tattoos. Below, Grace Gonzales enjoys the Field Day activities with classmates.





Mom's Day

Tahgum-soo-we-knee why-koo spiku-up (12)

May 7, 2010



**Pía
Tavai**

To A Special Person:

Happy Mothers Day 5/9 and Birthday 5/10 to Janis Peabody. Words cannot express what you mean to this family, You do alot for us and never complain whether it's for our many appointments or just listening to our everyday life. We want you to know we appreciate all that you do for us. You keep us going when the times get hard and keep us encouraged to do better and learn from our mistakes. Thank You for all that you do and enjoy your special days. You deserve it and more.

**Mel, Your children and their families
Also your four legged gang**

Happy Mother's Day to my Sisters: Darlene, Dixie, Debra. Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, without Sisters like you, I wouldn't know what to do. Hey, How'd you like that rhyming? Happy Mothers day Sisters.

**With all my love,
DONA**

Happy Mother's Day Melanie Bahe: You are a beautiful and loving mother to my shopping partner Rheannon. Walk in beauty my friend and have a wonderful day and enjoy it with Rheannon and Shane.

Love always, Dona

Happy Mother's Day Sandra Chavez: May your day be filled with happiness. Enjoy your day with Chops.

Love always, Dona

Happy Mother's Day Taradactal: What you are as a mother is powerful. You are an amazing mother, the love you share with your children Jalisa, Jesse, Shyanne and Carlos They are so Lucky to have such a wonderful mother. I love you very much. You make me laugh all the time; remember all the crazy times we have had together, keep them times in a book as we have done and gone on a lot of adventures through out the states and the rez. I enjoy your company, listening to your concerns, and stories about your children. May your day be filled with wonderful thoughts and love from all that surround you.

**Love you always,
Aunt Dona.**

Happy Mother's Day Brandi (Annie-Martini-Rossi on the Rocks) Naranjo-Raines: Have a Happy Mother's Day love you and your family.

Enjoy your day with Manny and Little T.

Aunt Dona

Happy Mother's Day Deanna Joseph: May your day be filled with happiness; don't forget about us back on the rez. We all miss you and love you. Enjoy your Day Deanna.

**Love you,
Aunt Dona**

Happy Mother's Day Janelle Doughty. Happy Trails to a cow girl who is a tough UTE woman. You have proved to be a good person, a smart person and a wonderful mother. My wish for you is to stay strong, don't look back but go forward and be the BEST that you can be. Happy Mother's Day.

**Love you always,
Aunt Dona**

Happy Mother's Day Marla Frost-Alperstine: May you enjoy your Mother's Day with your baby boy and daughter, you are a New Mom and I know times will get tough but I know you can handle anything that comes your way. Enjoy everyday with happiness and love. I can't wait to see the new addition to our family.

**Love you always,
Aunt Dona.**

Happy Mother's Day Rhonda Wilbourn. Have a wonderful day.

Aunt Dona

Happy Mother's Day to Starlene Reed, Cassandra Naranjo, Katrina Martinez. Have a good one.

Aunt Dona.

Bernie, Happy Mother's Day mom. Thank you for everything you do for us, we love you very much.

Love,

**STAIS, DERMARR AND
AUTUMN-BAHOZHO.**

Happy Mother's Day, We hope you all have a great wonderful day, grandma Eagle, Thonda, T.J., Bones, Linda, Theresa, Andra, Daisy.
THE HARLAN FAMILY :)

Happy Mother's Day to my mom Irene Burch!! I hope you're having a great day! I want to thank you for your lessons and your care. I will never forget your kindness you've given me through the years, the laughter and the tears we shared. There are times when a Mother's faith can help us on our way through life and give us the confidences we need every day. I'm grateful to have a special mom like you, so much of you I have in me. You're also a special grandmother because I know you love all your grandchildren and try your best to teach them life's lessons. Remember Mom you are blessed and loved so much by your family!

**Love,
Cookie**

To Our Mother Maxine Silva Thanks for all the support you have given us, And being there through our struggles and triumphs, The love that you give us is unconditional, You show us patience, and always have kind words, May the creator bless you on this wonderful day.

Love your children and grandchildren

To My Grandmother, Maxine Silva Thank you for what you do for us. We love you and wish you a Happy G-mother's Day.

**With all our love,
Rylan and Nick Herrera**

Hey Ladies: Wally, Sherri, Marilyn, Mrs. Ford, Margs, and all the lovely Moms I missed out there I wanted to take this time to let you know how beautiful each one of you are. You do a splendid awesome job at raising your family. Thanks for being there through the struggles, laughter, and craziness.

**Always,
Natalie**

I would like to wish my sister Rochelle Taylor and Michelle Olguin and Grandma Elaine Trujillo a Happy Mothers day and many more to come thanks for playing the Auntie and Grandma Roles and always being there for us.

**From Dru, Chris and Baby Q
and Momma Roc**

Daughter, You have shown great strength by furthering your education and receiving your J.D. from the University of Denver. It's been a hard road we all traveled, especially your son. It's hard being an absent Mom but you did it. Your determination for a better life you and your Son is far reaching. May the Great Spirit continue to guide you.

Love Mom



"Happy Mother's Day" to our mother, Betty Box. We are blessed to have a mother like you in our lives. On Mother's Day is your day to enjoy to the fullest. Remember, you are always be in our hearts and lives. We want to thank you for all your teaching and advice. You are a strong woman and you have kept our family strong through all the tough times. We want to thank you for being there to celebrate our special day on October 18, 2008. We love you!

**Your sons in Las Vegas,
Edward & Tony**

To my loving Mother, Evelyn I want you to know that you are a great mother and grandmother. You have always been if you ever had a doubt. We love and Appreciate everything you do and say. I am very proud to have You as my mother and Jerrna is very proud to have you as her Grandmother. The "boys" I am sure are very proud too. We Would not be the same if you were not in our lives. You are Very important to all of us and we all love you so very much!! Happy Birthday day and Happy Birthday too!!

**Love
Faren, Jerrna, Kai, and Kaleb**

I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all my Aunts, Liz Kent, Marge Barry, Denise Thompson, Willette Whiteskunk and Williamette Thompson, you are all great mothers as well as aunties!!

Love Faren

Mom, We appreciate everything you have ever done for us, the time you share with us, the good advice you give, the shoulder to lean on, and the shove to make it through the difficult times. Thank you for never letting us down when we need you the most. Not only us children owe you this thanks, but the many other relatives whose hearts you have comforted in their trying times. How many of us have you picked up and dusted off? Your heart is so big and you have made room for us all. I know you will always continue to do this for all of us, even though you are criticized by some for repeatedly being used by those that take advantage of you. You don't see that though, do you? All you see is someone in need of your help and that's your nature, to help and love unconditionally. We are so blessed to be able to call you mom; you are the best person to have come into this world. We will forever be grateful for having you in our lives.

**We love you very much.
Your 3 little Indian boys, 1 little Indian girl,
1 Big Indian girl, and a Mexican boy.**

Mom, Although we don't always agree and I give you "grief" I love you very much. Have a good "Mother's Day".

Love Riah

To Vicious, the Bestest Mom in the Whole World Besides Me! Have an awesome day with your kiddos and family. Love ya tons and that's the situation until you break the code!

Vicious

To my mother, Sherry Howell-Pinnecoose NOAH! Thank you for your unwavering support and the unconditional love you have shown me all these years. I would not be where I am without your guidance and wisdom. I know people have not always been kind to you, and treated you as an outsider even though you have lived among them for many years. I know it has not been easy taking their criticism but you have not let them get to you, and for that I am grateful. Your strength inspires me... I am proud to be your son and I wish I could do more to show my respect and love for giving me life and allowing me to be who I am today. It is not easy living up to the expectations of my elders but you have always been there to talk to me and you encouraged me to continue along the path that the Creator has put me on. I don't have to pretend to be someone I am not when I am around you, I am your son.

Thank you Mom, I love you.

**Andrew C. Frost
Chaticks-Si-Chaticks**

Happy Mother's Day to our beautiful mother, Marjorie Barry. May we have many more wonderful days to celebrate you being such a wonderful person in our lives. We love you.

**Amy & Family
Preston & Family**

Happy Mothers Day to Auntie Amy and Auntie Nora! We love you lots!

The Pardos

Happy Mothers Day to Auntie Son, Auntie Marie, and Auntie Marcie! We love you too much!!

The Pardo kids

Happy Mothers Day to my Aunt Marge! We love you very much!!

The Pardos

Happy Mothers Day Gramma Reed! Lots of Love!

The Pardo kids

A Happy Mother's Day to the "mommies" too Shelly Thompson, Amy Barry, Katie Whiteskunk and Reagina Thompson and last but not least Tami Weage who has been A great great step grandmother!!

Love Faren

Happy Mother's Day Mikki Roubideaux. Love you and your family, have a wonderful day with Mike and the Kids.

Aunt Dona

Happy Mother's Day to Debbie Gonzales! You are such a great person and always welcome all into your home without passing judgment. We love you for that. May you have a wonderful day with your children and extended family.

**Love you,
Mario, Amy & Kiddos**

Happy Mother's Day to Auntie Edna, Sister Heather & Sister Jen. Also to my Aunties Evelyn, Denise, Llz, Willette, Pebs and Sanjean. Also, to Gamma Tami, have a wonderful day. You guys are awesome women and mothers! We love you.

Amy, Mario & Kiddos

Happy Mother's Day to Lenora! May you celebrate many more with us. We love having you as part of our family.

Amy & Family

In the Memory of your Loved One

Let not your heart be troubled; You believe in God, Believe also in Me. "In My Father's house Are many mansions, If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you". John 14:1-2

For our mother LaVara Thompson, who left us on May 9, 2008.

You will always be in our hearts, we miss and love you, until we meet again.

Your husband, daughters, sons, grandchildren, Great grandchildren and family

Mother, you have been gone for almost 2 years on May 9 and even so it seems like it was just like yesterday. I still see your smile and your laughter and feel that you are still here. I can still hear your voice and your advice every day and that's what keeps me going. To be strong and responsible and to have a good heart will only make me be a stronger person. I know that one day I will see you and Barry so until that day I will live my life to the fullest. I will not say I miss you because you are in my heart and in the memories I have of you.

**Love,
Frankline, Briana, Jawadin**

To Our Daughter/Sister-in-Law Brandi Raines,

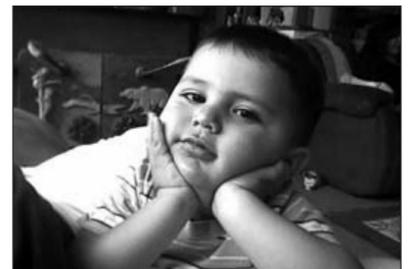
We would like to wish you a very "Happy Mother's Day" this Sunday. Hope it's a memorable day for you. Relax, enjoy and don't eat too much cake and chocolate.

Debra, Zack, Jeremy & Jordan



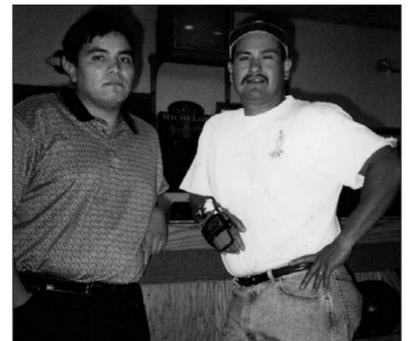
I want to wish my grandson Joshua Herrera happy birthday on May 5, 2010.

**I miss and Love
Luana Herrera**



Stoney, Happy 2nd Birthday on April 28th Hope you had a good one. We love you very much.

Dad, Mom, Monika and Curtis



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Marvin Pinnecoose on 4-15, and Steve Herrera on 4-22.

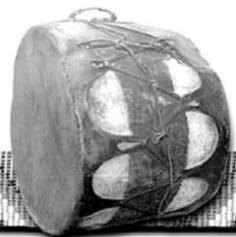
Just wanted to thank you guys for everything that you do. Over the years you both have shown us many things. From telling us stories of old times, or simply just sitting around and telling jokes. Thanks for all the laughs and the smiles you have given us.

May you noth have a fun filled day with friends and family near and far. We love and appreciate you guys in our lives.

Frances, Breanna and Shyden Pinnecoose

To our son/brother Manford Raines, We would like to say Congratulations on your great success on receiving your Welding certificate through So West Co. College on May 4th. Way to go, you did it and we are so proud of you. Now that you got your foot in the door, keep on going with your education. Always remember we love you.

**Your family,
Mom, Dad, Jeremy & Jordan**



**Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Credit Committee Vacancy**

Seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill one vacant seat on Credit Committee. The Credit Committee members must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. A confidentiality statement must be signed. They shall be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation for Tribal Credit. The term may be for a three (3) year period. The Committee meets weekly on Tuesday. Committee members must not be delinquent with Tribal Credit or any Tribal Department. Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Take initial action for the Tribe on all Applications.
- Have the responsibility of assuring that loans made under the Credit Program are repaid when due.

All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on this committee are urged to fill out an application and submit it to the Personnel Department in the Tribal Affairs Building.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancy**

Seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill a vacant seat 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 \$20/hr. for meeting participation. A commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected as meetings are held several times throughout the year. Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. 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.

Invitation To Bid

RESIDENTIAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
SU 306 - PIWOOD CIRCLE, SU 307 - TAMACHE CIRCLE
SO 308 - BUCKSKIN CHARLIE DRIVE AND SU 313 - SUNSET CIRCLE

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

ENGINEER
Lewis Engineering, LLC
807 E. 31st Street
Durango, CO 81301
970-375-7117
lewis-eng@bresnan.net

Separate sealed BIDS for the Residential Roads Improvement Project will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Department of Construction and Project Management offices located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM on May 13, 2010, and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

The project consists of the drainage improvements and surfacing replacement on SU 306-Piwood Circle and on SU 307-Tamache Circle; asphalt pavement crack filling and HMA overlay on SU 308-Buckskin Charlie Drive; and concrete pavement crackfilling on SU 313-Sunset Circle.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective Bidders will be held at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Construction & Project Management

Conference Room located at 116 Mouache Drive on May 7, 2010, beginning at 9:00 A.M. 45 working days will be allowed for construction.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Engineer at no charge. Questions regarding this project shall be directed to April Toledo, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by the phone number listed above or by e-mail: atole-do@southern-ute.nsn.us

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO code has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned construction companies submitting as a General Contractor. To receive this preference, Native American owned construction companies, submitting as a General Contractor, must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned businesses not certified by the TERO by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

Indian employment preference is required for all employers on this project in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO code. Predetermined minimum wages (Davis-Bacon) and ARRA reporting requirements will apply for this federal-aid project.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in bids, and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interests of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Request For Proposal

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
IGNACIO AREA CORRIDOR ACCESS PLAN**

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Planning
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0100 Ext. 2271

Separate sealed bids to perform a Corridor Access Plan for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Planning Office, located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A mandatory pre-submittal meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., MST, Thursday, May 20, 2010.

The proposed site is located in Southwestern Colorado, La Plata County and is within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation. The physical address of the project is 15084 Hwy. 172, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The study area includes the main corridor and two sub-corridor areas – the first sub-corridor in the north east section of the study area and the second sub-corridor in the mid east section of the study area. The main corridor extends from approximately the north boundary of the casino-hotel-museum

Planned Area Development site on the north end of the tribal campus on SH172 (M.P. 10.60), and continues south on SH172 approximately 500 feet south of the intersection of SH172 and CR318 (M.P. 7.54). The north east sub-area extends from the intersection of SH172 and CR517 east and north easterly along CR517, to a point approximately 500 feet north east of the intersection of CR517 and SU317 (Howe Drive). The mid east sub-area extends from the intersection of SH172 and SH151 (M.P. 0.00) and continues east on SH151 to approximately 500 feet beyond the intersection of SH151 and CR521 (M.P. 0.65) (Buck Highway).

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO code has established a preference for contracting and sub-contracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference will be given to any qualified Native American owned company certified with the Southern Ute TERO Division. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference.

For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Invitation To Bid

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2009-02**

OWNER
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA)
26 Shoshone Avenue
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-4575

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the Sewer Line Replacement Project for 10 housing units and 1 office building on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Contract documents can be obtained at the SUIHA office at 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio, CO upon payment of \$25.00 for each set.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site visit for this project is scheduled for May 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office. Bid deadline is May 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be sealed.

All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for LaPlata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT
OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO
(970) 563-0240

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-047-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE**
Dennis Burch, 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, MAY 11, 2010 at 09:15 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 March, 2010
Trennie R. Burch, Deputy Court Clerk

person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **May 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 7th day of April, 2010
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-025-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Ocean Avanih Shockley-Hunter, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Charise Hunter filed an application on behalf of: **Ocean Avanih Shockley-Hunter** for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Ocean Avanih Hunter**. As of April 12, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that **Ocean Avanih Shockley-Hunter** name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Ocean Avanih Hunter**.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2010
Suzanne Carlson Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-068-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Shyanne Whiteman, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Tara Vigil has filed an application for **Shyanne Morning Star Whiteman** legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Shyanne Morning Star Vigil**. Any

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Bear Dance

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May 7, 2010



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Southern Ute Bear Dance
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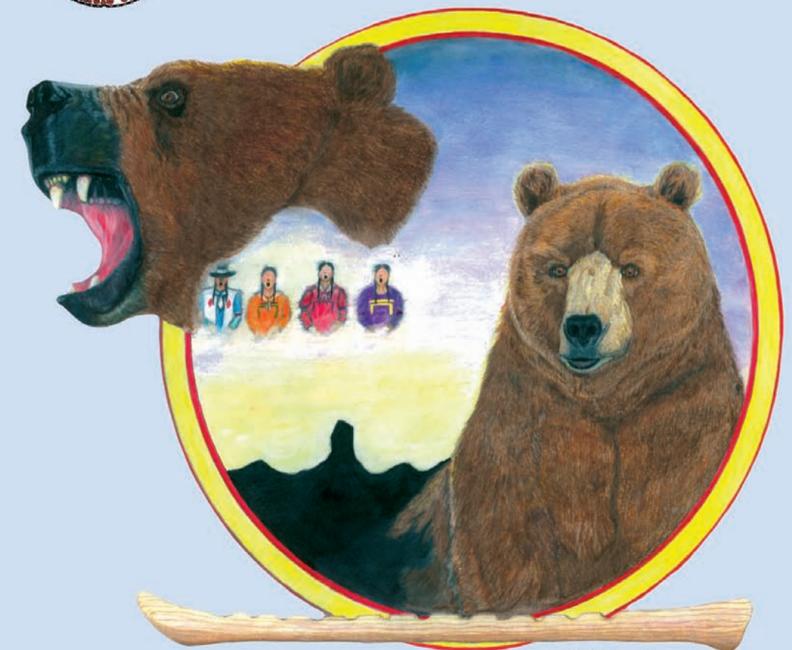
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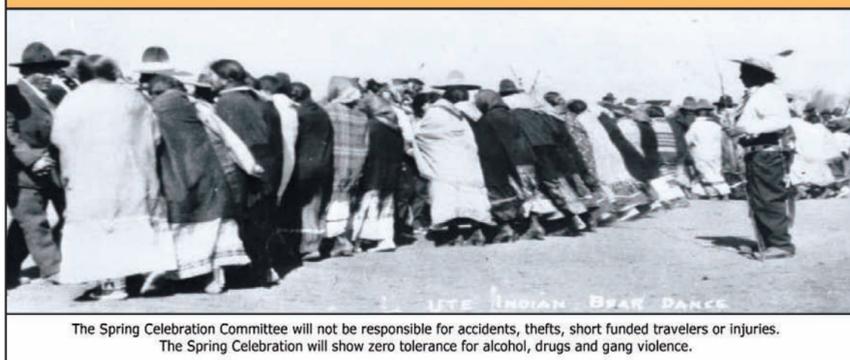
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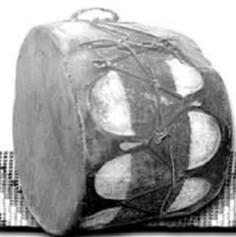
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Board Member Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) alternate Election Board member vacancy available for all interested Tribal Members. The Board members must be registered tribal voters, must serve a three (3) year term and must reside on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. The selected individual cannot be a Tribal Council member, a candidate for Tribal Council and must not have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years. This is a paid board. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the Election Board are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2010.

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Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

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Players Want Better Food, Newer Games



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

More than 50 members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe convened at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, April 29 to participate in a focus group offering feedback on the casino's food, games and other services. While many tribal members applauded the casino's efforts, some said they'd like to win more often on the slot machines.

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

More than 50 tribal members gathered April 29 to share ideas to improve the Sky Ute Casino Resort with its administrators.

The feedback came as part of a follow-up meeting to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's March 23 General Meeting. Director of Marketing Ben Fernandez hosted the group, inviting them to comment on the casino's food, gaming and other service areas. It was part of what Chief Operating Officer Matt Olin called a "SWOT analysis," which aims to identify the casino's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and trends.

"What the membership has to say to us we take very seriously," Olin said.

He added that the need for such feedback was illustrated when the casino drew back on buffet offerings at the Aspen Room.

"We thought we were doing the right thing," he said. "Turns out we made a mistake."

As the meeting rolled on, the Aspen Room was indeed the subject of many comments, not all of which were complimentary. Some complained that the tables and chairs were often dirty, that the staff seldom smiles at patrons, or that the food is dry.

Others, though, defended the venue, saying they enjoyed eating there. Olin added that more traditional Ute food will be added to the menu now that a tribal member employed there

has completed culinary school.

By contrast, most comments about the food at Rolling Thunder Lanes were positive. Their desserts were especially praised.

"These are important comments," Fernandez said. "We're working awfully hard to make the changes."

Some tribal members, like elder Rod Grove, also felt their chances were better on the slots at the old casino. Tribal elder

Bennett Thompson agreed.

"I noticed that sometimes I get lucky; sometimes my luck runs away," he said. "Something needs to be corrected so that way I can make some of the Ute money."

A few tribal members also suggested newer games – like those seen in other tribal casinos – and better benefits for frequent players. Fernandez said the casino is working to improve comps after a similar focus group with its top 750 players a few months ago.



Tribal Members Call for New Administration

By Amy Barry
The Southern Ute Drum

On April 22, more than 70 members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe met to discuss a petition to remove current Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Matthew Box from office.

Organizing tribal members rented the Oxford Grange for the meeting. James Jefferson and Orville Hood, both Southern Ute tribal elders, steered the meeting to discuss allegations of mismanagement in the Southern Ute Growth Fund and concerns related to Executive Officer Johnny Valdez and the Permanent Fund. Hood distributed a letter given to the Tribal Council more than a year ago regarding concerns about Growth Fund, saying Tribal Council has yet to respond to it.

Jefferson claimed the Growth Fund has a "slush fund" and only certain employees are paid royalties from various investments made on behalf of the Tribe. Concerns were also brought to bear about the Growth Fund's investments and how the organiza-

tion is allegedly not replenishing its costs for business endeavors. Former Growth Fund employees who are also tribal members said the Human Resources Department has treated them unfairly. Some said managers send tribal members to meetings to represent the Tribe, and if they refuse to cooperate they are relieved of their job duties.

The need for an investigation into the Growth Fund's management practices remained the topic of discussion throughout the meeting.

"This is very serious and becoming dangerous," Jefferson told the assembly. "That is why I am releasing all of this information to you people – so if something happens to me, or Orville, the information is out there for our people."

Concerns were also voiced about Valdez and the fact that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe allows nonmembers to dictate what the Tribe's focuses should be and how tribal affairs are handled.

"You guys better wake up," Jefferson said. "In five years, we

are going to be broke by monies being squandered. No more per capita payments. We are in a very dangerous situation."

Many tribal members were not interested in the allegations but wanted to sign the petition to remove Box and, by effect, Valdez. Box told Tribal Information Services Director Andrea Taylor he had no comment for this article.

Tribal member Kevin Frost said if problems aren't addressed soon, they could swell and become more severe with time.

"We have uneducated leaders who can no longer make rational decisions about sophisticated tribal affairs," he said. "We need to put differences aside; it is about survival. A billion dollars is only a million dollars through mismanagement and the old-boy network."

Following the meeting, a recall petition was circulated for those interested in signing.

The Southern Ute Growth Fund will be hosting a general meeting for tribal membership on May 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

IHS Students Celebrate Diversity



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

High-school students from the Ignacio community shared culture and celebrated diversity on Thursday, April 29 in an Arts and Cultural Smarts Fair at Ignacio High School. The event included food, music, arts and crafts from various cultures. For the event, the hallways were adorned with paintings and watercolor pieces created by students. The most popular feature was the food court, where students of all backgrounds shared the food that best represented their heritage. Bite-sized samples of each were made available to attendees. Principal Chris DeKay of Ignacio Junior High School helped to host the event. The musical talent from IHS set up on stage inside the Bobcat gymnasium, where parents and peers were seated during the student concerts and solo performances.



Boarding School Woes Addressed



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Sexual Assault Services Organization, the Southern Ute Education Department, Father's Voices, See It Stop It on Native Lands, and Our Sisters Keeper came together to hear a presentation from guest speaker Andrea Smith at the Southern Ute Higher Education Building on Wednesday, April 14. The Boarding School Healing Project began in 2002 and focuses on accountability for historical actions. Smith said today's problems often stem from historical events, boarding schools playing a large part. Violence is not natural but rather introduced into Native American culture, she said. The United Nations has accepted an official report on boarding schools from the Sexual Assault Services Organization, which it hopes will serve as a first step toward creating global pressure on the United States toward acknowledging accountability.