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NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Obama's speech to tribes marks historic turnaround

Today, tribes are 'in the driver's seat,' getting needed support, Newton says

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Hundreds of tribal leaders from across the country, including Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., gathered Dec. 5 in Washington, D.C., to hear from President Obama and members of his Cabinet on plans for Indian Country over the next four years.

Obama and team received a warm welcome from the crowd, which included representatives from many of the nation's 565 federally recognized tribes. Chairman Brian Cladoosby of Washington state's Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, who introduced Obama at the summit, suggested he could be "the first American Indian president."

"Think about it for a second: The president loves basketball," Cladoosby joked. "He has an Indian name ['One Who Helps People Throughout the Land,' bestowed by the Crow Nation], he knows what it's like to be poor, and he hasn't forgotten

where he came from. And his theme song is 'Hail to the Chief.' I think he definitely qualifies."

Frequent applause peppered Obama's review of his administration's actions toward Indian Country over the past four years.

"I told you ... I was committed to more than a unique nation-to-nation relationship," he said. "I was committed to getting this relationship right, so that your nations can be full partners."

During the president's first term, he said, he appointed Native Americans to his White House staff and throughout his administration, settled longstanding disputes such as the Cobell case, and signed the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010.

He also cited his focus on promoting tribal sovereignty, expanding economic opportunities, and strengthening health care in Native American communities.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

President Obama speaks to leaders from across Indian Country on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference at the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Obama touted his first-term accomplishments, but acknowledged there is much more the federal government can do for tribes.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks present a Southern Ute flag to Jay Grimm, executive director of the Denver Indian Center, during the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting on Friday, Nov. 30. The Denver Indian Center displays flags from across Indian Country in their auditorium. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe also added its colors to the lineup.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tri-Ute, CCIA convene in Denver

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ute tribal leaders and Colorado state officials came together Nov. 29 and 30 in Denver to discuss tribal business and state-to-nation policies.

TRI-UTE COUNCIL

Kicking off the quarterly Tri-Ute Council meeting at the History Colorado Center was Northern Ute Indian Tribe Chairwoman Irene Cuch, who discussed wa-

ter rights and Ute language preservation. Cuch highlighted the recent acquisition of an energy company, Ute Energy Midstream. The acquisition "fulfilled a longstanding dream of owning a Ute energy company," Cuch said.

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. talked about the tribal takeover of the Southern Ute Health Center from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, giving an

Denver page 16



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

John Waconda (center), superintendent of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern Ute Agency, reviews the size and location of the Cabezon Ranch property with Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. just before the two signed the deed to convert the 772-acre parcel to trust status.

SOVEREIGNTY AT WORK

Tribe converts 772-acre Cabezon Ranch property to trust status

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With the signing of the deed to convert the Cabezon Ranch property from fee to trust status on Friday, Dec. 7, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation became a little more whole again.

The property, which covers approximately 772 acres in the north-central area of the reservation, was purchased by the tribe several years ago. It remained in fee simple status while the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs processed the tribe's application for conversion to trust status. That process was completed with a simple, low-key deed signing in Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.'s office.

"I'm glad that's taken care of," Newton said after sign-

ing. "Let's move onto the next project and get our land back."

Signing for the BIA was John Waconda, superintendent of its Southern Ute Agency. The bureau is as happy as the tribe is to see ancestral Ute land returning to tribal control, he said.

"Within the BIA, this has been identified as one of our top priorities: to assist the tribe in converting lands to trust status," he said. "It often times promotes and supports economic development, bringing back historical lands that were once owned by the tribe."

Under trust status, the land "belongs to the tribe, but it's held in trust by the federal government," Waconda said. Among other things, that means it falls under tribal jurisdiction for police and courts, is free of sales and

property taxes, and cannot be sold without the approval of both the tribe and the federal government, he said.

Newton said reclaiming land has a special significance to the Southern Ute people.

"Instead of saying 'Oh, they took our land,' we're getting it back," he said. "It's for our people. Without our land, we wouldn't be who we are."

Tribal and BIA leaders aren't resting long before tackling the next project. The tribe has applied for trust status for another parcel of land on the extreme east side of the reservation called Redding Ranch. If approved, that property would actually expand the outer boundary of the reservation, Waconda said.

The BIA hopes to have a deed ready for signing by March 2013, he said.

Walking to remember



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Honoring U.S. Air Force veteran Leonard C. Burch, the Southern Ute Veterans Association displays on Saturday, Dec. 8 the colors of the tribal flag during opening ceremonies for the first annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk/Run at the SunUte Community Center.



Burch family members were among those who participated in the family's walk/run honoring the legacy of Leonard C. Burch as a tribal leader.

For more photos, see page 8



NEWS IN BRIEF

LOST AND FOUND BICYCLES

The Southern Ute Police Department has recovered bicycles in storage. If you have had your bicycle lost or stolen in the past year, please call the Southern Ute Police Department to see if we have recovered it. You will need to have an accurate description of the bike in order to claim it. Please contact Community Resource Officer Don Folsom at 970-563-0246 ext. 3301.

AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

HOLIDAY TRANSIT SERVICE NOTICE

The holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Christmas Day. During the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally, for New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST

What is La Plata County to you? Celebrating Healthy Communities wants to know what La Plata County means to its youth and if a picture is worth a thousand words, why not have them show it to us in a picture? The rules are simple. Take a picture of what your community means to you. Do not include faces, unless you blur them out. No illegal activity. You must be 18 or younger, and most importantly, have fun! Email your photos to Amber Beye at abeye@sjbhd.org by Dec. 19. The top photos will be put on our Celebrating Healthy Communities Facebook page. The photo with the most likes wins. The winner will receive a gift certificate and their photo will be used in a media campaign. This contest is sponsored by San Juan Basin Health Department's Celebrating Healthy Communities coalition. For more information, call 970-769-3760.

HEALTH CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS, HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New hours for the operation of the Southern Ute Health Center will begin on Monday, Dec. 17. The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. The clinic will begin scheduling appointments starting at 8:15 a.m. each day, with the last appointment of the day at 4 p.m. The clinic will be closed each day during the lunch hour between noon and 1 p.m. A receptionist will be available during the lunch period to provide any necessary communications. Appointments are encouraged to ensure timely visits with a primary care provider and the healthcare team. Walk-in visits without an appointment will be seen in order of presentation.

Holiday schedule:

Monday, Dec. 24: 8 a.m. to noon
Monday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m. to noon.

MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Leaders of the three Ute tribes gathered for a quarterly Tri-Ute summit on Dec. 6, 2002, in the Ouray Room of the Sky Ute Lodge and Casino. The Southern Ute Tribe served as hosts. All three nations shared updates, with the Southern Ute presentation including Susan Johnson, tribal liaison for the National Forest Service; Ed Lee Natay, tribal liaison for the National Park Service; and Alden Naranjo, Southern Ute ambassador to the National Museum of the American Indian signing ceremony on Nov. 20. The Ute leaders also heard an update on the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Project.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 13 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John T. Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Leroy Herrera works in front of the Sky Ute Lodge with his "mule-powered" snow plow. Ignacio received about 8 inches of snow in the area's first major storm.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 11, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The roof of the Tribal Affairs Building had been leaking and repair work was scheduled to be done before a big storm hit. The storm beat the construction crew before they were able to complete the task.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 3, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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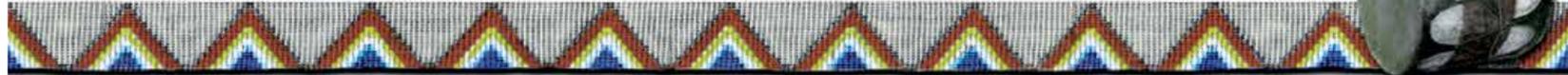
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Sharing nature's bounty

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With all its success in business and politics over the past few decades, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is finding ways to give back by helping tribes with fewer resources.

Often this comes in form of training, as when the Southern Ute Air Quality Program lends its expertise to others looking to protect their own skies. Or it happens in the form of lobbying, as when tribal representatives speak to Congress in favor of legislation benefitting all of Indian Country, such as recent tribal energy bills.

Most recently, the resource the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council moved to share was much more traditional: a small sample of its abundant wildlife.

For several years, the council has heard occasional requests — generally from among the New Mexico pueblos — for permission to hunt for culturally significant game on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. On Friday, Nov. 2, the council approved the latest request from the Pueblo of Laguna to allow its traditional leaders to hunt deer, an animal that is culturally important to the Laguna people but is now

scarce on their reservation. “I saw this as a blessing because this was an opportunity for our traditional leaders to be directly engaged with the land, with the spirits of the mountain and the community of Southern Ute,” said Laguna Gov. Richard B. Luarkie. “We were fruitful, and this was a very successful hunt.”

The council granted the nine Laguna hunters six buck and three doe tags, Luarkie said.

Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks said she thinks it's good the Southern Ute Tribe is in a position to help other tribes when asked.

“The tribe does have the resources,” she said. “I think it's in following with the cultural and traditional followings of the tribe to help other tribes.”

GoodTracks said this modern form of helping one another is probably similar to agreements between tribes dating back centuries.

The Laguna people use every part of the deer, Luarkie said, “from the horns all the way down to the hooves.” Traditionally, when someone harvests a deer, it's shared with the community in a feast, he said. The tribe also hosts an annual Deer Dance around the first of the year.

“Deer is one of the blessings, or one of the gifts,

in our teachings that our creator provided to us,” he said, adding that the Laguna Pueblo has made requests to the Southern Ute council in each of the past three years.

The act of hunting is culturally significant, Luarkie said, even in cases where there's no meat to show for it at the end of the day.

“We're taught that even if you don't harvest an animal, when you're in the mountains and you go home, the peacefulness, the tranquility, the strength, the stability, the fresh smells, the fresh air of the mountain goes home with you,” he said. “The belief is that when you go hunting, you never go home emptyhanded.”

In a letter to the Southern Ute tribal membership (see page 13 of this issue), Luarkie thanked the tribe for its generosity and willingness to help.

“I am proud and thankful for what you have allowed,” he said. “As we continue on our journey, I want you to know that with every bit of my limited humanity, all of my prayers, positive thoughts and support are with your community. I look forward to the opportunity to continually nurture our young relationship and hope that we can forge a solid partnership for generations to come.”

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'icha-'ara mæni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

22. Marking referents with zero or suffix pronouns (1 of 2)

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

22.1. USING ZERO EXPRESSION OF REFERENT TO INDICATE MAXIMAL CONTINUITY

Zero expression of a continuing referent over long stretches of text is the most common norm in Ute discourse. Once an important referent has been clearly established (by an independent pronoun or a noun), as long as it continues on as the subject of successive clauses, it need not be overtly mentioned. Here is an illustration from a traditional story:

- (1) *yoghovuchi* 'u, [0] *pagha'ni-na-puga-'ura*,
Coyote/S the/S walk.about-HAB-REM-be
'Coyote, **he** kept wandering about,
kach [0] *'ini-a-sapa paqha-na-pua*, [0] *əə-'ay-kwa-puga*,
NEG WH-O-MOD kill-HAB-REM/NEG bone-be-go-REM
he hadn't killed anything (for a long time), **he** became bone-skinny,
ka-'ini-a-sapa [0] *paqha-na-pua*, [0] *tuguy-whqa-vəre-na-puga-'ura*.
NEG-WH-O-MOD kill-HAB-REM/NEG hungry-search-walk-HAB-REM-be
he hadn't killed anything (for a while), **he** was walking about searching hungry.
'ú-vway-aqh-'ura 'ú-vvaa-tu-'ura 'ini-kway 'ura-puga...
there-at-it-be there-at-DIR-be WH-MOD be-REM
Then right there there was what's-his-name...
mykwapi [0] *maay-puga*, [0] *pacha'ay-kyay-ku...*
spider/O find-REM stick-ANT-SUB
he found a spider, as **it** (spider) was stuck (there)...'

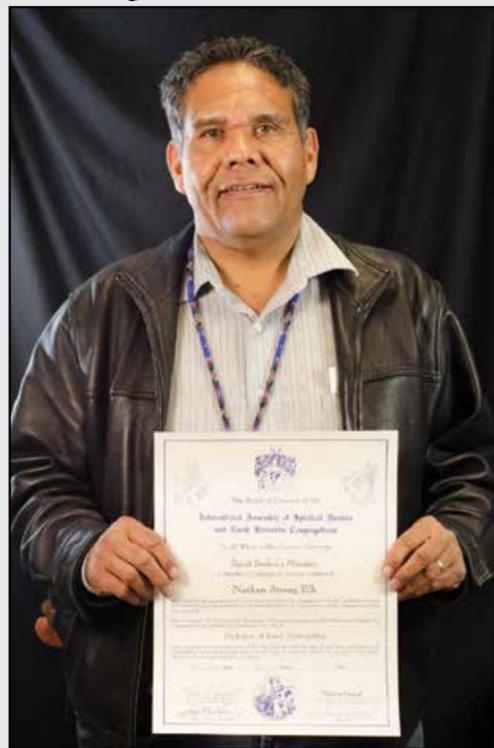
Notice next the two successive **switch-reference** moves in the next two lines, one switching back from “spider” (in the last line above) to “coyote”; the other switching right back to “spider,” both using the **independent pronoun**:

- (2) *'ú-vway-aqh-'ura 'uwas maguni-puga*, [0] *tuka-vaa-chi-'u*.
here-at-it-be 3s/S pounce-REM eat-IRR-NOM-3s
'...so right away **HE** (Coyote) pounced, intending to eat **it** (spider).
'u-vyay-aqh-'ura 'uwas-uru 'áy-puga...
there-at-it-be 3s/S-that say-REM
so then **HE** (Spider) said:...'

In the next column, we will discuss the use of suffix pronouns.

'əvns. Toghoy-aqh

Newly ordained



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Acting Executive Director Nathan Strong Elk of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum proudly displays a certificate awarding him the title of Diplomat of Earth Stewardship on Friday, Dec. 7. The Spirit Seeker's Ministry of the International Assembly of Spiritual Healers and Earth Stewards Congregations bestowed the title. He was also given the title of Ordained Minister.

The traditional way



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Marlene Peabody, an intern for the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum and a Fort Lewis College student of Native American studies, presented a presentation on traditional foods, plants and medicines on Wednesday, Nov. 28. Students and attendees sampled a variety of holistic foods that can also be used as medicine.

CULTURAL UPDATE

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you're on the list but haven't been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute bead makers and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

CHRISTMAS CANDY BAG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Culture Department will be sacking candy on December 17 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum starting at 9 a.m. Anybody interested in volunteering to help is welcome to come.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Individual pictures with Santa will be available at the Christmas Dinner. You may purchase the picture with The Southern Ute Drum. Times will be from 12 – 2:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Program that will be held Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

ELDER TAMALES MAKING WORKSHOP

The tamale-making workshop will be Friday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's large classroom. For information call Elise Redd at 970-563-0100 ext. 3623.

MUSEUM'S NEW HOURS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will now be closed Saturday through Monday, until Memorial Day weekend when we move back to our summer hours. We will also be closed for the holidays starting Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, 2013. For further information contact the museum at 970-563-9583.

UTE LANGUAGE 103

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum's large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

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Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner

Saturday December 22, 2012

11:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Christmas Program

Saturday December 22, 2012

4:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & families along with members of the Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes. No tickets are required. Southern Ute Tribal Elders wishing to have their meal delivered, call Gloria Frost at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2823.



KIDNEY CORNER

Glomerulonephritis: Funny-sounding disease is no joke

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

Unfortunately, medical terminology includes many long words that are difficult to pronounce (and spell), and “glomerulonephritis” is one of them.

But it’s an important type of kidney disease, so we will discuss this group of disorders in this edition of the Kidney Corner. It means “inflammation of the filtering parts of the kidney” and is sometimes called more simply “nephritis.” An older term is “Bright’s disease.” Here, we will abbreviate it to “GN.”

Since the kidney functions as a filter, it makes sense that the filter can get clogged up by substances in the blood that then prevent the filter from working correctly. This is a gross oversimplification of the mechanism of GN, but is a good way to conceptualize the problem.

The circulating substances that most commonly cause this inflammation are immunoglobulins, the proteins in the blood that the body makes to fight infections. If immunoglobulin levels are too high, or if they have a disordered structure, they can result in GN.

The result can be protein



loss from the kidney, high blood pressure and sometimes kidney failure.

Some of the most common causes of GN are infections. The best-known example is Streptococcus, commonly known as “strep,” which can cause sore throats. Usually, a “strep throat” will get better on its own with no consequences.

In rare cases, however, the immunoglobulins made by the body to combat the strep infection can cause severe GN. This may present as blood in the urine and sometimes as kidney failure. This problem is most commonly seen in young people.

Fortunately, Streptococcal GN usually gets better after a few weeks.

Another common cause of GN, especially in Native American patients, is a problem called “IgA nephritis.” This may also fol-

low infections of various types or can occur without any underlying cause. It varies from being a minor problem without symptoms, which causes no clinical consequences, to a severe disease potentially causing kidney failure.

There are effective medicines for IgA nephropathy, but since they have the potential for significant side effects, they are usually reserved for the most severe cases that threaten the survival of the kidneys.

IgA may cause blood in the urine, especially after infections. Although this appears alarming, it usually subsides without damage; much more dangerous is protein in the urine, which usually can only be detected by chemical testing of the urine.

There are many more types of GN. Each is treated differently, and a definitive diagnosis usually requires a kidney biopsy in which a piece of kidney tissue is removed using a needle. For many types — though we know much about how the disease behaves and what is needed to treat it — we often don’t know the cause.

Nevertheless, treatment can be very successful and can protect the kidney from unnecessary damage.

YOUR HEALTH

Still time to get flu shots

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH DEPT.

Colorado and other states are experiencing a higher-than-average number of flu cases this year.

There have been 52 individuals hospitalized due to flu in Colorado already this year. The average number of hospitalized cases for this time of year is eight.

Health officials nationally are concerned about both the higher numbers they’re seeing as well as how early it seems to be hitting populations.

“We know it’s in the community,” said Bari Wagner, southwest epidemiologist

for San Juan Basin Health.

While there have been no reported cases of hospitalizations in Archuleta or La Plata counties, Wagner says that people are going to local Emergency Rooms and testing positive for influenza.

“With the holiday season and family and friends gathering, we wanted to remind our community to this season, protect yourself and those around you by getting a flu shot,” Wagner said.

Flu shots are readily available throughout the community and at San Juan Basin Health.

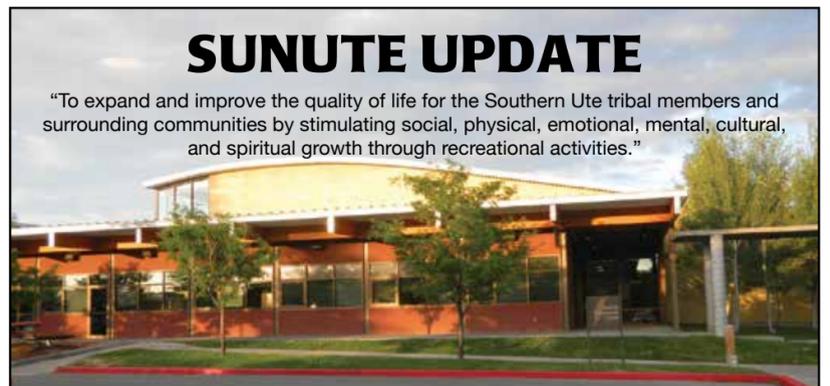
“I want to reinforce to people that flu is a serious

illness and can result in hospitalization and even death,” Wagner said.

Additionally, flu shots can help prevent loss of work and school days due to illness.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone get a flu vaccine, people at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.

To schedule an appointment to get a flu shot at San Juan Basin Health, call 970-335-2013.



SUNUTE UPDATE

“To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities.”

SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Hours: SunUte will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25. We will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 6 a.m.

New Year’s Hours: SunUte will have shortened hours over the New Year’s Holiday. Monday, Dec. 31, open from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 1 open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

BOWLING AT SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Bowling field trip, Dec. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Southern Ute tribal members and descendants, grades 1 – 12, register at SunUte Community Center. Bring spending money for food, snacks, and video games. Be at the SunUte Community Center by 10:45 a.m. For more information contact SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or visit us www.sunute.com

POTTERY FIELD TRIP JAN. 2

For Southern Ute tribal members and descendants ages 6 – 18. Space is limited. Field trip will include: The Clay Room, Pizza Hut, SunUte climbing wall, movies at SunUte. Lunch will be provided. Drop off is from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Depart no later than 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Pick-up is between 3 and 5 p.m. (No later than 5 p.m.) Bring snacks, spending money and wear comfortable clothing. Sign up at SunUte Community Center front desk. For more information contact SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214 or at www.sunute.com

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers’ desk.



New/Gently Used Jacket Drive for Infant - 6th Grade Students

The Southern Ute Police Department is working with the Southern Ute Head Start and the Ignacio Elementary & Intermediate Schools to help keep children warm for the holidays. Items will be delivered to the schools on a weekly basis until January 11, 2012, 8am.

What: New / Gently used Jackets

Where: Drop off boxes available at the Southern Ute Justice Complex Lobby beginning December 17th, 2012 from 8am-4:30pm.

Ending: January 11, 2013, 8am

HEALTHY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

When: Thursday December 20, 2012

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Ignacio, CO

Tips for Managing Diabetes Through the Holidays

NUTRITION TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. BE REALISTIC - DON'T TRY TO LOSE WEIGHT DURING THE HOLIDAYS, TRY TO MAINTAIN
2. DO NOT ARRIVE TO HOLIDAY PARTIES HUNGRY - SKIPPING MEALS CAN CAUSE SWINGS IN BLOOD SUGAR, AND CAUSE YOU TO OVEREAT
3. MAKE TIME FOR EXERCISE DURING THE HOLIDAYS - PLAN FOR IT TO RELIEVE HOLIDAY STRESS & PREVENT WEIGHT GAIN
4. LIMIT ALCOHOL INTAKE TO 1-2 DRINKS - CALORIES ADD UP QUICKLY, AND ALCOHOL CAN AFFECT BLOOD GLUCOSE
5. BRING A DISH TO SHARE TO HOLIDAY GATHERINGS - MAKE IT A HEALTHY ONE!

PLEASE JOIN US:

WE WILL BE PREPARING A VARIETY OF SNACKS AND TASTING SAMPLES.

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Hope to see you there, and we wish you a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Shining Mountain Diabetes Program
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SOUTHERN UTE ACADEMY

Students learn about geography, landmasses through maps

By Craig Boss
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

This year, our class is engaged in a study of Earth's geography.

To facilitate our work, I met with Shelly Riddle of the tribe's Geographic Information System. Together we created a Montessori-style map using colors known to the children for continents. It also includes significant

cities as reference points and political boundaries.

The 3-by-5 map is used in our classroom to identify and locate various geographical features of land and water. Such features are noted on the map with a tag and a number.

Hanging next to the map is a corresponding picture of the exact location and number. For the picture, the identifying number is on the back so children can

quiz themselves. To date, we have 13 different land and water forms identified and 100 specific places with photographs.

We anticipate no end to this project. We are likely to pass the 200-places mark before spring and could easily pass 50 different land and water forms this school year.

On Friday, Dec. 7 Riddle and Kathleen Murphy met with Lower Elementary students in the Kuch One class-

room to discuss her work and potential careers in her field.

Their first introduction to maps is simple. It begins with basic globes. The first theme is a separation of land and water. After that comes an introduction to continents. Early this school year, we began to explore various land and water forms.

As we learned about lakes, rivers, islands, deserts, mountains and such, our children developed a desire to see how such things looked in reality. As pictures are presented, a curiosity is ignited about where such places are.

A few features immediately planned are sand dunes, fjords, archipelagos, cliffs and beaches. The students have studied islands, bays, peninsulas, straits, lakes, valleys, glaciers, isthmuses, volcanoes, mountains, deserts, waterfalls, canyons, caves and rivers.

Students are presented with a broad landform, such as a cave, and given a working definition with photographs. The photographs display variety and are taken from all areas of the Earth. Children also learn how Internet maps and atlases are used to locate significant landforms and see places and things otherwise unavailable to them.

They also learn about nearby places, such as Lake Navajo and Red Mountain.

Children have experienced the vastness of Earth as well as its interconnectivity and



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Navaeh Pena uses a card identifying a geographic landmark to mark its location on a Montessori-style map created by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Geographic Information System.

people, and learned to appreciate its beauty and the magnificence while becoming aware of how life might be in a variety of places.

The students have learned the usefulness of maps and their specific themes. Students read and create maps and use them to organize their information, including newly discovered landforms or bodies of water.

Our project has expanded the children's understanding of the globe. They are aware of the wonders created for us to enjoy, and they seek new ones from pole to pole. As we continue to explore the globe, we will emphasize the interconnectivity of all things and the important responsibility we all have to Earth and each other as citizens of our shared planet.



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Kathleen Murphy explains how to identify directions and use legends on a map of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5 Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3rd-5th grader? Not sure what to do after school?
Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a "green" building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum's enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5th grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning September 27th, and running on Thursdays through January 31st.

Further information is available online at our website: www.durangodiscovery.org. See you in the lab!

spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration



For further questions please contact:
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EDUCATION UPDATE

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 20 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a certificate, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Jan. 11, Feb. 1 and March 1. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice

tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Computer based GED testing is available through Pearson Vue Testing. Register, pay and schedule at www.GEDcomputer.com. The test must be taken at The Southern Ute Education Center. Call 970-759-1953 for details.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

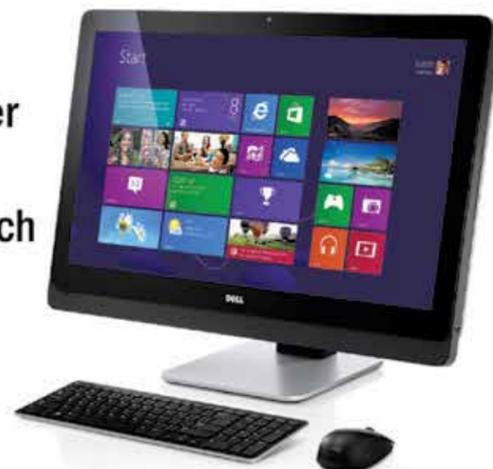
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

Computer Purchasing Presentation for Tribal Members

4 P.M. Monday,
December 17, 2012

M.I.S.
Training Center
2nd floor
Leonard C. Burch
building



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LEONARD C. BURCH CONTEST WINNERS



Natalie Richards/Tribal Information Services

Ignacio High School essay contest winners Andy Guire, Gabriel Garcia, Sydney Santistevan and Rae Lynn Torres pose with family members of Leonard C. Burch.

GRADES 9-12 (ESSAY)

GABRIEL GARCIA 1ST PLACE, HIGH SCHOOL

Leonard C. Burch was not only a longtime chairman for the Southern Ute Tribe; he was also a father, a husband, a friend, a brother, and a powerful leader whose presence would stop everyone from what they are doing.

To many people he was known as self-determined, hardworking, compassionate, and powerful. Mr. Burch is the man given credit for leading the Southern Ute Indian Tribe out of poverty and into longterm financial success. "I lead my Ute people into the future" was a statement made by Burch during the time of 32 years that he was chairman.

The Southern Ute Tribe is now one of the most successful, richest Indian nations in the country and is the largest employer in La Plata County thanks to the achievements of Mr. Burch. Mr. Burch strived for improving water projects in La Plata County and education, health, social, and realty for his people.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar stated, "During his many years with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Leonard's energy and vision were keynotes to the historic progress for the Southern Ute Tribe." Burch guided the Tribe into peace with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agencies so that the Southern Ute could run their own enterprises.

Red Willow Production Company is among the state's largest natural gas producers and belongs to the Southern Utes as their enterprise now. Chairman Burch assisted in passing the statute creating the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in 1976. Burch's undying will and hard work will serve as an example for future leaders and people everywhere.

Burch was also in the United States Air Force for a period of four years. Burch was highly known and received the Citizens Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Burch believed in preserving Ute heritage and participated in the tribe's Sun Dance and encouraged keeping Ute language alive. On August 1, 2003, Leonard C. Burch suffered from a cardiac arrest that killed him; he was 69 years old. The accomplishment and works of this great man will always be remembered.

Personally I am thankful we have a holiday to remember his impact on our community and to Indian people in general. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is very lucky to have had such a passion-

ate and energetic leader. My grandmother, Margaret (Brewster) Harrison grew up here in Ignacio in the BIA boarding school. She was friends with Leonard Burch and his sweetheart Irene (Coolidge) Burch. She remembers his generosity: When they'd walk to the late Eddie Box's store, he would not only buy candy and soda for Irene, but for her too — and, knowing they were in the boarding school and could store items, would buy enough to last a few days. She said they were so perfect for each other and when Mr. Burch went to the service, he still managed to take care of Irene here in Ignacio.

In addition to the holiday, I see signs all over Ignacio honoring Mr. Burch, including the Leonard C. Burch Building and the post office. I think it's great that his family is still real connected to this area. My grandmother told me they had seven daughters and likened their story to a biblical relationship. I'm very impressed that is legacy continues long after he is physically gone from this earth. I think it's fitting that his intentions for his tribe and his family have a big impact locally.

Ultimately his personal accomplishments of having a family, raising them with his wife, and instilling in them the values of culture, tradition and community is quite evident.

Thank you for honoring him once again by allowing us to learn of his paramount influence to our area — not just Ignacio, but to La Plata County and nationwide.

ANDY GUIRE 2ND PLACE, HIGH SCHOOL

Leonard C. Burch was an inspiring, resourceful leader and warrior. His actions helped bring the tribe out of poverty and to become one of America's richest and most sophisticated Native American nations and major power in the Four Corners. With over \$1.5 billion in assets, the empire was on a rise. But every story has to have a beginning, and Leonard's starts on December 24, 1933, the day of his birth. Born to Sam and Clara Burch, in Ignacio, Colorado, Leonard was given the Indian name "Shining Star."

Back then, in the small town in southwestern Colorado, no one could have known how prophetic that name would be. After graduating from Ute Vocational High School in 1954, Burch enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving a tour of duty in Turkey. When his tour came to end, he returned to his hometown and worked in the Realty Office of the Bureau of Indian Af-

fairs. For the duration of his time there, he became familiar with gas and oil leasing and land title matters.

In addition, he married Irene Coolidge, who also attended the same high school as Mr. Burch. After he became eligible for Tribal Council according to the Tribe's Constitution, he ran and was successfully elected. At the age of 32, his fellow council members selected Mr. Burch as chairman. He held this term on and off for over three decades.

Chairman Burch was widely renowned for his caring personality and dedication to the long-term development of the Southern Ute Tribe. His policies as tribal chairman focused on energy development, the health of his fellow tribe members, and the education of tribal youth. While he cared for the entire tribe's wellbeing, Leonard's focus never strayed from his family. He always spoke proudly of his seven daughters. Despite a soft-spoken demeanor, Chairman Burch exuded a strong presence, and elected officials throughout the state held him in high regard. Mr. Burch built on these partnerships to help pass the statute creating the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in 1976.

Leonard C. Burch was also noted for his devotion to regional water resource development. In order for his work on the Animas-La Plata Project, he received the Citizen's Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation. Burch's high standard of public service and strong leadership style will serve as an example for generations of future leaders.

His accomplishments not only benefitted the tribe, but the community in whole. Bringing in an unimaginable amount of monies to the county, the proceeds helped in so many ways. For one, it allows a better education for those for many years to come. Plus, buildings such as the recreation center have been great for the town by getting people active and giving them opportunities to better oneself and keep kids away from negative influences like drugs and such.

It is hard to think what life would be like for the people of Ignacio if the events that took place had not happened. I fear it might have turned for the worst, but am thankful all the same. There are no words great enough to thank him for all he has done. It is an incredible feat of a distinguished man that shall forever be known for his legacy.

Tradition was always an important aspect of Mr. Burch's life. He participated in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sun Dance as both a dancer and Sun Dance chief.

He also supported programs that preserved the Ute language and the tribe's museum. I feel he sets an amazing example for anyone wishing to make a difference in his or her community, or at any aspect.

My personal thoughts on this brilliant man, and the great strides he made for the tribe, are astounding. He completed a lot for just one man, being able to change the future for upcoming generations, securing a financial blanket that will ensure the continuance of immense tradition and history.

Some can only dream to make a difference like Leonard C. Burch did. I think that not many people know the incredible things he accomplished, as I did not know as much as there is available, and this information needs to be spread throughout the schools.

Even though I am not a tribal member, I am thankful for the things Leonard C. Burch had done and utilize the tools he has left for us all to adhere. Without these, I fear I would not be who I am today.

RAE LYNN TORRES 3RD PLACE (TIE), HIGH SCHOOL

On August 1, 2003, the Southern Ute Tribe lost a great and important leader, Leonard C. Burch. He is survived by his lovely wife, Irene, his seven daughters, 14 grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. Mr. Burch served on the Tribal Council for more than 30 years as chairman, making very important political decisions leading the tribe to be very successful. The Southern Ute Tribe became a large economic force in the Four Corners region and the largest employer in La Plata County.

Mr. Burch saw through improvements among education, health, and social programs to become available to tribal members. The most successful was the development of the tribe's natural gas resources, creating Red Willow Gas Company, which even today is still very successful in business.

On December 10, 1933, Leonard C. Burch was born. Later on in his life in the year 1954, Mr. Burch graduated from Ute Vocational High School. After graduating he enlisted in the United States Air Force. After serving four years of military service that included being stationed in Turkey, he returned home. Upon returning home back to the reservation, he began working for the Realty Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for five years. Within those five years, he started to become familiar with oil and gas leasing and land title

matters. During this time period, Leonard C. Burch married Irene Coolidge, a Navajo tribal member. She also attended the Ute Vocational High School.

Once Leonard C. Burch was eligible under the tribe's Constitution, he ran for Tribal Council right away. When Mr. Burch was 32, his fellow council members finally elected as tribal chairman. He served and was re-elected as chairman for the Southern Ute Tribe for more than three decades. While in office he had a strong voice for determination for the tribe. Mr. Burch helped maintain the cooperative relationship with the United States government, the State of Colorado, and neighboring governments.

Leonard C. Burch obtained passage of federal laws permitting the tribe to consolidate land holdings within the reservation. His main focus was dealing with the matters and discussions that addressed the tribe and southwestern Colorado. He addressed the gaming compact between the State of Colorado and the tribe and the taxation compact with the State of Colorado.

Another subject he put his dedication to was the water resource developments. He helped the tribe obtain their own water rights by the construction of the Animas-La Plata Project, which was built by the Bureau of Reclamation. This helped forge sharing usages of water for Indian and non-Indian users living in southwestern Colorado. With this act that Leonard C. Burch did, he received the Citizens Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

The last couple years of his career he helped the financial progress of the tribe, as the tribe became a model for other Indian tribes throughout the United States. He also helped established the financial diversification plan that includes several other tribal energy companies and important investments both on and off of the reservation. He received numerous awards recognizing his achievements and accomplishments throughout his lifetime. Some of his awards and contributions were the Durango Area Citizen of the Year Award (1997), the 15th annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award (2000), and the Council of Energy Resource Tribe's Achievement Award (2002).

Leonard C. Burch was respectful and active through the culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He participated in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sun Dance as a dancer and as the Sun Dance chief. Another cultural as-

pect he focused on was the traditional Ute language and the tribe's museum. Even after passing, Mr. Leonard C. Burch still remains a huge part of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in a cultural sense and also a building foundation for and of the tribe.

In remembrance of Leonard C. Burch, the Southern Ute Tribe built the Leonard C. Burch Building, also known as the LCB Building, located near the SunUte Recreation Center and Ignacio Head Start.

As a tribal member, I am very blessed and thankful for everything that Leonard C. Burch did for the tribe, the Ignacio community, and the Four Corners region, for the many opportunities and privileges that we take for granted. From being an impoverished tribe when Mr. Burch started in office to now, he made a huge impact of the Southern Ute Tribe and we should be thankful. I'm thankful for what the Southern Ute does for us as Ignacio High School, because Leonard C. Burch wanted to further push and help the education that we students need.

Not many things that we have as a tribe or the jobs we have now would be here if it wasn't for Leonard C. Burch. Although Ignacio is not a very big town, it's rich in Southern Ute culture. Without the help of Leonard C. Burch, we wouldn't have the resources. Even though I was not born during the time and didn't understand the true meaning of what Mr. Burch did, I can say now as a young adult I am honored to have had him as my tribe's chairman and a leader for the Southern Ute. No one else could have led the tribe to where it's at now.

SYDNEY SANTISTEVAN 3RD PLACE (TIE), HIGH SCHOOL

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." — Harold R. McAlindon

As we come to yet another Leonard C. Burch Day, we rejoice for our break from school, work, and daily routine. But we can't help but wonder what this man did that was so significant to our tribe, town, state and race.

Born Christmas Eve, 1933, in Ignacio, In Ignacio, Colo., Leonard C. Burch's parents Sam and Clara Burch presented him the Indian name "Shining Star," which was more than appropriate for his remarkable future.

Mr. Burch graduated from the Ute Vocational School in the year of 1954. After four years of honorable service in the United States Air Force,



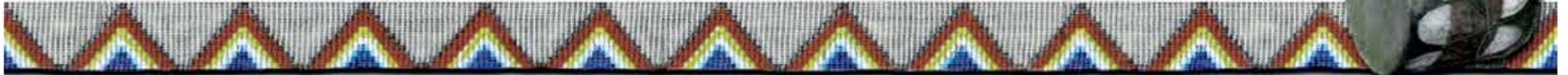
Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Zachary Weinrich, an eighth-grade student at the Ignacio Jr. High School, was the second-place winner in the Leonard C. Burch essay contest.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Raeann Martinez, a seventh-grade student at the Ignacio Jr. High School, was the third-place winner in the Leonard C. Burch essay contest.



Mr. Leonard C. Burch returned to our Southern Ute Tribe and started employment at the Realty Office of Indian Affairs, where he broadened his knowledge of oil, gas and land.

Shortly after marrying his classmate Irene Coolidge, of the Navajo tribe, he set on his long journey to success. Mr. Burch then ran for Southern Ute tribal chairman in 1966 at the age of 32 and became the youngest chairman ever elected. Little did they know how influential he would become.

Mr. Leonard C. Burch served 30-plus years as our great leader. But it's what he did during his extensive term that really counts. He broke numerous boundaries and reached unimaginable goals. Some might call this great man an activist or spokesman for Native Americans everywhere, but in the eyes of the Southern Ute people he was much more.

Mr. Leonard C. Burch was that driving force behind the Animas-La Plata Project. He fought for the security of our tribe's water rights and led oil and gas exploration on the reservation. He was invited by five presidents of the United States to appear conferences on Indian policy at the White House.

He brought a brilliant future to the Southern Ute Tribe, whose upcoming was not promised. Thanks to Mr. Leonard Burch, we went from a tribe with a paucity of resources to one of the wealthiest, with assets of more than \$1.5 billion.

Mr. Leonard C. Burch was suitably inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame in 2004. In 1997, he was awarded with the Durango Area Citizen of the Year Award. In 2000 he was presented with the 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award and was also bestowed with the Council of Energy Resource Tribes Achievement Award in 2002.

No matter where in the world Mr. Burch went, he never forgot to come home to his tribe to lead his people. He continued to respect Southern Ute tradition by participating in Sun Dance, doubling as a dancer and the Sun Dance chief.

As the flags at all of the tribal buildings went half mast on August 1, 2003, the tribe was saddened but honored that we could have such an amazing leader as Mr. Leonard C. Burch pass through our long line of leaders of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. His amazing feats of perseverance brought great things to this community.

Let's just take a second and be thankful for all that he fought for us to have and all the long-lasting benefits that he established.

I know this paper doesn't have enough words for the requirement, but I thought I'd put down a few ideas on what I researched and felt.

GRADES 6-8 (ESSAY)

**CHLOE KNAPP
1ST PLACE,
JR. HIGH**

Leonard C. Burch was a great leader of the Southern Ute Tribe who was dedicated to helping his tribe become prosperous. Leonard led a rich life filled with many good deeds. He had a wonderful personality that touched everyone around him. Leonard C. Burch was a loving and devoted family man who always stuck to the traditions of the Southern Utes.

Leonard C. Burch was born on December 24, 1933. Leonard's family gave him the Indian name, "Shining Star." After graduating high school, "Shining Star" enlisted in the Air Force. Leonard spent four years fighting for our country. Afterwards, Mr. Burch took up a job working in a realty office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He worked there for five years. Then Leonard became the Southern Ute Tribe chairman at the age of 32. Mr. Burch was the youngest chairman ever elected for the Southern Ute Tribe.

When Leonard was Chairman, he used his vision and energetic personality to help the Southern Ute Tribe blossom in many ways. Mr. Burch believed that the Southern Utes should own their own enterprises. After convincing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to let the tribe do so, the Southern Utes began to drill their own oil.

Also, Mr. Burch worked on the Animas-La Plata Project. This project is working toward getting the Southern Ute Tribe their water rights. Leonard wanted the tribe to be independent and receive the money it deserved. The tribe now has assets of at least \$1.5 billion.

Mr. Burch loved his family and was very traditional Southern Ute man. Leonard had four siblings, seven daughters, and 14 grandchildren. He was married to Irene Burch, whose maiden name was Irene Coolidge. His daughters' names are Leonora Burch, Leona Burch, Lena Mae Burch, Lisa Burch-Frost, Leona Lucero, Laurena Burch, and Lynette Sage.

Leonard always respected the ways and traditions of the Southern Utes. Mr. Burch led Walk of the Warriors. He also attended special ceremonies like the Sun Dance.

Leonard C. Burch will be remembered as a great leader and family man who was devoted to his duties. Mr. Burch was a very important part of the Southern Ute Tribe. He is honored throughout Ignacio and the whole Four Corners. He will forever remain in the hearts of the tribal members, as well as the minds of the community. Leonard C. Burch truly was a shining star.

**ZACHARY WEINRICH
2ND PLACE,
JR. HIGH**

Have you ever heard of Leonard C. Burch? Here is a quote from him that is titled "Making Our Own Way": "We were under the thumb of others for so long. You always had to get permission. We are determined to make our own destiny." This quote in many ways tells us who Leonard C. Burch was and what he did for his people and the community.

Leonard C. Burch had amazing qualities of leadership and how to treat people. Mr. Burch was kind, respectful, noble and a multiple more of great things. He didn't do things for himself but for the good of his tribe. That is why he was able to do such great things. He led by example.

Leonard C. Burch was born on December 24, 1933 in Southwest Colorado. His parents were Sam and Clara Burch. His Native American name was "Shining Star." He graduated from the Ute Vocational High School in 1954. Mr. Burch quickly served a tour with the Air Force in Turkey. After this, he worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Leonard married Irene Coolidge, who is a Navajo tribal member. They had seven daughters together. Then on August 1, 2003, Mr. Burch died from cardiac arrest.

Leonard C. Burch's first term as chairman was in 1966. He would be chairman for over 32 years. Leonard brought the tribe from poverty to one of the richest in America. He developed the tribe's oil and gas companies.

Leonard C. Burch was instrumental in getting the Animas-La Plata water project going. That project was for the Ute nation to receive water rights. Mr. Burch worked on it for over 20 years.

Education and preserving culture were some of his biggest priorities. Also, if you didn't know, Leonard Burch was the youngest chairman in the tribe's history.

So, if you didn't know who Leonard C. Burch was, you now know about a great leader, great man. Arguably the greatest chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe.

**RAE ANN MARTINEZ
3RD PLACE,
JR. HIGH**

"I lead my Ute people into the future." The words of a true visionary. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe became progressive because of Leonard C. Burch and his "Strength of an Eagle."

Leonard C. Burch was a family man, Sun Dance chief, a Korean War veteran, a Southern Ute visionary, who led his people into the future. A kind man who can be described by few words: strong and legendary. I believe his memory will never fade; he truly had the



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Members of the Burch family pose with poetry contest winners Jawadin Corona and Ocean Hunter of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

"Strength of an Eagle."

Leonard C. Burch was a longtime leader of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He served as chairman for more than 32 years, from the time of his first election in 1966. Under his guidance, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe became a major economic force in the Four Corners area, and also the largest employer in La Plata County. Following his leadership, the tribe saw countless examples of community development and improvement in health, education, and social programs available to tribal members.

Leonard C. Burch prided himself in maintaining relationships with the United States government, the State of Colorado, and neighboring governments. He successfully obtained passage of federal laws permitting the tribe to consolidate land within the reservation. He did not want the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to be dependent on the BIA, he wanted the tribe to become independent.

He was noted for his commitment to regional water resource development. He helped to create a group of Indian and non-Indian water users in southwest Colorado, to help for construction of the Animas-La Plata Project currently being built as part of a settlement of the tribe's water right claims. In recognition of his role in this, he received the Citizens Award from the United States Bureau of Reclamation. He received numerous awards during his lifetime, such as the 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr.

Humanitarian Award.

In the later years of his career, he worked closely with members of the Tribal Council to establish a financial plan that involves several energy companies and important investments both on and off the reservation. The financial development of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been greatly looked up to as a model tribe by Indian tribes throughout the country.

His life was one dedicated to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Four Corners area. He remained respectful of the culture and traditions of the Ute people. And for this, he shall be remembered as one of the greatest visionaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for truly having the "Strength of an Eagle."

GRADES 4-5 (POEMS)

**FIRST PLACE
JAWADIN CORONA**

Trusting man
Supported people
Southern Ute Indian
Good man

**SECOND PLACE
BRANDON HANNA**

Leader
Educator
Optimistic
Native
American
Respectful
Devoted
Confident
Brave
Unforgettable
Rational
Considerate
Heroic

**THIRD PLACE (TIE)
KIERRA FOURNIER**

L ikeable
E xceptional
O utgoing
N eat
A doring
R espectable
Dazzling
B right
U nique
R esponsible
C heerful
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**THIRD PLACE (TIE)
OCEAN HUNTER**

L eader
E lected
O utstanding
N ice
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GRADES K-3 (ART)

**FIRST PLACE
LAUREN DEKAY**

**SECOND PLACE
SAMARAH OLGUIN**

**THIRD PLACE
VINCENT NARANJO**

Winners of the Leonard C. Burch Celebration of Life Art and Literacy Contest will be on display this month at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Burch family stand with essay contest winners at the Ignacio Intermediate School on Friday, Dec 7.

Grades 1-3 art winners

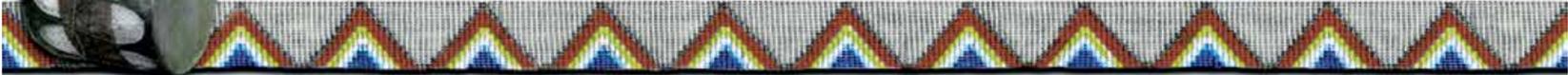


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Members of the Burch family stand with art contest winners at the Ignacio Elementary School on Friday, Dec, 7.



Academy student Vincent Naranjo won third place for his artwork.

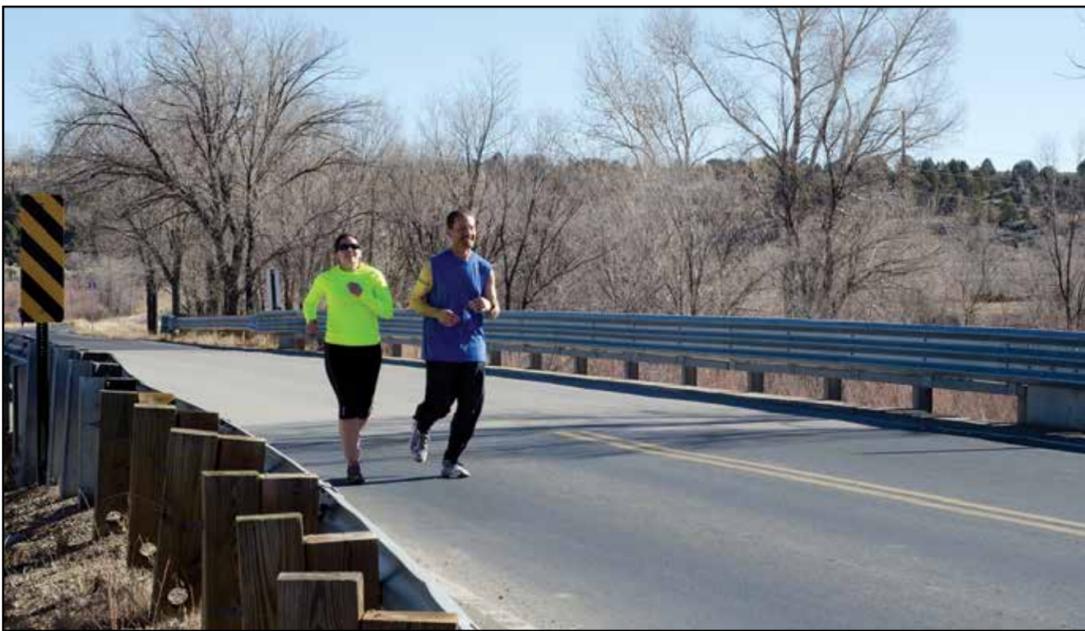


Irene Burch, wife of the late Leonard C. Burch, proudly wears a T-shirt commemorating her husband during the memorial walk/run, which took place Saturday, Dec. 8.



A strong showing marked the first annual walk/run, which was favored with unseasonably warm weather for December.

In the footsteps of a leader



Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe also participated in the cultural event, which promoted healthy lifestyle and exercise with an optional 5K run.

More than 100 Southern Ute tribal members, tribal employees and community members turned up at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 8 to participate in the Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk/Run. The event included a 1-mile walk, a 5K run, and a special indoor track for elders.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. reminisces on the life of Leonard C. Burch during his opening remarks. Newton also led participants under blue skies for Saturday's 1-mile walk.



Lisa Burch-Frost lends a hand to Southern Ute elder Kenny Frost in placing the Eagle Staff prior to Saturday's traditional blessing.



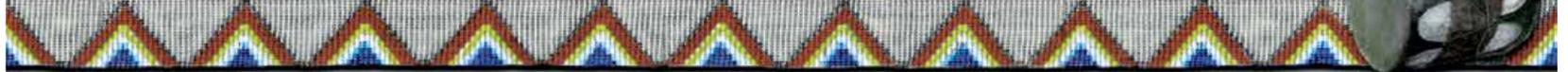
Left to right: SunUte trainer Robin Duffy-Wirth, Lisa Burch-Frost, and Tribal Council media coordinator Beth Santistevan draw names for raffle prizes following the walk/run.



Opening ceremonies took place in the SunUte Community Center with the help of local drum group Yellow Jacket.



Family and community members stood quietly in honor of the late Leonard C. Burch during the opening ceremonies.



NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

Pair of Christmas trees blessed by Ute elders arrives in D.C.

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe joined the other Ute tribes Dec. 3 and 4 in Washington, D.C., to witness the end of the journey of two very special Christmas trees.

They had also been there for the beginning. A month before, on Nov. 2, elders from each of the three Ute tribes traveled to Meeker, Colo. — part of the ancestral homelands of the Northern Utes — to bless the trees before cutting and loading onto trailers, one bound for the U.S. Capitol and the other for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

The NMAI tree was again blessed on Monday, Dec. 3, after it had been placed outside the museum's east entrance with lights and ornaments hung. Tribal elders Alden Naranjo of Southern Ute, Terry Knight of Ute Mountain Ute and Clifford Duncan of Northern Ute performed the second ceremony before a group of roughly 30 tribal members who had made the trip.

Naranjo, who also participated in the tree blessings in Meeker, said the spirit of cooperation that brought the trees to Washington marked a stark change from the relationship between Native Americans and European settlers when they first arrived in North America.

"We've come a long way," he said.

Naranjo also thanked the NMAI staff for taking care of the Ute artifacts in its collection.

Scott Fitzwilliams, forest supervisor of the White River National Forest, said he was "overwhelmed by the participation and involvement" of the Ute tribes in the process of getting the tree to Washington. He also gave a nod to the Utes' history on the land from which the trees came.

"We're nothing more than stewards of your ancestral land," he said.

Ken Coffin, ranger of the Blanco Ranger District where the trees were found, thanked the tribes for their help creating ornaments. Those ornaments adorned the NMAI tree, the Capitol tree, and other smaller trees in offices around Washington.

"It really made this project just that much more special," he said, adding that some of his favorites were made by tribal elders.

Knight said the NMAI tree, a subalpine fir, carried a spiritual essence visitors to the museum would be able to feel.

"Some people don't understand it, but they're going to feel good about it," he said.

The following evening, festivities before the lighting of the Capitol tree kicked off with a U.S. Forest Service Chief's Reception at the Department of Agriculture. Several federal government heavyweights attended, including Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

Tidwell spoke about the symbolic power of the tree to heal some of the emotional damage Coloradans suffered during a summer fraught with wildfires.

"This tree speaks volumes

about that spirit," he said.

Vilsack said he was pleased to welcome the Ute tribes to Washington and also thanked former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, an Ignacio resident, for driving the truck that carried the Capitol tree 5,000 miles across the country.

"It's a special place for America, this place called Colorado," Vilsack said.

Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Harris Sherman called the tree "the best darn Capitol Christmas tree I've seen since I've been here."

Following the reception, the tribal visitors moved to the east lawn of the U.S. Capitol, where the tree — a 73-foot-tall Engelmann spruce — stood covered in lights and homemade ornaments. Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Colo., and Sens. Michael Bennet and Tom Udall, both D-Colo., spoke briefly, acknowledging the contributions of their home state and the Ute tribes.

Speaker of the House Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, then flipped the switch with the help of Ryan Shuster, a student and eagle scout from Colorado Springs.

Wrapping up the evening was a reception hosted by Colorado's Congressional delegation at the NMAI. In attendance was Campbell, who told the Drum that the Forest Service names the Capitol tree every year, usually after a woman. On Campbell's advice, the tree was named after a Southern Ute tribal elder — becoming the Annabelle Eagle Capitol Christmas tree.



A Southern Ute tribal seal adorns the Capitol Christmas tree alongside hundreds of other ornaments, many created by tribal elders and children.



Scott Fitzwilliams, forest supervisor of the White River National Forest, thanks tribal elder Alden Naranjo with the gift of a jacket at the U.S. Forest Service Chief's Reception in Washington, D.C., before the lighting of the Capitol Christmas tree.



The Capitol Christmas tree, named this year in honor of Southern Ute tribal elder Annabelle Eagle, glows resplendently against the night sky, with the dome of the U.S. Capitol looking on.



Northern Ute elder Clifford Duncan and Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo pose for a photo after blessing the Christmas tree at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian for a second time. Naranjo also participated in the first blessing before the tree was cut down in the White River National Forest in northwest Colorado.

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum



Sen. Tom Udall, D-Colo., acknowledges the Ute tribes during a speech before the Capitol Christmas tree was lit.



Pictured in front of the Capitol Christmas tree before the lighting ceremony are Southern Ute tribal members Elise Redd, Terry Box and Nova Dene Burch.



IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Revamped Cats batter Bloomfield, advance to 4-0

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There wasn't anything to it, but to do it.

And against 3A Bloomfield (N.M.), the Ignacio boys did it.

Beginning with a three-point play by junior Kelton Richmond, the Bobcats bolted out to a 17-4 lead after just eight minutes of their Tuesday, Dec. 4 home opener, en route to a 56-34 defeat of the other Bobcats.

"Well, it's a new day," said Richmond, whose high-arc bank shot from eight feet out had stunned talented Shiprock (N.M.) three nights earlier at the 2012 Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Boys' Basin Invitational, which ended with Ignacio coming out on top.

"And we needed to come out and get another 'W,'" Richmond said after a 15-point performance against Bloomfield, which came on the heels of dropping 12 on the Chieftains for a three-game Webb total of 29.

With 6:04 left in the first half, freshman Wyatt Hayes' third three-pointer put Bloomfield behind 20-8, and with Webb MVP Clayton Jefferson sinking his two triples in the same quadrant, Ignacio led 28-16 at the break.

As fouls rapidly mounted against the guests, Ignacio's lead grew to 41-22 through three quarters. Head coach Chris Valdez tapped into his bench to finish the job, starting with freshman Anthony Manzanera's transition bucket off a Hayes feed with 6:50 remaining.

Sporting a shirt and tie for the Webb, senior Dimitri Reynolds was activated for the contest inside IHS Gymnasium and responded with two free throws in as many tries. And converted wres-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Austin Haire (23) battles Bloomfield (N.M.) Bobcats Tyler Barker (44) and Michael Crockett for an attempt near the rim during Ignacio's home opener on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Ignacio won 56-34 in the non-league meeting, improving their record to 4-0 before their final pre-Christmas contests.

ler Antonio Torres ended the game with 1-of-2 at the stripe and 0:01 left.

Jefferson finished with 15 points and Hayes 11 for Ignacio (4-0 overall), which began the season as a "Receiving Votes" squad in the Denver Post's Class 2A preseason rankings. Sophomore Adison Jones, in addition to holding down much of the glasswork, chipped in five points, and senior low-post mate Austin Haire added four.

Michael Crockett and Ryan Johnson each scored 10 for Bloomfield, and Barker added seven.

Up next for Ignacio will be a Friday, Dec. 14 test against

Sargent, No. 10 in the Post poll. Great Eight qualifiers last season, but beaten immediately by Loveland Resurrection Christian and then ousted by Wiggins, the Farmers come in with a 1-1 record.

The Mavericks, SJBL competition for Ignacio, reached the 1A Great Eight last season, losing to eventual runners-up Blanca Sierra Grande, but then recovered with a win over Springfield to reach the consolation bracket final, where they fell to Collbran Plateau Valley 50-47.

The Bobcats' pre-Christmas slate ends with a trip to 3A Pagosa Springs on Thursday, Dec. 20.

IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Girls beat 4A teams to take third in Shiprock, rise to 3-1

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The Lady Bobcats recovered from a Day 2 loss to take third place at the 2012 Jerry Richardson Memorial/Shiprock (N.M.) Lady Chieftain Invitational.

Despite falling to the loaded Class 3A hosts, a pair of wins over 4A schools in the eight-team tournament had Ignacio's players feeling upbeat as they departed the Chieftain Pit.

"Feels great, to put a trophy in our display case," said senior forward Mariah Vigil, whose 13 points led the squad in a 40-28 triumph over Farmington (N.M.) — a scorekeeper's error listed the "official" score as 38-28 — to close out the Dec. 6-8 tourney.

Having faced former Farmington skipper Ben Tensay and Aztec (N.M.) on Day 1, they Lady Cats had to overcome similarly sluggish first quarters to take down both the Lady Tigers and Lady Scorpions.

With zero field goals and only two points after a frame against Aztec, Ignacio's 44-31 come-from-behind victory was locked up after holding Aztec to just one point in the fourth. Defeating Farmington came from simply waking up after a quarter in which their 2-4-6 points came at the 1:06, 2:13, and 3:17 elapsed-time marks.

"I don't know what was going on," senior forward Pam Cotton said of the slow start. "I guess we were kind of tired from last night's game, but we still got the win."

Prior to the season, Farmington's Michael Switch had to think of how to fill up to eight vacancies on his graduation-depleted roster. And the inexperience proved injurious, even after Ignacio's free-throw shooting sank from 12-of-17 in the first half to 2-of-12 in the second. Having officially led 10-5 after eight minutes thanks to a Vigil cleanup of a Cloe Seibel miss — set up by precision passing that had Farmington completely confused — the Lady Bobcats' advantage ballooned to 22-10 through 16.

Farmington (1-3 overall) approached as close as 22-17, but three straight Sky Cotton layups sent the game into the fourth quarter with Ignacio comfortably ahead.

Shaking off seven blown



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) grins while shooting over Farmington's Meeya Yazzie (2) during the third-place game of the Shiprock (N.M.) Lady Chieftain Invitational.

layup/point-blank attempts prior to intermission against Aztec, Ignacio's lead entering the home stretch with the Lady Tigers — just 33 to 30 — wasn't so cushy.

But the Lady Bobcats' 19-8 advantage for the third quarter, in which a Vigil layup gave them their first lead at 27-26, showed that momentum had swung convincingly in favor of the 2A side.

Two Simmons FTs with 0:38 left in the third gave Ignacio a 32-30 lead, and her next two makes increased it to 39-31 with 4:36 left in the game. Fouling out for Aztec (3-4) on the play was junior catalyst Morgan Smith, and big sophomore forward Mikayla Paxton would do likewise with 2:52 left, held to a crucial zero points by the Vigil-Pam Cotton-Valerie Armstrong post patrol.

In fact, of all those encountered by Ignacio designated as either forwards or centers, only Farmington frosh Shayna Carlowe achieved a seven-point total. Eventual Tournament MVP Chishonyia Nelson of Shiprock (4-1) managed just six, as did teammate Courtney Steele in the Lady Chieftains' win.

Things didn't turn out quite so well against Shiprock.

"We knew that ... their

press was going to be a killer. And of course, it proved to be that," said head coach Justa Whitt of the 57-39 loss. "We tried working through it. We had them on the run there for a minute when we came back from half, and I think ultimately ... their subbing ability, being able to switch five out at a time, really makes a difference."

A long Pam Cotton jumper had put Ignacio up 6-3 early, and a 10-0 personal run by Vigil in the third helped keep a 24-11 halftime deficit within reach, 39-27, entering the fourth.

"I just knew that, more than likely, if you go in you're going to get fouled," Vigil said of her tourney-long knack [21-of-34] to get to the charity stripe. "So I just had to drive in."

A Vigil three-point play with 6:54 left in the clash, following a Simmons layup off a steal, brought Ignacio back to 39-32, and when Whitt called timeout with 3:59 left the Lady Cats were still close at 42-34.

But when Shiprock junior Arantxa Curley (seven points) copped a three with 1:45 left, capping an 11-3 burst, the Pit's seats began emptying for the night.

Junior star Taylor Henderson was held to eight points, and fellow All-Tournament pick Ashley John four, but classmate Shania Harry was the difference-maker with her 20.

Simmons (point totals of 8-3-10) was later announced as Ignacio's All-Tourney honoree, after Shiprock athletic director Rick Edwards looked like a genius to locals following a Lady Chieftain varsity-versus-JV showdown for the title.

"Actually I wasn't expecting them to make it," he said, amazed by the junior varsity's 68-45 Day 1 rout of 2A Newcomb (N.M.) and 64-46 defeat of Farmington on Day 2.

Larson Henderson's varsity, after a close 12-9 first quarter, ended up defeating Nanel Walter's JV 61-46, but the underdogs fought the entire way, hardly even making friendly eye contact during pauses.

"They go at it like that the last 40, 45 minutes of practice," Edwards said.

Carlowe and Paxton also received All-Tourney nods, as did Northwest's Chelsea

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL Winter sports schedules

Boys/girls basketball

Date	Opponent	H/A	B/G	C/JV/V	Time
DEC. 14	Sargent	H	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
21	Pagosa Springs	A	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
JAN. 8	Dolores	A	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
10-12	Aztec Tourney	A	B	V	TBA
10-12	Kirtland Tourney	A	G	V	TBA
19	Ridgway	H	B/G	JV/V	3:30 p.m.
22	Pagosa Springs	H	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
25	Dove Creek	A	B/G	V/G-JV/B	5 p.m.
FEB. 1	Nucla	H	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
2	Ouray	A	B/G	JV/V	3:30 p.m.
5	Bayfield	A	B/G	JV/V	4 p.m.
9	Mancos	H	B/G	JV/V	3:30 p.m.
12	Monticello	H	B	C/JV/V	3:30 p.m.
16	Telluride	A	B/G	JV/V	3:30 p.m.
23	Norwood	H	B/G	JV/V	3:30 p.m.
MAR. 1-2	Districts (Cortez)	A	B/G	V	TBA
8-9	Regionals (Durango)	A	B/G	V	TBA
14-16	State (Pueblo)	A	B/G	V	TBA

C team games will be up to number of athletes for each team.

Wrestling

Date	Opponent	V/JV	H/A	Time
DEC. 21	Dolores Dual	V/JV	A	5:30 p.m.
22	Piedra Vista	V	A	9 a.m.
JAN. 11	Rocky Mountain Dual	V/JV	A	TBA
12	Rocky Mountain (Pagosa Springs)	V	A	9 a.m.
19	Salida Tourney	V/JV	A	9 a.m.
25	Paonia Dual one	V	A	5 p.m.
26	Paonia Tourney	V/JV	A	9 a.m.
FEB. 1	Bayfield Dual	V/JV	H	5:30 p.m.
2	Butch Melton Invite	V/JV	H	9 a.m.
7	League (Dolores)	V	A	5 p.m.
15-16	Regional Tournament (Grand Junction)	V	A	TBA
21-23	State Tournament (Denver)	V	A	TBA

All schedules subject to change
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Ignacio's Sky Cotton (24) hovers to pass between Shiprock's Chishonyia Nelson (42) and Shania Harry (13) during a loss to the Lady Chieftains in tournament play at SHS.



Council members bid farewell



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. receives a blanket from colleagues Aaron V. Torres and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin. Friends and family members joined employees of the Southern Ute Permanent Fund for a farewell ceremony for Richards and Joycelyn Dutchie, whose terms are expiring, in the lobby of the Leonard C. Burch Building on Monday, Dec. 3. Richards is running for re-election and will appear on the ballot during the Friday, Dec. 14 runoff election at the SunUte Community Center.



Joycelyn Dutchie, whose term on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council expired earlier this month, smiles as colleagues Ramona Y. Eagle and Pathimi GoodTracks wrap her in a blanket to honor her service.

Full-bore for the score



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ellie Seibel (2) dashes past a Bloomfield (N.M.) defender during the Lady Bobcat JV's season-opener on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at home. Nearly rallying from a dozen-point deficit at halftime, Ignacio trailed just 30-25 after three quarters and 43-35 after four. Seibel and teammates Roshae Weaver, Gabriela Garcia and Chrystianne Valdez all accompanied the varsity to tournament action recently in Shiprock, N.M., and all saw action that could later prove vital in the 2012-13 season. Ignacio's varsity opened the year by beating Bloomfield 49-34.

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Smiley, Celeste Lansing of 1A Montezuma Creek (Utah) Whitehorse, Lacy Howe and Shantel Grey of the SHS JV, and Newcomb's Autumn Brown, maker of a buzzer-beating trey to beat Aztec 35-34 for fifth place.

Whitehorse and Northwest had previously provided early-arriving fans a thriller in the seventh-place game, with the Lady Raiders improving to 1-5 by edging the Lady Falcons (2-4) 68 to 66.

Grey also garnered the first Deborah "Doc" Waters Outstanding Player Award for her workman-like play.

"Overall we did OK. I think we could have done a lot better," Whitt said. "We had a lot of missed shots that we should have made, and that's just something that we have to keep practicing."

Vigil racked up 43 points for the tournament, 16 coming against Shiprock. Pam Cotton totaled 22 (nine versus Aztec), Sky Cotton 18 (eight versus Farmington), and Armstrong 12 (six versus AHS). Seibel was held to just two, but provided valuable minutes along with reserve Gabriela Garcia (five points) as the Lady Bobcats



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Ignacio's Mariah Vigil (25) tears a rebound away from Aztec's Morgan Smith (33) during the Lady Bobcats' 44-31 win during tournament action in Shiprock, N.M.

improved to 3-1 overall entering their Friday, Dec. 14 non-league game with 2A Sargent.

A Thursday, Dec. 20 trip to 3A Pagosa Springs will be Ignacio's last action before the Christmas holiday break.

RAFFLE

Win one Cow Elk permit

Hunt will take place Saturday, Jan. 12, through Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013 on the Sandoval/Mesa Hunt Unit/Southern Ute Tribal Land. Guide not provided, but optional for a fee. Tickets are \$5 each, tickets can be purchased at SUCAP Central Administration Offices at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio. 970-563-4517. Permits are valued at \$300. Drawing will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9. Winners must attend the mandatory orientation on Friday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Must be 14 or older to hunt. 18 and younger must have a Parent/Guardian accompany them. 21 and younger need Hunter Safety Certification.

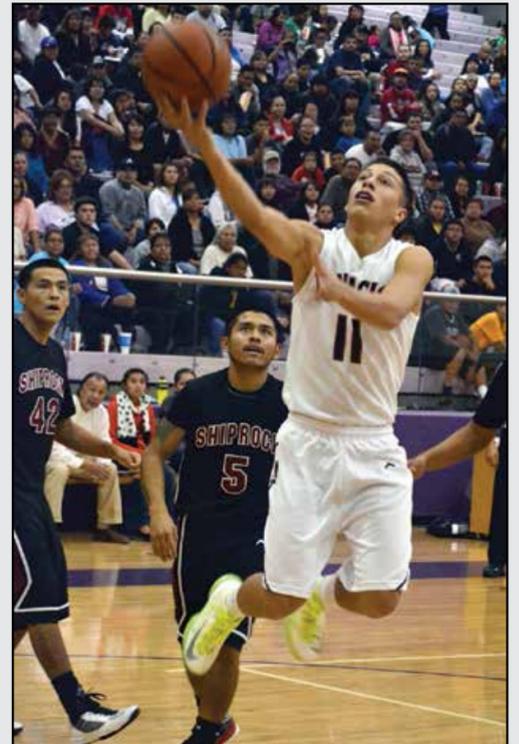
Permits donated by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife.

A long time coming



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Bobcats stand with a trophy sought for nearly 30 years: the first-place prize from the Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Boys' Basin Invitational, at last secured on Saturday, Dec. 1 after a 58-57 win over 3A Shiprock (N.M.) inside Kirtland Central's Bronco Arena. Holding the trophy, with help from teammate Justin Carver to his left, is junior Kelton Richmond, whose buzzer-beating floater midway down the lane defeated the Chieftains after IHS had beaten the 4A Broncos 57-49, then routed 1A Whitehorse (Montezuma Creek, UT) 58-30 to reach the championship. Third place and the Sportsmanship Award went to 2A Las Cruces (N.M.) Mesilla Valley Christian, which beat KC 37-32. Fifth place went to 3A Bloomfield (N.M.), 33-18 over WHS.



Ignacio's Clayton Jefferson (11) flies towards the rim during the Bobcats' 58-57 win over 3A Shiprock (N.M.) in the finale of the 2012 Webb Toyota/Kirtland (N.M.) Central Boys' Basin Invitational inside Kirtland Central's Bronco Arena on Saturday, Dec. 1. Observing in the background are Chieftains Darryle Nelson (5) and Patric Toehe (42). Jefferson was named Tournament MVP and All-Tournament, along with teammate Wyatt Hayes, Shiprock's Hiram Gleason, Kirtland Central's Christian Mackey, Michael Crockett of 3A Bloomfield (N.M.), and 2A Las Cruces (N.M.) Mesilla Valley Christian's Jeff Adler.

Christmas Light Contest 2012!

The Southern Ute Police Department is hosting its 9th Annual Christmas Light Contest for the Ignacio Community. Over the next several weeks our officers will be looking at homes with Christmas lights and decorations from people who have entered into our contest.

Registration DEADLINE is December 21, 2012 5pm.

On **December 21-25, 2012** our officers will vote on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Prizes will be handed out **December 28, 2012, 8am-5pm.**

The winners will be published in the SUT DRUM in January 2013.

Call to register with:

Crystal Garnanez 970-563-0246 ext. 3317 OR
Amanda Lucero 970-563-0246





TRIBAL COURT

Understanding the meaning and purpose of bail

By Tim Heydinger
SU TRIBAL COURT

People often misunderstand the meaning and purpose of bail in the context of criminal proceedings.

Criminal defendants frequently come out of a bail hearing feeling like they've already been found guilty of the current allegations, when that is not the case at all.

When a person is suspected of committing a criminal offense, they frequently are arrested and taken to jail. In order to be released from jail, they will be required to post bail.

Bail, or a bail bond, is a promise by the defendant that, if he is released, he will appear at all future court proceedings and abide by all conditions of release. All bail bonds come with a dollar amount, and if the defendant fails appear in court or to abide by the conditions of their release, they may be required to pay or forfeit to the court the dollar amount stated in the bail bond.

The purposes of bail are to ensure the defendant will return to court if released, that the public is not at risk if the defendant

is released, and that the defendant is not unnecessarily detained while the matter is pending.

Ensuring the defendant returns to court is arguably the primary reason for requiring bail.

When considering the type and amount of bail, the court considers several factors outlined in the Tribal Code. These the circumstances surrounding the alleged offense, the person's ties to the community, their past criminal history, and their record of appearing, or failing to appear, in prior court proceedings.

People frequently don't understand why their prior criminal history, including their history of appearing or not appearing, is discussed at a bail hearing. The reason is simple: Prior criminal history, and prior history of appearing or failing to appear, are specifically mentioned in the Tribal Code as factors the court is to consider when setting bail.

This only makes sense. A person with no criminal history is going to have a lower bail (and thus have to give the court less money in order to be released) than someone with a lengthy criminal

history. A person who has a history of failing to appear is going to have a higher bail simply to ensure the person returns to court.

At the bail hearing, therefore, both the prosecutor and the defense will bring factors to the court's attention. It's up to the court to consider all factors when it sets the type and amount of bail.

Setting bail is difficult because of the competing interests involved. On one hand, the court must set bail in an amount that will ensure the defendant returns and abides by the conditions of their release. On the other hand, the court must remember that the defendant is presumed to be innocent and therefore should not be unnecessarily incarcerated.

People must understand that the setting of bail by the court is not a finding of guilt in the present case, even though findings of guilt in prior cases are relevant to the bail determination. It's simply a response to competing interests: ensuring the community is protected and the defendant returns to court, balanced against the interest in ensuring the accused is not unnecessarily incarcerated.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

NCAI pleads reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act

Staff report
NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

Significant progress is being made on the long-sought-after Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, including the critical tribal provisions of the bill, and

the National Congress of American Indians is calling on House Majority Leader Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., and authors of recent Senate and House legislation to continue discussions and pass final legislation.

"We believe there is a path to bipartisan agree-

ment on the tribal provisions of VAWA. We remain hopeful that a comprehensive VAWA bill can and will move forward before this session of Congress ends," said Jacqueline Pata, executive director of NCAI. "It's hero time on both sides of the aisle."

Working together



Beth Satistevan/SU Tribal Council

In an effort to improve relations with the Town of Ignacio, Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. hosted a collaborative dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Nov. 15. The meeting aimed to foster greater collaboration between the two governments. Newton said he wants the entities to work together on issues for the betterment of the community and the tribe. Pictured (left to right): Thomas Atencio, trustee; Stella Cox, mayor pro tem; Ray Larson, trustee; Linda Moore, trustee; Howard D. Richards Sr., Southern Ute Tribal Council member; Alison DeKay, trustee; Newton; Ena Millich, mayor; Mike Lee, town manager; and James Brown, director of Public Works.

Taste of an Ignacio Christmas

On Friday, Dec. 7, Taste of Ignacio decked the halls and the Ignacio Elementary School gym. Vendors, patrons and community members came to buy and sell local arts and crafts and enjoy hot chocolate provided by the Sky Ute Casino Resort and elk chili provided by the Carmelitas of the San Ignatius Catholic Church, and to sing songs and share in the Christmas spirit.



Local children were excited to share their Christmas wishes with Santa at the Taste of Ignacio.



The Ignacio High School band plays Christmas songs.



Izabella Carmenoros is adorned with a balloon reindeer.



Even the Grinch showed his face.



Many children took turns on Santa's lap to tell him what they want for Christmas.



Audry Brady (right), program director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and her helpers raise money during the cakewalk.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Gina Cosio barter with a Taste of Ignacio vendor selling Christmas crafts.



Jason Carmenoros, with son Jeremy, gives a Rockies blanket a once-over.



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS



Rhiannon Velasquez poses with her nice meat buck she took over the weekend on the east side of the res. It was way up on one of the mountain tops and took a while to track (half a day) but with the help of her two brothers and dad they were able to find this beautiful high country muley buck. It is a 4 X 5 buck with 3 inch eye guards and has an outside spread of 33 5/8ths inches, main beams were 26 inches long. Several unusual things happened on this hunt that led to this moment but in the end everything worked out. Congratulations on a nice trophy and what a way to end your 2012 hunting season!



PANTHER MARTIN'S TROPHY FISH CONTEST WINNER: GABRIEL PINNECOOSE

Monday, Dec. 3
Brown Trout

I caught this fish at the end of the afternoon at a pool at a drop in the river. I went to a new pool and it was the first cast into this pool!

TO MY WONDERFUL CHILDREN, STAIS, DERMARR AND BAHZHO

Have a great holiday and enjoy Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's. We love you guys so much and I hope you give thanks to Jesus being born. Take care my little ones.

Love, Mom



WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM GOV. RICHARD LUARKIE, LAGUNA PUEBLO

Greetings from the Pueblo of Laguna. I hope that this article finds all of you in good health and in good spirits. It is with a happy heart and a thankful spirit that I write these words of appreciation to your tribal community.

As our tribal communities have journeyed by following the footprints that have been left by those that came before us, we must carefully and consciously consider the footprints we are leaving for those that are coming behind us. We are blessed because of the contributions made by our ancestors and we must now envision what our children will inherit from us.

BURCH FAMILY OFFERS THANKS

'I lead my Ute people in to the future'

The Leonard C. Burch Family would like express our utmost appreciation to the following who made this event to honor our father, Leonard C. Burch:

- Southern Ute Tribal Council
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- Executive officers
- Beth Santistevan, Tribal Council media coordinator
- Chris Rizzo, Drum administrative assistant
- Sunshine Flores, Tribal Council executive assistant
- Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte fitness manager, and SunUte staff
- Growth Fund, TIS, SUCCM, MIS, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Growth Fund, and all other tribal departments
- Extended appreciation to KSUT, Yellow Jacket drum group, Southern Ute Veterans Association and Kenny Frost, Sun Dance chief

To the selected anonymous judges of the literacy contest of the LCB essay, a job well done! If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize and it was not intentional.

In closing, the Burch family sends warm wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful new year. May Creator be with us all.

Burch family

In November of this year, your tribal council and wildlife board allowed several of our traditional leaders the opportunity to participate on a cultural hunt on your beautiful tribal lands. It was a fruitful hunt and the people in our community were so very thankful for the blessing of deer that came to our Pueblo. In particular, the elders and young people were especially excited to see the deer come into our homes.

During my term as governor for the Pueblo of Laguna, I have impressed on our people how critical it is to exercise the core values of love, respect, self-discipline and obedience for self and others. It is a daunting challenge, but a challenge that cannot be avoided. In this light, I want to acknowledge your tribe for exercising these core values by inviting us into your lands to hunt and partake in the blessings of the mountains and the creator.

In addition to your invitation, your staff members Steve Whiteman, Aran Johnson and Lovvis Down-Glass were very helpful and respectful and made us feel welcome in your homelands. Prior to the hunt, several of your council members met with us and extended a sincere and heartfelt welcome to your community as well. For this I am truly thankful.

By sharing and allowing others to go into your lands and partake in the blessings of the creator, it is very clear that you are making footprints that generations to come will be proud to follow. I am proud and thankful for what you have allowed. Your kindness, inviting spirit, and welcoming community is setting an example for many others to follow.

May the creator continue to bless the people and lands of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for all that you share with the rest of us.

As we continue on our journey, I want you to know that with every bit of my limited humanity, all of my prayers, positive thoughts and support are with your community. I look forward to the opportunity to continually nurture our young relationship and hope that we can forge a solid partnership for generations to come.

As the governor of Laguna and on behalf of my Pueblo people, may you all have a blessed, magical and peaceful Christmas with family and friends. May the new year bring you joy, happiness, hope and renewed commitment to continually do your best.

With warm regards,
Richard Luarkie, governor
Laguna Pueblo

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CRIME & POLICE

SUPD officer involved in Dec. 5 shooting

Staff report
SU INDIAN TRIBE

A Southern Ute Police Department officer was involved in a shooting shortly after 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 after being confronted by a man wielding a baseball bat.

Three Southern Ute officers were following up on an assault that occurred earlier in the evening at a residence near Ignacio. As

they approached the residence, 24-year-old Anthony Martinez ran at officers with a bat. He was repeatedly ordered to drop the bat and continued toward the officers even after an initial shot was fired.

Martinez was hit in the lower abdomen and taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Denver. Three other people at the residence were also arrested.

The La Plata County Sher-

iff's Office and the Critical Incident Task Force, which includes representatives from the sheriff's office, the Durango Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, are conducting an investigation into the shooting.

The Internal Affairs Section of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Law Enforcement will also monitor the investigation and review the conclusions.

Four Corners Showdown 2013 Bowling Tournament

January 19 & 20, 2013

SKY UTE CASINO & RESORT—ROLLING THUNDER LANES

TEAM EVENT-Sat (19): 9 am—12 pm—3 pm

SINGLES/DOUBLES EVENT: Sun (20): 9:30 am—12:30 pm—3:30 pm

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970-259-4697

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NOTICE – SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

NOTICE OF DIRECT FINAL RULEMAKING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON (1) INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CERTAIN EPA-ESTABLISHED NEW SOURCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND CERTAIN NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS AS PART OF THE RESERVATION AIR CODE AND (2) CERTAIN NON-CONTROVERSIAL REVISIONS TO THE TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is taking direct final action on (1) the addition of certain new source performance standards and certain national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants to the Reservation Air Code ("RAC") and (2) certain insignificant revisions to the Commission's Title V Operating Permit Program ("Title V Program"). The new source performance standards ("NSPS") and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants ("NESHAP") are those that have been established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") under Sections 111 and 112 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), respectively, and which generally apply to oil and gas operations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The incorporation by reference of the NSPS and NESHAP into the RAC will enable the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Commission to exercise authority with respect to the incorporated standards and requirements and will reduce administrative burdens on owners and operators. The insignificant revisions to the Commission's Title V Program will eliminate discovered typos, correct spacing errors, make minor clarifying corrections, and, at the request of operators, add a method for operators to choose to calculate fees that will be simpler, but will result in a higher payment.

I. Dates. This action is effective on 01/29/13 without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by 12/29/12. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public that this action will not take effect.

The addition of the NSPS and NESHAP to the RAC is conditioned upon the Tribe receiving authorization from the EPA to implement NSPS and NESHAP (established by EPA under Sections 111 and 112 of the CAA, respectively) on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Tribe expects to receive such authorization before the effective date of this action. The non-controversial revisions to the Commission's Title V Program will become effective upon approval of the revisions by the EPA.

II. Legal authority under which the rule is proposed.

Legal authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments.

Please provide any comments no later than 12/29/12. Please submit your comments to

Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program (AQP) Manager for the Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
- **Fax:** 970-563-0384

• **Hand delivery:** Air Quality Program, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, 398 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of Code additions and revisions to Title V program.

The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the addition of Art. II. Parts 2 and 3 to the RAC as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. The EPA-established standards and requirements that will be incorporated by reference into the RAC by the addition of Art. II Parts 2 and 3 already apply to Reservation sources of air pollution and their incorporation into the RAC will enable the Tribe and Commission to exercise authority with respect to the incorporated standards and requirements. Additionally, the incorporation by reference of the NSPS and NESHAP into the RAC will reduce administrative burdens on owners and operators by eliminating the need for certain compliance reports to be submitted to both EPA and the Tribe.

Additionally, the Commission views the revisions to the Commission's Title V Program as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments because the revisions are merely elimination of typos, spacing corrections, minor clarifications, and, at the request of operators, the addition of a method for operators to choose to calculate fees that will be simpler (by using potential to emit rather than actual emissions), but will result in a higher payment.

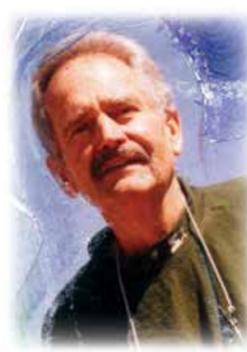
If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner that this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of Art. II, Parts 2 and 3, and the Title V program revisions, can be obtained.

A copy of Art. II. Parts 2 and 3, as well as a redline showing the non-substantive revisions to the Commission's operating permit program, is available upon request from the Tribe's AQP Manager who can be contacted by e-mail, mail, fax, or in person at the addresses noted above. Article II, Parts 2 and 3, and the redline also are available at the following website: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/air-quality/environmental-commission>

For further information contact: Brenda Jarrell, AQP Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; office 970-563-4705 ext. 2246; fax 970-563-0384; e-mail bjarrell@southernute-nsn.gov.

OBITUARIES



SEIBEL – Harold Duane Seibel, 64, died Monday, December 10, 2012 at his home in Ignacio, Colorado. A Graveside Service will be held Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Ignacio West Cemetery.

Mr. Seibel was born February 27, 1948 in Durango, Colorado the son of Willard and Betty Seibel. Harold grew up in Arboles and attended the Allison Community Country school during his primary years. He then attended Junior High and High School in Ignacio, graduating from Ignacio HS in 1966. He went to Fort Lewis College and graduated from there in 1971. While attending FLC, he met Lillian Weaver. They were married in Aztec. He began a long career of carpentry and construction - doing various projects all around the four corners. When he was not working,

Harold has a great passion for art. He enjoyed painting, drawing and sculpture. He was an avid sports fan of his grandchildren. He traveled to as many games as he could, braving all kinds of weather. Harold was a member of the Ignacio Bahá'í Community.

He is survived by Betty Seibel (mother) of Arboles, Judy McDonald (sister) of Arboles, Kenneth (Jane) Seibel (brother) of Arboles, Karen (John) Espalmer (sister), Marylin (Mike) Warren (sister), Lillian Seibel (wife) of Ignacio, Vince (Julia) Mirabal (son) of Ignacio, Shane (Melanie) Seibel (son) of Ignacio,

Grandchildren: Sunshine Flores, Skyler Mirabal, Leila Rose Mirabal, Roman Seibel, Dylan Sanchez, Trae Seibel, Cloe Siebel, Ellie Seibel, Clay Seibel,

Great Grandchildren: Sonny, Kadence, Aiden, Adrian, Kelly and Tommy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willard Seibel, May 8, 2011.



VELASQUEZ – Filidelfio "Phil" Velasquez, 72, died Monday, December 3, 2012, at his home in Ignacio, Colo. Recitation of the Rosary was Friday, December 7, 2012, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 8, 2012, also at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Father Douglas Hunt of St. Ignatius Catholic Church officiated. Burial occurred at Ignacio West Cemetery in Ignacio.

Mr. Velasquez was born May 10, 1940, in Ignacio, the son of Augustine and Felicita Velasquez. Phil grew up in Ignacio and attended school there. In 1960 he graduated from Ignacio High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and wrestling. After graduation, he began working as a carpenter. He worked for the Southern Ute

Head Start for 27 years.

He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting and horseback riding. He attended his grandchildren's sporting events and enjoyed time with them as well as with his great-grandchildren. He liked spending his Saturdays having shopping sprees with his Uncle Fidel Velasquez and also liked going to the Shiprock Fair.

He is survived by Lesida Archuleta (companion of four decades) of Ignacio, Annette Velasquez (daughter) of Ignacio, Tina Naranjo (daughter) of Bayfield, seven grandchildren (Tracy, Eric and Chasity Bean of Ignacio, Nick Mandy and Derrick Naranjo of Bayfield, and Dawnnet Naranjo of Peoria, AZ), four great-grandchildren,

Sam Velasquez (brother) of Ignacio, Alex Velasquez (brother) of Ignacio, Virginia Velasquez (sister) of Bloomfield, N.M., Prescilla Holman (sister) of Farmington, N.M., Georgiann Alcon (sister) of Bloomfield, Marlene Rodriguez (sister) of Bloomfield, Martha Monte (sister) of Magna, Utah, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Joe Velasquez, Abel Velasquez, Teddy Velasquez, and Jose Velasquez, and his sisters Lillian Olguin and Pauline Velasquez.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Legal Assistance

Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals to provide legal assistance to Native American victims of domestic violence to assist victims with divorce, legal separation, protection orders, child custody & support, housing, public benefits, name changes, identity theft, credit problems, and debt collection. Funded through a Department of Justice grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, the contract would extend to Sept. 30. Please provide: legal

fee per hour, number of hours per month, experience with legal assistance for victims, experience with Southern Ute Tribal Court and documentation to practice law in the State of Colorado.

Proposals should be submitted by Dec. 18 to Monte Mills, Director Southern Ute Indian Tribe Legal Department PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information please contact Lisa Manzanera at 970-563-0100.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION

Dec. 14, 2012 • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
SunUte Community Center

Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are:
Notice - Vote for two

Delbert D. Cuthair Jr.
Howard D. Richards Sr.
Adam Red
Alex S. Cloud

NOTE: THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 by 5 p.m.

Questions or concerns, call 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.

Off-reservation tribal members, call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.

Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
RUN-OFF ELECTION
DECEMBER 14, 2012

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Notice - Vote for Two

- Delbert D. Cuthair, Jr.
- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Adam Red
- Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.

2. Voting is by secret ballot.

3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Field Maintenance Foreman

Closes 12/17/12 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Supervises and performs work related to the operations, maintenance, and mechanical integrity of field compressor station equipment to include all field compressor station equipment, pumps, gas compressors, coolers, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Land Specialist

Closes 12/17/12 – GF Dept. of Energy
Ignacio, CO. Assisting with and coordinating the land projects between BIA, Permanent Fund Land Division and the Growth Fund Department of Energy. Works under the direct supervision of the Department of Energy Manager to oversee encoding of the oil and gas documents into the BIA Trust Asset Accounting Management System and prepare and/or investigate oil and gas documents for BIA review and approval.

Production/Revenue Accountant II

Closes 12/17/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Performs revenue and production accounting duties.

Utilities Operations Supervisor

Closes 12/17/12 – Utilities Division
Ignacio, CO. Supervision of all Utilities operations.

Vice President of Operations

Closes 12/17/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Manages Field Production Operations in line with company goals and objectives; ensures safe and efficient operation of wells and associated equipment and facilities to maximize production and minimize well and facilities down time. Establishes systems and procedures to control costs and maintain operations within budget.

Establishes maintenance programs to minimize well and facility down time. Develops and trains field personnel to become more cost effective and improve production performance. Monitors and manages capital projects and major expense projects relating to production operations. Assists the President and Chief Financial Officer in developing and managing of corporate annual budgets.

Land Records Analyst I

Closes 12/21/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions. Maintains lease records database, including agreement stipulations for all operated and nonoperated properties. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate lease and contract records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Respond to communications from interest owners. Prepare reports as needed.

Land Records Analyst II

Closes 12/21/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, assignments and various documents to document and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, exploration agreements, joint operating agreements, and title opinions; maintains lease records database, including agreement stipulations for all operated and non-operated properties. Works with landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate lease and contract records. Assists with other land issues as needed; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

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 Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2012-0156-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Patrick Aaron Watts, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Patrick Aaron Watts has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Patrick Salomon Puerto. Any 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 December 19, 2012 by 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2012-0150-CV-N C
Trennie Risa Burch, Civil Subject
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trennie Risa Collins. As of December 3, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Trennie Risa Collins.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2012.
Chantel Cloud
Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2012-0142-CV-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE
Edward Bent Box Sr., 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 January 15, 2013 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of December, 2012
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee

is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum

Southern Ute Cultural Center (SUCCM) and Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University. Interested tribal members and community member input is needed for an educational leadership and change research committee. SUCCM has approved of the director to work on this project involving “participatory action research.” The committee will meet at the beginning

and the end of the study. Membership on the committee is voluntary and will be for approximately 18-14 months. The committee will evaluate SUCCM and discuss ideas that will help the museum be sustainable in order to preserve Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boxing Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy, a three year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are;

- Must be 21 years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses

Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on Dec. 20 to:
Southern Ute Boxing Commission, P.O. Box 737-74, Ignacio, CO, 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0100 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Vice-Chair 970-563-4710 ext. 2722

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
- Must undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Monday, December 17, 2012. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

Posted November 19, 2012 – D.O.G.

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TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE • FROM PAGE 1

CHAIRMAN'S TAKE

Newton said he was impressed by the tally of accomplishments in Obama's first term. When someone suggested it was the best four-year span for government-to-government relations in U.S. history, he was inclined to agree, he said.

"History-wise, they've taken away, but now we're getting to a point where they're giving back to us," he said. "Everything's kind of reversed now. We're in the driver's seat and we're getting that support."

Newton said past Southern Ute leader Orion Box used to say a leader "utilizes and unites his people" — a pattern Obama seems to be following.

"His administration has consulted with us, asked us 'What do you think?' That's unheard of," Newton said. "That's rare."

Preceding the president's speech were others by members of his Cabinet. Tribal leaders also participated in one of several breakout sessions on topics such as economic development, law enforcement and cultural preservation.

Newton attended "Building Healthy Communities, Excellence in Education and Native American Youth." The discussion was interesting, he said, but primarily highlighted the progress of the Southern Utes relative to some other tribes.

"Some of it doesn't really apply to us because Southern Ute is so far advanced in what we're doing. ... We're trailblazers in Indian Country," he said, citing the tribe's scholarship program as an example. "It's hard to address some of our unique concerns because we're one of a kind. We're maximizing and flexing our sovereignty."

OTHER MEETINGS

Though the Tribal Nations Conference was certainly the biggest meeting in Washington during the week, Newton also spent time in other conferences in smaller groups or on an individual basis.

He met with Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Colo., to express support for certain tribal energy bills and to urge consideration of the needs of Indian Country, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs funding, during negotiations over the "fiscal cliff" now facing Congress.

Tribal attorneys also met with staffers from the offices of Sens. Michael Bennet and Mark Udall, both D-Colo., to promote similar positions.

Newton said the real highlight of the trip — perhaps even greater than the White House conference — was a meeting on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 4 with Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. Newton joined the leaders of just five other tribes for an intimate meeting with Salazar, Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, BIA Director Michael S. Black and others.

Salazar asked the tribal leaders for an evaluation of his department's performance. Newton, along with Chairwoman Irene Cuch of the Northern Ute Indian Tribe, expressed concerns over administrative delays in the processes for conventional energy development. Salazar pledged to work with the tribes to address the issue.

"That meant more than anything else," Newton said of the meeting. "For as long as I've been on council ... that hasn't really been done."

Newton said he was hope-

ful the meeting would generate more and closer cooperation between the federal government and the tribe.

LOOKING FORWARD

Obama's speech at the Tribal Nations Conference ended with a popular refrain heard over and over during his re-election campaign: "We've got more to do."

Looking forward, he said he's pushing Congress to enable tribes to prosecute anyone accused of violence against a woman on a reservation, regardless of whether they're Native American.

Such cases are currently returned to federal courts, where — according to a 2010 study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office — attorneys decline to prosecute two-thirds of them.

He's also advocating a fix to the U.S. Supreme Court's 2009 decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar*, which said the federal government can't take land into trust for tribes that were recognized after the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

Obama said many challenges tribes face are the same as those threatening Americans in general, including rebuilding the middle class, protecting the environment, and creating opportunities and reasons to hope in the future.

"These are the challenges that we can only solve together, and that's been our approach to the unique challenges facing Indian Country," he said. "And I'm hopeful not just because of the work all of you are doing, not just because of the solemn commitment of tribal leaders all across this country. I'm also hopeful because of the rising generation who I've seen embrace the responsibility of following in your footsteps."

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update on the process of converting the facility to tribal oversight.

"[We are] exploring options for health insurance for our tribal members, pros and cons," Newton said.

Newton said keeping families together through the tribe's Social Services Division has been a priority during his administration. He said the tribe must do everything possible to prevent parental terminations.

"As chairman, I don't want to see that," he said, adding that it's important to keep the cultural component in social services.

Regarding the annual Tri-Ute Games, Newton raised the question of whether first-generation descendants should be allowed to compete alongside enrolled tribal members. The purpose of the games is to "unite" tribal youth, he said.

Also up for discussion was the ongoing challenge of tribal-member housing.

"One thing we need to focus on is tribal housing," Newton said, suggesting the tribe should revamp its credit program to help tribal members get homes, better homes.

Discussing cultural preservation, Southern Ute Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie said she was concerned that the old ways are not being passed on.

"In many ways, I guess the Ute culture is fading away," she said. "Maybe the understanding of who you are and where we come from is not there."

Announcing her upcoming departure from her council seat, Dutchie urged all Ute leaders to continue attending Tri-Ute meetings, to make the council stronger.

"There is a reason why we are coming together as a Tri-Ute [Council]," Dutchie said.

Newton then turned the conversation toward the budget committee and tribal-member employment, saying he's been "pleased with [his] administration in increasing tribal-member employment even with the budget cuts."

Tribal-member employment has increased 7 percent during his administration, he said.

"We are all collaborating on the tribal administration side," said Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr.

Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department Director Elise Redd gave a cultural presentation. She emphasized cultural preservation and the Ute language — which today is spoken fluently by just 47 Southern Utes, she said.

Ute Mountain Ute closed



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council unfold their tribal flag to add to the collection on the walls of the Denver Indian Center.

out the meeting with its report, touching on budget cuts, education, Ute language, and the need for improved local Internet service.

Councilman Manuel Heart expressed hope for more action and follow-through on Tri-Ute discussions. He also encouraged cooperation among the three tribes and a blending of "Ute ways and the white man's world."

Chairman Gary Hayes announced a proclamation for a day in honor of the late Chairman Ernest House Sr.

CCIA

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting took place Friday, Nov. 30. Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia and commission Executive Secretary Ernest House Jr. joined the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes for the meeting.

First up was Executive Director Jay Grimm of the Denver Indian Center, where the meeting took place. Grimm highlighted the success his center has found in the Denver community. "We are really living and breathing it here," he said. The center aims "to empower our youth, families and communities through self-determination, cultural identity and education."

House opened by giving an update on the Fort Lewis College Native American tuition waiver, which allows Native American students to attend the school free of charge. Currently, Fort Lewis College is enrolling more Native American students than any other school, resulting in increased costs. Gov. John Hickenlooper is requesting additional funds to help fund the waiver.

Newton said it's important that the waiver be preserved.

"I think it is very important to understand the history as to why there is a Native tuition waiver at Fort Lewis College," Newton said.

The Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes presented their flags to Grimm for display in the center's large

gymnasium. Hanging across the high walls were flags from dozens of North American tribes, including the Comanche Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux, Fort Peck and Chickasaw Nation.

Newton reminded House about a possible opportunity to create an internship position for a tribal member within the commission.

"We have not forgot about that gracious offer," House said.

House also talked about the commission's efforts to provide informational flyers about the Colorado Ute tribes to cultural centers and tourist attractions throughout the state. It's important to raise awareness of the tribes' history and presence in the state, he said.

There was discussion concerning standardizing the terms and conditions for agreements between the state and tribes.

"I think it is important that we are consistent," Garcia said.

Hayes emphasized the economic impact created by the tribes in southwest Colorado. The tribes are the No. 1 employers in the region, he said.

Following a presentation on the successes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, House thanked the tribe for its work.

"I can't tell you how much of a blessing it is," he said. "So thank you."

Key points from Southern Ute included fostering a youth community through the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; collaboration with local, state and federal authorities on the Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan; tribal member scholarships; and government-to-government relations with the state.

"Continuing to have the best health care for our tribal members [is a priority]," Newton said.

The third quarterly meeting is set for March 21, 2013, coinciding with the Denver March Powwow.

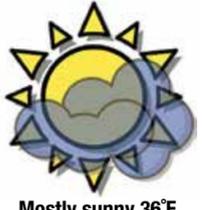
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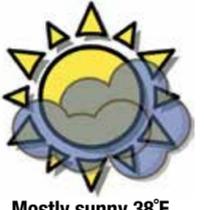
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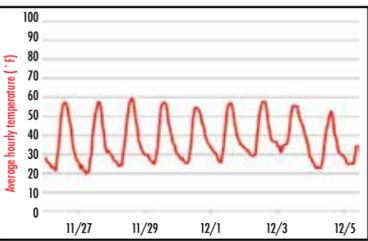
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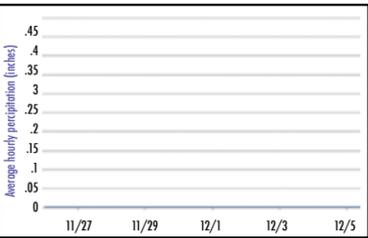


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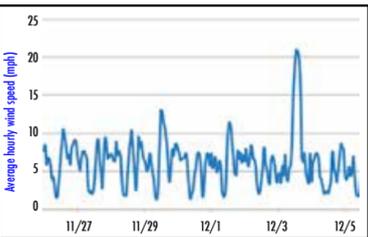
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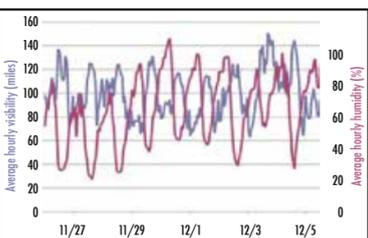
Wind speed

Average	6.2
Minimum	1.4
Maximum	20.9



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	100.0
Average humidity	48.4%



Air quality

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 12:15 P.M.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12, falls in the middle of the week. St. Peter-St. Rosa Catholic Church, 18851 Hwy 151, Arboles, CO 81121 will celebrate this feast at its bi-monthly service on Sunday, Dec. 16 with a Mass celebrated at 12:15 p.m. and a fiesta dinner, raffle, silent auction, and children's games afterwards. Please join us to celebrate this annual event. Raffle tickets may be purchased from a member of the Carmelitas for \$1 each or six for \$5. St Peter-St. Rosa Church was built in 1978 merging the Rosa, NM and Arboles, CO churches when the two original churches were torn down to make room for Navajo Lake Reservoir. The church serves families in the Arboles, Allison, and Tiffany area.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 5:30 P.M.

Ignacio Youth Baseball Annual Meeting

Attention Ignacio community and

parents. The Ignacio Youth Baseball League is holding its annual meeting on December 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ignacio Library. This is the second year of Little League and we are looking forward to many more years. This year we will be registering ages 7-14 and possibly tee ball. Hope to see everyone there to show your support in another successful year of baseball.

JAN. 30 - FEB. 3, 2013

Snowdown Winter Festival

Our premier winter festival is a non-traditional and bit zany celebration of winter. Think nerds and geeks as you celebrate "Get Your Geek On." Enjoy more than 60 unique events: evening torchlight parade, ski softball tournament, Snowdown Balloon Rally, wine tasting, beard growing contest, Snowdown Follies, Bed Race, a magnificent fireworks show and more at www.snowdown.org