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Smokey Bear, bluegrass band visit Head Start

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10 years on: How health committee's recommendations have shaped tribal care

Staff report
SU CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Treaties between tribes and the United States rarely mention health care.

The Ute Treaty of 1868 does not mention health care. For many years, the focus of the government was on preventing the spread of epidemic diseases, such as tuberculosis, rather than routine health care for tribal members. This began to change in 1954, when the federal Transfer Act shifted responsibility for tribal member health care from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to the U.S. Indian Health Service.

This change did not

guarantee that tribal members would receive the best health care services. The facilities operated by the IHS have often been very old. When tribal-member patients need a service not provided by the IHS, they must be referred to outside physicians using federal funding under the Contract Health Service program, or CHS.

Due to high demand for specialized services that tribal members need but that the IHS doesn't provide, CHS funds typically tap out by the first of June each year. If these dollars aren't available, the patient's only option is to wait

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Tribal health



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is currently reviewing options and making plans for the future of the tribal health care system. To highlight the council's efforts and increase awareness of the history and nature of the system as it exists today, and perhaps provide a look at where it might go, the Drum presents a package of stories on its past, present and future.

Early responses to Health Center survey address accessibility, turnover, callbacks

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Responses to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Health Clinic vs. Wellness Center Survey, sent out earlier this month, are beginning to come in — and an early review suggests tribal members want a more stable and responsive health care system.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member opinions on the future of the tribal health system. Among the options the council is considering are options to build a new health clinic, a new wellness center, or a hybrid. As part of the process, the council

has contracted with Dyron Murphy Architects for an external needs assessment. The Tribal Planning Department is also playing a lead role in the process.

From an early batch of 15 surveys returned, 11 respondents said they or their family members currently use the Health Center, while 10 said they currently use the tribe's wellness facilities, such as the SunUte Community Center, Ignacio Senior Center or Multi-purpose Facility.

Of those who suggested improvements, very few addressed shortcomings in the tribe's wellness offerings. On

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What is a '638 contract,' anyway?

Staff report
SU CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

The terms "self-determination" and "638 contract" are often used in Indian Country to describe tribal programs.

The source of these terms can be traced back to a 1970s-era federal law, the Indian Self-Determination Act, which marked the most recent of many abrupt changes in federal policy toward Indian tribes and tribal people.

Federal policies toward Indian tribes have comprised a roller-coaster ride, first trying to eradicate tribes, then trying to protect tribes, then trying to assimilate and terminate tribal cultures, and then finally protecting tribal rights to self-determination.

During the Treaty Period, tribes were a military threat to the government and the United States entered into treaties with tribes as equal sovereigns. Once the government obtained the military upper hand, tribes were confined to reservations and tribal governments were allowed to decay or were actively undermined by the United States.

During this time, tribal lands were allotted and non-Indian homesteads moved in to occupy the "surplus" lands. A significant percentage of the remaining tribal land base was lost and the condition of tribes further deteriorated.

In the 1920s, Congress investigated the conditions on Indian reservations. The Merriam Report documented the dismal economic,

health and social status of tribal members that were the direct result of federal policies. This helped bring about the passage of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which aimed to revitalize and strengthen tribal governments. The Southern Ute constitution is a result of the IRA.

Unfortunately, after World War II, federal policies toward tribes once again aimed to have tribes disappear from society. During the 1950s and '60s, the government established policies to terminate tribes as legal entities and pressed tribal members to relocate to large urban centers where they would be assimilated into white society.

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The long, triumphant battle for contract support costs

Staff report
SU CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

The Tribal Member Health Committee recommended the tribe take over the operation of the Southern Ute Health Center through an Indian Self-Determination Act contract. So the Tribal Council directed the tribe's attorneys, Monte Mills and Steve Boos, to start negotiations for a self-determination contract with the U.S. Indian Health Service in Albuquerque.

Meetings began in early 2005 and seemed to go well. Issues concerning the scope of the contract and the amount of money that would be payable to the

tribe had all been worked out. It looked as though the contract would be signed by the summer of 2005.

Then everything changed as the result of a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The Indian Health Service had taken the position that it could decide to not honor the terms of self-determination contracts with tribes, especially with regard to the payment of contract support costs. In a case entitled Cherokee Nation v. Leavitt, the Supreme Court said that IHS actually had to keep the promises it made to tribes in self-determination contracts and ordered that the IHS pay about \$13 million in unpaid contract support

costs to the Cherokee.

Indian Health Service officials were not happy, to say the least.

Immediately after the Cherokee decision was published, the IHS adopted a rule saying that new self-determination contracts had to contain language stating that the tribe agreed to waive its right to receive contract support costs. The language would leave it entirely up to the IHS to decide whether it would ever pay contract support costs to a tribe.

The Albuquerque area IHS staff came to the tribe and told its attorneys that this new language would

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YOUTH IN MOTION

Ian Doughty signs letter of intent to play baseball at Pepperdine

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Flanked by family members and Southern Ute tribal leaders, Piedra Vista High School senior and tribal member Ian Doughty signed a letter of intent Friday, Feb. 8 to play baseball for Pepperdine University.

"I know for a fact I wouldn't be able to go to Pepperdine without the help from the tribe," Doughty said shortly before signing in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chambers, adding that he's hopeful the opportunity to play at the Malibu, Calif.-based Division I school will help him reach a lifelong dream of playing Major League Baseball.

That's exactly the right perspective, said Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

"This is a stepping stone. ... I do see you succeeding and going to that next level," he said. "This is a big deal for me, as a tribal member,



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and Piedra Vista High School (Farmington, N.M.) senior Ian Doughty shakes hands with Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. on Friday, Feb. 8 after signing his letter of intent to play Division I baseball for Malibu, Calif.-based Pepperdine University.

to see a tribal kid moving on. ... We don't have too many kids going to that Division I athletic level."

Councilman Aaron V. Torres said Doughty's success is a testament not only to his own commitment, but also that of his parents, Janelle and Hal.

"I hand it not only to you, but also to your family as well," he said. "I think you're

going to go a long ways."

Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks echoed that sentiment, also urging Doughty to use his success to give back to the tribal community. Several Tribal Council members suggested he host a youth baseball clinic in the summer.

"Seeing you succeed will

Doughty page 8

SunUte kicks off youth b-ball



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Boys and girls of various ages were decked out Friday, Feb. 8 in their teams' respective jerseys, which sported the names of well-known pro teams, during opening ceremonies for the SunUte Community Center's youth basketball league.

Ignacio drum group Yellow Jacket performs traditional songs for the opening and closing of the evening ceremonies.

For more photos, see page 8.





NEWS IN BRIEF

TRIBAL COUNCIL LAUNCHES HEALTH CENTER SURVEY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking tribal-member feedback on the future of the Southern Ute Health Center. The tribe mailed out a survey early in February with nine questions about what tribal members would like to see from their Health Center in the future, including whether the facility should be primarily a health clinic, a wellness center, or a hybrid of both. The survey is also available online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey. For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email mgo-mez@southernute-nsn.gov.

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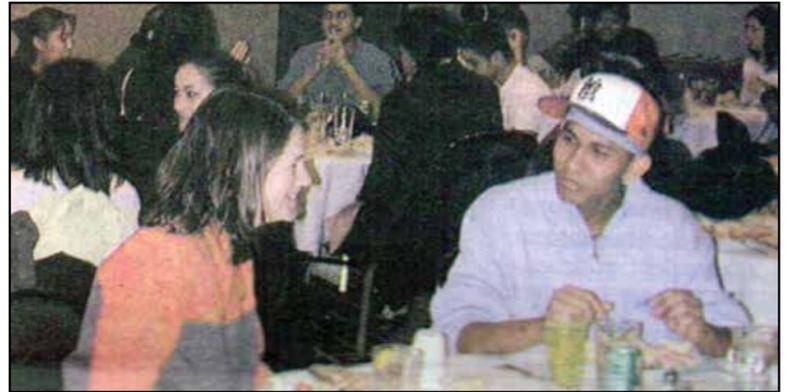
The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested 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.

MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Education Department met and shared lunch with Ignacio High School students. The lunch was intended to build relations between the youth and the tribal government. Tribal Council members Melvin Baker and Vida Peabody were present.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 21, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

These Native American students were part of the last graduating class of the DARE Program in the Ignacio School District before the Sheriff's Office cut the program.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 5, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Colorado State wrestling tournament medal winners (left to right): Coach Butch Melton; Joe Schmitt (98), fourth place winner; Kip Palmer (145), state champion; Chuck Foutz, fifth place winner; and Assistant Coach Billy Powell.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 11, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Interested in Film?
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Needs Your Help!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

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- FROM THE HEART

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The Durango Independent Film Festival graciously acknowledges funding support for the Native American Film Program by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund.

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Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/The Southern Ute Drum

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Council, elders break bread



Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

Southern Ute tribal elders (left to right) Alden Naranjo, Dona Frost, Sanjean Burch and Dixie Frost fill their plates during the Cultural Department's monthly elders' luncheon at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Friday, Feb. 15.

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. (right) visits with tribal elders Evalyn Russell (center left, black shirt) and Elise Redd (center, pink shirt) during the Cultural Department's February elders' luncheon. Newton was joined by Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud, Assistant Executive Officer Amy Barry, and others to break bread with the tribe's elders.



THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara mæni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

26. Noun phrases: Head nouns and modifiers

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

26.1. ORIENTATION

As we noted earlier, simple clauses ("simple sentences") describe events, actions or state, combining a verb ("predicate") with some subject and/or object(s). The verb/predicate describes the type of the event/state, and the subject or object(s) identify the various participants in the event/state; that is, who performs the action or is involved in the state.

Until now, we dealt with subjects that were, most commonly, independent ("word-size") pronouns, suffix pronouns or zeros, and objects that were mostly just nouns. What we are going to discuss in the few following columns are subjects or objects of a larger size, comprising a **head noun** plus some word-size **modifier**. This combination of several words that together identify the subject or object(s) is called a **noun phrase**.

The types of modifiers we will discuss that, together with the head noun, make a noun phrase, are:

- (1) **word-size modifiers:**
 - a. adjectives
 - b. numerals, ordinals and quantifiers
 - c. partitive construction
 - d. possessive ("genitive") modifiers
 - e. noun compounding
 - f. conjoined nouns

We have discussed all of these earlier as **word-classes**. Here we come back to them, describing the way they are used in combination with head nouns to create **noun phrases**.

26.2. MODIFYING ADJECTIVES

The most typical adjectives in Ute are color adjectives. Their internal structure comprises of the **adjective stem**, followed by some variant of the suffix **-ka-** or **-ga-** (historically the verb "have"), followed by some additional suffix(es). As we noted earlier, those added suffixes mark whether the adjective pertains to an inanimate noun, animate-singular or animate-plural. Thus, compare the three forms of the adjective "white":

- (2) a. **Inanimate:** *sá-gha-r#* 'white' (one or many)
- b. **Animate-SG:** *sá-gha-r#-m#* 'white' (one)
- c. **Animate-PL:** *sá-gha-qa-tu-m#* 'white' (many)

As can be seen in (2) above, the adjective stem for "white" is *sá-*. It is followed by the variant of **-ga-**, here **-gha-**, and in the inanimate adjective (2a) by **-r#**. For the animate-singular (2b), the suffix **-m#** is added after **-r#**. And for the animate-plural (2c) the plural suffix variant **-qa** is added after **-gha-**. Likewise for "black":

- (3) a. **Inanimate:** *túu-kwa-r#* 'black' (one or many)
- b. **Animate-SG:** *túu-kwa-r#-m#* 'black' (one)
- c. **Animate-PL:** *túu-kwa-gha-tu-m#* 'black' (many)

26.3. ADJECTIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NOUN

When the adjective is combined with the noun, the full-form adjective as in (2) and (3) above often follows the noun, and must agree with the animacy and plurality of the noun. In addition, it must also agree with the subject-or-object **grammatical role** ("case") of the noun. Such agreement can be seen in the noun phrases in (4) and (5) below, respectively:

- (4) **Subject noun phrase:**
 - a. **Inanimate:** *már# káachoghop# sá-gha-r# túu'a-y*
that/S hat/S white/S good-IMM
'That white hat is good'
 - b. **Animate-SG:** *má sarichí sá-gha-r#-m# pui-y*
that/S dog/S white/S sleep-IMM
'That white dog is sleeping'
 - c. **Animate-PL:** *mám# sarichí-u sá-gha-qa-tu-m# kwai-y*
those/S dog/PL white/S sleep/PL-IMM
'Those white dogs are sleeping'
- (5) **Object noun phrase:**
 - a. **Inanimate:** *mar# káachoghop# sá-gha-r# p#nikya-gha*
that/O hat/O white/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw that white'
 - b. **Animate-SG:** *máy sarichí sá-gha-r#-m# p#nikya-gha*
that/O dog/O white/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw that white dog'
 - c. **Animate-PL:** *mam# sarichí-u sá-gha-qa-tu-m# p#nikya-gha*
those/O dog/PL white/O see-ANT
'(s/he) saw those white dogs'

26.4. ORDER OF ADJECTIVES IN THE NOUN PHRASE

The full-word adjective in Ute can also appear before the head noun. What is more, one could take just the **adjective stem** and place it as a **prefix** to, thus part of, the noun word. Compare these three ordering options (subject forms):

- (6) a. **Post-noun adjective:** *kava sá-gha-r#-m#* 'white horse'
- b. **Pre-noun adjective:** *sá-gha-r#-m# kava* 'white horse'
- c. **Prefix adjective:** *sá-gava* 'white horse'
- (7) a. **Post-noun adjective:** *kava túu-kwa-r#-m#* 'white horse'
- b. **Pre-noun adjective:** *túu-kwa-r#-m# kava* 'white horse'
- c. **Prefix adjective:** *túu-gava* 'white horse'

The meaning difference between those three ways of saying "white horse" (6) or "black horse" (7) are subtle and will not concern us here. In the next column, we will discuss other adjective types, such as those describing size or shape.

'uvus. Togho-y-aqh

Southern Ute families

Uma Nu Apaghapi Ustii?

Would you and your family like to learn to speak Ute?

An introductory class on the Ute language will be held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (downstairs classroom) on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. This is an introductory class geared to children and adults who wish to learn the Ute language. We encourage you to come and join us in this first session and become acquainted with an important element of our culture, our language. If you have any questions, please call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100. We will get to visit with one another and enjoy a meal at the same time.

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CULTURAL UPDATE

FEBRUARY ELDER'S ACTIVITIES

Feb. 21: Van to Farmington will be leaving at 8:30 a.m.

All trips need to have 3 more tribal elders, handicapped and disabled. Dates are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions call the Elder Services Dept. at 970-563-0156.

FRIDAY SENIOR BREAKFAST

February senior breakfast muffin menu:

Feb. 22 – Flax seed and raisin muffins
Breakfast served from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in the Capote Room at SunUte Community Center. Served with boiled eggs, coffee, juice and fresh fruit (when available). If you need a ride, call Elders Service at 970-563-0156. For more information, call SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or the Multi-purpose Facility at 970-563-4784. Hosted by the Multi-purpose Facility staff in conjunction with the SunUte Community Center.

UTE LANGUAGE 103, WEDNESDAYS

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

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME AND ARTWORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to start the New Year off by getting everybody pumped up for the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair, so what better way to start than with a contest! The Southern Ute Cultural Department would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2013 Southern Ute Fair for all Ute members. ALL medias of art will be accepted until March 29 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Selected artwork will be featured on ALL items involved with the 93rd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork. Submit to the Southern Ute Cultural Department at P.O. Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 or call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

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. 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/presenters, Ute bead makers and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.



KIDNEY CORNER

Stages of chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

Chronic kidney disease is divided into five stages by severity.

These stages are determined by measurement of the glomerular filtration rate (GFR), a measure of the filtering capacity of the kidneys, which can be calculated easily from common blood tests. If your physician tells you that you have kidney disease, it's worth inquiring about the stage, so that over time you can monitor whether your kidney disease is progressing.

Stage 1, the least severe, is defined by a normal GFR, above 90 ml/minute. People with stage 1 kidney disease have either protein loss in the urine or some other evidence of kidney disease, such as scarring on a kidney scan.

Many people with stage 1 kidney disease are able, with treatment, to continue normal kidney function throughout their lives, provided the underlying cause of the kidney disease can be cured or controlled. For example, many diabetic patients in the early stages of their disease may have protein loss in the urine, though initially the GFR may be normal.

Stage 2, or mild chronic kidney disease, is defined by a GFR of 60 to 90. This level of kidney disease also requires careful monitoring and sometimes treatment.

One problem is that the



One of the challenges in stages 1, 2 and 3 kidney disease is to separate out patients who will develop progressive kidney disease from those who are at minimal risk of worsening.

tests available to distinguish the presence of stage 2 kidney disease have some inaccuracy, and it can be hard to distinguish this mild degree of kidney disease from normal kidney function.

Stage 3, or moderate chronic kidney disease, is defined by a GFR of 30 to 60. Most patients with this stage of kidney disease continue to feel well, and many are unaware that they have kidney disease de-

spite the decrease in kidney function.

However, several organ systems start to sustain damage during this stage, including bones, heart and blood vessels, and most patients need medications during this stage to slow the progression of their kidney disease and to protect other organs.

Since there are usually no symptoms evident to patients who have this level of kidney disease, it is important to screen kidney function in people at risk for kidney disease. One of the challenges in stages 1, 2 and 3 kidney disease is to separate out patients who will develop progressive kidney disease from those who are at minimal risk of worsening. One useful way to do this is to measure the amount of protein in the urine, which is quite predictive of future deterioration in kidney function.

During stage 4, or severe chronic kidney disease, with a GFR of 15 to 30, patients need assistance to make a plan for dialysis or transplantation. Unfortunately, it is unusual for patients in this stage to recover, though the rate of progression of their disease can usually be slowed.

Most patients with stage 5 kidney disease (also known as end-stage kidney disease) require dialysis or a kidney transplant to stay alive. Great progress has been made in the care of patients with end-stage kidney disease, but dialysis and transplant are still difficult and time-consuming treatments.



LET US SERVE YOU...

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Southern Ute Health Services Department promotes, supports and assists the Tribal Health Department in delivering health care to the tribal community and IHS eligibility clients.

The CHR (Community Health Representatives) strives to meet the needs of Tribal members, Native Americans, Descendants and IHS Eligibility clients of the Southern Ute Reservation and local areas.

If you are interested in utilizing the services, a 24-hour request is required for the following:

- Medical appointments to and from
- Medication delivery
- Dialysis Transportation
- Diabetes Treatments
- Home Health Care
- Elder Medical Home visits
- Any other related Medical Request
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All services are CONFIDENTIAL and regulated by HIPPA LAW.

Diabetes & Health Education Winter to Spring Series



**12-1 at Southern Ute
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**Classes are Free & Family
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**You may attend any or all of the
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Please contact with questions:

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Nutrition and Diabetes

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TRI-UTE GAMES 2013

Events dates to be announced. Looking for athletes and coaches for the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. Games will be held here in Ignacio this summer. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross-country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard and hand game. Open to enrolled tribal members and tribal descendants, ages 9 to 18. The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better and to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes. For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation at 970-563-0214.

UPCOMING SUNUTE LEAGUES

- **Co-Ed Basketball League**
Games will be Sundays starting Feb. 24.
- **Men's 35+ Basketball League**
Games will be Sundays starting Feb. 24.
- **Co-Ed Volleyball League**
Games will be Monday nights starting Feb. 25.
Teams must provide their own jerseys.

Registration deadline is Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$225 per team, register at the SunUte, fee must be paid before first game. We accept cash, credit card. Check payable to SunUte Community Center. SunUte will take payment over the phone.

• SunUte League Waiver

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe prohibits the use of alcohol and the manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, transfer, or the use of illegal drugs on SunUte premises. Please note in the event a guest is intoxicated visibly or clearly, the staff will ask the guest to leave in a safe manner and may call the southern ute police department to handle the matter. Consequences may apply.

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.



Love is...



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cloe Siebel takes a moment to write her thoughts on love down with marker, adding to the dozens of other student's inscriptions that filled the "Love is..." banner on Valentine's Day.

The La Plata Family Centers Coalition presented "Love Is: A Heart-healthy Valentine's Day Lunchtime Celebration" at the Ignacio High School on Thursday, Feb. 14. Representing the La Plata Family Center (left to right): Gloria Casias-Mounts, Kim Cotta, Tammie Cartwright and SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower.



Bobcats of the month



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

Gavin Chavez-Cloud, Elliot Hendren, Rhianna Carel and Jasmyn Doyebi.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



FABIAN MARTINEZ

My name is Fabian Martinez. I attend Ignacio High School, where I am a junior. My favorite subjects in school are chemistry, world history and English. My parents are Philip Martinez and Maria Trujillo. I like participating in Knowledge Bowl, band and Student Senate. In addition, I want to travel to other countries when I grow up. I want to attend college after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because I'm an awesome student.

Comments: I am a people-to-people ambassador and traveled to Europe last summer. I participated in High School Leadership La Plata last school year.

Education Department teacher's comments: Fabian has worked hard to maintain a high GPA and continues to put forth great effort in his academics. He has a great attitude and strong work ethic. He has truly earned this honor.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

FREEDOM HUNTER

My name is Freedom Hunter. I attend Ignacio Junior High School, where I am a seventh grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, multimedia, language arts and math.

My parents are Charise Hunter and Mo Dominguez. I like participating in PeaceJam, skiing and the Tri-Ute Games. In addition, I want to travel to New York when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because I've been working hard in school and some times help other students.

Education Department teacher's comments: It has been a great pleasure to work with Freedom and to recognize how well he has adjusted to being a fantastic student at Ignacio Junior High. Congratulations, Freedom, for doing so well with everything at school.

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Please write letter of intent, Attn.: SCSYAC, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137
Any questions or concerns please contact Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355 or email at sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov.

EDUCATION UPDATE

BREAD AND CHILI CLASS

Participants will share cooking secrets and make fry bread, and tortillas. Want to learn to make an Indian Taco? The secret to a good taco is in the chili. We will make chili beans for tacos. Class will be Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 to sign for the class or if you have any questions.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 1 and April 5. 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.

DOROTHY GORE SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE

The Dorothy Gore Scholarship sponsored by P.E.O. Chapter CS is available to any La Plata County graduating senior girl who has shown academic promise, leadership potential, serves her community and has at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average. This \$1,000 scholarship honors Dorothy Gore, a retired longtime Durango teacher. All applicants to an academic college are considered although priority is given to applicants to Cottey College, a two-year women's college in Nevada, Missouri, owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Information about Cottey is found online at Cottey College. Applications for the scholarship are available at high school counseling offices. The application deadline is Friday, March 8.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM NOW TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There are 15 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school (non-profit) 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 scholarship, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

SIX MONTHS EDUCATION 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.

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Smokey: Only you can help me boogie down



Once the presentation came to a close, children were encouraged to get a little on-on-one time with the icon of wildfire prevention, Smokey Bear.

San Juan String Band members donned their U.S. Forest Service uniforms during the bluegrass presentation.

Photos by **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosted the San Juan String Band and special guest Smokey Bear on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Students were able to dance and participate in the bluegrass presentation, which was followed by an appearance by the iconic bear, mascot of the U.S. Forest Service.



Kids touch toy versions of wild animals during the educational portion of the presentation.



Kids stand in awe and delight at the sight of Smokey Bear.

Treats for terriers



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Students from the academy's Primary class lined up to pick out treats at a bake sale.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted a bake sale in the Leonard C. Burch Building's Hall of Warriors on Friday, Feb. 15 to raise funds for the La Plata County Humane Society.



Fun STEMs from space



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Students in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program use a variety of ingredients to create volcanoes and other messy projects that only science would allow. The Southern Ute Education Department and Durango Discovery Museum partnered to create the STEM Program, which hosts activities once a month for tribal students and first-generation descendants in grades three through eight. Activities take place on the last Wednesday of each month.



Sugary, sweet and lots of fun: A group of girls make science fun with ingredients such as chocolate syrup, glue, and cornstarch.

David Tallbird shows what he created during the STEM Program, which had a melted marshmallow look to it.



IHS WRESTLING

It's Gallegos ... or bust at State!

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having already jokingly sparred with Athletic Director Rocky Cundiff as the bleachers around them filled, David Cooper's last-minute preparations on Friday, Feb. 15 also included "hitting the (imaginary) mitts" held by stable-mate Blaine Mickey.

Quickly shifting his weight from foot to foot like a boxer awaiting the bell, the Bobcat couldn't have been any more amped to stare down opponent Cole Tracy of Kremmling-based West Grand. All eyes would be upon them in the evening's opener. The last stretch of road leading to Denver began with two sophomores

seeking their first spots at State.

Pressure? More like what-me-worry for Cooper, who used all of 74 seconds to stick the Mustang's shoulders for the pin — the first of the night's many short stoppages — and get Ignacio off to a rip-roaring start at the 2A-Region I Championships inside Grand Junction High School Gymnasium.

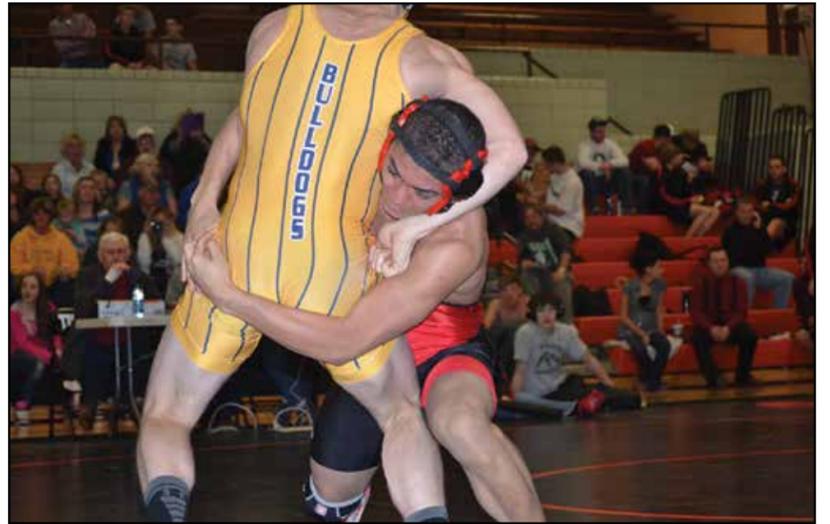
"It was fun," said Cooper, Bob Overturf's 132-pounder. "I didn't think much of it at the time ... just went out there. But being first is good. ... You don't have to watch everyone else getting beat."

But where CHSAA's 3A title was brought by Grand Junction's Tigers 50 years before, Ignacio's work to-

ward any present-day, double-A honors would rapidly intensify. Cooper's conquest ended up the team's only first-round success and he, too, was bumped to the left side of a bracket before the day was done by a 17-0 technical fall courtesy hungry Hayden soph Kent Miller.

Fortunately, with four Pepsi Center berths at stake per weight, and seldom more than seven vying in each, there was room for redemption. Even in Josh Gallegos' case: His reward for a first- and second-round bye on Day 1 was a semifinal with Paonia star Tony Darling in the five-man heavyweight division.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 145-pounder Miguel Perez, despite breathing in a headlock, tries pressing forward against Dove Creek's Dalton Randolph during Feb. 15 action at the 2A-Region I Championships in Grand Junction.

IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Miners stun IHS boys in upset

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There was indeed a storm brewing — not the outdoorsy, overhead kind, but something usually reserved in basketball circles for much rarer circumstances.

And when the fourth quarter expired on Saturday, Feb. 9, the lone levee of a rail dividing the Telluride MinerDome's bleachers from its court couldn't hold back the flood of fans. Against the Bobcats, THS had done what no San Juan Basin League team was expected to do this season.

And what it hadn't done since now-Fort Lewis College guard Mike Matthews was in uniform.

"It is what it is," IHS head coach Chris Valdez said of the 60-50 loss. "That Telluride team played their hearts out, had the opportunity to get up because they're playing against the top-rated team. So they came to play, and we left some of our game at home."

Some of it wore a protective boot on the bench — a fact Telluride noticed and capitalized upon.

"Without Adison ... it's a different ... complexion of the game, with what he can do," said Miner boss Mike Hughes of Ignacio forward Adison Jones, who sat out with a high right ankle sprain. "And I know they had a tough game Tuesday, on top of that, with Monticello.

"We're just fortunate. Playing at home helped, in front of a crowd that gave us some support and juice," he continued. "And I'm happy that our kids were able to step up."

None more so than a pair of players virtually unknown to the Cats in past engagements: point guard Simone Lixi, a senior exchange student from Italy, and sophomore forward John Broadhead, who admittedly had zero thoughts of netting 14 points or serving as Telluride's emotional leader against the Bobcats after entering as a reserve.

"I just really ... came out there and tried to do all I could to help the team," he said of his role in defeating Ignacio, which went into the game ranked fifth in the Denver Post coaches' poll and seventh in the Colorado Preps poll. "I was so pumped. First time we've beaten these guys in ... years. So excited. I can't even speak right now because I'm so pumped."

After scoring inside with 6:47 left in the second, putting the Miners ahead 13-12 — Ignacio would not lead again — his volleyball-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Clayton Jefferson (11) lets go a leaner away from Telluride's Tristan Purdy (left) on Saturday, Feb. 16 inside the THS MinerDome.

esque spike of a Bo Ward baseline jumper with 2:22 left pumped up the homers beyond deflation.

"John played great," Hughes said of the surprise performance. "Broadhead played fantastic basketball tonight. He just gets off the floor really well."

Lixi, who booked a team-high 16 points, provided Telluride's other defensive spark midway through the fourth quarter. Ignacio's Clayton Jefferson, in the midst of a second-half scoring spree himself, looked to dribble behind his back and head to the hole once more. Looking unimpressed, Lixi poked the ball free and then drove the opposite way for a layup and an unimaginable 50-38 lead.

"If one player's doing good, the team's going to do good," Broadhead said. "We feed off each other and work as a team. So as long as there's teamwork and we're always encouraging each other, it's going to end up as a good game."

On the other side of the coin, Ignacio's mistakes often bred more mistakes, making routine shots suddenly difficult. The Miners, meanwhile, seemed to hit about everything from 12 feet or closer.

"We missed four, five easy layups in our high-low set," Valdez said. "We turned the ball over, especially from inside-out. ... Unchallenged turnovers probably five or six times.

"We worked hard on be-

ing able to control different matchups, and they kind of struggled shooting the ball. I don't think they made a three in the first half ... don't know if I've ever coached a game against Ignacio where that's happened. And I knew we were kind of staving off some things," Hughes said. "Then Jefferson got hot, did some really good things for them."

Jefferson finished with a game-high 22 points, with 10 of his 18 second-half points coming in the Bobcats' desperate fourth-quarter comeback, which brought them back to 57-50 before Connor Courter hit two free throws with 0:15 left and Lixi added one with 0:02.

"They've been the guys at the top of the mountain for a long time in our league," Hughes said, "and we've been working ... trying to get to where we thought we could really compete and challenge. I'm really, really pleased with our kids."

Courter dropped 11 points for THS, Tristan Purdy had seven and Brooks Rogers six (all in the fourth). Kelton Richmond totaled 11 (six in the fourth) for IHS, Carver had 10 and Wyatt Hayes seven.

"They've got a real energetic team," Valdez said. "We never had that sense of urgency on us. So we've got to work on that, and make sure we start treating every game like a championship game. Or you don't get anywhere from here."

IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Cats lock up league's 2A title, eye championship

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Nobody connected with the Lady Bobcats needed to tell them what was at stake on Saturday, Feb. 9.

And nobody needs to tell them what's at stake now. Because they knew, and they know: the San Juan Basin League title — the whole, not just their half — is close enough to touch.

"We've got a good week of practice ahead to prepare for Norwood," IHS head coach Justa Whitt said after last Saturday's 54-47 road win at Telluride, improving Ignacio to a first-place 5-0 against the SJBL's 2A-level side.

"Got to guard both of the Williams girls [Harlie and Jordan] pretty strong. They're a solid part of that team," she said. "But I think if we can do that effectively, we should be able to take that game. It's at home, last home game for the seniors, there's going to be a lot of emotion involved. ... Hopefully we can be pumped up and ready to just put it to 'em."

"Coach [told] us that we have only two teams standing in our way, so we had to get on it," senior Michelle Simmons said. "And we can't take anything for granted. We had to go strong, and good thing they were missing their shots because that kind of helped."

Indeed; though NHS might have their potent sister duo, they don't have Shelby Brier anymore.

But after what she gave head coach Michael Lee against IHS, they may wish they did: The ex-Lady Maverick guard dropped in 16 points, matching Simmons for tops in the tilt while attempting to mimic the Lady Bobcat point guard's all-around show running.

However, it took a lengthy buzzer-beater by Brier to get the Lady Miners somewhat in gear. Ignacio, with Simmons and Cloe Seibel each netting six points in the first quarter, had sprinted out to a 17-6 lead in the MinerDome before that three-point heave (which followed many, many earlier misses).

"It was, kind of," said THS senior Morgan Mackie, asked if the early bricks were a concern to the Lady Miners. "We as posts don't really get the ball so much. We kind of depend on our outside shooters to make



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) flies past Telluride's Shelby Brier on a drive to the hoop Saturday, Feb. 16 inside the THS MinerDome.

those shots. But thankfully they started falling in. I think we just needed to warm up a little bit."

Behind Mackie's six second-quarter points, the Lady Bobcats' lead grew by only a bucket's worth at halftime, 30-20, after Seibel drained a mid-range jumper out of a broken play.

"Cloe's jumpers were going in. She didn't even have to hardly look like she shot," Whitt said.

Behind a well-balanced attack yielding four third-quarter points for Seibel (who totaled 14), Valerie Armstrong (10) and Mariah Vigil (nine), as well as two more for Simmons, Ignacio appeared to have matters well in hand, leading 44 to 30 as the fourth began.

But Lee played the mind game particularly well in the huddle.

"He was saying that win or lose, this really doesn't matter. Just go for it: It's just basketball," said Mackie, who finished with 14 points. "So we just wanted it, really. We were down so we were like, 'Time to get it on!' We just focused really hard and went for everything. ... There was nothing to lose."

Brier's final five points pressed Whitt into a timeout with 3:08 remaining, but the Lady Cats (11-7, 6-1 SJBL) still up 52-42. Telluride junior Sierra Sandoval (eight

points), however, responded with a three-ball, and Mackie sank a free throw to bring the Lady Miners back to within six.

"A little bit scary there at the end," Whitt said. "I was trying to get everybody in, but I had to go back with my starting five because it got a little hesitant there for a minute."

With five points, Jordan Cuthair was the only reserve to score for IHS, which lacked sister act Pam and Sky Cotton. Carson Brumley booked seven points for THS, which played without Sarah Wontrobski (concussion), and Erin Pihl added a late pair.

"You know, it wasn't our best game," Whitt said. "But we played solid, played through. I asked Michelle to step up before the game started, and she did exactly that ... did what a point guard should do."

"It feels good because I haven't had a good [scoring] game this season, not doing as good as I was last season," Simmons said. "Just getting back in the rhythm and getting my confidence back up."

And with Norwood (17-0) coming to town to end the regular season, the timing can't be better.

"We're going to have good, hard practices, and be good. That's all we can do: Get prepared," she said.



Youth ready to play ball

Students gathered with their teams and coaches on Friday, Feb. 8 at the SunUte Community Center for the opening ceremonies of the center's youth basketball league. Teams from Ute Mountain Ute also joined in this year.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



SunUte Community Center employees handed out door prizes and giveaways to the young players and their families throughout the night.



Youth gather for their team photos with their coaches. The players adorned matching jerseys, each team's uniform representing a pro team.



Parents and community members give their support to the young players who enthusiastically joined their teammates during opening ceremonies.

IT'S GALLEGOS ... OR BUST • FROM PAGE 7

Losing by pin in just 40 seconds wasn't a shocker, even to Gallegos — who immediately began recomposing himself to face either Dove Creek's Tyson Smith or Nucla's Raphael Spencer. Smith defeated Spencer easily, and then secured his Mile High City ticket with a 9-5 win over Gallegos.

With eventual winner Darling (32-1) facing West Grand's Stephen Terrazas (15-6) in the finale, there was only one State spot remaining — and the sophomore Gallegos (11-19) needed just 38 seconds to snag it, via a pin of Spencer (2-21) in the bracket's "wrestleback" match.

As events transpired, only one other Bobcat would have a chance to advance to the final weekend of the 2012-13 season: Sophomore 113-pounder Keith Joosten, entering with an abbreviated 0-6 record. Pinned in 1:30 of his first match by eventual champ Josh Altman (36-3) of Paonia, Joosten's first consolation-round match came against DC standout freshman Case Baughman, who'd lost in the semifinals to Meeker's Tristin Pelloni (now 30-4), and who quickly made personal amends with a pin in 1:27.

Not yet eliminated, Joosten stood in against Rangely soph Heath Peters in the first wrestleback and notched a second-period pin, 90 ticks in. But Hayden soph Tanner Guire (27-16) then administered a 16-0 tech to the exhausted Cat to earn the fourth and final State bid (Baughman, 33-10, took third).

Ignacio freshman Javan Webb (9-23) also had a wrestleback shot at 195 after being pinned by Rangely's Drew Collins in the consolation semis, but was shouldered down at 0:38 against Nucla's Cris Ray — who then lost to Collins (10-10) for fourth and finished 12-13.

As Cooper had done on



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Ignacio 195-pounder Javan Webb, right, prepares to lock up with Walden North Park's Adrian Cereceres during Feb. 15 action at the 2A-Region I Championships in Grand Junction.

Day 1, 126-pounder Kyle Bailey (6-18) did on Day 2 — starting things off for the Cats with a pin 0:28 into the third against Dolores' Luke Muirfield. But he was then pinned in the consolation semis by Meeker's Aaron Cochran (26-10), and in the first wrestleback by Hayden's Tate Montieth.

Cooper, after losing to Miller, was eliminated by pin a minute in against Rangely freshman Ryan Barlow, and finished the season 5-20. Sophomore Miguel Perez was pinned 31 seconds into the second by Nucla's Danny Harris in his lone consolation-round at 145, and ended 7-14.

The hardest exit, however, probably went to Mickey. Ignacio's lone returning State qualifier from last season, his tourney began with a quarterfinal loss by pin in 1:01 to Paonia's William Austin (24-6), eventually champ among the 170s.

But with three seconds left in the second period against Meeker's J.R. Crawford, the referee's hand smacked the mat to declare a pin for the cowboy senior, and Mickey (18-25) was abruptly out of

the mix while Crawford (20-10) went on to take third and reserve a spot in Denver.

Action begins Thursday, Feb. 21 and runs through Saturday night's finals.

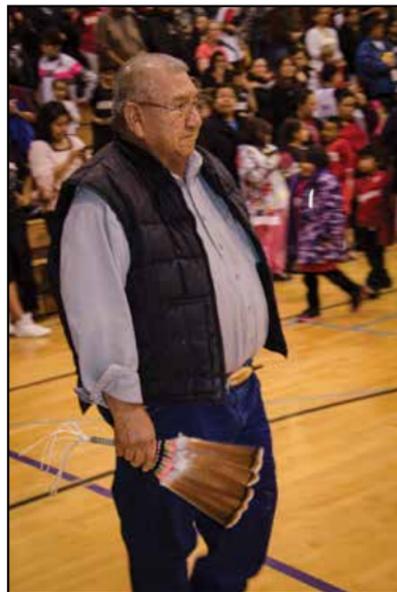
REGIONAL STANDINGS

- 1.Paonia 304, 2.Dove Creek 189.5, 3.Meeker 164.5, 4.Nucla 99.5, 5.Hayden 91, 6.Walden North Park 76, 7.Norwood 75, T-8.Dolores/Rangely 72, 10.Oak Creek Soroco 46, 11.IGNACIO 36, 12.West Grand 18.

REGIONAL CHAMPS

- 106—Talon Harris (30-7), Norwood; 113—Altman, Paonia; 120—Jesse Reed (19-2), Paonia; 126—Bo Pipher (35-4), Paonia; 132—Cole Baughman (38-2), Dove Creek; 138—Gunner Chesnik (27-12), Paonia; 145—Wyatt Wade (37-3), Dolores; 152—Tray Sickels (33-6), Nucla.

- 160—T.J. Shelton (29-6), Meeker; 170—Austin, Paonia; 182—Ryan Domson (10-8), Hayden; 195—Tyler Kendall (27-4), Paonia; 220—Joel Simianer (27-10), Paonia; HWT—Darling, Paonia.



Southern Ute tribal elder Elwood Kent makes his way to the drum to perform a traditional blessing following the formal announcement of teams.



Southern Ute Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle stands before the tribal membership to give a heartfelt welcome alongside Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Councilman Alex Cloud, and Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairman Bradley Hight.

DOUGHTY TO PEPPERDINE • FROM PAGE 1

help them to make the same decisions in their lives," GoodTracks said. "Just seeing you is going to have those young ones looking up and saying, 'Wow, he did it. I can do it too.'"

Council members Alex Cloud and Ramona Y. Eagle, as well as Education Department Director La Titia Taylor, also expressed their pride in Doughty's accomplishments. So did Doughty's grandfather, Ray C. Frost. "I'm very proud of you. I'm very proud of all my grandkids," he said. "Maybe in my lifetime I'll see you in the major leagues, hopefully ... and be part of the millions you're making."

Doughty's father, Hal, credited his son's success to his "willingness to work hard and get through all the adversity he had to face," including recovering from an elbow injury in the seventh grade. In the orthopedic surgeon had told Doughty he would never throw another

baseball, Hal Doughty said.

Hal Doughty also thanked the tribe for its scholarship program, something each of his children has taken advantage of.

"It really is a big deal, and it makes a difference in the opportunities these tribal kids have," he said, adding that his son chose Pepperdine in part for its academic excellence despite interest from other schools, including Dartmouth, Cornell, Utah, Nevada, Texas Tech, West Point, New Mexico and New Mexico State.

Ian's mother, Janelle, a former beneficiary of a tribal scholarship herself, said his resilience and willingness to seek help will serve him well as his baseball career advances.

"He'll be very successful," she said. "We'll have our little bumps in the road, but he knows he can come back and ask for assistance."

With one more high school season to go, Doughty, a

right-handed pitcher, can already claim more success in prep athletics than most. The Piedra Vista (Farmington, N.M.) Panthers have won three state championships in a row, the last coming by way of a 15-1 blowout in the May 2012 title game. If they repeat this year, Doughty will have graduated without knowing a year of baseball in which his team didn't come out on top.

Pepperdine is no slouch on the collegiate level, either: Having captured the 2012 West Coast Conference title after a 36-23 overall record (16-8 WCC), the team is hungry to repeat. Pepperdine won the College World Series in 1992 and has compiled a winning record in seven of the nine years since head coach Steve Rodriguez took the reins in 2004, making it to the NCAA Division I Baseball Tournament regionals in six of those years.

Thirty-four Pepperdine alumni have gone on to play in the major leagues.



HEALTH COMMITTEE • FROM PAGE 1

until the next year's Contract Health Service funding becomes available.

The U.S. government itself acknowledged in a report published in 2000 that it spends less money per person on tribal-member health care than it does on health care for inmates of federal prisons.

These problems, and other similar problems with the IHS system, persuaded the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council that it needed to take action to fix the health care system for tribal members.

The first step it took was to hire the Arthur Anderson firm to explore purchasing health care insurance for all Southern Ute tribal members. This first effort ended abruptly when Arthur Anderson collapsed during the Enron accounting scandal in 2002.

The Tribal Council then hired Judy Enright, a consultant from New Mexico, to take a look at the tribe's health care system and make recommendations for change. Enright placed heavy emphasis on tribal-member participation in the process and helped establish the Tribal Member Health Committee.

After many meetings, the committee made four recommendations to the Tribal Council.

First, it recommended that a health resources pool be established and funded to pay for health care services not covered by the IHS when it ran out of CHS money each year. Whenever

it was determined that there was a medical necessity for a service, but IHS couldn't pay for it because the CHS dollars were used up, the resource pool would then step in and pay for the service.

The second recommendation was that a tribal-member health benefits department be created.

The committee's third recommendation was to have the tribe enter into a self-determination contract under the Indian Self-Determination Act for the Southern Ute Health Center, so that the tribe could take over the operation of the clinic.

Finally, the committee recommended that a permanent tribal member health advisory board be established. The Tribal Council enacted all of the committee's recommendations on Feb. 12, 2003.

Tom Duran, a pharmacist who is also an officer with the U.S. Public Health Service, became the first director of the Tribal Member Health Benefits Department, which had responsibility for the operation of the health resource pool.

The original purpose of the pool was to pay for services that would ordinarily be provided by IHS as "medically necessary," but for which there was no available IHS or private health insurance money. But by March 2004, claims were being submitted for services that did not meet the definition of "medically necessary" but were nonethe-

less important to the health of tribal members, including traditional healing ceremonies.

The cost of funding the resource pool began to rise dramatically as a consequence of these additional claims.

At the same time, the tribe began the process of obtaining a self-determination contract to operate the Southern Ute Health Center in place of the IHS.

Serious contract negotiations between the tribe's representatives and IHS began in early 2005. These negotiations ground to a halt when the IHS insisted that the tribe waive its right to receive an essential part of self-determination contract funding, contract support costs, as a condition of getting a contract.

The tribe sued the IHS and did not actually obtain a self-determination contract to operate the Health Center until October 2009.

Since October 2009, the tribe has experienced growing pains of the kind typical of the first years of a self-determination contract. The tribe is now free to decide for itself how to operate the clinic, without IHS interference, although this has meant a fairly high turnover rate among staff as the focus of the clinic has changed.

The Tribal Council is now in the process of re-examining how to provide the best health care for tribal members and where the resources pool and Southern Ute Health Center should fit into the picture.

EARLY RESPONSES TO SURVEY • FROM PAGE 1

the health care side, though, virtually every respondent had something to say.

Most common on the list of perceived problems was a lack of continuity when dealing with doctors.

"I would like to be seen by the same doctor and not a stranger," one respondent wrote. Another said they would like to be seen by "permanent ones who don't leave after a while."

More surveys reflected similar wishes: "Consistent health providers." "Better and more reliable doctors."

Others named accessibility as a top concern, saying they've been turned away in the past when needing treatment.

One tribal elder who uses the Health Center said they had been told once, during a medical emergency, that the clinic had no openings to see them.

"The clinic should be able to stand toe-to-toe with local existing health places," they wrote.

Another survey echoed that sentiment: "I don't like being turned down and told to go to the [emergency room]. ... It seems like it is booked."

A third response: "I would like a facility that is capable of meeting all needs, be it general or an emergency, with an appropriate amount of staffing, [one that does not have] to turn anyone away, even if the people want to walk in."

Another respondent, who uses both the Health Center and SunUte, said they were frustrated by Health Center

staffers' failure to respond to phone calls.

"[The] biggest problem now: Messages to doctors [and] other staff, who don't have voicemail, [are] not being sent or given to them," they wrote.

From another survey: "The nurse's station [should] return phone calls ASAP, not when patients keep calling half a dozen times."

One survey stood out in stark contrast to the rest, commending the tribe for its various health programs.

"The tribe can make as many improvements as they want. It's up to the membership to take advantage of them," wrote the respondent, who said their children use the clinic. "Membership cry and cry about 'I want, I want,' but when handed to them they want more. Programs that you have now are good."

Ten respondents said they believe it's important to consider Southern Ute cultural ideas when designing a new health care facility. Four said it wasn't important, and one made no indication.

Suggestions for cultural considerations included the use of creation stories, songs, traditional colors, photos of tribal leaders and youth, and medicinal plants. One respondent said the cultural component is especially important when caring for children, elders and pregnant women.

One tribal elder said they want to see "more tribal members involved

with the improvements of both the health [and] wellness programs."

On the dental side, a community member with tribal-member children suggested a better waiting area for kids.

Other feedback included opinions that the Health Center seems understaffed, that wait times are too long, that staffers' bedside manner leaves something to be desired, and that the tribe should offer health insurance cards to all its members.

The Tribal Council is encouraging those who haven't already filled out their surveys to do so. If you don't already have a survey, you may pick one up at the Leonard C. Burch Building from the council affairs receptionist, Finance Department receptionist (north side), Human Resources Department (north side) or Hall of Warriors receptionist (south side); at the front desks of the Mouache-Capote Building, Southern Ute Health Center or SunUte Community Center; or from the Tribal Planning Department in the Annex Building, second floor.

Surveys may be returned to any of the same places.

Tribal members may also submit a survey online at www.southernute-nsn.gov/contact/healthsurvey. For more information, or to obtain the password needed to submit the survey online, call the Tribal Planning Department at 970-563-4749 or email mgomez@southernute-nsn.gov.

WHAT IS A '638 CONTRACT' • FROM PAGE 1

Some tribes, such as the Menominee of Wisconsin, were actually terminated, and this resulted in considerable hardship for members of such tribes.

The Nixon Administration repudiated the termination and relocation policies in 1970. In addition, Congress passed the Indian Self-Determination Act, also known as P.L. 93-638, which had the goal of transferring all federal programs for tribes out of federal control and into tribal control. Congress believed that tribal communities should decide what direction these programs should take, thereby strengthening tribes.

Under the ISDA, a tribe can demand a contract — sometimes referred to as a "638 contract" because of the original act's Public Law number — to operate any federal program, function,

service or activity (known as "PFSA") provided to tribes. The government must give the tribe the same amount of money it spent itself on the PFSA. If the United States spent \$1 million on a PFSA, then it must pay the tribe \$1 million to operate that PFSA.

But that's not all. Tribes must also be paid for certain administrative costs, called contract support costs. For example, a hospital operated by the U.S. Indian Health Service will not have a personnel department within the hospital; those personnel functions are handled by other federal agencies. In order to cover the cost of things like personnel administration, additional funds are added to the self-determination contract in the form of contract support costs.

When a tribe or tribal organization takes over a PFSA, such as a hospital or clinic,

it is the tribe, not the Indian Health Service, who decides how the facility is to be run. If the tribe decides to expand its pharmacy program, it can just do so without having to ask IHS for permission. If the tribe wants to add specialist physicians to its staff, such as an obstetrician, it is the tribe that decides, not the IHS.

As Congress intended, the ISDA gives tribes tremendous power to decide their own destinies with regard to health care and any other program operated by the federal government for the tribe's benefit.

Although federal policies toward tribes have varied wildly, the era of self-determination has secured for tribes the rights to assume additional responsibility and oversight of many services that had previously only been provided by the federal government.

CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS • FROM PAGE 1

have to be inserted in the tribe's self-determination contract. They threatened to decline the tribe's contract if it did not agree to the language waiving the tribe's right to receive contract support costs.

The tribe's attorneys advised the Tribal Council that the IHS demand was illegal and that the tribe should not agree to include the contract support cost waiver language in the contract.

The Tribal Council agreed and told the attorneys to litigate rather than agree to the illegal language. This message was communicated to the IHS, which then declined the tribe's contract proposal.

The tribe filed suit against the IHS in the U.S. District Court for New Mexico. Initially, the tribe prevailed when the federal judge ruled that the declination of its contract proposal was illegal and ordered the IHS to enter into the self-determination contract for the Southern Ute Health Center.

But the IHS said that it couldn't sign the contract, which included a requirement to pay the tribe contract support costs, because

it didn't have the money to pay any contract support costs. The Indian Health Service asked the judge to clarify his first ruling, and he then directed that language be included in the tribe's contract stating that it was currently entitled to receive \$0 in contract support costs.

The judge's order did not comply with the requirements of the Indian Self-Determination Act, so the Tribal Council directed that an appeal of the order be filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver.

The tribe's attorneys filed the appeal. At the same time, the IHS filed an appeal of the ruling that its declination of the tribe's contract was illegal.

In 2011, the Court of Appeals rejected the IHS appeal and upheld the ruling that the IHS declination of the tribe's contract because it would not include the contract support cost waiver language was illegal.

The court went on to rule in favor of the tribe on the issue of whether its contract must include language that the tribe was entitled to \$0

in contract support costs. The Court of Appeals decided that this language was prohibited by the Indian Self-Determination Act.

The IHS lost a method for strong-arming tribes into giving up their rights to receive contract support costs. The tribe was happy with this outcome, but the IHS wasn't. So the IHS asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review, and reverse, the decision of the Court of Appeals in favor of the tribe.

Supreme Court review of a decision like this one is not automatic; the Supreme Court can decide to not hear a case like the tribe's case. When the IHS filed a brief asking the Supreme Court to review the tribe's case, the tribe filed a brief saying that the IHS request should be denied.

The Supreme Court agreed with the tribe and denied the IHS request to review the Court of Appeals decision. The tribe had won after a seven-year battle.

As a result, the tribe now has the legal right to collect 100 percent of the contract support cost money stated in its self-determination contract.

HEALTH CLINIC/WELLNESS CENTER TRIBAL MEMBER PRESENTATION

Program study presentation by Dyon Murphy Architects. Please come join us March 19, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center from 6 - 10 p.m. Continue to help guide the future of Health Care for the Tribal Membership

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

ANIMAS ELEMENTARY THANKS VETERANS

To the veterans of the Southern Ute Veterans Association:

Thank you very much for coming to Animas Elementary of the Farmington Municipal Schools in Farmington, N.M.!

It was both touching and educational to listen about your years of service in both the U.S. Army and the Navy. Students and teachers were moved by your personal stories of serving your country and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

It was also powerful to hear Mr. Rod Grove describe the Utes defending their land and people in World War II before becoming U.S. citizens in 1924.

The Animas Elementary student body and staff will forever be moved by the meaning of all the folds of the flag as shown by the Southern Ute Veterans Association and read by Mr. Ronald Baker.

We are grateful to you for taking our school to a new level of consciousness and apprecia-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

tion for our U.S. veterans and Native American veterans who served before they were U.S. citizens, and for the U.S. American flag, which represents our American people, country, veterans and U.S. Constitution.

Thank you also to the Southern Ute Tribe, which made this presentation possible.

Sincerely,

Judith L. Johnson, teacher
Animas Elementary
Farmington Municipal Schools

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Notices



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Wood Yard Procedures

Wood Program - This Procedure was reviewed and approved by the Southern Ute Policy Committee and is hereby effective as of October 19, 2012.

1. HISTORY

The history of the Wood Yard dates back many years and has had a number of names. You may remember it as the "Reservation Crew, Snowball Crew, Service Crew, and Butterfly Crew". Today it is called Wood Yard Services.

In the past the Wood Yard was under various abodes, residing under the Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Services, and now currently under the Tribal Housing Department/Construction Services Division. In its current form the Wood Yard provides services, which include fire wood, yard maintenance, garden plots and snow removal. In addition, the Wood Yard provides support to Sundance and Beardance Ceremonies, the Annual Southern Ute Fair Pow-Wow and parade as well as Fall Clean-up and Spring CleanUp.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Wood Program is to provide/ assist Tribal Members with firewood to heat their primary residence, also provide firewood for ceremonial purposes within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. All of these services are free of charge.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be deemed eligible for Wood Yard services you must be an enrolled Tribal Member of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

4. PROCEDURES

Tribal Members who are requesting services from the Wood Yard are required to call the Construction Service Office at 970-563-0260 Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. to create a work order. Once a work order has been created Construction Services will notify the Wood Yard to accommodate the request. This procedure adheres to the BIA/Tribal Timber use Policy (TUPS).

5. DEFINITIONS

1) **Tribal Elder** - An enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who has reached the age of fifty-five (55) years old.

2) **Disabled Tribal Member** - An enrolled Tribal Member who suffers from a disability, as determined by a medical professional. Proof of a documented disability must be provided for service.

3) **Tribal Member** - An enrolled Tribal Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

4) **Truck load** - Amount of firewood that will be delivered or can be picked up from the Wood Yard. A truckload is equal to .75 cord.

5) **Utility Trailer is allowed on a case-by-case basis.**

6) **Split Fire Wood** - Wood that has been split into smaller pieces.

7) **Blocked Wood** - Wood that is cut directly from a downed tree.

8) **Primary Residence** - The dwelling in which a person resides on a full-time basis. There can only be one primary residence.

6. WOOD SERVICES/ FIREWOOD DELIVERY/ FIREWOOD PICK UP

Wood deliveries and wood pick up will be available through the winter months, typically beginning October 1 and ending on April 30.

1) Two truckloads per month of split firewood will be delivered to the primary residence of the eligible Tribal Elder or Disabled Tribal Member that have the means to burn firewood and reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. (or)

2) Two truckloads per month of blocked firewood will be available for pick up to enrolled Non - Elder Tribal Members that have the means to burn firewood in their primary residence.

3) Firewood provided to the membership will consist of various species, as mixed wood, based on availability. Types of firewood: Cedar, Pinion, Pine, Aspen, and etc.

4) No firewood will be provided for personal camping (no exception).

5) Any Tribal Member found selling firewood provided by or picked up from the Wood Yard Facility, will be banned from firewood services for up to 3 years, and I or face prosecution.

SWEAT WOOD DELIVERY/ SWEAT WOOD PICK UP

1) Two truckloads per month of sweat wood will be delivered to eligible Tribal Elders and Disabled Tribal Members that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/Allotment/ Fee Land and must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

2) Two truckloads per month of blocked sweat wood will be available for pick up for eligible Tribal Members that have a sweat lodge at their primary residence, or Tribal Land Assignment/Allotment/ Fee Land.

3) No more than two truckloads per month of sweat wood will be delivered to other Tribal Departments (Peaceful Spirits, Detention Center) located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

4) Sweat wood provided will consist of various species, as mixed wood, based on availability on hand. Types of Sweat Wood: Cedar, Pinion, Pine, Aspen, Cotton wood, and etc.

5) Any Tribal Member found selling sweat wood provided by or picked up from the wood yard facility will be banned from firewood services for up to 3 years, and I or face prosecution.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is the difference between blocked wood and split wood?

A. Blocked wood is, wood cut into rounds, at determined lengths, like 12 or 16 inches for example: Split wood is split down to useable chunks and is available to Tribal Elders or qualified Disabled Tribal Members.

Q. How do I qualify for sweat wood?

A. Procedures suggest that your sweat lodge be on your assignment or immediate family member assignment, and then you may request wood for sweat.

Q. When can I get sweat wood?

A. Wood requests for sweats are filled, upon qualified requests, year round.

Q. Does Wood Yard provide wood for hunting and camping?

A. No, the wood provided from the wood yard is primarily for heating homes, and for ceremonial purposes.

Southern Ute Wood Yard
Policy and Procedures

Highlights

Special points of interest:

- Who services are for.
- Measurement of load.
- How many loads available per month.
- Low inventory
- Abuse of Wood Yard Privileges
- Certain types of Wood.

- Wood Yard Services are provided for the benefit of Tribal Members as a service, not a right, and services may be refused if abused.
- Wood is measured by "Truck Load", (which is defined as .75 Cord.) This restriction allows us to serve more Tribal Members.
- 2 Loads of split wood, blocked wood or Sweat wood are available each month during wood season. (Oct.-Apr.) Split wood is available to Elders and Physically Challenged only.
- In cases of low inventory, amounts taken may be metered or controlled. For Example: You might only be allowed to take one load at a time, and then return two weeks later for second load.
- Abuse of Wood Yard services, such as selling wood obtained from the Wood Yard or obtain wood for the purpose of giving to non-tribal family members can result in suspension of use of services.
- Certain types of wood are not guaranteed (ie: Cedar, Pinon, Ponderosa, Aspen, Douglas Fir, Cotton Wood, Juniper, Ect.) and are based strictly on availability.
- No Firewood will be provided for personal camping.
- Sweat wood is provided to Tribal Members who have a sweat lodge on their assignment or immediate family members assignments.
- Utility trailers will be allowed on a case by case basis. Pick up trucks are preferred.
- You are expected to check in upon arrival to the Wood Yard and after wood is picked up when leaving for security and administrative reasons.
- Wood Yard staff will conduct periodic inspections at homes to confirm wood burning stoves/fireplace(s) and sweat lodge usage.

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Tribal Employees	\$75	\$150	\$300	\$270*
General Community	\$114	\$228	\$456	\$410.40*
Student Rate (ages 8-19)	\$36	\$72	\$144	\$129.60*
Senior Rate (ages 55+)	\$90	\$180	\$360	\$324*
Add on's		3 MO.	6 MO.	12 MO.
Spouse or 2nd Adult (Living at the Same Address)		\$36	\$72	\$144
Child (after 3rd child, no charge/Living at the Same Address)		\$18	\$36	\$72
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DAILY	PRICE PER VISIT			
Daily Drop-In (ages 5-54)			\$5.00	
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5 Daily Passes	\$25.00 (ages 5-54)	\$20.00 (ages 55+)		
10 Daily Passes	\$50.00 (ages 5-54)	\$40.00 (ages 55+)		
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20 Active Kid Care Passes (ages 6 months-7 years)		\$40.00		
EXAMPLE 3 month General Community:	EXAMPLE 3 month Tribal Employee:			
Primary Adult\$114	Primary Adult\$75			
2nd Adult/Spouse\$36	1 Child (age 5-19)\$18			
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SunUte Facility Rental Rates

TRIBAL MEMBER RATES:

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- KitchenFREE
- 1 Gym Court (Blue or Red Court)FREE
- 2 Gym Courts (Full Gym)FREE
- Group Exercise RoomFREE
- Baseball/Softball FieldsFREE

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- Group Exercise Room\$20 hr.
- Baseball/Softball Fields\$20 hr.

*Guidelines for usage of space:

- See if will assist with scheduling adequate time for your event to a commensurate preparation time (cooking/decorating/setup) and cleanup of your event. Your cooperation is requested to keep to the time schedule for your event.
- Events that occur on Saturday and Sunday MUST be reserved in advance to ensure that space and staff is available for the event. Users can reserve rental space the same day of an event during Monday-Friday, depending on availability.
- Users must check in at the front desk to gain access into the space.
- All equipment (TV/DVD/projector) can be reserved for events. Please reserve in conjunction with room use.
- User understands there may be other events scheduled in the building. Thus, please be courteous of other users and their guests.
- User is responsible for set up of rooms. Clean up after use is required and includes: wiping down tables and chairs, sweeping floors, stacking chairs, returning tables to their mobile frames, and cleaning kitchen when used.
- A refundable cash deposit of \$200.00 will be required for large events. When a cost is associated with the space, when authorized a refund will be available within two weeks. In the event your reserved time is after 20 pm a non-refundable security deposit will be imposed.
- Children 7 years old and younger must be supervised by a responsible individual, at least 20 years old, at all times.
- User is responsible for his/her guests, including any damages that the user or guests cause.
- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe prohibits the use of alcohol and the manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, possession, transfer or use of illegal drugs in the SunUte Community Center. Please note that in the event a guest is intoxicated visibly or if clearly, the staff will ask the user to ask that guest to leave in a safe manner and may call the Southern Ute Police Department to handle the matter.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

Safety Manager – Aka Energy

Closing date 2/25/13
Durango, CO. Development and oversight of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for the Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote a compliant and positive health and safety culture. Ensures all health and safety laws and regulations are adhered to including Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements.

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Accounting Financial Analyst – GF Real Estate Group

Closing date 3/15/13
Durango, CO. Providing budgeting and financial analytical support for GF Real Estate Group; Assists accounting staff in the daily operating activities, including administering the capital expenditure and operating budget process, while providing financial reporting analysis, and maintenance of enterprise key performance indicators. In addition, this position will provide support during the audit as needed.

Health and Safety Compliance Specialist – Aka Energy

Closing date 3/4/13
Tulsa, OK. Implementation of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for the Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote

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 & 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 18-24 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.



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are provided and quality standards are met. This position will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. This position will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties. Compensation is determined by training and experience.

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Closing date 2/28/13
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NOTICE OF PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT Proposed Title V Operating Permit

Notice is hereby given that seven operating permit applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following seven sources of air pollution:

Applicant: BP America Production Company

Facility: Four Queens Central Delivery Point, SE1/4, SE1/4 Section 26, T33N, R11W, 21 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company

Facility: Capote Compressor Station, Section 33, T33N, R9W, 14 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream natural gas boost compressor station.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company

Facility: Elk Point Compressor Station, Section 25, T33N, R9W, 11 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream natural gas boost compressor station.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company

Facility: Animas Compressor Station, Section 1, T33N, R10W, 14 miles NW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a mid-stream gathering/boosting natural gas compressor station.

Applicant: Samson Resources Company

Facility: Howard Salt Water Disposal Facility, Section 19, T34N, R6W, 7 miles NE from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a salt water disposal facility for nearby oil and gas operations.

Applicant: Samson Resources Company

Facility: Worford Ridge Compressor Station, NW1/4, SE1/4, Section 16, T33N, R8W, 5 miles SW from Ignacio, Colorado. This facility is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Public Service Company of Colorado

Facility: Tiffany Compressor Station, Section 4, T32N, R6W, 8 miles SE from Ignacio, CO. This facility is a natural gas transmission facility.

Based on the information submitted by the applicants, the Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared seven draft operating permits for approval. A copy of the draft permit and its statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute.nsn.gov/air-quality/part-70-public-notices>. Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to bjarrell@southernute.nsn.gov. Any hearing request should:

1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received by February 25, 2013. Any interested person may contact Brenda Jarrell of the AQP at 970-563-4705 to obtain additional information.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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In the Legal Name Change of,

Joyce Ann Ford,

Case No.: 2012-0168-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joyceann Delaware. As of

February 4, 2013 at 2:30 P.M. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Joyce Ann Ford name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Joyceann Delaware.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2013.

Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Ignacio School District – Job Announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Job descriptions and application can be found at:

www.ignacioschools.org

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

Asst. Volleyball Coaches

Closing date 2/22/13

Correction: In a Feb. 8 outline, Jordan Cuthair was mistakenly identified as a tribal member.

Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for ONE

REGULAR and TWO ALTERNATE Board Members!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for either the REGULAR or ALTERNATE Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Friday, March 8th**, before 5:00 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, East Wing, of the Tribal Office.



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Marlene Scott-Jewett of the Southern Ute Air Quality Division joined her colleagues on Thursday, Feb. 14 during a multi-day grants training held with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on tribal campus.

THE TRIBE AT WORK

Environmental Programs hosts EPA grants training workshop

By Tom Johnson
SU ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division hosted Feb. 12-14 a grants training workshop administrated by the National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education and supported with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding. The training took place in the Environmental Programs Division's new building and commenced with a blessing by Hanley Frost and opening comments by

Brian Zink, the tribal Permanent Fund's chief financial officer. Twenty-five participants attended, including program staff and grants management specialists from the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Northern Ute tribes, as well as the EPA Region 8 project officer and grants specialist. The training covered financial grants management, from the application process to final closeout, with specialized training modules on accounting fundamentals for non-accountants and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs).

It was an excellent opportunity for tribal staff to work collaboratively with national EPA trainers and the regional EPA staff to increase their regulatory knowledge and improve their grant management skills. The training was effective in getting the participants on the same level to help maximize the management of EPA grant funds for the tribes.

The EPD currently has nine grants that it manages in the areas of air quality, water quality, brownfields, underground storage tanks and general assistance.



courtesy Barbara Bustillos Cogswell/Sky Ute Casino Resort

Barbara Bustillos Cogswell (fourth from right), group sales coordinator at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, is working with the Colorado Tourism Office to help host a TV crew from Japan in March.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Casino to host Japan's Television Niigata Network crew for 'Backpacker' show

Three-man crew to tour Southern Ute Museum, Mesa Verde, Durango Silverton railroad

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The Sky Ute Casino Resort is collaborating with the Colorado Tourism Office, a division of the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade, to help host a Television Niigata Network crew from Japan.

The crew will arrive in Denver Tuesday, March 5 and depart from Durango Monday, March 11.

The casino will welcome the three-member television crew on Saturday, March 9. The crew includes Nobuyuki Nishikata, president and director of TV Niigata, and will produce a television segment on its "Backpacker" program, which focuses on world heritage sites' tradition and culture, including gourmet food.



courtesy Barbara Bustillos Cogswell/Sky Ute Casino Resort

Bustillos Cogswell (second from left) poses for a photo op with representatives of Japan's Television Niigata Network.

The program is slated to air Sunday, March 31 to nearly 80,000 households in Tokyo. This is the start of Japanese media covering the inaugural flight on United Airlines' non-stop route from Tokyo to Denver.

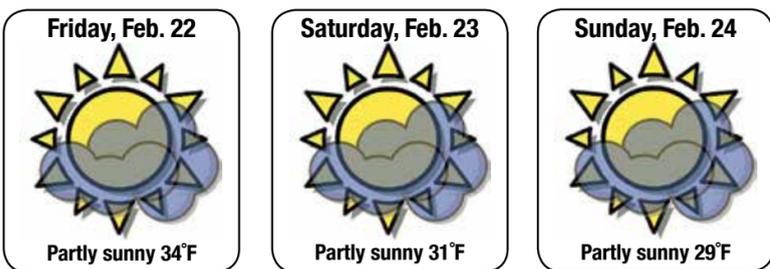
Barbara Bustillos Cogswell, the casino's group sales coordinator, traveled with the Denver-based Colorado Tourism Office staff in late October 2012 on a weeklong "Japan Sales Mission." Cogswell was selected by Michael Driver, director of international

marketing and public relations, to help promote Colorado, along with tourism representatives from Denver, Aspen and Vail.

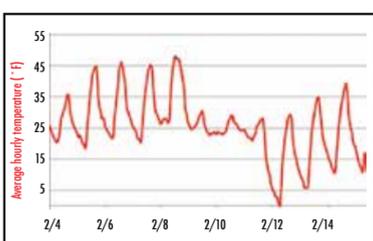
Cogswell had the opportunity to share tourism information around the Four Corners area and promote the rich culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Japanese crew's visit will include trips to Mesa Verde and the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. The crew will also visit Cortez and ride the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

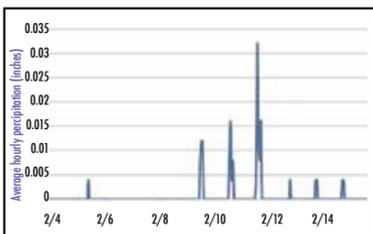
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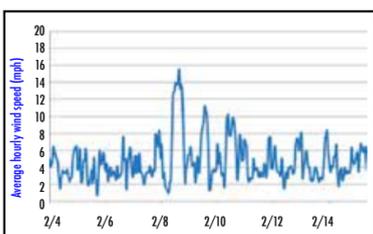
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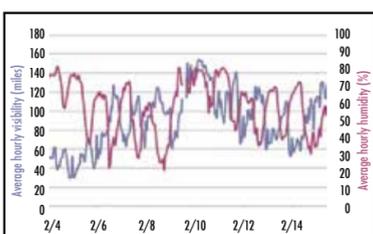
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High	48.1°
Low	-0.1°
Average	25.5°
Average last year	30.2°



Precipitation	
Total	0.16"
Total last year	0.74"



Wind speed	
Average	4.7
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	15.5



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	90.4
Average humidity	69.6%

Air quality	
Good	

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 6:30 P.M.
Ignacio Little League meeting and registration
Ignacio Little League will be holding a community meeting and registration for 2013 season on Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Email any questions to ignaciolittleleague@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23, 1 P.M.
Garden planning class
Join us when Dan Verniero covers gardening tips. Some topics will include: garden planning, seed starting, soil preparation, direct planting, transplanting, growing, harvesting, storage, season extension, and seed saving. Sign up is not necessary; if you're interested, please stop by the Library with your questions. We hope to see you there.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23
Computer classes: Microsoft Word
In our final computer class of February, we will take a look at Microsoft Word and some of the program features.

MONDAY, FEB. 25, 10:30 A.M., 2 P.M., 5:30 P.M.
Community cinema
Filmmaker Byron Hurt explores the upsides and downsides of soul food, a quintessential American cuisine. Soul Food Junkies explores the history and social significance of soul food to black cultural identity and its effect on African American health, good and bad. Soul food will also be used as the lens to investigate the dark side of the food industry and the growing food justice movement that has been born in its wake.

SATURDAY, MAR. 9, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
Del Alma hosts annual Around The World Children's Fair
Del Alma, a program of the Durango Adult Education Center is pleased to invite children ages K – 5th grade to take part in the "4th Annual Around The World Children's Fair" on Saturday, March 9. The one-day fun filled event will expose children to numerous countries around the world and teach them the importance of multicultural education. The fair will feature international games, activities, crafts, food and entertainment for the entire family. Over 12 different countries will be highlighted in which children can visit with their "passport". The 4th Annual Around The World Children's Fair will take place on Saturday, March 9 from 10 - 2 pm at the La Plata County Fair Grounds, 2500 Main Ave. The cost is \$5 per child. For more information about our services and programs, please call 970-385-4354.

TUESDAYS, 1 – 3 P.M.
Knitting classes
Those interested in knitting, crocheting and other fiber arts meet each Mandy Fuehrer will do another presentation about Tunisian Knitting with samples to show and needles to use! Join us on Tuesdays to create, share patterns and explore new fiber ideas!

WEDNESDAYS, 10 a.m.
Early literacy storytime
We share short stories, songs and interactive rhymes. Be ready to sit on the floor with your child, and spend a bit of library time being silly together. Babies and toddlers are welcomed.