

# The Southern Ute Drum

Vol. XLII • No. 1 • January 15, 2010

Ignacio, Colorado • 81137-0737

Bulk Rate - U.S. Postage Permit No. 1

## Inside The Drum

Tribal Update	2
Four Corners	3
Health	4
Education	5
Photographic	6
Retrospective	7
Sports	8
Voices	9
Notices	10
Classifieds	11
Walk/Bowling	12

**Next Issue,  
Jan. 29, 2010:  
Youth of the  
Year**

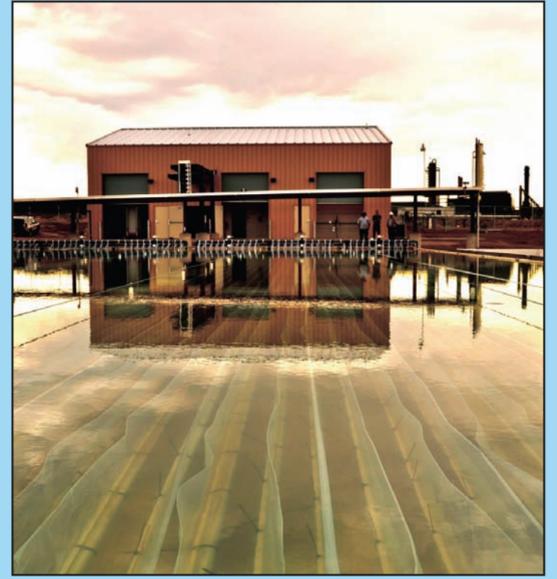
**SOUTHERN UTE  
TRIBAL CALENDAR**



**NOW AVAILABLE!**  
See page 12 in this issue of  
the Drum for details.



## 2009 In Photos: Tribe Grows, Celebrates Amid Recession



Looking back on the Southern Ute Reservation in 2009, milestones were reached and other dreams just began. The Animas-La Plata Project finally opened after almost a century of work. The Tribe partnered with Solix Biofuels to create a plant to convert algae to energy. The first-ever Tri-Ute Games were hosted right here in Ignacio. We review the highlights on page 6.



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

## Museum Receives Unique Coat Possibly Owned by Buckskin Charlie

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

It's a far cry from the high-thread-count attire worn by today's Tribal leaders, but the latest donation to the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum has few equals in terms of heritage.

The coat was donated earlier this month by Gaylord Torrence, senior curator of American Indian art at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo. Made of two pieces of deerhide sewn together, it's believed to have belonged to Buckskin Charlie, who led the Southern Ute Indian Tribe from 1880 until his death at age 96 in 1936.

Museum Director Lynn Brittner said while no photographs exist of Charlie (who was born Sapiah and later adopted an English name) wearing the coat, several facts make him a likely candidate. Foremost among them is a drawing on the front that appears to be a portrait of then-President Theodore Roosevelt.

"Buckskin Charlie was at President Roosevelt's inauguration," Brittner said. "He was in the inaugural parade. We have photos of that."

Charlie isn't wearing the coat in the photos, but that doesn't rule him out; the coat could have been made to wear during the president's visit to the reservation, or as a gift that was never



photo courtesy/Gaylord Torrence

Earlier this month, the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum received a deerskin coat believed to have belonged to Buckskin Charlie, the last traditional chief of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, who died in 1936. The coat is decorated with drawings of traditional scenes and a large portrait of President Theodore Roosevelt on the front.

delivered. Another portrait on the back, ostensibly of Charlie, adds to the case for his ownership.

The coat's return to the Tribe was a long, convoluted journey. Some years after its creation it became part of the collection of Wallace Stark, who worked as a carpenter for the Indian Service on the Uintah-Ouray Ute Reservation in northeastern Utah in the early 20th century. It was passed down through his family and eventually sold at an estate sale. Torrence acquired it in 2000 from the person who purchased it at the estate sale. Brittner said she and Torrence

connected through a mutual friend. Torrence called her on Christmas Eve 2009 to discuss a possible donation, and after a meeting decided to permanently return it to Ignacio.

Brittner said the coat has found its way back to where it belongs. As the museum ramps up for the opening of its new location in spring 2012, items like this will go a long way toward preserving Ute culture.

"This is really an important historical figure for the Southern

## Walkers Stride Through Frosty Morning To Bring In The New Year



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Walkers of the "Saa Swanis-hiswaqs" Memorial New Years Day Sobriety Walk take their first steps into the new year and the frosty morning, as they make their way towards Ignacio along HWY 171 from the Colorado-New Mexico stateline. The walk covered 10 miles and was physically challenging, yet refreshing as each of the participants walked with purpose and a goal of making 2010 a better one for themselves, their families and their communities.

By Robert Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

Jan. 1 is significant for many in starting anew: for some it's a day of celebrating, and to others it's about change.

For the 20 walkers that braved the frosty winter morning on the roads of southwest Colorado, it was to bring in the New Year in a

good way; it was about celebrating sobriety and remembering those we lost in 2009.

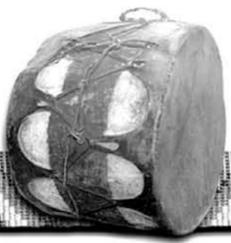
The walk was first started more than 23 years ago by Saa Swanis-hiswaqs, also known as Robert Buckskin (or simply Buckskin), as the "Spiritual Walk for Alcohol-free American Indian Communities." The Buckskin family has sponsored

the walk since 1990, walking 10 miles and adding another mile each year. In 2000, the walk covered 20 miles.

The 2010 walk was sponsored by the Fathers' Voices program in collaboration with the Buckskin family.

Oolcu Buckskin, the daughter

**Walkers Stride page 4**



## Tribal Update

### Council Suspends Code of Ethics

On Jan. 5, the Southern Ute Tribal Council suspended the Tribe's Code of Ethics for the filing of any new complaints. Although the filing of any new complaints has been suspended, any and all existing complaints will proceed in accordance with the current code. The Tribal Council may consider further action with regard to the code at a later date.

### New Ignacio Guild Seeks Artists

All artists residing in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend an organizational meeting of the Ignacio Area Artist Guild. The meeting will take place Jan 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Butch McClanahan Meeting Room at the Ignacio Community Library. The group will promote opportunities for artists to network, connect and exchange ideas. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 970-883-5440 or 970-759-4040.

### Five-year Agricultural Leases Available to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is offering four properties for lease. The leases will be five-year agriculture leases that begin in January 2010. Offerings include properties that are either fully or partially irrigated. These leases are available to Southern Ute Tribal members only. Applications are available and must be returned by Jan. 29. Applications may be picked up at the Southern Ute Agriculture Division and the Southern Ute Lands Division. For more information, contact Kevin Mallow in the Agriculture Division at 970-563-0220.

### Sand Available for Residential Use

There is sand available for Tribal members to use on icy portions of their homes. They will need to haul and spread at their own leisure. The sand pile is located behind the old casino site, "Rolling Thunder Hall." It is not for commercial use. For more information, contact Ernest Pinnecoose, property and facilities director, at 970-563-0100 ext. 2220.

### Tribal Members Invited to Valentine's Workshop

Attention all interested Southern Ute Tribal members and immediate families: you are invited to a Valentine's Workshop on Jan. 29. The workshop will take place at the Southern Ute Education Building at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call Ella Louise at 970-563-0220.

### Disabled American Veterans Vans

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

### Host a Mammogram Party

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

### Hay For Sale

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

**Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closures**  
**Mon., January 18, 2010**  
**"Martin Luther King, Jr., Day"**  
**Normal business hours will resume on Tue., Jan. 19 2010.**

**Drum Correction**  
 In a Dec. 31 article on the re-election of two former Southern Ute Tribal Council members, the Drum erroneously referred to Manuel Heart as chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. While he is a former chairman, Ernest House Sr. is now chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort's Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center!**

**Bowling & Lunch For as Low as \$6.00**  
 Offer good Monday-Friday 11 am to 2 pm, from September 28 to December 31, 2009.

**Sunday Family Day!**  
 11 am-11pm  
 \$10 dollars (per person) all you can bowl up to three hours. Five persons per lane including shoes

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PEPSI**

For information call **970-563-1707**  
**14324 Hwy 172 N. Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-7777**  
**www.skyutecasino.com**

## Museum Receives Unique Coat • from page 1

Utes, and Ute artifacts are quite rare," she said. "It's time that Southern Ute art is being returned to the museum."

Following is Torrence's examination of the coat and the story of its acquisition in his own words:

"This rare and unusual coat is constructed from two deer hides. One was profusely painted with a multitude of images comprising a reservation camp scene, including human figures, horses, dogs, trees and dwellings. Clearly visible



photo courtesy/Gaylord Torrence

*This coat, donated to the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum earlier this month by Gaylord Torrence, appears to have been created around 1900. It's composed of two pieces of deerhide sewn together with a modern sewing machine.*

are painted teepees, cabins, a wall-tent, wagons and an early automobile, as is a train going over a trestle bridge (a depiction that appears in other Ute paintings of the period, suggesting that the bridge and passing trains was a common experience for those living on the reservation). Also present are two strange and whimsical depictions floating randomly within the composition – non-Indian, comic-like images in rectilinear formats – perhaps representing advertising billboards. Finally, the separated parts of a large eagle are visible along the seam at the back and at the end of one sleeve. Some of these images were rendered in the flat, pictographic manner of traditional Plains painting, while others reveal an attempt to depict volumetric form and three-dimensional space in the Euro-American tradition. The transitional style of the painting and the materials with which it was made suggest that it was pro-

duced around 1900. "The second hide was created at an earlier time, probably during the 1880s, and is painted with minimal images. These include an Indian warrior on a horse, turning and looking back; this figure, which now occupies the right arm of the coat, has a gun cradled in his arm, while a large scalp hangs from the bridle of his horse. On the back of the coat, inverted, is a portrait of the well-known Ute leader Buckskin Charlie; below this is an elephant with what appears to be a Navajo blanket on its back, undoubtedly seen by the artist in a circus; and below this is the portrait of an unknown white man. These depictions, which must be among the earliest attempts of western-style portraiture by a Plains artist, are eroded and, in some areas, completely gone, indicating that the hide sustained significant use before being incorporated into a garment; still, the impressed lines of the drawing remain visible.

**"The imagery comprising the coat is remarkable, combining the work of at least two, and probably three different artists."**

*- Gaylord Torrence, donor*

duced around 1900.

"The dominant image embellishing the coat is a portrait of President Teddy Roosevelt. Unlike the hides painted prior to the coat's construction, this extraordinary image appears to have been created at the time the coat was made. Indeed, it would seem the coat was produced for the sole purpose of creating the portrait of Roosevelt, most likely for some special event honoring the president or the nation. Because the image is captioned "the president," the painting was almost certainly made between 1901 and 1909, the years that Roosevelt served in office. Distinct from the other paintings covering the coat, the portrait is rendered exclusively in dark blue with the exception of pale, rouge-colored cheeks.

"Measuring approximately 30 by 43 inches, the coat was probably made for an older child. A narrow belt cut from the first hide

was used for closure. The garment was not finely constructed in comparison with traditional Plains standards – it is loosely fitted, sewn with a sewing machine (in use on many reservations by the beginning of the 20th century) – and has the appearance of something made in haste. That the coat was made of recycled hides suggests the maker had nothing else available at the time, further indicating expediency.

"Taken as a whole, the imagery comprising the coat is remarkable, combining the work of at least two, and probably three different artists. The front and back surfaces are visually rich and filled with pictorial information that is both fascinating and engaging. The framed image of Roosevelt, undoubtedly rendered from a photograph or illustration, is at once imposing and delightful. Most significantly, a portrait of this scale is unprecedented in Plains pictographic art and quite probably unique. In every respect, the coat is historically important and a remarkable example of reservation-era artistic expression. The firmly documented Ute origin contributes to its rarity.

"The coat was collected by Wallace Stark, who was employed by the government as a carpenter for the Indian Service

on the Uintah-Ourray Ute Reservation in northeastern Utah from 1884 to 1924. It is likely that he served as an interpreter as well, as he is known to have accompanied the Northern Ute delegation to Washington D.C. in 1905 when the tribe sought to persuade the U.S. government to halt the allotment and sale of reservation lands. It is reasonable to assume from his presence on the trip, and from his inclusion in group photographs of the delegation, that he was regarded as a trusted friend by the Northern Ute people and their leaders. A photograph showing Stark as a participant in the Bear Dance, an important Ute ceremony, further indicates his close relationship with the tribe.

"One may speculate that the coat was made as a gift for the President during the delegation's 1905 trip and, for unknown reasons, was never presented. It is more likely, however, that the coat was created to be worn on the occasion of a visit by Roosevelt to the Ute reservation. Such a dramatic expression of esteem would have surely created a sensation. It is also possible, of course, that it was made for one of the Wild West shows that were popular during the period, but its provenance suggests otherwise. Finally, one cannot rule out that it was produced simply as a patriotic gesture, in the same spirit that American flags and United States seals were executed in Plains beadwork and Navajo textiles, but this seems unlikely considering the singularity of the subject.

"The coat was one of a number of items collected by Stark, all of which descended through the family and were ultimately sold as part of the family's estate. The collection included a painted hide, three Bear Dance rasps; several beaded items, all of which were of Ute manufacture dating from 1875 to 1900; two Navajo textiles – women's chief blankets from about 1890 – that were quite popular among the Utes; a few small pieces of heavily worn Navajo jewelry that probably belonged to Stark himself; and the photographs mentioned above.

"I obtained the coat in 2000 from the person who purchased the collection directly from the executors of the Stark estate. I was provided the documentation of the collection at that time."

**"REVIVAL"**  
**Nuuiciu Baptist Church**  
*Host Pastor Daniel Shorty*

**January 21-24, 2010**  
**Thursday - Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

**Sun. 6:00 p.m.**  
**Guest Speaker - Richard Morgan**

**Thurs. - Sat. Potlucks - 6:00 p.m. • Potluck - Sunday at 1:00 p.m.**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME! NEED A RIDE? (505) 860-0789**



## Of Four Corners Interest

### Youth, Adult Programs Have Openings

Durango Parks and Recreation has several openings in many popular winter activities. Programs include youth basketball (grades 1-6), the SNOWDOWN three-on-three basketball tournament (grades 3-12), Chess Club (ages 6-18), Parents' Night Out (Jan. 15 and Jan. 29 babysitting for ages 4-12), and Puppy Class 101 (for ages 8 to adult and puppies 10-22 weeks old). Check out the Winter Park and Recreation Activities Guide for more information about these and many more programs. Sign up today at the Recreation Center, Mason Center or Chapman Hill or online at [www.durangogov.org](http://www.durangogov.org).

### Note to Parents: Take the Night Off

The fun and caring childcare staff at the Durango Community Recreation Center will offer a special evening of fun for children, ages 4-12, on Friday, Jan. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Parents' Night Out will feature a variety of special activities, snacks and even a movie! Parents may drop off children in the Windom Room at the Recreation Center at 6 p.m. Pickup takes place immediately following the completion of the event at 9 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child, and parents are not required to remain in the facility for this program. Preregistration is required at least one day prior to the event. Parents may register their children at the Recreation Center or online at [www.durangogov.org/resident/parks\\_leisure/webtractro.html](http://www.durangogov.org/resident/parks_leisure/webtractro.html). Call the Recreation Center's front desk for more information at 970-375-7300.

### Library Kicks Off 2010 Spoken Word Series in February

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Durango Public Library will kick off its 2010 Spoken Word Series with a performance of "Love Letters" featuring Dennis Johnson and Anna Price. "Love Letters" is A.R. Gurney's play about a bittersweet relationship between two people that spans 50 years. The program is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the library program rooms. For more information about the Spoken Word Series, call Judith at 970-259-4486 or Judy at 970-259-2231, or visit the library's website at [www.durangopubliclibrary.org](http://www.durangopubliclibrary.org).

### BLM Proposes Animas Mountain Fuels Reduction Project

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing a fuels reduction project on approximately 733 acres of BLM land on the top of Animas Mountain. Primary access to the fuels reduction project site is through the city parking lot and trailhead located north of 32nd Street and approximately 1,500 feet of trail on city property. Minimal impacts to the trail will be necessary to complete the project. The fuels reduction project will reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire, protecting adjacent private property and natural resources, while improving habitat for big-game wildlife species. The City of Durango will be sponsoring an open house about the fuels reduction project on Tuesday, Jan. 19 from 5 to 6 p.m. at City Hall (949 E. 2nd Ave.) in the Council Chambers. Representatives from the city and Bureau of Land Management will be available to answer questions and interested community members are encouraged to attend. City Council is scheduled to consider granting an administrative easement across city property to the Bureau of Land Management at their regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 2. For additional information regarding the Open House for the Animas Mountain fuels reduction project, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 970-375-7300.

### San Juan Basin Health Offers Friday Flu Vaccine Clinics

With regular flu season approaching, San Juan Basin Health Department is offering opportunities for anyone who wants to get vaccinated against the seasonal flu or H1N1. These Friday FluPLUS clinics are also a great opportunity for individuals to get caught up on their tetanus-and-pertussis (whooping cough) booster combination shot, which is offered for \$15 (one-third the normal cost). Pneumonia shots are offered at \$15 as well and are recommended now for anyone at high risk for respiratory disease. The clinics will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 15 and will continue every Friday through Jan. 29. All clinics are at San Juan Basin Health Department at 281 Sawyer Drive in Bodo Park. For more information, call 970-247-5702.

### Durango Independent Film Festival Announces 6-Punch Pass Sales

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

### Men's Basketball and Coed Volleyball

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

## PowWow Trails 2009

### 26th Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days

January 16-17, 2010

300 Main St • Keokuk, IA

Contact: Julie Spotted Eagle Horse Martineau

Phone: 319-572-4904

Email: [spottdeaglehorse@aol.com](mailto:spottdeaglehorse@aol.com)

URL: [www.keokukiowatourism.org/eagledays.html](http://www.keokukiowatourism.org/eagledays.html)

### Red Paint Indian Market & Contest PowWow

January 22, 2010

3031 Highway 180 East • Silver City, NM

Contact: Joe Saenz

Phone: 575-534-1379

Email: [apache@wolfhorseoutfitters.com](mailto:apache@wolfhorseoutfitters.com)

Web: [www.redpaintpowwow.net](http://www.redpaintpowwow.net)

### 2nd Annual NSU PowWow

January 23, 2010

Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA

Contact: Elisabeth Pierite

Phone: 318-357-4364

Email: [nacan.nsu@gmail.com](mailto:nacan.nsu@gmail.com)

### 26th Annual Elmira PowWow

February 6, 2010

24936 Fir Grove (Elmira High) • Elmira, OR

Contact: Alan Merrill, Indian Education Program

Phone: 541-461-8228

Email: [amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us](mailto:amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us)

Web: [www.lesd.k12.or.us/indianeducation/index.html](http://www.lesd.k12.or.us/indianeducation/index.html)

### Chasing The Sun PowWow

February 19-21, 2010

9400 West Maryland Avenue • Glendale, AZ

Contact: Jason Coochwyte and Rebecca Nelson

Phone: 480-446-7053

Email: [info@chasingthesunpowwow.com](mailto:info@chasingthesunpowwow.com)

Web: [www.chasingthesunpowwow.com](http://www.chasingthesunpowwow.com)

## Many Moons Ago



Photo Archives/DRUM

## 10 Years Ago

Only the asphalt of County Road 321 south of Ignacio dates this photograph of participants in the Buckskin family's annual "Spiritual Walk for Alcohol Free American Indian Communities," staged on New Year's morning, 2000. The Buckskins have sponsored the walk since 1990, when they first walked the 10 miles to start the year in a positive way. They added a mile each year, covering 20 miles on this date 10 years ago, in what the family says will be the final year for the observance.

This photo was published in the Jan. 14, 2000, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



Photo Archives/DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

"Serving the Tribe With Honesty and Dignity. Vote 'NO' on February 2, 1990" was the caption of this photo published 20 years ago in the *Drum*. The photo and caption referred to a petition brought forth by the Committee for Better Tribal Government in an effort to recall Tribal Council members due to "lack of communication." Chairman Leonard C. Burch accepted a challenge made by the CBTG and a debate was scheduled to be held Jan. 22, 1990. The topic debated was the Animas/La Plata Project.

This photo was published in the Jan. 19, 1990, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



Photo Archives/DRUM

## 30 Years Ago

The championship team "Southern Ute Redskins" of the Capote Basketball Tournament, held at Ignacio High School, were (l-r), Keith Thompson, Erwin Taylor, Robert Jefferson, Lance Taylor, Trent Taylor, Michael Valdez and Raymond Valdez. Teams that also participated were from Dulce, Towaoc, Shiprock, and Utah.

This photo was published in the Jan. 18, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



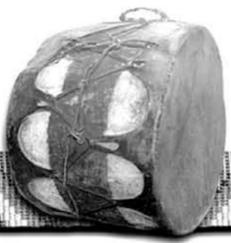
## Ute Language

napà - Foot

nuuvööÇagatÛ - Footpath

naaavì - Footprint

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



### Youth of the Year Announced



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

During Tuesday night's celebration at the Sky Ute Casino Resort the Boys and Girls Club of Ignacio announced the winner of this year's Youth of the Year, which went to none other than Jacob Frost for his dedication and leadership in the club. A short performance followed on stage from the Native Hip-hop workshop participants. Dinner was served to all those in attendance, many of whom are the support network for youth programs throughout the Ignacio community. Parents, community members and youth joined together on the Rolling Thunder Lanes to finish the evening with bowling. Pictured above, Jacob Frost stands with his father, Andrew Frost, and team leaders from the B&GC: Jen Bartlett, Gina Cosio, and Mari Villaluna.

### HHS Announces New Campaigns For 2009 H1N1 Flu Vaccine

Media Release U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

New PSAs Feature Actor Wes Studi, Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, and Indian Health Service Director Yvette Roubideaux

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today unveiled new public service announcement campaigns to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to get the H1N1 flu vaccine.

"This is a challenging flu season for tribal communities," said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "That is why we continue to encourage American Indians and Alaska Natives to get the H1N1 flu vaccine. Top scientists and doctors at the Indian Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have worked closely with leaders and communities to help communicate important flu prevention messages. These new PSAs will help educate families on why getting the H1N1 vaccine is safe, effective, and the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu."

The new PSA campaign includes two radio spots and several television spots. The radio PSAs are available in 30-second and 60-second formats and feature Secretary Sebelius and HHS Director of the Indian Health Service Yvette Roubideaux, M.D. One TV spot features Dr. Roubideaux. The additional TV spots feature famous American Indian actor Wesley "Wes" Studi.

Wes Studi has appeared in Academy Award-winning films such as Dances with Wolves, The Last of the Mohicans, and Geronimo: An American Legend. Two television PSAs that Wes Studi recorded are available today and the rest will become available in the coming days. The new PSAs build on HHS' outreach efforts to tribal communities on H1N1 that began when the disease was first identified last spring.

"H1N1 is a serious flu that is still a threat to American Indians and Alaska Natives, especially those with underlying health conditions like asthma or diabetes," said Dr. Roubideaux. "Flu season typically lasts until May, which is why getting the H1N1 vaccine now is critical to protecting your health. It is especially important

for people with underlying health conditions to get the H1N1 flu vaccine." American Indian and Alaska Native communities have been hit especially hard by the H1N1 flu because these groups have higher rates of asthma, diabetes, and other underlying conditions that make individuals more susceptible to complications from the H1N1 flu. The CDC reported last month that American Indians and Alaska Natives are four times more likely to die from the H1N1 flu than other Americans.

All PSAs are available on Flu.gov/PSA. The new PSAs were released on "Underlying Health Conditions Flu Vaccination Day" as part of National Influenza Vaccination Week. National Influenza Vaccination Week, Jan. 10-16, 2010, is an observance that was established to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination, as well as fostering greater use of flu vaccine after the holiday season into January and beyond.

Note: All HHS press releases, fact sheets and other press materials are available at www.hhs.gov/news.

### Walkers Stride Into New Year • from page 1

of the late Saa Swanis-hiswaqs, said her family had been looking for someone to revive the tradition since her father's passing.

"The family wanted someone in the community to come forward and take over the walk," she said.

When Fathers' Voices asked if it could sponsor the walk, the family gave their blessings and support.

Cynthia Buckskin, wife of Robert, prepared a brief statement of about the walk and its significance to the community: "The walk was our family's way of celebrating the New Year as well as honoring our loved ones who had passed on."

Twenty people participated in this year's walk. Among them were Cynthia Buckskin, Oolcu Buckskin and her daughters Mamakwa and Keyana; Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Medicine Blanket, her sister Sage and their uncle Patrick Watts; Miracle and son KJ; Blenda Ortiz; Mari Villaluna, wife of Adriano Buckskin; Brian and "Peaches"; Chris Jocks; Robyn Jackson; Fathers' Voices members Shannon Brown and son Brandon Mills; Clarence Smith and his daughters, Brittney and Lorraine Owl Child; Velma Armijo; and Robert Ortiz.

Brandon Mills, the youngest participant at age 8, walked the entire way. It had been five years since the passing of Buckskin, and the walk issued in the beginning of a new decade. Two of the participants were pregnant during the walk and symbolically carried new life into the New Year.

The walk was not only in memory of Buckskin, but also of those lost in the past years, including Cassandra Yazzie, the wife of Fathers' Voices Board Member Jason Hotchkiss, who passed away in a fatal car accident on County Road 172 in November 2009. Yazzie had graduated from Fort Lewis College last year and recently finished a media workshop with the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club. Their children were in the same vehicle as Yazzie and were injured in the accident. All have made miraculous recoveries. The walk began at the Colorado-New Mexico state line at 8:30 a.m. and proceeded north into Ignacio along Highway 171, ending at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery. The walk took about four hours to complete and was followed by a meal at the Southern Ute Higher Education Building of buffalo stew, red chili, green chili stew, frybread and tortillas. Water for the walk was donated by Three Springs.

The walk was made possible by the help of many people, but in large part by a man whose vision was to see a better life for American Indians and their communities.

Said one of the participants: "That same vision will be carried by our youth into the future."

Said one of the participants: "That same vision will be carried by our youth into the future."

### Prenatal Classes



Sessions : 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mercy Medical Center, 1010 Three Springs Blvd.

Labor and delivery conference room. Meet us at the front entrance of the hospital at 10:20 a.m.

Jan. 27, 2010, Wed. and Feb. 6, 2010, Sat.

Labor Delivery, hospital tour, advantage of breast-feeding or bottle-feeding.

We would like to know during these two sessions when, where, and times you would be interested in having more classes based on your needs. If you cannot attend the classes, call and tell us your needs and wants in prenatal education.

Southern Ute Indian Health Services: Lynne Murison, RN, 970-563-0154 ext. 2342, lmurison@southern-ute.nsn.us. Gloria Casias-Mounts, 970-563-0154 ext. 2347, gmounts@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Supported by a grant from Colorado Department of Health and Environment Office of Health Disparities.

### RECOGNIZING MISCONCEPTIONS OF WOMEN'S CANCERS



You are invited to a luncheon and educational workshop presenting information on cervical, ovarian and breast cancers

Free lunch compliments of the Southern Ute Health Services

#### SPEAKERS

- Dr. Leeanne Jordan, OB-GYN Specialist
•Margo Philpott, RN and Family BirthCenter Educator
•Connie Kane, RN
•Lynne Murison, RN

Southern Ute Health Services

Date: Tuesday January 26th

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Sunute Community Center 290 Mouache Circle Ignacio

RSVP-Friday January 22nd Gloria Casias-Mounts 563-0154 ext. 2347



### EXPAND YOUR UNIVERSE MENTOR A CHILD

NATIONALMENTORINGMONTH.ORG





# Ignacio Community Library

## “A Cool Place to Check Out”

### Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Ignacio Community Library District Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m.

### Library Closure

The library will be closed Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Happy and prosperous New Year from the Ignacio Community Library staff and board!

### Computer Classes

On Jan. 16, 23, and 30, we will offer basic computer classes, including e-mail – creating an account if you don't have one and familiarizing yourself with the electronic mail utilities – and Microsoft Word.

### Family Lego Night

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 3 to 6:30 p.m. Snow Stories, Games, Puzzles and Movie Day is Monday, Jan. 11 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Come in and enjoy the fun!

### Other Classes

- “How to Save and Store Your Digital Images on Your Computer.” Wednesday, Jan. 20, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.
- “Health Online Research.” Thursday, Jan. 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- “How to Buy and Sell on eBay.” Monday, Jan. 25, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.
- The knitting group meets every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. We also want to welcome spinners.

### Upcoming Events

- (refreshments will be provided and prizes awarded):
- Jan. 13: Trivia & Brain Teasers
  - Jan. 20: Chess Tournament
  - Jan. 27: Movie Day

### Utes From a Different Perspective

A Presentation by Pearl Casias We are pleased that Pearl Casias will be speaking about the Southern Ute Origin Stories and offering the Ute perspective on issues of importance. This will be a great opportunity to hear how a different culture views the world in which we live. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation on Thursday, January 28 at 1 pm.

### Book and Chat

January 29 from 10 am –12 pm Stop by the Butch McClanahan Community Room to enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut.

### Database

If you have time, please go to our web page and explore another new database called RefUSA. This database has employment information in this state and other states and also provides medical resource information that is specific to this area and anywhere else in the country.

### New Fiction Titles

“Almost Home” by Debbie Macomber  
 “Arctic Chill” by Indriason Arnaldur  
 “The Disciple” by Stephen Coonts  
 “First Lord’s Fury” by Jim Butcher  
 “The Gathering Storm” by Robert Jordan  
 “Rainwater” by Sandra Brown  
 “A Rogue of My Own” by Johanna Lindsey  
 “U is for Undertow” by Sue Grafton

### New Nonfiction Titles

“But I Trusted You: And Other True Cases” by Ann Rule  
 “Colorado Mountain Passes” by Rick Spitzer  
 “Cowgirls: Stories of Trick Riders”  
 “Going Rogue” by Sarah Palin  
 “Lizards of the American Southwest”  
 “Make it Fast. Cook it Slow.” by Stephanie O’Dea  
 “Native American Medicinal Plants” by Daniel Moerman  
 “The New Native American Cuisine” by Marian Betancourt  
 “The Road That Silver Built” by David P. Smith

### New Biographies

“Notes Left Behind” by Brooke Desserich  
 “Stories From Candyland” by Candy Spelling

### New DVDs

National Geographic National Park Collection  
 Five-part documentary series “Outlaws and Gunslingers”  
 “The Pacifier”  
 “The New World”  
 “Watchmen”  
 “Black Sheep”  
 “Angel and the Badman”  
 “The Dust Factory”  
 Tony Hillerman’s “Skin Walkers”  
 “Adventures in America’s Western Parks”

### New Children’s Books

“Digging Up Dinosaurs” by Jack Horner  
 “Going to Glacier National Park” by Alan Leftridge  
 “Going to Yellowstone” by Peter and Connie Roop  
 “Two Bobbies” by Kirby Larson  
 “There was a Coyote who Swallowed a Flea” by Jennifer Ward  
 “Born Wild in Colorado” by Wendy Shattil

### New Children’s DVDs

“Math Mania! Learning Basic Math”  
 “National Parks for Kids”  
 “American Sign Language for Kids”

### Wii Tourney Winner

Wii tournament winner is Alexis Tyner. Great job.

### Other New Books

“City of the Beasts” by Isabel Allende  
 “Freeze Frame” by Heidi Ayarbe  
 “City of Bones” by Cassandra Clare  
 “Black” by Ted Dekker  
 “Hush, Hush” by Becca Fitzpatrick  
 “Tricks” by Ellen Hopkins  
 “The Last Wild Place” by Rosa Jordan

### Preschool Story Time

Thanks to all the families who came to Preschool Story Time. We enjoy you all so much. We love families who read together. Preschool Story Time is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time.

### Book Scavenger Hunt

Congratulations to Zehrena Antez, Book Scavenger Hunt winner. And congratulations to Liz Martin, the December Book Blog winner. Her book review is titled “If I Stay by Gayle Foreman.” Next blog drawing will take place on Jan. 27. Prizes awarded.

### Art Exhibit

January - March 2010  
 Harold Siebel - drawing  
 Mariyak Shellman - painting  
 Vicki Sutton - photography  
 Hanna Hwang - drawing/photography  
 Sarah Tyner - drawing  
 Come in and have a look at the new exhibit. You are invited to the Meet the Artist Reception, Feb. 19, 4:30—6 pm

### Donations

Total money donated to the library in December was \$85.70. Item donations included 155 books, 7 DVDs, three audio books and 56 magazines.

### Book Club

We anticipate starting a book club this year. If interested, please stop by the library and fill out a survey indicating your reading interests and suggestions. for the book selections.

### Talking Books

Learn about Colorado Talking Books Library in Denver. A free service to Coloradans of all ages who are unable to read standard size print due to visual, physical or learning disabilities.

### Overdrive

As the month ends, we will be anticipating the installation of Overdrive. Overdrive is a database that provides downloadable books and DVDs. You will be able to select a book of your choice and download it to your iPod or MP3 player. It will also be possible to burn the selection to CDs. We will have training for staff and patrons in early February.

# Teachers, Parents Come Together for Bowling Social

By Ace Stryker  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

About 120 teachers, parents and other members of Ignacio’s education community turned out Jan. 4 for the Southern Ute Education Department’s first-ever New Year’s bowling social.

The event was open to all staff of the Ignacio School District and parents of children in local schools. Besides bowling – which proved challenging for attendees to varying degrees – there was free food, door prizes and other competitions aimed at fostering a get-to-know-you environment.

La Titia Taylor, director of the Tribe’s Education Department, said the event was a success in bringing everyone together to have a good time.

“Everyone that attended really enjoyed it,” she said. “I received e-mails from school employees on how much they liked it.”

Found making an earnest effort on the lanes was Toby Roderick, vice president of the Ignacio School Board. He said he appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents outside a formal school setting.

“It’s absolutely beneficial,” he said. “It gets us out of the parent-teacher hierarchy and gets us into more of a social setting.”



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Toby Roderick, vice president of the Ignacio School Board, winds up for a strike during Southern Ute Higher Education’s New Year’s bowling social on Jan. 4. The event gave parents and teachers an opportunity to mingle in a social setting.

Taylor said given the response to this year’s event, she’s optimistic about the prospect of future get-togethers.

“We appreciate the teachers and were glad some parents could make it,” she said. “Next year we want more parents and will work on recruiting them.”

At the end of the day, Floyd Jameson came up with the high score among men and Cindy Valdez claimed the ladies’ crown. The high-scoring team consisted of Jameson, Laura Sanchez, Renae Cuthair, Chris Dekay, Bob

Overturf and Ardie Eleck.

Among the teachers winning door prizes were Barb Fjerstad, Lori Leland, Lindsay Hayden, Howard Searle, Mark Zaharko, Michelle Whitefeather, Deb Meunier, Lynelle Strickers, Jill Tierney, Brian Crane, Sherry Ann Marlowe and Rocky Cundiff. Cuthair, who also played on the winning team, was the lone parent who took home a door prize.

Dr. Pat Dobbs won the nefarious honor of lowest score, while the highest number of gutter balls went, perhaps mercifully, unrecorded.

## December Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.		PRECIPITATION DATA	
December	-1.10 C 30.0 F	Date	Daily Total
AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.		December 7	.67"
December	-12.5 C 9.5 F	December 8	.46"
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.		December 9	.01"
December	-7.6 C 18.3 F	December 13	.15"
AVERAGE WINDSPEED		December 22	.13"
Monthly Average	4.2 MPH	December 23	.05"
December	4.2 MPH	December 30	.05"
Maximum Hourly Average	28.1 MPH	Monthly Total	1.52"
December 8, 2009	28.1 MPH		

# Kids Fair 2010



## SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT EVENT CENTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Come and join us in the fun!

There will be booths with information on Health, Nutrition, Safety and much more...

We will also have games!

Sponsored by:  
**Health Services**  
 970-563-0154

**MANDATORY SCHOOL-YEAR ORIENTATION for ALL Boys & Girls Club Members**  
*Members planning to attend Club Feb-May 2010*

An adult representative must attend ONE of the following meetings @ in order for their Club membership to remain valid:

- Wednesday, January 20 @ Noon
- Thursday, January 21 @ 6pm
- Saturday, January 23 @ 9, 10, 11 or Noon

All meetings will be at the SunUte Community Center  
 Yearly membership dues will be due at this time (\$10/member)  
 Failure to attend will result in membership suspension until June  
 Each meeting will take approximately 1 hour



**SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT EVENT CENTER**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010**  
**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**Come and join us in the fun!**  
**There will be booths with information on Health, Nutrition, Safety and much more...**  
**We will also have games!**  
**Sponsored by:**  
**Health Services**  
**970-563-0154**



# The Year in Pictures: 2009 Brought Algae, SUIMA Inauguration, Museum Takes Shape



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy held a "mock inauguration" in January 2009 to coincide with the real event in Washington D.C., in which Barack Obama became the first minority citizen to obtain the office of president of the United States. Since entering office, Obama has shown favor toward policies of tribal sovereignty and self-determination. In this picture, Lower Elementary School teacher Shauna Steffler displays a newspaper to emphasize the historical significance of the country's 44th president.

## Tribe Assumes Control



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

In a historic move, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe took over operations of the Southern Ute Health Center in October 2009, relieving the Indian Health Service of administrative duties. Because of legal snags, the process took more than four years to complete. Above, Chairman Matthew J. Box signs the document making it official under Community Health Representative Public Law 93-638.

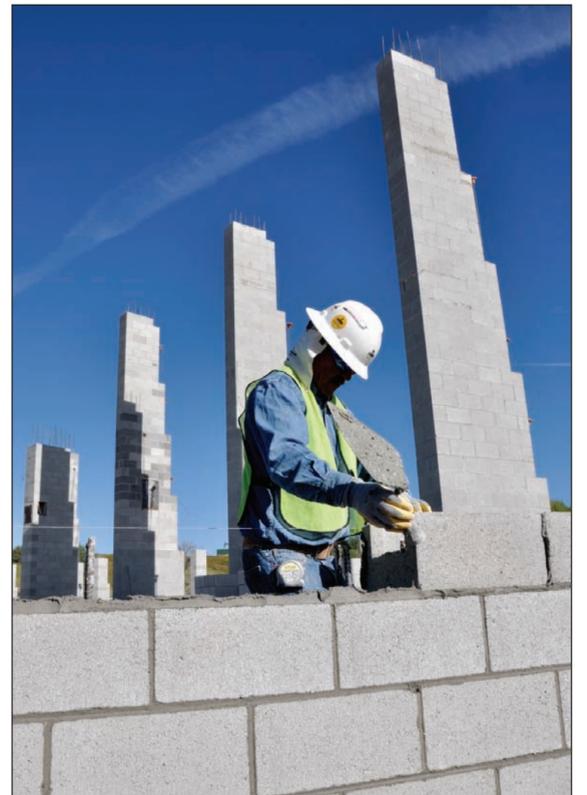


photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Construction of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum's new location continues, with plans now to finish by the end of 2011 for a spring 2012 opening. Director Lynn Brittner says the facility will provide state-of-the-art storage for Tribal artifacts. Pictured above, one of many contractors on the project from the Four Corners area – a mason – attends to the incredible amount of blockwork going into the building.

## 'Remembrance' Honors Fallen Vets



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The annual "Day of Remembrance," formerly "Walk of the Warriors," began with a posting of the colors by various veterans, seen here led by Commander Ronnie Baker. The Southern Ute Veterans Association and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the event, which included a procession to the Bear Dance bridge. Tribal Elder Alden Naranjo Jr. gave a blessing before tossing a wreath into the Pine River for the Tribe's fallen naval warriors. At the Ouray Memorial Cemetery, flags were raised to half-mast and "Taps" was played as a 21-gun salute honored those buried there.

## Utes, Sioux Exchange Flags



photo courtesy/Tom Allires

Veterans of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and the three Ute tribes participated in a flag exchange ceremony in June 2009 during the Thunder Butte Wacipi on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. An official ceremony took place in the Southern Ute Council Chambers the following month in which Southern Ute tribal member Rudley Weaver presented the Cheyenne River Sioux tribal flag to the council.

## Veterans, Utes Ride Again



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Bennett Thompson, tribal elder and longtime participant of the Ignacio Bike Week Rally, led the annual Bike Week Parade through Ignacio on Sept. 6, 2009. The parade was preceded by a Veterans Honor Ceremony. Riding with Thompson was former Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who makes his home in Ignacio. The Rally, the town of Ignacio and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have invited bikers over the Labor Day weekend for more than 16 years.

## Heritage Train Makes First Run



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Young dancers walk in single file alongside the Historic Durango & Silverton Narrow-gauge Railroad Train in August 2009 after it reached its destination at Calverton. Young Shyden Pinnecoose leads the dancers, who participated in a mini-powwow for a group of visiting tourists as part of the first annual Heritage Train event.



# Hip-hop, Lots of Construction and a Lake

*Tribal Fair a Hit*

*Youth Try Hip-hop*



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Young and old alike competed in various contests at the 89th annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow in September 2009. The events included exhibits, kids' games, horsemanship, horse-shoes, archery, tepee raising, jalapeno eating, frybread making, hand games, parade, pancake breakfast, a baby contest, grease pole climb and an NFL softball challenge. Pictured, Stella Eyetoo of White Mesa, took part in the hand game tournament.

## Ignacio Sprouts Market



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A summer harvest is brought to market in July 2009, marking one of the first Farmers' Market events here in Ignacio. The market is held at Shoshone Park in downtown Ignacio. The idea has been in the works for several years, rallied for by a small committee of locals. The idea of the market is a community-minded one that encourages residents of Ignacio and other Four Corners communities to bring fruits, vegetables, jewelry and other handcrafted items, including art.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted a Native Hip-hop Workshop in November 2009 in which 60 youth created a film, a music track, and written and spoken-word pieces. The workshop was open to all native and non-native community members from 9 to 18. Ten local organizations supported the workshop, including Tribal Information Services, the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, SunUte Community Center, KSUT Tribal Radio and various restaurants and businesses in Ignacio.

## ALP Fills Lake Nighthorse



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box, Ute Mountain Ute Vice-chairman Gary Hayes, Bob Taylor, Lawrence Huntington and Fred Kroeger were among the prominent individuals on hand to witness history in the making as the first splashes of water begin to spill over into Ridges Basin on April 20, 2009. The moment was the culmination of nearly a century of hard work and negotiation on the Animas La Plata Project. Workers drew buckets of water to make commemorative vials from the first flow of water to mark the historic occasion.

## Solix, Tribe Partner on Algae Plant



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

On July 29, 2009, Solix Biofuels Inc. and Southern Ute Alternative Energy LLC dedicated a jointly developed pilot production facility to turn algae to energy on Ute Tribal lands in southwestern Colorado. A vast horizon frames the recently completed Coyote Gulch Demonstration Facility during dedication ceremonies. The plant marks a milestone in the development of alternative energy resources.

## Park Addition to Serve as Event Venue



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

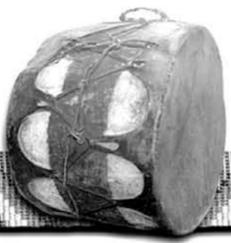
Ground broke on the Multipurpose and Memorial Chapel Project on August 27, 2009, at Ute Park in Ignacio. The project is slated for completion in fall 2010. The new addition to Ute will serve as a venue for Tribal funerals, weddings, dances, dinners and celebrations. Groundbreaking ceremonies were kicked off by the Rolling Thunder Boyz drum group.

## Tribe Hosts First Tri-Ute Games



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio's own SunUte Community Center played host in July 2009 to the first annual Tri-Ute Games, a two-day series of competitions among members of the Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes. Events included basketball, swimming, co-ed volleyball and a hand game tournament. Pictured (left to right) are a few of the Southern Ute boy's basketball participants: Tim Velasquez, Thomas Romero, Deion Hudson and Trae Seibel. The participating tribes made the games a success by promoting teamwork and positive attitude.



# Ignacio Climbs Uphill at Rocky Mountain Invitational

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

With two state champion teams in the field, the tournament might have seemed a little "topheavy" as it began last Saturday. From Ignacio's perspective, it definitely had next-level status.

And when all 14 individual winners had been decided, the fourth-ranked 2A Bobcats began the 2010 side of their schedule by taking 11th at Pagosa Springs' 38th annual Rocky Mountain Invitational.

Behind champions Chance Wyatt (215 pounds) and Casey Haga (4-0 at 130), Ignacio compiled 90 points, nine behind 3A Bayfield and 11.5 behind 4A Aztec, N.M. Defending Colorado 3A champions Centauri (La Jara) amassed 176 to take the title, with 5A Air Academy (Colorado Springs) second with 151.5.

Utah's defending 1A state champs, Monticello, were third with 145, Bloomfield (N.M., 3A) followed with 143.5, and 4A Widefield earned 127. Espanola Valley (N.M., 4A) took sixth with 117.5, 5A Durango was seventh with 116, and the host Pirates were eighth with 114.

For Ignacio, Jeff Herrera, who entered as On The Mat's No. 4 at 125 pounds, took seventh in a loaded division. Heavyweight Jared Ruybal also took seventh, and Derrick Naranjo was eighth at 160. Alex Pena took his first loss this season at 119, falling by 16-0 technical fall to Centauri's Ben Polkowske in a clash of 2A's No. 1 versus 3A's No. 2. But he didn't dwell on defeat for long, and bounced right back to save third place.

Haga defeated Centauri's

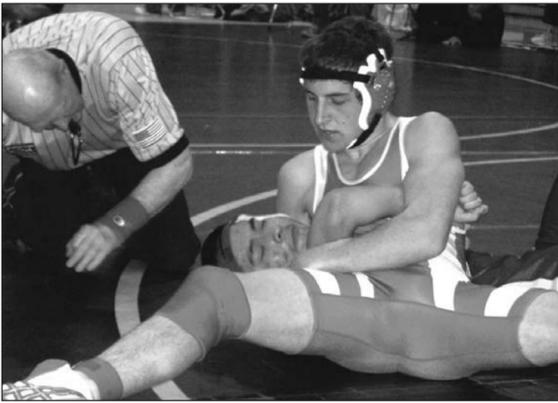


photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

The end is near for Bloomfield's Adrian Eaton as Ignacio's Ethan Pearson puts extra squeeze into this hold last Saturday in Pagosa Springs. Pearson indeed pinned the 2009 New Mexico state runner-up Bobcat at 145 pounds to help the team's cause.

Micah Keys 10-8, according to Pagosa head coach Dan Janowsky, and Wyatt took just 27 seconds to stick Espanola Valley's Ryan Gurule. And though Wyatt was pin-perfect – three for three – once again in a tournament, he was somehow not named Outstanding Wrestler in the upper weights. Centauri's Iver Sandoval was, while Polkowske was the lower weights' honoree.

LOWER FINALS: 103: Rudy Peterson (Durango) 13-3 over Ethan Coombs (Centauri); 112: Frank Vigil (Air) 4-2 over C.J. Hamby (Durango); 119: Polkowske pins Chad Snell (Bloomfield) in 1:27; 125: Derrick Pringle (Aztec) pins Dino Gipson (Espanola Valley) in 4:01; 135: C.J. Cordasco (Monticello) 2-1 over Mikey Loy (Bloomfield); 140: Brenner Hill (Air) 15-0 over Justin Shupe (Bayfield).

UPPER FINALS: 145: Mariano

Montoya (Espanola Valley) 8-0 over Taylor Swanemyr (Bayfield); 152: Sandoval 17-8 over Airon Velasquez (Bayfield); 160: Waylon Lucero (Pagosa Springs) pins Jordan Hamilton (Centauri) in 3:55; 171: D.J. Hightower (Widefield) 4-2 over Jordan Neulieb (Pagosa Springs); 189: M.J. Wagstaff (Monticello) 6-3 over Rip Price (Air); HWT: Vincent Chacon (Centauri) pins Terrell Stanley (Widefield) in 3:58.

FUNDRAISER: Need extra wheels to get around this winter? The Ignacio Wrestling Club will be raffling off a set at 3 p.m. during the Jan. 30 Butch Melton Ignacio Invitational. Purchased from Fun Center in Durango, up for grabs at \$20 per ticket will be a 2008 Suzuki King Quad 750 EFI 4x4 ATV. Tickets can be bought from any Club member or by calling Stephanie at 970-759-7731 or Shasta at 970-946-2927.

# 'Cats Show Sharpened Claws to DC

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Truth is, indeed, often stranger than fiction.

And last Saturday the truth left the league's heavyweights feeling more Dazed and Confused than their usual Dove and Creek. Oh sure, Dove Creek booked another win, but not nearly in the way they – and any San Juan Basin League hoops head – would have expected.

For after senior Summer Davis clanked a pair of foul shots with 0:01 remaining, their hosts still had one last hope. And the way things had unraveled for the tenth-ranked 1A Lady Bulldogs in the third and fourth quarters, it wouldn't have been unreasonable to believe in a Hail Mary heave.

Problem was, the only player with enough arm strength to throw the ball three-fourths the length of the court wore blue instead of white. Best thing was, Sonja Strong had already fouled out 3:14 earlier.

So even though the desperation attempt was nowhere near close, the 53-51 loss hopefully showed their faithful that the Ignacio Lady Bobcats are committed to making 2010 truly a "new" year.

"It's going to help our confidence a lot," said Ignacio freshman Michelle Simmons, "knowing we can come back from that far down – against a team like that – and only lose by two."

To nobody's surprise, the holiday down time showed for Ignacio against the bigger, taller Lady Bulldogs, who stormed out to a 10-0 lead before senior Arianna Weaver buried a three. Dove Creek allowed only a Sara Hutchinson free throw the rest of the quarter, however, and led 14-4 after eight minutes with Strong a nonfactor by apparent design.

Ignacio's Mariah Vigil began the second with an inside basket,

but Strong made her presence known again by answering with an immediate four-point play, coldly connecting on a three and swishing the foul shot. After an Ignacio miss, the ball found its way to Strong again, and she nailed another triple from the opposite wing. Junior Kyli Banks then crashed hard inside for two more and the Dove Creek lead swelled to 23-6.

The Lady 'Cats finally cracked double digits with 2:44 before halftime, when Rylie Jefferson went inside to cut the lead to 27-11, and sophomore Carley Hutchinson canned a pull-up inside of 20 seconds left to keep Ignacio at least in the building, although down 29-15 through 16 minutes.

But the confidence in the shot hinted that something was brewing, and it only would get hotter as Dove Creek (6-1, 4-0 San Juan Basin League) cooled.

Junior Rose Mirabal and senior Kristie Ribera hit three-of-four at the stripe to start the third, but Banks and Davis each got a bucket in reply from inside eight feet to keep the lead large at 33-18. But the comeback was officially cued when Sara Hutchinson (eight points) hit a three to pull



photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

Ignacio junior Sara Hutchinson takes flight for a shot against Dove Creek sophomore Zoey Young (23) as Dove Creek senior Sonja Strong (21) watches during last Saturday's test in IHS Gymnasium. Ignacio took the No. 10 1A Lady Bulldogs down to the wire, losing 53-51 in their first game of 2010.

before the awakened crowd. Save for Ribera and Weaver, the Ignacio players had already played a "junior varsity" game, ripping Dove Creek's reserves 75-28, and all had gone through an intensive morning shootaround in preparation for their first action since Dec. 19.

Two Jefferson free throws after a Nakayla Lestina hoop and a Banks hoop-and-one got the lead down to 47-44. And even after Banks, relentless in the paint with a game-high 17 points, swished two more free throws with her unique jump-shot style, Jefferson (nine points) responded with a long deuce from the left corner that most fans thought was a three-pointer.

Full-court pressure, spearheaded by Simmons (eight points), produced one final push capped by a Mirabal layout off a Simmons no-look bounce pass through the lane. Simmons came up with a steal just after Dove Creek's inbounds pass, but was called for a reaching foul just as controversial as Strong's fifth – a standing rejection of an Ignacio shot, while taking a charge – had been.

Strong finished with 14 points, and senior Kayla Pribble added 13 – seven in the first-quarter outburst – for Dove Creek, who received just five points from its bench players. Ignacio (1-3, 1-3 SJB) received 17, led by Ribera's eight and Carley Hutchinson's five.

"I like the way our cards are stacked," said head coach Brice Searles. "The girls had gone through a pretty tumultuous week, and I'm proud of them for playing hard as they did."

Ignacio hits the road this week-end against Mancos (Jan. 15) and Telluride (Jan. 16), then returns for the non-league showdown against Pine River Valley rivals Bayfield on Jan. 19.

Ignacio back to 33-21.

Carley Hutchinson later answered a Strong try – her last basket as it would turn out – with one herself to cut the lead to 42-30. Ribera hit a free throw with 2:10 left to get the deficit back down to ten, 42-32, and Ignacio closed the quarter with Simmons' four-of-six at the foul line and a slick double-clutch layup from freshman Pam Cotton. The 11-0 run had shrank Dove Creek's lead to just 42-38.

And even if the Lady 'Cats were tired, their adrenaline wouldn't let them show it



photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

Ignacio's Mariah Vigil (33) stretches to snare a rebound away from Dove Creek senior Summer Davis during last Saturday's battle inside IHS Gymnasium. The Lady Bobcats took the No. 10 1A Lady Bulldogs down to the wire in a 53-51 loss, their first game of 2010.

# IJHS Girls Earn Super Second



photo Joel Priest/special to the DRUM

The Ignacio Junior High girls' "A" team finished their 2009 season with a solid 12-2 record. Both losses came against Norwood, the latter in the finale of the six-team SJBL Tournament held at IJHS. Ignacio defeated Dolores 23-13 to reach the championship, but fell to NJHS 31-23. Head coach Justa Whitt was impressed with her team's play, noting the contribution of several players promoted from the "B" squad (\*). Back row, l-r: Linda Hovland, Hailey Benevidez, Roshae Weaver, Shea Hanna\*, Whitt, Bailey Hutchinson, Cloe Seibel, Angela Herrera, Gabriella Garcia. Front row: Malli Benevidez, Christianne Valdez\*, Aspen Smith\*, Elle Seibel\*, July Stricherz\*, Marillee Cotton (sitting).

Ignacio's Cloe Seibel gets no free passage to the hoop against Dolores during the SJBL Junior High Tournament semifinals last month at IJHS. The host team finished their season with a 12-2 overall record and runner-up finish.

## Men's Basketball League

Male basketball players  
ages 16 and older

Games start Sunday,  
Jan. 24th, 2010  
Deadline to register is  
Fri., Jan. 22, 2010

Entry fee is \$250.00

To register your team or for more  
information contact  
Derek Rodriguez or RC Lucero  
at 970-563-0214 ext 2652.

## Jr. High Boys' Basketball 2010 Schedule

### January

9	Dove Creek, Ignacio, Ridgway	Dove Creek	10 AM
16	Ignacio, Dolores, Telluride	Ignacio	10 AM
23	Mancos, Ignacio, Ouray	Mancos	10 AM
30	Norwood, Ignacio, Nucla	Norwood	10 AM

### February

6	Dolores, Ignacio, Mancos	Dolores	10 AM
13	Ignacio, Dove Creek, Nucla	Ignacio	10 AM
16	Ignacio – Pagosa A,B,C	Pagosa	4 PM
20	League Tournament	Norwood	TBD
23	Escalante - Ignacio A,B	Ignacio	4 PM

\*All schedules are subject to change



## Lakes Landscape Travel Management Plan Implemented

**Media Release**  
San Juan Public Lands Center

New regulations have been finalized for changes in motorized use on the Columbine Ranger District as outlined in the Lakes Landscape Travel Management Plan. The Lakes Landscape consists of National Forest lands surrounding Lemon and Vallecito reservoirs, including areas east of the Missionary Ridge, west of the Piedra area and south of the Weminuche Wilderness boundary. The plan improves management of motorized-vehicle use on National Forest lands as required by the U.S. Forest Service Travel Management Rule. The travel management changes will not affect over-snow vehicles, such as snowmobiles.

A special order has been put in place requiring motorized vehicles to stay on designated roads and trails, which means that cross-country motorized travel is no longer allowed in the Middle Mountain and East Florida areas.

Motorized travel on trails in these areas is now allowed only where signs have been posted indicating motorized use is appropriate. In addition, forest roads and trails open to motorized uses may be restricted to specific types of use, such as motorcycles, vehicles less than or equal to 50 inches in width, or highway-legal vehicles.

Site-specific changes in the Lakes Travel Management Area include the following:

The Middle Mountain Road above Tuckerville remains open to motorized travel to the parking area below the overlook, but motorized use is no longer allowed past this point. Visitors can access the overlook via a short hike. This same section will be seasonally closed to motor vehicles from Dec. 1 to June 16 to protect bighorn sheep winter habitat and lambing seasons. Seasonal closures on other roads and trails in the Lakes Landscape have also been revised, and those closure dates vary.

The last 0.6 miles of the Red Creek Road is closed to motorized use. A parking area will be constructed at the new closure location to allow parking for foot access to hiking trails.

The last 1.5 miles of the Runlett Park Trail has been closed to motorized use.

All-terrain vehicles and unlicensed motorcycles are not allowed on East Vallecito Road (FR 603) and Florida Road (FR 596) between Florida and Transfer Park campgrounds. Only highway-legal vehicles can use these sections of road. Off-highway vehicles, including ATVs and motorcycles, will continue to be allowed on all other open Forest roads in the Lakes Landscape.

All of these regulations are illustrated on a new travel map available free to the public at the Columbine Ranger Station in Bayfield and the San Juan Public Lands Center in Durango. Violators risk federal fines and citations. For more information, call 970-884-2512.

## Express Your Opinions

### CCIA Ernest House Jr. Resigns



Mike-teguvan! (Hello, my friends!)

It's with mixed emotions that I announce my departure as executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. I have accepted a new and exciting challenge as the director of governmental affairs for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and my last official day will be Jan. 22. I have cherished the opportunity to be a voice on Indian Affairs issues within Colorado, and I will always be forever grateful for that opportunity. My wife and I have also recently found out that she is pregnant, so 2010 will definitely come with big changes (no pun intended).

To say that I loved my job was an understatement. It was more of an obsession than a profession, and I owe the great relationship between Colorado's American Indian community and the state to each of you. My work first as an intern and then five years as executive secretary has taught me more than I ever hoped

for during my tenure. To be able to be an advocate for my Tribe and others will always be a highlight throughout my career and an experience I will always take with me.

It has been an honor to be afforded the many opportunities to work with various conferences, groups and organizations to find solutions and agreements on issues facing our statewide American Indian community. I would like to thank the leadership and mentoring of those I have worked for and with under the Office of Lieutenant Governor. These individuals continue to show their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Colorado. I will be working with the Lieutenant Governor's Office and the CCIA Budget/Personnel Committee on a smooth transition and search to find the best candidate for the executive secretary position.

I believe we have made huge gains in Colorado for the first and continuous residents of Colorado. Together, we changed the stereotypical perception and outlook of the American Indian citizen, community and culture. These gains will only add to the strong foundation of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs.

Again, thank you for your time, commitment, and continued support for American Indian issues in Colorado.

Towaoc! (Thank you!)

Ernest House Jr.  
Executive Secretary,  
Colorado Commission of  
Indian Affairs

### Walkers Give Thanks

On behalf of Father's Voices and the Buckskin family, we would like to give thanks to all those who helped in making the Saa Swanis-hiswaqs Memorial New Years Day Sobriety Walk a success. We would first like to thank all the participants who braved the frosty morning weather and the challenging 10-mile walk to bring in the New Year in a good way on Jan. 1. We would like to thank Three Springs for donating the water; Don Howe for use of his home during one of our rest stops; Southern Ute Higher Education for the use of their building for our meal; SUPD and Los Pinos EMT; Clarence Smith and Blenda Ortiz for the use of their vehicles; Miracle, Oolcu and Brittney for driving; the Fort Lewis Buffalo Society for providing the buffalo and elk meat for the stew; and those who provided drinks for the meal.

The Buckskin family would also like to express our gratitude to Nova Dean Burch for providing the bread for the walkers. We have been grateful to be able to collaborate with Father's Voices and other community members to keep not only the memory of a dedicated community-oriented man, Saa Swanis-hiswaqs, strong, but also the many things he was dedicated to during his life, including building and maintaining unity and awareness in Native American Indian communities. Thank you all to have participated in the walk throughout the years.

To all our relations,  
The Buckskin family  
Fathers' Voices Inc.  
Shannon Brown, Robert Ortiz,  
Clarence Smith, Velma Armijo  
and Jason Hotchkiss

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Joel Flaugh

Job Title: Southern Ute Patrol Officer  
Description of Duties: Patrol reservation and keep everyone safe.  
Hobbies: Snowmobiling, four-wheeling, skydiving, hunting and fishing.  
Family: Wife - Melissa.



### Gina M. Cote

Job Title: Detention Officer  
Description of Duties: Security at Detention Center.  
Hobbies: Taking pictures.  
Comments: Thank you for this privilege!

**NEW**

# Shining Mountain Cafe & Rolling Thunder Grill

# LOYALTY CARDS

**NEW MENU at Rolling Thunder Grill!**

**Buy Any Entree or Lunch & Dinner Specials And Get A Stamp. Get 10 Stamps, Get A Free Meal! (Worth \$10 Dollars)**




Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion without prior notice. If you are 21 and older, please make sure to stop by the Bear Club Player Rewards Center and sign up to become a member.

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

**EDITORS NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE. The Southern Ute Drum accepts and encourages letters from its readers on any subject or issue whatsoever. We ask that letters submitted for publication be 500 words or less, and be signed by the writer. Letters deemed to be libelous or tasteless will not be published. Letters need to be signed and submitted to media manager for the Southern Ute Drum 970-563-0100 ext. 2255 or send an e-mail to astryker@southern-ute.nsn.us during normal business hours.**

## Memories and Wishes...

### Happy Birthday Krislynn Nikole Thompson On January 24th

From the time you were born, you've been precious to me and have brought me such joy as a mother, I'll cherish forever my memories of you growing up from one year to another... Your kindhearted ways, your gifts, and your talents have made me as proud as can be, And, just as important, the bond that's between us has always meant so much to me... I feel very fortunate having a daughter like you, And deep in my heart, I love you and wish you the best every day and throughout your life. I've sent a lucky birthday star, shooting through the skies to you so close your eyes... make a wish... and may all your birthday dreams come true.

With love your, Mom  
Happy Birthday My Dear Daughter!

Happy Birthday Velma 1/6!  
Happy Birthday Keelyn 1/7!  
Happy Birthday Miracle 1/25!

### In Loving Memory of Edward J. Whiteskunk, Jr., beloved father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle, and Friend

A year has gone by since you have passed onto the Spirit World. Words can't express how greatly you are missed and thought of. You were always a joy to be around and Brought happy memories to those around you. Wisdom, Laughter, Caring, Life and Love, Many Blessings you have given as a gift from the Lord above. We Miss your words, your voice, and your smiling face. We know that you are in Heaven with the Lord. Watching over us and protecting your loved ones. Although you are in a better place, we know we will see you again. We love you and miss you very much.  
Love Always and Forever,  
Your Three Children-Carol Dee, Katheryn, Henry, Grandchildren- Christen & Henry II The Whiteskunk Family & Many Relations

**Next Drum Jan. 29 DEADLINES**

Display/Classified Ads & Jobs Jan. 22

Stories & News, Announcements Wishes/B-Days! Jan. 25

**THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM**  
A bi-weekly newspaper, owned & operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Ignacio, Colorado.

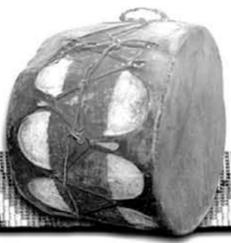
**SUBSCRIPTION RATES: \$12 Per Year • \$22 (2) Years**

PHONE: (970) 563-0100 • DIRECT: (970) 563-0118  
TOLL FREE: 1-800-772-1236 • FAX: (970) 563-0391

**MAILING ADDRESS & PHYSICAL ADDRESS**  
Southern Ute Drum • 356 Ouray Drive  
PO Box 737 #96 • LCB Building, 2nd Floor  
Ignacio, CO 81137 • Ignacio, Colorado

**DRUM STAFF EXTENSIONS & EMAIL ADDRESSES**  
Southern Ute Drum, (sudrum@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
Ace Stryker - Media Manager, Ext 2255 (astryker@southern-utensn.us)  
Jeremy Shockley - Reporter/Photographer, Ext 2252 (jshock@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
Robert Ortiz - Comp. Tech., Ext. 2253 (rortiz@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
Amy Barry - Special Events Coordinator, Ext 2251 (abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us)  
Andrea Taylor - T.I.S. Director, Ext. 2250 (actaylor@southern-ute.nsn.us)

The Southern Ute Drum does not assume responsibility for unsolicited material & does not guarantee publication upon submission.  
Published bi-weekly and mailed 1st class from Ignacio, CO.  
Printed by the Farmington Daily Times • Farmington, NM



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

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-151-PR  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Bertha Marie Grove, Deceased**  
NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO. GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 20th of November, 2009  
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk**

CO. GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 23rd of December, 2009  
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk**

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-PR-171  
NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Tammy Rose Porambo, Deceased**  
NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO. GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.  
**Dated this 5th day of January, 2010.  
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk**

**In the Legal Name Change Of, Case No.: 2009-231-NC  
NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE  
Crystal Rose Thompson, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Crystal Rose Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Crystal Rose Garmanez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **FEBRUARY 8, 2010 at 5:00PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.  
**Dated this 5th day of January, 2010.  
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk**



## Southern Ute Strengthening Families Health Program



**Southern Ute Family Court Support Office & Shining Mountain Diabetes Program**

**The Strengthening Families Health Program teaches skills that focus on your family's physical and emotional wellness. SFHP promotes closer relationships, effective communication, empathy and understanding, healthy nutrition, fitness, and family recreation. Learn family skills from caring and experienced trainers, in a supportive educational setting. Please join us for lots of learning and fun for the whole family!**

**Benefits for Teens & Kids...**

- Learn how to resist negative peer pressure.
- Develop personal goals and know how to make them happen.
- Have fun playing fitness games and activities with your family.

**For Parents...**

- Learn how to set limits and use appropriate discipline.
- Increase enjoyable and positive time with your children & teens.
- Improve coping skills and stress management.

**and Families!**

- Nurture your family's physical and emotional well being.
- Build closer relationships among family members.
- Communicate and foster your family's values and traditions.

**WHO**

Families with teens and younger children. All family members are welcome.

**WHAT**

Strengthening Families Health Program  
Dinner and childcare provided!  
Skills groups for Parents, Teens, and Children.

**WHEN**

Tuesday eves., 5:30-8:30 pm,  
January 26th - April 20, 2010

**WHERE**

SunUte Community Center  
290 Mouache Circle

**CALL TO REGISTER**  
563-0240, ext. 3255



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Oil and Gas Royalty Outreach Meetings

### Wednesday, January 27, 2010

BIA- Southern Ute Agency • 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
Ignacio Senior Center • 11:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

You are invited to come and have your Mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please plan to attend. For more information, contact John Roach of the Office of the Special Trustee at 970-563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Minerals Management Service toll free at 800-982-3226. We look forward to assisting you. Thank You.

## 2010 SOUTHERN UTE DRUM DEADLINES 2010

Classifieds, Jobs, Display Ads	Stories/Articles, Press Releases, Letters, Birthday/Holiday Wishes, Greetings	Distribution & Mailout
Dec 24	Dec 24 (New Year's Day, 1/1)	Dec 31*
Jan 8	Jan 11	Jan 15
Jan 22	Jan 25	Jan 29
Feb 5	Feb 8 (Valentine's Day, 2/14)	Feb 12
Feb 19	Feb 22	Feb 25*
Mar 5	Mar 8	Mar 12
Mar 19	Mar 22	Mar 26
Apr 2	Apr 5	Apr 9
Apr 16	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr 30	May 3 (Mother's Day, 5/9)	May 7
May 14	May 17 (Memorial Day, 5/31)	May 21
May 28	May 28	Jun 4
Jun 11	Jun 14 (Father's Day, 6/20)	Jun 18
Jun 25	Jun 28 (Independence Day, 7/4)	Jul 2
Jul 9	Jul 9	Jul 16
Jul 23	Jul 26	Jul 30
Aug 6	Aug 9	Aug 13
Aug 20	Aug 23 (Labor Day, 9/6)	Aug 27
Sep 3	Sep 3 (Grandparent's Day, 9/12)	Sep 10
Sep 17	Sep 20	Sep 24
Oct 1	Oct 4 (Cultural Diversity Day, 10/11)	Oct 8
Oct 15	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct 29	Nov 1 (Veteran's Day, 11/11)	Nov 5
Nov 10	Nov 15 (Thanksgiving, 11/25)	Nov 19
Nov 26	Nov 29	Dec 3
Dec 9	Dec 13 (Christmas, 12/25)	Dec 17
Dec 23	Dec 27 (New Year's Day, 1/1)	Dec 30*

\*Early Distribution Due To Holiday/Event

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM WILL NOT GUARANTEE PUBLICATION OF ANY MATERIAL SUBMITTED AFTER THE POSTED DEADLINES, AS TIME AND SPACE ARE VERY LIMITED! PLEASE SUBMIT EARLY TO ENSURE PUBLICATION! THE DRUM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT FOR GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND LABEL.

SOUTHERN UTE DRUM • PHONE (970) 563-0100/0118 • FAX: (970) 563-0391  
EMAIL: SUDRUM@SOUTHERN-UTE.NSN.US • MAIL: PO BOX 737 #96, IGNACIO, CO 81137  
ADDRESS: 356 OURAY DR., IGNACIO, CO • LEONARD C. BURCH BLDG. (2ND FLOOR)

# 10 QUESTIONS MINUTES

TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

**The Census: A Snapshot**

- What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

**A Complete Count:  
The Importance of Census Data**

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

**2010 Census Questionnaire:  
Easy, Important and Safe**

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.



**CENSUS HISTORY**

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

**ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU**

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.



**We move forward when you send it back.**

### 2010 Census Key Dates

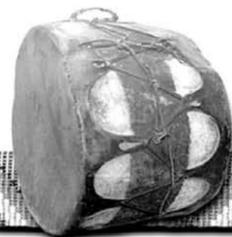
- February - March 2010**  
Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.
- March - April 2010**  
Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.
- April 1, 2010**  
CENSUS DAY
- May - July 2010**  
Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
- Dec. 31, 2010**  
By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.
- March 2011**  
By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**  
**A.** The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.
- Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?**  
**A.** In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).
- Q. How are census data used?**  
**A.** Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.
- Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**  
**A.** 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.
- Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**  
**A.** Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).





**Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements**

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

**Senior Accountant**

Closing Date 1/20/10 - GF Properties  
 Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis; prepares monthly financial reporting packages and provides annual audit support.

**Dispatcher/Concrete**

Closing Date 1/22/10 - Sky Ute Sand & Gravel Durango, CO. Coordination and dispatching of workers engaged in the manufacturing and delivery of redi-mix concrete and aggregate products, quote prices, schedule and input customer orders.

**Mechanic**

Closing Date 1/22/10 - Gallup Sand & Gravel  
 Provides maintenance of equipment in support of the Concrete and Aggregate Divisions operations. Maintaining equipment and providing documentation to management with daily maintenance activities.

**Oiler/Serviceman**

Closing Date 1/22/10 - Gallup Sand & Gravel  
 Provides maintenance of equipment in support of the Concrete and Aggregate Divisions operations.

Maintaining equipment and providing documentation to management with daily maintenance activities.

**Dispatcher/Concrete**

Closing Date 1/25/10 - Sky Ute Sand & Gravel Farmington, NM. Coordination and dispatching of workers engaged in the manufacturing and delivery of redi-mix concrete and aggregate products, quote prices, schedule and input customer orders.

**Manager/Fleet Maintenance**

Closing Date 1/25/10 - Sky Ute Sand & Gravel Durango, CO. Will provide general oversight and coordination of company maintenance operations and functions in regard to specific operating area; work directly with Aggregate Division and Redi-Mix Division. Areas of responsibility include compliance with policies and procedures, personnel management, and equipment maintenance.

**Assistant Controller**

Closing Date 1/26/10 - GF Properties  
 Assisting the Controller with accounting functions, to include supervision of assigned accounting staff, yearly audit responsibility, and assisting in the annual budgeting process.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements**

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396  
 \*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Clinical Director**

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

**Family Practice Physician**

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

**Patrol Officer**

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

**Detention Officer**

Closes 1/19/10 - Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

**Dental Assistant**

Closes 1/19/10 - Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions.

**Patrol Sergeant**

Closes 1/19/10 - Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of

the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department.

**Clinical Information Technologist**

Closes 1/20/10 - Under general direction of the Tribal Health Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center.

**Dispatcher**

Closes 1/20/10 - Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**Risk Coordinator**

Closes 1/20/10 - Assists the Risk Manager in all functions of Risk Management with an emphasis on workers' compensation, property and liability insurance.

**Water Quality Specialist**

Closes 1/26/10 - Under general supervision of the Water Quality Program Manager, provides assistance with the development and administering of the non-point source areas of the Water Quality Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA 319 grant, or other grant funds.

**Environmental Compliance Manager**

Closes 1/28/10 - Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.  
 \*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.

**SUIHA**

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority  
 760 Shoshone Ave. • PO Box 447 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: (970) 563-4575 • Fax: (970) 563-4417  
 Applications can be obtained at the SUIHA Office.

**Junior Accountant / Human Resource**

Closing Date - January 14, 2010  
 Bi-weekly payroll, benefits, tax filing 941's, 401k reporting and figuring, account reconciliations, and accounts payable knowledge. Knowledge of Indian housing laws and regulations a plus. 2 years minimum accounting/finance Human Resources experience or degree in related fields' reqd.  
 Southern Ute/Indian/Veteran preference. Please send a completed application and resume to Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity - Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Market Café"**

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

**Position Description:** Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: **Bar Training** (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls - exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier, Host(ess), Catering** (sales, service), **Cook/Line Cook, Marketing, Front of House (FOH) Management** (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), **Kitchen Management** (ordering, scheduling), **Server**.

**Goal:** The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer - possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience.

**Qualifications:** 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful - but not required.

**Additional Requirements:** Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café.

**Essay:** Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

**How To Apply:** Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe, PowWow Committee Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has 3 PowWow Committee member vacancies. Committee members 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 interested individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE GAMING COMMISSION VACANCY**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve one Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.
- All applicants will be subject to background investigations.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, April 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 970-563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

**Community Business Section**

*What does the New Year have in Store for You?*

**Intuitive Tarot Card Readings**

By Appointment

Call Debra 970 - 563 - 9359

**MOON'S CUSTOM CYCLES**  
 IGNACIO, CO

**Harley Davidson Specialists**

Machining, Dyno-Tuning, V-Twin Performance Parts, Metric, ATV, Personal Watercraft, Snow Accessories, Apparel, Motorcycles for Sale

Proud Supporter of Ignacio Bike Week '09

755 Goddard Avenue  
 Downtown, Ignacio  
 (970) 563-3666

www.moonscustomcycles.com

**MARY KAY®**

Marcella Quintana  
 Independent Beauty Consultant

P.O.B. 724  
 Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
 www.marykay.com/mquintana1  
 e-mail: diamondlady@frontier.net  
 970-563-9332  
 cell 970-759-6621

**IGNACIO Chiropractic**

**It's not normal to be in pain.**

If you or someone you know suffers with

- Back or neck pain
- Headaches
- Arthritis
- Muscle pain
- Sinus problems
- Auto/work accidents

Call the Ignacio Chiropractic Center now for relief of pain.

Eric J. Townsend, D.C.  
 (970) 563-0330  
 Fax (970) 563-0331  
 430 Goddard Ave.  
 Ignacio, CO 81137

**Action LOGO Embroidery**

Promotional Embroidery for Business - School Team Sports - Clubs - Personal - Including Hats - Shirts Jackets - Uniforms - Blankets - Bags - Accessories

Ignacio, Colorado - (970) 883-5346 (970)946-0164  
 action-logo.com

**FARMERS®**  
 farmers.com

Offering

- Auto • Home • Life • Business
- Mutual Funds\* • Variable Universal Life\*
- Variable Annuities\* • IRAs and 401(k)s\*
- 529 College Savings Plans\*

46 Eaton Drive, Ste.#7, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

**(970) 731-5258**

\* Securities offered through Farmers Financial Solutions, LLC Member FINRA & SIPC

**Kirk Becker**  
 Insurance and Financial Services Agent

**Pagosa Smiles**

**Drs. Glenn and Jordan Rutherford**  
 970- 731-DOCS

Implants, Invisalign, Veneers & Whitening, Sedation, Root Canals, Dentures & Partials, Children Welcome, Extractions, Digital X-rays Off Piedra Road www.PagosaSmiles.com

**Durango Trophy & Awards**

Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons, Medals, Acrylics, Crystal, Awards, Name Badges, Name Plates, Corporate Awards, Rubber Stamps & Engraved Signs

**Frank T. Clark, CRS**  
 FREE DELIVERY

500 CR 215  
 Durango, CO 81303

(970) 259-4581  
 Fax:(970) 259-4210  
 Cell (970)769-6016

www.durangotrophy.com  
 Email: info@durangotrophy.com

**Marcella's Gifts & more**  
 "The little store with a big surprise"  
 Jewelry-pottery-chilie-Religious art  
**Marcella Quintana**  
 Owner

355 Goddard Avenue  
 pob 724  
 Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
 phone: 970-563-0266  
 cell #970-759-6621  
 diamondlady@frontier.net  
 Hrs : tues-sun 10-7 pm closed Mon



# Walking Into 2010 "In a Good Way" With Sobriety Walk



The Saa Swanis-hiswaqs Memorial New Years Sobriety Walk ushered in 2010 with 20 participants taking to the road as a way of bringing in the new year in a "good way" on Jan. 1st. Clockwise from top left: Cynthia Buckskin shows off her "frosty" highlights at the first rest stop (2.5 miles) of the first leg of the walk. The walkers on the first leg just south of the new Mexico/Colorado state-line, all bundled and weathering the winter morning chill. The final downhill slope of the "End of the Trail" road, just before the walk ended at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery just east of Ignacio. Brandon Mills, in the blue jacket led the walkers into the final reststop, (8.5 miles) at the Sky Ute Events Center on CR 151, as the walkers entered town many drivers waved and smiled. The Buckskin Family, (l-r) Brian, Oolcu, Mamakwa, Cynthia and Keyana were all smiles finishing the walk and carrying on what Saa-sawanis Hiswaqs began some 23 years ago, along with his vision of an alcohol free American Indian Community.

photos courtesy/Robert Ortiz and Miracle Ortiz

## Bowling Social a Perfect Strike



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Members of Ignacio's education community enjoy a game of bowling during the Southern Ute Education Department's first-ever New Year's bowling social. About 120 parents, teachers and other school staff turned out for the games, free food and door prizes. Vice President Toby Roderick of the Ignacio School Board, above at left, said he appreciated the chance to interact with parents outside of school.

## Tribal Calendars Now Available

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2010



Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2010 Calendar

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Southern Ute Tribal Information Services  
Organized by Amy Barry/Southern Ute Public Relations  
Photography by Jeremy Wade Shockley/Southern Ute Drum  
Design & Layout by Robert L. Ortiz/Southern Ute Drum  
Editing by Ace Stryker/Southern Ute Drum  
Printing by BASIN Printing & Imaging  
All photographs are property of the Southern Ute Drum.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2010 Calendars are now available through the Southern Ute Drum! Calendars have been mailed to all Tribal members, 18 and older, and Tribal departments. Extra calendars are available for \$10 each. For more information, stop by the Drum offices on the second floor of the Leonard C. Burch Building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 970-563-0119.