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Tribal Voters Elect Olguin and Eagle

By Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The Election Board read the tally of votes of the 2010 Southern Ute Run-off Election in Council Chambers on Dec. 15. The numbers being certified by Tribal Council reflected a majority of voters favored James Michael "Mike" Olguin who along with Ramona Eagle gathered the two highest number of votes to assume the vacant council seats of Steve Herrera, Sr. and Ramona Eagle.

Newly elected Councilman James Olguin took his oath-of-office before Tribal Council, Tribal membership, administrative staff, family, friends and supporters, and was sworn in by Chief Judge Elaine Newton. Ramona Eagle also was sworn in by Judge Newton to reassume her seat on council for another three-year term.

Mr. Olguin had worked for the Tribe for 32 years, and had served on Tribal Council in 2000. He also had served as Executive Officer in the passing of the late Gerald Howe, and again to fill the remaining term of Marvin Cook. Olguin had also worked as Wildlife officer and later became the Supervisor of Wildlife and eventually the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.



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Mike Olguin (left) and Ramona Eagle (right) were both sworn into office of the Tribal Council by Chief Judge, Elaine Newton on Dec. 13 in council chambers. The signing of the legal documents preceded the swearing in, followed by comments from Council and attendees of the ceremony. A breakfast reception was held in the Hall of Warriors following the swearing-in.

Official numbers from the Southern Ute Election Board: James M. Olguin 182, Ramona eagle 176, Janelle Raye Doughty 154 and Steve R. Herrera, Sr. 116. According to the Election Code, the candidates with the highest number of votes are James M. Olguin and Ramona Eagle. these two candidates are the newly elected tribal Council members.

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Box Recall Vote Fails on Low Turnout

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute tribal members made the choice to retain Matthew J. Box as chairman on Dec. 3 by, in large part, not showing up to vote.

According to the Constitution, a majority of registered voters – 423 of the 844 currently on the rolls – must cast a ballot, and the majority of votes cast must be in favor of the motion, for a recall to pass. But it failed by a wide margin on the former requirement, drawing a little more than 300 votes in total, the Election Board told the Southern Ute Tribal Council during a meeting Dec. 6.

"This requirement ... was not met, since a total of 308 votes in person and absentee were cast," stated the memo read to Tribal Council. "The recall election failed."

The Election Board did not release the number of "yes" and "no" votes the measure received, simply saying it failed to attract the required number of minimum voters to pass.

Legally, Box is safe from recall for another year, which virtually covers the remainder of his term in office. But some council members asked whether the council could proceed under a different article in the Constitution that allows the council to vote among itself for his removal.

"The membership is not being heard with regard to some of the issues that have been brought forward with the recall," Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie said. "Is it possible for council members to move for removal?"

Monte Mills, director of the Legal Department, explained the Constitution requires that a letter explaining concerns about Box



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Election Board Chair, Susan Williams dutifully marks on the board indicating a 'yes or no' vote as part of the tallying-of-the votes during the Recall Election to recall Chairman Matthew Box held at SunUte Community Center, Dec. 3.

be given to him 10 days before any meeting in which a removal motion is made.

Dutchie said he believes the chairman is abusing his position for personal gain, including accepting gifts valued at over \$100 – a constitutional no-no. She also said it was inappropriate when Box appeared on KSUT radio to ask his supporters to stay home during the vote, helping keep turnout low.

"Chairman Box has obstructed the process ... by going on the radio and telling people not to

vote," she said. "It was unethical, uncalled for."

Dutchie raised concerns about Box being chairman and Bear Dance chief concurrently, saying he should "step down out of respect." She chided the chairman for what she considered disrespect toward other council members – including an incident in which, she said, Box called her "nosey" for asking questions during a meeting.

Box refuted that claim.

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Master of Ceremonies, Kenny Frost (with microphone) along with members of past Tribal Council, Tribal Elders and members of the Chapel design team, were on hand during the dedication of the Multi-purpose and Memorial Chapel, on Dec. 7. The new chapel sits on the grounds of what used to be the red recreation hall, just north of the softball fields. Pictured left to right, design team member Leonora Burch, former Tribal Council member Vida Peabody, Kenny Frost, Tribal elder San Jean Burch and design team member Andrea Taylor. More photos on page 8.

New Multi-purpose Facility, Chapel 40 Years in Making

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

"This was our dream."

So tribal elder Kenny Frost closed his remarks during the grand opening and dedication of the new Multi-purpose and Memorial Chapel at Ute Park in Ignacio.

On Dec. 7, some 40 years after talks first began of a place for tribal members to gather and visit with one another, that dream became reality. The new facility offers space for meetings, meals, weddings, funerals and other events to tribal members free of charge.

"We fought long and hard for this," said Sanjean Burch, an elder and former Southern Ute

Tribal Council member. "I'd like to dedicate this to the past elders that served with us."

Burch said there has been interest in developing a multi-purpose facility dating back to the 1970s, but, until recently, "It never happened."

The facility is divided into two buildings: one with a large meeting hall, smaller conference rooms, a reception area and a kitchen; the other primarily a large circular room for religious and traditional events.

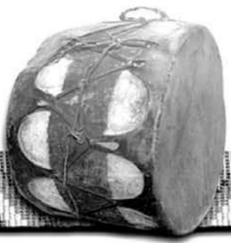
"This chapel can be a place to honor our loved ones," Burch said. The building will also pay homage to the local environment, featuring a mural of a nature scene by artist Jamie Woodard of Colorado Springs, Colo.

"This is for you. This is your building. This is the grounds you can use to have your gathering," said former Council Lady Vida Peabody, who also spoke during the opening. "It's a good way to start a new year."

Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie said the council will work on passing a resolution stating the facility is to be available for fee-free use to tribal members.

Tribal elder Elwood Kent offered a blessing on the new facility. Members of the Southern Ute Royalty also introduced themselves and expressed hope that it will benefit future generations of tribal members.

Following the opening and a lunch, the adjacent Patrick Silva Field was also dedicated.



Tribal Update

Life Skills Classes Offered

The Education Department is offering the following classes. For more information or to sign up, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

"Youth Holiday Crafts." Classes are for Southern Ute families. There will be a class on how to make Christmas wreaths from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 20 at the Education Department for tribal-member youth 9-12. Students will learn how to make wreaths for the holidays. The deadline to sign up for class will be Friday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Class is limited to 10 youth. Supplies will be purchased according to how many students sign up.

"Pies, Pies, Pies." Classes are for Southern Ute families. A class will be held on Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon for tribal-member youth 9-12. Students will learn how to make pumpkin pies for the holidays. The deadline to sign up for the class is Friday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Class is limited to 10 youth. Supplies will be provided according to the number of students who sign up.

Education Announces GED Test Dates: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

SUCAP Announces Meetings Dates

SUCAP Board will be meeting at noon, Jan. 6, 2011 at the Los Pinos Fire Protection District/Ignacio office. Johnson O'Malley will have their next regular meeting Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building - 330 Burns Avenue.

SUPD to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoints

The Southern Ute Police Department and the Ignacio Police Department will be conducting Sobriety Checkpoints this Holiday Season. The checkpoints will be within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation or within the city limits of the Town of Ignacio. Please drive safe and sober during Christmas and New Years and enjoy the holidays.

Road Runner Announces Holiday Closures

The Ignacio and bayfield routes will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and will be closed again on Friday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2011 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Jan. 3. Have a happy holidays and thank you.

Holiday Closures

Tribal Offices Closed
 Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec. 24.
 Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 27.
 New Years: Friday, Dec. 31.
 Normal business hours will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

Tribal Council Christmas Break
 Monday, Dec. 20 – Friday, Dec. 24.
 Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 27.

School Closures
 Monday, Dec. 20 – Monday, Jan. 3,
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Settlement Reached in Native American Class-action Lawsuit

Tim Heydinger
Southern Ute Tribal Court

Marilyn and George Keepseagle have ranched in South Dakota for decades. In 1999 the Keepseagles sued the federal government. Their lawsuit claimed the Department of Agriculture ("USDA") discriminated against Native Americans by denying them equal access to credit through the USDA's Farm Loan Program.

The Keepseagle lawsuit proceeded as a class action. In other words, the Keepseagles were acting on behalf of all Native

Americans who were denied equal access to credit through the Farm Loan Program.

Last month a settlement agreement was reached in the case. Under the terms of the agreement the government will pay \$680 million in damages to class members for losses suffered as a result of the USDA's actions. In addition, the USDA will forgive up to \$80 million in outstanding debt currently owed by class members.

Local Native American farmers and ranchers may be part of the plaintiff class, and may be entitled to monetary relief. You may be part of the class if you are

a Native American farmer or rancher who:

Farmed or ranched, or attempted to farm or ranch, between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999, AND

Tried to get a loan from the USDA during that time, AND

Complained to the USDA about discrimination, orally or in writing.

If you think you may be part of the member class, you need to take action. A website has been set up to answer questions, to register as a member of the class, and to receive a claims package. Please visit www.indianfarmclass.com.



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Notice is given that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 372, et seq., as implemented by 43 C.F.R. part 30, hearings will be held, testimony will be taken and evidence received for the purposes of administering the following estates:

Place: BIA Southern Ute Agency, 383 Ute Road, Building 1, BIA Conference Room, Ignacio, CO 81137
Date: Thursday, January 13, 2011

Case Number	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Will Date if Applicable	Time of Hearing
P00078882IP	ANN WILLIAM BETTINI	07/19/2009	01/24/2005	08:30 AM
P00075535IP	EVERETT WHITE MORNING STAR BURCH	11/11/2008	NONE	09:00 AM
P00073160IP	ANTHONY CLOUD BURCH	10/31/2008	09/05/2008	09:30 AM
P00076329IP	FREDELLA ALCINA SILVA	03/03/2009	NONE	10:00 AM
P00040269IP	IDA KENT	05/04/2006	04/18/2003	10:30 AM
P00078883IP	ANTHONY PINNECOOSE TOBIAS SR	07/20/2009	NONE	11:00 AM
P00083203IP	DARVIN JEROME ROCK	01/13/2010	NONE	11:30 AM
P00076328IP	VERA MAE SAGE	01/27/2009	NONE	01:00 PM
P00076327IP	LEVI DEE BAKER	09/18/2008	NONE	01:30 PM
P00040263IP	WILLIAM SALAZAR THOMPSON	04/21/2006	01/05/1999	02:00 PM
P00075738IP	KATHERINE ROSE THOMPSON	03/12/2009	NONE	02:30 PM
P00069551IP	JOHN CHAD WILLIAMS	05/16/2008	NONE	03:00 PM
P00072846IP	DAVID BENT BOX	10/26/2008	06/18/2003	03:30 PM
P00076441IP	ELDRED ALVIN VIGIL JR	11/01/2008	NONE	04:00 PM

All persons having an interest in an estate, including creditors, are notified to be present in person or by attorney and furnish evidence as they may desire. **Failure to appear may result in loss of rights by default.**

If necessary, one or more Hearings may be continued to another time and place.

The names and addresses of all known presumptive heirs, devisees, will witnesses, claimants and other interested parties may be found on the reverse side of each individual Notice of Hearing or from the Agency.

Michael Stancampiano
INDIAN PROBATE JUDGE

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Mar 4	Mar 7	Mar 11
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Apr 29	May 2 (Mother's Day, 5/8)	May 6
May 13	May 16	May 20
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Jul 22	Jul 25	Jul 29
Aug 5	Aug 8	Aug 12
Aug 19	Aug 22	Aug 26
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Sep 16	Sep 19	Sep 23
Sep 30	Oct 3 (Cultural Diversity Day, 10/10)	Oct 7
Oct 14	Oct 17	Oct 21
Oct 28	Oct 31	Nov 4
Nov 10	Nov 14 (closed Fri. 11/11, Veterans Day)	Nov 18
Nov 23	Nov 28 (closed Thu. 11/24, Fri. 11/25, Thanksgiving)	Dec 2
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Herrera and Eagle Receive Accolades and Give Thanks



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"Let it be known the role of the chairman is to conduct the meetings only," Dutchie said. "We [the Tribal Council] are the governing body, the decision makers."

Each council member said after accepting the Election Board's memo that today's Southern Ute government lacks the communication and cooperation necessary to reach its potential. Council Lady Ramona Eagle said she hopes the recall vote serves as a warning to Box.

"We should be able to give Chairman Matthew Box a chance if he listens," she said. "Hopefully the chairman will wake up and realize this is not something you play with."

Eagle said the council may exercise its right to try to remove Box from office if the situation doesn't improve.

In his own defense, Box said the reality of serving on the council is that translating great ideas into reality isn't always easy.

"We're in a time where we're progressive in a way, and we don't

have a lot of time for mistakes, for sure," he said. "It's not easy, but I'm young enough not to give up. I'm young enough to keep a strong heart, a positive spirit."

Box said he was grateful to those tribal members who didn't vote, adding "Not voting was a vote for me to be here, so I appreciate it."

Rick Jefferson, who helped organize the petition to recall Box, said he was "dismayed at the voter turnout." He said Box's appearance on KSUT amounted to "successfully interfering with the democratic process."

Vice-chairman Jim Newton Jr. concurred that Tribal Council must do a better job of working together. Constant bickering among council members makes the Southern Ute Indian Tribe a target for outside criticism, he said.

"When it's all said and done, the non-Indians look at us and they laugh at us," he said. "It's embarrassing. As leadership, we need to step up."

Councilman Steven R. Herrera Sr. agreed with the need for

change, but asked fellow council members to share part of the blame for lax cooperation.

"It's not just the chairman," he said. "I'm tired of operating in this manner. ... [The voters have] sent a big message to all of us, and that is to get over this B.S. and do what you're supposed to do."

Councilman Alex Cloud said he hopes his colleagues can accept the results of the recall and move on, learning to work together.

"I'm hoping ... that we can get past this," he said. "The majority of times, Tribal Council sticks together and we get a lot of things done."

He did, however, acknowledge the unrest within the tribal community.

"There is something that needs to be done, because the membership is not happy out there," he said.

Council Lady Marjorie Borst summed up the meeting thusly: "We need to turn a new leaf over and say, 'Hey, we need to work together.'"

Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box (above) commended out-going Southern Ute Council members Ramona Eagle (center) and Steve Herrera Sr., (right) on a job well done during their respective three-year term, which officially ended on Dec. 13. A light reception was held in their honor as words of encouragement and appreciation were shared in the Hall of Warriors of the Leonard C. Burch Building. Blankets were draped over the shoulders of both Steve and Ramona as customary and each shared words of thanks expressing gratitude to staff members. Council members, Jim Newton Jr., Marjorie Borst and Joycelyn Dutchie were also on hand to honor and say express their thanks and say-goodbyes to the council members they once stood side-by-side during their time on council.



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Social Services' Christmas Spirit



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Division of Social Services (below) was contacted by tribal member Janelle Doughty who indicated that she has a friend who works for Burlington Coat Factory and Burlington offered to donate winter coats for infants and youth of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Division is distribution coats to all of their foster care children and all children participating in the Tribal CCDF program.

Social Services staff members (above, left to right), Velma Armijo, Heather White Thunder, Rafaela Clay and parent Tahseanna Howe busily wrapped gifts as part of the gift-wrapping party on Dec. 9. The Division invited parents, kin, guardians, and caregivers to help wrap Christmas presents for their clients.



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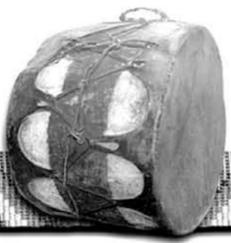
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Of Four Corners Interest

Public Meetings About the Animas River Trail North Extension

Because of continued community interest in the extension of the Animas River Trail north from 32nd Street to the northern City limits, the City is sponsoring a series of public meetings. Updated information will be posted on the City website at www.durangogov.org and can be accessed by clicking on Animas River Trail North Extension under "Items of Interest". For additional information, please contact Scott McClain, trail project manager at 970-375-7322, Kevin Hall, Natural Lands, Trails and Sustainability Director at 970-375-7315, or Cathy Metz, Parks and Recreation Director at 970-375-7329. Below is an overview of the meeting date, time and general discussion topics.

January 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center

- Presentation and discussion with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on the following topics:
- Summary of updated issues and concerns to date and the staff response.
- Overview of the analysis of the alternative routes.
- No decisions will be made at this meeting regarding the trail alignment.

January 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center

- Public Open House beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by a staff presentation at 5:30 p.m.
- Overview of issues and concerns and the staff response.
- Overview of the analysis of alternative routes for the extension of the Animas River Trail north of 32nd Street, including a staff recommendation.
- Public input encouraged.
- Recommended next steps will be discussed.

Christmas for a Soldier



photo courtesy Kristine McSweeney/Ignacio Elementary School

The AWESOME Ignacio Elementary schools' students have adopted a soldiers for Christmas. All students in the school were asked to bring an item that could be shipped to these men in time for Christmas. These service men are Casey Barnum-Kansas, Brian Nelson- Iraq, Hudson Griggs- training marine base, Cody Lopez- Japan, Timothy Black-Afghanistan. All of these service men are local in LaPlata County.

Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

Children huddle around Santa for their chance to tell him what they want for Christmas at the "Taste of Christmas" in the town plaza in downtown Ignacio. This photo first appeared in the Dec. 15, 2000, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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20 Years Ago

This picture appeared in the Dec. 21, 1980 issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*. The picture was used as part of a collage of images depicting "Winter Fun" around Ignacio. None of the individuals were identified.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 21, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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30 Years Ago

A group of Southern Ute children lead the singing of Christmas carols at the annual Southern Ute Christmas Program.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 19, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

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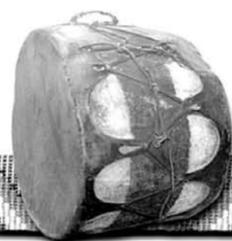
Ute Language

Uvwavì - Soup

Aachì - Bowl

Paana - Bread

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



The Kidney Corner: The Importance of Dosing Meds

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates



In the late 18th century, a British physician called William Withering was making his rounds in his home town of Birmingham, England, when he came upon a woman with "dropsy", a condition of swelling due to fluid retention. Although the causes of dropsy were not well understood at that time, most cases were likely due to the problem we now call congestive heart failure, in which fluid is retained due to poor function of the heart. Dr Withering noted that his patient was markedly improved after taking a folk remedy containing foxglove plants. He started using this plant, also called "digitalis", to treat other patients with heart failure with good results. The active ingredient of digitalis, now called digoxin, remains a valuable medication for some kinds of heart disease to this day.

Dr Withering also discovered another important property of his newly discovered medicine: that taking too much could cause severe side effects including heart rhythm disturbance and even death. He tried to make this clear to his colleagues who tended to overuse digitalis in high doses,

believing that higher doses would yield better results. We would do well to remember these important lessons for our use of medicines in the modern world.

To take another example, warfarin ("Coumadin") is an anticoagulant medicine used to prevent the blood from easily forming clots. It is used in patients with artificial heart valves, leg vein blood clots and some types of irregular heart rhythm. Patients on warfarin need to have a blood test done frequently to monitor how much the blood is anticoagulated using a test called the "INR". If the INR is too low, the blood is liable to clot, and this can have dire consequences, for example formation of a clot on the artificial heart valve. On the

other hand, if the INR is too high, the patient can have potentially life-threatening bleeding. So, with warfarin, like almost all other medications, it's important to find the "sweet spot" where the dose is just right for that patient to maximize the benefit and minimize the risk.

The same is true of most medicines, including those that I use to treat kidney disease. Although some are more "forgiving" than others, allowing a wide range of safe levels (we describe these drugs as having a "wide therapeutic window"), we are constantly looking for the best dose for a given patient. And there is essentially no medicine that does not cause problems when the dose is too high for a particular patient. Sometimes it is hard to know what dose is the best without a certain amount of "trial and error", trying different doses to find that which is best tolerated and most efficacious.

So, the saying "if a little is good, a lot must be better" is NOT true for almost all medicines. Always take the dose prescribed by your doctor, and remember that even safe medicines have an upper dose above which they are likely to cause problems.

Adults Having Contact with Infants Should Get Pertussis Vaccination

Media Release
Colorado Department of
Public Health and Education

With holiday gatherings of family and friends just around the corner, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is recommending that adults who will have contact with infants, give those kids the gift of protection by having themselves vaccinated against pertussis. Colorado is among several states that have seen a notable increase in the number of pertussis (whooping cough) cases reported this year.

The state health department recommends people who are caring for an infant or are a member of a household with an infant, should be vaccinated. This includes

- all adult infant care providers including adults age 65 and older;
- under-immunized preadolescents (ages 7-10 years).

People should contact their pharmacy, health care provider's office or local public health agency for vaccinations.

Joni Reynolds, director of the state's Immunization Program at the Department of Public Health and Environment, said, "Pertussis is a highly contagious disease, making unimmunized or incompletely immunized infants particularly vulnerable. By vaccinating family members and those who live or work around these young children, we better protect infants and young children."

Reynolds explained that pertussis affects the airways and may be milder in adolescents

and adults, especially those who have been vaccinated. However, pertussis can cause severe illness especially in young infants, and in rare cases can be fatal. Babies cannot begin the first of the three recommended pertussis infant vaccinations until they are at least 6 weeks old, which is why it is important for adults who are caring for infants to be vaccinated.

To combat pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, the department developed the Colorado Circle of Protection program. The program's goal is to increase Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccinations among health care workers, parents of newborns and family members, or others who have close contact with infants and young children.

American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunities

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The Risks of Carbon Monoxide

Peter Dietrich
Southern Ute Environmental Programs

In the winter months there are certain things that become more important than at other times in the year. Obviously people are indoors more, the heater is on most of the time, and generally more cooking is being done. As temperatures drop, different health concerns arise and a very important and often overlooked issue is that of carbon monoxide poisoning. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, toxic gas that can accumulate in homes that have natural gas or propane heat and appliances (furnace, water heater, and oven/stovetop). CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America and the Center for Disease Control estimates that CO poisoning claims

nearly 500 lives and causes over 15,000 hospital visits each year. Early symptoms of CO poisoning are headaches, dizziness, nausea, and fatigue. Given these very common symptoms CO poisoning is often mistaken for a cold or the flu. Carbon monoxide accumulates in your heart, brain, and lung tissue and prolonged exposure can cause damage to these vital organs and even death. The most susceptible are infants, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with chronic obstructive lung disease. Recent studies have also shown that prolonged CO exposure is linked to learning disabilities. Treatment for CO poisoning is high-dose oxygen and in some cases hyperbaric pressure chambers if available.

As serious and as common as CO poisoning is, the remedy is

actually quite simple. If you have natural gas or propane heat or appliances a simple check of how well the flame is burning is the first step. Just like a carburetor on an older engine needs to be tuned for the engine to run well, the mixture of gas and air to an appliance or furnace needs to be properly calibrated as well. Most appliances are set to operate at sea level and need to be recalibrated to operate at our elevation. And just like the Bunsen Burners most of us used in our high school science classes, the flame on a furnace or appliance needs to be adjusted to burn efficiently. Carbon monoxide, as well as other toxins such as oxides of nitrogen occurs when the flame is not adjusted correctly. A properly adjusted flame should emit carbon dioxide (harmless) and water vapor.

2011 Southern Colorado Cow Elk Hunt Raffle

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Health & Wellness Powwow Committee

Prize: (1) One Cow Elk Tag

Actual hunt will be January 8 -16, 2011 (Sandoval)

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On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
Ignacio, Colorado

TWO Drawings: Friday December 31, 2010 at the annual
"Health & Wellness Powwow"

Held at the Ignacio High School Gym in Ignacio, Colorado

*Need not be present to win *Winner will be contacted by phone on 01/04/2011

TICKETS: \$5 a piece

Available at:

Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy
Ignacio, Colorado

For more information: Robert (Dude) Perry 970-563-0100 ext. 3264



Tag's Courtesy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe & Southern Ute Wildlife Division
Contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130 with any questions regarding the hunt

New Year's Celebration Powwow

Dances:
Potato
Round
Switch

Honorings
Cake Walk
Raffles
50/50

Gourd Dance 12pm
Dinner Break 6pm
Grand Entry 7pm

Intertribals 8pm
Blessings 11:45
Happy New Year 12am

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, at Ignacio High School Gym

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PowWow Information: 970-563-0269

Vanessa Carel: 970-749-4319 or 970-563-1230, Neida Ray: 970-903-2996 or 970-563-0172



Bobcats of the Month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for December for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn. Left to right from top left are Camron Doyebi, Ethan Richards, Helaina Taylor, Jace Carmenoros, Jerricka Rarrick, Jesus Diaz, Lance Smith, Marisa Carmenoros, Sharlena Whyte, Sie Chackee and Odyssey Baker-Silva.

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Songs of the Season



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Kindergarten students sang songs of the season during their annual Christmas program. The program was held at the Ignacio Elementary school to an audience of teachers and parents who filled the auditorium. School principal Karl Herr emceed the program.

Students Rally for Families



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio Intermediate School held its annual sharing tree canned food drive, which came to an end on December 15th. With miss Leland's class well in the lead, four of her students, Payton Lyon, Nick Garrison, Kiana Jo Valdez, and Issiah Jacket, volunteered to show off their goods on Tuesday morning. The participating classrooms collected over 800 items as the drive came to a close. One year, the IIS Sharing tree food drive collected a total of over 1,700 items. Ms Ali hopes to bring in a lot more food items on the final day, as the winning classrooms are rewarded for their efforts, and the competition is serious.

Ignacio Invitational Knowledge Bowl Meet Results

High School LEAGUE Results

Place	Team	Score
1st	Ourray-A	71
2nd	Ourray-B	61
3rd	Dolores #1	57
4th	Dolores #2	52
5th	Telluride	51
6th	Ourray-C	46
7th	Mancos #1	44
8th	Mancos #3	39

Junior High OVERALL Results

Place	Team	Score
1st	Mancos #1	59
2nd	Escalante	52 (non-league)
overall second		
3rd	Ignacio #3	51
4th	Miller	49 (non-league)
overall fourth		
5th	Dolores #1	47
6th	Dolores #2	42
7th	Ignacio #1	38
8th	Mancos #2	37
9th	Ignacio	39
10th	Norwood #1	35
11th	Mancos #2	25

Junior High LEAGUE Results

Place	Team	Score
1st	Mancos #1	59
2nd	Ignacio #3	51
3rd	Dolores #1	47
4th	Dolores #2	42
5th	Ignacio #1	38
6th	Mancos #2	37
7th	Ourray	35
8th	Ignacio #2	23
9th	Ourray	35
10th	Ignacio #2	23

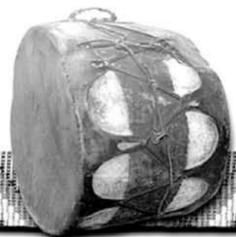
6th Grade LEAGUE Results

Place	Team	Score
1st	Ignacio #1	53
2nd	Ignacio #2	52
3rd	Ignacio #3	51
4th	Dolores	50
5th	Mancos #1	49
6th	Mancos #2	47
7th	Ourray	44
8th	Norwood	36

6th Grade OVERALL Results

Place	Team	Score
1st	Miller #1	64 (non-league)
2nd	Miller #2	60 (non-league)
3rd	Miller #3	59 (non-league)
4th	Miller #4	58 (non-league)
5th	Ignacio #1	53
6th	Ignacio #2	52
7th	Ignacio #3	51
8th	Dolores	50
9th	Mancos #1	49
10th	Mancos #2	47
11th	Ourray	44
12th	Norwood	36





Silva Fields Rededicated



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

A small group of people, consisting mostly of family, were on hand for the re-dedication of the softball fields, in the name of Patrick Silva. The fields were remodeled a number of years ago and a bat handle was found during the moving of dirt, and the name on the bat handle was that of Patrick Silva. The fields originally consisted of two fields, the north and south fields, however during construction of the Multi-purpose Facility and Chapel, the north field was lost. Southern Ute Tribal elder Kenny Frost, said a prayer for the family and offered tobacco for the blessing of the grounds.

Durango to Build Sports Complex at Fort Lewis College

Media Release
City of Durango

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board has awarded \$700,000 in Lottery funds to the City of Durango to help construct a multi-use sports complex at Fort Lewis College.

"The new multi-use fields at Fort Lewis College will address a critical shortage of turf grass in the community for sports and recreational events," said Cathy Metz, Durango's Parks and Recreation Director. "The GOCO grant and community partnerships with Fort Lewis College, the Durango Youth Soccer Association, Durango Lacrosse, the Southwest Colorado Youth Football Association and the Hillcrest Golf Club have enabled the City to proceed with this

important project."

Working with Fort Lewis College, the City of Durango will build a complex with three full-sized athletic fields and one field geared towards athletes under the age of 14, a restroom building and parking for 240 cars on roughly 16 acres of College-owned land on the northeast portion of campus. The multi-use complex will help accommodate a growing demand youth and adult soccer, lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee programs. The City will enter into a long-term lease with Fort Lewis College to develop, maintain and use the property.

Fifty-five projects in 32 counties across Colorado were awarded GOCO/Lottery grants totaling more than \$24 million by the GOCO Board at its meeting on

December 8. The projects will enhance outdoor recreation opportunities, create plans for future projects and protect 13,595 acres of open space. GOCO received 108 applications requesting approximately \$40 million.

GOCO is the result of a citizens' initiative that was passed by 58% of the voters in 1992. It receives approximately half of Colorado Lottery proceeds—\$56.4 million in Fiscal Year 2010. It awards grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado State Parks. More than 3,100 projects have benefited from GOCO grants since 1994. Since 1994, projects in La Plata County have been awarded \$8.6 million in GOCO grants.

LPEA Launches On-line Outage Viewer

Media Release
La Plata Electric Association

To better inform members in the event of an electrical outage, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) has initiated an on-line Outage Viewer. Those interested can follow outages in LPEA's service territory in "real time."

"This is a next step as we continue to improve our Outage Management System (OMS)," said Ron Meier, manager of engineering. "We've had an internal outage viewer utilized by LPEA operations, customer service and communications, but the new viewer is user-friendly for the general public."

The Outage Viewer displays a Google-earth type map of LPEA's service territory. In the event of an outage, colored squares and polygons appear on the map at the outage location(s), and indicate the number of electric meters out of power. A feature also allows those interested to "zoom in" on a spe-

cific location or neighborhood. The map is updated every five minutes, and when an outage is resolved, the colored blocks disappear from the map.

"One joke we've heard is, well the power's out, how can we use our computers," said Mindy Potter, engineering IT specialist who researched and implemented the OMS over the past several years. "Well, aside from the fact that many people have laptops and devices such as iPads, the Outage Viewer can be used by people who might be at work and in town during an outage."

Because the Outage Viewer is accessed through a public web site, it can be viewed on any computer, without any type of code. For example, as Potter explained, those who are at work during a severe storm can check to see if the power is on at their home, which might be located miles outside of town.

"They can know in advance to perhaps stay in town for dinner,

or call LPEA to find out if it might be an extended outage because of storm damage," she said. "At that point they might want to find lodging in town instead of going home to a cold, dark house. It's all about giving our members another tool to be informed."

To access the LPEA Outage Viewer, visit www.lpea.coop, click on "Outage Hotline" and then the Outage status map. Member-customers are also reminded to inform LPEA of any new or additional phone numbers, as the overall Outage Management System relies on current phone number data.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 35,000 members, with in excess of 40,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible. For additional information, visit www.lpea.coop.

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Happy Holidays to you and your families from the staff of The Southern Ute Drum

SunUte Customer Feedback

Question #1- What do you like most about SunUte?
Question #2- What would you like to see different?



Dana Kopf

Q #1- The thing I like most about SunUte is that it's rarely crowded so I can always do the workout I need for the day. It is also very convenient since I work right next door and live in Bayfield. The staff is awesome!

Q #2- No Comment



Adrian Abeyta

Q #1- I like that it is close to work and is hardly ever crowded and also that it has a very nice pool and sauna area.

Q #2- Nothing.



Bonnie Unis

Q #1- The variety of classes, the well trained positive and energetic trainers. The facility is always spotless and is always upgrading their equipment. I feel they give the community a first class experience.

Q #2- Body Flow classes at 9am.



Patrick Watts

Q #1- I really enjoy the classes. They are a lot of fun. The instructors are really a lot of fun and they are friendly. I enjoy the early hours as well as the late hours too...that way no matter what time of day I know I can at least get my cardio on.

Q #2- More Zumba...at least for an hour and I don't like when SunUte closes for days on end because I need to work out.

Arianna Weaver

No photo available

Q #1- I like working out with group exercise.

Q #2- I would like the SunUte to be open later on Saturdays.

Mariah Thompson

No photo available

Q #1- I like working out with group exercise.

Q #2- I would like to see a water slide.

SunUte: Health and Well Being

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the southern ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



News:

Pool closure: The entire pool area will be closed beginning December 16th 2010 to the end of February 2011. At this time Construction & Project Management will be installing a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit in the pool area. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have questions about how this will affect your membership please stop by or call the SunUte front desk. We will be glad to help you.

Youth basketball: Registration is closed for youth basketball. Opening Ceremonies for 2011 youth basketball will be Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. Teams will be introduced in their uniforms, there will be contests and prizes, and the season opener games will start at 10 a.m. Hope to see you all there! Parents and coaches please keep in mind the upcoming holiday hours of SunUte. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the front desk.

Women's volleyball league: The league will end Dec. 28.

Co-ed volleyball league: The league will end Jan. 12.

December senior breakfast: The SunUte front desk staff invites all Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older to come enjoy a hot, healthy meal at SunUte. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older eat free. Non-members pay \$4 at the door.

Breakfast for Jan. 7 will be Banana Monkey Crunch Recipe and breakfast for Jan 14 will be English muffins with Avocado and tomato check

online for the recipe at www.breakfast-and-brunch-recipes.com/healthy-breakfast-recipe.html. Jan. 21 breakfast will be Tomato Egg Cups and for Jan. 28, Mini Breakfast Quiches.

Looking for a great gift? Come by today and purchase a gift card for someone in your life. Now is the time to spread the joy and laughter and become members of the best fitness facility and community in southwest Colorado!

For general information on SunUte activities, programs, holiday hours or closures, please feel free to call the SunUte front desk at 970-563-0214.

Calendar of holiday hours:

Thursday, Dec. 23: open 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day): closed
Sunday, Dec. 26 (Christmas weekend): closed
Friday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call 970-563-0214 on days when weather is an issue to see if we have revised our hours or have closed.



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Taste of Christmas in Ignacio



The air was filled with the 'Christmas Spirit' at the annual Taste of Christmas, held in the Elementary Auditorium on Dec. 3. The event hosted many vendors selling their Christmas goods of cookies, art and crafts, outer-wear, and plenty of food. Clockwise from top left, A cake-walk was held as Chris DeKay showed his skills at winning, as seen by his plate of goodies. Santa also made a guest appearance as many a child shared with him their wishes. Staff of the Southern Ute Head Start sold hand-painted Christmas cards to benefit the building-fund, of the the new Head Start building. An arts and crafts table was setup for anyone to make a christmas ornament or card. Many a dollar was spent and many left filled with goodies and cheer.

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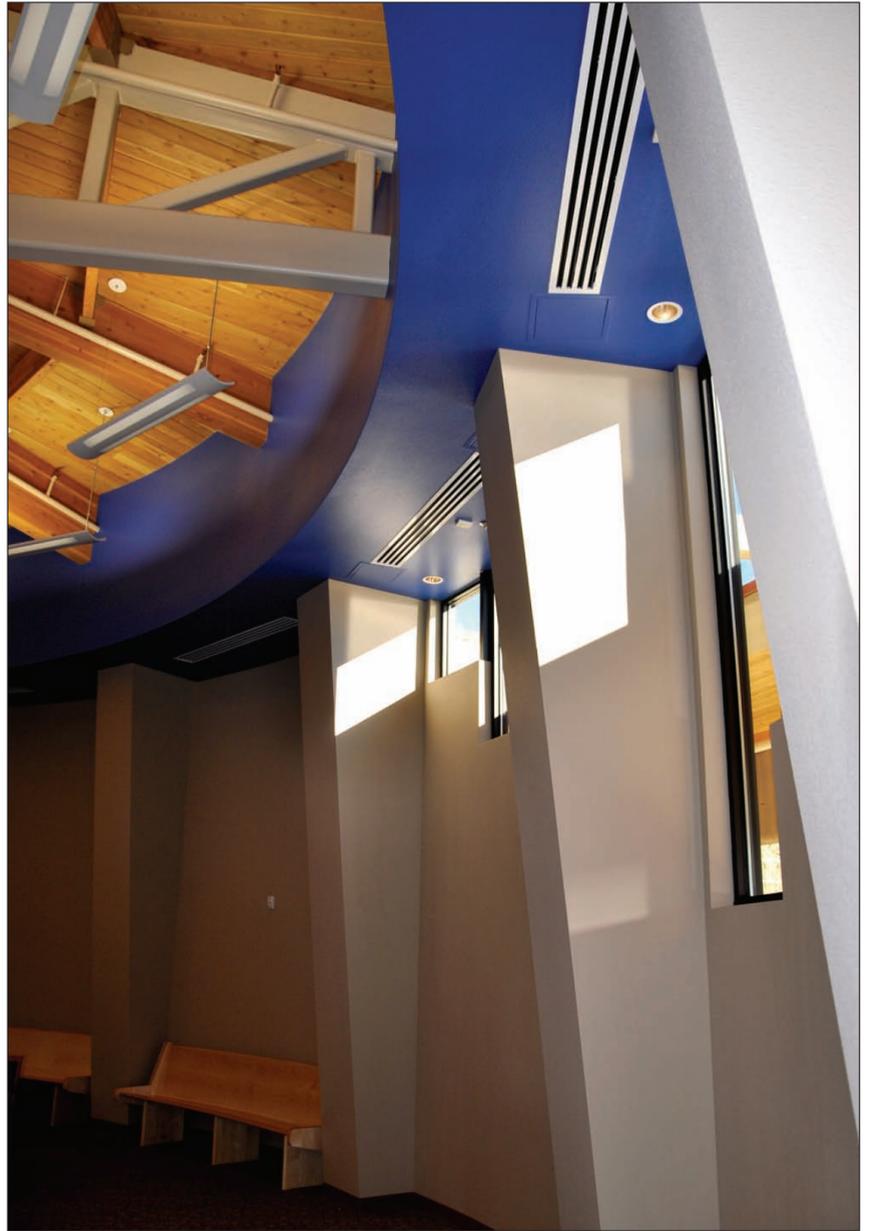


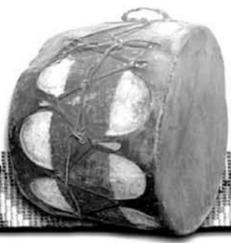
New Multi-purpose Facility and Chapel Opens To Tribal Membership With Dedication



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The new Multi-purpose Facility and Chapel opened in high fashion, as Tribal leaders, membership were among the first to grace the halls of the new building. The buildings adjacent to each other sit just south of Ute Park and are for tribal member use, free of charge.





'UN's International Mother Earth Day' Ceremonies Launched By Ute/Navajo Elders To Delight of Vail's World Cup

Media Release
Suzy "Chapstick" Chaffee,
Olympic Skier

On Saturday morning, December 4, 2010, renowned Southern Ute/Navajo Elders, Eddie and Betty Box Jr., along with their wonderful dancers/skiers, launched UN's International Mother Earth Day Ceremonies at Vail's World Cup at Beaver Creek, and were blessed with a beautiful day so the races could resume. Attending were Tallas Cantsee (Singer), Melanie Seibel, Ellie Seibel, and Clay Seibel. Vail Resorts was then treated to 8 inches of powder snow on Monday, and 6 inches on Tuesday, so everyone is happy," said Bindu Pomeroy, a teacher at the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy who orchestrated the ceremonies with our Native American Olympic Team Foundation.

After the downhill was postponed on Friday because of high winds, Eddie and Betty led a 'Blessing Ceremony for the Joy and Safety of Earth's Greatest Skiers,' to open Beaver Creek's Super G, which the racers loved. That afternoon, the Boxes also led a sacred "Gratitude Snowdance" in Minturn near Meloit Park, which drew over 100 students representing the whole school district and local sages from as far as 50 miles away. Vail's recent snow was "in appreciation to Grandfather (Creator) for Vail's community making Mother Earth smile," said Eddie.

Our dreams came true when these national heroes witnessed, along with a rescued eagle, red tail hawk and falcon at the ceremonies, the winds transform into gentle breezes and then hearing that Vail was blessed with powder snow after the races, as we had hoped they would bring back this message to their communities around the world. And then suggest that community leaders or their ski areas invite the

Indigenous Elders of their region (or our Native Elders) to lead ceremonies to help heal Mother Earth through these united prayers of appreciation, leading up to the U.N's International Mother Earth Day, April 22, 2011. Thanks also to televised coverage of the Blessing and dances, the message has taken flight!

A related surprise miracle happened near Washington DC. Following UN's Maria Mercedes also sending blessings to the Vail ceremonial leaders, skier Olivia Ellis, one of the gifted Elders who is guiding our Bolivian UN Ceremonial Initiative, joined with me in a blissful prayer 'for the greater good of all at Vail,' by phone on Saturday morning, in solidarity. Thanks to all the prayers the winds calmed into gentle breezes and that afternoon, Virginia's Wintergreen ski area where Olivia lives at the base, was blanketed with rare powder snow for this time of year. This shows how Nature spirits are sensitive to the needs of those who have gratitude in their hearts for Mother Earth's gifts, including to the area where the prayer was made.

"Many of the champions of Nature in Washington also live in Wintergreen. The joy and inspiration they receive skiing revitalizes and strengthens their efforts on behalf of our environment," said Dr. Ellis.

This all happened as a result of the Vail Academy and community, and Native American Elders through our Native American Olympic Team Foundation (NAOTF), aligning with the UN goals of healing Mother Earth. We also hoped these World Cup stars and press would bring our eco-solution, which four Nobel winners agree with, back to their countries:

The late 2007 Shared Nobel Peace Prizewinner, Dr. Stephen Schneider, a partner of Native American Elders, and three



photo courtesy Eddie Box Jr.

(R-L) S. Ute/Navajo Elders, Eddie and Betty Box Jr. with dancers blessing the "Joy and Safety of Earth's Greatest Ski Racers" to open the Super G at Vail's Beaver Creek Saturday.

Nobel Laureate's Eric Chivian, Muhammad Yunus, and Joseph Stiglitz, believe that rebalancing Nature's cycles in both spiritual and practical ways, is key to transforming our eco-crisis back to a flowering Eden. These Elders-led Ceremonies which are uniting the ancient Indigenous and technological cultures, is the most powerful way to reconnect humanity to the heart of Mother Earth, the Mayan prophesies recently revealed, which unfolding thanks to the leadership of the UN and revered Elders:

"Mother Earth - our only home - is under pressure," says United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. UN General Assembly President Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann says, "Time to listen to the voices of Indigenous people."

Hail to the Bolivian Mission, their co-sponsors, and General Assembly, for designating April 22 as International Mother Earth Day.

"We believe that the Native Elders-led mountain blessings, snowdance and ocean ceremonies are a very timely, effective way to inspire communities around the world to embrace a new mindset that leads to living in harmony with Mother Earth. We are aligned by a mutual goal of raising awareness that humankind and Nature are inter-related and therefore so is our health. We hope Vail's event shows communities how to get in touch with their ancient roots through their Indigenous Elders (or Native American Elders), and gathers momentum toward our whole Earth Family giving more respect and joyful appreciation to help heal our suffering Mother Earth leading up to Her Day," said Ambassador Loayza from the Bolivian Mission to the United Nations.

Because the children, especially Native kids, are so important to the future of Mother Earth, and 2,000 tribes become extinct each year, Ms. Sanchez, UN sustainability officer, was touched that U.S. and Canadian ski areas have been sharing the joy of skiing and boarding with tribes in their ancestral mountains, which in turn, has inspired the Elders to save ski areas from snow droughts for 50 years.

The Elders say these ceremonies help raise the vibration of the mountains which purifies them from clouds of toxins mainly from dirty energy and fumes from household products. This helps rebalance Nature's snow and rain cycles, but that is just a band-aid. We must shift to clean renewable energy and all natural products NOW to also restore our dying oceans.

Eddie Jr. is befittingly launching these ceremonies since he is son of Eddie Box Sr., 'Red Ute,' of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, who is beloved for leading the first known snowdance (with Eddie Jr. dancing), which

saved Vail with a snowstorm that ended the drought in their opening years in December 1963. (CBS Huntley-Brinkley Report & <http://snow-riders.org/mir.html>)

This 'Blessing of the Athletes' tradition started at Telluride's World Snowboard Championships in 1999, where participants chanted Ute Mtn. Ute Tony Tallbird's name. Following the death of the Georgian luger in training at the Vancouver Games, Suzy asked the Lil'wat and Squamish Elders to please lead a ceremony for the safety of their Olympic guests on Whistler, their ancestral mountain. Adding the joy part resulted in the fog and rain turning into rare "bluebird days."

North American Elders praise the European Union and Japan for wisely banning 35 and 49 toxins, respectively, to stop poisoning their water, air, and bodies, because the soot from the toxic smog clouds also blankets the mountains which alters Nature's natural precipitation cycles, and melts the glaciers. America has only banned five toxins, but we can change that by insisting our representatives support the "2010 SAFE CHEMICALS ACT (S 3209)," authored by 86-year-old skier/cancer survivor, Senator Frank Lautenberg, to protect American children who are harmed most by toxins. His son Josh is a Vail Powder Figure 8 Champion.

Eddie praises Vail Resorts for their green leadership, like their town bike program and 'Ever Green' development that incorporates geothermal walkways, green roofs, and hydro micro-turbines in Gore Creek for lighting, since clean energy helps restore natural abundant snow cycles.

Tex Hall, former President of the National Congress of American Indians on the NAOTF Board, applauds Vail Academy, which has produced Olympians like Lindsay Vaughn, for pioneering next fall's inclusion of three Native

American Olympic Hopefuls, like 16 year old XC star Mariah Cooper (Lac Courte Oreille-Oneida), with a hand from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe of Minnesota—a former tribal enemy. See the progress that Native winter athletes have made thanks to coaching in Steamboat under the wing of Olympian Billy Kidd (Abenanki), in NAOTF's "Whistler Mt Spirit Celebration" video short preview at www.youtube.com.

This 'work of heart' was made possible by Ute Mt. Casino, Squamish-Lil'wat Cultural Center through Elder Ronnie Lester, as well as the Karuk, Lac Courte Oreille and Bishop Paiute Nations, Oglala Prairie Wind Casino, Taos Mt Pueblo Casino, Staples Vancouver, John Tesh, Robert Mirabel, Gene Tagaban..., in hopes of inspiring others to give their youth a hand in pursuing their healthy Olympic Dreams, so they can lift up their communities to continue to light the way for humanity.

"Eddie and Betty taught their first class on Friday, which our students loved," said Geoff Grimmer, headmaster of Vail Academy, which inaugurated their curriculum of Elders-led classes and hikes to see Nature through their eyes. "Betty told them to 'Go talk to the trees, and hug them, even express anger and cry, listen to them, and then let it go so we don't carry these hurts with us or pass them on to others,'" he said.

All this a result of giving love, appreciation, and respect to our Earth Mother, along with acts of kindness, which the Elders are helping us all remember," said Chaffee. More info on: www.snow-riders.org

Contact Suzy either by email at Suzynativevoices@aol.com, or via phone 323-493-3877, or visit these websites, snow-riders.org, naotf.org bindu.pomeroy.vssa@gmail.com.

"Saa-swani hiswaqs" Memorial New Years Sobriety Walk



Sponsored by
Fathers' Voices
In conjunction with
the Buckskin Family



January 1, 2011
Meet at 7:30 am
Start walking at 8:00 am
Start at CO/NM Stateline on HWY 172
End at Ouray Cemetery
Meal After Walk (Location TBD)

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, January 23rd @ 1:30pm

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
YOUTH OF THE YEAR
BRUNCH CEREMONY

Anticipate further details on how you can continue to support our Boys & Girls Club and award our 2010 Youth of the Year recipient for their service & character.



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Cats Going Headfirst Into SJBL Hoops

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

On December 4, media outlets confirmed an English bloke had grown Earth's hottest chile.

Able to strip house paint, it sizzles nearly 275 times hotter than the most potent jalapeno—and thus many, many thousands of times hotter than the hospitality-room pozole that night in Kirtland, N.M.

Though delicious, it was regrettably the hottest item inside Kirtland Central HS; the Ignacio Bobcats' and San Juan [Blanding, UT] Broncos' Webb Toyota/KC Basin Invitational championship was lukewarm at best. And frigid—including IHS' 9:33 scoring drought beginning the second half—at worst.

Bronco Arena security was even notified of some IHS fans' frustrated vocalizations at officials late in the game—though when senior guard Pedro Vigil was decked in his dome, to no whistle, and had to be helped off by two Bobcat coaches...the shouts were reasonably justified. Still, had the clamoring continued, Kirtland's finest were ready to evict some in hopes of defusing a combustible situation.

That, hopefully, will be the boys' lowest low this season; their faces expressed as much afterward.

The good news is: San Juan Basin League action began this week, with Ignacio's pre-Christmas schedule ending tomorrow at Ouray (2 p.m.), after their travels first take them to Ridgway



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Wearing the team's new white uniform, Ignacio's Deion Hudson (1) dribbles into the frontcourt past San Juan senior Jess Mortensen (12) during the championship of the Webb Toyota/Kirtland Central Basin Invitational, Dec. 4 inside KCHS' Bronco Arena. IHS fell to the Broncos, from Blanding, UT, 49-37.

today (4 p.m.). IHS (2-1, 0-0 SJBL) had previously hosted Dolores on Tuesday, but finished after the Drum went to print.

Also, the boys' team identity should be more well-defined. Senior Ryan Brooks was All-Tourney in Kirtland, Vigil and junior Shane Richmond each averaged ten points per game—Ignacio had beaten Whitehorse 54-49, and KCHS 55-53 prior to meeting San Juan—and senior Deion Hudson averaged six points per in his first games as

IHS' starting point guard.

And as preparation for the league contests, the 'Cats went up against three teams with post-season aspirations themselves. The Raiders (from Montezuma Creek, Utah) have finished among the Beehive State's seven best 1A teams each of the last four seasons. The Broncos—led by Vigil cousin Quentin Benioh—were the N.M. High School Coaches Association's preseason #13 in 4A and have started 4-3.

San Juan earned the Deseret News' #3 ranking in Class 2A last Monday, and are already 6-1 after placing third at last weekend's Webb Toyota/Farmington [N.M.] Scorpion Invitational—losing only in the semis to Eastwood (El Paso, TX), who entered the event ranked 24th in Class 5A by TABC/TexPreps Basketball Magazine. But the battle-tested Troopers then 'dropped' to 12-3 the next evening, upset by city rival Montwood (9-2) in the tourney's title tilt.

Dolores visited IHS Gymnasium sporting a 1-4 mark after tough non-league losses in the Adams State College Grizzly Shoot-Out—their win came 45-41 over Antonito for seventh place—and Pagosa Springs' Wolf Creek Classic.

KIRTLAND ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM: Brooks, Ignacio; A.J. Slavens, SJ; Shawn Dickson, Whitehorse; Benioh, KC; Deion Benally, Shiprock (N.M.); Garrett Hendren, Mesilla Valley Christian (Las Cruces, N.M.). Most Valuable Player—Slavens.



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Sporting the team's new red uniform, Ignacio's Orion Watts (33) embraces contact on this baseline drive into Whitehorse junior Sanferd Nakai (32) during the Bobcats' season-opener, Dec. 2 at the Webb Toyota/Kirtland Central Basin Invitational inside KCHS' Bronco Arena. IHS defeated the Raiders, from Montezuma Creek, UT, 54-49.

Lady 'Cats Look to Run on League

By Joel Priest
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Their season-opener came and went so quickly that if one blinked, one may have missed it.

Not just because it was the Lady Bobcats' only action (not even preceded by a JV game) in 2010-11 until this week, but also because the team proved it has speed to burn—critical for success in the San Juan Basin League, where most upper-level teams will have a size advantage over Ignacio.

The first—Dolores—visited IHS Gymnasium Tuesday evening for the teams' league opener, hungry after a relatively flat showing at Pagosa's Wolf Creek Classic last weekend, following a third-place showing at the Adams State College Grizzly Shoot-Out. IHS will have been

tested by the Lady Bears—against whom they've fought well—but no matter the outcome, could gain momentum this weekend.

Ignacio heads to Ridgway this afternoon, and goes to Ouray tomorrow.

In their only outing seen yet, the Lady 'Cats fought well at home on Dec. 7 against 4A Bloomfield, N.M., before bowing 52-47. Senior Santana Rodriguez, back with a vengeance after observing from the stands last year, dropped in 17 points. Classmate Rose Mirabal also began her season in double-digits with ten. Sophomore Mariah Vigil netted seven more, and soph Michelle Simmons chipped in five.

The 'other' Lady Bobcats led by just a point, 11-10 after a quarter and by one, 25-24, after

two. With IHS (0-1, 0-0 SJBL) firmly entrenched mentally for battle, Bloomfield's advantage was still just one, 39-38, headed to the fourth—essentially making the game an eight-minute race.

Behind Cheyanne Corley's 22 points and Krynisha Betoni's 13, BHS (4-2 overall as of Monday) eventually took the win though head coach Paul Corley credited his team's foul shooting for the victory. Bloomfield hit 19-of-25 in all from the stripe, but 6-of-6 (Corley 4, Kallan Pablo 2) when it mattered most—especially after Ignacio had nabbed a one-point lead with only about 20 seconds remaining.

"First half we settled too much for the perimeter shot," Paul Corley said, "but adjusted at half and attacked the basket—which led to FT's and higher-percent-age shots."



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Keeping his focus despite breathing through his headgear, Ignacio's Antonio Torres puts the squeeze on Bayfield's Clay Crawford during their 103-pound match at the 11th Annual Wolverine Classic on Dec. 4. Torres won by third-period pin, but IHS went 0-5 in the dual-format event with just a six-man roster.

Wyatt, Haga Dominate 'Dawg Fight'

By Joel Priest
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In his final round-robin match last Saturday, it took all of 84 seconds for Colton Wyatt to stick Monticello's Nephi Barlow—fourth in Utah's Class 1A at 189 pounds last season.

There was no need for a post-match wipe-off; Wyatt literally hadn't even broken a sweat.

Teammate Casey Haga was already relaxing in the Dove Creek HS Gymnasium bleachers, having decided to pin—he was leading 12-0 already—his Farmington (N.M.) JV opponent 1:30 into the second period of his last round-robin match. Very little sweat was shed.

Neither sight bade well for the Bobcats' championship-stage challengers at the DC 'Dawg Fight,' though both would fare comparatively better than their predecessors—as well as practically everyone else who'd battled the Bobcat duo to date.

"These guys were a lot harder than in our duals...lot harder," concurred Wyatt, a junior, who pinned Norwood's Ty LaFramboise—On The Mat's preseason #4 among Class 2A 89's—just 19 seconds into the second period to finish 4-for-4 in both victories and pins.

Haga downed Farmington varsity 145-pounder Chad Sanders' shoulders 1:34 into the third period to also leave DCHS with a 4-0 mark. One win came by technical fall over FHS independent Theotis Tso, in which Haga chose to work on his tactics rather than simply devour an inexperienced opponent.

"Just working hard to do better," he said afterwards, like Wyatt a perfect 11-0 for the season. "We all wrestled good; time to get back to the practice room."

Sonny Sanchez went 2-2 at 171 pounds and placed third, and Christian Knoll went 1-3 as an indie at 189 and took sixth, stopped by FHS' Tevin Fulkerson. Antonio Torres drew

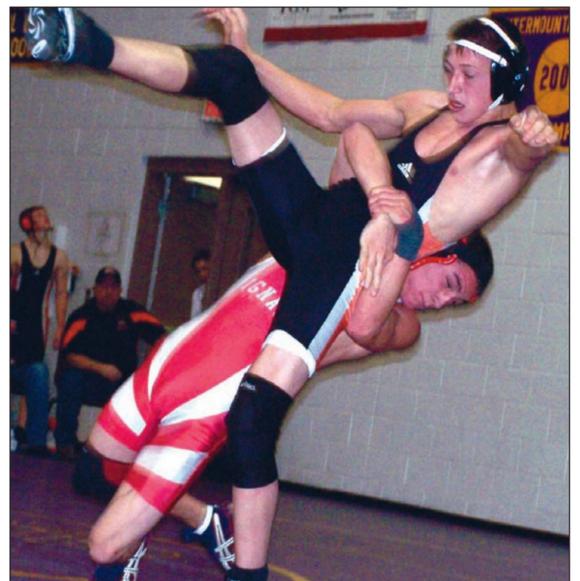


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Ignacio's Alex Pena takes Montezuma-Cortez's Ryan Daves for a ride during their 119-pound meeting at the Dec. 4 Bayfield Wolverine Classic. Pena won 10-8, and will enter the Warrior Classic still unbeaten in 2010-11. He was absent from last weekend's Dove Creek "Dawg Fight."

a tough opponent at 103 right away in Monticello's Hunter Bowring, and defaulted due to second-period injury after trailing 6-0.

"Their guy hit a switch and he went to his head...he's dealing with a concussion from football still," said head coach Bob Overturf. "Other than that, I'm proud of the guys I brought; they did good."

With an abbreviated roster Ignacio totaled 54.5 points at the 'Dawg Fight,' taking ninth in their first bracket-style event after going 0-7 in duals (five at the 11th Annual Bayfield Wolverine Classic on Dec. 4) to begin their schedule.

"Everything went pretty good, everybody did really well," Wyatt said. "I was kind of sad to see one of our wrestlers get hurt, but all in all it was pretty good."

"I'm still dealing with guys coming in," said Overturf. "I held Teagan [Overturf] out, Alex

Pena was at a funeral—so we still weren't even at full strength. Got Jeff Herrera back when we go to 'The Warrior;' I should have a full team by then."

The 'Dawg Fight' outcome was virtually decided when Farmington's Eduardo Trevizo shocked Monticello's Coltan Musselman 7-6 in the 135-pound finale. With no further Buckaroo teammates remaining, all Dove Creek's three remaining finalists had to do was step onto the mat to sew up a Bulldog championship. Nearing the 150th anniversary of South Carolina's secession from the Union, the Dove Creek-Monticello 'border war' rivalry intensified as DC won by a 117-116 margin.

MHS' frustrations had begun three nights before, when they dropped a dual to rivals Grand County [Moab, UT], at home, in the final match.

This weekend's Warrior Classic at Mesa State College in Grand Junction awaits Ignacio next.

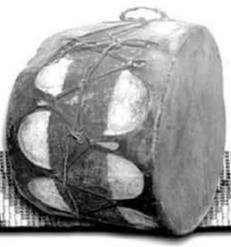
FIGHT' FINALS: DC 117, Monticello 116, Dolores 101, Farmington 100.5, San Juan [Blanding, UT] 90, Norwood 88, Del Norte 86.5, Nucla 68, IHS 54.5, 'Independents' 48, FHS JV 17.

TOP 'DAWGS': 103—Bowring, Mont.; 112—Jacob Palmgren, DN; 119—Brian Robinson, Mont.; 125—Cole Baughman, DC; 130—Shawn Beiriger, DN; 135—Trevizo, FHS; 140—Tray Sickels, Nucla; 145—HAGA, IHS; 152—Austin McDonald, DN; 160—Brent Harris, Norwood; 171—Xavier Lee, FHS; 189—WYATT, IHS; 215—Jaron Ragsdale, Norwood; HWT—Jack Roberts, Nucla (lost the final to Dolores' Richard Belt, but won the title on a tiebreaker).



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Colton Wyatt (rear) made Norwood's Ty LaFramboise forget all about his injured/taped shoulder with this squeeze during the 189-pound championship match at the Dove Creek "Dawg Fight" last Saturday. Wyatt won by pin, 19 seconds into the second period, staying undefeated entering this weekend's Warrior Classic in Grand Junction.



Express Your Opinions



Title VII Thanks

My name is Bruce LeClaire. I am the Title VII Family/School Coordinator for the Durango School District 9-R.

I want you to know that Miss Southern Ute, Little Miss Southern Ute, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate and Southern Ute Brave all attended our Title VII Fund raiser.

The fund raiser consisted of a Navajo Taco Dinner, Silent Auction and a Native American Culture show.

The show include Traditional Navajo Songs, Apache songs and dance, Native American Church songs, Pow wow Dancers, Miss Hozhoni - Jenny Bennis (Yupik and Aleut) dance and Southern Ute Royalty.

I appreciated their participation, they represented themselves, their families, and the Southern Ute Tribe very well.

Please consider sharing the Title VII Parent Advisory Committee's appreciation with your readers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bruce LeClaire

Title VII Family/School Coordinator Durango School District 9-R

Pardo Expresses Concerns

Southern Ute Tribal Membership,

I am writing this letter to let the membership know what is going on within the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. I have been an employee there for the past 10 months, and was really excited to begin working with our sister tribes, the membership, and our youth to help teach our traditions to our younger generations. This job environment was very stressful, there were times when I just didn't want to deal with it anymore, I left because of my stress level and because I knew there was nothing I could do about anything. Originally I was not going to say anything but I feel this information needs to be known by the membership. I

would like to say that I am not alone with these concerns, there have been many past employees that have dealt with the same stress that I have. I as well as other recent employees, not only tribal, voiced our concerns at a board meeting with the Director present and thought our concerns were heard, but we were not prepared for the repercussions it presented. These issues need to be known and handled by the proper people. These are just a few of the issues we have faced as tribal employees at SUCCM:

Accountability: There is no accountability it is always everyone else's fault that things are not done, when in fact we are always pulled off of assignments or told they are not what is wanted or they are squashed at the last minute.

Temporary employment for years: How does one have a temporary job for years at a time? I thought temporary positions only lasted 6 months.

Benefits: The Director and Administrative Assistant are the only ones who have had Benefits. What about the other employees that have been there for years?

Building access: After becoming a "problem" and voicing my concerns I was relieved of my alarm code, while people on contract have a code of their own as well as a key.

Training: I was not allowed to have any type of job training after voicing my concerns, no one was allowed to go to any conferences or travel anywhere except for the Director.

The Board hears only what the Director wants them to hear: This was said in one of our staff meetings by the Director. We were told by the Director and the Board that Board meetings are open to staff, but when we went to voice our concerns she told us she as well as the Board could not believe we "barged into the meeting uninvited, we are very unprofessional, and immature". When in fact we went into the meeting and the Director opened the floor up to us. How is it possible to barge into a meeting that is open to the staff.

No help from Tribal Council: We were told that if any of us were to go to Tribal Council with our concerns we would be fired. We are Tribal Members working for a "Tribal museum" and we can not get any help from our own Tribal Council? Where do we go? Do what we did and follow policy, only to have us stripped of everything we are working on and stay in a threatening environment?

Artifacts: Some of the artifacts are not in compliance with NAG-PRA guidelines. There are also some artifacts that are unaccounted for.

Tribal Members are set up for failure: We were given projects only to be taken off of them or without our knowledge the project we were working on was being handled by someone else while they get the credit.

The membership is the general audience: We were told the membership is not the targeted audience. My understanding when I was hired was that I was working on programs for tribal children as well as school children, but the focus was always on our tribal youth. Is this a tribal museum or not? We were told that if the board was all Tribal members, as it is now, it is considered a Tribal museum. As with a 501 (c) (3) the Board can be open up to anybody, it does not have to remain a Tribal museum. What happens when later on non Tribal people are

appointed to the Board, is it no longer a Tribal museum?

Comments: Insensitive comments were made about our junky cars taking away the beauty of the building if we were to park in front or have vendors for the opening.

No part in General Meeting: We suggested that if they want the trust of the membership then we need to present at a meeting to let the Tribal membership know what's going on and to answer any questions and concerns they may have. We were told that the museum is not under the Tribe therefore there is no need to present at the general meetings. What is there to hide?

No Tribal administration relationships: The museum will spend tens of thousands on advertising, the web site, and the opening events. Why? We have people that could do that within the tribe for a fraction of the price. There was an instance when I had asked someone from one of the Tribal departments to put out an announcement for the museum opening with the approval of the Director, but when it went into the Drum the Board as well as the Director were upset because it was sloppy and unprofessional and I was asked to pull it from the Drum immediately despite being told to go ahead with it in the first place. There was nothing wrong with what was put in the Drum but apparently our Tribal people and departments are not qualified and professional enough to design an announcement for the museum.

List of people not allowed in the new museum: I as well as other employees were told that there is a list of people that would not be allowed in the museum to help with any educational lectures or programs.

Qualified people not being able to get a job: There are people that have applied for a job with the museum and have not been hired despite qualifications to work and run the museum.

Why are some of our Tribal members not able to get their foot in the door of the new museum?

Our sister Tribes: I have made a few contacts with our sister tribes in hope that we can all work together on projects and programs for the youth. There was an instance when I had made a contact but was unable to meet with them because I had to wait for a day the Director could join us. My contact stated that the Director wanted to meet as soon as possible, but when I asked the Director what days worked for her I was told it wouldn't be until later in the month, meaning not as soon as possible. This looked bad on me because I was the one constantly changing the dates.

There have been previous employees that have voiced their concerns and there was nothing done about it, I might very well be one of those people, but this can not go on anymore, how is it that there is nothing we can do? We are tribal members but we feel like our voices don't count; however they do during the elections. When does this end? How many more people have to have their names ruined by the museum? I was very sad to leave SUCCM because I believe we are losing our traditions and I thought that being a Cultural Center we would be able to provide people with a chance to learn about their traditions and language as well as a look into the past through the museum. I also thought that when I left the museum that my stress level would go down but it follows me everyday, if not things I hear are being said about me then my responsibility to the tribal membership to have my voice heard. Make your own decisions about the Museum but I know a little bit of what goes on there, perhaps not all but I know things are not right and these things need to be addressed.

*With much respect,
Heather Pardo*

2009-2010 Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Reports

Little Miss Southern Ute Eufemia Isabel Pardo



Southern Ute Brave Alternate Amarante Pardo



Mique,

My name is Eufemia Isabel Pardo, I am six years old and I hold the title; Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2010-2011. My Ute name is Watitach, Little Bird, my name was given to me by my Grandfather, Raymond Frost Sr.

My name is Amarante Pardo, I am seven years old and I hold the title; Southern Ute Brave Alternate 2010-2011. My Ute name is Aya, Turtle, my name was also given to me by my Grandfather, Raymond Frost Sr.

We both attend the Southern Ute Academy where we enjoy learning about our culture and language.

We are the great-grandchildren

of the late Julius Cloud and Mamie Frost and also the late Riley and Chippewa Eaton Joy. Our parents are Heather and Arnulfo Pardo Jr. Our maternal grandparents are Edna and Raymond Frost Sr. Our paternal grandparents are Loretta and Arnulfo Pardo Sr. We live with our parents, our brothers, and our cousin Samuel Romero who attends the Bayfield Middle School along with our oldest brother Arnulfo Pardo III, Kruz Pardo also attends the Southern Ute Academy.

We have enjoyed the past few months going to different places and meeting new people. Our first event was the Southern Ute Fair and powwow on the weekend of September 10th where we were given our titles, the following day we rode in a float with our cousin and brothers who played the drum and sang for us. The following Monday Royalty was asked to meet with Jr. reporters from Mexico at the Narrow Gauge Railroad station, they took pictures of us and asked us questions about our Tribe, these questions were answered by Royalty and also with the help of Tribal elder Eddie Box Jr. and his wife Betty. Later in the month on September 24th our family traveled to Montrose, Colorado to participate in their powwow for the Ute Museum.

In the month of October we attended the American Indian Proclamation for the City of Durango, where Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box was presented with the American Indian Proclamation. October 27th pictures were taken of Royalty at Scott's pond for our head shots and Christmas cards that will be going out to the Tribal membership later this month.

We also attended the Veteran's powwow on November 6th in support of the Veteran's

Association as well as Veteran's around the Nation. We attended another Native American Proclamation at the La Plata County Court where Tribal Councilman Steven Herrera Sr. was presented with the Proclamation. As part of Native American month we visited with the children of Del Alma on the 22nd and 30th of November in Durango, there was also a Native American presentation at Miller Middle School on the 30th in support of Native American education. We were also asked to participate in a dance exhibition lead by Tribal Elder Eddie Box Jr. at both the Ignacio Elementary and Ignacio High Schools. On November 26th we drove with my parents and grandfather Raymond Frost Sr. to Ft. Duchesne, Utah to partake in our sister Tribe's Thanksgiving powwow.

One of our latest events was the Grand Opening of the Multi-purpose center and Chapel on December 7th, we as a membership have received a great gift in this building. We also participated in a dance exhibition for Conoco Phillips in Farmington, New Mexico, this exhibition was also lead by Tribal Elder Eddie Box Jr. as well as Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Monroe, many dancers participated, it was a great event.

We will continue to do our best in representing our Tribe, we thank you for allowing us to be your representatives and we will keep you updated on what is going on throughout Indian Country. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

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Eufemia Isabel Pardo,
Little Miss Southern Ute
2010-2011
Amarante Pardo,
Southern Ute Brave Alternate
2010-2011*

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Drum Corrections

In the Dec. 3 issue of the Southern Ute Drum: Jr., Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Serena Shoshone Fournier was inadvertently named as Serena Fournier Jr. The holiday closure dates were incorrect. The correct dates are: Leonard C. Burch Day, Friday, Dec. 10. Christmas Holiday Friday, Dec 24.

A Christmas Wish

We just want to wish our family a Very Merry Christmas this year. To dad, Luana & Family, JoGenia & Family, Elena & Family, Frank & Family, Keith & Family and Shawn & Family. Also to our beloved Mom, LaVera, whom we miss so much every Holiday. To my friends, have a good time and show love to your loved ones. Never know what life will deal us in the future. Remember to enjoy life & smile everyday.

Love Becky & Mariah Thompson

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TRIBAL MEMBERS, WE NEED YOU!

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum plans to open May 2011. The History and Legacy of the Ute People will be told.

SUCCM is offering to enroll Southern Ute Tribal Members the opportunity to apply for the Tribal Member Consultant Program.

The TMCP are looking for creative, imaginative, and enthusiastic Tribal Members. The Tribal Consultants (TCs) will share their Ute culture knowledge, traditions or heritage experiences as cultural ambassadors who represent the Tribe for everyone from young children to visitors from around the world! All qualified and selected TCs will earn an hourly wage.

Tribal Consultants will widely learn to:

- Guide visitors through the new museum and grounds
- Present or participate in workshops, trainings and perform hands-on demonstrations
- Assist with special events and much, much more

The Tribal Consultant Program requires you to:

- Attend and learn at orientation, of new skills, information and training classes
- Honor time commitments for all scheduled individual assignments and become a team player for appreciative events and work schedules
- Be flexible to learn more and more

If you are interested or have questions regarding the Tribal Consultant Program, please come to the SUCCM/contact Lisa R. Burch, Tribal Consultant & Volunteer Coordinator or call 970-563-9583.

Come and Join the Circle...



NEW EMPLOYEES



Andrea E. Share

Job title: Detention Officer

Description of duties: Monitors, screens and secures all activities with the detention center.

Family: Sand Schare, Jerry Schare, Diane Crawford, M.A., and Vera Schare all of Durango, Colo.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Southern Ute Tribe's Wildlife Division is seeking bids for water well drilling services at the Lake Capote Recreation Area. Prospective contractors should call the Division for more information and to set up an on-site visit to the project area. Bids should reflect costs for mobilization, all materials, transport of materials and labor to construct the well and establish output capabilities of the well. The Division will accept bids until 5 pm on Jan. 4, 2011. Any bids received after this time will be returned unopened to sender. Please call Josh Batchelor at 970-563-0130 for more information. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Code has established a preference for Indian owned businesses. To receive preference, native owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Division, prior to the closing date. For certification information contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM



**ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS
FOCUS GROUP INVITATION**

You have been invited to participate in a very important process in order to provide excellent Cultural Services at the new museum. Your opinions on a variety of issues will provide valuable information to develop various programs.

This process will support the on-going plans and steps to meet the needs of the membership, public and visitors.

When: January 6, 2011

Where: Buckskin Charley Room (LCB Building)

Located on the second floor

6:00 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.

~Refreshments will be served~

Red Willow Production Company Truck Auction

Red Willow Production Company will be having a truck auction Jan. 3 and 4, 2011. The 3rd will be open to tribal members only, and remaining trucks will be available for public bid on Jan. 4, 2011. Up for sale will be seven field trucks. The list will include, 2-2003 Ford four wheel drive one ton pickups with Syler beds, 4-2005 four wheel drive 1 ton Chevy Silverado's with RIKI utility beds, and 1-2006 four wheel drive 1 ton ford with a standard bed. These trucks will have a starting price of \$2000.00 all vehicles are sold "As is". All trucks are in running condition, one of the Chevy's has a bad seal on the transmission, and the 2006 ford has a short in the taillights. Trucks will be available for viewing at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Motor Pool starting Dec. 17. For information regarding this auction please call Julian Baker at 970-563-5275, Travis Taylor at 970-563-5274, or Mike Yocumat 970-563-5272.

November Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.		AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.	
December	7.86 C 46.14 F	December	-6.05 C 21.10 F
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.		PRECIPITATION DATA	
December	-2.92 C 27.25 F	Date	Daily Total
AVERAGE WINDSPEED		November 9	.02"
Monthly Average	5.05 MPH	November 11	.04"
November	5.05 MPH	November 21	.15"
Maximum Hourly Average	18.56 MPH	November 22	.00"
November 18, 2010	18.56 MPH	November 28	.06"
		Monthly Total	.27"

AT SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Christmas Day Buffet

USE YOUR PLAYER POINTS FOR FOOD PURCHASES AT ANY OF OUR FINE RESTAURANTS

Saturday, December 25
The Aspen Room Buffet
Served from 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Adults - \$16.95
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Tamales with Christmas Chile
Shrimp Scampi

Salad:
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Balsamic Marinated Mushrooms

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New Museum Seeks Names for Opening Events

Media Release
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

As the board and staff at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum plan opening celebrations for the new facility, Southern Ute Tribal Members are invited to submit recommendations for the names of these three special events. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 27, and the winner will be contacted after the first of the year. The winning event names will be used in all of the invitations and promotion, and the author will be an honored guest at the gala reception.

Three very special events are planned to celebrate the grand opening. Each is designed for a very specific audience and purpose, so activities at each event will vary. However, the ideal name will somehow link all three events. Here are the details.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, all Southern Ute Tribal Members of all generations are cordially invited to be the first to celebrate the museum's opening. Only Tribal Members will be present at this event. Ceremonies and traditional blessings will be offered to commemorate past, present and future generations because

the museum is designed to conserve and promote the history and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Gratitude will be expressed for all of those who have contributed to the success of this significant building project. The purpose of the event is to honor all members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. A full meal will be served, and many traditional entertainment programs will be presented.

On Friday, May 20, 2011, the museum board and staff will greet special guests from the local community as well as the Four Corners region and around the nation at a gala reception.

Kevin Gover, director of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., will be the keynote speaker. The 300 invited guests are expected to include tribal leaders, honored donors, political dignitaries and individuals who are likely to spread the news about this exciting new museum. The purpose of the event is to begin building a group of contributors committed to future financial support of the museum. A light supper will be served, and entertainment will be provided by Native American artists, including dancers, drummers and

story tellers.

On Saturday, May 21, 2011, the museum will be open for the first time to the general public. This event will be publicized heavily so as to draw the largest crowd possible. Special invitations will be extended to VIPs who need to be among the first to see this exciting new space, and all Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to be on hand as well to talk with visitors about what it means to be Southern Ute. After all, this museum is designed to make sure that our young people and community will always be known and remember what it means to be Southern Ute. The day will be filled with educational activities, demonstrations, interactive programs and diverse entertainment.

Suggested names for the three events should be typed, signed and dated by the author. They must be turned in to Lisa Burch, Tribal Consultant Coordinator, at the Southern Ute Cultural Center Museum office south of the former casino by Monday, Dec. 27. Questions about the contest may be directed to Lisa at 970-563-9583. The museum's board will choose the winner and notify that individual personally.



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First of New Owners Signs



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Robert Baker and Lenora Rock met with Chief Financial Officer for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Brian Zink, to close a deal in which they would purchase their home at Cedar Point East from the Tribe. Co-Executive Officer Andrew Frost, Council Lady Marjorie Borst, and Executive Assistant to the CFO, Danielle Height were also present to facilitate the process and congratulate the new home owners. The Purchase agreement was signed on Thursday, Dec. 2. The Tribe hopes to see a total of 50 homes to eligible tribal members.

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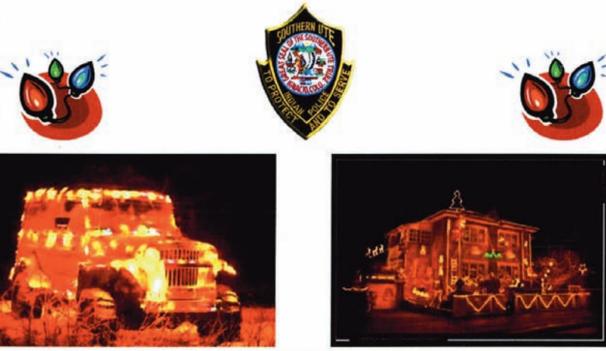
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Call to register: Crystal Thompson 970-563-0246 ext. 3317

Winners will be notified by phone and published in the DRUM on December 30, 2010.

Good luck, be safe, and have a Merry time decorating in the spirit of Christmas.

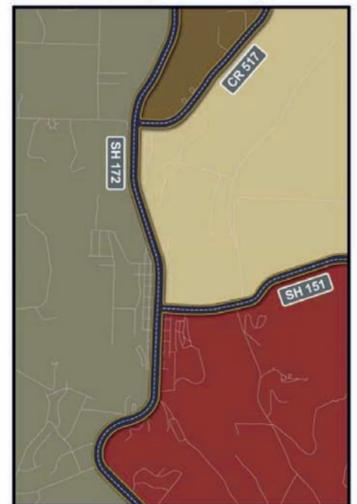


IGNACIO AREA CORRIDOR ACCESS PLAN

Community in Motion
Project Update #2 - Dec. 1, 2010

The Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan is moving toward solutions to the traffic and growth issues facing the community. The "blueprint" for major traffic corridors will help shape the area for years to come. The Plan will identify recommended improvements and a phased implementation approach and is anticipated to be complete by October 2011. Stay tuned for more information as the project progresses.

- The first series of stakeholder input meetings for those with property directly adjacent to SH 172, SH 151, or La Plata County Road 517 was held in October. The project planners heard a lot about traffic and safety concerns, including how best to address the main downtown intersection at SH 172/151, truck traffic, interactions with downtown businesses, and access to developing commercial and residential sites.
- A second set of stakeholder meetings is scheduled for January, with general public and tribe meetings scheduled for March 2011.
- Project planners will present a series of possible alternatives that will be revised and refined based on input and the desires of the community.
- Recommendations are expected by June 2011.



PROJECT AREA

Draft Project Goals

The Ignacio Area Corridor Access Plan seeks to create a unified transportation concept for the principal corridors serving the area, including SH 172, SH 151, and La Plata County Road 517. The corridor plan will provide the appropriate balance of mobility and access for residents and visitors alike. The plan will accommodate anticipated growth along the corridors while making this a better place to live and work.

The principal goals of the plan are to:

- Increase vehicle and multimodal safety
- Smooth traffic flow
- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian movements
- Provide for public transportation amenities
- Improve access to businesses
- Establish a unified corridor identity
- Develop a community-based plan that is championed by all

The IACAP is a joint effort of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Town of Ignacio, and La Plata County. For more information, contact Rodney Class-Erickson, Southern Ute Tribal Planner, at 970.563.4749.



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com

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Landman II

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Closing date 1/5/11 – Red Willow Production
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Application Development Manager

Closing date 1/14/11 – GF Shared Services
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PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer

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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 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
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Supervisory Clinical Nurse

Closing date 12/22/10 – Nursing Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of the Southern Ute Health Center nursing programs to ensure that effective nursing services are provided and quality standards are met.

Health Services Manager/Lead CHR

Closing date 12/27/10 – Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding.

Fitness Trainer (part time)

Closing date 12/22/10 – Fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community

Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

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- must reside on the reservation
- cannot be a Tribal Council member, or a candidate for tribal office
- must not have been convicted of a felony
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All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the Election Board are urged to pick up an application or submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Building before 5:00 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2010.

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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one Southern Ute Tribal Member to serve on the Gaming Commission, 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 pick up an application from the Division of Gaming Office and return by 5:00 PM, Oct. 29. 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.

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**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-187
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Jaela Rae Velasco, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo has filed an application for legal change of name, on behalf of Jaela Rae Velasco to be known hereafter as Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo. 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 **January 10, 2011**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2010.

Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-203
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Kirstin Lupe, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Kirstin Kateri Lupe has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe. 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 **January 10, 2011**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2010.

Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-188
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Kylan Jacob Velasco, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo has filed an application for legal change of name, on behalf of Kylan Jacob Velasco to be known hereafter as Kylan Porambo. 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 **January 10, 2010**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2010.

Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-173
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

Anthony Ovalle, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Georgia Leon filed an application in behalf of **Anthony Ovalle** for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Anthony Manzanares Leon**. As of November 29, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Anthony Ovalle name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Anthony Manzanares Leon**.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2010

Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Keep your chimney clean. A clean chimney provides good draft for your wood-burning appliance and reduces the risk of a chimney fire. Have a certified professional inspect your chimney once a year.

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Kellie Hotter and Wally White, County Commissioners for La Plata County, speak during an open forum discussing the economic impact of the annual Four Corners Motorcycle Rally on Ignacio and surrounding communities.

Voters Elect Olguin and Eagle • from page 1



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Vice chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe, Jim Newton Jr. (above, left) makes an announcement welcoming tribal members and staff to the swearing in reception for newly elected tribal council members on Wednesday, December 15, also pictured is Council Lady Marjorie Borst. Council Lady Joyce Dutchie gave the blessing of the food.

Ignacio Bike Week: FLC students Present Economic Impact Analysis

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

In a room full of La Plata county political heavyweights and seasoned bikers, Fort Lewis College students gave a presentation regarding the economic impact of Ignacio's Bike Week on the surrounding community and its neighbors within La Plata County. The team of students from the School of Business Administration worked very hard under the supervision of Deb Walker and her colleagues to bring accurate and useful data to the table. Coordinated by Emily Meisner of Ignacio, Colorado the presentation was aimed at bringing the community together to better understand, promote and benefit from this annual Labor Day event.



stated in the executive summary of the Economic Impact Study.

"The study surveyed 346 attendees and 11 vendors directly and used that data to extrapolate where the 18,000 estimated attendees and 40 vendors came from, stayed, and spent their money during the 2010 Rally. The corresponding data was then adjusted to determine how much money stayed in La Plata County and how much left. Finally, the economic impact was discovered by multiplying what money stayed in La Plata County by the La Plata County multiplier in order to estimate exactly how much economic activity was brought about by the Four Corners Motorcycle Rally." as

The Fort Lewis presenters included, Trevor Callison, Jeremiah Foose, Elias Pfeifer, Ryan Riebau, Elizabeth Stone, and Stephanie Waechter, who used a PowerPoint presentation to break down each of their findings with charts and graphs, delivering their information in a way that was short and succinct. This left plenty of time for those present to field their own questions and concerns, while also offering advice on improving future events.

Unlike your typical motorcycle rally, Ignacio Bike Week is promoted as a family event. "We are a civic organization, held accountable 365 days a year," said Meisner. She also said "We give lots of opportunity" in regards to non-profits who are welcomed to partake in the

weeklong event, fundraising for their own cause. "We check in with the vendors regularly, because we know that if they are not making any money, they won't come back."

Jeff Murray, Chairman of the Durango Area Tourism Office, shared some of his own experience in speaking with rally riders, "They enjoy riding the area, and this is a riding rally vs. an event rally." Bikers are attracted to the rural roads, beautiful mountain scenery and great weather, perhaps driving riders out on the back roads and mountain passes. Other larger and more prominent bike rallies have built a reputation on organized events and commercialization.

Democratic county commissioner Wally White spoke on behalf of La Plata County stating, "Thank you from the County - the rally is a significant income generator." The consensus through out the meeting is that the rally has potential to draw more bikers, while generating more income. Determining the source of the income, and where it was spent came from the Fort Lewis team- who concluded that the bulk of money spent went into the hands of business owners-particularly in the areas of food, drink, meals. A total amount spent by surveyed Rally attendees (346 people and others in their group) is estimated to be \$190,673, with a total of 65,486 going to food, drink, meals.

The Ignacio Chamber of Commerce assumed the responsibility of organizing and advertising the Four Corners Motorcycle rally five years ago. According to the impact study, attendance has steadily risen since the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce became the sole organizer, giving stability to the event. As the event continues to grow, Ignacio organizers would like to see more involvement from the surrounding community. "Those who are benefitting need to come to the table," said Meisner in her closing remarks. Ignacio Bike Week and the Four Corners Motorcycle Rally will be sporting a new logo for 2011 along with a website redesign.



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Emily Meisner talks to the audience during a presentation by Fort Lewis College Business administration students on the Four Corners Motorcycle Rally and its economic impact on Wednesday, December 15, the meeting was held in the La Plata Electric conference room, Bodo Park.

Councilman Olguin opened his comments by remembering past leaders, "I've worked for the Tribe for over 30 years, I have learned from our great leaders, they helped me to move forward, making me who I am today." adding, "there are many good things for the people and without the Creator we wouldn't have what we have here today."

"We work past our differences, and heal together to make a better tomorrow for the young and the elders, especially the elders ... honor our Veterans, the people who have served our country and our Tribe."

Council Lady, Joycelyn Dutchie expressed her appreciation for the people who elected Mr. Olguin and Ms. Eagle into council. And added, "we are helping our tribal members, from the youngest to the oldest, not only for the ones that voted, but each and every member."

Councilman Alex Cloud welcomed Olguin, and stated, "Mike brings a lot to the table, he has some great ideas to help us with the membership." Cloud also stated that council members are also tribal members, "its not just you and me, we are all tribal members."

Ramona Eagle reassumed her seat on council after taking her oath-of-office and opened her statement by thanking the Creator, "we talk about being blessed with the breath of life and choice of life, but I also ask for thankfulness of the Tribe that I serve, to take new steps in the role I have to help the membership."

Council Lady Eagle asked for Ute Mountain Ute tribal elder to

say a prayer and do a blessing for her as part of her swearing-in ceremony

Council Lady Marjorie Borst, thanked everyone who came to this "inspirational" meeting, and commented "the people have spoken, and I thank you for that." Borst told Eagle, they have not completed their journey together, and she was looking forward to the debates with Mr. Olguin, to settle differences, and look for solutions. "Today is a new day, I am looking forward to working with you."

Alex Cloud, told Eagle how he was looking forward to working with her, "not only culturally, but from a woman's point of view," and how he valued the things that brought them together.

Tribal member Shelly Thompson welcomed the newly elected council members, but also reminded them the tribal membership voted them in, "you don't work for anyone else, we put you there, it's time to bring us all up, not put us down."

Chief Judge Newton stated it was an honor to swear both of the council members into office, and that she sees this as a new beginning. Judge Newton expressed this would be her last swearing-in. Newton stated to the Council members, "Always remember the oath you were sworn into, to live up to the integrity and the standards you follow and to be there for the people and members. "It is not good to carry all the animosity, it brings everyone down."

Former Chairman Howard Richards Sr. commended the elected council members on successfully presenting their platforms to the people. Richards

also expressed to council, "There will always be criticism, it may be difficult at times, but don't take it personally." Adding council must find out why the criticism was brought forward, and if there will be change, but to leave the council chambers in a good way, the way the Creator would want it.

Richards expressed to Council they are held accountable to the Oath they were taking. Richards who served as Chairman from 2003-2004 and has sat on council said, "I have earned the right to speak to you today, I also still have an obligation to the people." Richards closed by offering good luck and best wishes, but also to be respectful to one another.

Acting Chairman, Jim Newton closed by offering these remarks by welcoming councilman Olguin back onto council, "back in the saddle." Newton also commented on Olguin's dedication and years in the Department of Natural Resources, and with Sky Ute Sand & Gravel.

Mr. Olguin worked as an assistant manager for Sky Ute Sand and Gravel and later became V.P. of the Regulatory Management.

Newton also welcomed Eagle back onto Council that he was glad to see her here, "knowing what we were already working on, and knowing what the goals are." Newton also commended Eagle on her dedication outside the office, "not just eight to five, asking himself 'how does she do it, when does she have time to eat?'"

Newton closed the ceremony by stating, "this is a new chapter, and that we continue to move forward for the people."

Painting the Horizon

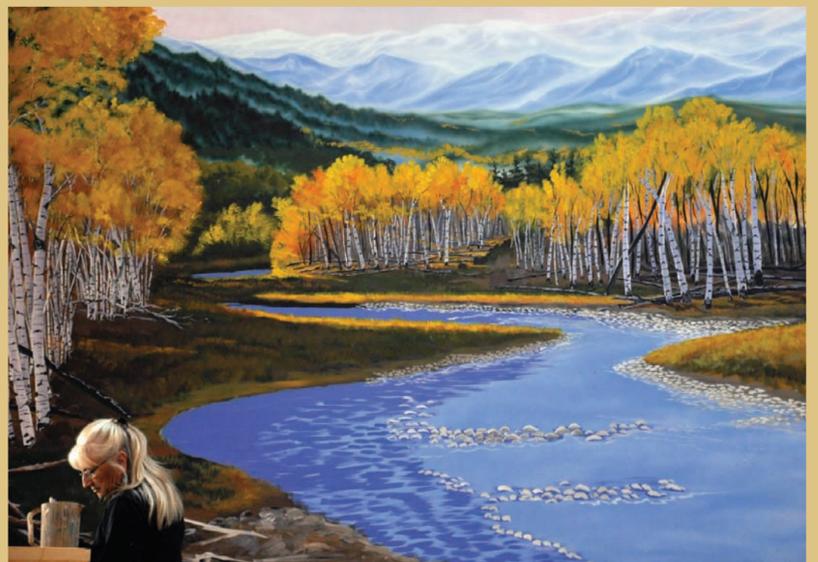


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Jessie Woodard of Colorado Springs adds some of the final touches to a mural that was commissioned for the recently dedicated Multi-purpose chapel. This large mural is lit by the natural skylight and depicts a peaceful sunrise, and when complete will also be representative of the wildlife significant to this Colorado landscape and Ute culture. This image was taken inside the Multi-purpose chapel on December 14, Woodard hopes to have completed the mural by weeks end. The mural and its content was directed by the Design Committee.