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Dancing through time, this tradition remains



As the Utes have done for generations, they gathered May 27 – 30 at the Bear Dance Corral in Ignacio to welcome the spring and celebrate the coming of a new year. This year's festivities were accompanied by a host of others, including a powwow, an art fair, a softball tournament, and a day to remember the brave warriors who have served their tribe and country in the armed services. The events served as a reminder that as much as some things change, many others remain as they've been for ages — such as the Southern Utes' vibrant spirit, the spirit of the bear. For full coverage of the weekend's happenings, see pages 8 – 10.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Cloud sworn in as associate judge

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Court welcomed its newest associate judge on May 20 as outgoing Chief Judge Elaine Newton administered the oath of office to Chantel Cloud.

About 30 people, including members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, were in attendance to witness the swearing in, which occurred on Newton's last day on the job. After the oath, Newton ceremoniously robed Cloud and handed over her gavel.

Cloud received the gesture with a warm smile and promised to do her best to serve the tribe. "One of my best qualities is

that I'm a good listener," Cloud said. "I have one mouth and two eyes, and I'll use them accordingly."

Chairman Pearl E. Casias, who preceded Newton as chief judge, said she knows from experience what's in store for Cloud.

"I know, having been in this position for many years, that it takes commitment and dedication," Casias said.

Council Lady Ramona Eagle said Cloud's character and background make her uniquely qualified for the position.

"She's going to look out for the best for our tribal members and our staff," Eagle said. "This is a good day for all of us. We now have another Southern Ute

tribal member to serve as a judge."

Several other tribal and community members also spoke briefly, welcoming Cloud to the new role and expressing their approval of the decision.

"Now we can say we have one that went on for education and came back to work for us," said tribal elder SanJean Burch. "We need a lot of role models to try to help educate [the youth] and put them on the right path."

Judge Scott Moore joked that he had tried drafting a court order to keep Newton around, but added, on a more genuine note, "I'm so excited. Congratulations."

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Formal gala introduces museum to donors, dignitaries

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Hundreds of southwest Colorado's most prominent movers and shakers — and some guests from out of town — poured into the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on May 20 to celebrate its opening with cultural presentations, music, dancing and fine finger foods.

The gala presented an opportunity for dignitaries and potential donors to tour the exhibits as well. On hand for the festivities were members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Southern Ute Royalty members, local politicians, the museum's architects, and others.

"It truly does take a community to put together something like this," said Executive Director Lynn Brittner. "This has been going on for over 20 years."

Matthew J. Box, who sang a song to open the festivities, said the museum's cultural significance extends far beyond its walls.

"This place, this museum ... provide for us to see where we came from, where we are going, and how to guide our future," he said.

The museum opened to the public the following day.

Also in town for the event was Carol Harvey, executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and a member of the Navajo Nation. Harvey spoke about the museum's potential to draw national interest to the tribe and, by extension, the area.

"It will serve as a national and international tourist magnet, anchoring the Four Corners," she said. "This is a sacred place. ... Colorado is graced with the gifts of the Ute tribes, and they are manifest here."

Harvey said the building would provide beauty and peace to generations of future Utes and



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

A worship dance dress sits on display in the Southern Ute Cultural center's permanent gallery during the World Wide Welcome on Saturday, May 21.

visitors.

The evening's keynote speaker was Kevin Gover, director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian and a member of Oklahoma's Pawnee Nation. Tribal museums like the SUCCM accomplish something even the Smithsonian can't, he said: "Native people telling their own histories in their own homes."

"What these museums are really about is to complete the American narrative," he said. "For so long, [Native Americans] were denied the opportunity to say 'This is who we are.' With

institutions like this, we are taking that power back."

Recently, the National Museum of the American Indian loaned a number of Ute artifacts to the museum for display.

John Paul Jones, the museum's chief architect, perhaps turned heads when his opening comment was "This is not a museum."

"This is a living Southern Ute cultural place," he followed. "It's a place where their personal story can be told and shared with everyone."

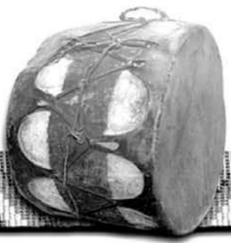
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Ute fashion at its best



New to the events surrounding the Southern Ute Bear Dance this year was an art fair at the Multi-Purpose Facility adjacent to the Bear Dance Grounds. The three-day event included displays of art and music by members of all three Ute tribes, and performances such as a flute concert and puppet show. Hopeful contestants also submitted works of art for consideration for prizes. Notably, a Ute fashion show (left) headlined the goings-on on Friday, May 27. For more coverage of the fair, see page 18.

photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



News in brief

IGNACIO

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact Mckean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Tribes offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315 ext. 2238, pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710, mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

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

FARMINGTON

Seeking math and science professionals to speak

San Juan College is having a summer program and they are looking for Native Professionals in the math and science fields that would be willing to go to San Juan College on June 23 to speak in front of Native students about their profession. Anybody that is interested can call Elaine Martina at 505-566-3313 to get more information.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Mariah Thompson & Mark Garcia

We just want to congratulate both Mariah and Mark for graduating from Ignacio High School on May 28th, 2011.

We are so proud of you and hope that you continue on with your education.

We will always be there to encourage you, in whatever decisions you make in life.

Your grandmother LaVara would have been so happy and proud to have seen both of you graduate too. Have a great summer, because soon it will be time to move on with your futures.

Love always, your moms Becky and Gina,

Grandpa Bennett, Aunt Luana, Uncles Frank, Keith, and Shawn,

brothers Eli & Shelton, cousins Renelda, Elania, Abel, Jordan, Christian, Shoshone, Kyle, Natelle, Krystlyn, Jalen, Josh, Brianna, Staffon, Cesar, Jawadin, & baby Jesus



Happy First Birthday to Kimimila S.G. Redfeather on June 10

We would like to wish "Kimi" a very Happy Birthday. We didn't know what to expect when you were born, now we can't see life without you. You have brought happiness, strength and love into our family. We cherish every moment, laugh, cry and smile. You have learned a lot and it's only the beginning of your path in life. We thank the creator for blessing us with you.

So Happy 1st Birthday Kimi
We Love You Very Much,

Your Daddy and Mommy
Grandpa and Grandma
Uncle and Family

Many Moons Ago



photo archives/SU DRUM

10 Years Ago

Tribal elder Russell Box Sr. (far right) gave permission for the Drum to photograph his blessing of the first graduating class of the Southern Ute Indian Academy on May 24, 2001. The graduates are (left to right) Arianna Weaver, Mark Garcia, Roger Brassard, Felicia Woodhull, Ariel Weaver, Christian Thompson, Lynell Scott and Jacob Frost. Not pictured is Ryan Bravo, who had begun his summer vacation a little early.

This photo first appeared in the June 1, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

20 Years Ago

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch led veterans and families during the Walk of the Warriors ceremony. Southern Ute tribal elders were also honored on Chief Ouray Day during the Memorial Day weekend. Executive Officer Eugene Naranjo served as master of ceremonies for the event, and the Box family was also present to honor David Box, along with five other elders, during the days festivities.

This photo first appeared in the May 31, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 Years Ago

There was not an accompanying photo from 30 years ago for this date in time. Look for the 30 years ago photo in the June 17 edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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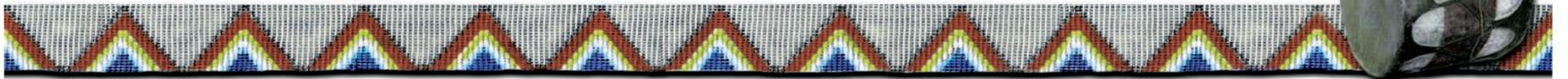


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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Ute Nations Day honors elders, tribal seal designers

*By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum*

Members of the three Ute tribes congregated on the sun-dappled lawn of Ignacio's Ute Park on May 27 to honor tribal elders, including the men who designed each tribe's seal and flag.

The occasion was Ute Nations Day, a tradition brought back to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by its Public Relations Division after having been absent last year. Among the Southern Ute honorees were Anna Marie Scott, Ernestine Burch, Bryan Rock Jr. and Donald Rock. Those who were honored for designing their tribe's seal were Stanley Frost and Ben Watts of the Southern Utes, Henry Joe Jacket Sr. of the Ute Mountain Utes, and Ferdanan Manning Jr. of the Northern Utes.

"We come here today to honor our leaders of the past," said Southern Ute tribal elder Alden Naranjo. "They have persevered over the years since the coming of the European people. ... Be proud of who we are, because that's the only thing we can hold onto today."

Chairman Pearl E. Casias also attended and gave thanks to each of the honorees.

"It is a great day," Casias said. "For those of you that are elders, I thank you for your life."

Watts, who has since passed, was represented by family, and Frost appeared in person to express his appreciation for the event.

"It's a great privilege to be a part of this ceremony," Frost said.

Jacket and Manning were also represented by family members. Each honoree received a blan-

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**- Alden Naranjo
Tribal elder**

ket during the ceremony.

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Al Cloud said hosting the event in Ute Park, where fewer events take place now than in years past, was an appropriate choice given the nature of the event.

"It brings back a lot of memories," Cloud said, adding that the council has been working to restore age-old Ute traditions. "There's a lot of history here."

Also present was Frances Poowegup of the Northern Ute Business Council. She briefly spoke about the contributions of past tribal members.

"We celebrate what went before us," Poowegup said. "That is our legacy."

Ty Vicenti, vice president of the Dulce, N.M.-based Jicarilla Apache, shared some reflections on the relationships inherent between generations within every tribe.

"Our elders are the heartbeat of our nation," Vicenti said. "They are the reason we have survived this long."



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Utes from Colorado and Utah tribes convened in Ute Park to celebrate Ute Nation's Day on Friday, May 27. Southern Ute tribal member, Stanley Frost (right), was among the many honorariums recognized, Frost was instrumental in designing the Southern Ute tribal seal officially adopted by the tribal council. Amy Barry (lower right) was also recognized for her efforts in coordinating this cultural event.



Powwow Trails

122nd Annual Bear Dance Powwow
June 4

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Sun Dance grounds now open

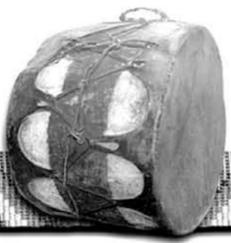
Sun Dance Chiefs Kenneth Frost and Hanley Frost wanted to let everyone know that the Sun Dance Grounds are open. Whoever has shade house structures can begin the cleaning up of their respective sites.



Ute Language

kwiyaḡ'atÛ - bear
mamakwanika - bear dance
mamakwanHkakwiçapÛ - bear dance corral

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



The Kidney Corner: Anemia in chronic kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates



There are three types of cells in blood: red blood cells, which carry oxygen to all parts of the body; white blood cells, which fight infection; and platelets, which enable the blood to clot. The term “anemia” usually refers to a decrease in red blood cells.

Typical symptoms of anemia include fatigue and weakness. There are many causes of anemia, including nutritional deficiencies of iron, folic acid and vitamin B12; increased breakdown of red blood cells; and problems with the bone marrow, where red blood cells are made. Longstanding blood loss, for example due to heavy menstrual blood losses, or bleeding from the gastrointestinal tract, can also cause anemia.

Unfortunately, anemia is also very common in patients with chronic kidney disease. The main cause of this problem in kidney disease is deficiency of a hormone called erythropoietin (we’ll call it EPO for short).

In people with healthy kidneys, EPO is quickly produced in response to low levels of red blood cells, and this hormone stimulates the bone marrow to make new red blood cells, quickly bringing the red blood cell count back to normal and thus preventing anemia.

However, when the kidneys are diseased, they may lose the ability to make appropriate amounts of EPO. The resulting decrease in red blood cell production can then result in anemia.

The fatigue that results from this can be the worst symptom of chronic kidney disease, and in addition anemia can cause problems with thickening of the heart muscle.

Fortunately, the anemia of chronic kidney disease is now almost always treatable, since EPO is available as an injectable medicine. There are several forms of this hormone commercially available to patients with anemia due to chronic kidney disease.

Injections usually need to be given every one to four weeks (for convenience, patients on hemodialysis usually receive it three times per week, when they come in for dialysis). The vari-

ous commercially available preparations of EPO are all nearly identical to the naturally occurring hormone.

Side effects are rare; it can raise blood pressure, which we believe is simply due to removal of the blood pressure-lowering effect of anemia. More recently, there have been some worrisome reports of an increased risk of having a heart attack or stroke as a result of EPO treatment. It remains uncertain whether this only happens if too much EPO is used, allowing the red blood cell count to go too high, or if this is a risk for anyone treated with EPO.

Further studies are in progress to better evaluate the safety of this important drug. In the meantime, it is important that levels of hemoglobin (the red blood cell pigment) should be measured regularly in patients receiving EPO (typically every one to two weeks), and the dose needs to be modified to prevent the hemoglobin level from going too high.

The most common cause of resistance to EPO (i.e. a failure of EPO to effectively correct anemia) is iron deficiency. As EPO stimulates red blood cell formation, the body’s stores of iron tend to be used up. Many patients on EPO therefore need to be on iron replacement as well. This can be given as an oral medicine, or as an injectable.

Preventing and managing diabetes-related neuropathy

By Jackson Quick
University of Wyoming PharmD.
candidate

One of the obstacles or challenges affecting over half of the individuals living with diabetes is a condition called diabetes-related neuropathy, also known as nerve damage.

Those who suffer from the most common form deal with a range of problems. These problems range from a loss of sensation that feels like numbness or tingling in the feet and lower legs to various types of pain in the feet and legs such as burning, prickling and tickling.

This condition generally affects the longest sensory nerves first, so the first areas affected are usually the bottom of the feet. Sensory nerves are the ones that help us feel sensations such as hot, cold, pressure, pain and vibration.

The neuropathy then progresses up the legs, usually affecting both legs symmetrically, or equally, in what is referred to as a stocking distribution — so called because the affected area is the same area that could be covered by a pair of stockings.

Once the neuropathy reaches midcalf on the legs, many times it can begin to affect the hands in a similar manner.

Neuropathy of the feet and legs can be especially important because in addition to being uncomfortable or painful, the loss of sensation is a huge contributor or factor in the formation of foot ulcers, or sores on the feet, common to patients with

diabetes. These can be very difficult to heal, leading to infections and even amputations.

Thanks to the United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study, we now have evidence showing that keeping blood glucose under control can be important for the prevention of diabetes-related neuropathy. In addition to controlling blood glucose, other risk factors for developing neuropathy were also identified for patients with type 2 diabetes.

These risk factors, which are independent of blood glucose control, include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking, so it would make sense that keeping cholesterol and blood pressure under control, along with controlling blood sugar levels and quitting smoking, could significantly reduce the risk of developing diabetes-related neuropathy. Even if neuropathy is present already, controlling these factors can help to slow the progression or even reverse some of the damage.

Evidence shows that improved blood sugar control, also called glycemic control, leads to improved nerve function in patients with diabetes. Sometimes, improved control of blood sugar can actually cause an onset of or increase in neuropathic pain. However, in these patients it is important to understand that this increase in pain is not necessarily bad, because it can actually be caused by renewed or improved nerve function and is usually temporary, lasting not more than a few months.

If neuropathic pain, also called

nerve pain, is an issue, the patient should consult their health care provider, because there are several prescription and nonprescription options effective for controlling neuropathic pain. These options range from some oral medications approved specially for nerve pain to some more common oral pain medications for treating general pain, and even some topical pain medications that are applied directly to the affected area.

In addition to controlling blood glucose and the other risk factors previously mentioned, patients with diabetes are recommended to check their feet daily for any sores, cracks, or callus formation. These patients should also make sure their shoes fit well, because sores caused by ill-fitting shoes can easily lead to ulcers or even amputations. Ill-fitting socks or shoes can also restrict or cut off circulation, causing more problems and actually make neuropathies worse.

Patients should report any problems they discover — sores, for example — to their health-care provider. Patients should also get regular diabetes-related foot screenings by their health-care provider at least once a year to check for the presence of neuropathy, because even if neuropathy is not a problem now, the chance of it developing increases over time.

Taking an active role in preventing and managing diabetes-related neuropathy can increase a patient’s sense of health and well-being, and can also help them achieve a higher quality of life while managing their diabetes.



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Leaders from local See It Stop It anti-violence chapters and interested community members (above) met May 24 – 25 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building for a workshop on community building. Incoming eighth-graders (below) congregated outside Ignacio High School on May 25 to symbolically release violence for the summer. Each student was asked to write a form of violence they were willing to let go on a balloon and let it fly — an environmentally friendly exercise, assured organizer Pam Willhoite.

See It Stop It workshop talks community building

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Leaders from various See It Stop It anti-violence groups in southwest Colorado met May 24 – 25 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility to discuss how community building can aid their efforts.

The workshop, titled “When You Care Enough to Act,” featured Mike Green, a Denver-based author and community activism speaker. Green’s work focuses on organizing communities to include isolated people and maximize the role of service provider agencies.

The topic of the day was asset-based community development, or ABCD, a process by which change is engineered by tapping into resources the community has, rather than focusing on outstanding needs.

“Change comes from within the community, not in D.C. or Denver,” Green said. “We’re motivated by what we don’t have, but when we use what we do have, we can find solutions.”



Green said the most successful change comes from within a community, by building relationships between people and entities.

“There’s nothing that helps people change their attitudes more than success,” he said.

Pam Willhoite of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado encouraged workshop participants to view the pursuit of strong communities as an ongoing effort without end.

“This is not a ‘project,’” she said.

Gloria Casias-Mounts of Southern Ute Tribal Health Benefits agreed, saying change is made in “baby steps.”

“It’s going to take a process,” she said.

The group also hosted an event at Ignacio High School on May 25 during which students were invited to write on balloons a form of violence they were willing to release for the summer. The students then released the balloons in unison, symbolically freeing themselves.

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Floyd honors Ute student



Marisa Carmenoros received the 2011 Elbert J. Floyd award, presented in Southern Ute tribal council on Friday, May 20. The Elbert J. Floyd scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Southern Ute student. Elbert Floyd, Jr. (upper left) sits in council chambers surrounded by family members, including Mike Marsh (above). Marsh had the honor of presenting this year's award. Southern Ute tribal elder, Sanjean Burch (Left) stood with her granddaughter Marisa to say a few words of thanks to the Floyd family.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Seniors recognized and awarded



Southern Ute tribal member Suzi Richards displays an award from a teacher. Dozens of graduating seniors were recognized by their teachers during the annual Senior Awards Ceremony in the Ignacio High School gym on Wednesday, May 18.

photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

San Juan adds online reservations

Media release
San Juan National Forest

The San Juan National Forest has added more of its campgrounds to the list of those that may be reserved in advance through the National Recreation Reservation System.

McPhee, House Creek and Chris Park campgrounds have been taking reservations for several years. For 2011, several other San Juan campgrounds have been

added to the reservation program, including the following:

- Dolores Ranger District: Mavreoso, West Dolores and Cayton campgrounds
- Columbine Ranger District: Junction Creek, Haviland Lake, Vallecito, North Canyon, Graham Creek and Pine Point campgrounds
- Pagosa Ranger District: East Fork and West Fork campgrounds

Campsites that have been paid for in advance will be posted as

“Reserved.” Only a portion of a given campground’s sites can be reserved each day, with the remainder available for first-come-first-served use.

Reservations may now be made online and over the phone through the National Recreation Reservation System. To book, call toll free 877-444-6777, TDD 877-833-6777, or go to www.recreation.gov. For customer service regarding reservations, call 888-448-1474.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: June 3, July 8 (changed due to holiday) and Aug. 5. 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.

Now accepting scholarship applications

Deadline to turn all scholarship applications is July 1 at 5 p.m. Applications cover the entire year until the next July 2011 deadline. Any applications received after 5 p.m., of July 1 will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact the Education Department at 970-563-0237.

CAMP VENTURE 2011

When - June 27-July 1 (OVERNIGHT!)

Ages - 12-18 years old

Where - Southern Ute Youth Camp Grounds

Fee - \$50.00 for the entire week. Scholarships will be available. Please contact Zach B @ 563-4127 or Crystal T @ 563-0246 ext. 3317

Registration packets will be available at SUCAP, Boys and Girls Club, Teen Center, and Ignacio/Bayfield Junior High/High Schools.

Registration packets DUE @ SUCAP/Teen Center - June 20th by 5pm



“Youth In Action” Summer Program
Sponsored by The Southern Ute Education Department
is once again recruiting participants for Summer 2011 Sessions
Turn Boring Days into Sunny Days by signing up!

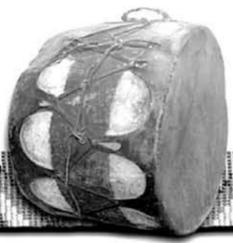


Summer is almost here and the time is right for signing up to participate in the second annual “Youth In Action” Program. Eligible participants are Southern Ute Tribal members, child/children living in a Southern Ute household, or JOM students finishing Kindergarten through 8th grades.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM : Each session is one week, and you may only sign up for one session. Sessions are offered on a first come basis and limited to 6/7 students. Session 1&2 will begin June 20 for kids finishing Kindergarten/1st grades. Session 3&4 will begin July 12 for kids finishing 2nd/3rd grades. Forms will be distributed. Call for more information. **Carrie Vogel 563-0237 x2795.**
Note: I will offer tutoring in June, Please call me to arrange times and days.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM: Each session runs Monday thru Thursday, June 13-23. Sessions are offered on a first come basis and space is limited. Eligible participants have completed grades 4, 5, or 6. Activities will take place at the Education Department and off campus. Forms will be distributed.
Math tutoring is available during June and July for individual or small groups of students.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM: 7th and 8th graders are invited to attend 4 weeks of summer fun! We will be taking two overnight trips (educational farm and FLC), day trips to San Juan ropes course, Chimney Rock/Pagosa Springs, museum activities, BBQ, and more! Enrollment forms have been sent in the mail and are also available at the Education Department. Contact, **Julie Stone at 563-0237 x2795** for additional information.



'Ballers net CHSCA All-State

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

They'll be Bobcats for life, but Bobcats by jersey just once more.

And for now-graduated guard Pedro Vigil and forward/center Ryan Brooks, that moment will come next weekend at the 55th Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games. Selected to one of four 12-man rosters, the Ignacio duo will begin competing on the Games' last day, June 11, in preliminary-round play starting at 12:30 p.m. at Alamosa High School.

The Coaches Association's multisport showcase had taken place for years at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, so the extra mileage to the state's south-central region might be awkward to some of the IHS boys' new teammates, including Longmont's Cade Kloster.

Well, maybe not so much to the Trojan: He'll suit up alongside ex-Bobcat Alex Herrera at Fort Lewis College this coming season. In addition, Kloster's father, Jeff, will co-coach the "Red" team alongside Ignacio's Chris Valdez after both guided their crews to 22-4 records (LHS fell to Pueblo West in the 4A "Great Eight," IHS to Yuma in the 2A "Final Four" third-place game) in 2010-11.

Two more San Juan Basin Leaguers will play one last time with Brooks and Vigil (named IHS's Co-MVPs at its May 16 Athletic Banquet), not against them, and both should add scoring punch. Mancos's Emilio Marquez and Ouray's Chris

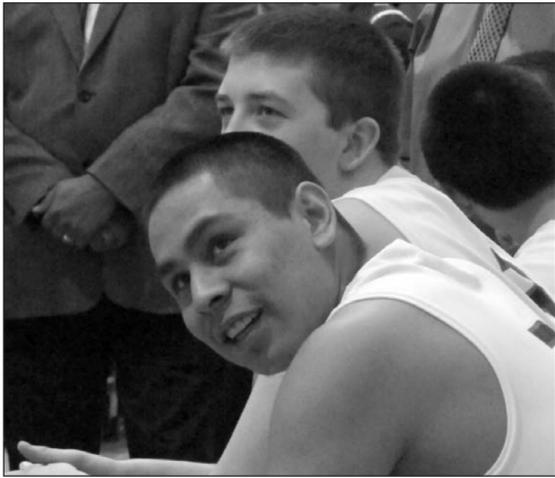


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Ignacio's Pedro Vigil (foreground) and Ryan Brooks share a laugh prior to the Bobcats' game versus Denver Lutheran at the 2011 Class 2A "Final Four" in Pueblo. The outside-inside duo were named to next weekend's CHSCA All-State Games.

Cramp (a Denver Post Honorable Mention All-1A pick; Brooks was 2nd Team All-2A) will also be on the "Red" side.

Kent Denver's Jared Smith — Class 3A's "Mr. Basketball" by the Post — will be on board, along with three more "small school" hoopsters: 2A Peyton's Mitchell Watkins, 2A Sargent's Carlos Hernandez, and 1A Simla's Chance Mitchell. Each was a Post Honorable Mention All-Class honoree.

Honorable Mention All-5A Chris Davis (Fountain-Fort Carson) and 2nd Team All-4A Brandon Jackson (P-West), two more high-scoring guards, complete Valdez/Kloster's player complement, with 6-foot-8 Michael Safer of 4A Elizabeth

adding another post presence.

By the itinerary of events, the Games as a whole will run from June 8 – 11, with the boys' basketball third-place game set for about 3:45 p.m. at AHS and the first-place game concurrently over at Adams State College's Plachy Hall. Both contests will follow the respective girls' games.

The boys' "Black" team will be coached by Matt Lucero of Sierra Grande (Blanca) and Rye's Jim Hale, the "White" by Highlands Ranch's Bob Caton and Larry Williams of Roaring Fork (Carbondale), and the "Blue" by Mark Vaughn of Weld Central (Keenesburg) and Vilas/South Baca County's Kalen Grahn.



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Ignacio's Jasmine Red (right) and Gabriela Garcia (rear, left) trap Ridgway's Scarlett Holvenstot and prevent an attack during the Lady Bobcats' season finale at Solar Ranch. Each of IHS's duo appeared on the 2011 All-Southwestern (3A) League rosters.

Kickers collect season honors

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Shut out of the win column in the standings.

But not from postseason honors — not a bad way to officially end the 2011 soccer schedule.

Recognized by those closest to the game — the coaches — two Ignacio Lady Bobcats were named to the 3A Southwestern's All-League team. Copping a First Team bid was sophomore Jasmine Red, one of IHS's two kickers recording a goal, and freshman Gabriela Garcia earned Honorable Mention All-SWL.

The league's first-place team, Telluride, received five First Team selections. Second-place Bayfield received four, third-place Pagosa Springs and fourth-place Ridgway three each, and fifth-place Alamosa/sixth-place Center two each.

A new addition to the process was for each SWL squad to have a player saluted for sportsmanship on the pitch, regardless of any or no First Team or Honorable Mention inclusion. Sophomore Angel Paul was recognized for IHS, after turning in some solid late-season road efforts at Center and Ridgway.

FIRST TEAM: IHS — JASMINE RED; CHS — Shelby Arredondo, Marissa Storey; AHS — Lilia Avalos, Blake Faucett; RHS — Audrey Jossi, Rowan VanArsdell, Morgan Jossi; PSHS — Cassidy Smith, Alyssa Laydon, Sydney Smith; BHS — Keenan Moreta, Taylor Harrison, Jaylie Ross, Breetta Moe; THS — Chancee Forestier, Shannon Lynch, Allison Horn, Ali Tassone, Sarah Wontrobski.

HONORABLE MENTION: IHS — GABRIELA GARCIA;

CHS — Grace Stults; AHS — Amanda Martinez; RHS — Scarlett Holvenstot; PSHS — Nicoll Hunt, Katie Blue; BHS — Haley Fleming, Lindsey Reinmuth; THS — Toni Hill, Jessi Solomon.

SPORTSWOMEN: IHS — ANGEL PAUL; CHS — Gabby Rodriguez; AHS — Michelle Medina; RHS — not reported; PSHS — Erika Pitcher; BHS — Ross; THS — Wontrobski.

PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR: Moreta AND Cassidy Smith. GOALIE-OF-THE-YEAR: Ross. COACH-OF-THE-YEAR: Lindsey Kurt-Mason, PSHS.

In addition, at the Ignacio High Athletic Banquet held May 16, Paul received the girls' soccer Coaches' Award, while sophomore Teresa Zito, a defender/midfielder, was named Most Valuable Player.

Lady Cats luckless in Lakewood

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

As the first Ignacio competitor stepped onto the Jeffco Stadium track, there was lightning brewing.

And not just in the clouds overhead; she stood down the starting line from Michelle Simmons, and stood hungry to break the Class 2A State Track-and-Field Championships' record in the 100-meter dash.

Sure enough, Lyons's Rachel Hinker took 23-hundredths of a second off Hollie Michael's 1989 standard (running for Ordway-based Crowley County) — but did so with a plus-3.1 wind reading, exceeding the 2.0 acceptable for record consideration and taking some shine off the 12.18 clocking.

Simmons, even with the tailwind, crossed the finish in 13.45, taking seventh in the prelim out of nine runners — which wasn't so bad, considering only one other broke 13 seconds, and that Hinker had recorded an all-time classification best (but not the Championships') 12.13 just two weeks earlier.

But when times from Heat No. 1 — with a wind factor right at plus-2.0 — were mixed in to determine the finals field of nine, Simmons's effort slipped to 14th overall. It wasn't a favorable harbinger for IHS, as the Day 1 weather worsened rapidly and eventually led officials to

postpone the rest of the afternoon's action until later in the May 19 – 21 weekend.

Class 2A athletes had just barely dented their scheduling — the girls' 800-meter sprint medley relay prelims had just been held, and only the boys' shot put had been completed — when CHSAA posted the lightning/rain delay declaration online at about 3:30 p.m.

The "TGIF" mentality took on extra meaning on Day 2 and carried over into Day 3, but the Lady Bobcats' fortunes did not improve. And with only Simmons and pole-vaulter Katelyn Sivvers qualifying for State, there were few opportunities indeed.

Sivvers, a senior, was unable to clear the minimum seven-foot height, the only one Burlington freshman Catherine Tiona could and for which she took 16th place. Akron sophomore Sidney Merrill (9 feet 6 inches) eventually claimed victory, while Soroco (Oak Creek) junior Lindsay Miles also came up empty.

Akron, though, came up 17 points short of Hinker's Lions in the title chase (116-102), as LHS completed a successful transition down from 3A with critical help coming from their super senior.

Michael's mark eventually fell in the 100, as Hinker won with a 12.05 — almost six-tenths faster than second place. She also broke the meet record in the 200, leaving Simmons (27.42, 14th in

prelims) and all behind with a 25.37, beating another ex-CC Charger's (Shaylee Robinette, 2007) best by 0.05.

Ignacio's last hope to appear in the standings table came in the high jump, with Simmons again representing the red-and-white. But unable to top the bar above 4 feet 8 inches, she found herself in a nine-way tie — including SJB� familiars Aimee Johnson and Devin Kroeker of Mancos — for tenth place.

Burlington's Allie Satterly and Delia Brekken of Fountain Valley (Colorado Springs) split the final three team points with their eighth-place (4 feet 10 inches) shares, while Custer County (Westcliffe) junior Sierra Geroux topped the podium with a best of 5 feet 3 inches.

GIRLS' STANDINGS (40 teams scoring): 1. Lyons 116; 2. Akron 102; 3. Telluride 81; 4. Limon 60.5; 5. Dolores 43; 6. Paonia 38; 7. Nederland 37; 8. Sedgwick County 30; 9. Wray 28; 10. Holyoke/Custer County 27.... 35. South Park/Hoehne/Mancos/Soroco/Kiowa 2; 40. Crowley County 1.

COOL STAT: A very late State qualifier from Sangre de Cristo in Mosca, freshman Marissa Storey — who had just finished the soccer season with nearby Center less than two weeks before — was literally right behind Simmons in Heat No. 2 of the 100, finishing in 13.47.

Bobcats' H-boys hot at State

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

In athletic theory, there's no "I" in "team."

But there's a big "I" in "Ignacio," and thanks to a freshman and a senior, an emphatic "H" in "IHS."

At the 2011 Class 2A State Track-and-Field Championships, with an end-loaded schedule due to most inclement weather midway through Day 1 (May 19), Adam Herrera and Casey Haga turned in the top individual performances in helping the Bobcats tie for 16th place in Lakewood.

The dignitary in town — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden — missed a splendid show from the duo, led by Haga's second-place finish in the pole vault. Obliterating his personal best by a foot, Haga cleared 12 feet 6 inches. Only Johnny Ornelas of Sedgwick County [Julesburg/Revere co-op] went higher, with 13 feet.

Of their 21 team points, more came in the pole vault when Haga classmate Ethan Pearson (12 feet) took sixth, by way of topping the bar in fewer tries than both SC's Jaevyn Faulk and Logan Cummings of West Grand (Kremmling). Ignacio's Dusty Mangus almost added another digit to the 12-point haul in the event, coming in tenth after using more attempts than WG's Travis Gore at 11 feet 6.

Mangus had other opportunities to help Ignacio move up the team standings as a member of the 400- and 1600-meter relays, the latter of which not only dialed in the third-fastest time of the event's first of two heat races

— and sixth-best overall — but scored points by taking sixth in the finals.

Joined by Pearson and, yes, H&H, the 'Cats clocked 3:34.67 in their heat and trimmed it to 3:33.59 in the crunchiest of crunch time. Wray HS (Cole Beckman, Levi Campfield, Ramon Tarin, Luke Kettelson) booked a winning 3:24.75 — beating Haxtun's 2005 meet-record by a second — while Custer County (Westcliffe) was more than three seconds behind IHS in seventh.

Ignacio's 4x1 — the same personnel — was eliminated in the prelims after finishing 15th with a 46.48-second run. Lyons (Forrest Donnell, Matthew Chanlynn, Anthony Triffet, Matthew Radich) went on to win the finals, missing Holyoke's 1999 standard by 17-hundredths of a second with their 43.71.

Running solo, Herrera missed making the main of the 200-meter dash by only 19-hundredths after his 23.50 (tenth-quickest) in the prelims. Paonia's Adrian Penny was the last qualifier with a 23.31, while Wray's Jarret Cure went on to take the medal with a finals 22.38.

But Ignacio's freshman recovered well, and took fifth in the 400 finals, notching a 50.53 — slicing 1.43 seconds off his heat time (eighth-fastest), and missing Oakley Hayes' IHS record (set last season as a senior) by only 0.13 of a tick and winner Coley David of Burlington by 0.46.

Ignacio also sent two throwers to Jeffco Stadium: Shane Richmond and Colton Wyatt in the discus. But though the juniors stayed near each other dis-

tance-wise, Richmond a best of 114 feet 5 inches and Wyatt at 112 feet 3 inches (12th and 14th, respectively), only one competitor could keep near the winner. Rye junior Ty Van Oort let go a 155-foot-10-incher, momentarily leading Eads sophomore Daniel Weirich by an inch. But the Eagle had another throw coming, and fired an awesome 162 feet 2 inches. SC's Dillan Kizer (136 feet 4) was well back in third.

TEAM STANDINGS (40 scoring): 1.Lyons 88; 2.Wray 59; 3. Burlington 48; 4.Hoehne 44; 5.Telluride 41; 6.Yuma 38; 7.Meeker 34; 8.Limon 28; 9.Akron 26.5; 10.Custer County/South Park (Fairplay) 26... 13.Paonia/Mancos/Sedgwick County 23; 16.IGNACIO/Peyton/Sargent 21; 19.Rye/Eads 20... 40.Dayspring Christian (Greeley)

COOL STATS: In the 2A 3,200-meter run, SJB� member Ty Williams of the Telluride-Norwood team took second (9:30.88) behind Hayden's Chris Zirkle (9:28.79). But in a rare track-and-field moment, BOTH beat the old best (9:36.88) set by Ouray's Ray Harvey — in 1987. Williams and Zirkle were even more attached at the hip in the 1,600 — only 0.38 of a second separated them — with Zirkle also winning.

COOLER STAT: Resisting yearly assault, the oldest record in the CHSAA book celebrated another birthday after action ended. The 2A long jump mark turned — get this — 80 after Lyons' Donnell won but came up over a foot short of Otto Staab's 22 feet 11.75 inches, set in 1931 for Hugo (now Genoa-Hugo).

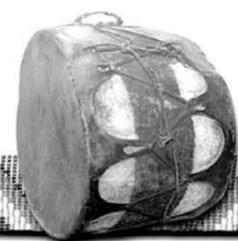
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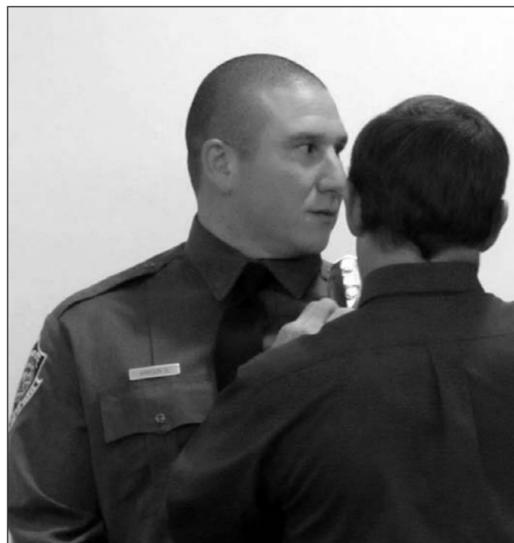
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Aragon graduates from academy



Officer Shane Aragon receives his Southern Ute Police Department badge from Lt. Tom Boyce during his graduation ceremony from the 2011 Southwest Regional Law Enforcement Academy. He has started the Field Training Program with the Sothern Ute Police Department. Aragon is a descendent of the Southern Ute Tribe through his mother's family.

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Veterans raise flag at Elementary



Vets walk in Kirtland



photo courtesy Larry Tucker

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association participated in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Walk in Kirtland, N.M., on May 21. The walk was sponsored by the Dooalkaii Veterans Organization Upper Fruitland Chapter. Pictured here are Ronnie C. Baker with the Southern Ute Veterans Association flag (far left), Tim Watts with a POW/MIA flag (second from left), Vice Commander Rod L. Grove with the Southern Ute tribal flag, (second from right), and Commander Howard Richards Sr. with the American flag (far right).



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Southern Ute veteran Ronnie Baker (above) speaks to students at Ignacio Elementary School during a May 23 ceremony in which the school raised an American flag that had once flown in Afghanistan at Forward Operating Base Sharana in the Paktika Province. School counselor Mrs. Ostergaard led the children in the Star-spangled Banner, after which second-graders Adam House (right) and Clint Talamante Benavidez (center) raised the flag. The flag was a gift from Pvt. Timothy Black, who sent it by way of thanks for the goodies soldiers received from the students last December.

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For more information contact
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Bear Dance

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June 3, 2011



Southern Ute's dancing traditions continue



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



The Southern Ute Bear Dance took place in Ignacio from Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30 during the Memorial Day weekend. Traditionally held in the Bear Dance Corral, the cultural event attracted dancers from as far as Fort Duchesne, Utah and the neighboring Ute Mountain Ute reservation. Southern Ute Tribal elder, Elwood Kent (above right), sings during the final hours of Bear Dance on Monday afternoon. Young and old partake in this traditional Ute spring celebration on the Southern Ute Reservation.



After a hard day's dancing



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Cousins, Sereena Ryder (left) and Asilinn Ryder (right) take a break from the Southern Ute Bear Dance on May 30 to enjoy the shade and partake in the Bear Dance Feast, a traditional meal served on the last day of the dance.





Giving thanks during Bear Dance



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



Leaders of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe missed no opportunity over the Bear Dance weekend to thank those who make such events possible and keep the tribe running every day. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Al Cloud (above) thanks the Bear Dance head staff for all their hard work during a breakfast at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on May 28. Cloud said the breakfast was in honor of his grandmother, Essie Kent, who taught him to be grateful for others' work. Little Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia (left) welcomes tribal members and employees to a Bear Dance kickoff luncheon at the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field on Friday, May 27, with Jr. Miss Southern Ute Sage Medicine Blanket.

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Learning Bear Dance culture



Southern Ute elder Dixie Naranjo (above) demonstrates how to fold and cut fabric to make traditional Ute ribbon shirts during a workshop May 19 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Members of the Southern Ute Royalty hosted the workshop, which about two dozen attended.



Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box (left) shows a group of Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students where to line up during a demonstration for employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on May 19 at the Multi-Purpose Building. Employees were encouraged to learn about the history and etiquette of the dance, and, later, to participate.

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A Bear Dance Thanks

I wish to give a sincere thanks to Southern Ute Tribal Elder, Evalyn Russell, who generously gifted me a ribbon shirt to wear in the Bear Dance. Miss Russell said to me the other day that she felt it was an honor to present me with this gift, because of my ongoing participation in Southern Ute cultural events, she also noted that I was presented with a scarf while bear dancing in Fort Duchesne, Utah a couple of years back. That too is a great honor she said. I would also like to thank the family of Essie Kent for their generosity. It was a good Bear Dance!

Sincerely - Jeremy Wade Shockley

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Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow



The Southern Ute Bear Dance contest powwow was held at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds from Friday, May 27 through Saturday, May 28. Ignacio drum group, Yellow Jacket (top left), filled the auditorium with songs throughout the weekend. Gourd dancer Tom Aires (top right) and his two sons, Keaton and Keifer partake in Friday night's opening Gourd Dance. The Bear Dance powwow drew dancers and vendors from around the Four-Corners region for this weekend celebration.

Sticks, bones and panakarù



Players compete for cash prizes at the Bear Dance hand game tournament in the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on Saturday, May 28. The event was hosted by Mike Santistevan with 14 teams competing during the one-day tournament held coinciding with the Bear Dance Powwow in the adjacent indoor arena. Results: Hammy-n-Team, first place (\$2,800); Eva Colorow, second place (\$1,800); Darwin, third place (\$1,300); and Tilden, fourth place (\$500).

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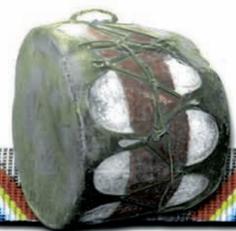
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Congratulations graduating class of 2011



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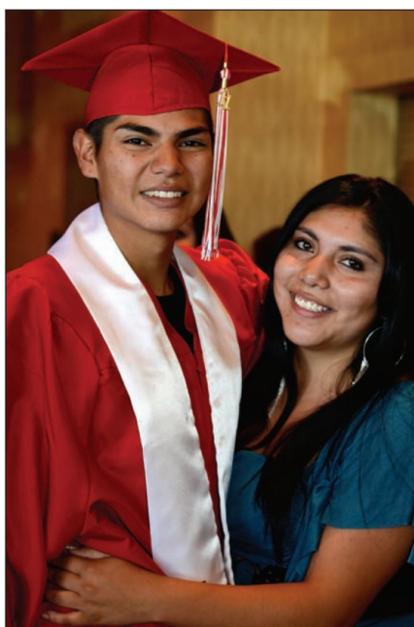


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Students of the graduating class of 2011 were beaming with excitement, mixed with sadness and pride as they each took their turns entering the event center of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Ignacio graduate, Chris Dekay and Jr. High School principal gave the Commencement Address and spoke of 'the dash,' the dash which is customarily engraved between the date of your birth and death on ones headstone. the dash represents the years between the beginning and ending of life. Chris also spoke of mentors in his life, Butch Melton, Abel Velasquez and the relationship his father had with former Chairman of the Southern Ute Tribe Leonard C. Burch, friends till the end and beyond, they are buried side-by-side in the Ignacio Cemetery. The Ignacio High School Graduation was held for the first time in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center, on Saturday, May 28.



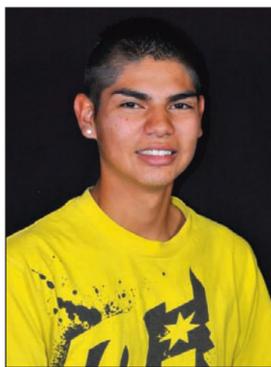
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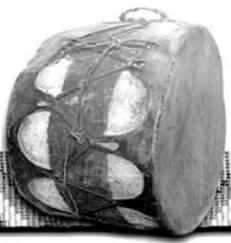
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Renita Williams - Bayfield High School

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Graduations galore



Amid all the graduations in May, students at the Ignacio Intermediate School also got their time in the spotlight during the May 24 ceremony. A cake with graduates names awaits hungry young mouths during the proceedings; members of the school band, led by Howard Searle, perform classic numbers to kick things off.

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The Ignacio Elementary School held its commencement ceremonies in the Elementary gym on Wednesday, May 18. Elementary students graduating from Kindergarten sang songs (above) and did a performance (left) with cards spelling out 'kindergarten' for the families and friends in attendance. Jill Ostgergaard spoke as this is her last year at the Elementary School. The students then received their diplomas and will be entering the first grade next school year.

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Southern Ute Tribal member Seth Roubideaux (left) graduated from Bayfield High School on Sunday, May 15. Seth is pictured receiving his diploma from Bayfield School Board of Education President Barbara Wickman, who is also President of Aka Energy of the Southern Ute Growth Fund.



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The Southern Ute Drum staff would like to congratulate all of the graduating students of 2011.

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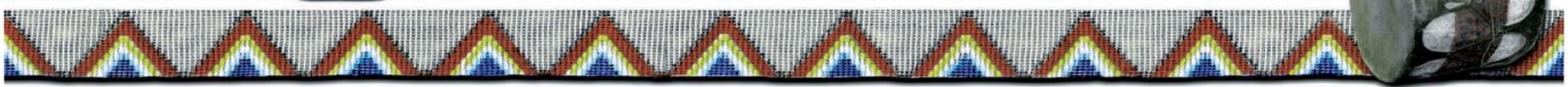
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Outgoing Chief Judge Elaine Newton hands Associate Judge Chantel Cloud her gavel after administering the oath of office to Chantel in the Southern Ute Tribal Court on Friday, May 20. About 30 people, including members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, were in attendance to witness the swearing in, which occurred on Newton's last day on the job.

Council Lady Marge Borst reflected on the new hire in the context of similar events earlier this year, such as Casias becoming the tribe's first female chairman.

"2011 is, you might say, the time of Southern Ute women," Borst said. "You've inspired me. Thank you."

Cloud closed the solemn proceedings on a lighter note. "It's official: I've been in front of all of you," she joked. "Let's eat."



SUIMA hosts transition ceremony



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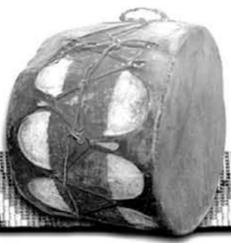
Southern Ute Montessori Academy students transitioned on Thursday, May 26. The transition ceremonies were held at SunUte Community Center, followed by a luncheon at the school and a "mini" student powwow in the gymnasium. This year's transitioning students (top left) actively participated in choosing the schools colors, green and black, as well as a school mascot - The Bald Eagle. Southern ute Tribal member Krista Richards (left), a graduate herself from the academy and a 2011 Ignacio High School graduate was given the honor to address this years academy graduates. Other students also transitioned into their respective grade levels at the academy as part of the days ceremonies.



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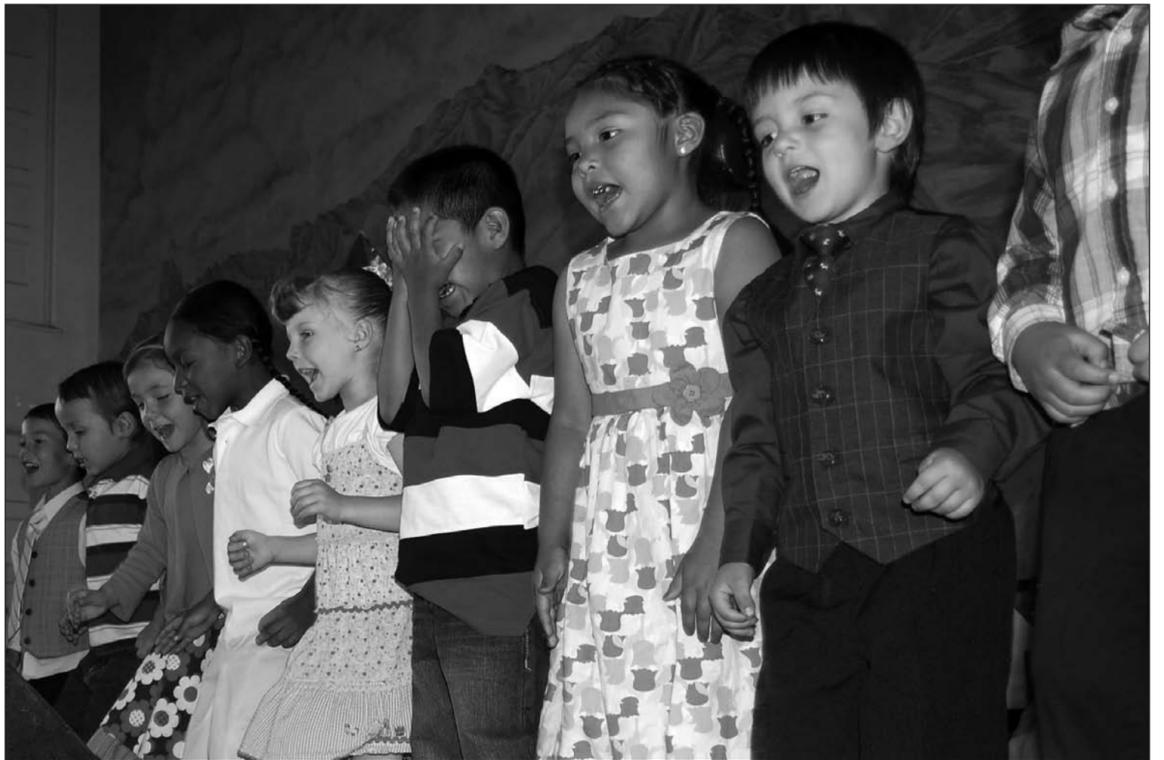
Head Starters Graduate



The gymnasium at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start building was packed to capacity May 26 for the school's graduation ceremony, which saw young students accept their diplomas and prepare to move on to a new school. Students anxiously wait for their turn on stage; one graduate's mortarboard awaits the big moment; the members of each graduating class prepared a performance for the audience with props like stars or guitars; students strut their stuff during a class performance.



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Gala introduces museum

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Jones recounted how he solicited input on the building's design from everyone from elders to students at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start.

Ultimately, said board chairman Robert Burch, it will be the place where age-old Ute culture and traditions will live on.

"This museum is a place that our Southern Ute tribal members can always call home," he said.



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The Circle of Life World Wide welcome opened up the new Southern Ute cultural center and museum to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate, Sage Rohde (top left), greets visitors in the museums outside courtyard. Southern Ute tribal member, Melanie Seibel (above), dances as part of a cultural dance exhibition on Saturday afternoon. White Mesa basket maker and elder, Stella Eyetoo (left) shared some of her knowledge with visitors. Keynote speaker, Kevin Gover (above left), Director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian makes an addresses on Friday evening's opening Gala.

SUIMA enjoys Field Day

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students participated in various events during their annual Field Day on Thursday, May 12 while younger classes stayed on campus and enjoyed a dinosaur-themed day with events such as fishing (right) and a water pool (below). Upper and lower elementary classes held their events on SunUte Community Center's multipurpose fields and participated in an obstacle course (far right), a sack race, a balloon-busting "hot potato" game (below right) and the popular sled pull. Hunter Frost pulled the most weight of the day of 250 pounds!



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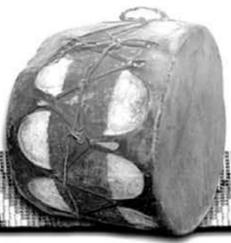
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If it's May, it's road trip time

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

Christmas in December, Thanksgiving in November, anniversary in August, Halloween in October: Thankfully, some things in life are constant.

Along with those constants is the road trip my wife and I take in May. My wife tells me the trip will be great because I'll get to fly-fish and think about future columns. In actuality, she's planning the trip to see friends and family.

I fall for it every time. I normally make a big fuss halfway into the trip about all the visiting we're doing — but, in fact, the older I get, the more I enjoy seeing these folks.

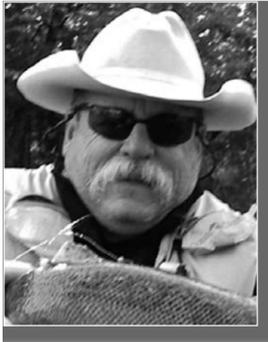
One of the really cool things about a road trip is that I'm able to load almost all my fly-fishing gear into the truck. By doing this, I know wherever I find myself, I'll have the necessary equipment.

It also means there's a minimum amount of space for my better half to stuff with items to bring home.

So with gear, luggage, the dog and the wife, the trip began.

We started by heading east, then southeast, with a turn to the north before heading home. We traveled 5,000 miles, burned 300 gallons of fuel, saw lots of people, caught fish in three states, and did enough thinking about writing to be able to write the trip off.

The first state where fish were



to be found was Texas. While in Texas, I caught bass on poppers in a stock tank on a horse ranch.

While on the ranch, I was asked to teach two lovely cowgirls — ranch hands — how to fly-fish. I consider it my duty and responsibility to get more ladies into the sport of fly-fishing, so I took the job very seriously.

The next stop to see friends and fly-fish was Marathon, in the Florida Keys. As usual when I go to Marathon, the winds of west Texas follow me, so the tarpon fishing was nonexistent.

However, there were plenty of other fish to go after with my fly rod. One of the most exciting fish I caught was a 3-foot-long needle fish. After he took the fly, he tail-walked all over the water. It was as if I had caught a miniature sailfish.

I also had a 15-inch Jack bend my 9-weight in half. I can only imagine what a 25-incher would do.

From Florida, it was north to

Georgia. This stop for fly-fishing turned out to be the most diverse of the trip.

The visiting was also good. My host and I were allowed in a private and exclusive housing subdivision known as Ford's Plantation. It was actually Henry Ford's plantation at one time. On the plantation are numerous small lakes and a canal system to the ocean.

On one of the lakes, I caught perch and bass. I even had a huge largemouth bass come out of the deep and eat the perch I had on. So instead of catching one fish while casting two flies, I caught two fish using one fly.

As I was fishing, I noticed a very big log slowly drifting down the lake toward me. Since there was no wind or current, I began to wonder what was making it head my way. It was then that I realized the log was in fact the largest alligator I have ever seen. He was so stealthy, it was scary.

As he got closer, I decided he could have my fishing spot, and I moved to another location.

At a new location, by the canal, I caught redbfin and flounders using my fly rod. I had no idea a flounder would take a fly. It just proves the saying: "If it swims, you can fly-fish for it."

The spring road trip was great. It's just what the doctor ordered to get ready for summer fly-fishing, and more importantly, it demonstrated to me just how valuable friends and family are.

Express Your Opinions

Thanks from the Wildcats

The Wildcats basketball team wishes to thank their parents, their families, and the community for attending the benefit dance on May 7.

We had a dinner, pie auction (thank you families for the wonderful/tasty pies!) and danced the night away to music by the wonderful BIG O PRODUCTIONS! The biggest thanks to OSCAR COSIO/BIG "O" for donating his time and skill to our team so we could raise funds for basketball camp this year.

Thank you to Jeff Richmond for being our "auctioneer" and garnering some great prices for our pies and cakes! Thank you to Head Start for the use of their gym, and to Ron at Road Runner Transit for use of his bus to put up signs for our dance.

Thank you to the Ignacio High School, Ignacio Junior High, and the Intermediate for allowing us to perform our "showcase" for them during school time. We know how much you had to juggle to get us into your gyms! The WILDCATS are grateful for your support!

Naomi Russell
Coach, Wildcats basketball team

Baggage

I am very disappointed in our Ute people gone MAD-OFF by acting like dogs. This is what our elders of the past would say (sari ei).

— "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" — James 3:5 (King James version)

— "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell." — James 3:6

— "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision." — Philippians 3:2

— "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Colossians — 1:14

— "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs — 15:3

The lists of sins found in Exodus and 1 Corinthians include idolatry, cursing, Sabbath breaking, homosexuality, disrespect of parents, murders, adultery, stealing, lying, covetousness, effeminacy, masturbation, drunkenness, reviling,

extortion, unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness, envy, debate, deceit, malignity, whispering, backbiting, hating God, spitefulness, pride, boasting, invention of evil things, covenant breaking, being without natural affection, implacability, unmercifulness, lawlessness, disobedience, unholiness, whoremongering, kidnapping, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication, lasciviousness, witchcraft, hatred, variance, indolence, strife, sedition, heresies, reveling, evil thoughts, an evil eye and foolishness.

— "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." — 2 Chronicles 7:14

— "All our unrighteousnesses are as filthy rags." — Isaiah 64:6

Remember: Don't carry around the unforgiven sins of baggage. Return to the Red Road and enjoy the campfire.

Austin Box
Southern Ute tribal elder

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StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GEMINI! June is the month when you're able to launch a fresh cycle of ambition! The NEW MOON/SOLAR ECLIPSE in your sign on the 1st triggers a more optimistic outlook regarding your future. Do your best to develop a "take charge" attitude and tackle personal problems head on. The better you feel about yourself, the more others are drawn to you. Put on your happy face Twins, this is your month, and your year to shine

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There's a good reason for the restless, impatient feeling that's been keeping you on edge lately. Several planets grouped in the normally serene area of your chart are reviving old insecurities. Relax Moon Kids, JUPITER'S entry into TAURUS on the 4th eases the tension and calms your daily routine. Later on the 21st when the SUN blazes into your sign again its full steam ahead. Plan your objectives wisely.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Sociable Lions will find June's planetary pattern more to their liking. The NEW MOON'S lively SOLAR ECLIPSE on the 1st motivates your urge to merge. No doubt you'll be jumping at every opportunity to go out and party hearty with your best buds. As an added bonus giant JUPITER'S lumbering entrance into the financial sign of TAURUS may amp your money-earning power. If you're looking to acquire extra points on the job, this is the month to impress those in charge with your skillful abilities LEO.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)
Ok VIRGO, the time for action is NOW! Sitting on the fence of indecision may no longer be an option. Opportunity beckons while the planets are high in the career section of your chart. What's more MERCURY your little personal planet is currently moving through the sign of GEMINI encouraging brand new ideas and a brighter road ahead. Recognition is likely and financial rewards for your work efforts may also be just round the corner. Be brave and move forward VIRGO.

♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)
Exotic locations may be calling your name this month LIBRA. And your craving to explore exciting new adventures is aroused. With sensible SATURN in your sign keeping things real, great travel plans can be made to your satisfaction. VENUS your favorite planet has your back so turn on the charm with partners or close connections. June's planetary pattern could have a few happy surprises in store for you.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
The good news is JUPITER'S grand entrance into your opposite sign of TAURUS on the 4th. Relationships may flourish under the influence and single SCORPIO folks might have the exciting prospect of a "significant other" coming into their lives. Both of June's powerful lunations may inspire you to remodel your methods of earning, and spending. Be sure to give special attention to issues related to taxes and debts.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
The really BIG news is that your planetary ruler JUPITER is moving into the sign of TAURUS. Careful Saggies, JUPITER'S abundant energy could have you packing on a few unwanted pounds. Best bet is to utilize the giant's rewards in a more productive way. Apply your amazing aptitude to your job, or other endeavors. On the 15th the LUNAR ECLIPSE in your sign may instigate a little opposition between you and your partner. Be willing to go halfway. Listening to good advice and acting on it is always helpful.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
JUNE'S planetary menu serves up a mixture of work, play, and a reorganization. Typically your sign is known as the work horse of the Zodiac. But this month may be different. Big old JUPITER rumbles into the compatible sign of TAURUS, and into the fun zone of your chart on the 4th. Its favorable rays may soon be endowing you with clever ideas, romance, and a better job outlook. You can rely on SATURN your sign ruler to lend a hand. It helps to keep you grounded and focused on work related targets.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Creative talents can be put to good use this month. Give your imagination free rein to expand and grow AQUARIUS. Seek out innovative techniques. Writing, painting, beading, or weaving are just a few ways to express your natural abilities, and June's celestial menu may have you adding your cooking skills to the list. Your inventiveness is at a high-level on the 1st, 4th, 12th, and 27th. Original ideas abound this month, and the sky is the limit. You can rely on URANUS to awaken the resourceful side of your nature.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
An impatient gang of planets lay a foundation of change in your domestic environment. Search out brighter schemes to revamp your personal abode, check out larger or more suitable quarters, or discuss constructive ideas with other family members. The bottom line for June is to preserve harmony and good will with close kin. Initiate a more upbeat cycle Little Fishes, and be sure to maintain it when the daily pace increases after the 4th.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)
A fun and friendly trio of planets are currently dancing around in the communication zone of your chart. They set up a month of promising change and transformation. In fact you can rely on the King of Changes, URANUS to keep your day to day activities lively. That's not your only perk RAMS. Serious SATURN wakes up from its long retrograde nap on the 12th and gives you a decidedly favorable push towards your future objectives. Forget procrastination, when opportunity knocks, go for it!

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
The NEW MOON plus VENUS, MERCURY, and the SUN join together in peppy, perky, GEMINI to ignite the forces for change. However, because you were born under the sign of the Twins, there may be more than one option open to you. Mighty JUPITER rolls into your sign on the 4th like a giant breath of fresh air, boosting your prospects for prosperity and good luck. Use your budgeting expertise wisely TAURUS. The month of JUNE could turn out to be a profitable month for you.

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SUCAP Board Election

Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc is required to elect members into Category II of their Board every other year. SUCAP is a "Community Action Program" and follows the "CAP" model for its elections.

CAP's commonly use the "Tripartite Board" model where their Board is represented by 1/3 Community Agencies, 1/3 Government or Elected officials, and 1/3 Elected by the Community At Large.

SUCAP will hold its bi-ennial election Tuesday, June 7, 2011 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Unlike State or County voting, you do not have to be registered to vote. You must, however, be 18 years old and live in the Ignacio School District or on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

There are six (6) vacant seats in category ii —

those elected by the community at large. The following individuals are running for a two-year term: in alphabetical order

- Lena Atencio
- Ooclu Buckskin
- Sue C. Herrera
- Kathy Lorenzini
- Sharon Putt
- Craig Reinhardt
- Linda Sanchez
- Kathleen Sitton

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Tribe: Muskoke (Creek and Seminole)



Dana Flory

Job title: payroll specialist
Description of duties: Process paychecks for all Tribal employees
Hobbies: Powersports and camping.
Family: Troy, husband; Shelby, daughter.

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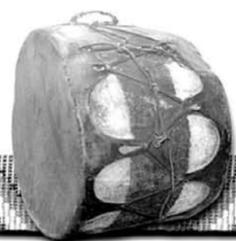
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Election Board Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) Election Board vacancy for a regular board member. The chosen applicant will serve a three (3) year term. This opportunity is available to interested Tribal Members who meet the following: Must be a registered tribal voter; 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; and must not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five (5) years. All interested Tribal members 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 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
PowWow Committee Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four PowWow Committee Member vacancies. A Committee member must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian PowWow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

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Request For Qualifications

SEEKING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FOUR UTILITY PROJECTS

The Utilities Division (the Division) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is requesting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from consulting engineering firms to assist the Division in completing and providing engineering analysis, design, construction contract document preparation, construction management assistance, and project close-out for four separate utility projects, further described as follows:

Project 1 - Engineering for Replacement of Approximately 400-feet of a Suspended Gravity Sewer Line

Project 2 - Engineering for Two Natural Gas Line Extensions

Project 3 - Engineer Concrete Slabs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Project 4 - Engineering Water Line Extensions using fused HDPE pipe.

Submittal Requirements: Interested firms shall submit a SOQ providing the information outlined below. The selection will primarily be based on the qualifications of the team and specific persons designated to work on the projects. Firms shall provide a proposed rate structure describing billing procedure and rates and also address the availability of staff to perform the various elements of each project.

Interested firms shall include the following information in their SOQ, which be limited to 25 single side, 8 1/2 X 11 pages in a font size of not smaller than 11, excluding cover pages, dividers, and table of contents. Appendices may be added, but information included in the appendices may not be considered in the evaluation.

Section 1: Letter of Introduction for Firm Submitting SOQ, will include the following information:

- a. Size and general description of the submitting firm,
- b. Description of services to be provided by the submitting firm and description of services to be provided by subconsultants,
- c. Location of the office from which the Project Team will be Performing the Work, including survey, design, inspection, and general project management,
- d. Anticipate response time to the Project Site for any member of the Project Team to address project related issues,

e. Limits of professional errors and omissions insurance maintained by the firm,

f. Location of the firm's primary project contact with contractual authority, and

g. Name and location of the Project Manager that will be assigned to the Project.

Section 2: Similar Project Experience-Provide a description of at least 5 similar projects completed by the firms in the past 3 years.

Section 3: Project Team including:

a. Organization Chart
b. Resume for each Key Team Member, i.e. Project Manager and Task Managers, and any Subconsultants,

c. Resumes for each of the Key Team Member, and
d. Relevant Experience for each Key Team Member, including experience in working with the Division,

e. The availability of each Key Team Member for the project or tasks assigned.

Section 4: Firm and Key Team Member's Experience in Executing Engineering Projects with the SUIT and the Division on similar type projects,

Section 5: Fee Schedule including, billing rates for all project members and any anticipated reimbursable items.

The selected firm will be working with staff from the Division and various other Tribal Departments in the execution of the projects.

The Division is asking that four copies of the SOQ be provided by 4 p.m. (MST) June 28th, 2011 to The Southern Ute Utilities Division, P.O. Box 1137, 293 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO 81137. The Owner may select a firm(s) based on the written SOQ or may interview any number of firms prior to selection. The Division reserves the option to delay or not select a firm(s) if deemed necessary for any reason.

All firms interested in submitting must contact Tom Brown 970-563-5504 to be placed on a submitters list. Any clarifications or addenda to this solicitation will be issued to only those firms on the submitters list.

All submitters will be subject to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO). Information about the TERO requirements can be found out by calling 970-563-0117.

NOTICE

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Tipi restoration continues



Artist and sculptor Orval Cruz works with his daughter, Octavia to add the final touches to an artistic rendering of the original mural, which has long adorned the Ute Park structure, Thursday, May 26.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Utes present Dancing Bears



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The first annual 'Dancing Bears' art festival was held at the Southern Ute multi-Purpose Facility, Friday, May 27 through Sunday, May 29. Ute artists were invited to display and sell their items, such as artwork, beadwork, sculptures and other various arts and crafts during the three-day event organized by Elise Redd. Elise said, "the event well, with a lot of local winners, next year will be bigger and better." Flute maker and musician, Wayne Gardner (top) from Fort Duchesne, Utah displayed his flutes and provided entertainment as well. Mariah Cuch (above) a Northern Ute Tribal member displayed her various beaded items. Wilford Conetah, Uncompahgre from Northern Ute Tribe won 'Best of Show' for his graphic arts painting.

A visit from Russell Box Sr.



The father of Obdulia Box, Russell Box Sr., poses with his grand-daughter Laurn Hastings. The photo was taken this past Memorial Day weekend.

photo courtesy Obdulia Box

81 and Done: LPT goes to UNC, Softballers outgun in shootout

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Memorial Day didn't officially begin until the next morning.

But in what would be regional softball's version of that afternoon's Indianapolis 500, the men's bracket championship of the wind-powered Los Pinos Softball Tournament proved most memorial to anyone who'd never seen two of the most heavy-hitting, Four Corners-region squads do battle before.

The car race, as known by anyone who'd seen it — in person or

racin'!" when asked why one's paint ended on another's fender. And in the LPT's title tilt on May 29, verbal "paint" was nearly spread too far between competitors, making the visitors' seventh-inning at-bat all the more memorable.

A face-to-face dispute between Arsenal (Farmington, N.M.) first baseman/pitcher Kiko Gutierrez and Ute Nations & Crew (Ignacio) pitcher R.C. Lucero heated things up late in the game after Lucero lined a ball back through the box, too close for Gutierrez's liking.

Fortunately, neither team was penalized with an umpire's ejection and, tossing with the lead after a 17-run scoring outburst in his favor, Lucero faced Gutierrez with two outs in the top of the seventh and a nine-run advantage in his pocket. In most fitting fashion, Arsenal's batter belted a shoe top-level liner back to the mound, and into the UNC pitcher's glove. Game over.

Just how large was that nine-run lead, though? Sports fans, try 45 to 36. 81 runs on the board.

Pregame joke-wagering behind home plate had the over/under at just 60 total, with the combined home run — those over the fencing — total at 20 (after all, the tourney was of the "unlimited" variety). Betting the "over" on

both would have ended up profitable, especially with ceaseless gusts making the field (average length from home plate to fence: 314.3 feet) "play" much shorter than it actually was.

Arsenal second baseman/pitcher Joe Reed opened the game with an inside-the-park-homer, triggering — pun intended — a six-run start for the side smattered with AK-47 designs on their jerseys (and a player named Tommy "Gun" Richardson). But UNC's Duke Baker smacked a sacrifice-fly in the bottom of the inning, scoring Josh Cornett — a call-in from Cortez — for a tentative 7-6 lead.

Arsenal then manufactured three runs in their second and seven in their third, sandwiching UNC's zero in the bottom of the second, and the locals were forced to play from behind. Four runs came in during their half of the third, on a two-run bomb by Cornett and a similar shot by Baker. But Arsenal pitcher Jeremy Sirios — relieving his initial reliever Alex Cummins — got UNC master blaster Isiah Valdez to fly to right with the bases loaded, ending the threat and holding a 16-11 lead.

But Valdez made the adjustment his next time up, and plated Lucero to tie the game at 17-17. Orion Watts — freshly graduated from IHS the day before — followed with an RBI-double, and UNC led 20-17 when Gutierrez finally booked the third out.

Reed and Kyle Drake got Arsenal re-started in the top of the fifth with three-base knocks off Watts's glove in right, and Sirios tied the game by plating Drake. Shortstop Chris Velasquez then cracked a two-run homer — one of the team's ten deep shots — and the guests were off and running.



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Asa Ortiz of D-XII makes an acrobatic throw during a softball game at the Los Pinos Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 28 hosted by the SunUte Community Center.

on TV — came down to the final corner. The clash at Patrick Silva Memorial Field came down to the final half-inning. In post-race interviews, drivers often claim "If you ain't rubbin', you ain't



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ute Nations & Crew team, after its Los Pinos Softball Tournament victory May 29 over Arsenal (Farmington, N.M.). Back row (left to right): Joe "Hex" Naranjo, McKean "Mac" Walton, Dustin Teague, Isiah Valdez, Josh Cornett, Craig "Clyde" Hight, Orion Watts. Front row: R.C. Lucero, Duke Baker, Jason Carmenoros, Johnny Jones, Lawrence "Boo" Cloud.

Cody Yates was credited with an unusual SAC-FLY RBI, putting Arsenal up 28-20 by popping foul to Cornett in shallow right, but plating a teammate, and Sirios soon followed with a two-run homer.

Suddenly down 31-20, UNC fought back quickly. First baseman McKean Walton drew a walk leading off the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings, and was immediately brought home on Cornett homers — the latter of which helped chase Gutierrez off the rubber after a subsequent walk to Baker — and the deficit shortened to 36-30.

And after Reed issued a bases-loaded walk to Lucero, Valdez punished a one-out grand slam to even the count at 36-36. Watts followed with a solo tater to left for the go-ahead

scratch, and after Reed walked Walton, Cornett crushed his fifth — of UNC's 16 total — homer for a near-instant 40-36 lead. Shortstop Johnny Jones mashed a solo shot, and when Valdez finally flew out to halt the onslaught, the lead was nine.

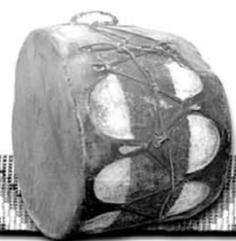
Cummins drew a walk beginning the visitors' seventh, but All-Tournament pick Fred Christensen flew deep to Craig Hight in left-center for Out No. 1. Arsenal catcher Adam Velasquez then ripped a liner towards second, but right into Cornett's webbing for Out No. 2, bringing Gutierrez to the dish.

Tourney MVP honors went to UNC leftfielder Jason Carmenoros after being an effective lead-off hitter and more effective fly-chaser in the ground's most-frequented, jet

stream-style long-ball alley — especially during the high-stakes, single-elimination grand finale (the rest of the two-day tournament had been double-elimination).

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: With six teams in their bracket compared to the gents' four, the women's title went to the Softball Freaks, 34-13 over the Razorbacks in an all-Farmington clash. The Freaks, some wearing shirts saying "We're Good With Wood" (even though their bats were of composite materials), raced out to a 15-5 lead after two innings, and iced the win with 11 runs in the top of the fifth.

Softball Freak Kimberlyn Mike was named MVP, while Kayla Joe was All-LPT from the 'Backs.



Southern Ute Growth Fund

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

Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

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This position is responsible for the supervision of field operations, planning, coordinating and managing utility construction and safety programs.

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To monitor natural gas production volumes; nominate natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines; maintain gathering and transportation contracts; and, control wellhead and pipeline imbalances.

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Closing date 6/8/11 – Red Willow Production Co.
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PeopleSoft HR Senior Developer
Closing date 6/24/11 – So. Ute Shared Service
Responsible for development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) and related modules providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation. This position will primarily focus on the technical view of the

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Apprenticeship/Trainee Program
Open Until Filled – Finance Department. The goal of this program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring and is designed to benefit Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs.

Air Quality Engineer
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds.

Administrative Assistant (TIS)
Closes 6/10/11 – Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Information Services (TIS) Director, represents the TIS Department in a positive, professional manner while providing Administrative/Secretarial and advertising support.

Fine Arts Guide
Closes 6/10/11 – Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Primary Guide
Closes 6/10/11 – Professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

System Support Specialist
Closes 6/10/11 – Under the direction of the Justice and Regulatory Director, provides IT and Security Systems administration, maintenance, and technical support for the Justice and Regulatory Department.

Internal Auditor
Closes 6/10/11 – Performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to identify and eliminate risk, liability, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures, develops Key Performance Indicators, and recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability.

Employment Assistant
Closes 6/13/11 – Provides administrative support for the Personnel Department and career guidance and direction to Tribal members and Native Americans seeking employment opportunities or information.

Safety Officer
Closes 6/14/11 – Under the direction of the Risk and Emergency Manager, manages and oversees the planning, design and development of an occupational safety program in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to reduce work-related injuries and accidents.

Agriculture Field Technician
Closes 6/15/11 – Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for Tribal lands currently served by Custom Farm. Evaluates agricultural noxious weed management needs and completes Tribal agricultural lands management plans. Provides technical assistance and irrigation information to Tribal agriculture producers regarding farm irrigation water delivery criteria.

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Closes 6/21/11 – The Grant Writer/Specialist is responsible for planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. In addition, the Grant Writer is responsible for monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations.

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In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2011-062-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Shirelle Jasmine Gleason, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shirelle Jasmine Gleason has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shirelle Jasmine Garcia. 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 **June 6, 2011 by 5:00 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 3rd day of May, 2011.
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2011-NC-067
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Twyla Suzzette Weaver, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Twyla Suzzette Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Twyla Suzzette Casados. 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 **May 23, 2011**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
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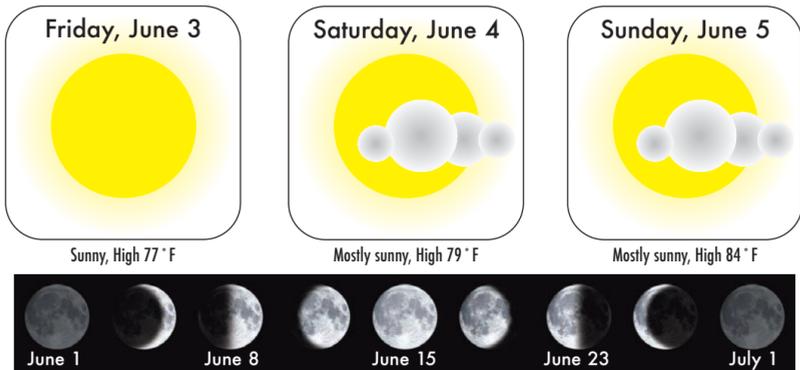
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Honoring all who served - Day of Remembrance ceremonies kicked off in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The color guard then led participants to the Bear dance bridge that crosses the Los Pinos river, ending in the Chief Ouray Memorial Cemetery where the honoring ceremonies came to a close. The Remembrance ended with a social luncheon in the veterans park. Vietnam combat veteran Ross Denny (above left) was among those who were honored in Monday's ceremony. Southern Ute elder, Russell Box, Sr. (lower right) cast a wreath into the Pine river, paying tribute to those who were lost at sea.



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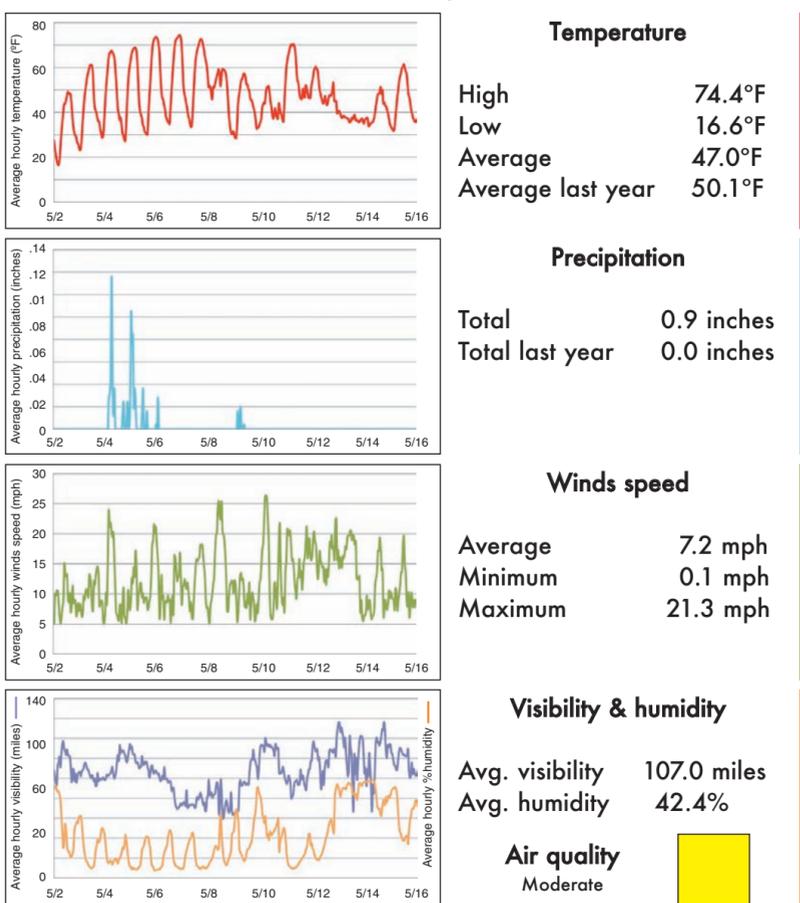


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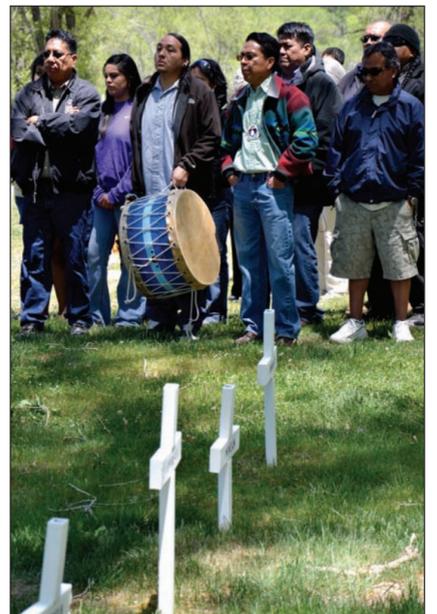


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Jicarillas visit Growth Fund



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Delegates from the Dulce, N.M.-based Jicarilla Apache tribe pose with members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council during a visit to the Southern Ute Tribe Growth Fund on May 26. The visitors hoped to learn about the Southern Utes' success in oil and gas cultivation.