

# The Southern Ute Drum

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## From the hawk's perspective



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson and helicopter pilot Mark Shelton make a pass over the mountains toward Ignacio during the annual aerial game count, conducted each year to track long-term health trends in deer and elk populations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. See more count photos on page 8.

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

Flying birds-eye over the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Southern Ute Wildlife Division biologist Aran Johnson manages the aerial game count annually by helicopter.

Spanning four days each January, the survey tracks the location and size of elk and mule deer populations across reservation lands. While smaller animals are also counted, the focus is on big game, Johnson said.

"The tribe has been flying big-game aerial classification surveys for nearly 30 years," he said.

The greatest benefit of an aerial survey is the ability to track population and herd health trends over the long term, Johnson said. While the State of Colorado manages its own wildlife records in the surrounding regions, it's important

for the tribe "to have its own look, a number to base its decisions on," he said.

"The vast majority of animals that winter on the reservation are migratory, and so communicating with surrounding jurisdictions is critical for management region-wide," he said.

Criss-crossing the mountains on Friday, Jan. 6, Johnson and Wildlife Technician Danielle Austin traversed the Vega, Escondido and Carracas units with pilot Mark Shelton, owner and operator of Native Range Capture Services Inc. Shelton and crew have worked for tribal, state and federal wildlife agencies across North America.

Touching down only to refuel, the fly-overs are run with a high level of experience and efficiency.

The Wildlife Division is proud to say it's been able to streamline its efforts in recent years, Johnson said.

**Wildlife page 8**



photo courtesy Aran Johnson/SU Wildlife

## 10 questions with Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

By **Ace Stryker**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

What factors led to your decision to resign from the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and run for chairman?

The experience that I gained over the years of being elected three times to Tribal Council, being a vice chair, and being acting chairman twice. I wanted to challenge myself and see how I could contribute, to see what I could bring to the table.



Were there specific issues you hoped to address if elected?

At one time, we had developed a priority list of things we needed to get done. I wanted to go back to keeping a list, which is our working document. Are we tackling the membership's priorities? The next step is to make a checklist and provide it to the membership as information. I'd like the membership to know exactly what we're working on, and if we're completing those things. I plan on working on new focus groups this spring to determine what our priorities should be.

What was it about Steve R. Herrera Sr. and Amy Barry that you felt qualified them for executive officer positions?

Mr. Herrera was a former colleague of mine. Really, his work performance and dedication to the Southern Ute Tribe stood out. On council, he was here every day, was committed to tribal business, and made good, sound decisions in the chambers. I have a lot of respect for that. For Ms. Barry, the biggest thing that I wanted was having a younger tribal member

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## IHS boys save 7th in Aztec

By **Joel Priest**  
*Special to the Drum*

Among its own catalog of wide-ranging athletic achievements, the state of New Mexico still boasts a claim to the most consistently high-scoring high school hoop squad in American annals.

The Land of Enchantment had only just turned 58 before the end of the 1969-70 prep season, in which Hobbs went 26-1 en route to a state title, eviscerated enemies with an unprecedented 114 per-game average (amassing 3,094 points, third-most ever in U.S.; Ignacio totaled 1,609 in going 22-4 last year), and strung together a still-record 14 consecutive 100-

**IHS Boys page 7**

## Youth basketball returns



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Youth basketball has returned to the SunUte Community Center in force. Nineteen teams of kids 5 - 12 will compete in four divisions over the next two months. For team photos and schedules, see pages 12 and 13.

## Youth host New Year's powwow



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal members Head Woman Dancer Tricia Leroy and Head Man Dancer Greg Bison dances into the Ignacio High School gym during the grand entry at the Native American Youth Organization's New Year's Community Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011. For more powwow photos, see page 9.



# News in brief

## IGNACIO

### Justice & Regulatory seeks name for new building

The Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory is seeking the assistance of the tribal membership in the naming of the new J&R building, formerly the Youth Treatment Center. This building will house the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), the Environmental Programs Division, and the Tribal Rangers and Animal Control. Please submit your suggestions by Jan. 18, 2012, to the Department of Justice & Regulatory at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by calling Misty Wilson at 970-563-0292. The final selection will be made by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

### 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.

### 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.

### SunUte now taking registrations for leagues

The SunUte Community Center is now taking registrations for adult basketball and women's volleyball leagues. The basketball leagues are for men's open, women's open and men's 35 and over leagues. The registration fee is \$300 per team. The deadline to register for the basketball leagues is Jan. 27, 2012. The women's volleyball league registration is \$300 per team and the deadline to register is Jan. 27, 2012. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Kayla Wing or McKean Walton at 970-563-0124 or check out the SunUte website at [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com).

## Attention: Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

## DURANGO

### Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

### 2012 Gathering of Nations dates announced

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 26 and 28. The Gathering of Nations will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") in Albuquerque and will begin on Thursday, April 26 with registration for singers and dancers. Later that evening, the Miss Indian World competition begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel - Albuquerque, just south of the Albuquerque city limits. The crowning will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at "The Pit." The much-anticipated grand entry, begins at noon on Friday, April 27. For more information regarding purchasing tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations visit [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com).

### SUIT Environmental Programs

is offering free home radon testing to Tribal Members.

Please call Peter Diethrich for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

563-0135 x2238

[pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:pdiet@southern-ute.nsn.us)

# Many Moons Ago

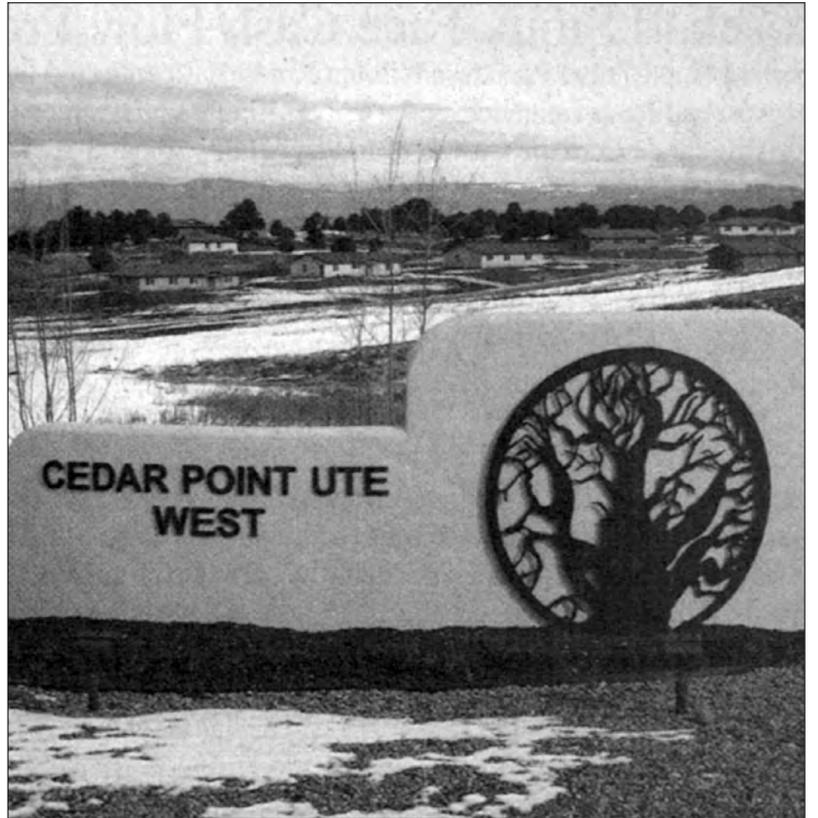


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## 10 Years Ago

The Southern Ute Home Grant Program had two-, three- and four-bedroom homes for sale. All of the Home Grant homes at Cedar Point Ute Housing ready for occupancy were available to Southern Ute tribal members. The program was open to single people and families. This is the view of Cedar Point West from County Road 318.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 11, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

## 20 Years Ago

Southern Ute tribal staff read an adaptation of "The Night Before Christmas" that brought many laughs from the audience at the 1992 Christmas program in the Ignacio High School gym.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 13, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

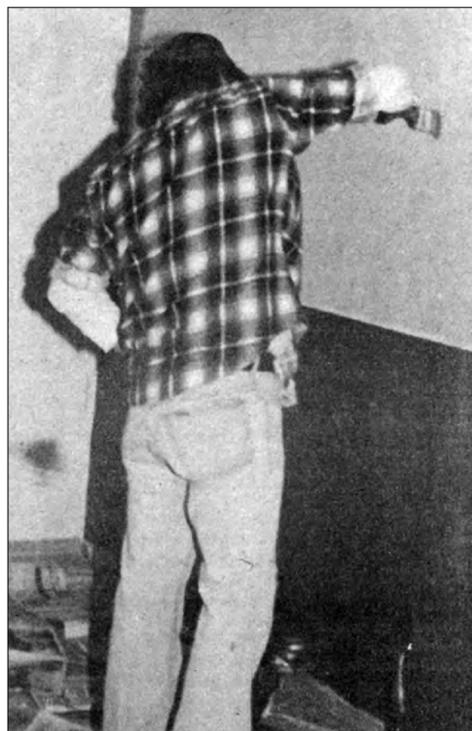


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## 30 Years Ago

Tribal artist McGarey Gallegos, also a Community Center maintenance man, gave a new coat of color to the Community Center office. Gary said he would draw an Indian scene to be completed the following month.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 15, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

See [SkyUteCasino.com](http://SkyUteCasino.com) for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

# \$112,000 Extravaganza

**Sky Ute Casino is starting 2012 off with a bang so come get your share of the \$92,000 remaining in Cash and Sky Ute Loot and in the month of January!**

*Spin the Wheel Kiosk Game*

**All Bear Club members can swipe their card at the kiosk and play the New Year Extravaganza game once per week on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. Prizes range from entry tickets into the Saturday cash drawings up to \$100 in Sky Ute Loot!**

**Saturday Cash Drawings**

**Every Saturday in January we will hold hourly drawings from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and you could win your share of the \$52,000 in CASH to be given away!**

Must be 21 years of age or older. Must be a member of the Bear Club. Must check in at the kiosk on New Year's Eve as well as on Saturday's for drawings. Sky Ute Loot must be played off into Sky Ute Loot eligible slot machines and has no cash value. Must be present to win. Employees of Sky Ute Casino and their immediate family are not eligible for cash drawings. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at anytime without prior notice.

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**[www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)**



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have an opportunity to serve in a head administration capacity. Because of her compassion for the people and the hard work she's done in the past, combining her with Steve makes a good nucleus for the executive branch.

*Why appoint two executive officers instead of one?*

My experience here and being on council for eight years is that the organization has grown so much. The job is really overwhelming for one person. To really tackle some of the issues we're facing and to be stronger and more progressive, it helps to have multiple people in that position. It's important that we have stability in that area.

*Why was James M. Olguin your choice for vice chairman?*

I took a week to decide on the vice chair because I really had a hard decision. I really have a lot of respect for my colleagues. It wasn't a decision made overnight. The wealth of experience he has in the organization — he's worked since he was 17 or 18 with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe — brings a lot of strength in that vice chairman's office. Also, his strength, education and work ethic — he's here every day. People have faith and respect him to work in that capacity.

*What are your administration's major priorities going forward?*

Services to the membership. That is the biggest thing that I want to tackle. We have to evaluate and assess those services that each department and division has. A parallel goal is to complete key performance indicators. That will really determine where we're at. One target service area is health, because the membership knows we've lost key employees over there. The council is really looking into health services for our membership, because without good health, we can't enjoy other services we like to receive. It's common sense. That's definitely what we're trying to focus on now.

*Do you plan to approach the office of chairman any differently than your predecessors?*

The biggest thing is having the ability or the strength to work with the council. I want to definitely build a bridge and work with my colleagues and, as the chairman, provide the resources and tools they need. Also, in general, I want to communicate with the council on things that I and my office do. I want to keep them updated so that they understand exactly what this office is doing. That brings support for one another.

*What do you think can be done to preserve the tribe's culture and language in the 21st century?*

I think it's being done now, as far as our Academy, teachers of the Ute language, the museum, our newly developed Culture & Language Committee. It's out there. It's really aggressive, too; it's positive. The support is out there. Tribal members want to know their language; they want to know their culture. It's happening now. Really, it's supporting those things that can be done right now.

*How do you feel about the tribe's current financial direction?*

We have our financial plan: That is our guide and our resource. If we follow what past leaders have created, we'll keep that 40-year projection of being financially fit. The key is just reviewing the financial plan and living within our means. Those are normal things that any business or organization would do.

*Are there any current policies with which you take issue?*

The dress code. I don't evaluate performance on dress. I evaluate performance on work, and the ability to work. I want to be judged on my work ethic and not the shoes I'm wearing. I believe in self-expression, too.

### Wolf and coyote

*One day the wolf saw the coyote carrying a bag with him, so he started out after the coyote and asked him what he had in the bag he was carrying.*

*But the coyote didn't want to show him what he had in the bag and he started running from the wolf, so the wolf chased him around and around. Finally he caught him, then he told the coyote to take out the things he had in the bag.*

*When he did take them out, they were all little people. He took out quite a few of them, and finally the coyote closed the bag really fast, and left very few in the bag.*

*The old man who told this story said that this was the few amount of people that are left here, as the Southern Ute people are now. He said if the wolf hadn't done this to the coyote there wouldn't have been so few Indians left here; there would have been more people today.*

*After all this had been done, the coyote told the wolf, "Now go and make your arrows. Now there is going to be a war."*



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

— Excerpted from "The Southern Utes: A Tribal History" by James Jefferson, Robert W. Delaney and Gregory C. Thompson  
Painting by Southern Ute tribal artist McGarey Gallegos

## Ute Language

puatu - friend

piwa - spouse

piimHchi - to love



Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

### Southern Ute Language 102 Class



- Learn to read, write and speak the Ute language
- Instruction by Alden Naranjo & Tom Givon

Open to community members  
Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum  
Large Classroom  
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm  
Fridays 12:00-1:00 pm  
January 18-May 16, 2012

Provided by the Southern Ute Cultural Department.  
For more information, call Dr. Stacey Oberly at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or Nathan Strong Elk at 970-563-9588 or Dedra White at 307-349-4035

## Powwow Trails

### Comanche Homecoming Benefit Powwow

January 14

Comanche nation Complex • Lawton, OK

Contact: Leonard Eschiti

Phone: 580-512-7280

Email: veschiti@gmail.com

### NACA "Healthy Living" Powwow

January 16

1100 Cardenas Ave SE • Albuquerque, NM

Contact: Dawn Begay

Phone: 505-977-2311

Email: dawn.g.begay@gmail.com

Web: <http://nacaschool.org>

### 8th Annual Red Paint Powwow

January 20-22

Western NM University • Silvercity, NM

Phone: 575-534-1379

Email: apache@wolfhorseoutfitters.com

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

### Kiyaksa Waniyetu Wacipi

January 28 - 29

Kyle, SD

Contact: MJ Bull Bear

Phone: 605-899-2460

Email: mjbb78@yahoo.com

### 28th Annual Elmira Powwow

February 4

24936 Fir Grove • Elmira, OR

Contact: Alan Merrill

Phone: 541-461-8228

Email: amerrill@lesd.k12.or.us

Web: <http://www.lesd.k12.or.us/indianeducation/index.html>

### Mid-America All-Indian Center Benefit

February 11

650 N. Seneca • Wichita, KS

Contact: April Scott

Phone: 316-350-3340

Email: ascott@wichita.gov

Web: [www.theindiancenter.org](http://www.theindiancenter.org)

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# The Kidney Corner:

## Exploring edema

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
Durango Nephrology Associates

Edema is the term used to describe swelling of the body due to accumulation of fluid.

When it is severe, this swelling is usually very obvious, showing up as swollen ankles and legs and occasionally a puffy face. Extra fluid accumulating in a patient's body usually is seen in the ankles, since gravity tends to make it flow downward.

So we usually test for edema by gently squeezing a patient's lower shin with a thumb or finger; if this pressure leaves an indentation, it is a sign that edema is present.

Symptoms of edema include a feeling of fullness of the ankles or legs, inability to put on shoes because they are too tight, and puffiness of the face.

A serious form of edema occurs when the fluid accumulates in the lungs. This "pulmonary edema" causes shortness of breath and tends to be worse when a patient lies flat in bed. Standing up sometimes relieves it.

The shortness of breath caused by this fluid in the lungs can be very distressing, and patients might say it feels as if they are drowning — which indeed they



through loss of protein in the urine or through chronic kidney disease.

In addition, localized disease processes can cause edema. A clot in a leg vein is a good example. Edema of one leg is a common symptom of a leg vein clot. Varicose veins can sometimes cause similar swelling.

Obstruction to lymphatics can also cause edema. This is a common problem after removal of lymph nodes for breast cancer. Other occasional causes include some medications and allergic reactions.

Edema is usually best treated by addressing the cause of the problem (treating the heart disease or kidney disease). The mainstay of treatment of edema, however, is with diuretic medications. Examples are furosemide (Lasix) and hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ).

These drugs increase the body's excretion of sodium and water from the kidneys. They generally work well, but it's important to remember that they don't work as well in the presence of a high sodium intake. Even though you may not add salt yourself to your food, it may already be high in salt if someone else has prepared it. Most fast foods are very high in salt.

are! It usually needs to be treated in a hospital or emergency room by intravenous medicines that help to remove the extra fluid.

What can cause this extra fluid accumulation? Usually, fluid in the blood vessels is maintained by a complex series of processes that limit the amount of fluid leaking out into the surrounding tissues.

This finely tuned system can be unbalanced by a number of systemic illnesses. Heart disease is one cause, and edema is a hallmark of congestive heart failure. Liver disease, particularly cirrhosis, can also result in severe edema and in this case is often associated with accumulation of fluid in the abdomen, called ascites. Kidney disease is a third cause, either

## Sutton bids farewell



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Grounds Maintenance Division Head Don Sutton (right) said his goodbyes on Friday, Jan. 6 after 15 years of employment with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Staff members from all areas of the tribal organization, including Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr. (left) and Personnel Director Brian Sheffield (center), stopped by the Grounds Maintenance office to wish Sutton well in retirement.

## Thanking foster families



Foster care coordinator Tara Reeves of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Social Services organized a foster parent appreciation party to show the division's gratitude to its foster families, guardians, kinship providers and department staff. The Sunday, Jan. 8 party in the Rolling Thunder Bowling Lanes at the Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted foster families and providers for an afternoon of bowling and pizza. The Thompson and Herrera families (top) enjoy several varieties of pizza; Brianna Goodtracks-Alires (bottom) helps Dominique Howe choose a ball before bowling. The division is currently planning two more events for foster children: a sweat in March and a Bear Dance workshop in May. Anyone interested in volunteering their time or knowledge is asked to call Tara Reeves at 970-563-0100 ext. 2337.

photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

### United Blood Services, blood drives

- Wednesday, Jan. 18**
- BP, Bloodmobile
  - 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 380 Airport Rd., Durango, CO
  - Fort Lewis College, Vallecito Room
  - 10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., 1000 Rim Dr., Durango, CO
- Thursday, Jan. 19**
- CDOT, Bloodmobile
  - 9 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., 3803 N. Main Ave., Durango, CO

- Florida Mesa Elementary, Bloodmobile
- 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 216 Hwy 172, Durango, CO
- Friday, Jan. 20**
- Ute Mountain Casino Hotel, Bingo Hall
  - 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 3 Weeminuche Dr., Towaoc, CO
  - Pleasant View Fire Dept., Bloodmobile
  - 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., 15529 CR CC, Pleasant View, CO

## Community Meeting



### Organize AND Strategize COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.  
Southern Ute Higher Education Building

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Health Services, 970-563-0154  
Shining Mountain Diabetes Program, 970-563-4741

# Winter Whitening!



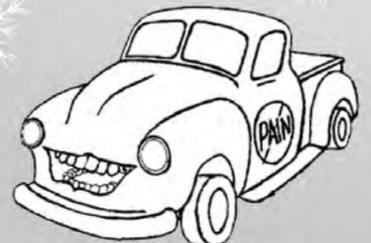
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Or, refer a friend and you and your friend get FREE whitening (a \$259 value)!  
Now through Jan. 31, 2012.

Call now for your appointment!  
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## Education update

### January classes for tribal members

**Scrapbooking:** Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Higher Education Classroom. Participants will use paper crafting, stamping, stickers for scrap booking. Bring pictures, mementos, souvenirs, concert tickets etc. Contact Luana Herrera at Higher Education 970-563-0237 to sign up.

### Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Feb. 3, and March 2. The test is held at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Closures: Monday, Jan. 16

Southern Ute Tribal Offices  
 Southern Ute Head Start  
 Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy  
 Ignacio and Bayfield school districts

## STEM after-school open house at The Southern Ute Education Department



After school January 25th from 2:15-4:45 p.m.  
 Similar open house STEM programs will run the last Wednesday of each month, same time, and same place:

- February 29
- March 28
- April 25

Is your 3rd-8th grader into science?  
 Are they not sure what to do after-school?

Come discover your inner scientist in this fun and interactive experiment-filled open house program!  
 FREE FOR SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL STUDENTS. \$10 EACH FEE PER SESSION FOR JOM STUDENTS.

Believe it or not, Durango Discovery Museum after-school programs have taught students new science concepts and vocabulary, enhanced students' science skills and allowed them to have loads of fun! The tradition will continue, with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs at the Southern Ute Education Department one Wednesday a month during Early Release. January's program will focus on Wild Wind. Students will learn engineering concepts as they create windmills, anemometers, pin-wheels and other windy crafts. They will make windy tools to take home, and explore how wind can be captured to do work. It's sure to be a blast!

The Durango Discovery Museum's education staff will guide students through inquiry and hands-on activities. Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the fun! We'll meet at the Southern Ute Education Building the last Wednesday of every month from 2:15-4:45 p.m. Stop in, say hello, and stay as long (or as short) as you'd like! Discovery Museum classes have sparked students' interest in science, engineering, math and technology, and they have inspired students to notice, wonder and learn. Parents, asked in the past, have responded that their children enjoyed the experience, their children became more interested in science while learning new vocabulary, and they were highly likely to bring their children to other programs offered by the Museum.

*spark curiosity, ignite imagination, and power exploration*

For further questions please contact Sarah Margoles at the Discovery Museum 970-403-1863, sarah@durangodiscovery.org or Carrie Vogel at Southern Ute, 970-563-0235, cvogel@southern-ute.nsn.us

Attention:  
 Southern Ute  
 Tribal & JOM  
 eligible students

## Teen Leadership in Education

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Education

Take a trip to Washington D.C.

- Ages 13 -18
- June 3rd-8th
- Currently enrolled in school
- Information meeting Jan 18th



Learn more January 18th at the Department of Education Building at 5:30pm. Refreshments and door prizes

Deadline to register February 10th

Deposit is required at time of registration

Contact Michael Kirsch or Julie Stone at

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Join us this summer to develop our leadership program and for an educational trip to our nation's capital. Visit historical landmarks, museums, and buildings including the Smithsonian, Arlington Cemetery, and the U.S. Capital. Learn about our Government and how it impacts our daily lives and shapes our future. Visit the home of the decision makers with your fellow classmates and share in the experience of gaining an understanding of the current government structure.

Local farmers interested in providing food to schools for the 2012-13 school year are invited to attend the

## SW COLORADO FARM-TO-SCHOOL PRE-BID CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH  
 10:00 A.M.

BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL  
 ROOM 103  
 215 E. 12TH STREET  
 (NEXT DOOR TO THE 9-R ADMINISTRATION BUILDING)

### Discussion Items Include:

- ◊ Pricing
- ◊ Farm/District Match-Up
- ◊ Order Placement Methods
- ◊ Delivery Requirements
- ◊ Estimated Quantities to Purchase

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS:  
 BAYFIELD, CORTEZ, MANCOS, IGNACIO,  
 AND DURANGO

For additional information, contact Krista Garand, Food Service Director, Durango School District 9-R at 970-247-5411, ext. 1436 or kgarand@durango.k12.co.us

WANTED  
 INTERNS

## 2012 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS



### Who should apply:

Native students studying business, technology, computer science or marketing

### Internship options include:

- Software quality assurance
- Programming
- Network Management
- Marketing

### Benefits include:

- Summer income
- Structred, mentored, real-world experience
- References for use in future career
- Experience in technology and software development

### Applications accepted:

January 1, 2012–April 15, 2012

### Where:

Handel's headquarters—Laramie, WY



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Frances Clem  
 307-742-5555 ext. 110  
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### Cow elk hunt returns



More than a hundred hunters from across Indian Country gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, Jan. 6 for an orientation meeting preceding the annual January cow elk hunt on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The event, which has taken place since 2001, invites Native American hunters to Ignacio following the tribal member hunting seasons. This year, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division granted 115 permits, and the hunt took place Jan. 7 - 15.

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### Swonger seeks District 59 House seat

Media release  
Swonger for Colorado

Democrat Patrick Swonger of Silverton, Colo., announced on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Fort Lewis College his candidacy for the Colorado House of Representatives' 59th District.

"My campaign is about jobs, education and preserving our environment while leveraging both its beauty and bounty," Swonger said.

He describes himself as a moderate who would work to bring jobs to the district while standing firm for families, children and small business.

"I've been in the military, large corporations, tiny start-ups," he said. "I've volunteered on town boards, regional councils, and search and rescue. I've seen a lot of the challenges here in the

**"Ranching, farming, energy, education, tourism, health care: These are some key industries for our area in the 21st century."**

**- Patrick Swonger, candidate**

59th, but I want to get to know our community even better."

As part of his campaign, Swonger announced a "59 Jobs" initiative. His goal is to work a half-day or more alongside fel-

low Coloradoans in 58 different district jobs.

"Ranching, farming, energy, education, tourism, health care: these are some key industries for our area in the 21st century," he said. "Working in these fields is the best way to learn more about what folks need to succeed."

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Swonger is a past commander of American Legion Post 14 in Silverton. He's worked in a variety of Colorado's key industries, including tourism, hospitality, construction, and mining. After completing college at the University of Florida on the G.I. Bill, Swonger spent nine years as division manager at a Fortune 500 company before starting a regional telecom and IT service business in Silverton in 1994.

Swonger is married with three school-aged boys.

### SunUte thanks council



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

SunUte Community Center Director Kristi Garnanez presented a plaque to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, Jan. 10 in recognition of past council members who made the facility a reality over a decade ago. Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. thanked Garnanez, congratulating her on a job well done.

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## IHS boys save 7th in Aztec • from page 1

point games — without a three-point arc.

Which, barely two hours after ceremonies of statehood started — commemorating President William H. Taft's proclamation on Jan. 6, 1912 — was precisely where Bloomfield appeared willing to remain on Friday, Jan. 6 to defuse the Ignacio High School boys — again.

The Bore-cats' frequent, motionless wasting of time on offense hadn't changed since facing the Bobcats last month. Neither had reliance on elbows to free themselves from IHS pressure.

Not much had changed at all, until a ridiculous five-point play with 106 seconds left stole not only the lead, but whatever momentum Ignacio still had from the previous night's near-upset in the opening round of the 2012 "Rumble in the Jungle" in Aztec, N.M.

With senior Shane Richmond having pierced eighth-ranked [NMHSCA Class 4A poll] Piedra Vista of Farmington for 37 points in a 60-58 loss, it was obvious that BHS was not only going to limit his touches, but Ignacio's as a whole. Still, Bloomfield's Bobcats found themselves trailing 31-30 with time no longer in their full favor — until sophomore Ryan Johnson attempted a layup on a breakaway.

Not knowing IHS soph Justin Carver's jumping ability, Carver not only tracked Johnson down from behind, but also rejected the shot away from the rim as it was rising. But what should have gone down as the defensive stop of the game was ruled a foul, with a goaltending infraction attached.

Johnson sank his "and-one" free throw, and senior Clay Payne followed with two more after Carver was hit with a technical foul for a brief protest. Suddenly, with multiple players in foul trouble — including Richmond; Carver and guard Clayton Jefferson would foul out — Ignacio needed a quick reawakening that never materialized after a contest, finalized at 38-32, badly needing a shot clock.

Carver and senior Xavier Watts each netted nine points, Jefferson and freshman Adison Jones each had five, Richmond ended with three FT's in four tries, and soph Adam Herrera was 1-2 at the stripe. Payne paced Bloomfield — which led 9-6 after one quarter, trailed 17-14 after two, and re-led 25-22 after three — with 18 points (12-14 FT). Johnson and point guard Erik



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*Ignacio's Adison Jones (33) takes a shove in the back while attempting to rebound against Bloomfield, N.M., during Day 2 action at the 2012 "Rumble in the Jungle" in Aztec, N.M.*

Miller each scored seven.

Sinking 12 of 15 FT's versus PV — with Richmond and Jones accounting for all attempts — the Cats were behind 29-28 at half-time and 44-42 when the fourth quarter began. The Watts-Jefferson backcourt produced no points, but was crucial in containing Panther starters Ray deKay, Aaron Welch, and Isiah Valdez to a combined nine points.

Richmond, Jones (eight), and soph Kelton Richmond (seven) combined for 52 up front — more than enough to offset Ty Jacquez's 17 and Satchel Baker's eight. With regular Jacob Armijo injured, sixth-man Dakota Vigil helped make the difference with 15 points off the bench, but not until a long Richmond miss inside the final minute could Piedra Vista — and everyone inside Lillywhite Gym — exhale in relief.

With San Juan Basin League play resuming only three days (Jan. 10 at Dolores, results unavailable at press time) later, Ignacio got its motor restarted in the Rumble's seventh-place game an afternoon after losing to BHS. Facing 4A Miyamura [Gallup, N.M.], the Cats blew open a 27-

13 halftime lead after restricting the Patriots to just three points in the second quarter, and coasted to a 56-41 victory.

Richmond worked for 23 points (11-13 FT), easily canceling MHS's Jarred Meese (nine) and Isaac Padilla (eight). Jefferson added ten points for IHS, Jones nine, Carver five and Herrera four — on free throws during the team's 22-point fourth quarter (in which Richmond was 8-of-8 at the line).

Pat Fouser chipped in five points as nine Pats scored overall, opposed to Ignacio's eight.

League action awaits the Bobcats (5-3, 2-0 SJB), ninth-ranked in 2A prior to the tourney, this weekend with a trip to Norwood on Friday, Jan. 13 and a home date with Nucla the following afternoon.

FINAL "RUMBLE" PLACINGS: Championship — 3A Shiprock [N.M.] 68-63 over PV. Third-place game — 4A Montezuma-Cortez [Colo.] 57-46 over 4A Aztec. Fifth-place game — Bloomfield 49-41 over 2A Magdalena [N.M.]. Seventh-place game — IGNACIO 56-41 over Miyamura.

## Lady 'Cats swipe 7th in Kirtland

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Free throws ultimately decided — or didn't (both teams were a combined 0-8 in the final 1:25) — the seventh-place game last weekend at the Webb Toyota/Kirtland [N.M.] Central Girls' Basin Invitational.

How many Ignacio junior Mariah Vigil made — well, only a select few inside Bronco Arena really knew. The official scorebook-keeper, however, wasn't one of them. And Vigil?

To the Bloomfield [N.M.] Lady Bobcats, she was finally out of sight — having fouled out at that 1:25 mark in the fourth quarter — and, unfortunately, out of mind. She'd been a priority for Dan Larabee's players to contain, having registered 24 points and 11 rebounds on Day 1, and then another 17 points on Day 2 — both efforts coming against much higher-rated opponents.

And her getting to the foul line (14 FT's attempted on Day 1, 12 on Day 2) was a cause for alarm. Being as though it was the early-bird game on a Saturday, tired eyes at courtside may have jumped the gun — and possibly shot BHS in the back — when Ignacio's forward stepped to the stripe for two tosses with 5:24 left in the first half.

Still, the 4A squad had to examine evidence surrounding its own play in a 39-38 loss — their second defeat this season at the hands of the 2A Coloradans. For after the opening tip, Bloomfield caught Ignacio as flat as they could only have hoped for, and led 16-7 after eight minutes (and as great as 16-1).

When Vigil finally did get into the scoring column — on a FT with 0:15 left — BHS's advantage was still double-digit wide after IHS's Jordan Cuthair hit her first freebie just before the buzzer.

Horrid shooting and Ignacio's invigorated full-court press whittled Bloomfield's lead down to an apparent 33-32 after 24 completed minutes on Don Cluff Court. The Lady Cats had moved out front, 29-28 on the scoreboard, via a Sky Cotton three-pointer following a Pam Cotton weakside put-in of a Vigil airball. Bloomfield's Alexia Kosea (8 pts) countered with a strong 15-footer and



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

*Ignacio's Pam Cotton (23) pulls in a rebound despite contact from Thoreau's Tristine Wilber during Day 2 action at the 2012 Webb Toyota/Kirtland [N.M.] Central Girls' Basin Invitational.*

teammate Whitney Charley (6 pts) then sank a triple, but Pam Cotton drilled a late three to set up the final quarter.

Vigil (4 pts?) did bury a free throw to evidently tie at 33 with 6:48 remaining. Pam Cotton again crashed the boards behind Bloomfield defenders to lay in a Sky Cotton (5 pts) long-range miss, and then dropped in two FT's herself for a 37-33 lead with 4:40 left.

Tiffany Henry (6 pts), back from a first-half bang on the head, cashed a three to seemingly put BHS ahead at 38-37, but IHS's Michelle Simmons powered in for a layup in response and the (probable) lead.

Bloomfield's Kallan Pablo missed her two tries after Vigil's dismissal, and teammate Trinity Mayo did likewise with 0:40 to go. But with 0:28 left, Pam Cotton unusually missed a pair, as did Simmons — giving BHS one last prayer with 0:04 left.

Fortunately for the black jerseys, Cotton (16 pts, 12 rebs, 7 blocks) had rejected a Pablo attempt in the paint, right into the hands of Simmons (7 pts), who was then hacked to stop the clock — and, for all practical purposes, forced Bloomfield to

venture the floor's full length for a desperation heave.

With their first three San Juan Basin League games beginning three days later — including Jan. 13's trip to Norwood and a home game versus Nucla the next day — Ignacio improved to 3-3 overall (1-1 SJB), after having fallen to Thoreau, N.M., and Grants, N.M., at the Webb.

Top-ranked in 4A coming in, GHS greeted the Lady Cats as one would expect — a 70-40 rout. It could have been far, far worse had any number of their numerous three-point misses actually hit their target, but, like good Lady Pirates, they kept firing anyways.

Besides Vigil's tourney breakout, Pam Cotton and Valerie Armstrong each managed six points, but Simmons — double- and sometimes triple-teamed when she had the rock — was blanked. Guards Sydney Mares and Julie Gallegos each scored 13 for Grants, while 6-foot-2 sophomore Teige Zeller had 17.

Grants junior reserve Ashley Masters hit a 15-footer with 0:02 left to even out the final margin.

Having trailed by just 10-6 after a quarter with Grants, Ignacio's start was even better versus THS, and a Simmons breakaway layup with nine seconds left gave IHS a 13-12 lead after one.

But behind senior Felicia House (18 pts) and junior Tristine Wilber (11), the Lady Hawks recovered a 31-26 half-time lead, stretched it to as much as 15 (44-29) en route to leading 44-32 after three quarters, and ultimately rebuilt the advantage to the final 56-40.

In addition to Vigil's encore, the Lady Cats got eight points from Pam Cotton, six from Simmons, four from Cloe Seibel, and two from Sky Cotton against Thoreau — which also got 10 points from senior Roshawna Yazzie and seven from Claudia Perry.

FINAL WEBB PLACINGS: Championship — KC 56-54 (OT) over Grants. Third-place game — 3A Shiprock [N.M.] 35-34 over 5A Fruita [Colo.] Monument. Fifth-place game — Thoreau 47-39 over 4A Belen [N.M.]. Seventh-place game — IGNACIO over Bloomfield [N.M.].

NOTE: Ignacio's Lady Bobcats received the tournament's Sportsmanship Award... IHS's road game in league play at Dolores on Jan. 10 was completed after the Drum went to press.



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*Ignacio's Sky Cotton (24) turns the corner against Bloomfield's Mariah Vigil (24) during IHS's seventh-place game at the Webb Toyota/Kirtland [N.M.] Central Girls' Basin Invitational.*

## Matmen greet '12 at RMI

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

The pin parade for Teagan Overturf resumed last weekend in Ignacio High School's first action of 2012.

Only problem was Del Norte's Austin McDonald had a similar idea, and prevailed in a key 152-pound clash at the 18-team Rocky Mountain Invitational, hosted by Pagosa Springs on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Ignacio's senior recovered to notch three pins more — over Aztec's Maverick Heater, Monte Vista's Mitch Vanderpool, and Antonito's Amos Abeyta — upping his season total to 19 out of his 20 victories, but the chance of a title at the popular event was gone, and he finished fifth despite a 4-1 mark.

The Bobcats, with eight competing, finished 12th overall with a total of 64.5 points and one individual champ. Center (75) bridged the gap to Bloomfield, N.M. (77), in tenth. With three champions, Aztec racked up 174 points and took the team title back to New Mexico. Centauri (160) was second, also counting three winners, and Bayfield (155) was third with one champion.

Senior Alex Pena went 4-0 at

126 pounds as IHS's unbeaten — senior Colton Wyatt was held out due to a pre-Christmas injury — and stopped AHS's Robert Escojeda 4-2 in the final. At 132, senior Jeff Herrera also saved a fifth place for Ignacio — losing his second match 3-1 to Durango's Nicholas Tarpley, but then bouncing back with two decision wins and a default from AHS's Jesse Mitchell to finish 4-1.

Junior Taylor Smith earned the Cats some points with his eighth-place result at 113 pounds, going 1-3, while Keith Joosten (106), Isaac Pena (120) and Blaine Mickey (160) each went 1-2 and gained more experience in their initial high-school campaigns. Christian Knoll had a difficult draw and made an 0-2 early exit at 170 pounds.

Next for the Bobcats will be this weekend's 41st annual Rob Mickel Invitational, hosted by Salida, with a trip to Paonia's Screaming Eagle Invitational to follow on January 21.

2012 RMI CHAMPIONS: 106 — Jacob Palmgren, Del Norte (over Monte Vista's Diondre Garcia); 113 — Noah Trujillo, Antonito (over Durango's Dillon Anthony); 120 — Ethan Coombs, Centauri (over Widefield's Anthony Robb); 126

— Alex Pena, Ignacio (over Aztec's Robert Escojeda); 132 — Shane Wilson, Centauri (over Widefield's Jayme Wilson); 138 — Rio Escojeda, Aztec (over Monte Vista's Simon Schaefer); 145 — Shawn Beiriger, Del Norte (over Aztec's Casey Ford); 152 — Micah Keys, Centauri (over Bloomfield's Mikey Loy); 160 — Aaron Velasquez, Bayfield (over Monte Vista's Austin Vance); 170 — Adam Lucero, Aztec (over Del Norte's Josiah Simmons); 182 — Austin Wilcox, Monticello (over Bayfield's Jon Roberts); 195 — Rip Price, Air Academy (over Monticello's Nephi Barlow); 220 — Kyle Henderson, Aztec (over Sargent's Zack Morgan); HWT — Trevor Gillen, Durango (over Widefield's Justin Pettrash).

TEAM STANDINGS: 1.Aztec, N.M., 174; 2.Centauri 160; 3.Bayfield 155; 4.Monte Vista 139.5; 5.Durango 139; 6.Del Norte 109; 7.Widefield 108.5; 8.Air Academy 101.5; 9.Monticello, UT, 98; 10.Bloomfield, N.M., 77; 11.Center 75; 12.Ignacio 64.5; 13.Antonito 59; 14.Pagosa Springs 51; 15.Sargent 40; 16.Espanola Valley, N.M., 36; 17.Unattached 27; 18.Taos, N.M., 25.



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“The survey that used to take over 40 hours is now taking 30 hours or less,” he said. “GPS technology has advanced to where we can now plug all the boundaries into the pilots’ GPS and we can be sure we are getting precise coverage of our units, not double-counting animals and not straying into non-tribal jurisdictions.”

Division Head Steve Whiteman said the annual count

is a crucial part of creating a region-wide picture of wildlife activity.

“Deer and elk within the San Juan Basin are migratory species that cross political boundaries,” he said. “They are really shared resources that all of the jurisdictions have vested interest in managing. The annual game count has been a big part of that coordinated management with our neighbors.”



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The Southern Ute Wildlife Division’s annual aerial game count took place over the Southern Ute Indian Reservation from Thursday, Jan. 5 through Sunday, Jan. 8. Wildlife Technician Danielle Austin disembarks from the aircraft during a refueling stop at Pagosa Junction on Thursday, Jan. 5; mule deer herds, cow elk herds, and solitary bull elk are all taken into account as game numbers are tracked from the air using GPS and visual identification methods; identifying landmarks like Chimney Rock and the Piedra and San Juan rivers help wildlife officials as they navigate the reservation; Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson uses a map with defined quadrants to break up the game count over several days.





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# NAYO dances into the new year



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Ignacio High School's Native American Youth Organization hosted a New Year's Community Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, to ring in 2012. Tasty cakes are on attendees' minds during the cake walk (top); Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. (right) speaks on behalf of the family of the late Barbara Chavarillo, a school counselor who was honored as founder of the IHS NAYO club; tribal member and Head Man Dancer David Boyd (below right) leads the grand entry into the gym; tribal member Neida Ray (below far right) takes part in an intertribal dance; Boyd and veterans Larry Tucker, Howard D. Richards Sr. and Rod Grove (bottom right) comprise the center of the grand entry; drum group 12 Gauge (bottom left) and a couple members' sons sing an honor song; powwow attendees (below left) shake hands following the grand entry; Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Suzi Richards (left) greets the crowd.



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# Southern Ute Permanent Fund employment programs for Native Americans and Southern Ute tribal members

### Regular part-time and full-time employment

All of the tribe's Permanent Fund regular part-time and full-time positions will be posted on a bulletin board in the north entrance of the Leonard C. Burch Building. The tribe accepts electronic job applications that are completed and submitted online. Job postings from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and other outside organizations are also provided for job seekers. The JOB HOTLINE — 970-563-4777 — also includes information on Permanent Fund part-time and full-time regular positions. Information can also be obtained on the tribal website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us). For more information, call the Personnel Department at 970-563-4750 (fax: 970-563-0302).

### Temporary employment

In addition to regular part-time or full-time positions, the tribe also accepts employment applications from individuals who are interested in temporary work. The tribe accepts electronic job applications that are completed and submitted online. The Personnel Department keeps these applications in a file for six months and will work with supervisors who need an employee on a temporary basis. Temporary employment will last for a period not to exceed six months unless there are extenuating circumstances that would require an extension in duration. Interested applicants should complete an online application or contact the Personnel Department for information on temporary employment opportunities. For more information, call the Personnel Department at 970-563-4750 (fax: 970-563-0302).

### Permanent Fund trainee positions

In accordance with tribal policies, supervisors shall work in coordination with the Personnel Department to develop SUIIT member trainee positions when possible. The hiring department shall evaluate their own job vacancies, staff available to provide training for the trainee, current workload, and any other relevant factors to determine the feasibility of modifying an existing position into a trainee position. The creation of a trainee position involves lowering qualifications for certain jobs which allows the SUIIT member to "train up to" the minimum qualifications of existing positions with-

in the Permanent Fund. A trainee position is structured around a training curriculum for a specified period of time and outlines the experience and education that must be completed; trainee curriculums are usually designed to last one year. Upon successful completion of the training curriculum, the SUIIT member will possess the needed qualifications for the job will be placed into the regular full-time position. The trainee position process is similar to the Tribal Member Apprentice Program, which is explained in the section below. However, a SUIIT member apprentice is not guaranteed job placement upon the completion of their curriculum. The Personnel Department can provide information and answer questions for departments that wish to create a trainee position. For more information, call the Personnel Department at 970-563-4750 (fax: 970-563-0302).

### TEAM Program

The TEAM Program was reactivated in 2011 and is designed to employ Southern Ute tribal members only. The program is located in the Personnel Department and the employment assistant works with tribal members for job placement. This program provides 240 hours of work for SUIIT members, and the program has allowed extensions of work hours based on positive employee performance. Tribal members can work in various tribal departments and divisions based on experience and interests.

### Tribal Member Apprentice Program

The Tribal Member Apprentice Program also provides additional employment opportunities for SUIIT members only. The Apprentice Program was designed to provide education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members in order to build a career foundation to pursue further educational goals or career development. The program is not designed to displace current tribal employees; however, some high-level tribal managers have voluntarily ended tribal employment to allow tribal-member apprentices to assume their positions. Thus far, the Apprentice Program has placed tribal members in high-level management positions within the Permanent Fund. The Apprentice Program has been used to provide both low- and top-level management work experience for

tribal members. Tribal-member apprentice employees are compensated from the limited Apprentice Program budget. Current Apprentice Committee members are Mark Torres (TERO division head), La Titia Taylor (Education Department director), Hilda Burch (Housing Project administrator) and Brian Sheffield (Personnel Department director).

### TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office)

The Personnel Department works with TERO staff to identify SUIIT members or local Native Americans that can perform Permanent Fund jobs. In the recent years, TERO has collected fees that are now utilized to fund and create jobs for tribal members and Native Americans. TERO has internal staff that works with individuals to find employment within and outside of the tribe's Permanent Fund. Interested individuals should call TERO at 970-563-0117 (fax: 970-563-4824).

### Vocational Rehabilitation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation program is a federally-funded program that strives to assist Native American Indians with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining long-term employment.

There are three main criteria that must be met for an applicant to be eligible for VR services. Applicants must:

- Be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe
  - Live on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
  - Have a verifiable physical or mental challenge
- Examples of eligible SUIITVR challenges include diabetes, alcohol or substance dependency, hearing loss, amputation, blindness or eye disorders, chronic pain, back disorders, asthma, learning disorders, depression, or any other physical or mental condition that limits one's ability to work.

Examples of services we can help provide include resume writing, interviewing skills, assessments, education, training, job skills, clothing, tools, hearing aids, glasses, and whatever else may be needed for an individual to gain or maintain employment. Call the Vocational Rehabilitation Department at 970-563-4727 (fax: 970-563-4840).

### Youth in Natural Resources Program

This is a yearly program operated under the Natural Resources Department in the summer months. The program employs tribal members and local Native American youth who will work and learn about the management and preservation of the tribe's natural resources. Priority for filling these positions goes to Southern Ute tribal members first. This program was created to entice Southern Ute tribal members to pursue education and careers in natural resources. Call Wildlife Resource Management at (970) 563-0130 (fax: 970-563-0305).

### Education Department Programs

#### Excellence in Education internships and adult internships

The Education Department provides 12 positions a year for tribal members starting at 16 years of age interested in employment opportunities. The program includes a maximum of 640 hours per fiscal year. The program is designed to help any tribal member gain job experience; however, we encourage college students to participate so that they may have experience in their field of study before they obtain the degree.

#### Youth Employment Program (YEP)

This program is designed to provide the youth, ages 14-18, an opportunity to gain and learn work ethics through work experience and education in cultural, financial and life events. The YEP coordinator begins contacting the youth in late March and early April. The program provides services for enrolled members of the Southern Ute Tribe that have the following:

- Proof of age (birth certificate, driver license, tribal card)
- Proof of enrollment or parent enrollment (tribal ID card)
- Proof of Social Security number (Social Security card or document)

The contact for these programs is the Department of Education at 970-563-0237 (fax: 970-563-0382).

## Santa sightings continue



With a little help from the Southern Ute Police Department, Santa Claus stopped by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Montessori Head Start on Thursday, Dec. 15. He has since returned to the North Pole to meet with his head elves and make preparations for next Christmas.

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## SUPD honors its own



photos courtesy Don Folsom/SUPD

The Southern Ute Police Department hosted its annual Awards Ceremony & Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Multi-purpose Facility to recognize the work of its many employees. Detective Luke Austin, Chief of Police Zachary Rock, Lt. Tom Boyce and Sgt. Shane Clance (top) were recognized for their investigative and evidential skills; Rock also acknowledged Victims Services staffers Lisa Manzanares, Joann Gomez and Melanie Dugan (bottom) for the level of care and comfort they provide.



# The political party of fly-fishers

By Don Oliver  
Special to the Drum



They're back and scarier than ever.

Who are they? They are the wonderful people that bring you the national elections every four years. During the last cycle, we witnessed huge sums of money raised, opponents bashed, promises made that would never be kept, and dirty tricks played. For all the rhetoric, we got two really elaborate and pointless conventions, and regardless who won, a major disappointment.

I ask you, did either party actually spend any of the money raised to build one habitat house, reduce the deficit, or take some of that money and spend it on the worst public school system in the nation — Washington D.C. — and turn it into the showcase of how public education should work?

Needless to say, none of that happened. All we got for our money was a bunch of narcissistic, self-righteous, Bible-thumping, chest-pounding, run-off-at-the-mouth, do-nothing candidates. Made me proud; how about you?

Well, not being one to sit around and just complain, I have decided to form a new political party. Yep, I have, and it will be known as the Political Party of Fly-fishers.

However, like all political parties, there are certain rules and requirements for membership. To become a member of PPoFF, you have to either fly-fish, or want to

learn how to fly-fish, read a book about fly-fishing, or know someone who meets one of these qualifications.

Once you meet the strict rules of membership, you are eligible to run for office under the fly rod of PPoFF.

There are rules a member must follow when running for office. To start with, there are no age, gender, religious, race, or sexual preference boxes to check. In fact, you will receive extra help for your campaign if you are under the age of 12, or a single mom with two children and two jobs who can fly-fish and balance a checkbook. Once your candidacy is established, the fun part begins: raising money.

Once the first dollar is raised, the rules of PPoFF kick in. All money raised, by any candidate, will go into one big bank account. Then, one-half of these funds will be spent on worthwhile charitable projects, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Red Cross, or the

Salvation Army.

Once the money starts to roll in, and worthwhile projects are being donated to, the rallies will begin. The rallies for PPoFF are going to be positive events. They will have civil and spirited debates, ending with beer and hot dogs.

The debates and cookouts will be accompanied with the doing of good deeds that use fly-fishing. Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery are two that jump to my mind.

Once all the viable candidates have made their cases, a very scientific method will be used to select the person to challenge the candidates from the two nationally known do-nothing parties. The PPoFF convention will have a 10-fish cast-off. The candidate catching the most fish with 10 casts wins.

Should there be a tie, a sudden death fish-off will occur.

Just think. Our candidate will be able to stand there, look the other party's bobble heads in the eye, and ask them: How much money did they give away to good causes, and how much time did they actually spend doing something good? Assuming they answer truthfully — none — it's in the bag.

Folks, we can win this.

Just imagine what a great country this will be having a president that not only fly-fishes, but knows how to give back more than he or she receives. I get all warm and fuzzy just thinking about it.

# Happy birthday wishes



We would like to wish Our Sonny Boy, Henry ElkRiver WhiteSkunk II a very Happy 4th Birthday on January 24, 2012!! We all Love you very much and you bring so much Joy into our lives!

Love, your Family  
Daddy Henry, Grandma Willette, Auntie Carol Dee, Uncle Aaron, Auntie Katie & Sister Christen  
HUGS AND KISSES XOXOXO



### Happy Birthday to All my January Birthdays

Uncle Raymond Cheromiah, Auntie Marlene Graves, Auntie Tanya Browning, Mataya Cheromiah, Melvin Cheromiah Sr., Uncle Sam Bautista, Randy John and "My Love" Bay Tanner Cheromiah.

From Ronica, Tay and Forrest

### Happy Birthday to Manuel Myore, Jr., on Jan. 14

May you have many more to come. Don't get discouraged keep your spirit up it will all work out for the better.

We all love you,  
from your family far & near

### Happy Birthday to our daughter, sister, & aunt "Cheryl" on January 19

May the great spirit continue to watch over you as you travel the road of life, we love you.

Your parents, brother, sister, the rest of the family, even Tavi & Suscie (LOL)

To Elwood  
We would like to wish you a "happy birthday" on January 26.

From the family of Shirley/St Stanley R. Frost

### To our late brother, Byron, Sr.

You would have turned 55, on January 15, you left us here to continue down the road of life, we are strong and we are okay, we love & miss you.

Your family

### Happy 19th Birthday Krista "Suzy" Richards

It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating your 18th birthday, now you're already turning 19. This past year had its ups and downs, but it wouldn't have been the same without you by my side every step of the way. We may not always see eye to eye but I will be here to help you whether it be big or small. I love you always and forever, no matter what. May the Creator bless and watch over you on your special day.

Love you big sis

### Happy Birthday Frank

May the Creator protect and watch over you.

Love Shiri



### Happy Birthday Keelyn

Happy birthday baby girl! On Jan. 7 you turned two years old. Time sure does fly when you're young and fancy free. Thank you for being so sweet and lovable. Hope your second year of life is a great as your first!

Love Momma, Papa, brother KJ, and the Ortiz family

# Who am I: Where am I going?

By Tim Yaw

Nuucia Bible Baptist Church

Thus far we have concluded that love as we know it is self-centered because it is focused inward.

We then logically concluded that since genuine love cannot come from within, it must be external. So we changed our view from a natural focus to a spiritual focus.

In order to do that, we needed to understand ourselves by answering the three basic questions of our humanity: Where did I come from? What is my purpose? Where am I going?

In previous discussions, we affirmed that humans were created by an intelligent spiritual being. With intelligence proving personality, we concluded that this being, though a spirit, was a person. Being a person, we named him God.

And since God created humans, He surely did it for a purpose. We then agreed that the human purpose is to glorify the Creator, making God the focus of our existence. Early in our discussion, it was agreed that humans are of physical and spiritual form, the body containing a soul, with the soul continuing to exist after the body is deceased.

So where is the real us, our soul, going after the death of our body?

During our discussion of the subjective view of God versus the objective God, we affirmed that God exists outside our perception of him. Since God is alive and supreme, would it not be reasonable that in his sovereignty he has the right to set the standard of life now as well as life after the death of our body?

Sure it does, and we accepted that when we saw our purpose in this existence was to glorify him. In other words, God expects to be the main focus of our lives and we glorify him by recognizing his sovereignty and trusting him.

Herein lies the problem in our human existence.

From birth, we have expected the focus of others to be on us. When our focus is on ourselves, we are not focused on our real purpose, nor can we provide the

love needed to live peacefully together.

Our pride further disallows us to live by God's expectations. In other words, though we may desire to, we are not able to satisfy God. God's will for his human creation is to exist with him eternally. But because God is perfectly holy and pure in goodness, he cannot relate to imperfection and impurity.

*Is this not genuine love?  
God left his realm to redeem his human creation by sacrificing himself!*

No matter how good we might try to be, our pride puts us at odds with God. Eternal separation from God is what God calls spiritual death, or Hell. Because our contaminated moral state separates us from God, something must be done to reconcile the problem or we will spend eternity separated from him.

God tells us through his word, the Holy Bible, that no one is good and all have fallen short of his glory. God's glory is his perfection of holiness, which we cannot attain through our own effort. God calls this sin and tells us that the wages of sin are death.

This spiritual death needs to be rectified because after our body dies, there can be no reconciliation with God.

Because God understands our shortcoming, through his mercy and love, he provided a means of reconciliation. God left his spiritual realm and manifested himself as a sinless human. He walked with his creation in the name of Jesus Christ.

Why? Because God loves his people whom he created with which to have an eternal loving relationship. You see, our inward focus on our self-satisfaction makes us impure and unholy. The penalty for that is an eternal existence

without God. A pure and holy person is the only creature with whom God can have a relationship.

Jesus Christ was that person while he walked the Earth. He took all the sin of mankind on his sinless self and died, paying the death penalty we should have paid.

Jesus' sacrifice for us satisfied God's requirement for his intended relationship with humanity. God then raised Jesus from the dead to mediate between us and God in the spiritual realm and strengthens God's desired relationship.

God tells us that if we believe that Jesus took our sin on himself paying our debt, confess that we are sinners and be willing to repent from our sinful lifestyle and live for him, we will never be separated from God again and will live with him forever. When this belief is enacted, God lives in the believer through his holy spirit, who cleanses us of our unrighteousness, sanctifying the believer toward perfect holiness and purity.

Is this not genuine love? God left his realm to redeem his human creation by sacrificing himself!

Wow! It appears that we have found genuine love. Yes, genuine love is sacrificially based on the needs of others. It is giving through self-sacrifice in order that others will benefit ahead of us. Humans are not capable of true sacrificial love; thus, without God, we cannot love each other properly.

God gives the believer only two commands to follow: Love him with all your heart, your soul, your mind and your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself.

Pretty simple, huh? We love God with all we have, putting him first in our lives by sacrificing our self-centeredness, and he then gives us the power to sacrificially love others! So, a perfect and peaceful world consists of loving God and loving each other followed by an eternal existence of love in the presence of our Lord.

In the next issue, we will begin digging deeper into this mystery that God has revealed to us.

**Free events taking place at the Ignacio Community Library**

**January 19 at 12 p.m.**  
Ready to live healthier? Want to improve your finances? The Ignacio Community Library presents Small Steps to Health and Wealth. Call us at 970-563-9287 for more information and to sign-up.

**January 23 at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**  
The Ignacio Community Library presents the Emmy award winning PBS film Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock. The film tells the story of her life and public support of nine black students who registered to attend an all-white school in Little Rock, AK.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Angela Richards

Job title: Detention officer  
Family: Married to Frank Richards Jr., two kids Andres and Armando Richards.

### Shelina Porambo

No photo available  
Job title: Multi Purpose Facility/Chapel front desk attendant  
Hobbies: Love being with my two children, going to movies.

### Kayla Lynn Wing

No photo available  
Job title: Recreation specialist  
Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute

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Jan. 23**

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# SunUte's youth basketball:



Youth basketball is in full swing at the SunUte Community Center. Nineteen teams comprised of athletes ages 5 – 12 are signed up this season, which runs from Jan. 9 through March 8. Games take place on Monday – Thursday nights.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley and Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



## 2012 Youth Basketball 5 & 6 year old Schedule

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>1. JAZZ</b>    | <b>2. NETS</b>    |
| <b>3. PISTONS</b> | <b>4. BLAZERS</b> |
| <b>5. HAWKS</b>   |                   |

<b>January 9th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 3 v 5 6:30pm	<b>January 16th</b> 3 v 2 5:30pm 1 v 5 6:00pm 4 v 5 6:30pm	<b>January 23rd</b> 1 v 3 5:30pm 1 v 4 6:00pm 5 v 2 6:30pm
<b>January 30th</b> 4 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 5 6:00pm 1 v 5 6:30pm	<b>February 6th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 2 v 3 6:00pm 4 v 5 6:30pm	<b>February 13th</b> 4 v 2 5:30pm 4 v 1 6:00pm 5 v 3 6:30pm
<b>February 20th</b> 3 v 1 5:30pm 4 v 2 6:00pm 5 v 2 6:30pm	<b>February 27th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 3 v 5 6:30pm	<b>All-Star Game &amp; Awards Event</b> Will be held March 5th.

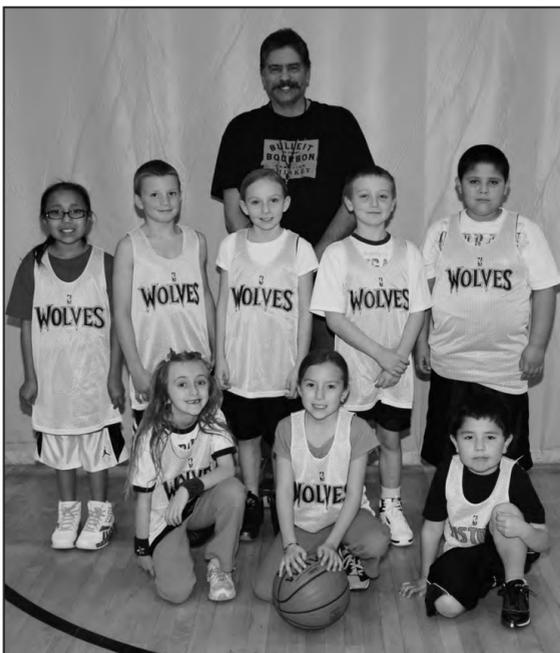
## 2012 Youth Basketball 7-8 year old Schedule

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| <b>1. RAPTORS</b> | <b>2. CLIPPERS</b> |
| <b>3. PACERS</b>  | <b>4. MAVS</b>     |
| <b>5. HORNETS</b> | <b>6. WOLVES</b>   |

<b>January 10th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 5 v 6 6:30pm	<b>January 17th</b> 3 v 2 5:30pm 4 v 5 6:00pm 6 v 1 6:30pm	<b>January 24th</b> 6 v 3 5:30pm 2 v 4 6:00pm 5 v 1 6:30pm
<b>January 31st</b> 6 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 5 6:00pm 1 v 4 6:30pm	<b>February 7th</b> 1 v 3 5:30pm 4 v 6 6:00pm 2 v 5 6:30pm	<b>February 14th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 5 v 6 6:30pm
<b>February 21st</b> 3 v 2 5:30pm 4 v 5 6:00pm 6 v 1 6:30pm	<b>February 28th</b> 6 v 3 5:30pm 2 v 4 6:00pm 1 v 5 6:30pm	<b>All-Star Game &amp; Awards Event</b> Will be held March 6th.



# Bouncing, passing, shooting



## 2012 Youth Basketball 9-10 year old Schedule

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| <b>1. LAKERS</b>  | <b>2. SPURS</b> |
| <b>3. CELTICS</b> | <b>4. SUNS</b>  |
| <b>5. BULLS</b>   |                 |

<b>January 11th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 3 v 5 6:30pm	<b>January 18th</b> 3 v 2 5:30pm 1 v 5 6:00pm 4 v 5 6:30pm	<b>January 25th</b> 1 v 3 5:30pm 1 v 4 6:00pm 5 v 2 6:30pm
<b>February 1st</b> 4 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 5 6:00pm 1 v 5 6:30pm	<b>February 8th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 2 v 3 6:00pm 4 v 5 6:30pm	<b>February 15th</b> 4 v 2 5:30pm 4 v 1 6:00pm 5 v 3 6:30pm
<b>February 22nd</b> 3 v 1 5:30pm 4 v 2 6:00pm 5 v 2 6:30pm	<b>February 29th</b> 1 v 2 5:30pm 3 v 4 6:00pm 3 v 5 6:30pm	<b>All-Star Game &amp; Awards Event</b> Will be held March 7th.

## 2012 Youth Basketball 11-12 year old Schedule

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| <b>1. HEAT</b>     | <b>2. NUGGETS</b> |
| <b>3. WARRIORS</b> | <b>4. TOWAOC</b>  |

<b>January 12th</b> 1 v 2 5:15pm 3 v 4 6:00pm	<b>January 19th</b> 3 v 2 5:15pm 1 v 4 6:00pm	<b>January 26th</b> 1 v 3 5:15pm 2 v 4 6:00pm
<b>February 2nd</b> 1 v 2 5:15pm 3 v 4 6:00pm	<b>February 9th</b> 3 v 2 5:15pm 1 v 4 6:00pm	<b>February 16th</b> 1 v 3 5:15pm 2 v 4 6:00pm
<b>February 23rd</b> 1 v 2 5:15pm 3 v 4 6:00pm	<b>March 1st</b> 3 v 2 5:15pm 1 v 4 6:00pm	<b>All-Star Game &amp; Awards Event</b> Will be held March 8th.



## Request for bids

GRVP, LLC, SANITARY SEWER C PROJECT  
THREE SPRING, DURANGO, CO

Bid-Notice is hereby given that Bids from qualified contractors shall be received by Russell Planning and Engineering, Inc. in their office located at 934 Main Avenue, Unit C, Durango, Colorado 81301, until 5:00 PM (MST) on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained on the www.threespringslink.com website or at Point to Point Graphics (259-9225) at Contractors expense. Pass code for web site shall be given out to bidders via email by contacting Darren Stewart at darrens@russellpe.com. Each Bid must be clearly marked with the Bid Title and Firm Identification. Bid evaluation will comply with the Three Springs, Indian Preference in Bidding

Procedures. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on-site at 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, CO at 1:30 PM, Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Deadline for Questions: All questions relating to the bid must be submitted via e-mail to Darren Stewart at darrens@russellpe.com by 5:00 pm on January 31st, 2012. The Owner reserves the right to reject late Bids. The Owner reserves the right to cancel this Bid, or reject any and all submittals, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the Owner. The Owner assumes no financial responsibility / liability whatsoever for the preparation of any response to this Bid. Bids will not be accepted by telephone, fax or e-mail.

## Request for bids

TYPE II AGGREGATES FOR JOINT CHIP SEAL PROJECT ON SH 151  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**OWNER:**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Tribal Planning Department  
P. O. Box 737  
116 Mouache Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-4749

Separate sealed bids to provide approximately 3500 Tons of Type II Aggregate will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. To receive a Bid Packet contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number indicated above.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more informa-

tion, contractors should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970.563.0117. For the purposes of this IFB, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe's TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor may be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## Do you have Questions about your Indian Mineral Ownership or Royalties?

Department of the Interior  
Oil and Gas Royalty  
Question and Answer Session

Thursday, January 19, 2012

BIA-Southern Ute Agency  
8:30 A.M. – Noon

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact Johnna Oberly of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 970-563-4511 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.



### Restaurants

**Julie's El Amigo**  
970-563-9998, 355 Goddard Ave., jquintana1952@yahoo.com, 11a-8p  
"Mexican & American food"

### Retail

**Classy Seconds**  
970-563-1230  
645 Goddard Ave.  
classysecondsangela@gmail.com  
M-F 9a-5p

**Pine River Enterprises**  
970-563-9286  
1817 Hwy. 151  
M-F 7:30a-5p  
"Selling tires and farm and ranch goods"

**Marcella's Gifts**  
970-563-0266  
355 Goddard Ave.  
diamondlady@frontier.net  
Tu-Sa 10a-5:30p; Su appt

**Pinon Liquors**  
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125 Goddard Ave.  
M-Th 10a-11p; F-Sa 10a-12a; Su 10a-10p  
"Everyday low prices; drive-up window; good wine selection; coldest beer"

### Services

**Ignacio Community Library**  
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www.ignaciolibrary.org  
M-Th 9a-7p; F 9a-5p; Sa 9a-4p  
"A cool place to check out"

**Photocopier Service/Copy Shop**  
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## Calendars now available

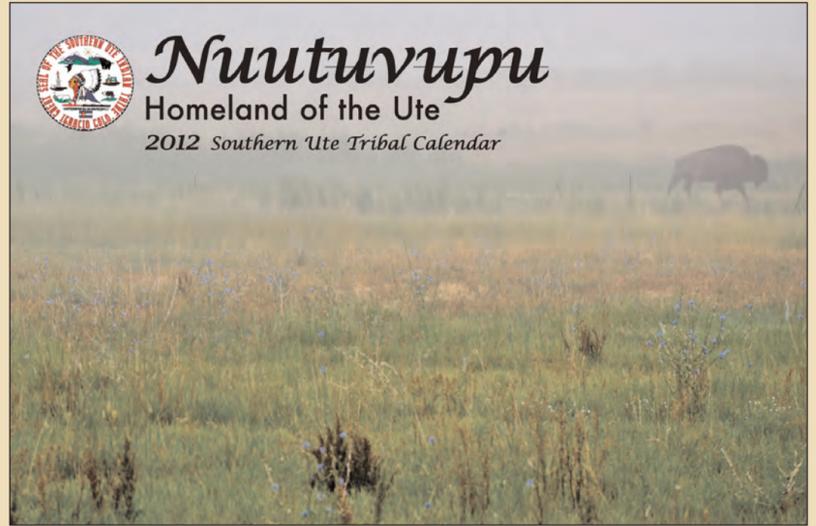


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The 2012 Southern Ute Tribal calendars are now available to those who did not receive a calendar in the mail. The calendars were mailed out to head-of-household tribal members and distributed to each Tribal department. The calendars are available in the Southern Ute Drum office, in the Leonard C. Burch Building.

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

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-122 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Dustin Bigleggins, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that The Division of Social Services on behalf of Dustin Bigleggins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Dustin Ray Weaver. As of December 5, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Dustin Bigleggins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Dustin Ray Weaver.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2011.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-181-CV-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Joseph Michael Atencio, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Joseph Michael Atencio has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Joseph Michael Herrera. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 23, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2011.  
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-175 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes**  
Notice is hereby given that Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Arecio Adarius Soaring Eagle Claw Baker. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2011.  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

#### Case No. 11-CV-101 NOTICE OF SUIT

**In re the Matter of the Repossession of the 1999 Golden West Mobile Home 27' x 48', VIN: GWCA21L25632 AB, and concerning Felipe Lopez (deceased debtor) and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. (Plaintiff)**

TO: Any Interested Person  
1. An Amended Petition for Order Allowing Repossession of the 1999 Golden West Mobile Home 27' x 48', VIN: GWCA21L25632 AB, owned by Felipe Lopez, deceased, has been filed in this Court on October 25, 2011.  
2. Any interested party to this lawsuit is directed to immediately file a pleading in response to the Petition For Order Allowing Repossession on file herein in the office of the Clerk of the above Court.  
3. If you want to deny the claim you must file a written answer.  
4. You may go to a legal counsel or advocate who can prepare an answer for you.  
5. If you do nothing, the Court may give judgment for the Plaintiff.

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-180-CV-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Nathan Isaiah Atencio, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Nathan Isaiah Atencio has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nathan Isaiah Herrera. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 23, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2011.  
Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

## The Southern Ute Drum Deadlines for 2012

Deadline	Federally recognized holidays and Drum office closures	Distribution & mailout
Jan. 9	New Year's Day (observed): Monday, Jan. 2 (office closed)	Jan. 13
Jan. 23	Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 16 (office closed)	Jan. 27
Feb. 6	Valentine's Day: Tuesday, Feb. 14	Feb. 10
Feb. 17*	Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 20 (office closed)	Feb. 24
March 5		March 9
March 19		March 23
April 2	Easter: Sunday, April 8	April 6
April 16		April 20
April 30	Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13	May 4
May 14		May 18
May 25*	Memorial Day: Monday, May 28 (office closed)	June 1
June 11	Father's Day: Sunday, June 17	June 15
June 25		June 29
July 9	Independence Day: Wednesday, July 4 (office closed)	July 13
July 23	Southern Ute Sun Dance Feast: Monday, July 16 (office closed)	July 27
Aug. 6		Aug. 10
Aug. 20		Aug. 24
Aug. 31*	Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 3 (office closed) Grandparents' Day: Sunday, Sept. 9	Sept. 7
Sept. 17		Sept. 21
Oct. 1	Cultural Diversity Day: Monday, Oct. 8	Oct. 5
Oct. 15	Halloween: Wednesday, Oct. 31	Oct. 19
Oct. 29		Nov. 2
Nov. 9*	Veterans Day (observed): Monday, Nov. 12 (office closed)	Nov. 16
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 (office closed)	Nov. 30
Dec. 7*	Leonard C. Burch Day: Monday, Dec. 10 (office closed)	Dec. 14
Dec. 21*	Christmas: Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 (office closed)	Dec. 28

All content – including articles, photos, letters, ads, notices and greetings – that is submitted for publication after deadline will be considered for the following issue. Requests for design work must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding publication. The Drum reserves the right to edit all content for spelling, grammar, clarity and libel.

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**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.

**PeopleSoft SQL Server Database Administrator**  
Closing date 1/14/12 – SU Shared Services  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for the PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and Financial and Supply Chain Management databases in the production and development infrastructure.

**Division Order Technician**

Closing date 1/17/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Assists in maintaining orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties focusing on Divisions of Interest and Title Opinions. Responsible for the distribution, execution, and tracking of all operated and non-operated Divisions of Interest.

**PeopleSoft HR Senior Developer**

Closing date 1/20/12 – SU Shared Services  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior FSCM Developer**

Closing date 1/20/12 – SU Shared Services  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development and pro-

duction support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer**

Closing date 1/20/12 – SU Shared Services  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

**PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II**

Closing date 1/20/12 – SU Shared Services  
Ignacio, CO. This position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications.

**Landman IV**

Closing date 2/28/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Obtains the legal licenses to drill and produce oil and gas, maintains orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records, negotiates and assists in the drafting of leases and partnership documents, and provides leadership to multi-function teams.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**

Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs) or at the Human Resources Department  
P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Administrative Assistant**

Closing date 1/18/12  
Provides administrative support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Benefits Department. Implements and maintains office systems to assure the efficient operation of the Benefits Department. Pay Grade 14.

**Administrative Assistant/Coordinator (2 positions)**

Closing date 1/18/12  
Assists Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park Facility Operations Manager with the operations and internal coordination of the Multi-Purpose/Chapel/Ute Park activities and basic office management. Responsible for assisting in the oversight/coordination of all regularly scheduled events and special events for the Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park. Pay Grade 15.

**Clinical Registered Nurse**

Closing date 1/18/12  
This is a Registered Nurse position, providing professional and clinical services at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center. Pay Grade 21.

**Facilities Operations Manager**

Closing date 1/18/12  
Directs operations and internal coordination of Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park activities. Provides a central contact in coordinating activities occurring in the facilities from various departments, developing marketing, special events, special projects and public relations. Formulates and oversees operational procedures, scheduling of activities and inventory management. Pay Grade 19.

**Custom Farms Field Supervisor Apprentice**

Closing date 1/23/12  
Tribal Members only. The overall Apprentice Program goal is to provide the Southern Ute Tribal Member Apprentice with additional education, skills, and experience necessary to fulfill the job requirements for a Custom Farm Field Supervisor Position. Incumbent will learn all skills and abilities necessary to manage the Agriculture Division's field staff and Custom Farm operations. Time frame

for program completion is twelve (12) months, unless circumstances require an extension or reduction in the length of the Program. The time-frame for Program completion may be altered only upon the mutual and written agreement of the supervisor and other chain of command in the department, the Apprentice, and the Apprentice Committee.

**Lifeguard (6 Positions)**

Closing date 1/23/12  
Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay Grade 12.

**Dental Assistant**

Open until filled  
Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions. Pay Grade 17.

**Finance Department Apprentice**

Open until filled  
Tribal members only. The goal of the Apprentice program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program 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. Three levels of positions are available: Senior Finance, Finance Manager, and Other Finance positions.

**Part-time Home Health Aide - 3 Positions**

Open until filled  
Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides home based services to include homemaking and living assistance for Tribal Member clients. Pay Grade 10.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

**Ignacio School District**

Application/Information: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221  
Job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)  
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year

**Family Consumer Science Teacher - Open until filled**

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, ETHICS OFFICE  
Ethics Hearing Officer**

The Department of Justice and Regulatory, Ethics Office is seeking qualified applicants to serve as an Ethics Hearing Officer for the Ethics Commission. This position will be a contract position and paid on an "as needed" basis only. Compensation is negotiable. The qualified applicant must be law trained and have some experience in practicing in an Administrative Hearing or trial setting. More than one Hearing Officer may be required to account for potential conflicts of interest. Please submit a letter of interest and qualifications to Mr. Charley Flagg, Director, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or call for any questions at 970-563-0292. Deadline for submission is Jan. 18, 2012.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal 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 are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, WILDLIFE DIVISION  
Wildlife Advisory Board vacancies**

The Tribe is seeking enrolled SUT members wishing to fill TWO vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. One of the vacancies is for the remaining 2 years of a 3-year seat on the Board, while the second vacancy is for a 1-year, Youth-Only seat. The Youth seat may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18. This 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe are eligible for \$20/hr compensation for meeting attendance. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO, 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 17, 2011.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, SOCIAL SERVICES  
Citizen Review Panel**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort**

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419  
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
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**Food & Beverage**  
Wait Staff-Rolling Thunder – FT, 1/13/12

**Table Games**  
Craps Pit Boss – FT, Open until filled  
Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, Open until filled  
Poker Dealer – TMP, Open until filled

**Slots**  
Slot Technician II – FT, Open until filled

*Preference Given To Qualified Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.*  
FT: Full-time  
PT: Part-time, OC: On-Call, TMP: Temp

**SUCAP**

Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517  
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

**Substitute Transit Driver (P/T)**  
Open until filled - SUCAP, Ignacio  
High School Diploma or GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Must have valid Colorado CDL and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. EOE

**Multiple positions**  
Open until filled - Ignacio Head Start/SUCAP  
Sub Bus Driver (P/T) must have current CDL, Teacher (F/T), Sub Teacher (P/T), Bus Monitor (P/T), Early Care Educator (F/T) must pass background checks.

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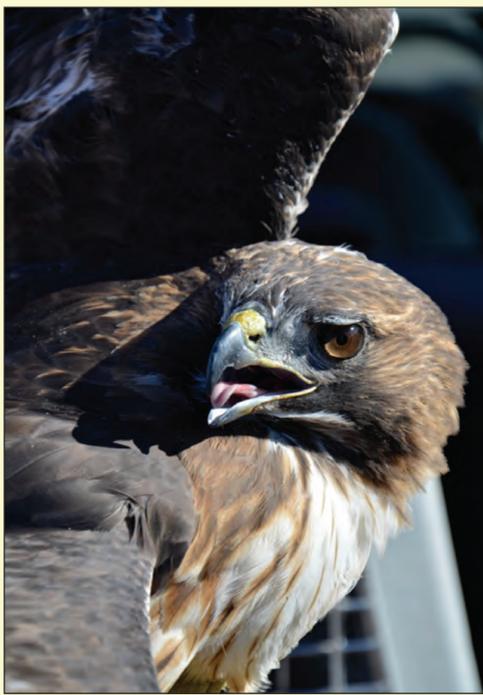
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### Healing hands



Pat Jackson, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator with the State of Colorado, releases a red-tailed hawk back into the wild under the supervision of Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The injured hawk was turned over to Jackson in October 2011 after it was reported on the Southern Ute Reservation. It was rehabilitated at Jackson's own center, the St. Francis Sanctuary, in Arboles. The rehabilitation center is funded by grants and donations.

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Waci'ci Trading Company's new location at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum offers a variety of traditional goods. Southern Ute tribal member Carol Baker (above) works at the shop, which sells everything from moccasins and traditional jewelry to Southern Ute artwork by Debra K. Box (below) and a wide range of books (bottom).

## Waci'-ci ups game at Southern Ute museum

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Visitors to the new Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum have noticed that the facility doesn't just allow you to view tribal culture behind the glass — you can take some home with you, too.

The new Waci'-ci Trading Company opened with the museum in May 2011, bringing the goods many have sought in downtown Ignacio for 25 years to the heart of the tribal campus. Owner Mel Silva said the response to Waci'-ci — Ute for "antelope" — has been great among the Native American community.

"They definitely are our best customers," he said.

Silva says his purchasing choices are informed by a lifetime of living in Ignacio, growing up around tribal members.

"In school, all of my best friends were Southern Ute — and still are," he said. "I kind of understand the tastes. It just kind of comes from being around it."

When Waci'-ci won the museum spot, Silva opted to keep his downtown Ignacio store open. With limited floor space at the new location — about 1,200 square feet, compared to 4,000 downtown — he had to be selective about his stock, focusing on unique and one-of-a-kind items.

"I really wanted to do just the best-quality things here to match the facility," he said. "This is a world-class facility."

From jewelry and moccasins to books and blankets — including one with a unique design commissioned for the museum by Pendleton Woolen Mills — the shop offers a variety of goods. Silva said he purchases items from many independently working Native Americans, including Southern Utes such as Debra K. Box and Oreland Joe.



"I have great relationships with lots and lots of Native American artists," he said, citing his 15 years of wholesale experience around the country as having allowed him to build an extensive network.

Traffic at the store has roughly met Silva's expectations, he said. "Thing are about what I expected. I expected it to be more of a summer business," he said, adding that with 30 bus tours scheduled to visit the museum next summer, the future looks bright.

Southern Ute tribal members do receive discounts on purchases at Waci'-ci's museum location: 33 percent off non-bead-work jewelry, 5 percent off

books, and 10 percent off everything else. Museum shop purchases are also exempt from sales tax, saving buyers another 6.9 percent.

Silva said a portion of shop proceeds go back to the museum, keeping money within the tribal community.

"We're very interested in any input that [tribal members] have — things that they would like to see that we're not carrying," he said, adding that anyone is welcome to call the store or talk to the clerks during a visit.

The shop's winter hours are 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; in the summer, it will return to 9 a.m. — 6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.



## Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Jan. 13



Sunny, High 39° F

Saturday, Jan. 14



Sunny, High 44° F

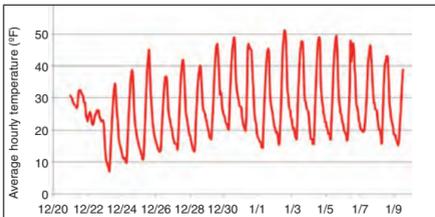
Sunday, Jan. 15



Mostly sunny, High 46° F

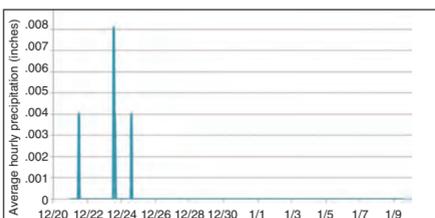


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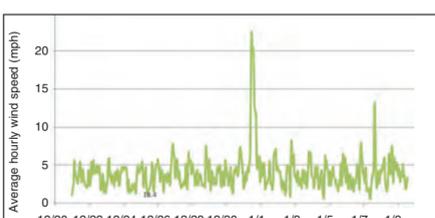
### Temperature

High 51.1°F  
Low 7.1°F  
Average 27.1°F  
Average last year 22.0°F



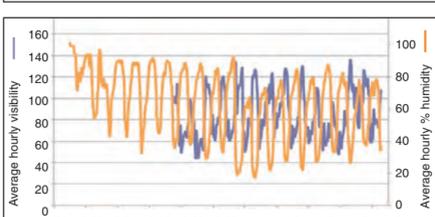
### Precipitation

Total 0.02 inches  
Total last year 1.87 inches



### Wind speed

Average 3.9 mph  
Minimum 0.6 mph  
Maximum 22.4 mph



### Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility 84.8  
Avg. humidity 63.8%

Air quality Good