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# The Southern Ute Drum

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Like a village under siege, the State Line Fire as seen from Bondad Hill consumed 350 acres approximately five miles north of the New Mexico state line. The fire was 80 percent contained as of Wednesday, June 27. The Type 3 team will transition the fire to a Type 4 incident commander and a smaller crew, with one 20-person crew and two engines remaining on scene to complete containment. The estimated cost of the fire is \$381,000.

### SUMMER FIRE WATCH

## Thunderstorms prompt worries of new fire starts

By Keyana Valdez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On the 10-year anniversary of the infamous Missionary Ridge Fire, wildfires are again torching growing areas of southwest Colorado under hot, dry conditions.

A brief but intense thunderstorm on the evening of Tuesday, June 26 brought some much-needed moisture to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and surrounding area, but with it several new fire starts.

The Lightner Creek Fire, reported at about 1 p.m. the following day near Durango, grew quickly and was estimated at 80 acres as of Thursday, June 28, burning on private property and the Perins Peak State Wildlife Area. Sixty residents along county roads 207 and 208 were issued pre-evacuation notices. For updates on that fire, call 970-385-8700.

The Escarpment Fire, near Mesa Verde National Park on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation, had grown to about 75 acres. Firefighters were working to contain it, though it was not accessible by road.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Kenney Wehn of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs works with firefighters from the Chugachmiut Yukon Fire Crew on Monday, June 18 to clear a hand line in Garcia Canyon northwest of Pagosa Junction.

A small blaze near Lake Nighthorse also started at just after 5 a.m. and burned about 2 acres. Firefighters successfully contained it before it reached any structures.

Lightning sparked at least 15 new fires on the reservation, mostly in the HD Mountains near Spring Creek, said Rich Gustafson, fire manager.

ment officer with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern Ute Agency — though crews were finding success in containing them as of the following morning.

The National Weather Service issued a hazardous weather outlook on Wednesday, June 27 forecasting more thunderstorms with gusty winds and little rain,

followed by dry and hot conditions over the weekend. Its forecast predicted sunny weather with temperatures in the low 90s through the middle of next week, offering little relief in the short term.

Meanwhile, firefighters' efforts to contain existing blazes have met with mixed results.

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### GROWTH FUND

## Tribe seeks to mitigate environmental hazards of coalbed methane

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For more than a decade, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been coming clean on the potential environmental effects of oil and gas development in the San Juan Basin and hoping others would follow its example.

Representatives of the tribe's Growth Fund led a tour on Saturday, June 23 of aspects of the Fruitland Formation underlying the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to members of the Four Corners Geological Society. Of interest to the geologists were methane seeps, which the tribe believes may be partially attributed to drilling, and underground phenomena known as coal fires.

Geologist Kyle Siesser and engineer Bill Flint of the Growth Fund's Department of Energy also discussed ongoing mitigation efforts to protect tribal land and resources.

trapped in coal deep underground travels upward into the soil and air near the surface. Seeps are bad for various reasons: Methane is explosive, it's a greenhouse gas, and it kills vegetation where it reaches roots, displacing oxygen. It's also sometimes accompanied by hydrogen sulfide, a toxic gas.

Significantly, methane seeping to the surface is also a lost resource, Siesser said.

Coal fires, by contrast, are still underground phenomena that take place when coal near the surface ignites — through a lightning strike, spontaneous combustion, or some other means — and can burn for decades or longer. They increase the risk for surface fires, create unstable ground, and burn methane, again leading to a loss of tribal resources.

### METHANE SEEPAGE

Documents exist from the late 1800s suggesting that methane seeps were already occurring in the area, Siesser said. But reports of methane seeps began to increase in the mid-1980s, coinciding with increased gas production, according to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"The tribe feels that down-dip production of coal-bed methane has exacerbated naturally occurring seeps along the Fruitland Outcrop," Siesser said. "The [Southern Ute Indian] Tribal Council has supported the mitigation measures and the ongoing studying that we've done along the outcrop."

The reasoning goes like this: To get methane from most wells, the first step is to drill and extract water, reducing the pressure underground and allowing the gas to move more freely. But when that happens, the gas that isn't caught by the well follows its natural inclination to move upward through the rock, eventually finding its way to the outcrop.

"Methane seepage and coal fires present threats to the environment and the health and safety of people living in the area," Siesser said.

Methane seeps occur where gas that's typically

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### HANDS-ON EDUCATION

## CU-Boulder teaches Southern Ute students to build computers

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Education Department teamed up with the University of Colorado Boulder's Indigenous Alliance Program on June 20-21 to teach Southern Ute students to build computers.

Led by CU Ph.D. student Calvin Pohawpatchko Jr., six students spent two days assembling their own machines from components including motherboards, processors and power supplies. At the end of the program, each student took home their own machine.

The Indigenous Alliance Computer Build, in its third



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Sergio Howe assembles a computer with his peers during the Education Department's Computer Build event on Wednesday, June 20.

year provides Native American middle and high school students in Colorado an opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The students also load the latest operating system and office software.

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## Southern Ute grads honored



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Michelle Oguin was one of three speakers at the Education Department's annual Education Banquet at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Durango on Saturday, June 23. Oguin, the student speaker, discussed her gratitude for what the tribe has given her as she earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Denver. She also thanked past, current and future leaders of the tribe for their interest in education and culture.

For more Education Banquet photos, see page 6.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### IGNACIO

#### ITS CARNIVAL TIME!

Come check out the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Carnival this weekend! Friday, June 29 from 5 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, June 30 from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, July 1 from noon to 10 p.m. Purchase your unlimited wristband at the carnival box office in the south parking lot, good any one day, for \$20.

#### TERO, ENVIRONMENTAL MOVING TO NEW BUILDING

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Office and Environmental Programs Division will be moving from the Annex Building during the last week of June to the new Justice & Regulatory Building located behind the Tribal Court. These divisions are part of the tribe's Justice & Regulatory Department.

#### ROAD RUNNER TRANSIT NOTICE

In observance of the Fourth of July, all Road Runner Routes including Dial-A-Ride services will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Services will resume on Thursday, July 5. For Road Runner information, call 970-563-4545 or 970-749-0223 or for Dial-A-Ride call 970-799-6201.

#### ANNUAL REUNION FOR UTE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

The school's annual reunion will take place at 10 a.m. on July 7 at Ute Park in Ignacio. It will feature a pot luck-style lunch. Please bring two small gifts for Bingo. For more information, call Diana Baker at 970-588-2231 or Arlene Millich at 970-259-0582.

#### CASINO TO HOST FISH AND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

The 27th annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's Southwest Regional Conference will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, July 24-26. This year's conference theme is "Honoring Mother Earth, Preserving Our Native Teachings, Adapting for the Future." Registration is on-site only and is \$175. Hotel rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$112 per night; to reserve, call 970-563-7777 or 888-842-4180. For more information, call Norman Jojola at 505-753-1451 or Joe Jojola at 505-563-3408.

#### 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 divi-

sion 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.

### BAYFIELD

#### FIRECRACKER 5K RUN SLATED FOR 4TH OF JULY

Bayfield's Fourth of July Celebration will start at Joe Stephenson Park at 8 a.m. Registration forms are available at Your Running Store, the Bayfield Town Hall, Gardenschwarz, and online at [www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org](http://www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org).

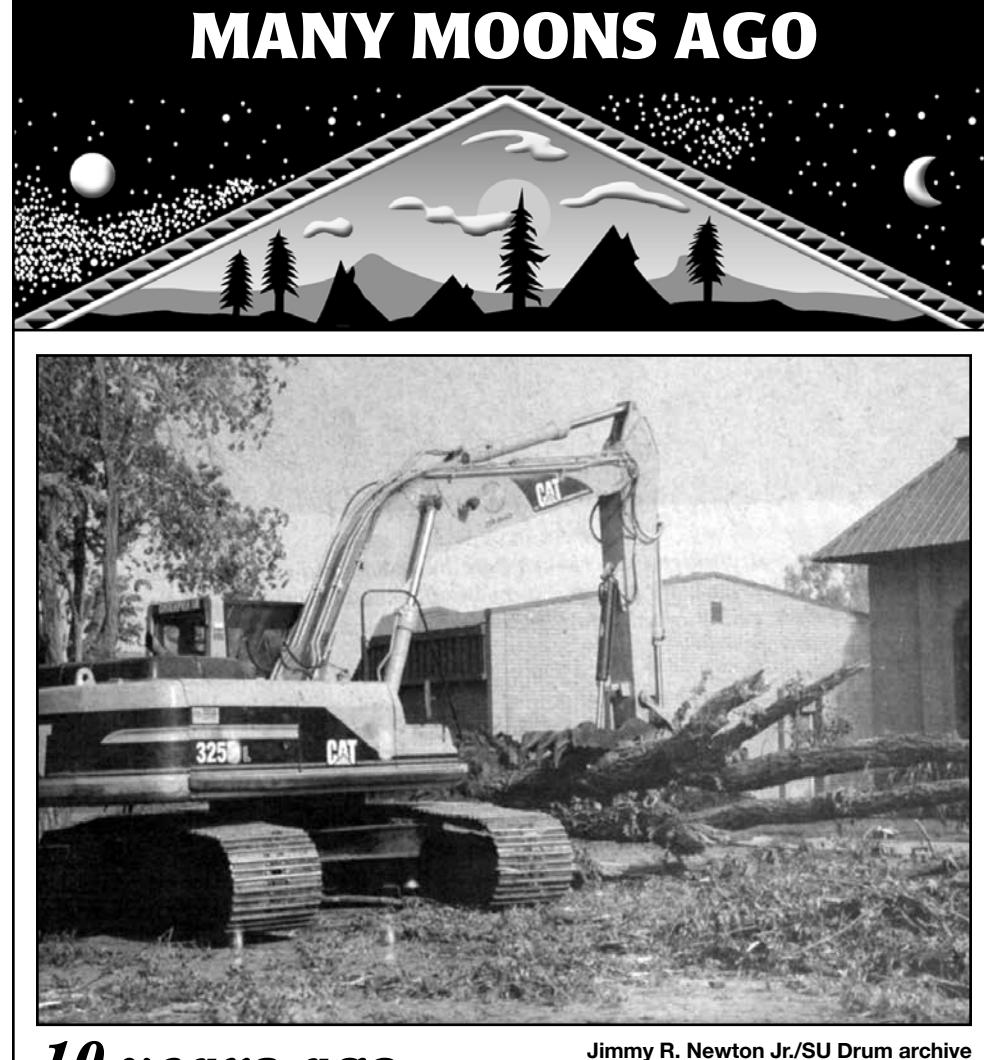
### DURANGO

#### MEET THE TRUCKS

It's back! Skills for Living and Learning's Meet the Trucks fundraiser will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$3 per person; kids three and under are free. Food and face painting will be available for purchase. "Honk free" from 10 to 10:45 a.m. What's better than a birthday party? A birthday party at Meet the Trucks! The \$150 Birthday Party Package for eight includes a reserved table with themed decorations including table cover, plates, cups, napkins, utensils and a bag favor of party favors; a sheet cake with theme decorations, hot dogs, chips and drinks; a choice of Monster Trucks, Race Cars or Construction Equipment theme; free passes for Meet the Trucks for eight children and two adults; and a choice of three 90-minute time slots between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Call 970-884-3259 before June 20 to schedule. For more info, visit [www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org](http://www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org).

#### 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 except for the second Wednesday of each month at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.



### 10 years ago

Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

There was not an issue that corresponded with the Drum 20 years ago. Look for the 20 years ago in the July 13 issue of the Drum.



### 30 years ago

SU Drum archive

Summer youth employees Yvonne Phillips and Wahleah Silva work at the Sky Ute Downs with Davetta Taylor (left).

This photo first appeared in the July 2, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## HEAD START UPDATE

#### HEAD START NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start program in Ignacio is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Head Start serves children from three to five years of age and Early Head Start serves prenatal women, as well as children from six weeks to three years of age. We encourage families of children with special needs to apply. There is no charge to qualifying families, regardless of income.

#### OUR SERVICE AREA FOR RECRUITING HAS EXPANDED

Our service area for recruiting has expanded. The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start program is now taking applications for enrollment in the Bayfield area: west to County Road 509, south of U.S. Highway 160, and east to County Roads 526/523. Transportation is available for Head Start students only. For an application or for more information, call, stop by, or visit [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org). Contact a Head Start/Early Head Start family advocate at 970-563-4566.

Tribal Member Youth

Find out:

- What to expect during the pageant.
- Requirements for the pageant.
- Rules for each title and the expectations of the applicants.

Contact: Heather Pardo  
970-759-2468  
[hatsfrost@aol.com](mailto:hatsfrost@aol.com)



### Southern Ute Royalty Pageant Preparation-Orientation Workshop

Tuesday, July 31, 2012  
from 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Multipurpose Building

All interested Tribal youth are **strongly encouraged** to attend our preparation workshop. Pageant will be held [Tuesday, August 21, 2012](#).

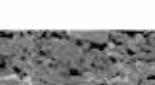
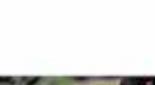
Applications for pageant are DUE NO LATER than [Friday, August 10, 2012](#) at 5:00 PM. Drop off at the Cultural Department, Attention: Elise Redd, at the Museum building.

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## CULTURAL UPDATES

### BEGINNING BEADING II

July 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum – Craft Room

In this class you will learn the skills of bead working. This class is for beginners and for those needing a refresher. You will learn to make designs, use color, and make key chains using peyote stitch and a rosette or appliqued design of your own. Please bring scissors, rippers, bead containers, and a project bag. Optional: Bring your own supplies. Other Indians are welcome; must provide own supplies. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237 for more information or to sign up for the class.

### FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS NEEDED

The Cultural Preservation Department is seeking superintendent volunteers to run the events for the upcoming 92nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair: greased-pole climb, baby contest, frybread contest, and duck race. For more information, call Tara Vigil, Cultural Preservation Department special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

### CONVERSATIONAL UTE CLASS

Friday, June 15 – Aug. 3, 12 – 1 p.m.  
Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, large classroom. Open to all, just show up or call the Cultural Preservation Department for more information at 970-563-4788. Ute speakers will be teaching this class. Fine tune your skills in pronunciation and practice speaking Ute. All levels of knowledge are welcome.

## Southern Ute Taguwuni Sun Dance July 13-16, 2012 Ignacio, Colorado

Chiefs: Kenny Frost  
Hanley Frost



### ALL DANCERS, SINGERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

**Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the rules of good manners and decorum must be observed by all, at all times.**

1. The entrance to the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the Medicine Lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
5. Cameras, tape/video recorders, food and water are not allowed in the Medicine Lodge area.
6. No metal chairs allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.
7. No cell phones!

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Original mural painted by Sam Ray in the old BIA Boarding School kitchen. Photo of the artwork taken by Southern Ute Drums staff. Poster designed by Robert L. Ortiz of the Southern Ute Drum.

## Powwow Trails

### Northern Ute Celebration Powwow

June 28 – July 1

Fort Duchesne, UT

Contact: Albert Lance Manning 435-219-2208,  
Bruce Pargeets 435-828-7032, Judy Pargeets 435-725-4079  
or Percel Cesspooch 435-401-8171

### Sacred Stars Traditional Contest Powwow

June 29 – 30

Mile Post 4II HWY. 163 • Monument Valley, UT

Contact: Ray Gray

Phone: 928-313-5414

Email: graydebbie\_90@hotmail.com

### Taos Pueblo Powwow

July 13-15

Taos Pueblo Powwow Grounds • Taos, NM

Contact: Taos Pueblo Powwow Committee

Phone: 575-741-0181 or 575-741-0974

Web: taospueblopowwow@gmail.com

### Little Beaver Powwow

July 20-21

Dulce Fairgrounds • Dulce, NM

Contact: Little Beaver Committee

Phone 575-759-1543

### Julyamsh Powwow

July 20 – 22

Post Falls, ID

Contact: Yvette Matt

Phone: 800-523-2464

Email: ymatt@cdacasino.com

Web: www.julyamsh.com

### UTE LANGUAGE

## This is your language

'icha'ara muni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

By Tom Givón  
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

### 11. Ute verbs (continued)

#### 11.1. Suffix pronouns

In this column we will finish the discussion of the structure (morphology) of Ute verbs. We will first discuss the use of subject and object **pronouns** as verb suffixes. Such **suffix pronouns** are optional in Ute, and are the last element on the verbal word. A fuller discussion of all Ute pronouns will appear in a later column. Unlike English, the subject and object suffix pronouns in Ute are identical. Compare:

a. Object:	mama-chi woman/S	'u the/S	punikya-qhay-'u see-ANT-3s
		'the woman saw him/her'	
	mama-chi woman/S	'u the/S	punikya-qha-n see-ANT-1s
		'the woman saw me'	
	mama-chi then-be woman/S	'u the/S	punikya-qha-num <u>u</u> see-ANT-1p
b. Subject:	mamachi woman/O	'uway the/O	punikya-qhay-'u see-ANT-3s
		's/he saw the woman'	
	mamachi woman/O	'uway the/O	punikya-qha-n see-ANT-1s
		'I saw the woman'	
	mamachi woman/O	'uway the/O	punikya-qha-num <u>u</u> see-ANT-1p

Since the subject and object suffix pronouns above are identical, marking the other participant of the event as subject in (a) or object in (b) helps clarify whether the pronoun refers the object (a) or subject (b).

#### 11.2. First-syllable stem reduplication

While it is true that most of the morphology of Ute verbs involves suffixes, there are a few verb prefixes too. We have already discussed the negative prefix (column 10). Another prefix is the **reduplication** of the first syllable of the verb-stem. Such reduplication signals that the action is **distributed** over various places or times, and thus **repeated**. Compare:

	simple	reduplicated
a.	káa-puga sing-REM '(s/he) sang'	ka-qháa-puga RED-sing-REM '(s/he) sang on and off, here and there'
b.	sarichi punikya-puga dog/O see-REM '(s/he) saw a dog'	sarichi <u>pa</u> -pínkya-puga dog/O RED-see-REM '(s/he) saw a dog here and there, repeatedly'
c.	táa-pugay-'u kick-REM-3s '(s/he) kicked him (once)'	ta-táa-pugay-'u RED-kick-REM-3s '(s/he) kicked him repeatedly'

#### 11.3. Incorporated stems

The left-most prefix position on the Ute verbal word is the **incorporation** of noun, adjective, or verbs stems before the verb. This is a productive grammatical process whose effect depends in part on the type of the incorporated stem. An incorporated noun stem may signal an **object**, an **instrument**, or **manner**. Compare:

	simple	incorporated
a. Object (noun):	núuchi Ute/O	núu-'apagh-a-r <u>u</u> Ute-speak-HAB '(s/he) is a good Ute speaker'
b. Instrument (noun):	tukuavi wiichi-m tuka-mi meat/O knife/O-INS eat-HAB '(s/he) eats meat with a knife'	tukuavi <u>wi</u> í-tuka-mi meat/O knife-eat-HAB '(s/he) knife-eats the meat'
c. Adverb (noun):	mamachi-pani paghay-mi woman/O-like walk-HAB '(he) walks like a woman'	mama-paghay-mi woman-walk-HAB '(he) woman-walks'

And incorporated verb or adjective stem most commonly signals **manner**. Compare:

	simple	incorporated
d. Adverb (verb):	saku-ga paghay-'way limp-PAR walk-IMM '(s/he) is walking limping'	saku-paghay-'way limp-walk-IMM '(s/he) is limp-walking'
e. Adverb (adjective):	'apagh-a-y speak-IMM '(s/he) is talking'	piya-'apagh-a-y sweet-talk-IMM '(s/he) is sweet-talking' (piya-ghama- <u>tt</u> 'sweet-tasting', 'sugar')

In the next column we will discuss in more detail Ute pronouns and related words.

'vvus. Toghoq-aqh.

## Theme and Artwork Contest for the 92nd annual Southern Ute Fair

The Southern Ute Cultural Department announces Theme and Artwork Contest for the 92nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

The deadline to submit has been changed to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 20, due to the timeframe in printing the premium books.

All artwork should be turned in or submitted to the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum at P.O. Box 737 #88, Ignacio, CO 81137.

Contact: Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil  
at [tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us) or 970-563-0100 ext. 3624

## KIDNEY CORNER

# Urine obstruction: A common cause of kidney failure

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY  
ASSOCIATES



In previous issues of the Kidney Corner, we have discussed several different causes of kidney damage, including diabetes, high blood pressure and glomerulonephritis (an inflammation of the kidneys).

One common cause of kidney damage we have not previously discussed is obstruction to the flow of urine.

Urine leaves the kidneys and travels to the bladder by way of the ureters, two tubes that lie at the back of the abdomen and connect the kidneys to the bladder. Urine then leaves the bladder via the urethra, a single tube that leads to the exterior.

Complete blockage of one ureter stops all function to one kidney. This may be caused by a stone or tumor, and if it happens suddenly it is usually quite painful.

The kidney involved may have no function at all, but if the other kidney is working well, there may be little or no change in kidney function, so kidney failure is not usual in this situation. Of course, it's best to try to restore drainage of the affected kidney to prevent permanent damage.

It's rare for stones to occur in both kidneys at the same time, but some types of tumors may obstruct both ureters and cause severe kidney failure.

Obstruction of the urinary tract further down, for example in the urethra, effectively blocks the drainage of both kidneys, so kidney failure is common in this situation.

The most common cause of urethral obstruction in men is prostate enlargement.

The prostate gland is situated around the uppermost part of the urethra, and as it expands (which is very common in men as they age), it can gradually close off the urethra.

This leads to ballooning of the bladder, and eventually the back pressure can affect the kidneys, leading to kidney failure.

Since this usually happens gradually, men may not be aware of the damage being sustained to their urinary tract. Early symptoms include a need for frequent urination (since the bladder does not empty well with each urination), a need to urinate at night, and a decrease in the strength of the urinary stream.

During a physical examination, a doctor may check for enlargement of the prostate. A blood test called "prostate specific antigen," or PSA, can also be used to check for prostate problems.

If urinary obstruction is detected early, relief of the obstruction can potentially reverse the kidney damage. Unfortunately, long standing obstruction may cause kidney failure that cannot be corrected.

Obstruction lower in the urinary tract can be temporarily relieved by a bladder catheter ("Foley catheter"). For most men with prostatic obstruction, a surgery to open up the prostate gland is usually a better long-term solution.

Obstruction higher up the urinary tract, for example in the ureter, may require a more invasive method of restoring drainage, sometimes using a tube that drains directly out of the back (a "nephrostomy"), or sometimes by a stent: a tube inside the ureter that drains urine into the bladder.

## Veterans Affairs to conduct benefits meetings

Topics covered will be: health care, Education GI Bill, guaranteed home loans, vocational rehabilitation, compensation and pension benefits, survivors benefits, burial benefits, and Q&A sessions. VA employees will be available after all meetings for questions and to take your claims.

Special guests: Charles Benway, Farmington Veterans Center, and various congressional representatives.

### Monday, July 9

- Salida, 9 a.m. – noon  
Salida VA Clinic, 920 Rush Dr., Salida
- Alamosa, 2 – 5 p.m.  
Alamosa Recreation Center, 2222 Old Sanford Rd., Alamosa
- Pagosa Springs, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 225 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs

### Tuesday, July 10

- Pagosa Springs, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Buffalo Inn, 164 N. Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs

### • Ignacio, 4 – 7 p.m.

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, 14324 U.S. Hwy. 172 N., Ignacio

### Wednesday, July 11

- Towaoc, 10 a.m. – noon  
Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council Building, Towaoc
- Cortez, 1 – 3 p.m.  
American Legion, 320 N. Harrison St., Cortez
- Durango, 5 – 8 p.m.  
VFW Post, 1550 Main Ave., Durango

### Thursday, July 12

- Ouray, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Ouray Community Center, 320 6th Ave., Ouray
- Gunnison, 4 – 7 p.m.  
VFW Post, 107 S. 12th St., Gunnison

### Friday, July 13

- Leadville, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Lake County Public Library, 1115 Harrison Ave., Leadville

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## SUNUTE UPDATE

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



### TRI-UTE GAMES

Now accepting participant and coach/chaperone registrations at SunUte front desk. Ages 9-18. Sports: Basketball, volleyball, golf, archery, bowling, swimming, cross country, ultimate warrior (triathlon), skateboard, handgames. All enrolled members and descendants of the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute tribes are eligible. Games will start July 24 and end on July 27 in Towaoc, Colo.

### SUNUTE SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Registration begins May 4. First session begins June 4. We are offering two-week sessions starting June 4. Classes will be 40 minutes long on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A two-week session is \$36. Enrolled tribal members are free. Maximum of six children per class. Maximum age is 4 years old. Provided in cooperation with the American Red Cross' Learn to Swim Program. Sessions: June 4-15, June 18-29, July 9-20 and Aug. 6-17. If you want a specific time, please sign up soon. Levels: Level 1: Comfort. Introduction to water. Submerge face, kicking, bobbing, floating, and introduction to front crawl. Level 2: Stroke development. Front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and rotary breathing. Level 3: Skills building. Deep-water treading, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, butterfly, flip turns, diving, etc. Parent/tots class: Only offered during Session 1 at 9 a.m. This class is for children ages 6 months to 3 years. Parents or guardians will have fun in the water with their children exploring water, games and safety. Times: 9 – 9:40 a.m., 9:45 – 10:25 a.m., and

10:30 – 11:10 a.m. (Level I, II & III). Classes may be divided by age depending upon enrollment. Sign up at the front desk after May 4 and pay for the class to hold your spot.

### ADVENTURE CLUB

Kids will have fun biking, hiking, rock climbing, and exploring the outdoors. Starts July 5 and will take place every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Last day of club is Aug. 2. Ages 8-18. \$20 fee; tribal members are free.

### FLAG FOOTBALL OFFICIALS WANTED

Previous experience or knowledge of flag football rules required. Games will be on Sundays starting July 15 for men, women, and co-ed. For information, call Susan Velasquez at SunUte.

### SAN IGNACIO SOFTBALL TOURNEY

July 28-29 for men and women. \$300 entry fee. Deadline to register is Thursday, July 26 at 5 p.m. We take phone payments, and accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover. First-, second- and third-place prizes. All-tourney and MVP awards. Men's team will hit their own core .44, and women will hit core .47. Only approved ASA bats on current bat list will be allowed!

### ARCHERY CLUB

Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Archery Club has started at the SunUte Archery Range. Registration is still open. Youth ages 8 to 17 welcome. No experience necessary. Learn basic archery fundamentals and have some fun doing it. Free!

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



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## Our Sister's Keeper Coalition and Colorado Anti Violence Program

## 3rd Annual Two Spirit Conference

"Celebrating Two Spirit People Who Walk on Mother Earth"

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Thursday, July 19, 2012

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Ignacio, CO

Key Note Speaker:  
Franklin Thompson, Southern Ute Tribal Member

- Powerful Presentations:
1. Supporting LGBTQ survivors of violence and creating change.
  2. Legal Panel
  3. Cultural Issues/Suicide Panel
  4. Youth Surviving Bullying and Hate Crimes

More Information:  
Dedra White or Kimberly Armstrong (970) 259-2519  
To Register:  
Call: (970) 259-2519 \*\* Fax (970) 403-1158 \*\* Email [www.oursisterskeeper.org](http://www.oursisterskeeper.org)

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## Tribe honors its own



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr. hands Crystal Rizzo a plaque in recognition of her achievement in earning a master's degree in gender and cultural studies from Simmons College. The tribe recognized all tribal-member graduates of 2012 at the annual Education Banquet on Saturday, June 23 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Durango.



Bayfield High School graduate and student speaker Morgann Box advises the graduates to "take all you can from life, and your education ... remembering your relationships with your friends and teachers."

Tribal Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle offers words of praise and acknowledgement for the Southern Ute graduates at Education Banquet.

**GED:**

Jonathan Sells, Livingston Veneno, Tiffany Howe, Dionna Rock

**Academic honors:**

Vern Carel — Vice president's honor roll, San Juan College  
Andreanna Cook-Hiett — Honors graduate, ITT Technical Institute  
Marten Pinnecoose — Dean's list, Western State College of Colorado  
Jamie Rivera — Dean's list, University of New Mexico  
Jeanne Smith — Dean's list, Central New Mexico Community College

**Certificates:**

Alyas Maez — Motorcycle technical specialist, Motorcycle Mechanics Institute  
Melvin Pena — Motorcycle technical specialist, Motorcycle Mechanics Institute  
Anthony Mattox — Cosmetology certificate, Paul Mitchell the School Austin

**Associate's degrees:**

Loni Acevedo — Arts, Miami Dade College  
Cheryl Root — Occupational studies, Westwood College  
Jeanne Smith — Business, Central New Mexico Community College  
Alan Herrera Jr. — Culinary arts, Johnson & Wales University

**Bachelor's degrees:**

Daphnee Griffin — Family studies, University of New Mexico  
Lisa Weaver — Health administration, University of Phoenix  
Andreanna Cook-Heitt — Criminal justice, ITT Technical Institute  
Garrett Briggs — Anthropology, University of New Mexico  
Melanie Seibel — Human services/management, University of Phoenix  
Yvonne Phillips — Interdisciplinary studies/teacher education option, Fort Lewis College  
Richard Jefferson — Southwest studies/anthropology, Fort Lewis College

**Master's degrees:**

Nathan Strong Elk — Business administration, Capella University  
Crystal Rizzo — Gender and cultural studies, Simmons College  
Shawna Steffler — Montessori education, St. Catherine University  
Michelle Oguin — Social work, University of Denver

## EDUCATION UPDATES

**EDUCATION ANNOUNCES GED TEST DATES**

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: June 1, July 13 and Aug. 3. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

**The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.**

**EDUCATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

The Southern Ute Education Department would also like to announce that the deadline for full-time scholarship requests for the 2012-2013 academic school year will be July 2 at 5 p.m. Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be considered for full time. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237 for more information or to sign up for the class.

**ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS**

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first come, first serve basis. There 20 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school or a junior college that have certificate programs. In order for students to attend any school it has to be an accredited and approved by (CHEA) Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0237 for more information or to sign up for the class.

## STUDENTS BUILD COMPUTERS • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Calvin Pohawpatchoko, a Ph.D. student at the University of Colorado Boulder, instructs students during a hands-on workshop in computer building skills.

The program purchases all the latest computer components and software for the students to build. It aims to foster technology skills and insight into technical careers and educational opportunities.

The students also learned about cyber-security and simple programming. The tribe's Education Department will provide follow-up mentoring with help from the Department of Pre-college Outreach Services in the CU Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

The program started in 1995 with one student at the University of Alaska-Anchorage and now serves more than 250 bachelor-degree seeking students. Since 2009, the program has expanded into 12 colleges and universities as the "Indigenous Alliance."

Ignacio students were given the opportunity to learn firsthand how to build and operate a computer workstation during a two-day program at the Southern Ute Education Center.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

## Ready to take on the world



Ronnie Baker, president of the Pine River Community Learning Center's Board of Directors, shakes hands with graduate Bobbi Eye during a GED graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 21 at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility. Sixteen graduates in all were honored at the event. Rep. J. Paul Brown, R-Ignacio, was the guest speaker.

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**The JOM COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!**

**Seeking parents with a commitment to bettering the educational opportunities of students; must be able to attend meetings regularly and participate in a positive, professional manner. The JOM committee oversees federal funds for Native American student who attend Ignacio & Bayfield school districts and the Southern Ute Head Start. We have two (2) vacancies on our JOM Committee. The committee meets once a month; our next meeting is Monday, July 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the S. Ute Education classroom. Submit your letter of interest to Naomi Russell (403-0613) or Velma Armijo. (563-4735) prior to the meeting.**

## JOM meeting scheduled

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Committee will have their next monthly meeting Monday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Education building.

Please call Ellen Baker 563-0235, Naomi Russell 403-0613, or Velma Armijo 563-4735 to get on the agenda.

# Fire

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June 29, 2012



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Carrying equipment and chainsaws up steep terrain, firefighters work a hand line, clearing away all possible fuel sources, including scrub oak, pine needles, and dead wood.

**T**he Chugachmiut Yukon Fire Crew, contracted out of Alaska to help with wildfire threats on Southern Ute Indian Reservation lands this summer, cut a control line by hand on Monday, June 18 in Garcia Canyon under the direction of Howard Richards Jr. and Kenney Wehn of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern Ute Agency. The crew has helped contain the State Line Fire and received a welcome from the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, June 19.

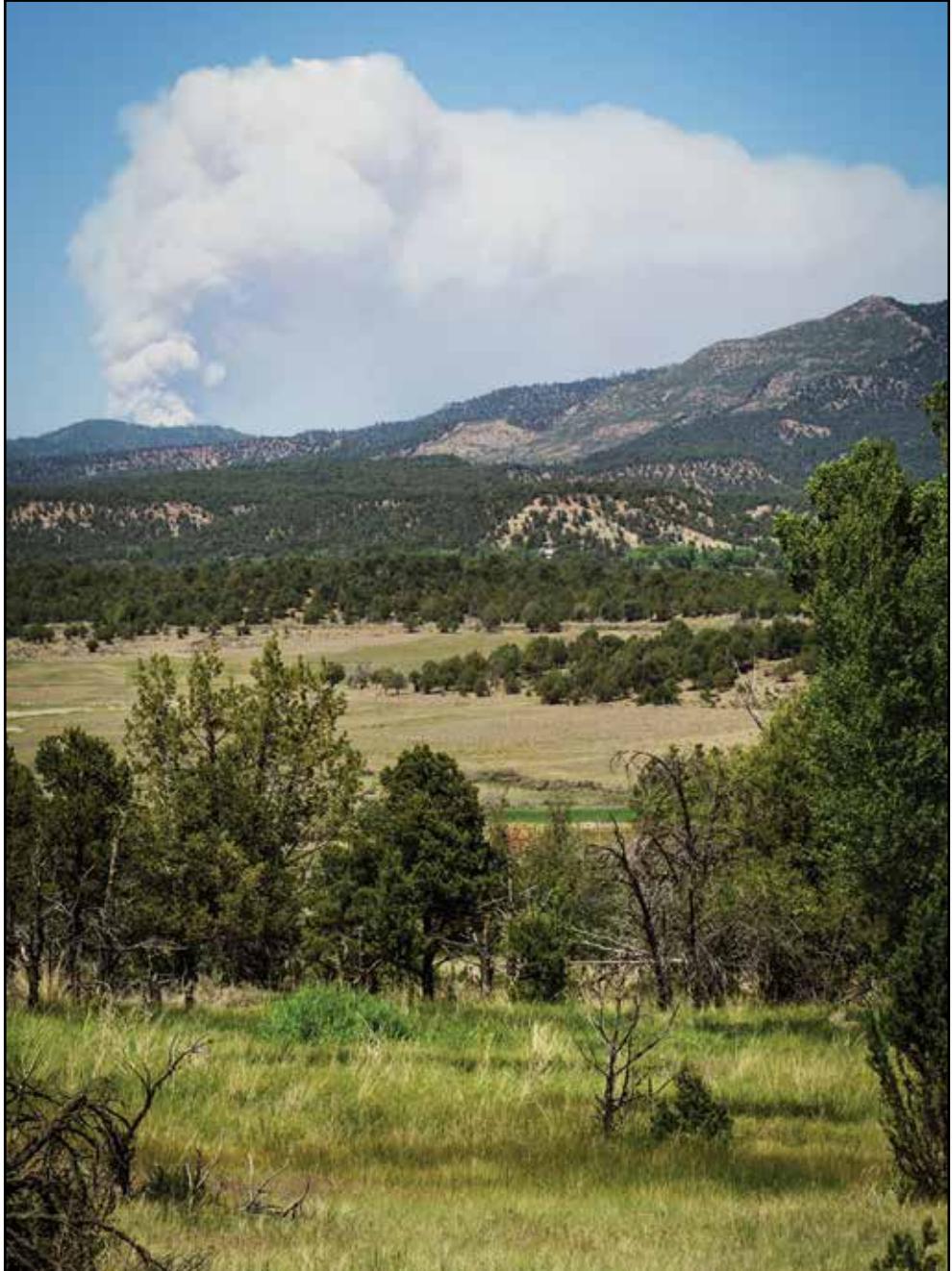
Steve Boatman of the Chugachmiut Yukon Fire Crew gives instructions to his crew before cutting a hand line in Garcia Canyon.

## Fighting to maintain control



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

At Veterans Park: Howard Richards Jr., Rich Gustafson, Steve Boatman, Lemuel Black, Jonathan Nick, Jared Lake, Cye Conrad, Jason Tate, Byron Sauneers, Maurice Turet and Lester Green.



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Highly visible from across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the Little Sand Fire sends up a steady plume of smoke during the hottest part of the afternoon on Monday, June 18. The wildfire, which was caused by a lightning strike on Sunday, May 13, had exceeded 23,000 acres and was considered 31 percent contained as of midweek.



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A firefighter puts the finishing touches on a control line.



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A firefighter with the Yukon crew looks across the control line as his team members finish up the first segment of clearing the hand line.



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Howard Richards Jr. works with Yukon crew members to guide a control line project on reservation lands.



Upper Pine River Fire District Engine Boss Anthony Cables works with firefighters Kurt Lafranchi and Bryan Crowley on the State Line Fire.

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## THUNDERSTORMS PROMPT WORRIES • FROM PAGE 1

### STATE LINE FIRE

The Durango Interagency Dispatch Center reported on Wednesday, June 27 that the State Line Fire along U.S. Highway 550 near Bondad had stopped growing at approximately 350 acres and was 80 percent contained.

The State Line Fire began on the afternoon of Saturday, June 23, forcing a brief closure of the highway and a pre-evacuation notice in the immediate area. Its cause is still under investigation.

The fire burned just one structure, an old shed, while firefighters' efforts spared nearby residences. A team of approximately 150 firefighters — including three 20-person crews, five engines, one helicopter, and overhead personnel — has been reduced to just one 20-person crew and two engines to finish containment and mop up.

The estimated cost to date of the State Line Fire is \$381,000.

### 151 FIRE

Chimney Rock Archaeological Area volunteers reported a small fire on the north side of Cabezon Canyon at about 2 p.m. on Monday, June 25. It was attributed to a tree falling on a power line.

Resources from the Little Sand Fire, including an air



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The fire spread from a residential area just off of U.S. Highway 550, adjacent to the former Twin Crossings depot. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

plane and helicopter, aided rapid growth. Containment local responders in reacting was estimated at 30 percent quickly. Chimney Rock was on Thursday, June 28, though concerns evacuated and lingered nearby residents were given a pre-evacuation about areas of heavy fuel order, but firefighters and alignment with winds in managed to suppress the blaze the coming days, according to Rocky Mountain Incident and contain it at about 10 acres Management Team C.

As of June 28, no structures had been destroyed, but approximately 150 people remained evacuated from their homes as a precaution.

Responders were carefully watching the fire's slow march toward U.S. Highway 160. Its growth potential is considered "extreme."

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issued a wildfire smoke health advisory on Wednesday, June 27 for the area near the fire, expecting "very unhealthy to hazardous" air quality. The department recommended staying indoors.

For more information on the Weber Fire, call 720-425-5018 or 720-219-8823.

### LITTLE SAND FIRE

The Little Sand Fire, which was sparked by lightning on Sunday, May 13 on San Juan

National Forest land north of the Piedra River, has burned more than 23,000 acres, making it easily the largest in the area. Located 13 miles east of Vallecito Lake in the vicinity of Davis Canyon, the fire was 31 percent contained as of mid-week, according to the Archuleta County Sheriff's Office.

Concerns about the fire spreading west into the Vallecito area have waned as growth

has stalled on the ridge between Coldwater Creek and Sand Creek. To date, the fire has not destroyed any structures, though the cost to date is estimated at more than \$5.5 million.

A crew of 234 personnel headed by a National Incident Management Team is managing the fire, though its growth potential is still listed as high. The state also issued a smoke health advisory for the area on Thursday, June 28.

More information on the Little Sand Fire is available by calling 970-444-2201.

### RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation elevated its fire restrictions to Stage II on Wednesday, June 13, citing high temperatures and "extremely dry" fuel conditions.

"Fuel conditions are as dry as we've seen in a decade, similar to 2002," Gustafson said. "We are asking everyone to be extremely cautious when out in the forest and outdoors this time of year."

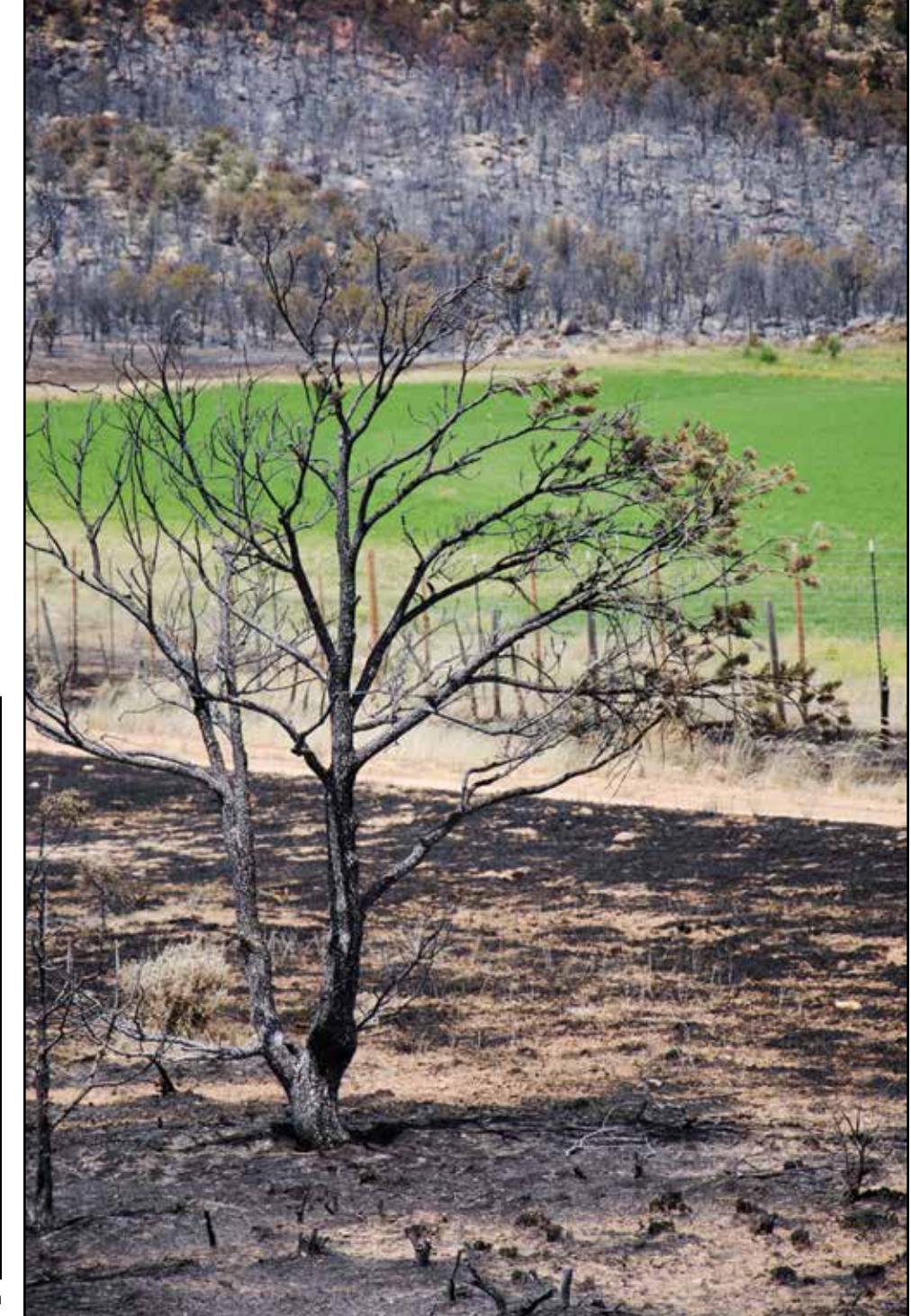
Stage II includes restrictions

on open burning, agricultural burning, campfires, fireworks, smoking outside of designated areas, and operating any internal combustion engine without a spark-arresting device installed and working. Additional restrictions apply to commercial and industrial operators.

The full list of restrictions is available on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us).

Other local government entities, including La Plata County, the San Juan National Forest and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office, have also upgraded fire restrictions since mid-June. Durango, Bayfield, Silverton and Valleciito have announced they will cancel their annual Fourth of July fireworks shows.

More information on wildfire activity in the area and across the state is available online at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org). The Columbine Ranger District on 367 Pearl St. in Bayfield, Colorado will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 to answer questions about local fires.



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A denuded landscape is visible from a partially burnt-out gas structure lost to flames during the State Line Fire.



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Rich Gustafson (right), incident commander for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern Ute Agency, and Kenny Wehn (left) stand outside of the Durango Fire Rescue Regional Mobile Command Center near Bondad Hill on Monday, June 25. Spirits were high as mop-up operations began to take place on the State Line Fire which broke out on Saturday, June 23.

Irrigated fields on private land gave firefighters a pivotal edge as they cut off the State Line Fire in the hills west of U.S. Highway 550.



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Kyle Siesser demonstrates some of the equipment used to create steam at the North Coal Fire near Marvel.



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Vents at the surface near the North Coal Fire have measured approximately 1,400 degrees. The Department of Energy is both testing ways to extinguish such fires and testing ways to capture some of the thermodynamic energy for productive use.

**Geologist Kyle Siesser and engineer Bill Flint of the Southern Ute Growth Fund's Department of Energy led a tour on Saturday, June 23 of sites around the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to members of the Four Corners Geological Society. The geologists were interested in methane seeps and coal fires, two environmental concerns associated with the Fruitland Formation underlying much of the reservation.**



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The Soda Springs Coal Fire burns into open air. The fire was successfully extinguished in an October 2011 project that involved excavating the burning coal, cooling it with firefighting foam, and replacing it with a mixture of inert materials.



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A part of the outcrop that housed the old Martinez mine was the site of an ancient coal fire (right side). Today, methane seepage has killed much of surrounding vegetation.

## MITIGATING HAZARDS • FROM PAGE 1

To minimize the amount of gas reaching the outcrop, Flint said the tribe has converted its monitor wells — placed between producing wells and the outcrop to measure the amount of gas escaping — into interceptor wells, effectively adding a system to capture the gas for productive uses.

The result is the so-called "Picket Fence" system, a line of wells along the inside of the outcrop that yield somewhat less gas than producing wells, but serve an important environmental function: decreasing the net volume of "fugitive" methane emissions.

As a gesture of goodwill, the tribe recently shared the results of a flyover of the outcrop with La Plata County. The county now uses the maps for emergency response and building code purposes, requiring methane mitigation systems in buildings where necessary.

### COAL FIRES

Unlike methane seeps, there is little data to suggest

a causal relationship between gas production and coal fires, Siesser said. Nevertheless, the tribe has opted to proactively address the problem by experimenting with ways of extinguishing the fires.

There are four known coal fires on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation — all along the western edge of the Fruitland Formation, three of which are still actively burning. The fourth, the 1.3-acre Soda Springs Coal Fire southeast of Marvel, was successfully extinguished in an October 2011 operation that involved excavating the burning coal, cooling it with fire-fighting foam, and replacing it with a mixture of inert material.

The South Coal Fire, near the New Mexico state line, was discovered in spring 1998 and covers approximately 1 acre. In July 2002, the tribe tried to extinguish it by injecting cement into the ground to seal off oxygen inlets. Followup studies revealed that the fire is still burning, but might be contained to some extent.

The biggest by far is the North Coal Fire, which spans approximately 20 acres between the Soda Springs and North fires. The Department of Energy began studying it in 1998 and has since teamed up with Stanford University. The North fire is believed to have been burning for approximately 100 years.

In April 2010, the tribe tested another extinguishment method by pumping 20 tons of carbon dioxide, an inert gas, into the area. While results were promising, the approach was deemed too expensive for a full-scale extinguishment.

A new pilot test being run involves pumping steam into the fire. The Department of Energy is also experimenting heat exchange recovery systems to tap the fire's thermodynamic energy for productive use.

The northernmost fire, the Bridge Timber Mountain Coal Fire, is the smallest at approximately half an acre. No mitigation work has been done there, as decreasing temperatures suggest it could be putting itself out.



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Engineer Bill Flint reviews a map of methane seeps along the Fruitland outcrop with Kim Miskell Gerhardt of the Four Corners Geological Society.



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Kyle Siesser points a temperature gun into a naturally occurring vent above the North Coal Fire; the reading was nearly 500 degrees.

# Employees

June 29, 2012

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Employees from the Sky Ute Casino Resort man the grill.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. thanks employees for their work during a welcome address.

## Appreciating tribal employees

**A** red tide washed over the Southern Ute tribal campus on Friday, June 15 as the tribe hosted a day of fun and food for employees of its Permanent Fund, Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort. This year's Employee Appreciation Day began at the Multi-purpose Facility and spread to other parts of the reservation, offering activities such as fishing in Scott's Pond, bowling at the casino's Rolling Thunder Lanes, and a poker walk manned by members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.



Executive Officer Steve R. Herrera Sr. welcomes the crowd outside the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility.

### Executive office hosts retreat



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund play a team-building game during a retreat hosted by the Executive Office on May 31 and June 1. The event, which took place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, also included policy trainings and presentations from Native motivational speaker D.J. "Eagle Bear" Vanas.



Tribal-member sisters Darlene and Dona Frost pass playing cards around as part of another activity.

KSUT Tribal Radio Director Sheila Nanaeto tosses a beach ball as part of an object lesson hosted by Don Folsom, community resource officer for the Southern Ute Police Department.



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Miss Southern Ute Brianna GoodTracks represents the tribe's royalty during the kickoff to Employee Appreciation Day.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Aaron V. Torres dries out after an employee water-balloon fight.



Taylor Riley/Special to the Drum  
The victors in some of the day's events pose for a photo with their swag.



The horseshoes tournament has grown steadily over the years, attracting an all-time-high 24 two-man teams in 2012.

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# Employees

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June 29, 2012

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employee Appreciation results

### Basketball two-on-two

1st: Angel Ortiz (PF)/James Washinawatok (PF) – Coleman chair  
2nd: Jeff Ward (PF)/Khalin GoodTracks (PF) – 36-can cooler  
3rd: Brandon Williams (GF)/Justin Gilbert (Casino) – Hydration jug

### Free Throw Contest

Lisa Olgui (PF) Backpack

### Poker Ride

Best hand: Shane Seibel (GF) – One day admin. leave  
2nd best hand: Roger Sage Jr. (PF) – Night stay and dinner, Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Worst hand: Gene Jaquez (Casino) – Camping table

### Horseshoes "Doubles" Tournament

1st: Olin GoodTracks (GF)/Dewayne Reynolds (Casino) – \$125 each  
2nd: Jerry Atencio (GF)/Jerome Olgui (GF) – \$75 each  
3rd: Terence Whyte (PF)/Bandon Johnson (PF) – \$50 each  
4th: Edward Mora (GF)/Brenden Cusick (GF) – Sport cooler  
5th: Carlos Herrera (PF)/Anthony Parambo (PF) – Trout fishing pole  
6th: Mitch Durkan (GF)/Aaron Robinson (GF) – Coleman 16-can cooler  
7th: Jens Nielsen (GF)/Jeff Stephens (GF) – Cooler float

### Poker Walk

Best hand: Betsy Beck (PF) – \$100 Walmart gift card  
2nd: Weston (Casino) – \$75 Walmart gift card  
3rd: Becky Rael (PF) – \$50 Walmart gift card  
4th: Cathy Armstrong (GF) – Heart monitor  
5th: Judi Cole (PF) – Cooler  
Worst hand: Shirley Price (PF) – Fanny pack w/water bottle

### Fishing

Marin Stordeur (PF) – Seasonal fishing permit, Jeremy Shockley (PF) – Fishing tackle system, Jacob Endgle (GF) – 6" Finlander fillet knife, Robert Krueger (GF) – Bait shears

### Scavenger Hunt

Best time: Salena Cook (PF) – Ninja frozen treat maker  
Worst time: Lisa Pratchet (PF) – George Foreman classic plate

### Golf Tournament

1st: Steve Folk (GF)/Sal Valdez (PF)/Lionel Flores (Casino) - Large umbrellas  
2nd: Danielle Austin(PF)/Tom Demsko (Casino)/Dennis Lopez (GF)/Adam Red (GF) – Coolers  
3rd: Mike Minot (Casino)/Bill Weaver (PF)/Bud Guffey (GF)/Danny Abeyta (GF) – Duffle bags  
Best putting: Team 8 – Camelback-type backpacks  
Best-dressed golfer: Dennis Lopez (GF) – Camouflage cooler  
Best golf shoes: Dale White (PF) – Duffle bag  
Most lost balls: Jeff Ward (PF) – Large umbrella

### Karaoke

1st: Greg Bison (PF) – One day admin. leave  
2nd: Jess Baidwan (PF) – Water bladder  
3rd: Carmen Ryder (PF) – Travel duffle

Ignacio Men's Summer Softball League (through June 18)			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Duke's Deadly Doz.	7	0	.875
Pine Valley Church	6	2	.750
SoCo/D.W.A.I.	5	3	.625
Heroes' Jag. Bmbrs.	3	5	.375
GM Crew	2	6	.250
Poquito C'mprss'n	1	7	.125
194/93 142/92 170/109 121/166 84/163 64/152			

Ignacio Co-Ed Summer Softball League (through June 6)			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Chix-N-Stix	7	0	1.000
DTF	3	4	.428
SunUte	2	5	.286
S&S	2	5	.286
165/49 62/119 62/99 64/86			

Double-elimination tournaments Men's & Co-Ed to be held July 3, 9, 11

- compiled by Joel Priest

In Ignacio, smart leaders  
make smart choices.

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We're working to protect the health of all Ignacio residents who may be exposed to secondhand smoke where they work, play and thrive. Even small amounts of tobacco smoke – indoors or outside – can be dangerous, and chronic exposure can cause heart disease and lung cancer.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe service awards

### PERMANENT FUND

#### 5 YEARS SERVICE

Wesley Hanna  
Noah Barstatis  
Candice Begay  
Rafaela Clay  
Michael Fischer  
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Jason Harrison  
Steven Herrera  
Walter Howe  
Erica Howe  
Sabrina Huntington  
Josephine Jack  
Scott Jarrell  
Valerie Mitchell  
Lisa Olgui  
Linda Perkins  
Barbara Pevny  
JoAnn Reddy

#### Tracy Swartz

Rebecca A. Thompson  
Frank Torres  
Linda Winkler

#### 15 YEARS SERVICE

Lucas Austin  
Tooley Box  
Gloria Ann Frost  
William R. Phillips  
Roger Sage  
Connie Taylor

#### 10 YEARS SERVICE

Velma Armijo  
Erika Atencio  
Elizabeth Bacon  
Margaret Cavanaugh  
Linda Daniel  
Sage Frane  
Louise Jack  
Marilyn Jesmer  
Michael Moore  
Rodney Red  
Tyson D. Thompson  
Dale White  
Samuel Burch

#### 20 YEARS SERVICE

Jack Frost  
Betty Jo Martinez  
Diane T. Peck  
Rebecca A. Rael  
Craig A. Reinhart  
Florence Williams  
Larry Tucker

#### 25 YEARS SERVICE

Mark Torres

### GROWTH FUND

#### 5 YEAR SERVICE

Diana Olgui  
Mark Gebhardt  
Rebecca Kauffman  
Thomas Breed  
Sharon Claiborn  
Brian Dommer  
Euvgenia Jane House  
Malinda James  
Robert DeWeese  
Ross Patty  
Martha Elbert  
Leah Miller  
Regina Dunn  
Lyndsey Hanna  
Suzanne Hey  
Michelle Hotter  
Linda Kaboth  
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Trevor Nazzaro  
Glen Walker  
Edgar Carpenter Jr.  
Jerry Damron  
Steven Folk  
Charles "Guy" Goodwin III  
Jolene Hale  
Tammie Harris  
Timmy Lansing  
Joshua Larsen  
Angela Simons

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DeRoy Watts  
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Linda Reinking  
Kevin Roeder  
Gregg Schell  
Kenneth Tanner  
James Torrez  
Steve Alexander  
Rafeal Brown  
Adam Coleman  
Mark Coufal  
John "Brice" Haskill  
Darrin Hayhurst  
William Jack  
Pamela King  
Donald Lauritsen  
Buck McDaniel  
Jason Middlebrook  
Emmet Ryan

#### 10 YEAR SERVICE

Darin James  
Michael Martin  
Louis Montoya  
Vienna Sours  
Randall Speaker  
Lee Winters  
David Wyatt  
David Acree  
Esther Richards  
Veronica Shannon Wilson  
Tracy Mickey  
Jim Voss  
Troy Hott  
Earl Rector  
LaDonna Deatherage

### SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

#### 5 YEARS SERVICE

Karen Lynn Anderson  
Rodney Armstrong  
Deserie M. Benavidez  
Linda Burton  
Calandra O. Castiano  
Cynthia Ann Hall  
Liesel May Houtz  
Carmen Maria Kunz  
Laurel Lamere  
Michael Jon Mounts  
Joy L. Pahe  
Rebecca Ann Price

#### Mary Serrano

Elisha Thompson  
Holly M. Tracy  
Ricky Dale Valencia  
Jolynn Rene Welker  
William Eugene White

#### Sue Herrera

Michael Montoya

#### 10 YEARS SERVICE

Timothy Cipolla  
Patrick L. Gallegos  
Vince Goodwin  
Benjamin P. Harris  
Christina Hernandez

#### 15 YEARS SERVICE

Cathy Gothard  
Clifton Greany  
Leroy Herrera  
Sherle M. Hunter  
Brenda Martinez  
Jose Montoya  
Robert Richards  
Garry Young

## Beautiful but dangerous



photo courtesy Carmen Allanic

The smoke from fires in southwest Colorado has given rise to some fantastic sunsets over the skies of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in the past month.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Smoke mingles with clouds to create the perception of a burning sky.

Rays of light escape a thick mask of smoke above a ridge near Durango.



**IHS FOOTBALL****Bobcats gear up for trip Down Under**

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

"What is the simplest offense that you have ever run — and actually won a football game?" asks actor Matthew McConaughey, portraying Marshall University head coach Jack Lengel in the movie "We Are Marshall."

"It's going to be that kind of approach," laughed Kevin Sukut, coach of a squad departing Tuesday, July 3 to Australia's Gold Coast for International Sports Specialists' 2012 Down Under Bowl. "We're only going to get seven practices, and 90 percent of those are going to be about X's and O's.... The plus thing is that these kids already know how to play football."

The team will see an even more limited number of games: two. But Sukut expects the experience will be one his newest blend of boys — including Ignacio quarterback Adison Jones, receiver/running back Clayton Jefferson, and 2012 graduate/receiver Xavier Watts — will relish for years to come.

"I've been down twice before, in '97 and 2000," the Montana resident said by phone, "and I've been very fortunate to be able to go again. For these freshmen and sophomores, they're going to see the best of the best."

The Bobcat trio will be three of an estimated nine Colorado preps joining nine from Montana and several others from Alaska, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The DUB format divides all competing teams into brackets of four, with each team playing twice — four 12-minute quarters, with a 15-minute halftime per contest — and following National High School Federation rules.

The outcome of any team's first game will determine whether its second will be termed a consolation or championship game. The



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio quarterback Adison Jones plants a stiff-arm into a Meeker Cowboy during 2011's neutral-site (in Olathe), non-league win. Well in advance of the 2012 season, Jones and two IHS teammates have been selected to play in the 2012 Down Under Bowl in Australia.

27-player Colorado/Wyoming squad faced the former in 2011 after it was edged 14-13 by a six-state (including California, New Mexico and Utah) unit in its opener, held at the Runaway Bay Sports SuperCenter.

Three days later, the crew — skippered by Laramie (WHSAA Class 4A) Plainsmen varsity/JV assistants J.T. Walsh and Clinton Reed — found little consolation on the same gridiron, falling 18-2 to a crew culled from five states (including Texas and Louisiana).

"It's getting tougher to send a team from just one state," Sukut lamented, "and with all the summer camps and workouts going on, it's tough just to get enough interest. And at \$4,200 or so, that just makes it tougher. But I still think it's going to be exciting football for the people."

Most recently the boss at Havre (MHSA Class A) from 2005-09 after 15 seasons at little Cascade (enrollment about 140), Sukut was definitely upbeat on working with a fresh, diverse crop of talent. "I've ran the gamut," he said.

"They'll pick it up in a hurry," Sukut said. "Some of the adjustments we'll just have to make on the fly. Get the ball into the hands of your best guys: That's what it boils down to."

**IHS VOLLEYBALL****Volleycat mentors making moves**

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It's back to a brighter bench for former Ignacio volleyball coach Terene Foutz.

But one not far away: She'll still be calling La Plata County home when not helping call shots for Fort Lewis College boss Shelly Aaland this fall. Aaland announced on June 18 that Foutz will be on board as an assistant, officially starting her duties Aug. 1.

"When Terene agreed ... I knew I was getting a legitimate coach with a top-notch resume to add to my staff," Aaland said in an FLC release. "Coach T has a great background in coaching at many different levels and I am excited to have her join my staff."

Also acquired and officially starting work a month sooner will be Stephanie Lathrop, a 1997 grad of Green Mountain in Lakewood, who played her high school ball for both the Lady Rams and Jeffco rival Pomona (Arvada), and then moved on to become a three-year starting middle at FLC ('97-2000).

Of late, she was the leading mentor at Inglemoor High (Kenmore, Wash.; WIAA Class 4A) for five seasons (2005-06, '08-10), recording a 50-38 overall record, and was most recently the volunteer head coach at 5A Gateway (Aurora) since March.

Currently in her sixth season overall — fifth as executive director — with Four Corners Volleyball Club, Foutz (a 1987 graduate of Montezuma-Cortez) had been a college-level assistant



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Thad Cano (left), last season's varsity top assistant — and JV skipper — under Bayli Stillwell (right), will be taking over as the Volleycats' head coach for 2012.

once before, from 2000-02 at Mesa State College (now Colorado Mesa University) under her MSC coach Rusty Crick.

With now more than 15 years of clipboard clout to her credit, Foutz's experience should pay dividends for Aaland's team, which is expected to return 10 players in 2012. The Skyhawks went 5-21 overall (2-16 RMAC) last year with a youth-heavy squad featuring just two seniors and no juniors.

Foutz's successor at IHS, Bayli Stillwell, now has a successor herself. And Ignacio Athletic Director Melanie Taylor didn't have to look far to find the fellow.

Promoted vertically, the Cats will be led in 2012 by former assistant Thaddeus "Thad" Cano, a man with a resume much longer than most would guess. His previous gig — prior to coming to Ignacio — had him alongside Andy Rice at Pagosa Springs in the 3A Inter-

mountain League.

Cano also had stints in New Mexico with 4A Farmington, 3A (now-4A) Bloomfield, and first began directing play in 1991 at 4A (now-5A) Alamogordo.

Like Foutz, Stillwell — who amassed a 17-45 overall (15-26 against the SJBL) record in three seasons — will remain in the game, but from a Durango base. Having taken a counselor's position (similar to what she held at IHS) at Miller Middle School, she will head the Lady Angels' B-team this fall.

Having led MMS's best to the middle-school championship in 2011, lifelong Durango resident Molly Malarsie will step to the prep level and take charge of the Ignacio JV. With a background deeper-rooted in coaching dance, Malarsie has also been pursuing a secondary education major at Fort Lewis, while minoring in sports management.

**CHASING A DREAM****SunUte lifeguard laces up for international championships**

**By Christopher R. Rizzo**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

It's rare to meet a world-class athlete as humble as 22-year-old Gabe Proctor, lifeguard at SunUte Community Center.

It's perhaps equally rare to meet a lifeguard whose true passion lies on land. But Proctor defies expectations often, a trait that has earned him an invitation to Mexico July 6-8 for the 2012 North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association's Under 23 Championships in the 10,000-meter (roughly six-mile) run.

He is currently attending Western State College in Gunnison, Colo. To be a top athlete and to meet his ultimate goal of making an Olympic team, Proctor said he has to choose to focus on just two of three aspects of a typical student's life — academics and athletics — while socializing, in race terms, comes in third.

"I feel that I have been a little over-dedicated to my running," he said. "I would not consider myself a typical college student. But I am OK with that."

Proctor's training typically consists of running between 100 and 110 miles per week, but he's now tapering off in preparation for the trip and is "only" running about 50. Proctor said he feels that training at this altitude gives him a definitive advantage over other runners.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center lifeguard Gabe Proctor stretches on Tuesday, June 26 in preparation for his training for the 2012 North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association Under 23 Championships July 6-8 in Mexico.

His career path was not always smooth running. Proctor was born in Ethiopia, in a small village of about 1,000 people. The house he was raised in with his mom, dad, younger brother and sister was about 140 feet square.

Proctor's mother died when he was nine, and his father was no longer able to provide for the family. All three siblings were adopted by a family in Maine and became U.S. citizens. It was then that the three chose to stop speaking Tigrinya and concentrate on learning English.

"You can't believe how many times we watched Cinderella," he joked.

He says of his adopted parents: "I owe them the world. Coming here is a dream come true. Whoever raises you is your real parent. They made a way for me in the world."

For this article, Proctor

wanted to make sure the appropriate people in his life were recognized, not himself.

"I would like to say, first, thank you to Heather and Greg Riley for opening up their home to me," he said. "My running success would not have taken off in a positive direction if it was not for staying up here in Ignacio. I can't say enough about the Rileys. They are generous and great people. I thank God for the Rileys, and I hope I can give back to them one day."

"I would also like to thank Lisa Allen, my supervisor here at work," he continued. "I get paid well to be a lifeguard. I couldn't believe I got a free lunch and went to an appreciation day."

The NACAC Under-23 Championships is a USA Track & Field National Team event.

Robin Duffy-Wirth contributed to this report.

**Little leaguers raising funds**

photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Bobcats little league baseball team and coach Joe Gonzales (in back) washed cars and baked goodies on Saturday, June 23 to raise funds for a trip to Grand Junction in July. The Bobcats, ages 9 and 10, will be playing in a 12-team district tournament. The Wells Fargo Bank parking lot saw plenty of action during the fundraiser, which raised more than \$800.



Georgia McKinley and her family support the team's bake sale by buying some tasty goods.

Lawrence Toledo (left) details the rims on a local supporter's truck. The Ignacio Bobcats little league team consists of Joe Gonzales Jr., Joe Garcia, Daniel Silva, Nate Howell, Adam House, Louis and Lawrence Valdez, Bird Ryder, Holland Rockamah, Mickey Canterbury, Lawrence Toledo and Lakoda Bartley.

## HORSEMANSHIP

### Barrel racers back in town

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For the third time of five scheduled, riders from the National Barrel Horse Association's Colorado District 8 competed at the Sky Ute Fair-grounds on Saturday, June 16.

From results submitted by D-8 representative Patti Carlile, there were 60 entries in the event's Open Jackpot division (split into four classes), 23 in the Youth Jackpot and 13 in the Senior.

Twenty-three, split into two classes, also contested the Pole Bending Jackpot.

D-8 action continues July 1 in Durango (a co-sanctioned event with New Mexico's District 1) and will follow with two stops (July 21 and Aug. 11) in Cortez before returning to Ignacio on Aug. 19.

As stated on the D-8 website (<http://nbhaco-08.webs.com>), all races start with time-only runs at 11 a.m.

The Open Barrels will start at 12:30 p.m. or immediate-

ly following the time-only runs. Open entrants must be entered a half-hour before the designated race time so not to incur a \$10 late fee.

The Youth race will follow the Open, with the Senior race to follow. Open entry fees are \$40 each, while Youth and Senior entries are \$30 (non-NBHA members add a \$10 fee). Questions can be directed to Carlile at 970-799-8968 or [ppearlie@gte.net](mailto:ppearlie@gte.net).

The 2012 season's Finals will take place Oct. 27-28.

### Barrel racing results

**OPEN****Class 1D**

Bitsy Morgan, Nucla, 14.558  
Julia Thomson, Bayfield, 14.649  
Caylin Chumley, Durango, 14.738  
AutumnRain Chee, Shiprock, N.M., 14.787

**Class 2D**

Lavonne Queen, Durango & Amber Moore, Dolores, 15.075  
Terri Taylor, Allison, 15.195  
Patti Carlile, Ignacio, 15.196

**Class 3D**

Mary Bramwell, Cortez, 15.635  
Chase Collins, Durango, 15.795  
Amber Moore, Dolores, 15.858  
Darcyll Joe, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz., 15.859

**Class 4D**

Kathy Hostetter, Alamosa, 16.602  
Shawn Woods, Ignacio, 16.636  
Lori Smith, Dolores, 16.644  
Jacquie Bishop, Durango, 16.710

**YOUTH****Class 1D**

AutumnRain Chee, Shiprock, N.M., 14.361  
Caylin Chumley, Durango, 14.461  
Katie Hostetter, Alamosa, 14.734

**Class 2D**

Katie Hostetter, Alamosa, 14.939

Shaylah Lucero, Pagosa Springs, 15.221  
Wyatt Masters, Durango, 15.256

**Class 3D**

Brittany Featherman, Mancos, 15.415  
Sadie Smith, Durango, 15.449  
Cheyan Rice, Pagosa Springs, 15.647

**Class 4D**

Bailee Karo, Cortez, 16.456  
Theresa Strickland, Bloomfield, N.M., 16.474  
Kaylee Fitzwater, Pagosa Springs, 18.708

**SENIOR****Class 1D**

Karen Delay, Dolores, 14.817

**Class 2D**

Jacquie Bishop, Durango, 15.631

**Class 3D**

Shawn Woods, Ignacio, 16.636

**Class 4D**

Joellen Turner, Nucla, 17.547

**POLE BENDING****Class 1D**

Amber Moore, Dolores

Lori Smith, Dolores

**Class 2D**

Shaylah Lucero, Pagosa Springs

Maddie Shaline

### Expanding motor coach tours



courtesy Barbara Cogswell/Sky Ute Casino Resort

The Sky Ute Casino Resort has tripled its motor coach group bookings since 2009, and this year additionally features Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum VIP tours. With the help of the Southern Ute Royalty and casino employees, the tribe is quickly making the Four Corners area a destination for national and international motor coach groups. All tribal members are invited to participate with group tour greetings. Contact the casino, museum or Southern Ute Royalty Committee for more info.

## STARWHEELS

*Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"*

**♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**

BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS MOON KIDS! The BBQ grill isn't the only hot zone this month. Sizzling MARS leaps into the domestic angle of your chart on the 3rd and immediately begins to intensify the environment. Family gatherings are likely to be spirited as the FULL MOON on the 3rd may trigger a difference of opinion with one of the kinfolk who like to have everything done their way. Be diplomatic CANCER, a few straight forward words might clear the air. By the 18th you'll be ready to launch a "fresh as spring rain beginning."

**♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**

OK LIONS ... no more procrastinating about finishing projects you've been putting off. Go ahead, clean out the closets, get rid of unwanted objects, and prepare to enjoy the summer. The blazing SUN returns to your sign on the 22nd filling you with warmth and renewed energy. But MERCURY'S backward dance in LEO might put a damper on some personal plans for the month. As always, be sure to communicate clearly with partners and others to avoid misunderstandings and overly sensitive reactions.

**♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**

Just a reminder VIRGO ... MERCURY your personal planet slips into its backward retrograde dance on the 14th and creates its usual confusion. Muddled thinking and delayed plans a part of July's menu. But don't let that prevent you from having your summer fun. All you need do is plan ahead, and check all the details, a piece of cake for VIRGO folks. The bottom line is to be sure and set your arrangements into motion before the 14th. Keep your wits about you on the 18th when MARS takes a stand opposite URANUS and causes tempers to flare regarding monetary matters.

**♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**

Feeling Feisty LIBRA? Blame it all on the Red Planet MARS who is entering your sign on the 3rd. No doubt this super-charged energy may be driving you into taking action. Just be careful how you utilize this burst of vigor. Remember ... you are in control. Fortunately SATURN is in your sign keeping you grounded. A positive connection between VENUS and URANUS on the 4th inspires a cheery holiday, and a harmonious time with your partner, and loved ones.

**♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**

Finances and future plans are the top priorities for JULY. Not to worry SCORPIO ... JUPITER and VENUS have your back and will encourage a positive impact regarding money matters. A NEW MOON on the 18th in friendly CANCER promotes promising travel arrangements, and the opportunity to pursue your long range goals. As an added plus MARS forms an agreeable connection to JUPITER on the 17th offering you the chance to improve your monetary situation. Go with the flow SCORPIO.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**

JULY'S planetary pattern presents a mixed bag of events. For starters, MERCURY in the travel section of your chart pumps up your desire to hit the road, then slams on the brakes after the 14th when it moves into reverse motion. It may be best to make your plans prior to that date. Cover all your bases so that your trip is an enjoyable one. The emphasis is on finances. Meet your obligations quickly Saggies, and organize monetary matters. JUPITER, VENUS, and MARS will do their best to summon up some amusing activities for your enjoyment this month.

**♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**

PLUTO'S continued influence in your sign is broadened as the FULL MOON on the 3rd releases emotional issues. A powerful celestial pattern unsettles your domestic tranquility when MARS enters into a testy relationship with PLUTO on the 17th, and challenges URANUS on the 18th. They are not the best days to talk things over with your main squeeze, or the kinfolk. It's best to wait until after the 21st to soothe the situation. A bright and lively SUN in LEO on the 22nd opens the door to more congenial communications. Surprising financial options may pop up before month's end.

**♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 17)**

The celestial planetary pattern may feel more comfortable after the 3rd when MARS glides into like-minded LIBRA. Entertaining activities are uppermost on your list of "things to do". And in all likelihood you will go in search of adventure and excitement. MARS and JUPITER form a vigorous union on the 16th and 17th and increase your yearning to hit the road. Later on optimism sets in and has you feeling like all things are possible again.

**♓ PISCES (Feb. 20 – March 20)**

Pleasurable pursuits should make your JULY a happy one. Cheerful hours spent with children and loved ones keep you in high spirits. Magical NEPTUNE in your sign offers imaginative ideas as to how to entertain the kiddies for the summer. No doubt you'll think of something original Little Fishes. There's an aura of harmony surrounding your household environment. So while the Solar System is in your favor ... let your inspiration be your guide PISCES people.

**♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**

Domestic duties and family affairs might dominate some of your July days ARIES. MERCURY'S retrograde on the 14th could offer you the chance to express yourself on a constructive level and give you the opportunity to catch up on some unfinished tasks.

You might also explore more pleasurable activities such as throwing a line in the water and snagging a big one. But the best part about JULY is that MARS, your ruling planet, slides into the easy going sign of LIBRA and brings a more controlled excitement to your day.

**♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 21)**

A brilliant SUN in CANCER warms relations with neighbors and siblings. Pleasant conversations may turn your thoughts to planning relaxed family gatherings and lively summer cook-outs. VENUS your ruling planet sparkles in the animated sign of GEMINI and promises improvement related to income and finances on the 4th. JUPITER'S hugely beneficial influence becomes even more pronounced as it connects to MARS on the 17th, and URANUS on the 21st. You might even throw caution to the wind and head to the Casino! Good luck TAURUS.

**♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**

The SUN in security-minded CANCER may have you thinking about money. #1. How to conserve it, and #2. How to stabilize your future. Fortunately VENUS and JUPITER (the two finance boosting planets) are in your sign amplifying productive income opportunities. You might be working harder, but the rewards are worth it. A NEW MOON in CANCER on the 18th signals a fresh opportunity regarding work. MARS in sync with your sign stimulates many happy hours with those you love the most. Single Gemini folks may find love and romance in the latter part of the month. Keep an open mind Twins.

## 2012 TRI-UTE GAMES

When: July 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Where: Towaoc, Co

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Swimming, Cross Country, Ultimate Warrior (Triathlon), Skateboard, Hand Game

Who: Enrolled Tribal members and Tribal Descendants

Age Groups: 9-18

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

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WHO AM I?

## Just a sinner

**By Tim Yaw**  
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In our last discussion, we found that God created the existence we see today in five days.

On the sixth day, God created man from the dirt of the Earth, then created woman from the man. The man and woman lived in harmony in the presence of God. All animals were tame, and God provided food from the vegetation he created.

Among the vegetation was a tree that provided never-ending life for the couple. There was one tree, though — the tree of the knowledge of good and evil — that the couple was not allowed to eat of.

A created angel of God who became prideful and desired to be above God tempted the woman to eat from the forbidden tree, which she did, as well as convincing the man to eat of it also. This fallen angel, commonly referred to as Satan or the devil, gained control over the man and woman because of their disobedience to God.

They were separated from God, which resulted in an eventual physical death as well as a spiritual death, which is the separation of God we have been talking about.

All humans to this day come through the sexual union of the man and woman and were born with a sin nature that is bent away from God. In other words, people are born prideful with a nature of self-centeredness and self-satisfaction. We strive to be good but are unable to do so completely.

The Bible tells us that no man or woman is good and all have fallen short of the righteousness and holiness of God. Because God can only have a relationship with humans who are as righteous and holy as he is, sinful humans are separated from him.

Even though today we know the difference between good and evil, we are unable to perform the perfect goodness expected by God. We lessen our bad deeds through excuses. Granted, some people are more evil than others, but as we just said, all humans come short of God's righteousness and holiness, which hinders our relationship with God.

This shortcoming is called evil, and it exists within ev-

ery one of us. Sin has many forms, but our greatest sin is against almighty God in that our self-will and self-interests transgressed and encroached on God's will for his human creation.

The desire of doing our will over God's will is the sin nature we inherited. If this strikes a nerve with you, then you are on your way to recognizing the fact that you are a sinner (as all human creation is) separated from God, and a correction needs to be made.

Let's look deeper into this sin problem and then look at the only solution.

God has put the desire to be good in our soul by way of our conscience, but the temptations of the world inflame the sensual desires of our body, which our soul is unable to control. In other words, the evil desires of our body overpower our soul's desire to do good.

In the Bible, the apostle Paul cites this dilemma perfectly. It applies to all people to today.

"For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being [soul] I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members [body]" (Romans 8:1-4).

Paul is saying that even though we know the good we should do, the body negatively influences the soul, making it an unwilling servant to sin. Our soul is held captive by the body and its evil, sensual desires.

The first man and woman were formed in the likeness of God, and they originally knew no evil and lived in an age of innocence. When evil was exposed through the temptation from an outside source and they acted on that temptation, they saw the difference between good and evil but were unable to do the good they wanted to do. Suddenly their souls' control over the body flip-flopped and the body then took control of the soul.

Look deeply at your thoughts and actions today and you will agree that your fleshly desires dictate your existence. This is the existence that separates us from God, and unless the problem is corrected, we will spend an eternity separated from God in Hell.

There is nothing under our own effort that can be done. Only God can correct the sin problem within us.

What's the solution? It appears Paul found a savior: "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25).

Although the law of sin in the members and the law of the weakness of the soul make us a slave to sin, there is another law that can be put in effect that cancels out these two conflicting laws. It's called the law of the Holy Spirit of God.

Paul continues: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the spirit" (Romans 8:1-4).

Please heed this, brothers and sisters. The desires of our body crave the sinful things of this world, and no matter how we try to fight it our body wins over our soul. This is why we need help.

Jesus Christ paid our sin debt by taking our sin upon himself and dying for us on the cross. He was buried and three days later God raised him from the grave.

Today Jesus lives and desires to solve our problem by asking us to believe what he did for us, confess the fact that we are sinners, and be willing to let him be lord of our lives. When we sincerely believe this with all our heart, the Holy Spirit of God comes to live in us and change us into a being that is no longer controlled by our flesh.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY PRECIOUS MOM, MISTY

Thank you for all the wonderful years we've shared and to all the great family memories we've had!

Since you like my poetry, here's one for you, Mom:

You're the wheel to my wheelbarrow — you're the fuel in my car.

You're the power in my battery and you're the fire in my star.

You're the one who's kept me going — the one who pushed me through.

'Cause there's just no way I could've done this without you.

So here's to another year — and many more years we'll share.

Thank you for showing your love for me & how much you care.

You started the cast — you created the mold.

Now you've been stuck with me, no matter how old. (LOL)

Love you so much & happy b-day Mom.

Your daughter,  
TJ (Tiletia)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY DALLAS AND TAYLOR

Happy Birthday to Dallas Mason Riley!

Love, MOM

Happy Birthday to my lil Firecracker Taylor Riley!!

Love, MOM

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES, JALISA R. PAUL, "GENTLE SPIRIT GIRL"

I know that you will have a great day on your birthday this Thursday, 6/28. You have grown up to be a very, very responsible woman taking care of your Son, Orion Hunter, (my great-grandson).

These are the times to cherish with all the picture taking, many Holidays to share with your Son, and just watching him grow every day. You have bonded very, very well with him and you know what he is all about now. Always keep the culture & traditions taught to you. May you share your birthday with all those that love you, especially me.

I enjoy watching you taking care of your Son, and sharing all that you know with him.

May the Creator above Bless you on your Birthday, and

every day, my Gentle Spirit Girl. Enjoy your day, because YOU deserve it.

Love you always,  
Grams Darlene F.

### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR TYLA R. FROST

Sorry I didn't get this out in time, but I'm wishing you a very Happy Birthday, my God-daughter and Niece. I wish I could be with you right now in that beautiful place they call Hawaii. We could go to the beach, eat out, and just hang out. Hope you had fun on your birthday with your friends. May the Creator bless you with all that you need each & every day. I think of you every day and hope you are doing well. Your Mom says you are doing great, and I believe that you are. Keep in touch and send me pictures. May the beautiful sunsets in Hawaii fill your heart with gladness and beauty. Happy Birthday, Tyla. Take care.

Love you always,  
Auntie and God-mother,  
Darlene F.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY PERLA AND ALEXIS

I just wanted to wish my daughter Perla Gonzalez Happy Birthday on July 1. May her day be filled with lots of happiness! I love and miss you!

Love Mommy  
Daihia Peabody

I just wanted to wish my almost teen daughter a wonderful 12th Birthday on July 8, and may you have a fabulous day, I love and miss you!

Love Mommy  
Daihia Peabody

## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**HOWE** — Thomas Victor Howe, 76, died Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Kaseman Hospice in Albuquerque, N.M. Mr. Howe lived in Dulce, N.M.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012, at Hood Mortuary Chapel and visitation will occur prior to services from 9 to 10 a.m. Cremation will follow services at Hood Mortuary Crematory in Durango.

Mr. Howe was born February 22, 1936, in Ignacio, Colo., the son of Edward and Margaret Howe. He grew up mostly in Ignacio, and also in Towaoc, Colo. He enlisted and served in the U.S. Army.

Thomas worked at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Forestry Division as a custodian and maintenance specialist, and he also worked as an ambulance driver.

Mr. Howe enjoyed hunting, time at the casino, traveling, and visiting his family. He was also a member of the Native American Church.

Thomas is survived by two daughters: Victoria Ann Howe and Thomasina Howe, and a granddaughter, Brittany Iris Begaye, all of Dulce, NM. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins and other family and friends of Dulce, Towaoc, and Ignacio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Iris Ellen (Montoya) Howe, his parents, Edward and Margaret Howe, and a grandson, Victor Isaiah Howe.

The family would like to thank Presbyterian Hospital and Kaseman Hospice of Albuquerque, and Hood Mortuary of Durango, Colo.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Keyana Valdez

Job title: Youth Employment Program summer worker for The Southern Ute Drum

Description of duties: Reviewing and editing articles, taking photos of events for the newspaper.

Hobbies: I love writing and spending time with my loved ones.

Family: My parents are Oolcu Buckskin-Larry and Jeremiah Valdez.

Tribe: Southern Ute

Next issue

**July 13**

Deadline

**July 9**

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

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**The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for ONE REGULAR and ONE ALTERNATE Board Member!**

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for either the **REGULAR** or **ALTERNATE** Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Friday, August 3rd**, before 5:00 p.m.

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

Don't Forget to exercise your Tribal Voice... VOTE!

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Southern Ute Election Board • P.O. Box 737, MS #32 • Ignacio, Co 81137-0737



# Notices

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June 29, 2012

## 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.: 2012-NC-072

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Yvette Valdez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Yvette Valdez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Yvette Sage. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than June 29, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012.  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

### In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2012-0044-NC

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Marquise Javier Salazar, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Lorena Cibrian for Marquise Javier Salazar filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marquise Javier Cibrian. As of June 12, 2012 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Marquise Javier Salazar name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Marquise Javier Cibrian.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2012.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2012-PR-053

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

Kenneth Elbert Burch Jr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on July 24, 2012 at 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of June, 2012  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

### In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2012-PR-069

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

Clayborn Wayne Scott Sr., Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on July 24, 2012 at 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of June, 2012  
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

### In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2012-PR-076

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

Anna Marie Scott, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on July 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of June, 2012  
Janie Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency in partnership with Housing Solutions for the Southwest is procuring for weatherization materials and services. Bid package available online at [fourcore.org](http://fourcore.org).

Phone: 970-259-1916. Deadline 7/6/12.

### Advertise with us!

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Drum email:

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

### Public Notice

### Court Hearing

### Priority Sales & Rentals

VS

Robert Thompson

On 8-21-2012 at 2:15 p.m.

at Southern Ute Tribal Court

Ignacio CO Case #12CV31

### Public Notice

### Court Hearing

### Priority Sales & Rentals

VS

Ronald Price

On 8-20-2012 at 2:00 p.m.

at Southern Ute Tribal Court

Ignacio CO case #12CV30

### Public Notice

### Court Hearing

### Priority Sales & Rentals

VS

Tonece Baca

On 8-20-2012 at 9:00 a.m.

at Southern Ute Tribal Court

Ignacio CO case #12CV49

## REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)

### Home Repair Program - Phase V

#### OWNER:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Tribal Housing Department

P.O. Box 737-24

Ignacio, Colorado 81137

970-563-4710

Contact: Hilda Burch, Housing Project Administrator, Paula Lopez-Trujillo, Administrative Assistant

Sealed bids will be received to address Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Septic, Water Heater, Roof, Stucco, Drywall, Carpentry, Foundation and Site Condition work and all other items identified in the Scope of Work for each home needing either repair or replacement of identified items of each individual home for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation-Wide Housing Repair Project, Ignacio, Colorado until 3:00 p.m. (MST) Friday, August 10, 2012. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contracting party will be with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the Tribal Housing Department managing the project.

Request for Bids may be picked up at the Tribal Housing Department, south of the old casino parking lot – white modular building, Ignacio, Colorado, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:00

p.m., Monday – Friday. Please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make arrangements for pick up or email Ms. Burch @ [hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us) or Ms. Trujillo @ [ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us) with your request.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the 14826 Hwy 172-old casino parking lot-White Modular, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Wednesday July 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. A visit to the project home sites will be following the meeting July 25th, 2011 (1 pm – 3 pm), July 26th, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) and July 27th, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

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.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

### Fence construction

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is requesting proposals for 1.8 miles of fence construction adjacent to the La Plata River, located near Red Mesa, Colorado. Please email [bzimmerm@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:bzimmerm@southern-ute.nsn.us) for the project

bidding documents or call 970-563-0130. The Southern Ute Tribe utilizes a hiring preference for certified Indian-owned businesses. For more information on receiving this preference, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

## BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!! SUCAP's Annual Duck Race

SUCAP will be holding their Annual Duck Race during San Ignacio.

Prize money has been increased to

\$400, \$300, \$200, or \$100 CASH!!!

Tickets \$5/each \* On sale now!!!! 563-4517

Buy your tickets at SUCAP Central Administration, Roots Natural Foods or Ignacio Floral & Gifts

Proceeds will benefit the SUCAP Senior Center.

The SUCAP Senior Center's mission is to provide services to the senior citizens of the Southern Ute Reservation, the town of Ignacio, and the surrounding area. The program will serve those with the greatest economic and social need, including those who are low-income, the frail and impaired, the geographically and socially isolated, and the non-English speaking, to improve their quality of life by fostering an environment of dignity and pride.

Race will start at 2 p.m. in the river behind Shoshone Park Saturday, July 28th, 2012



## ROAD RUNNER TRANSIT



### IGNACIO STUDENTS!!

Ride the Road Runner for free this June! Just show your valid High School or College ID card to the bus driver.

Run	Leaving Library (other pick-ups exist)	Leaving Durango Transit Center
1	6:04 AM	7:08 AM
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## Colorado NRCS announces application cutoff date for 2013 EQIP funding

Deadline is Monday, July 2

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Colorado recently announced an application cutoff date of Monday, July 2, 2012, in order to be considered for 2013 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Submitted eligible applications that are received after July 2, 2012, will be considered during a later time and will be processed throughout the fiscal year as needed. The accelerated timeline for EQIP is intended to provide program participants and NRCS staff more time for quality conservation planning and economic impact analysis. All applications will be evaluated and funded on a watershed basis, with local and watershed workgroup input on conservation priorities. "Over the years, we have seen exceptional support from landowners for the EQIP program," said Phyllis Ann Philips, NRCS State Conservationist, CO. "This earlier-than-usual deadline allows us to provide better assistance in helping them conserve our natural resources." NRCS continually strives to put conservation planning at the forefront of its programs and initiatives. Conservation plans provide landowners with a comprehensive inventory and assessment of their resources and an appropriate start to improving the quality of soil, water, air, plants, and wildlife on their land. EQIP is an incentives program that provides financial assistance for conservation systems such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation system efficiency improvements, fencing, and water supply development for improved grazing management, riparian protection, and wildlife habitat enhancement. Interested applicants may apply at their local Ignacio NRCS Office located at the Tribal Agriculture Division 655 CR 517, or give us a call 970-563-0178 for more information. Applications MUST be received in your local NRCS Service Center by close of business on Monday, July 2, 2012. USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

# Classifieds

June 29, 2012

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## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

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

### PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II

Closes 6/29/12 – Southern Ute Shared Service Ignacio, CO. Focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications.

### PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer

Closes 6/29/12 – Southern Ute Shared Service 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 Payroll Developer

Closes 6/29/12 – Southern Ute Shared Service Ignacio, CO. 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 Senior FSCM Developer

Closes 6/29/12 – Southern Ute Shared Service Ignacio, CO. Development and production

support of PeopleSoft FSCM applications, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

### Office Assistant

Closes 7/2/12 – Aka Energy Group Durango, CO. Clerical support and receptionist duties for the staff of Aka Energy Group, Safety, Environmental and Compliance Management Group, and Information Technologies.

### Environmental Technician

Closes 7/2/12 – Energy Exploration & Production Ignacio, CO. Assists with all environmental aspects of energy related activities within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. Creates maps and maintains databases. Provides oversight of stormwater management and the NEPA process associated with energy development projects.

### Royalty Auditor

Closes 7/15/12 – Department of Energy Ignacio, CO. To perform audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties.

## SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

### Substitute Teachers

Open until filled – Head Start Ignacio, CO. Prefer previous experience working with children in a group setting. Must pass TB test, criminal history and child abuse/neglect background checks.

### Bus Monitor

Open until filled – Head Start Work with bus driver to ensure the safety of children to and from the center. Must work well with the public, parents, & staff. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid certification. Must pass background checks & TB test.

### Substitute Transit Driver

Open until filled – SUCAP Ignacio. Part-time. High School Diploma or GED required. Transit or school bus exp. 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.

### Early Care Educator

Open until filled – Head Start/Early Head Start Exceptional opportunity for those who love children. Full-time position available. Must have High School diploma/GED and CDA, AA, or Infant/Toddler Certification; BA in Early Childhood Education preferred. Must pass background checks. Pay based on education/experience.

### Teacher

Open until filled – Head Start Head Start is looking for staff to make a difference in the lives of children. Exceptional health care benefits! AA or BA and one year experience working in early child care required. Must pass background checks.

## 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 interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY Library assistant

The Ignacio Community Library is seeking a Library Assistant who has early childhood literacy skills, competent technical knowledge of computers and library software, web design and the customer service skills needed to assist patrons with software and hardware issues. This position includes outreach to local schools, weekly Storytimes, and outreach to agencies that assist children and families. Experience in children's services, especially with toddlers and pre-schoolers is desired. Enthusiasm for and knowledge of children's literature, finger plays, singing, and arts and crafts is required. Candidate should be friendly, flexible, detail oriented, and

have the ability to work with the public in a pleasant and positive manner. Candidate will participate in annual summer reading program, be able to design displays, prepare presentations, assist in the upkeep of the Children's Room and Story Loft and the Children's Collection. Duties include working at the Circulation Desk, and all other general library duties as needed. This 32 hour per week job includes working Saturdays from 8:30 to 4:00 pm and one evening during the week. Please come by the library to pick up an application and include a resume when submitting. Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave., Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-9287

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancies

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute tribal members to serve on the Gaming Commission for three (3) year terms. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Applicants must have the ability to observe

restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and

• Applicants must undergo a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and a letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, June 29. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Health Services Manager/Lead CHR

Closing 6/29/12 – Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 17; \$16.96/hour.

### Safety Officer

Closing 6/29/12 – Under the direction of the Risk and Emergency Manager, manages and oversees the planning, design and development of an occupational safety program in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to reduce work-related injuries and accidents. Pay grade 18; \$18.62/hr.

### Gaming Investigator I

Closing 7/5/12 – Entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 18; \$18.62/hour.

### Lifeguards (7)

Closing 7/5/12 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.82/hour.

### Medical Records Technician

Closing 7/6/12 – Incumbent will provide clerical support of the care and treatment given to patients, inclusive of patient registration, documentation of visits, collection and entry of insurance information and appropriate filing and handling of patient records. Pay grade 17; \$16.96/hour.

### Patrol Sergeant

Closing 7/9/12 – Coordinates the efforts of

the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

### Patrol Officers (2)

Closing 7/10/12 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 18; \$18.62/hour.

### Upper Elementary Montessori Teacher

Closing 7/9/12 – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, working with upper elementary age students. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. The minimum rate of pay for this position is \$31,242 and is adjusted for experience and education.

### Infant/Toddler Montessori Teacher

Closing 7/10/12 – Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide infant/toddler students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. The minimum rate of pay for this position is \$26,870 and is adjusted for experience and education.

### Grounds Maintenance Laborer

Closing 7/12/12 – Performs daily grounds, repair, and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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.

Indian Preference Employer • All applicants welcome • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

### Facilities

Facilities Staff – TMP, closes 7/2/12

### Table Games

Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 7/2/12

### Food & Beverage

Bartender – OC, closes 6/29/12

Restaurant Supervisor-Aspen – FT, 6/29/12

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Wildlife Advisory Board vacancies

The Tribe is seeking enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill THREE vacant seats (3-year terms each) on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. 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, August 3, 2012.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Your input is needed! Our Club will have its own Board of Directors to create its vision, plan programs, develop funding, and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization.

- There are 5 Tribal Member seats available (out of 10 seats total)
- Applications available at: SunUte Community Center
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June 29, 2012



American Red Cross volunteers show off the money they raised during the concert.

**T**he Village People performed a free concert to benefit the American Red Cross on Saturday, June 23 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Volunteers collected money for wildlife relief and other functions. The casino has pledged to match every dollar raised.



Lead Singer Ray Simpson, playing the role of the police officer, belts out a line.

**Photos by Ace Stryker**  
The Southern Ute Drum

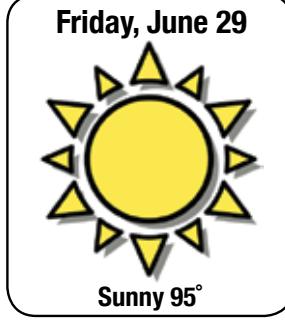


Felipe Rose, the band's Indian character, is one of three original band members still performing with the Village People. The others are David "Scar" Hodo (the construction worker) and Alex Briley (the soldier).



The band poses with several tribal members, including Darlene Frost, during a meet-and-greet before the concert.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER



Sunny 95°



Sunny 94°



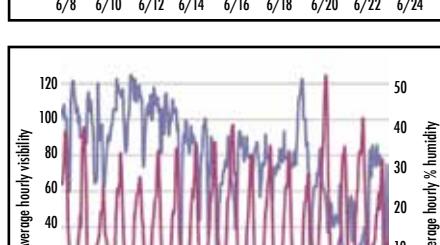
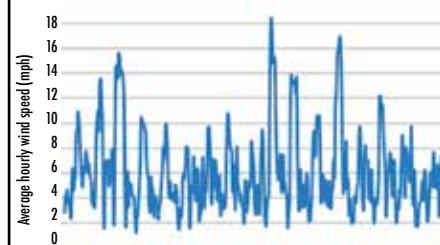
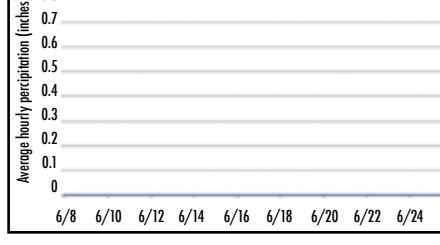
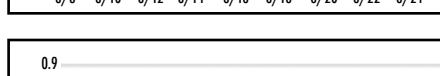
Mostly sunny 94°



Weather data for June 8 – June 26

### Temperature

High	92.0°
Low	38.2°
Average	67.7°
Average last year	62.9°



### Wind speed

Average	6.1
Minimum	1.2
Maximum	18.4

### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	78.9
Average humidity	18.0%

### Air quality

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