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### AIR QUALITY

## Tribe accepts EPA air quality delegation

Becomes first in Indian Country to issue own permits under Part 70

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrated on Thursday, Oct. 18 its new authority to issue its own operating permits to major sources of air pollution on the reservation, a step forward in exercising sovereign rights.

The tribe is the first in the nation to earn the power under Part 70 of Title V of the U.S. Clean Air Act. The official delegation of authority was signed Friday, March 2 by James B. Martin, Region 8 Adminis-

trator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in Denver.

The process toward delegation was long and previously untrodden by any Native American tribe — in the past, only states have won such authority. After decades of building experience and capacity, the tribal Air Quality Program submitted an application for full oversight of operating permits on reservation lands.

That application underwent intense scrutiny before



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Tom Johnson, Environmental Programs division head, receive congratulations from Air Quality Program Manager Brenda Jarrell and Southern Ute elder Stanley Frost on the takeover of air quality permitting authority on the reservation on Thursday, Oct. 18.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Dolores players dejected behind them during the Saturday, Oct. 27 2A-District 3 Tournament inside IHS Gymnasium, Ignacio senior Michelle Simmons, freshman Miel Diaz and junior Angela Herrera show the intensity that would ultimately help the Volleyscats recover from a loss to DHS and earn a trip to this weekend's Region G event in Telluride.

### IHS VOLLEYBALL

## No-quit Cats notch 15-7, reach regionals

9-year drought snapped

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Given any postseason's level of intensity, it was fitting that Ignacio's volleyball season hinged on a one-for-the-money scenario at the Saturday, Oct. 27 2A-District 3 Tournament in IHS Gymnasium.

"Feel like a million bucks right now," said Miel Diaz after her third ace in four serves punched Ignacio's first ticket to a regional since 2003. "Can't even explain how I feel; it's just crazy!"

"I think going through her head was 'It's either now or never!'" senior Michelle Simmons said. "I know she was excited, but that's ... her best part: She's a good server. So I'm happy she got to do that."

"Good to see her like that!" said classmate Mariah Vigil. "And she's young ... has lots to go."

Diaz's previous two tries had both landed successfully to knot the tiebreaking Game 5 at 13-13, and senior Destinee Lucero had brought up match point with a two-handed tip nearly parallel to the net, keeping the 4-seed Volleyscats on a 5-0

burst and all but stealing victory from defeat.

"It was pretty tough," an exhausted Lucero said afterward. "It seemed like we hardly ever got a break: just game, a game, and then another game."

It began with a four-game win over 6-seed Ridgway, in which the Lady Demons gave Ignacio a proper Saturday wake-up with a 25-21 win in Game 1 — only to see the Volleyscats roar to 25-10, 25-16, 25-19 wins in the next three and prevail.

Starting the pool's last contest and catching Dolores still recovering, the Cats played a fairly dominant Game 1 and held off one last Lady Bear charge to win 25-23 on a vicious spike by Simmons.

But DHS freshman Courtney Blackmer later denied Simmons to gain an 8-7 lead in Game 2. It was never again endangered in a 25-15 win, finalized when Vigil flailed unsuccessfully at a ball already deflected out of bounds.

Starting to show fatigue early in Game 3, Simmons twice hit into the net as Dolores dashed out to leads of 5-0 and 12-1. Ignacio crept

back to 16-10 when Lucero out-jostled freshman Larissa Umberger, and then 16-11 on a Lady Bear net violation, but DHS pulled away to win 25-14.

Freshman Ellie Seibel pulled IHS back to 16-11 in Game 4 with a kill, and Diaz downed an ace to make the count 16-12 — but behind Blackmer and senior Cydney McHenry, DHS again separated enough to win. A Brianna Schwartz tip brought up match point at 24-18, and an Ignacio net violation, defending another Schwartz attack, to officially book it.

"We know we can hang with them, but I guess we felt like we just weren't on top of our game," Simmons said. "So it was like, 'Whatever. Next game.'"

Following a five-set loss to Telluride in the Pool 2 finale, the Mancos Lady Jays also quickly recharged enough to swipe Game 1 versus Ignacio, 26-24. Under first-year head coach Carolyn Glover, Mancos took the win after MHS freshman middle Taryn Gordanier converted a tip and Simmons' next hack

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar accepts a gift from Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, during a general assembly of the NCAI annual convention on Monday, Oct. 22 in Sacramento, Calif.

### NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

## NCAI highlights importance of U.S. presidential election

Nations convene in Sacramento under the banner 'Our Rights, Our Sovereignty'

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In the weeks preceding the U.S. presidential election, the conversation at the National Congress of American Indians' annual convention in Sacramento, Calif., turned to national politics and policy Oct. 22 — 26.

Opening the floor at the Sacramento Convention Center was NCAI President Jefferson Keel who stated the importance of the national convention lies in "the people, the connections we share, and most importantly the work we do on behalf of Indian Country."

"[We are here] to reaffirm

the fundamental purpose of this organization, to represent the unified voice of all Indian Country, of all native peoples," Keel said. "That is one of our purposes here this week."

Ramping up the Native vote was a hot topic of discussion. The effort and

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## Sweeter than candy



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A young trick-or-treater pauses for a photo as she tracks through the halls of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building on Halloween in pursuit of tasty treats. Students from the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy stormed the tribal offices all day Wednesday, Oct. 31.

For more Halloween coverage, see page 9.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### KSUT ASKING VETERANS TO CONTRIBUTE

KSUT would like to honor our Southern Ute veterans and extend a huge thank you for your service for our country and the time and energy you contributed. If you are interested in sharing your story with us and allowing us to create a 10-to-15 minute voice presentation to air on KSUT 91.3 FM throughout the month of November please contact Lorena Richards at 970-563-0255 or by email at [lorena@ksut.org](mailto:lorena@ksut.org).

### AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

### SEARCH-AND-RESCUE CARDS AVAILABLE

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search-and-Rescue card is a means to voluntarily participate in funding the cost of missions, training and equipment for search-and-rescue efforts in Colorado. In

the event a cardholder is lost or injured in the backcountry, the county sheriff will be reimbursed through COSAR fund for the cost of a search-and-rescue mission for that person. In La Plata County, CORSAR cards are available anywhere state hunting and fishing licenses are sold. The card may be purchased for \$3 for one year or \$12 for five years. You may also purchase the card online at [www.dola.colorado.gov/corsar\\_order/order\\_instructions.jsf](http://www.dola.colorado.gov/corsar_order/order_instructions.jsf). Individuals with a current state hunting or fishing license, or boat, snowmobile or ATV registration, are automatically covered by the CORSAR fund. Southern Ute hunters and anglers should be aware that obtaining a tribal hunting or fishing permit does not automatically extend CORSAR coverage. Tribal-permitted hunters and anglers should consider purchasing CORSAR cards through local vendors, especially if using remote locations in the off-reservation Brunot Treaty Area. For more info, call the La Plata County Sheriff's Office at 970-382-6274.

### FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

### Health Services Notice

The Southern Ute Community Health Representative (CHR) program promotes, supports, and assists SUI and the Tribal Health Department in delivering a total health care delivery program to tribal members and descendants. The program exists within the Health Services Division under the Tribal Health Department. The CHR's assist with the home health care, adult day care, dialysis transportation, and medication delivery. The CHR's perform their activities in the home, community, hospital and clinic settings.



Health Services & CHR's services are provided Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 970-563-4401. After 5 p.m. for emergencies and on call services call SUPD at 970-563-0154.

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## MANY MOONS AGO



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### 10 years ago

Colorado Sen. Jim Isgar (left) and Tom Strickland, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, are greeted by Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch and attorney Sam Maynes (right) outside of the Tribal Affairs Building on Thursday, Oct. 24. The candidates paid a campaign visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 18, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Meet the Candidates Night brought approximately 50 tribal members to the Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 29. Candidates answered questions about positions on gaming issues, a coalbed methane suit, a workforce reduction, and lawyers.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 30, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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### 30 years ago

Halloween fun for the young: Trick-or-treaters visited to the tribal offices during Halloween.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 5, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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## Yellow Nose

As told by Alden Naranjo Jr. for Native American Heritage Month

Yellow Nose was a Ute. He was born sometime in 1849. He was 9 years old when he was captured with his mother and sister somewhere in the San Luis valley by a Cheyenne named Lean Bear. He was raised by a Cheyenne chief named Spotted Wolf. His mother and sister later escaped and returned back to their people; he remained with the Cheyenne the rest of his life.

Yellow Nose had travelled north from the Oklahoma Indian country to visit his Cheyenne wife's relatives. It was early spring of 1876 when he went north. In June he was camped with the Cheyennes, five Sioux bands, and Arapahos on Little Bighorn River. Yellow Nose was engaged in the fight of the Little Bighorn River (Greasy Grass River) against Gen. George A. Custer's 7th Cavalry. Yellow Nose, according to stories, had captured a 7th Cavalry guidon from a

soldier he has shot.

The story goes like this: Yellow Nose had heard the shots and got one of his horse and joined in the fight. As he went into the battle, he shot a soldier and saw another soldier coming toward him. He shot the soldier and took the guidon from him and went into the battle more and started to strike or counting coup. He circled around, and as he was coming up on a white man, the man started to scream. Yellow Nose came up behind the man and struck him with his war club on back of the head, killing the man.

Yellow Nose was believed to have been the one to kill Gen. Custer. This was told by many old Cheyenne warriors when they were interviewed long after the Battle of The Little Bighorn River.

Yellow Nose lived out the remained of his life on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian Reservation in Oklahoma near the town of Geary, Okla. He became blind due to an injury he received during the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

## THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'i<sub>cha</sub>- 'ara m<sub>ni</sub> 'apaghapi 'ura- 'ay

### 19. Demonstratives, articles and pronouns

By Tom Givón

UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Definite articles and third-person pronouns in Ute are derived from demonstrative expressions. We will begin by describing the system of demonstratives, which are expression used to point at objects or persons by locating them in space relative to the location of the speaker or hearer.

#### 19.1. DEMONSTRATIVES

Demonstratives in Ute, as in most languages, can be used either as **noun modifiers** in the noun phrase, or as **pronouns**. Ute demonstratives are marked for three **positions** relative to the position of the speaker: near, away-visible, and away-invisible. They are also marked for **animacy** and **number**: inanimate, animate-SG, animate-PL. They are also marked, lastly, for **grammatical role**: Subject vs. object. The three position-marking prefixes are:

- (1) near speaker: 'i  
away-visible: ma-  
away-invisible: 'u-

The full forms of the various demonstratives are given in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1: Demonstratives

|             | near-speaker   |                   | away-visible |               | away-invisible |                  |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
|             | subject        | object            | subject      | object        | subject        | object           |
| inanimate:  | 'i- <i>cha</i> | 'i- <i>cha</i> -y | <i>má-r#</i> | <i>ma-r#</i>  | 'ú- <i>ru</i>  | 'u- <i>ru</i>    |
| animate-SG: | 'i- <i>na</i>  | 'i- <i>na</i> -y  | <i>máa</i>   | <i>máa</i> -y | 'ú- <i>wá</i>  | 'u- <i>wa</i> -y |
| animate-PL: | 'i- <i>m#</i>  | 'i- <i>m#</i>     | <i>má-m#</i> | <i>ma-m#</i>  | 'ú- <i>m#</i>  | 'u- <i>m#</i>    |

The use of these words as demonstrative pronouns may be seen in (2a) below, and as demonstrative modifiers preceding the noun in (2b):

- (2) a. **Pronoun:** *kh-'ura* then-be **'uwa-y** that-O *pu-nikya-puga* see-REM  
'then (s/he) saw that one'
- b. **Modifier:** *kh-'ura* then-be **'uwa-y** that-O *wichichi* bird/O *p#nikya-pu-ga* see-REM  
'then (s/he) saw **that** bird'

#### 19.2. DEFINITE ARTICLES

A definite noun is one that the speaker assume is already familiar to the hearer. Definiteness in Ute may be express without any marking, but the **invisible** demonstratives can be used as definite articles. In such a capacity, they follow the noun and are de-stressed.

Thus consider:

- (3) *kh-'ura* then-be *'áapachi* boy/S **'u** the/S *t#kuavi* meat/O **'uru** the/O *t#ka-puga* eat-REM  
'then the boy ate the meat'

#### 19.3. PERSONAL PRONOUNS

##### (a) Independent pronouns

The personal pronoun system of Ute refer to only animate beings. The third-person forms are based on the demonstrative pronoun series (Table 1), observing the **position** distinction of visible vs. invisible. The first-person forms are marked for three **number** distinction: singular, dual, plural. In the non-singular first persons, an **inclusive-exclusive** distinction is also observed. That is, including vs. excluding the hearer ("you"). Finally, all pronouns display the subject vs. non-subject **grammatical role** distinction. Subject pronouns are given in Table 2, and non-subject pronouns in Table 3.

TABLE 2: Independent subject pronouns

| person     | singular              | dual                                                         | plural                       |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1st        | <i>n#</i> 'I'         | <i>támi</i> 'we (incl. you)'<br><i>n#m#</i> 'we (excl. you)' | <i>táwi</i> 'we (incl. you)' |
| 2nd        | <i>'úm#</i> 'you'     | <i>m#ni</i> 'y'all'                                          |                              |
| 3rd-vis.   | <i>máa-s</i> 's/he'   | <i>má-m#</i> 'they'                                          |                              |
| 3rd-invis. | <i>'uwa-s#</i> 's/he' | <i>'u-m#-s#</i> 'they'                                       |                              |

TABLE 3: Independent non-subject pronouns

| person     | singular                                                | dual                                                                   | plural                           |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1st        | <i>n#na-y</i> 'me'                                      | <i>tami</i> 'us/our (incl. you)'<br><i>n#mu-y</i> 'us/our (excl. you)' | <i>tawi</i> 'us/our (incl. you)' |
| 2nd        | <i>'um#-y</i> 'you'                                     | <i>m#ni</i> 'y'all'<br>'your'                                          |                                  |
| 3rd-vis.   | <i>máa-y</i> 'him/her'<br><i>máa-y-a-s</i> 'his/hers'   | <i>ma-m#</i> 'them'<br><i>ma-m#-a-s</i> 'their'                        |                                  |
| 3rd-invis. | <i>'uwa-y</i> 'him/her'<br><i>'uwa-y-a-s</i> 'his/hers' | <i>'u-m#</i> 'them'<br><i>'um#-a-s</i> 'their'                         |                                  |

##### (b) Suffix (clitic) pronouns

Suffix pronouns are optional in Ute, and may appear either on the verb or on other words preceding it. The same forms are used for the subject, object, or possessor role. The various suffix forms are given in Table 4, below. The third-person pronouns still reflect the demonstrative system (Table 1), although with some modifications.

TABLE 4: Suffix (clitic) pronouns

| person       | singular                                       | dual                                                                        | plural                               |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st          | <i>-n#</i> 'I/me/my'                           | <i>-rámi</i> 'we/us/our (incl.you)'<br><i>-ráwi</i> 'we/us/our (incl. you)' | <i>-n#m#</i> 'we/us/our (excl. you)' |
| 2nd          | <i>-m#</i> 'you/your'                          | <i>-am#</i> 'you/your'                                                      |                                      |
| 3rd-vis.-AN  | <i>-a</i> 's/he/her/him/his'                   | <i>-am#</i> 'they/them/their'                                               |                                      |
| 3rd-invis.AN | <i>'u</i> 's/he/her/him/his'                   | <i>-am#</i> 'they/them/their'                                               |                                      |
| 3rd-INAN     | <i>-aqh</i> 'it/its'<br><i>(-ukh</i> 'it/its') | <i>-aqh</i> 'they/them/their'<br><i>-ukh</i> 'they/them/their')             |                                      |

In a later column, we will describe the use of the various pronouns forms in communication.

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## American Indian Heritage Month – November

Culture Department presents

**Week One:** "Honor the Warrior"

**Week Two:** Storytelling

**Week Three:** Art and children

**Week Four:** Traditional foods, plants and medicines



- Nov. 9:** 3 – 6 p.m. "Honor the Warrior." This week's events will highlight the Ute warrior.  
**Nov. 13-16:** Storytelling throughout the week. We will feature Ute storytelling on KSUT.  
**Nov. 19:** Art and children. We will display art and talent of the tribal youth at the multipurpose room at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.  
**Nov. 28:** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Traditional foods, plants and medicines. In the multipurpose room at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### UTE LANGUAGE 103

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum's large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

### ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you're on the list but haven't been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The

department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

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





## KIDNEY CORNER

# Lemonade for prevention of kidney stones?

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY  
ASSOCIATES

In the last edition of the Kidney Corner, we discussed the use of cranberry for preventing urinary tract infections.

As we discussed then, cranberry has a modest effect to prevent adhesion of bacteria to the bladder wall, possibly providing protection from clinical urinary tract infections. In this edition, we will discuss another food product that can help with a kidney problem: the use of lemonade to decrease kidney stone formation.

Kidney stones are crystals formed in the urinary tract and are most often composed of calcium oxalate. If the urinary concentration of either calcium or oxalate is high, there is a risk of crystallization, which can then progress to stone formation.

Stones usually only cause symptoms when they become lodged in the ureter, the tube that connects the kidney to the bladder. This can then be very painful and may require medical attention for pain relief — and, occasionally, surgical removal of the stone.

Most people who form a stone are very motivated to



prevent further stone formation, since the stone passage is often very painful.

It's important for all patients who have had a stone to maintain a high fluid intake. This keeps the urine dilute and helps to prevent further precipitation of stone-forming crystals. It is also useful to decrease the amount of calcium and oxalate in the urine, but dietary restrictions have only a limited role in this effort; reducing salt intake and avoiding the use of high dose vitamin C can help.

Restriction of dietary calcium is usually not helpful, even for patients whose stones are made of calcium.

One way our body protects against stone formation is by urinary secretion of inhibitors of stone formation. These substances help to prevent crystal formation in the urine.

One such substance is citrate, which loosely binds to

calcium in the urine so the calcium is not available for stone formation. Citrate can be taken as a tablet, but a lot of tablets are needed for this replacement, so there has been recent interest in using natural foods high in citrate to provide this supplementation.

Lemonade has been tried for stone formation since it's high in citrate and has proven successful. One clinical trial used 4 ounces of squeezed lemon juice per day and found a helpful increase in urinary citrate. The lemon was diluted in 2 liters of water to make lemonade and drunk throughout the day.

Note that commercially available lemonade may not have this beneficial effect on citrate excretion, and sucrose (sugar) or fructose should not be used to sweeten the lemonade since these substances might worsen the tendency to stone formation. Artificial sweeteners might be acceptable.

So if life hands you lemons (in the form of stone disease), consider making lemonade to prevent against further stone formation!

We will continue our theme of natural remedies in the next Kidney Corner with a cautionary tale of an herbal supplement that has been reported to cause kidney damage.

## YOUR HEALTH

# A primer on the Tribal Health Department

Staff Report  
SU TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

The Southern Ute Tribal Health Department would like to share some information regarding services available through the department.

The department offers services for Southern Ute tribal members living on or off the reservation. Tribal members who live on the reservation must first be seen at the Southern Ute Health Center.

The Health Center will provide services such as medical, dental, vision, and mental health. If needed services are not available at the Health Center, the department can refer patients to another provider.

For off-reservation tribal members, the department

recommends finding a primary care provider in their area. The department asks that you have the provider contact it regarding information needed for the billing process.

For tribal members with Medicare Part B, the department can help with payment of premiums. Tribal members must simply bring in their Social Security information regarding premiums to start the process for reimbursement.

The Tribal Health Department can also reimburse tribal members for copays they might have paid to outside providers. Tribal members must bring copies of receipts to the department office for reimbursement. Those in need of a prescription card also can contact the office.

The Tribal Health Department does not cover fees when patients don't show for appointments or any bills less than \$15.

For more information, call the office at 970-563-4742.

### Who's who in the Tribal Health Department

Erika Atencio, medical — ext. 2211

Lorraine Romero, dental and vision — ext. 2204

Cindy Gallegos, contract health and Medicare/Medicaid benefits — ext. 2203

Karen Gilbert, contract health — ext. 2446

## FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

# FLC Elder-in-Residence Program to host Richard B. Williams Nov. 7

Staff report  
Fort Lewis College

The Fort Lewis College Native American Center welcomes Richard B. Williams to campus as part of the Center's Elder-in-Residence Program.

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, the public is invited to a presentation by Williams entitled "My Grandmother's Stories: Our Life and History on the Northern Plains." The talk will take place in the Center of Southwest Studies Lyceum at 5:45 p.m.

A reception will immediately precede the presentation at 5 p.m. Both the reception and presentation are free

and open to the public.

In his presentation, Williams will share personal stories passed on to him by his grandmother, who was born in 1899. From her, he learned about such historic events as the Indian Reorganization Act and the Indian Allotment Act. His relatives participated in the Battle of Little Big Horn and fought alongside Chief Dull Knife.

These and other stories will help the audience understand the personal impact of federal Indian policy on Native people.

A member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Williams is the first student to earn a bachelor's degree from the Uni-

versity of Nebraska. He has served in education and advocacy positions throughout his career, including as president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund.

Each year the FLC Native American Center Elder-in-Residence Program brings prominent figures from the Native American community to campus to meet with the college community in an effort to increase knowledge and understanding. The program is sponsored by the FLC Native American Center and the John & Sophie Ottens Foundation.

For more information, call the Native American Center at 970-247-7292 or 970-247-7222.

## Appreciate, don't discriminate



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Acting Human Resources Department Director Michael Brennan, Bobbie Rosa, and Gail Cross of Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation attended a discrimination workshop on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The training aimed to raise awareness of the different types of discrimination within the workplace. Ben Hase of the Colorado Civil Rights Division for the Western Slope conducted the training.

## Honoring Tekakwitha



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Kaleb and Leon Sage escort Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in a procession from St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio on Sunday, Oct. 21. Tekakwitha, also known as Lily of the Mohawks, is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. She was beatified by Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on Oct. 21 of this year.



St. Ignatius paritioners Sharon Cook, Florene Formea, Evelyn Burch and Willette Thompson assisted Williamette Thompson in organizing the event and took part in the procession for Saint Tekakwitha.

Deacon Larry Tucker and tribal member Dan Jefferson await the remainder of the procession in front of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church prior to mass.



## November Senior Breakfast

You are cordially invited to join us for a healthy breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with other elders, while exercising with us.

### Menu:

- 2nd Eggs, Potato, and Turkey Sausage Burrito
- 9th French Toast with fruit
- 16th Ham and Green Chili Egg Quiche
- 23rd *\*NO Senior Breakfast\**
- 30th Oatmeal and Boiled Eggs

All served with coffee, juice and possibly fresh fruit

Fridays from 9am-10:30am

Capote Room in the SunUte Community Center

If you need a ride, contact the Elders Services at (970) 563-0156

Hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility Staff

For More Information Call: Multi-Purpose Facility (970) 563-4784 or SunUte Community Center (970) 563-0214



## Making Christmas



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tina Valdez and grandson Andre Thompson participated in making Christmas ornaments during the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Family Fun Night on Thursday, Oct. 25. Head Start Safety Coordinator Steve "Mr. Glitter" McCoy demonstrates proper glitter application.



Raymond Frost Jr. and grandmother Gloria Frost (not pictured) work with grandson Niko Rock to create Christmas ornaments.

Charlie and Savana Turner, daughters of Head Start teacher Gina Turner, work to create colorful ornaments.

## African dance comes to Ignacio



photos courtesy SU Montessori Head Start

Students of the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy got an exotic treat on Tuesday, Oct. 16 when the African Dance and Drum Troupe performed in the Head Start gym. Part of the Bureau of Lectures & Concert Artists Inc., the group — from Senegal, a country in western Africa — demonstrated traditional dance routines for the students, inviting them to join in at parts.



Head Start staffers pose for a photo with group members and their drums.



Students pass between the legs of one of the performers.

### 4 CORNERS NEWS

## CDOT offers resources for traveler info this winter

### Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

As part of Winter Weather Awareness Week, the Colorado Department of Transportation would like to remind motorists of the numerous free resources CDOT provides for obtaining traffic, road condition, and highway information.

The department urges motorists to utilize these resources before you travel to ensure you know what to

expect and to know the most current information. Remember this winter: "When there is ice and snow, take it slow."

Road condition resources include:

- **www.cotrip.org:** Information about real-time road conditions, highway closures, average speeds, photos, live cameras streaming traffic, trucking information, and more.

- **5-1-1:** From anywhere in the state, motorists can call 5-1-1 to listen to record-

ed information about road conditions, projected trip travel times, trucker information. The call is free and the recordings are changed at least once an hour, and often more frequently as conditions change.

The department reminds motorists that distracted driving in any form is dangerous. Distracted driving includes using your smart phone, reading a map, or even eating or drinking while you are driving.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### JOM MEETING, NOV. 5

The next meeting of the JOM committee is Monday, Nov. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education building. Questions call Ellen Baker 970-563-0235, Naomi Russell 970-403-0613, or Velma Armijo 970-563-4735.

### HIGHER EDUCATION CLASSES

#### November classes

- Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Bread making: yeast/fry bread and tortillas
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. Holiday turkey and dressing class
- Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. Christmas card class: make cards with stamp book materials. For interested tribal members.

All classes will be in the Higher Education Building. Call Luana Herrera to sign up at 970-563-0237.

### GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Dec. 7 and Jan. 11. The test is held 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. The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire 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. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

### ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served 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 with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a certificate, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

### EDUCATION 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 at 970-563-0237.

## Building bridges through art



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

An art project titled "Parallel Intentions" brought students together from various schools to the art classroom of Susan Robins at Ignacio Junior High on Monday, Oct. 29. Under the direction of artist Anne Binder, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students painted cloth flags. The project's artistic theme, according to Robins, is to foster relations across race, culture, gender and class. Shoshone Thompson (above) was among the students to share ideas.

## Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5 Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader? Not sure what to do after school?  
Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a "green" building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum's enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>, and running on Thursdays through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Further information is available online at our website: [www.durangodiscovery.org](http://www.durangodiscovery.org). See you in the lab!

spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration

For further questions please contact:

Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager  
Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • [jen@durangodiscovery.org](mailto:jen@durangodiscovery.org)





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Austin Haire (22), one of four senior Bobcat gridders suiting up for the last time, applies a good stiff-arm to Dolores' Chaz Thompson during SPC action at IHS Field on Friday, Oct. 26. Thompson enjoyed a CHSAA record-tying night as the Bears won the season finale for both teams 47-6.

## IHS FOOTBALL

# Dolores dooms Ignacio's season with 47-6 win on Senior Night

*Bobcats finish year 2-7*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having missed a chance to prove himself against undefeated 2A Bayfield earlier this season while CHSAA was approving school transfer paperwork, Dolores Bear Chaz Thompson was eager to put Ignacio into a deep freeze until 2013.

Thompson spoiled the Bobcats' Senior Night on Friday, Oct. 26 with a 99-yard, season-ending interception return for a touchdown as the final horn sounded at IHS Field.

He started the contest scoring in similar style: a 58-yard pick-six in the first quarter, muting enthusiasm from a muffed punt recovered at the DHS 43 the previous play by Cats Blaine Mickey and Joe Herrera. The senior then booked the Bears' second TD on another interception of Adison Jones from 13 yards out in the second quarter.

Thompson's act of thievery will tie him for most scores from interceptions in a game with Bill Carpenter of Idalia in 1988.

"We started off the game well defensively. Didn't give up any points, which was a big thing for us," said IHS head coach Lupe Huerta. "We stopped them ... but then we got those two unexpected picks for touchdowns that really hurt us."

Thompson, coming off a 2-0 forfeit loss to Centauri the previous week (while Ignacio lost 50-16 at Del Norte), was only getting started. After Moki Youngquist's second point-after and an Ignacio turnover-on-downs forced at Dolores' own 38, it took just 38 seconds before he recorded a 48-yard TD run for a 20-0 advantage.

Youngquist's PAT from nearly 30 yards out, following two penalties, was no good.

"They capitalized, and they just kept rolling," Huerta said after the 47-6 final tally. "That's what happens



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Blaine Mickey (51) and Joe Herrera (31) smother a Dolores Bear's fumble during Friday, Oct. 26 SPC action at IHS Field.

when you give them opportunities like that."

One play after a Clayton Jefferson punt ending the Bobcats' next series, a three-and-out, Thompson struck again with a 37-yard score on first down and 4:37 still before intermission.

Jefferson then punted again on the seventh snap of Ignacio's ensuing possession, and Dolores needed just four plays to cover 52 yards and score — senior Cody Carroll from three yards out — with 0:21 still remaining. Youngquist's fourth PAT in five tries made the halftime deficit 34-0.

Thompson's one-yard plunge (capping an 8-play, 66-yard drive) with 7:03 left in the third enacted the mercy-rule running clock scenario too familiar to local fans.

"We started to make some wrong moves defensively, just over-pursuing some of the plays. Had them in the right spots, just ... missed tackles," Huerta said. "And when you have some of your best tacklers making those misses ... it's tough."

Toughening up too late offensively, the Bobcats controlled all but the last 15 seconds of the game, denying Dolores a shutout when Jones polished off a 16-play, 80-yard march with a one-yard keeper.

Moved back into the backfield with sophomore Iaasic Pena sporting a neck brace on the bench, senior Austin

Haire (16-41 rushing) was stopped short on the two-point conversion try.

Junior Adam Herrera, however, recovered Kelton Richmond's onside kick attempt at the Bears' 47 with 3 minutes left. Jones was 4-of-5 in moving Ignacio to the 16 before Thompson plucked his last-gasp throw towards the end zone.

Jones finished 18-of-32 for 155 yards, 58 going on five completions to Richmond, and 74 on eight to Jefferson. Sam Corrado caught two for five yards, while Haire and both Herrerases snared a ball apiece.

Thompson finished with 112 yards on his five carries, and senior Cody Carroll was 10-57 rushing with Dolores' only non-Chaz score, a 3-yard plunge with 0:21 left before halftime.

The brightest spot of the night came when IHS seniors Haire, Andy Guire, Christopher Russell, and David Storey were recognized along with their parents at halftime.

"That's the bright thing about this particular group of kids," said Huerta of his 2012 roster. "I'm losing two true starters that are seniors; the rest are sophomores, some freshmen, and a few juniors. It only looks bright for us for the future."

Ignacio finishes 2-7 overall, 1-4 in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference. Dolores ends 4-5, 3-2.

## NO-QUIT CATS NOTCH 15-7 • FROM PAGE 1



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Destinee Lucero (7) hustles to save a falling ball against Dolores as teammate Cheyenne Cook (2) shifts over to protect empty space near the scorer's table during the Saturday, Oct. 27 2A-District 3 Tournament inside IHS Gymnasium.

sailed long.

Avenging herself, Simmons put Ignacio ahead 1-0 in Game 2. And after two Diaz aces put IHS up 6-3, the Volleyscats wasted little time in running away to win 25-12.

Game 3 featured seven ties before either team reached 10 points. The Cats got there first, though, and Mancos — via two kills by junior Emily Funmaker — would only get as close to victory as a slim 12-11 deficit; Ignacio won 25-15 after two Gordanier attacks both failed.

Somehow the Jays managed to shake off the loss and quickly lock down Game 4, taking a 4-3 lead on a Whitney Gustafson kill and never losing it en route to a 25-18 win.

"Even though all of us were hurting," Seibel said, "we wanted it more."

"I think it was just, like, a change in the team's perspective," Diaz said. "Especially over summer; we played 5A schools and we know we can beat the higher levels."

That confidence, however, didn't truly show until Diaz got herself on serve with a kill to cut Mancos' Game 5 lead to 13-10. Ig-

nacio had trailed from the start, but had pulled even four times — the last being at 7-7 on a Simmons smash, canceled swiftly by a Funmaker overpass-kill.

First-year boss Thad Cano, known for letting his players sort out situations themselves, at last — but calmly — called a timeout after Megan Hess drilled a kill through Ignacio's middle for a 12-9 advantage, repairing the damage caused by Simmons' best two rockets.

"Bottom line ... coming from a losing record, for these girls to learn to win again, I'm just so proud of them," said Cano, his squad now 15-7 (IHS was just 7-11 in 2011) and bound for the Region G phase, to be hosted this weekend by 16-6 Telluride.

D-5 runners-up Meeker will also be attending, while Dolores (17-5) will have to travel to Region C, hosted by D-5 champs Vail Mountain.

"The girls were there," Cano said of the team's defensive effort. "Every once in a while they'd get a little tentative and weren't anticipating, but for the most part they were there to get the ball, turning that emotion

into a positive, mean energy and going after it."

"It was exhausting. I knew it was going to be a tough day, and I'm really proud of the girls. They played really hard," said Mancos' Glover, her team done at 12-10 overall. "Got a little tired there at the end and just fell short. Ignacio's a great team and they got through it; played hard, they're scrappy ... dug up everything we could possibly send to them."

"I just came here to win," Diaz said, "laid it out for the seniors because I know it's their last chance. Played it for the seniors."

"We knew we didn't want to end our season here," Vigil said. "Especially us seniors: We would regret it ... forever, probably."

"At first I was really upset that we weren't in the championship," Simmons said, "but I'm OK now because [the regional is] still kind of local. So it's fine; more of our fans can go support too."

"We will be familiar with where we're going," Vigil said of Telluride's MinerDome. "Don't know who we're going to play, but we're going to hopefully be prepared."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Mariah Vigil (21) stuffs a spike by Ridgway's Rosie Rogers (3) during the Saturday, Oct. 27 2A-District 3 Tournament inside IHS Gymnasium.

## 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."



### TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

### SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

**Veterans Day**  
Nov. 12: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., pool closing at 4:30 p.m.  
**Thanksgiving**  
Nov. 21: 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., pool closing at 4:30 p.m.  
Nov. 22: CLOSED  
Nov. 23: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., pool closing at 2 p.m.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Nearly jarring the ball free with his helmet, Ignacio's Adison Jones (8) brings an abrupt end to progress made by Del Norte's Colin Trujillo (20) during the Bobcats' trip to Speiser Field on Friday, Oct. 19. Driven by a solid ground game, the host Tigers won by a 50-16 score in SPC action.



## ANIMAS-LA PLATA PROJECT

# Lalena Weasel wins second safety award

By Lynda Grove-D'Wolf  
SU TRIBAL ELDER

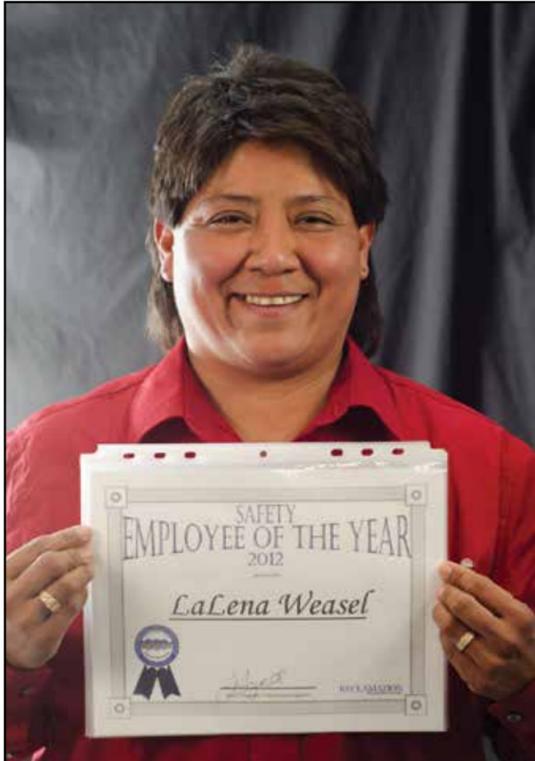
The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation started reclamation on the project to build the Animas-La Plata Project on April 1, 2000.

During this time, members of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes were invited to apply for employment within the bureau. Four slots were available; Lalena Weasel applied and started work on May 17, 2003.

Weasel is currently the only Native American employed at ALP.

Safety is a priority with the bureau. Each year, an Employee Safety of the Year Award is bestowed for outstanding work in this area. On Friday, Oct. 12, Weasel received the award — for the second time.

It's good to know there are employees that take their job responsibilities seriously. Great job!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation recognized Lalena Weasel as Safety Employee of the Year for 2012 for her careful work on the Animas-La Plata Project at Lake Nighthorse.

## Two join Election Board



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Nova Burch and tribal member Kimberly Armstrong were sworn to uphold the duties of Election Board members on a temporary basis before the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Tuesday, Oct. 30.



Kimberly Armstrong takes the oath of office before Associate Judge Chantel Cloud.

## IHS honors local veterans



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The Bobcat Signers lead attendees of a Veterans Day Recognition & Dinner in the Ignacio High School gym on Friday, Oct. 26 in singing "God Bless the USA." The event included food, speeches from military veterans, and the high school band playing the song of each military branch.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum



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Marissa Rocha (far right), chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and a U.S. Navy veteran, helped during the presentation of colors to kick off the event.

Southern Ute veteran Tim Watts is honored during the Veterans Day Recognition & Dinner at the Ignacio High School gym.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Flags representing multiple branches of the nation's Armed Services were proudly flown at IHS Field prior to kickoff of the Dolores-at-Ignacio football game, as part of a Veterans Appreciation Night ceremony coinciding with the Bobcats' own Senior/Parent Appreciation Night activities.

# Jo Dee Messina

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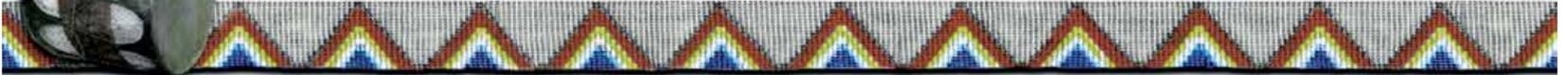
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# Triathlon

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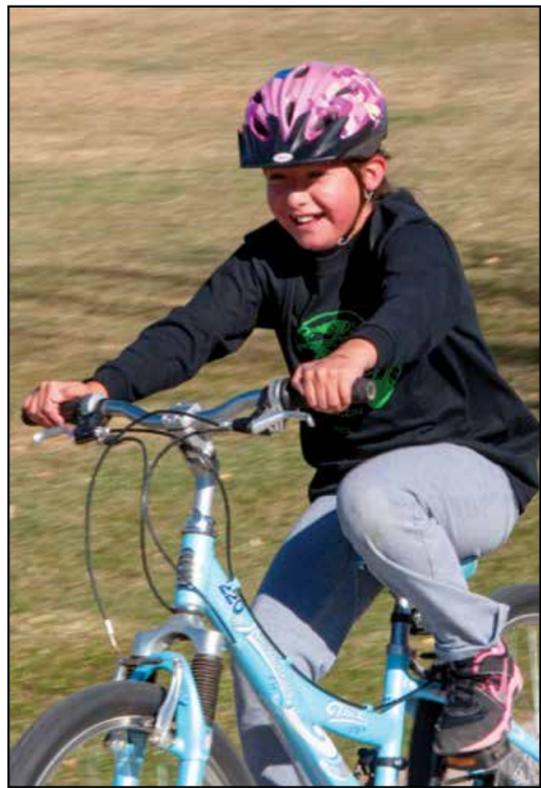
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## Academy athletes compete in annual triathlon

**The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's annual triathlon on Friday, Oct. 26 began with a footrace to the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field. The athletes then biked around the walking track and finished with a run to SunUte to swim laps in the pool. The event culminated with a "Pumpkin Splash" and photo ops with Executive Officer Steve Herrera and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Academy Physical Education Teacher Scott Shishim coordinated the event.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Ebonee Gomez takes her turn on the bike, pedaling around the multipurpose field.



Zechariah Red and Avaleena Nanaeto lead the pack in the first of many starts for the academy students competing in the triathlon.



Harmony Red smiles as she swims with her pumpkin during the Pumpkin Splash after completing the triathlon in the SunUte swimming pool.



Nathaniel Richards, Jawadin Corona, Andrew Morgan and Randy Herrera bike along the walking track at the SunUte multipurpose field. Each student completed a designated number of laps by age group.



Newton gives Jonas Nanaeto a medal for completing the triathlon. Academy Physical Assistant Billy Jack Baker helped Newton with the medals.



## Employees cut loose for Tribal Halloween



As part of the only group entry, Human Resources Department Acting Director Michael Brennan leads a troupe of dancers in a performance of "Gangnam Style" before the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.



Lead singer Gene Simmons of KISS also made an appearance at the employee costume contest.

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Ross Jacket reprises Public Enemy's "Hype Man" Flavor Flav, who shouts the classic "Yeah boy!" upon receiving both first place in the costume contest and chairman's pick for administrative leave.



Dana Kopf as "Dad Rock" rocks out during his costume performance.



Robin Duffy-Wirth, as the Durango Fairy, greets tribal elder Eddie Box Jr. with a tap of her wand during the employee costume contest.



Dressed as a witch, Tauri Raines poses for a photo at the Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 27.

## Carnival time

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



Tribal elder Dixie Naranjo looks on as young family members take part in the festivities at the Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 27.



Leela Rosa promotes a haunted house at the SunUte Community Center during the Southern Ute Police Department's annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 27. The haunted house was a popular attraction, drawing visitors of all ages.



## Invasion of the trick-or-treaters



The bravest of the trick-or-treaters made their way through haunted houses across tribal campus.



Tasha Herrera faces her fears with a kiss in The Southern Ute Drum's Clown House.



Crystal Ivey adorned in elaborate paint for the Halloween celebrations.



Jeremy Reynolds rides in style during the trick-or-treat run on tribal campus.

**Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum



As a vampiress, Avaleena Nanaeto blends in with the Halloween decor.



A young Lobos fan howls at the moon during a visit to the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### *Pumpkins splash into SunUte*



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Eufemia Pardo jumps into the swimming pool at the SunUte Community Center after selecting a pumpkin on Friday, Sept. 26. SunUte's "Pumpkin Splash" has been a popular event for several years, inviting children to swim and pick the perfect squash to take home with them.



Social Services goes all out for the spook factor: Ghosts and ghouls abound in their haunted hallway.



4 CORNERS NEWS

# Marijuana legalization could conflict with tribal law

By Tim Heydinger  
SU PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

It is once again time to go to the polls.

This is a presidential election year, meaning the ballot will be large. People will vote for a variety of elected positions: everything from president of the United States to membership on local boards and commissions.

Voters also will decide many local and statewide issues. One of the issues being presented to Colorado voters is Amendment 64, The Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act of 2012.

Amendment 64 would amend the Colorado constitution to make it legal for people 21 and older to possess marijuana. While Colorado already has legalized the possession of marijuana for medicinal use, Amendment 64 would allow people to possess marijuana without first obtaining a doctor's prescription.

It would allow people to possess marijuana for any reason, not just for medical reasons. The sale of marijuana

would be regulated in much the same way the state now regulates the sale of alcohol.

Even if Amendment 64 is passed, it's important to remember that neither the federal government nor the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has legalized the possession of marijuana for any reason. Under tribal law, any Native American found on the reservation with a drug regulated by federal law, including marijuana, is subject to tribal prosecution.

Insofar as Amendment 64 is a state law, it would do nothing to alter the tribe's position as it relates to the possession of marijuana by Native Americans on the reservation.

The inconsistency between tribal law as it now stands and state law (if Amendment 64 is passed) would present problems. Native Americans found with marijuana while on the reservation would be prosecuted by the tribe for possession. Non-Native people would not.

The problem would be exacerbated within the Ignacio town limits where the tribe and the state have concurrent crim-

inal jurisdiction. People would be prosecuted, or not, based solely on their ethnic origin (Native versus non-Native).

The inconsistency also will present problems for people currently on probation through the Tribal Court. It is a standard condition of probation that the probationer not use or possess illegal drugs.

Does a person violate the conditions of their probation if they use or possess marijuana in conformity with state law off the reservation, even though the use and possession of marijuana is illegal if it happens on the reservation? As things now stand, the answer is yes, because regardless of what happens with Amendment 64, possessing marijuana still is a violation of federal law.

At some point the tribe must address these issues. Until that happens, it is a crime to possess marijuana on the reservation, and the possession of a valid state-issued medical marijuana card is not a defense to the tribal prosecution.

4 CORNERS NEWS

# U.S. Capitol Christmas tree to visit Durango Nov. 9

Staff report  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE

On Nov. 9, the U.S. Forest Service, with help from its nonprofit partner, Choose Outdoors, will be bringing the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree to Durango.

On Nov. 2, the tree will be harvested in the White River National Forest near Meeker, Colo. The 70-plus-foot-tall tree will then be wrapped and transported to Washington, D.C., on a custom-decorated Mack Pinnacle model

truck, which will be driven by former U.S. Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

The tree will arrive by police escort and will be on display on Friday, Nov. 9 between 5 and 7 p.m. at 8th and Main Avenue in downtown Durango. This stop will be one of many along the tree's 23-day tour across Colorado and the country on its way to the nation's capital.

All festivities with the tree are open to the public and free for all to enjoy.

Special events and oppor-

tunities to view the tree are being planned in every stop across the country. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be traveling with the tree.

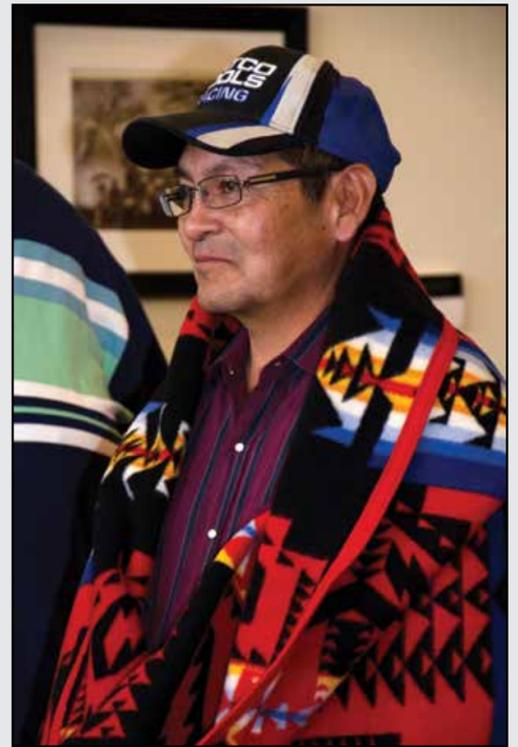
The free festivities in Durango will begin with the Durango Choral Society singing "America the Beautiful," the VFW Veterans presentation of colors, and Durango dignitaries accepting a live Englemann spruce tree from the White River National Forest on behalf of the 2012 Capitol Christmas tree team.

## Casias bids farewell



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and tribal staffers bid Irvin Casias a warm farewell on Friday, Oct. 19. Casias retired after 18 years with the tribe, culminating in his last post as Motorpool division head.



"I would like to thank the Southern Ute Tribe for giving me this opportunity. I am looking forward to spending time with my family," Casias said. The reception took place in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building's Hall of Warriors.

## Better safe than sorry



photographer/SU Drum

Doc Ricketts Tree Service was contracted to cut the two ponderosa pine trees in the parking lot north of the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building on Saturday, Oct. 27. The trees had become a safety hazard. The Executive Office said it took into account the historical value of the trees, and Hanley Frost performed a blessing before the cutting. The wood went to the Southern Ute Woodyard.



Doc Ricketts Tree Service crew members limb lower branches off one of the two ponderosa pine trees that had become a liability due to rot and age.

### Wood Smoke and Your Health

Small particles and pollutants in wood smoke can trigger asthma attacks. Wood smoke has also been linked to heart attacks in people with heart disease.

Even occasional exposure to wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

## FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD

**STEP 1**  
**SPLIT**

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Split small pieces for kindling

**STEP 2**  
**STACK**

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground. Stack it on rails
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down

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**STEP 3**  
**COVER**

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood - don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack

**STEP 4**  
**STORE**

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Cracked ends on the wood typically means it is dry enough to burn

### Clean and Efficient Heating Checklist

Burning dry firewood can save money and protect you and your family's health. A properly installed and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

- Start a small fire with dry kindling then add a few pieces of wood.
- Give the fire plenty of air - fully open the air controls until the fire is roaring.
- Burn the fire to heat the chimney or flue before adding more wood.
- Keep space between the firewood as you add more to the fire.
- Check for local burn bans and avoid fireplace and wood stove use while in effect.
- Avoid burning garbage, treated lumber, or saltwater driftwood. Burning these items can damage your stove and cause serious health issues.
- Have your stove and chimney professionally inspected and serviced yearly if possible.
- If available, refer to your owner's manual for start-up guidelines.
- A smoldering fire, "dirty" glass doors, or smoke from the chimney are all signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.

**WET WOOD IS A WASTE**

**Is your wood dry? Take the moisture meter test.**

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that allow you to test the moisture level in wood are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. Dry wood creates a hotter fire. Hotter fires save wood - ultimately saving you time and money.

Properly dried wood is lighter, has cracks in the grain on the end, and sounds hollow when knocked against another piece of wood.

WET

DRY

[www.epa.gov/burnwise](http://www.epa.gov/burnwise)



*Vote for*  
**J Paul Brown**  
*if you want*  
**More Freedom**  
**More Jobs**  
**More Personal Responsibility**

**J Paul Brown has voted to:**



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**State Representative HD59**





## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### SUPD CARNIVAL THANKS

The Southern Ute Police Department and SunUte Community Center would like to thank the community for coming out and being a part of the 2012 Halloween Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 27 and donating to our local nonprofits and charities.

This year an estimated 658 people attended! The department would like to thank all the organizations who put the time and effort to participate in this year's carnival: the SunUte Community Center, PeaceJam of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, BGC administration, Fort Lewis College's AIBLE, the Southern Ute Detention Center, SUCAP Youth Services, PLUS, the Los Pinos Fire Protection District, Ignacio High School (four different booths), Southern Ute Royalty, and a tribal member raising money for space camp.

The department gave out costume prizes at 6:30 p.m. for seven categories from infants to adults. Next year, we hope to have more categories for the costume contest and to exceed the number of vendors we had this year.

### ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH THANKS

St. Ignatius and I would like to thank the following for support in the celebration of the Native American Saint Kateri Tekakwitha: the Ignacio and Southern Ute police departments, the Town of Ignacio, the Los Pinos Fire Department for the escort through Ignacio, The Southern Ute Drum for capturing this historic event, and KSUT-FM for getting the word out.

I would like to acknowledge the following for their time, energy, and support: Eppie and Trish Quintana, Selina Gallero, Josie Archuleta, Amy Barry, Beth Santistevan, Sharon and Marvin Cook, Kathleen Threadgill, Allison deKay, the St. Ignatius carmelitas for a delicious meal, Ray deKay for his tireless efforts, and the Knights of Columbus' Color Guard for the honor of their presence.

Also Jake Ryder, R.C. Lucero, Dan Jefferson, Tyson Thompson for their beautiful songs; Southern Ute Custom Farms; Sky Ute Casino Resort; and the Southern Ute tribal royalty.

And a special recognition to Brian Olguin and his family for their devotion to seeing that our blessed Kateri Tekakwitha gets the attention she deserves. To those who came and participated in this monumental and historic event: It wouldn't have happened without your support.

Respectfully,  
Williamette Thompson

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

I would love to take the time to wish my mother Carole Valdez a very Happy Birthday, and to share some words of appreciation.

### MY DEAREST MOTHER

You are one of the few types of mothers, a person could ever be lucky enough to receive as a parent. You have always been the person to go to who will listen, never pass judgment, and give the best advice. You have done this not only for me but for others as well. You are truly a loving, caring, and giving person. You are such a special person in my life. I take pride in knowing that my mother is so selfless and willing to help. I can ask you for anything and I know I can count on you no matter what, especially when it comes to Zuriyah... Words can never express my gratitude towards you I could never have done what I do for her without the support you have given me. While having her at such young age, you took the time to teach me necessary things in raising a child. Zuriyah loves you in her own special way. She



has this connection with you that I love to watch, it reminds me of my childhood, and the things we used to do together. No matter the age, distance, or situation, know that Zuriyah and I love you with all our hearts.

Happy Birthday Mom/Grandma  
Love always,  
Hailey and Zuriyah

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY JARED

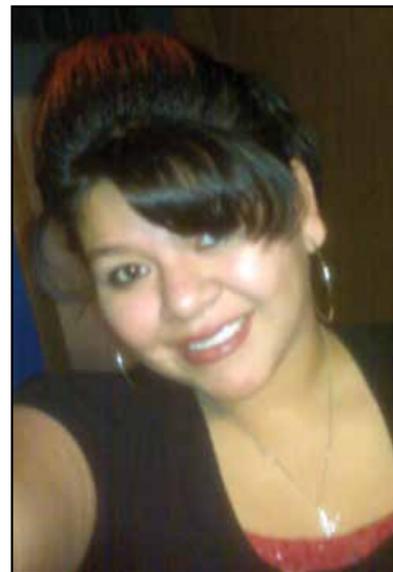
Happy Birthday to our son & grandson Jared Orian, October 30th. May you have many, many, many more. With lots of love.

Mom & Grandma

### HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY

Mariah Amanda Thompson I would like to wish my daughter, a very belated special, "Happy 21st Birthday!!" You came into my life on October 3, 1991 and you have turned into a beautiful woman with a good heart. Never change. You are a Blessing to me and our family. You are loved very much by me, your family and your very special Friends. You are on the road of to success and remember to never give up. Have fun and be happy!!

Love your mom,  
Grandpa, Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins



### HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY

We want to wish Christian Thompson a very Happy 21st Birthday On November 11, 2012. We just want you to know that we are very proud of you and we hope that you to have a very exciting day and hope all your dreams come true. Remember that me and Mariah love and miss you very much. Take care of yourself. We also would like to wish Shoshone Thompson a Happy Birthday on November 8, 2012.

Love,  
Your aunt Becky Thompson and cousin Mariah

### IN MEMORY 'JOBY'

Joe Dean "Joby" Frost died Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at his home in Ignacio of natural causes. He was 44. Mr. Frost was born Jan. 15, 1959, in Durango. He attended Bacone College in Anadarko, Okla. He enjoyed motorcycling. He was an artist and some of his paintings are treasures to his family. He also enjoyed softball, baseball and the outdoors. Mr. Frost was close to his nieces and nephews and enjoyed his time with his family. He is survived by his daughter, Christina Frost of Anadarko, Okla.; a brother, Glenn Frost of Ignacio; two sisters, Audrey Frost and Karen Gilbert, both of Ignacio; his aunt, Inez Cloud of Ignacio; his stepfather, Joe Santistevan of Ignacio; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

How might it have been different for you, if, on your first menstrual day, your mother had given you a bouquet of flowers and taken you to lunch, and then the two of you had gone to meet your father at the jeweler, where your ears were pierced, an your father bought you your first pair of earrings, and then you went with a few of your friends and your mother's friends to get your first lip colouring; and then you went, for the very first time, to the Women's Lodge, to learn the wisdom of the women? How might your life different?

- submitted by Audrey Frost

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## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**  
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SCORPIO! NOVEMBER begins on a somewhat bumpy note as VENUS takes an opposing stance to URANUS on the 1st. Also the MOON will be in chatty GEMINI and chances are you could leak a secret that should be kept private. On the 3rd, the MOON slips into sensitive CANCER sending your emotions soaring! Additionally, VENUS won't be favoring your ruling planet PLUTO on the 3rd, and a tolerant attitude may be your best ally when dealing with those closest to you. Be patient SCORPIO, the picture brightens later in the month.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**  
Typically in NOVEMBER you're nearing the end of your Solar Year. Before the 21st make an effort to clear away unfinished projects. A powerhouse combination of MARS and PLUTO on the 27th stirs your ambition and enables you to overcome obstacles with great force. No doubt your sincere efforts will be rewarded. Some of the constant activity may calm down after the 16th when MARS finally leaves your sign. A more stable energy takes over...just in time for the holiday.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**  
In spite of MERCURY'S retrograde you may still be able to make progress with future plans. The fact is, plans that are made in advance have a better chance of success. NOVEMBER is a social month for you CAPRICORN. Until the 26th be sure to correctly write down dates and times for your appointments. Mistakes can happen easily. VENUS adds more enjoyment to group festivities after the 20th. You might even touch base with longtime friends who live far away.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**  
The SUN, MERCURY, and SATURN take up residence at the very top of your chart. The point is that you'll have to concentrate on both your personal and professional goals. Job related matters may be challenging at times during the month, particularly on the 13th during the SOLAR ECLIPSE/NEW MOON. Keep your wits about you AQUARIUS. JUPITER'S expansive magnetism comes to your aid all month and enhances the entertainment section of your Horoscope. Fill your days with love and laughter.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**  
Two major planets and the SUN group together in the compatible sign of SCORPIO until the 20th. Set your intentions Little Fishes, a very intense SOLAR ECLIPSE/NEW MOON on the 13th is a game changer. Wrap up old business before hand if possible. A pleasant cycle is imminent and you are in the perfect position to further your ambitions. The best days this month are the 10th, 17th, and also the 21st when VENUS glides into advantageous SCORPIO.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**  
The current planetary pattern has you filling your days with short trips, shopping, visiting, and pursuing your favorite diversions, which might keep you on the go all month. A NEW MOON on the 13th puts the emphasis on finances, and you may have the opportunity to revamp old spending habits. But the good news is there may be improvement after the 21st when VENUS tiptoes into a money area of your chart and begins to augment your income. Even tiny MERCURY begins to cooperate on the 26th when it wakes up from its retrograde sleeping mode. Cheer up RAMS, your monthly outlook brightens considerably.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**  
With the planets setting up opposition to your SUN, accomplishing your objectives might be tedious. You'll have to persevere TAURUS. Close relations and partnerships might be demanding more of your attention this month. Because you are a mild-mannered and easy going individual, no doubt you will want to maintain the peace and harmony of the household. Delegate some of the chores, you don't have to do everything yourself TAURUS. Have an enjoyable, and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**  
The month begins and almost ends in your sign Twins. Furthermore the LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 28th may tempt you to throw caution to the wind and splurge on buying something expensive. Just be sure it's what you want. Job or work related interests improve, but you might find that you're working longer hours. Safeguard your physical health GEMINI. This includes eating habits, we are what we eat, and JUPITER in your sign may have you expanding in more ways than one. Thanksgiving turns us all into chow hounds. MMMM, turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie with whipped cream. YUMMMMMMM!

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**  
Most of the month's planetary action is focused on the pursuit of fun and entertaining activities. Thanksgiving parties and bountiful dinners make it a month filled with playful commotion and plenty of laughter. There's a strong possibility you could be setting some new habits into motion with the children. It may be best to present the new rule in a playful manner. Kids just want to have fun and they may be more responsive when having a good time. VENUS promises happy times on the 8th, 22nd, 28th and 29th.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**  
Thanksgiving is a cheery event and this one may have some surprises for you LIONS. The LUNAR ECLIPSE on the 28th in the airy sign of Gemini signals that it's time to sort out the multitude of ideas that have been crowding your thoughts lately. Be gentle with your opinions LEO, you might be letting your imagination run wild. Be fair to family members, it's your best course of action. Do what you can to sidestep emotional issues this month. It's important to stay fixed on your objectives, and maintain an optimistic outlook LIONS.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**  
Typically your daily routine is filled with tasks. The planetary pattern for NOVEMBER looks like more of the same. Currently the emphasis is on your day to day activities and it's likely you'll find yourself hurriedly moving from one job to another. Communications and conversations are frequent. Pay special attention to the details VIRGO, your ruling planet MERCURY slows down on the 6th. It won't move forward until the 26th and there's a chance you could overlook something important.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**  
VENUS in your sign until the 20th denotes a positive influence is at work. Your personal little planet sets up a lucky aura on the 8th when it aligns with generous JUPITER. Listen to your instincts regarding finances. The SUN, MERCURY, and SATURN currently occupy the money zone in your Horoscope and they insist on conservative spending. When the NEW MOON joins them on the 13th, a refreshing new cycle is put into motion. Relax LIBRA, and take pleasure in your TURKEY DAY celebration.

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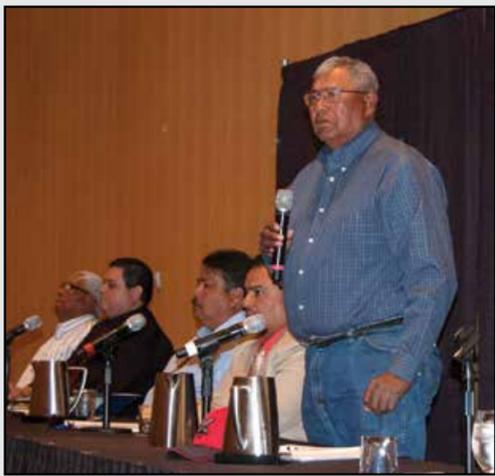
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## Meet your candidates



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council candidate and tribal elder Erwin E. Taylor addresses tribal members during Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, Oct. 18 as fellow candidates (left to right) Howard D. Richards Sr., Adam Red, Vince Mirabal, Delbert D. Cuthair Jr. and Alex S. Cloud listen on. The event took place at the casino's Events Center on Thursday, Oct. 18. Voting takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the SunUte Community Center. Winners will be announced in the Nov. 16 issue of the Drum.

## ELECTION UPDATE

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • 2012 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2012 General Election, according to the Southern Ute Constitution and Election Code.

**ELECTION DAY:** Constitution Article IV, Section 1: The first election under this Constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.

**General Election – Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Election Board. The Election Board office will be open Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Election Board: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305 • Direct line: 970-563-4789  
Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303**

### ATTENTION TRIBAL VOTERS!

The Election Board is looking for one Regular Board member.  
Deadline is Monday, November 5, 2012.

You must be a registered voter, eighteen (18) years old or older, live within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, be able to commit to a three (3) year term, and not have been convicted of any felony.

Please bring your Letter of Intention to either Hazel or Helene at the LCB. Indicate Regular Board member position when applying and, please, include a **WORKING** phone number.

The Election Board office is located at the  
LCB, Second Floor, East Wing.  
970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305.

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### OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2012

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

##### Notice - Vote for Two

- Delbert D. Cuthair, Jr.
- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Vince Mirabal
- Adam Red
- Erwin E. Taylor
- Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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- 1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
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Balanced, sensible leadership YOU CAN COUNT ON!

*Moving Us Forward*

JULIE HOLLIGAN

# WESTENDORFF

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 2012



**Fair. Balanced. Consistent!**

As a former Bayfield Town Judge and Southern Ute Tribal Prosecutor, Julie has experience working with people from different cultural backgrounds and all walks of life. She'll take a fair, balanced approach to problem-solving by listening and learning from all sides of an issue to make a decision that will benefit all La Plata County.

**Vote Julie Holligan Westendorff  
for La Plata County Commissioner, District 3.  
She'll move our county forward!**

### What people say about Julie:

'I fully endorse Julie Westendorff as my successor on the La Plata County Board of Commissioners. She will continue to represent ALL the people of La Plata County, because she has invested hundreds of hours listening to county residents, studying the issues, and learning the inner workings of the county. She'll be able to begin work immediately on the issues that are important to us all.'

— Wally White, Retiring Commissioner, District 3

'We're fortunate to have a great candidate in Julie, who knows our county, is open-minded, and is cost-conscious with taxpayer money.'

— Jay Culver

'Julie's experience as a lawyer, judge and real estate professional gives her an understanding of our diverse needs that makes her THE BEST CHOICE for commissioner.'

— Allison Morrissey

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## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 2, 2012

SunUte Community Center • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are:  
Notice - Vote for two

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## Senator Mark Udall

### Endorses Gwen Lachelt

"I am honored to endorse Gwen Lachelt's candidacy for La Plata County Commissioner. I appreciate Gwen's 25 years of work to protect property values and landowner rights in Colorado. Gwen Lachelt will be a strong Commissioner for La Plata County, and a strong advocate for the county across the state." — U.S. SENATOR MARK UDALL, 10/22/12

Vote for

# Gwen Lachelt

La Plata County Commissioner • Democratic Candidate  
Let's build a future for us all! [www.gwenlachelt.com](http://www.gwenlachelt.com)

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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.

### Field Maintenance Technician

Closes 11/9/12 – Red Cedar Gathering Co. Durango, CO. Operating and maintaining the field compressor stations and associated equipment safely and efficiently.

### PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer

Closes 11/9/12 – S.U. Shared Services Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design

and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

### PeopleSoft FSCM Developer II

Closes 11/16/12 – S.U. Shared Services Ignacio, CO. Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain applications, providing enterprise wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Position will focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

## 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. EOE

### Intensive Residential Treatment Counselor (IRT)

Open until filled – Peaceful Spirit Responsible for individual and group client management from intake to follow-up and aftercare. Successful applicant must have or be able to obtain CAC II Certification or CO Certification waiver; will accept CAC I with experience. Must have High School Diploma or GED; BA in related field preferred. Must have valid Colorado Driver License and be insurable by SUCAP.

familiar with Southern Ute Reservation and surrounding area. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid. Current CDL required/will train. Subject to drug & alcohol testing, must pass background checks, medical exam & TB test.

### Driver

Open until filled – Road Runner Transit Part-time, Ignacio, CO. High School Diploma/GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Current CDL with passenger endorsement preferred. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must pass drug/alcohol test, background checks, and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen.

### Substitute Bus Driver

Open until filled – S.U. Montessori Head Start Ensure the safety of children to/from the center. Preference given to qualified local applicants

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Southern Ute Tribe Draft Mitigation Plan

The public is invited to review and comment on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan discusses natural hazards that may impact the Tribe and offers Mitigation Actions

to reduce their effect. Comments will be taken through Nov. 15. [www.southernute-nsn.gov/news/permalink/story/2012-10-11-draft-suit-hazard-mitigation-plan](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/news/permalink/story/2012-10-11-draft-suit-hazard-mitigation-plan)

## SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM Board of Directors vacancy

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The Board meets the second

Wednesday of each month and later will meet quarterly. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one (1) Southern Ute tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. 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 letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Monday, Nov. 19, 2012. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

## For Sale

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## 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.

### Trainee Academic Advisor

Closes 11/5/12  
Southern Ute Tribal member only. This is a professional education Trainee position open to Southern Ute Tribal Members, under general supervision of the Education Department Director, provides academic advisement to scholarship applicants and recipients.

an apprentice training position for Southern Ute tribal members. Training will be supervised by the records manager, under general supervision of the Tribal Information Services Department director. This apprentice position will be trained in the responsibility for the management, retention, and protection of Southern Ute tribal records and archived documents.

### (2) Detention Officers

Closes 11/6/12  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the Detention Center. Pay Grade 17: \$16.96/hr.

### Tribal Health Department Director

Closes 11/24/12  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe operates the Tribal Health Services for the Southern Ute Tribe and other IHS eligible members. The Health Services includes the health center that provides a range of services including medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral services, as well as numerous specialty services through surrounding local providers and the Tribal Health Department.

### (6) Scorekeepers

Closes 11/7/12  
The employee is responsible for operating the scoreboard and maintaining records in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Department. The employee is under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists.

### Internal Medicine Physician

Open Until Filled  
This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in internal medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay Grade 30: \$144,545

### (6) Umpires/Referees

Closes 11/7/12  
The employee is responsible for officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Department. The employee is under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay Grade 19: \$20.64/hr.

### Business Office Manager

Open Until Filled  
Responsible for THD office management to include the overall direction and supervision of the health registration functions, benefits contact, medical records, medical administrative assistants, insurance verification, voucher examination, data entry, benefits coordination, billing and collection of all third party resources across the THD department.

### Apprentice Records Manager

Closes 11/15/12  
Southern Ute tribal member only. This position is

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)

### Bowling

Bowling Lead Technician – FT, 11/2/12

### Food & Beverage

Banquet Staff – O/C, 11/5/12

Kitchen Utility Steward – FT, 11/2/12

### Table Games

Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 11/9/12

Poker Dealer – FT, 11/5/12

Multi-Games Pit Boss – PT, 11/9/12

### Transportation

Shuttle Driver w/CDL – O/C, 11/2/12

## 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.: 2012-0141-CV-NC

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

#### Isiah Athen Tucson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Marquetta Howe for Isiah Athen Tucson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Isiah Andreas Valdez. 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 November 18, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2012.

Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk



**The Southern Ute Growth Fund & Red Willow Production Company are giving Southern Ute Tribal Members, 21 years and older a commemorative gift to celebrate Red Willow Production Company's 20th Anniversary.**

Distribution of the gifts will occur on Nov. 14 and 15 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tribal Members MUST present photo identification or a Tribal Census Card to receive the gift.

If you are unable to personally pick up your gift, fill out the form below and sign authorizing someone to pick it up for you.

Gift will be mailed to Tribal members living outside the Four Corners Region and Out of State.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Census # \_\_\_\_\_  
Designee \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Gift will be mailed to Tribal members living outside the Four Corners Region and Out of State.

## COMMUNITY BUSINESS SECTION

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## AIR QUALITY • FROM PAGE 1

approval. Under the new arrangement, operators — predominantly in the oil and gas field — will submit requests for permits directly to the tribe, not the EPA, and the tribe will collect fees based on emissions at each source.

In a celebration at the Multi-purpose Facility, a delegation from the EPA and members of the Air Quality team and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council acknowledged the hard work that led to the success.

Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. applauded the Environmental Programs team for its diligence in the pioneering effort.

“Our tribal division, I believe, is one of the divisions that is on top of their game,” he said. “I have to take my hat off to the division.”

Newton called the victory “another checkmark for sovereignty.”

“[It’s] another example of what Southern Ute is about: We are trailblazers in Indian Country, and we need to continue to be trailblazers in Indian Country,” he said.

Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. spoke on behalf of the Frost family, which played a crucial role in the development of the tribe’s Air Quality Program. Mike “Fire” Frost, who died in 1998, first joined the program in 1983 and ultimately became the director of Environmental Programs.

Frost was a tireless advocate for the right of tribes to exercise sovereignty over their own environmental issues, Richards said.

“He was a true believer in what he did,” Richards said. “Good, clean, quality air was

his vision for the people. What we’re doing here today cements that thought process that he had.”

Richards said the tribe owes Frost a debt of gratitude, whether he would have wanted it or not.

“He wouldn’t be the type of person to take a lot of credit for what he’s done,” he said. “On behalf of the people: Stanley, Shirley, thank you for your son and his vision for the people.”

Environmental Programs Division Head Tom Johnson also paid homage to Frost, as well as other tribal leaders who have helped guide the project to fruition.

“I think everyone realizes how long this has taken,” he said. “The reason that we’re here is because of the support of the members and the tribal councils who have moved this forward.”

Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle called the achievement “a landmark for the tribe.”

Martin, who traveled from Denver, said the tribe made an impressive case for permitting oversight.

“The tribe demonstrated the leadership. They solved the problem,” he said. “It’s a true testament to the work of the Southern Ute Tribe. . . . It will show [other tribes] the path forward to practicing their sovereignty.”

The tribe must now move forward and continue Frost’s legacy of using its experience to help other tribes, Richards said.

“The Southern Ute Tribe is at a point today where it can help Indian Country, other tribes, achieve the goal,” he said. “Mike is watching us today . . . but it’s up to us to carry on his vision.”

## NCAI CONVENTION CENTERS ON ELECTION • FROM PAGE 1

response has been tremendous,” Keel said.

“NCAI’s Native Vote effort has never been more prominent,” Keel said, “and we’re just getting started. The next two weeks until Nov. 6 are critical for making ‘every vote count’ and getting people to the polls. This is when it counts.”

U.S. Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., took to the podium, echoing Keel’s sentiment.

“This is a consequential year,” he said. “I can tell you with great pride: I know who I am. . . . There is strength and freedom in letting others know who you are.”

Ken Salazar, secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, commanded the room as he spoke to the indigenous leaders of North America. He emphasized the importance of creating economic empowerment within tribal ranks.

“Right the wrongs of history. There is still work to be done,” he said. “It is a moral imperative that we [support] North American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

Salazar touched on energy resources, bringing specific attention to alternative energy sources.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Howard D. Richards Sr. and Aaron V. Torres sit with Ute Mountain Ute representative Bradley Height during an NCAI general assembly on Monday, Oct. 22.

“We hope that you are front and center in energy,” he said.

Gov. Jerry Brown of California also addressed the convention, announcing his recent proclamation of Native American Day in his state.

“We have much to do together,” he said.

The weeklong convention included a mix of general assemblies, breakout sessions a trade expo, and — special this year — a Constitutional review.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Gary Hayes, chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, addresses his concerns before tribal leaders during one of the open sessions at NCAI.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Rudley Weaver of the Southern Ute Veterans Association proudly posts the tribe’s flag before the national convention.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Nov. 2



Sunny 63°F

Saturday, Nov. 3



Sunny 61°F

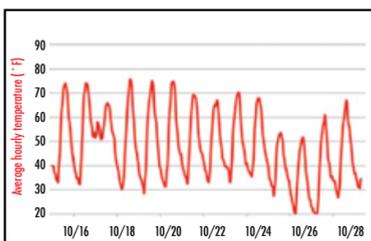
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Sunny 60°F

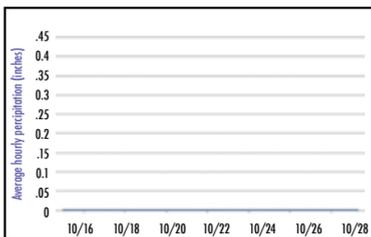


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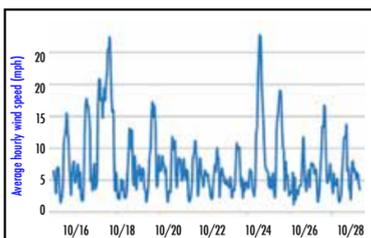
Temperature

High 75.7°  
 Low 19.3°  
 Average 47.6°  
 Average last year 48.2°



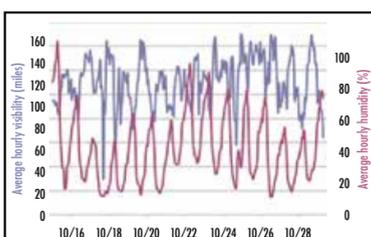
Precipitation

Total 0.00"  
 Total last year 0.00"



Wind speed

Average 7.4  
 Minimum 1.2  
 Maximum 27.6



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 110.6  
 Average humidity 30.8%

Air quality  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov



The Southern Ute Tribal Information Services Department, the Public Relations Division, and the Sky Ute Casino Resort teamed up to staff an informational booth at the NCAI convention in Sacramento.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAYS, 5 P.M.

**Chess Night**

Chess returns to the Ignacio Community Library every Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 970-563-9287 to sign up.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

**Southern Ute Veterans Powwow**

The date of the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow has been changed to Nov. 10 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Events Center.

FRIDAYS, 9 – 10 A.M.

**Elders Breakfast**

All tribal elders: Come and have some fun as we stretch and bend our joints. Enjoy the company of our friends and relatives while we have a laugh or two, and join us for a healthy breakfast. Every Friday at the SunUte Community Center from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you need a ride, call Elders Services at 970-563-0156. Hosted by the Multi-purpose Facility staff.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 1 P.M.

**Veterans Day Celebrations in Durango**

Parade starts at 1 p.m. Floats available for those who need to ride. Volunteers needed for street crossings. Open house at VFW Post 4031, 1550 Main Ave., after the parade.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

**‘Curing Cancer with Crafts’**

The Ignacio schools’ Relay for Life team is once again hosting a “Curing Cancer with Crafts” craft fair on Nov. 3. For more info, call Deb Otten at 970-382-8754 or email dotten@ignacio.k12.co.us. There will be a limited amount of space and round tables available on a first-come-first-served basis.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 11:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.

**Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner**

The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members and families along with Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute members. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. No tickets are required. Southern Ute tribal members wishing to have their food delivered, call Gloria Frost at 970-563-0100 ext. 2323.