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Chairman Matthew Box introduces himself during a high school luncheon provided by the Tribe at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Speaking on the importance of education as well as the role of the Tribe as a support system available to these students as they further their own educations/careers. Emphasizing that a strong educational background will ultimately benefit the individual and the Tribe.

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## Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Partake In Inauguration



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Academy teacher, Shawna Steffler, holds up a newspaper for her young audience, emphasizing the historical significance of Barack Obama's Inauguration as the 44th President of the United States of America. Shawna is a Lower Elementary School teacher for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA).

by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori academy brought together its student body last week to celebrate the Presidential Inauguration. These young children, Indians and non-Indians, were witness to a historical moment. But perhaps most significant was the symbolism of Obama's victory, and what that means for American Citizens of diverse ethnic background and culture. The election of Barack Obama is a stepping-stone for equality

on many levels, and truly a historic moment in the history of our great nation.

Shawna Steffler used a front-page new story from the *Denver Post* to illustrate the important role that President Obama has already played in the fight for equality. She went on to site the vision of President Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and how they helped to shape history in their own times.

The students were then called pone to cite the responsibilities of the new president. A list of educated answers followed addressing everything from

budget deficit, and poor economy to the war in Iraq. The students were given a snack buffet prior to the feature presentation. A brief introduction to the inauguration video was given by Academy teacher Craig Boss, who was dressed for the occasion in the manner of President Lincoln, top hat, beard and all.

The Presidential Inauguration video was played on the big screen, with big sound to a young, captive audience. The Inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States of America took place on Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 with the world watching!

## Chairman Selects Frost As Co-EXO

by Robert L. Ortiz  
Drum Media Manager

Breaking from tradition, Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box, appointed Andrew Frost to serve as Co-Executive Officer during his term as Tribal Chairman. Chairman Box has elected to have two Executive Officers to serve during his term, an Executive Officer and a Co-Executive Officer.

Traditionally, the elected Tribal Chairman selects a person, of his choice to the Executive Office to serve in a top administration supervisory position, as well as a "lision" between the Tribal Membership, the Tribal Departments and Tribal Council. Mr. Box was elected as Tribal Chairman on December 22, 2008. Mr. Brian Sheffield is currently the Acting Executive Officer until an Official announcement of the new Executive Officer is made.

Chairman Box stated, "Two executive officers are needed, but initially we will start out with one of the positions labeled as co-executive officer. The goal will be to insure the Tribe of the future has been afforded a structurally sound core government that meets the important needs of the Tribal Membership first, but stands toe to toe with any federal or foreign entity. Only then will we impact the current historical downfalls of BIA, but also be prepared to handle any adverse disaster or unforeseen circumstances. Simply put, the tribe needs to be assured we and our future leaders are at the table and not on the menu."

Mr. Andrew Frost accepted the appointment, making his official first day in office on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Mr. Frost resigned as Lands Technician, of the Lands Division where he had been employed for many years to assume duties of his new Executive Officer position.



Co-Executive Officer  
Andrew Frost

Mr. Frost was appointed Head Man of the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society last year, he succeeded Dr. James Jefferson, Sr., he is also the Chairman of the Southern Ute Royalty Committee as his daughter, Eleanor Frost is the current reigning Miss Southern Ute, 2008-2009.

## ...Your Winter Royalty



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio High School Seniors; Elisa Gallegos, Shane Brooks, Tasha Herrera, Micah Odoms, Terry Stricherz (escort), Adrea Freitas, and Taylor Dean stand together after the crowning of royalty. Elisa Gallegos (far left) was crowned Queen in this year's ceremony. The Winter Sports Royalty Ceremony took place during half time of the boy's varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 24th, in the Ignacio High School gym.

### Four Corners Gourd Dance Society Sweetheart & Fritz Box Memorial Gourd Dance & PowWow

February 14th, 2009 from 1 pm to 9:30 pm  
Gourd Dancing from 1 pm to 5 pm • Dinner (Pot Luck) from 5 pm to 6 pm  
Social Powwow Dancing 6 pm to 9:30 pm  
Call Larry Tucker or Dr. James Jefferson at (970) 563-0100 for further info.





## So. Ute Royalty Quarterly Reports

### Brianna GoodTracks-Alires Jr. Miss Southern Ute, 08-09

Hello everyone, my name is Brianna GoodTracks-Alires and I was honored to be asked to represent my tribe for another year as Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2008-09. While I was not officially given this royalty title by fair time, I did attend the Southern Ute Fair Powwow in September 2008, but my royalty duties began after the fair. I am 13 years old and the daughter of Jennifer M. GoodTracks and Gary T. Alires.

Late in September 2008, I began representing the Southern Ute Tribe by attending the Council Tree Powwow in Delta, Colorado. While there, I and one of my brothers performed for the students of the Delta School District and participated in the Native Regalia Fashion show co-narrated by Arlene Millich. Also in September, I assisted the Shadow Wind Dance group in a cultural demonstration at Navajo Lake for the Volunteers of Colorado. And then I was the Head Girl Dancer for the Mountain Spirit Sobriety Powwow at Lake Capote.

In October, I was unable to attend the Royalty Introductions to Southern Ute Tribal Council due to being in school at that time. I did attend the 4th Annual 49 powwow held at the Rolling Thunder Hall which was sponsored by the Shining Mountain Diabetes program. This was a fun powwow and I learned how diabetes affects Native American people.

And then in November, I was in Albuquerque for the United Native Council Veterans powwow. I also attended the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow and I served food to the Elders and Vendors, and I also ate breakfast with the Head Staff. For the Southern Ute Tribal



Thanksgiving Dinner, I along with Izabella and Eleanor, we greeted guests & gave out raffle tickets at the door. And then Izabella and I performed the Lords Prayer in sign language for the guests. November was American Indian Heritage Month, so I made a presentation to the Southern Ute Academy classrooms to explain my tribal regalia and answer questions from the students and teachers. I also joined other local traditional dancers for a performance at the Ignacio High School Culture Day that was coordinated by Andrea Taylor from Tribal Information Services. Lastly in November, I was honored to meet the beautiful Ute ladies from White Mesa, who gave a workshop on Ute baskets at the Southern Ute Museum. I spent several hours watching these ladies weave and talk about our Ute baskets.

For December, myself along with Izabella and Eleanor were present for the Tribal Christmas Dinner and Christmas Program at the new Sky Ute Casino Resort. I did the Lords Prayer for the dinner guests. I also performed the Lords Prayer for the Christmas

Program and handed out program agendas, greeted the attendees and helped Santa Claus hand out gifts to the children. I enjoyed watching the And 1 basketball game. For the opening of this game I danced, behind the Southern Ute Veterans Association Honor Guards, with other visiting royalties. The Swearing-In Ceremony was December 22, 2008 which was my first time to witness this big event, and saw first hand how our new Tribal Chairman and Council Member were sworn in by our Chief Judge Elaine Newton. Many of the people who spoke at the Swearing-In had good ideas and very important advice for tribal council.

This concludes my report for now. I plan to attend other celebrations, activities and events in this upcoming year. Our Miss Southern Ute committee is working on their first workshop, so if you have any suggestions or an idea please contact them. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

*Tog'oiak,  
Brianna GoodTracks-Alires  
Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2008-09*

### Calling All FryBread Makers

Sky Ute Casino's PowWow Committee is calling for all FryBread Makers. We are looking for the most delicious and mouth-watering frybread in the Four Corners area. The winning TEAM will be contracted to serve 500 pieces of fry bread during the 7th Annual Casino PowWow's 5 o'clock supper break on June 13, 2009 in Ignacio, CO.

The Casino PowWow committee will be holding a taste test gathering. The TEAM that submits the tastiest and most visually appealing frybread will be awarded the honors to serve all dancers, guests, family members and judges.

**Who:** All Food Handler Certified local frybread makers

**What:** The TEAM LEADER must submit 4 pieces of fry bread, the names of all Food Handler Certified team members, copies of certification and an invoice detailing the final cost.

**Where:** Taste-test gathering will take place in the John S. Williams Room at Sky Ute Casino Resort.

**When:** March 26, 2009: 11am - 1 pm

The Casino PowWow Committee will provide the winning team with the necessary ingredients to make the delicious frybread (flour, baking powder, shortening and salt). Any special/secret ingredients will not be included. The winning team must provide their personal cooking equipment. For more information call (970) 563-3000 - Mikki Roubideaux, ext. 1400 or Molly Cotton, ext. 1755.

## Express Your Opinions

### B&G Club Thanks

Due to an AMAZING response from everyone, we have so many magazines for our SMART moves program now. Thanks so much everyone! We no longer need anymore magazines for our program. Thanks so much for supporting the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

SMART Moves is a program that is run in many Boys and Girls Clubs in Indian Country and Hawaiian Homelands. The SMART Moves (Skills Mastery and Resistance Training) prevention/education program is an award-winning drug and alcohol abuse prevention program. More than simply emphasizing a "Say No" message, the program

teaches young people ages 6-15 how to say no by involving them in discussion and role-playing, practicing resistance and refusal skills, developing assertiveness, strengthening decision-making skills and analyzing media messages and peer influence.

*Mari Villaluna - Program Aide  
Boys and Girls Club*

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## Whooping Cough Vaccinations

**San Juan Basin Health Department will be in Ignacio on Wed., February 4, 2009 to give Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccinations. They will be at the Sun Ute Community Center from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Anyone living in La Plata county is eligible for a vaccination.**

## Birthdays & Greetings



**Happy 5th Birthday to Yilana-Chanell on Feb. 9th.**



**We would also like to wish Happy Birthday to Olyvia on February 21st.**

You two little indian girls keep all of us on our toes. We love you very much!  
**Love all of us!  
Dad, Mom, Bella, Che-jo, Ziah & Grandpo Steve**

**Happy Belated Birthday Grandma Isabel!**  
We love you and God Bless You!

**Happy Birthday Dominika "Nikki" Raven-Marie Joy**  
I'm so happy that you are growing up so fast you are 12 yrs. old and man did that go quick.

I remember when you were just born and I was trying to find the perfect name for such a perfect baby. So like your name means "Gift from God." You truly are thank you for being you girl. Happy 12th birthday and many more blessed ones to come!!  
**Love,  
Mom, Dad, Mamie Ruth "Mamacita" & lil' brother Bubb Bubb**

We wanna wish Charlie Ramada Cloud "Chicken" a very Happy Birthday on Jan. 7 and many more crazy years to come!  
Always,  
**Ella, Steve, Dominika, June Bugg, Mamie-Ruth & Damitre Burch**

**Happy Birthday to my big sis Marie E. Joy**  
May god bless you on your special day and many more fun years to come!  
Thanks for always being there for me when times get rough and always having a shoulder to lean on.  
Love you sister  
Happy Birthday!!  
**With love,  
Ella, Steve & kids**

Happy Birthday to our auntie, Hilda Burch on Jan. 16 and many more to come!  
We love you Auntie!!  
Hope you liked the present.  
**With love,  
Nikki, Mamie-Ruth, June Bugg, Bubb, Ella & Steve**

**Happy Birthday to the Princess Mamie-Ruth!**  
**With love,  
Mom, Dad, Damitre & Bubb Bubb**

**Happy Birthday to Arnulfo Pardo III on 2/12!**  
Hope you have an awesome time for your bash!  
**Love,  
Auntie Amy, Mario & kids**

## Onto The Spirit World

**SCOTT** - Walter M. Scott died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, Colo. He was 84.

Mr. Scott was born Feb. 23, 1924 in Gallegos, N.M., son of Jim and Annie Scott. He served in the Army in the European Theater and was a Purple Heart recipient during World War II.

He was a history teacher and basketball coach in Ignacio. After retirement from the Ignacio School District, he enjoyed being a rancher and farmer. According to his family, he loved his cows very much.

Mr. Scott is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anna Marie Scott, sister Marion Scott Nez of Farmington, N.M., son Clayborn Wayne Scott Sr. of Ignacio, daughter Roberta Scott of Ignacio, Daniel Weaver of Ignacio and seven grandchildren.

A Service of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, with Deacon Larry Tucker officiating. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Visitation will occur at Hood Mortuary in Durango from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. Burial will occur at Ignacio East Cemetery in Ignacio.

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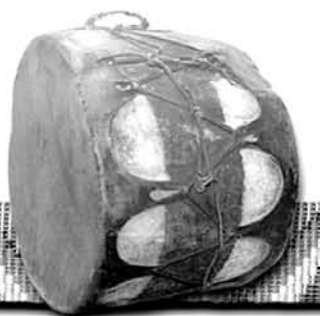
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## Tribal Update

### Financial Skills for Families Classes Offered

Classes are every Tuesday & Friday for 3 weeks ending February 20th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Chief Ignacio Conference Room of the Leonard C. Burch Building, starting Tuesday, February 3rd. Tribal Members & Tribal Employees (with Tribal Members given preference). You give us an hour over lunch & we give you an hour on the clock! Lunch will be provided. We still have some openings. Even though the curriculum title is “Financial Skills for Families”, it applies to individuals no matter what your home life is. Register with Stacey Lock at (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2600.

### FREE Ute Language Classes

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is offering FREE Ute Language Classes. The dates for the New Year 2009 are Thursday February 26th, and Thursday, March 12th. Classes are held in the Ute Language Room located at the Academy and anyone in the Community is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Georgia McKinley at (970) 563-0253 ext 2701.

### Ute Language Class; Tribal Members & Descendents Employed by Tribe

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been involved with a Grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) for Language Preservation. The Project is titled “The Ute Language & Culture Expansion Project”. Part of this project is to offer beginning and intermediate Ute Language Lessons to Tribal Member Employees working for the Tribe. These lessons will be given during the regular work day, and these employees will receive Training Leave to attend these lessons. The class will commence March 3rd from 3:00 - 4:30pm in the LCB building’s Buckskin Charlie room. Classes will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays each week for 1.5 hours each day through July 1, 2009. We hope you will find this class FUN & interesting and we hope to empower Tribal Members to value, recognize and communicate in your native language! What a wonderful opportunity to participate in the language of your culture! To sign up, please call or email Cathy Calderwood in HR at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2421 or email [ccalder@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:ccalder@southern-ute.nsn.us)

### Attention Aspiring Native Artists

In Native communities, humor is highly valued. The Southern Ute Tribal Court is accepting “wellness cartoons” from aspiring Native cartoonists. Your drawings should be in black and white about 8” x 8”. You may submit as many cartoons as you want. 10 cartoons will be chosen from all the entries. One cartoon will be published bi-weekly in the DRUM newspaper. All cartoons are the property of the Court. \$50-\$100 will be awarded for each cartoon that is published. You may either mail your cartoons or bring them in person to: Chief Judge Elaine Newton, POB 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Please put your name, address, and phone number on a piece of paper so we can contact you. Be sure and put you captions on your cartoons. Deadline is March 31, 2009. Any questions call (970) 563-0240.

### Parents, Grandparents, Ignacio Community Members, Tribal Staff

Our Boys & Girls Club is looking for community volunteers to donate one hour per week, for 7 weeks (Jan 6 - Feb 20), who can enrich the lives of our local youth, ages 6-13. We’d like to offer specified enrichment classes for the youth to participate in during Club hours. These classes can vary from a certain sport, dance, culture, health, arts, etc. There are no limits to creativity when it comes to youth programs. If you have an interest or talent that you’d like to share with our youth, this is a great opportunity! We are also looking for volunteers with grant writing, tech support (teen or adult), tutoring assistance, and cultural education. The classes can be offered for one hour, any day Monday through Friday (your choice), at either 5:00-6:00pm or 6:00-7:00pm, at the SunUte Community Center (or outlying facilities). Please contact our Program Specialist, Gina Cosio, if you have any questions or may be interested in volunteering by emailing her at [gcasio@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:gcasio@southern-ute.nsn.us).

### Seeking Elder’s to SHARE

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is looking for Elder’s to participate in the “Grandparent’s Program”. We invite you to come and share your stories, traditional values, and any talents you may have in art, traditional music, traditional clothing, traditional food, traditional dance or from your life experience. The Ute classroom would enjoy involving elders in teaching our children first hand from your hearts! You will be paid a stipend from our Grandparent’s Program Funds, and transportation can be provided if needed. Come and see for yourself what your children are learning and be a part of their future. If you are interested in sharing, please call (970) 563-0253 ext 2701. Thanks for caring enough to share

### Sky Ute Casino Seeking Models

Sky Ute Casino is seeking models for upcoming promotional material to promote the hotel, casino floor and recreation areas. All candidates must be 21 years of age or older for casino/hotel photos and for the bowling/recreation areas must have written permission from parents or legal guardians to participate. If you are interested please call (970) 563-1750 for further information.

### Johnson O’Malley Meeting Information

The Johnson O’Malley Committee will be holding their monthly meetings the first Monday of the month at the Southern Ute Education Building, starting at 5:30 p.m. Please come and be a part of your child’s education and see what JOM has to offer.

## Dept. of the Interior MMS To Conduct Royalty Seminars To Assist American Indian Mineral Owners

**Media Release**  
Demer, CO

All American Indian mineral owners are invited to attend and have their questions answered, regardless of where their allotment is located.

The meetings will feature representatives from MMS and cover topics including lease terms, royalty calculations, and reading your explanations of payment reports.

Persons seeking additional information should contact Tom Piccirilli, Wanda Lilly or Mike Clerkin of the Minerals Management Service at 1-800-

982-3226. The seminars are scheduled at the following locations and times, listed below.

**Tuesday, February 3**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Southern Ute Agency  
Ignacio, Colorado

**Wednesday, February 4**  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Ute Mountain Ute Agency  
Towaoc, Colorado

*Don’t forget that special valentine on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2009*

*Deadline to submit Valentine Wishes to the Southern Ute Drum will be February 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.*

Please submit all wishes to Amy Barry at the DRUM office in the LCB Building, 2nd floor or by fax: (970) 563-0391 or via email: [abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us)



## StarWheels

February Horoscopes by “The Starlady”

### ♊ AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AQUARIUS!**  
A group of planets in your very own sign after Valentines Day indicate a very active month ahead with the possibility of household changes taking place. Jupiter’s favorable influence prompts beneficial opportunities, and happy endings to long overdue situations. Enjoy the perks Aquarius, you’ve been waiting a long time for them. Much of what you initiate now will have long term effects on your daily routine.

### ♋ PISCES (February 20-March 20)

Patience is your mantra until the 18th when the SUN returns to your sign illuminating the path ahead. Meanwhile until then limitation and delays may slow your progress. On the bright side, VENUS slips into a money zone on the 2nd amping your chances of improved finances. Plus there’s the added benefit of stronger self confidence, and higher self-esteem. You’re looking good this month little fishes.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You can breathe a little easier Aries, VENUS the heavenly goddess of love and money glides gracefully into your sign on the 2nd filling your heart with happiness, love, and possibly adding a little extra green stuff to your wallet. Even the Ground Hog is feeling spunky enough to bask in the sunshine a little longer than usual. People are seeing you in a favorable light these days Aries. It’s definitely an advantageous time to launch your pet projects.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your credibility gets a shot of energy this month when a gang of planets light a fire under your ambitions. For Taurus folks in the work force, you may get the attention you’ve been waiting for. Don’t be shy Taurus. This is a great opportunity to step up to the plate and hit that home run. Leave hesitation behind and proudly display the talent and capability that the universe endowed you with.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

An abundance of planets currently crowding the travel section of your chart makes it nearly impossible to keep yourself from packing bag and taking a trip. The most likely scenario is that you’ll be learning something new and important. Your ruling planet Mercury’s big wake-up on the 1st clears away the cobwebs of doubt and confusion regarding future plans and goals. Don’t put off domestic chores Twins.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

February’s celestial line up puts the focus squarely on money... both yours and others. Pay particular attention to taxes, insurance, and debt’s. Be sure that you and your partner are on the same page with all of the above. It should be much easier to discuss financial issues after the 14th when the planets favor all communications. Be clear, honest, and take a constructive look at what needs to be changed, if anything.

### ♌ LEO (July 23-August 22)

A Full Moon eclipse in your sign on the 9th signals a change is in the wind Lions. Take what ever actions are necessary to complete personal projects that were begun during the last month. You’ll find that Mercury’s forward movement on the 1st kick starts the month on a positive note. There’s more to the story when VENUS enters compatible Aries on the 2nd and ignites a fire under your personal agenda. Well don’t just sit there... buy your main squeeze a Valentine.

### ♍ VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

The message of the planets is clear. Work and health related issues take priority. While Saturn and Uranus take opposite sides against each other on the 5th, relationships may be strained, and tensions might run high. Because you have been known to be a worrier, try to keep stress at a minimum. Exercise, or just a walk are great stress busters. Do what you can to improve eating habits, and maintain a positive attitude.

### ♎ LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

A pack of planets grouped in friendly Aquarius after the 14th set the stage for happy times with fun people. And you are sooooo ready for a few good laughs. Quality time spent with loved ones helps to soothe away recent stressful concerns. Count on VENUS to promote more harmonious relationships and better communication. You owe it to yourself to stop and smell the roses now Libra.

### ♏ SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

Mercury’s forward movement on the 14th gets your creative juices flowing again. The only problem is that some of your ideas may not sit well with other members of the household. Confrontations and ultimatums won’t work this time. Best just to chill until tensions cool, and then switch to a more cooperative, cheerful mode Scorpio. Be sweet its Valentine’s Day. Flowers and candy are a nice touch.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

Fasten your seat belts for this month’s non-stop action. With a majority of planets gathered in the information area of your chart, ideas come fast and furious. So does the fun! Mercury’s positive fresh direction on the 1st clears the air, and your head so that goals and objectives can be met and acted on. Opportunity is knocking, can you hear it Sagittarius?

### ♑ CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

This February change is the main feature of your financial focus. Take advantage of opportunities the minute they present themselves. With your ruling planet Saturn in direct opposition to Uranus on the 5th you may be pulled in 2 different directions until the 11th. Part of you will want to stay and work through the obstacles, while the other part wants to cut and run to safer ground. The bottom line is to be especially vigilant with money and finances.

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## Of Four Corners Interest

### LaPlata Department of Health Offers Home Heating Assistance

La Plata County Human Services will accept applications for LEAP from November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. LEAP does not pay the entire costs of home heating, and for most households, benefits will be paid directly to the utility company or fuel supplier. To be eligible, households must pay heating costs to a utility company or fuel supplier or pay heating costs as part of their rent. The maximum monthly income for a one-person household is \$1,604 and applicants must reside in Colorado. Applicants must submit a copy of their most recent heating bill or rent receipt if heat is included in rent, proof of lawful presence, and proof of income. Potential program applicants can apply several ways: Call 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) to have an application mailed to your home. LEAP applications are available at the La Plata County Department of Human Services, 1060 E 2nd Avenue, Durango. LEAP applications can also be downloaded from the program's Web site at [www.cdhs.state.co.us/leap/apply.html](http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/leap/apply.html). Applicants may then mail or deliver a completed application to La Plata County Department of Human Services, 1060 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301. Applications may also be faxed to (970) 247-2208. For additional information, please contact the La Plata County Department of Human Services at (970) 382-6150.

### LaPlata Board Of Commissioners Requests BLM Oil & Gas Withdrawal

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners formally protested the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oil and gas lease sale of 16,835 acres located in La Plata County that is presently scheduled for February 12, 2009 in Denver, CO. The letter to the BLM Colorado State Office has been posted to the La Plata County website at <http://co.laplata.co.us/> under the "headlines" section. "Given the concern of local residents, it is wise and prudent to postpone the sale of these oil and gas leases to a later date that will allow sufficient time for analysis and informed response from interested surface owners, residents, homeowners associations and other entities that may be impacted by the leases," remarked Shawn Nau, County Manager. For additional information, please call the La Plata County Planning Department at (970) 382-6262, or visit them in person at 1060 E 2nd Avenue, Durango or email Anthony Martinez at [martinezaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:martinezaj@co.laplata.co.us).

### The Durango Adult Education Center

701 Camino del Rio, Ste. 301 has scheduled several workshops which might be of interest to you. If you are interested call the Durango Adult Education Center at (970) 385-4354. March 7, 2009, Intro to Basic Home Repair, 3-4:30 p.m. cost: \$25.00 March 14, 2009, Hands-on Home Repair, 3-4:30 p.m. cost: \$25.00 April 11, 2009, Spring Gardening from seeds, 9:00-11:00 a.m. cost: \$15.00

### City Expands Recycling Program

The City of Durango now accepts fluorescent lamps for recycling. Fluorescent lights from commercial and residential uses and that are U-shaped, circle-shaped or tubular and less than 3 7/8 inches in diameter will be accepted. Tubular bulb, Circle-shaped Fluorescent bulbs have been touted for their energy efficiency and longer lifespan than incandescent bulbs. However, each bulb contains a small amount of mercury, making their disposal an environmental issue. If thrown in with regular trash, broken bulbs could leach mercury into the groundwater, eventually contaminating our water supply. A nominal fee of \$0.50 per bulb is charged to recycle the lamps. Recycling fees may be paid at City Hall at 949 E. 2nd Avenue, where a receipt will be issued. Receipts and bulbs can then be taken to the Durango Recycling Center at 710 Tech Center Drive for recycling. Bulbs will be accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Crusher. In addition, homeowners wishing to recycle their compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL) may drop them off at several locations around town. There is no charge to recycle CFLs. For a list of locations, or for more information about recycling fluorescent bulbs, please visit our website at [www.durangogov.org/recycling/lights.com](http://www.durangogov.org/recycling/lights.com) or call the Department of Sustainable Services at (970) 375-5004.

### Parking Meter Hours Change in 2009

The new enforcement hours for parking meters go into effect on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. All visitors to the downtown business area are reminded that the new hours for parking meters will be 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are FREE all day. These hours will be in effect year-round. There will no longer be a distinction between summer and winter hours. For any questions, please call the Parking Division at (970) 375-4960.

### United Blood Services

Mon. - Wend. Feb. 2 - 4: United Blood Services, 146 Sawyer Drive, Bodo Park • Durango, 1pm - 6pm  
Wend. Feb., 4: Cortez Middle School - Cafeteria 450 W. 2nd St. • Cortez, 2:30 pm - 6:00pm  
Thurs. Feb., 5: Pine Valley Four Square Church Fellowship Hall - 1328 CR 501 • Bayfield, 2pm - 6  
Thurs. Feb., 5: Pine Kinder Morgan - Conference Rm 17801 HW 491 • Cortez, 10am - 1:30  
Fri. - Sat. Feb., 6, 7: United Blood Services Office 146 Sawyer Drive, Bodo Park • Durango, 9am - 1pm  
Sat. Feb., 7: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2 Hilltop Cr • Durango Classroom, 10am - 1:30  
You may now sign up for drives at: [www.UNITEDBLOODSERVICES.ORG](http://www.UNITEDBLOODSERVICES.ORG), ID Required. For more information, United Blood Services (970) 385-4601 / (800) 863-4524

### City to Run Free Shuttles to Snowdown Parade

Tired of driving around and around trying to find a parking space for the Snowdown Parade? The City of Durango has a better idea – ride the special Transit shuttle bus instead! Parking will be available at the County Fairgrounds. Shuttles will begin picking up riders at the fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. on parade day, Friday, January 30th. Three shuttle buses will pick up riders every 10 to 15 minutes and deliver them downtown. For parade-goers who would like to stay downtown following the parade, the free trolley will have extended hours, running every 20 minutes until 9:00 p.m. In addition, the City would like to remind everyone that no parking will be allowed on Main Avenue after 4:00 p.m. on Friday - this will be strictly enforced to allow City crews to make preparations for the parade. Barricades will be placed on Main Avenue prior to the parade and cars parked along Main Street after 4:00 are subject to be towed. Streets crossing Main Avenue will also be closed beginning at 5:00 p.m. Streets will re-open shortly after the parade. For more information about Durango Transit, please call (970) 375-4940 or visit the website at [www.durangogov.org/transit](http://www.durangogov.org/transit).

## PowWow Trails

**American Indian Expo**  
**January 31-February 15, 2009**  
**Flamingo Hotel, 1300 N Stone Ave. • Tucson, AZ**  
**Phone: Fred Snyder or Carole Garcia (520) 622-4900**  
**Email: [info@usaindianinfo.org](mailto:info@usaindianinfo.org)**  
**Web: [www.usaindianinfo.org](http://www.usaindianinfo.org)**

**ICMN Annual Valentines Day Winter PowWow**  
**February 14, 2009**  
**7250 State Avenue • Kansas City, KS**  
**Pphone: Dick Porch (913) 888-1563**  
**Email: [rporch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rporch@sbcglobal.net)**  
**Web: [kc-icmn.org](http://kc-icmn.org)**

**Jicarilla Day PowWow**  
**February 13-14, 2009**  
**25 Hawk St. • Dulce, NM**  
**Phone: Miranda Harrison (575) 759-4325**

**Wildhorses 13th Annual PowWow**  
**February 14-15, 2009**  
**3620 W. 182nd Street • Torrance, CA**  
**Phone: Jorge Lechuga (310) 987-1274**  
**Email: [wildhorsesingers@yahoo.com](mailto:wildhorsesingers@yahoo.com)**  
**Web: [www.wildhorsesingersanddancers.org](http://www.wildhorsesingersanddancers.org)**

**29th Flagstaff Native American Club PowWow**  
**February 20 - 21, 2009**  
**400 W. Elm Ave. • Flagstaff, AZ.**  
**Phone: Jason Curley (928) 221-4581**  
**Email: [curleyjason@hotmail.com](mailto:curleyjason@hotmail.com)**

## Many Moons Ago



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### 10 years ago...

In effort to keep Colorado Highway 172 in the Ignacio area clear of snow on the morning of January 21st, a snowplow from the Colorado Department of Transportation and a snowplow from La Plata County managed to run into each other just above Rock Creek south of town. The C-DOT plow truck ended up better than the La Plata County vehicle, from which the cab was completely knocked off. A county official at the scene said the La Plata County plow, less than six months old, was worth about \$100,00. Fortunately, neither driver was injured in the collision.

This photo was published in the January 29, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



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### 20 years ago...

SUHA Housing Staff proudly displays their "IHAs with 10%" certificate of appreciation signed by Grady Franklin Maples, Regional Administrator Regional Housing Commission. The Southern Ute Public Housing Authority was one of six Housings Authority's to received this certificate.

This photo was published in the February 3, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



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### 30 years ago...

Fish and Game Department check off fish at Lake Capote. Axe Handle denotes depth of ice at the lake.

This photo was published in the February 2, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

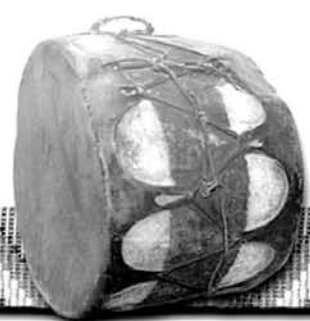
## Ute Words

## Kukwachi

[Means: Mexican; Spaniard]

Editor's Note: The "Ute Word" is provided from material being currently taught to Tribal Employees, The Ute Language instructor is Georgia McKinley.





## Healthy Perspectives: “Gout”

by **Matthew A. Clark, MD**  
*Southern Ute Health Clinic*



Arthritis comes in many flavors. The term, arthritis, simply means inflammation of the joints. This can include fluid build-up, swelling of the soft tissues that line the joint, or white blood cells in the regular joint fluid. Most folks are familiar with degenerative arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and the like. But there are another set of conditions known as the crystal arthropathies that are a fairly common cause of arthritis.

Crystal arthropathy basically means a disease of the joints that occurs due to the buildup of crystals in the joints. The classic crystalline joint disease is gout.

Gout results from the buildup of a salt known as sodium urate and its acid form known as uric acid. Uric acid is a normal by-product of the breakdown of dietary protein by the body. In certain persons, the uric acids levels in the bloodstream may become elevated and levels also begin to rise in joint fluid, also known as synovial fluid.

The problem with this is that in

joints are the knees and the great toe.

Gout flares are among the most severely painful forms of arthritis out there. Many sufferers of gout will describe that even the slightest touch to an affected joint (as little as having a bed-sheet over the affected joint) can cause severe pain. Often the involved joint becomes very swollen. Rarely, after many years of flares, joints may develop knots in them that are due to the buildup of crystals. This may occur most commonly on pressure zones such as the part of the elbow that rests on the table when the person is seated. These are known as gouty tophi.

Gout is typically diagnosed by removing fluid from the affected joint with a needle to inspect it under the microscope for the crystals. The presence of crystals confirms the diagnosis.

For some gout sufferers the symptoms are very rare and they can be managed effectively with anti-inflammatory medications. However, for those with high uric acid levels who get frequent flares, preventive medications are available to reduce the frequency of flares.

very high concentrations, uric acid may begin to form crystals, kind of like little microscopic rocks, in the joints. This in turn leads to severe irritation in the joint along with pain and swelling.

For some persons, flares of gout are triggered by certain dietary situations. Since uric acid is a by-product of protein digestion, eating a big steak is sometimes enough to cause a gout flare. Alcohol is also a known trigger of gout flares and should generally be avoided in gout sufferers.

Gout tends to affect certain joints more than others. For instance, commonly affected

## The Kidney Corner: “Blood Draws From The Hands”

by **Dr. Mark Saddler, MD**  
**Elizabeth Helms, MD**  
**and Erin Hamlin, PA**  
*Durango Nephrology Associates*

“I have chronic kidney disease. Why does my doctor tell me to get my blood tests from a vein in my hand rather than from my arm?”

Managing chronic kidney disease (CKD) unfortunately requires frequent blood tests. Since kidney function can change for the worse without any symptoms, it is important to check kidney function by blood testing frequently. It is also important to do blood tests intermittently for complications of CKD (for example, anemia, bone hormones, bicarbonate, etc).

Generally, patients with CKD are advised to get their blood drawn from the veins in their hands rather than from the arms. This is not always popular advice because some people feel that the hands are more sensitive. Also, if the blood draw leaves an unfortu-

nate bruise, it is more visible in the hands than the arms. However, it is still an important piece of advice in order to preserve the arm veins.

One problem with CKD is the tendency for the kidney function to worsen over time. Even people with healthy kidneys inexorably lose kidney function, slowly but surely, over the years. When the kidneys are diseased, this process proceeds more quickly. Medications can slow down the process of kidney function loss, but generally can not stop it. As physicians, our primary goal is to keep kidneys functioning as well as possible to avoid dialysis. But we also need to be conscious of the possibility that any patient with CKD may progress to needing dialysis at some point in their life.

The more commonly used type of dialysis, hemodialysis, is performed by creating a fistula in the arm by connecting an artery to a vein (we have discussed this previously in a

Kidney Corner article). After this connection is made, the vein needs to enlarge for the fistula to be useable for dialysis. The fistula procedure should be done by an experienced surgeon for the best chance of success. But even in the best hands, a fistula may fail to develop if the veins are not of good quality. Repeated blood draws from the veins of the arms can lead to scarring and may prevent the veins from being able to develop into a good fistula.

Choosing one arm only for blood draws can help with vein preservation-the other arm could potentially be used for a future fistula procedure. However, it is sometimes difficult to predict which arm's veins will be better for a future fistula and it's best to preserve both arms' veins if possible.

So, if your doctor advises you to have blood draws from the hand only, try to follow this advice if possible. The added inconvenience may be worth it in the long term.

## New Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Cases; Bayfield Clinic Scheduled

**Media Release**  
*Bayfield, CO*

Four more individuals have been confirmed as having pertussis (whooping cough) and two more cases are considered probable. These new cases are scattered throughout the county, including one case in a Bayfield preschool.

“As each case is reported we do identify very close contacts who need to be put on antibiotics and vaccinate as many people as we can to prevent additional cases,” said Joe Fowler, RN Regional Epidemiologist. “This new case in Bayfield does concern me since there are no identified connections between the Durango and Bayfield cases meaning there may be people out there that are potentially exposing others with-

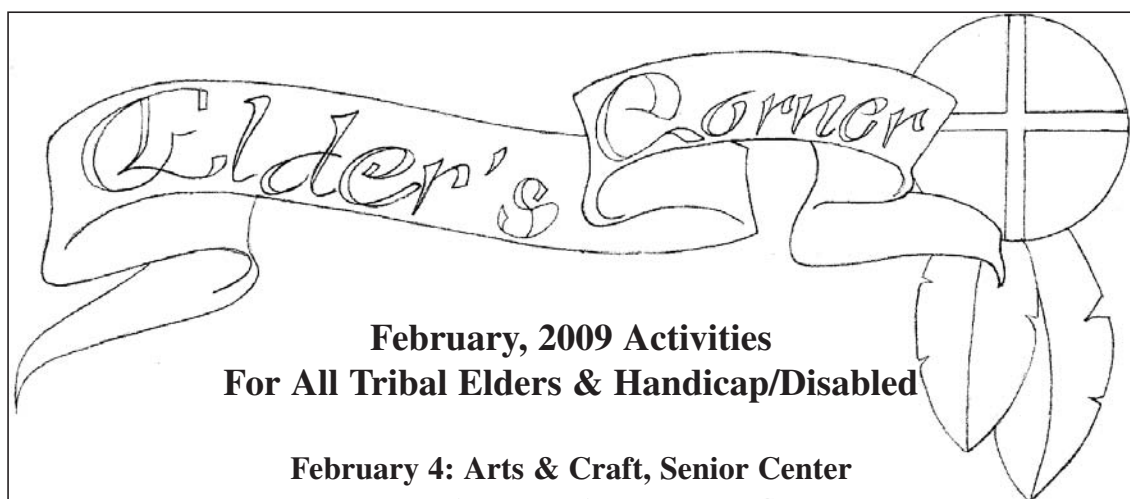
out knowing it.”

The most effective way of countering pertussis is getting immunized and having ongoing good health habits (washing hands, covering coughs with one's arm or sleeve, keeping hands away from the face). San Juan Basin Health Department and Bayfield School health staff will be offering a walk-in clinic at the Bayfield Library on Tuesday, January 27th from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$14.70 but no one will be turned away.

Nearly half of the cases diagnosed have occurred in the four-six year old age group. All of these kids are “up to date” on Dtap vaccination but had not yet received the kindergarten dose. If your child is nearing age 15 months of age or 4 years of age and has not had their booster

dose of Dtap, we recommend vaccinating them as soon as possible because the protection from DtaP vaccine diminishes over time.


“While whooping cough is most serious in young children, immunizing as many people as possible better protects all individuals in our community,” Fowler said. A pertussis immunization is actually required of children entering kindergarten and 6th grade (this coming year, 7th and 8th grades will also require it). Children can obtain these required shots now and be better protected against this current pertussis outbreak. The CDC recommends that all adults get at least one dose of Dtap. However, it is especially important for adults who have children or work with young children to get immunized.



**February, 2009 Activities  
For All Tribal Elders & Handicap/Disabled**

**February 4: Arts & Craft, Senior Center**  
**February 6: Farmington Trip - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**February 13: Durango Trip - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**February 17: Sun Ray Casino, Farmington, NM - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**February 18: Arts & Craft, Senior Center**  
**February 427: Ute Mountain Casino Trip, Towaco, CO - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**If you need assistance please call Elder Services Department (970) 563-0156.**



*Provided by Amita Nathwani, Nutrition Specialist for the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.*

**Indian Eggplant**

1 large eggplant  
 1 jalapeno  
 3 cloves garlic  
 1/2 inch piece of ginger  
 1 large yellow onion  
 6 chopped tomatoes (or a 14 oz can)  
 3 tblsp yogurt  
 1 tsp Tumeric  
 1 tsp garam masala (found in any grocery store in the spice section)  
 Salt

Cut the eggplant in two and steam until tender. Set aside to cool. Meanwhile, sauté the jalapeno, onion, ginger and garlic in 1 tblsp of olive oil. When the onions are soft, lower heat and add tomatoes and stir for 5 mins. Remove the skin of the eggplant and slice. Add them to the tomato mixture. Add yogurt, tumeric, garam masala and salt to taste. Serve warm over rice or with bread.

**IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION**

**LEGAL NAME CHANGE NO. 08-171-NC**  
 IN THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF: **LENA MAE BURCH**, Civil Subject. NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **LENA MAE BURCH** filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **LENA MAE GALLEGOS**. As of **JANUARY 6, 2008** no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that **LENA MAE BURCH** name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **LENA MAE GALLEGOS**.

Dated this 7th day of JANUARY, 2008.  
**ELAINE NEWTON, Southern Ute Tribal Judge**

**IN PROBATE NO. 08-177-PR**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **EVERETT BURCH**, Deceased  
 NOTICE TO: HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN SAID ESTATE: THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE OF THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION, IGNACIO, CO. GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009 AT 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the

matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2009.  
**TRENNIE R. BURCH, Deputy Court Clerk**

**CASE NO. 07-134-DN**  
 IN THE INTEREST OF: **JOSEPH DURANT**, Minor Child AND CONCERNING: **ROBERT MILLS**, Respondent.  
 NOTICE TO: **ROBERT MILLS**  
 GREETINGS: You are hereby served with notice by publication that on August 28, 2008, a permanent restraining order was issued by the honorable Suzanne F. Carlson, associate Judge, Southern Ute Tribal Court, which provides in part as follows. It is therefore ordered that **ROBERT MILLS**, the Respondent shall have no contact with **JOSEPH DURANT**. “NO CONTACT” includes, but is not limited to: No intimidation, No letters, No phone calls, No messages, No physical contact, No third-party contact, and No stalking. This order means that the Respondent shall not contact or attempt to contact the child in any manner. The Respondent shall not threaten, harass or injure the child in any way, anywhere, at any time. Violation of the Restraining Order will subject the Respondent to Criminal Penalties and Contempt Of Court. This order shall remain in effect until November 19, 2012, unless extended by court order. You are further notified that you may obtain a copy of said Permanent Restraining Order, which contains additional provisions giving notice to Law Enforcement Officials and the Court's findings of fact, from the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court, located in the Justice Center on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation  
**TRENNIE R. BURCH, Clerk of the Tribal Court**

**Southern Ute  
Strengthening Families  
Health Program**

**Southern Ute Family Court Support Office & Shining Mountain Diabetes Program**

**The Strengthening Families Health Program** teaches skills that focus on your family's physical and emotional wellness. SFHP promotes closer relationships, effective communication, empathy and understanding, healthy nutrition, fitness, and family recreation. Learn family skills from caring and experienced trainers, in a supportive educational setting. Please join us for lots of learning and fun for the whole family!

**Benefits for Teens & Kids...**

- Learn how to resist negative peer pressure.
- Develop personal goals and know how to make them happen.
- Have fun playing fitness games and activities with your family.

**For Parents...**

- Learn how to set limits and use appropriate discipline.
- Increase enjoyable and positive time with your children & teens.
- Improve coping skills and stress management.

**and Families !**

- Nurture your family's physical and emotional well being.
- Build closer relationships among family members.
- Communicate and foster your family's values and traditions.


**WHO**  
 Families with teens and younger children. All family members are welcome.

**WHAT**  
 Strengthening Families Health Program  
 Dinner and childcare provided!  
 Skills groups for Parents, Teens, and Children.

**WHEN**  
 Tuesday eves., 5:30-8:30 pm,  
 February 10 to May 5, 2009

**WHERE**  
 Southern Ute Higher Education Building,  
 330 Burns Ave., Ignacio

**CALL TO REGISTER**  
**563-0240, ext. 3255**







Career vs. Job

submitted by Nancy Folsom  
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Do you ever wonder how you got to where you are at today? Did you end up falling into a job or have you launched into a career? There are many reasons why you may have ended up in a job instead of a career. Perhaps you needed a job to support your family, pay some bills, or to keep yourself occupied.

So what is the difference between a job and a career? Although both may be ways to make money, the ways that you approach them are different. A job is defined as the action of completing a task or duty, and seldom involves much planning. You can usually scan down the help wanted ads in the classifieds and find a job in which you meet the basic qualifications. However, there may be many other people applying for that same job as well. On the other hand, a career is defined as a profession or vocation that is planned out and pursued over a length of time. A career is able to offer so much more value than just money alone. For example, it can help you to be confident about who you are, what you do, and what you have to offer.

In order to prepare for a career, you may need to obtain some additional education or training. This can be accomplished by attending a vocational school, college, or specialized training program. Depending on the nature of work, it may take anywhere from a few months to a few years to get the necessary training. If you are unable to return to school due to your work schedule, you may be able to take some night or weekend classes either online or at a community college. In addition, you may be able to move your way from one position to another in a particular field, which can lead to long-term career options.

Once you have launched into a career, you may need to get some additional training to keep your skills current. This may involve attending courses or workshops to gain additional expertise in

your chosen field. In many instances, this will not only increase your skill level, but raise your earning potential as well. Although a job may provide an occasional training and perhaps a raise, there may not be much room for advancement.

Although both a career and a job bring in income, a person with a career is able to accomplish this by doing what suits them best. It comes as no surprise that when you recognize your individual skills and put them to use, you tend to enjoy your occupation much more. In contrast, those with jobs tend to be less satisfied with their work over time since they may not be utilizing their true gifts and abilities.

The kind of job or career that you choose can have a significant effect on your life. By planning for the future, you can help yourself build the life that you want.

CAREER	JOB
<b>Definition:</b> A profession or vocation	<b>Definition:</b> Action of completing a task or duty
<b>Planning:</b> Long-range planning	<b>Planning:</b> Little planning
<b>What Needed:</b> Education or special training is usually necessary	<b>What Needed:</b> Education or special training may or may not be necessary

School Board Looking At Changing School Bus Activity Routes for ‘09-‘10

Media Release  
Ignacio School District

Ignacio School District Transportation Department is looking at changing School Bus Activity Routes for the 2009-2010 school year. The recommendation is to go to four (4) nights of after school bus routes with drop off points. This will better serve the parents, students and school district by adding one more night to the schedule per week. Also, this is safer than doing driveway drop offs because of turn arounds required in the dark and inclement weather. It is also safer when the driver can get off the roadway and into safe drop off areas without controlling traffic.

Students will not be allowed to get off the bus without their

ride being at the stop. If no one is there to receive their student we will attempt to make phone contact. If there is no response, the driver will keep the student on the bus and continue on their route as to not make other students late for their stops. After the third offense, the student will not be allowed to ride the after school bus route. Notes will be required for car pool arrangements.

Suggested drop off points for **Route #1 will be:** Spring Creek Hall, Old Country Market in Allison and Lake View/Pinon Hills Store.

**Route #2 will be:** State Line on Highway 172, Intersection of 311/318 and the Oxford Grange/Fire House.

Parents with concerns or

questions should contact the Superintendent's Office no later than March 4th. The Ignacio School Board will make a final decision for next school year's after school bus routes at the March School Board meeting. Concerns may be emailed through the website at [www.ignacio.k12.co.us](http://www.ignacio.k12.co.us) or mailed to the Superintendent's Office, PO Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137.



Volunteers Needed!

The SU Tribal Services is seeking volunteers to help with our elder and disabled members. We are seeking kind, strong individuals to help with shoveling snow, moving, hauling wood outside of reservation boundaries and other duties. There are also opportunities to volunteer for some of the other Tribal Services Programs. For more details and if you would like to help, please contact Gail Cross at (970) 563-4728.

Johnson O'Malley will be doing school supply distribution for the second semester.

Attention: If you have a student(s) currently enrolled in the Ignacio and Bayfield School District in grades Kindergarten - 12th Grades. The school supply distributions are for eligible Native American students who are enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, and have a copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood.

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Public Education Department

If you have any question or would like more information contact Ellen S. Baker at the So. Ute Public Education 563-0235 Ext. 2793.

PRCLC Potluck



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students enjoy a potluck luncheon at the Pine River Community Learning Center (PRLCLC). In speaking with Darrell Roberts, the Family Literacy Coordinator, Darrell stressed the multitude of opportunities available to both Tribal Members and the Ignacio community at large. The center offers many programs and services that are absolutely free of charge and easily accessible to both individuals and families. The PRLCLC provides an alternative school, GED certification, adult education, family educational resources and even English classes! Stop by the PRLCLC building for more detailed information.

B&G Club Power Store



photo courtesy SU Boys & Girls Club

Members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (from left) Juliett Garlick, Shoshone Thompson, Mamakawa Valdez, Leela Rosa, and Justin Sanchez, in the Power Hour Points Store of the B&G Club. Power Hour Points are an educational incentive program that rewards club members for completing homework, educational worksheets, reading books, or any other enrichment activity that happens during the first hour of Club (this is called the 'Power Hour'). They get to spend their points to buy different items in the Power Hour Points Store. The signs in the background represent our Power Hour Point Levels that are in the Ute Language. The Power Hour Store is a program that is run by the Leadership Council of the Club. Ute translation is provided by Juliett Garlick, who is a Southern Ute Indian Academy student and is also part of Leadership Council. For information on donating youth-friendly items to the Power Hour Points Store, please contact Mari or Gina at 563-0214 or [gcsio@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:gcsio@southern-ute.nsn.us).

Tribal Council/Student Luncheon



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Chairmen Matthew Box, Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. and Council members; Ramona Eagle, Alex Cloud and Marjorie Borst all spoke with high school students at a lunch banquet. The purpose of the luncheon was to create a relationship between Tribal Council and students within the Ignacio community. This is the first of several lunch banquets, Council will speak to a younger student groups in weeks to come, each with their own message. The luncheon was held at the Sky Ute Casino on Wednesday, January 21, 2009.





# 'Cats Dump Demons, Mash Mavs Lady Bobcats' Travails Intensify

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

San Juan Basin League teams shouldn't make them angry.

They won't like them when the Bobcats get angry.

But unlike the un-jolly green giant Hulk, when the Ignacio boys get incredible, all they see is red. That being the case, Norwood and Ridgway probably never stood a chance this past weekend.

Because even after a victory—at Class 3A Bayfield (49-37 on Jan. 20)—IHS realized not everything was hitting on all cylinders, and too many open shots were hitting off the cylinder.

"Yeah, we didn't do everything we needed to do," said head coach Chris Valdez, "but we saw some good things too. We need to execute better; our turnovers killed us. Micah [Odoms] had seven himself—we got him isolated one-on-one seven times and he lost the ball every time."

The 6'5" senior was clearly one who not only executed better, he executed more brutally—to the tune of 32 points and 27 rebounds combined against the Mavericks and Demons. Six-foot-six junior Alex Herrera not

only mimicked Odoms' identical scoring outputs, but increased them—scoring 18 last Friday at NHS, then 18 more at home versus RHS the next afternoon. Herrera also pulled down another 19 total rebounds.

Once a Class 1A top-ten squad, Norwood (now 7-5 overall) crumbled under a 79-41 count, and Ridgway (now 4-6) sustained a 62-39 shelling as Ignacio won their third straight since a 50-49 home loss to fellow SJBL power Telluride (now 10-1) on Jan. 17.

"The Telluride game...we didn't play up to our potential," said junior guard Trae Seibel. "We've got to get the ball in to our tall



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*Telluride junior Jarred Brown tested the trees—and lost, here during the Miners' Jan. 17 visit to IHS Gymnasium. Providing sound defense on the play with the rejection is Bobcat senior Micah Odoms, who was called for a foul on the play despite daylight clearly visible between the bodies on further review. Odoms later fouled out in Ignacio's 50-49 loss.*

guys, utilize our height, and play as a team."

Junior forward Shane Brooks continued his steady rebounding work (18 in the two games), but also handed out 12 total assists, giving Valdez another reliable passer besides Seibel and junior Oakley Hayes.

Now standing a stout 6-1 overall (5-1 against the full 2A/1A SJBL), Ignacio will host Nucla this Friday, Jan. 30 (4 p.m. start), then travel to face Ouray the next afternoon (1 p.m.). Results from IHS' home game Tuesday against Dolores (3-7 overall coming in) were unavailable at press time.

**CALENDAR CHECK:** Ignacio's road game at DHS has been re-set for February 3, while the Bobcats' home game against OHS, snowed out back on December 20, has finally been re-targeted for Feb. 10. Both afternoons tip off with junior varsity action at 4 p.m.

by Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

They keep on knocking.

But nobody wants to let the Lady 'Cats break on through.

Still, during their last four games, with the exception of their loss at Class 3A Bayfield on January 20 (71-24), the Ignacio girls have come closer and closer to that first win in what's been a cold-hearted San Juan Basin League to date.

First, Telluride somehow climbed out of a 22-8 first-half pit to steal a 45-41 verdict before a stunned IHS Gymnasium crowd on Jan. 17. And after the Lady Wolverines did their dastardliest on their home court, IHS returned to SJBL combat with a pair of games this past weekend. But found the goings no easier.

At Norwood last Friday, the Lady Mavericks got 17 points from Emily Winner and another



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

*Ignacio High School Senior, Tasha Herrera, tries to inbound a pass to her teammates on the court at Saturday's varsity girls basketball game against the Ridgeway Demon.*

14 from Hettie Shaffer to pull away for a 55-32 result. The margin wasn't all that surprising, given NHS' 6-6 overall (according to head coach Jann Gillen)

record and middle-of-the-pack position. What was surprising, regrettably, was Ridgway.

In a season where former head coach Charles Jones' replacement—Keith McCurdy, also the school athletic director—resigned before the season began, but only a day after practices officially started (Nov. 12), the Lady Demons had struggled mightily prior to entering IHS Gymnasium last Saturday. And much like THS, were a lower-tier team that Ignacio

matched up with favorably and could have beaten.

Coulda, woulda, shoulda...still nothing.

Candace Yengst led Ridgway (now 2-9) with 13 points, according to RHS' Mike Bryson's reading of the scorebook. Montana Pizzarusso added nine for new coach Ty Helgenberger and Kristen Colby chipped in six for the cause in a 44-40 shocker. Ignacio dropped to 0-7 overall (0-6 against the combined 2A/1A SJBL), despite 13 points from senior Tasha Herrera.

"And 'R' Jefferson also played well," said Bryson, "looks like she got 12 points."

That would be Rylie Jefferson, listed as just a freshman on the Lady 'Cat roster, and apparently enjoying a chance at extended game minutes—given she often waits on the bench behind Arianna Weaver and Santana Rodriguez, who often spell Herrera and Elisa Gallegos.

Results from Tuesday's home game against Dolores were unavailable at press time, and Ignacio will host Nucla Friday (4 p.m.) then head north to Ouray Saturday (1 p.m.) afternoon. That first victory's got to be out there somewhere, so let the hunt continue!



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*Ignacio High School cheerleader, Shailyn Olguin, throws miniature basketballs to the crowd at Saturday's Varsity game and Royalty Inauguration. Shailyn is a freshman at IHS.*

## Dual Loss Helps IHS Roll At 'Rock

by Joel Priest  
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THREE! TWO!

3! Two! Three! 2! Only the situation brewing that Thursday night was decidedly of a much higher gravity.

A possible team victory was out of reach, but the last—and tightest match—of Ignacio's annual Pine River Wrumble wrestling dual against neighbors Bayfield still hung in limbo as the referee approached the scorer's table, leaving IHS' Casey Haga and BHS' Trevor Huntsman pacing about the mat to stay loose.

The third period had just concluded with the fifth-ranked [Class 2A] Haga nearly pinning Huntsman right in front of Bobcat head coach Bob Overturf. A pin wasn't called, though, and the debate was how many points



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

*Ignacio freshman Derrick Naranjo works to hold his ground against a charging Jeff Huffmyer, a senior at Bayfield, during their Jan. 15 dual match at 171 pounds inside IHS Gymnasium. Two days later Naranjo placed in a tournament for the first time as an IHS wrestler, taking third at Shiprock.*

Haga would receive for the definite near-fall. "Three!" meant Haga would win 10-9 in regulation, while "Two!"—the

Wolverine fans' plea—would send the encounter into a fourth period, with sudden-death scoring applied.

Overtime would ensue for the 125-pounders, amidst a chorus of boos from the majority of attendees at the Jan. 15 spectacle at IHS Gymnasium, and Huntsman would win shortly after, 11-9 on a takedown, ironically in the same spot where he himself nearly met defeat.

And though Bayfield dealt the tenth-ranked 'Cats a 41-28 setback, Ignacio went right back to work and found success just two days later at the Shiprock (N.M.) Invitational.

Outlasting 4A Kirtland (N.M.) Central and Bloomfield, IHS piled up 230.5 points to take first, while the Broncos totaled 227.5 and the N.M.-3A Bobcats closed with 205. The latter two had finished 1-2 at the Chieftain Duals one night earlier (KC beat Bloomfield 48-28

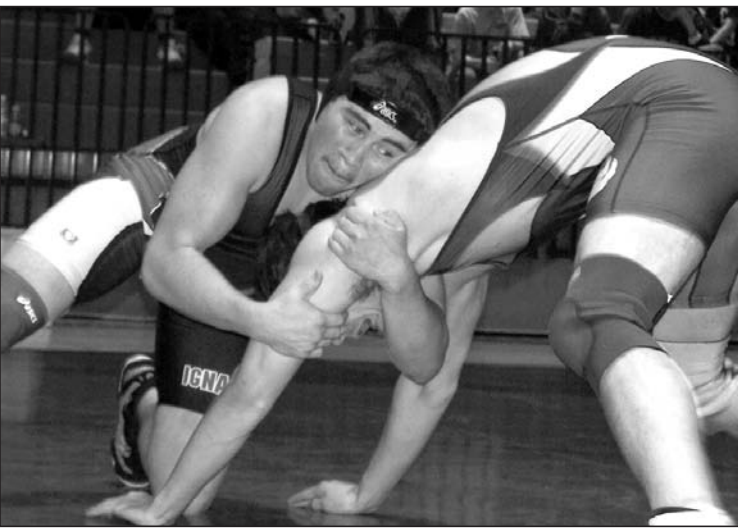
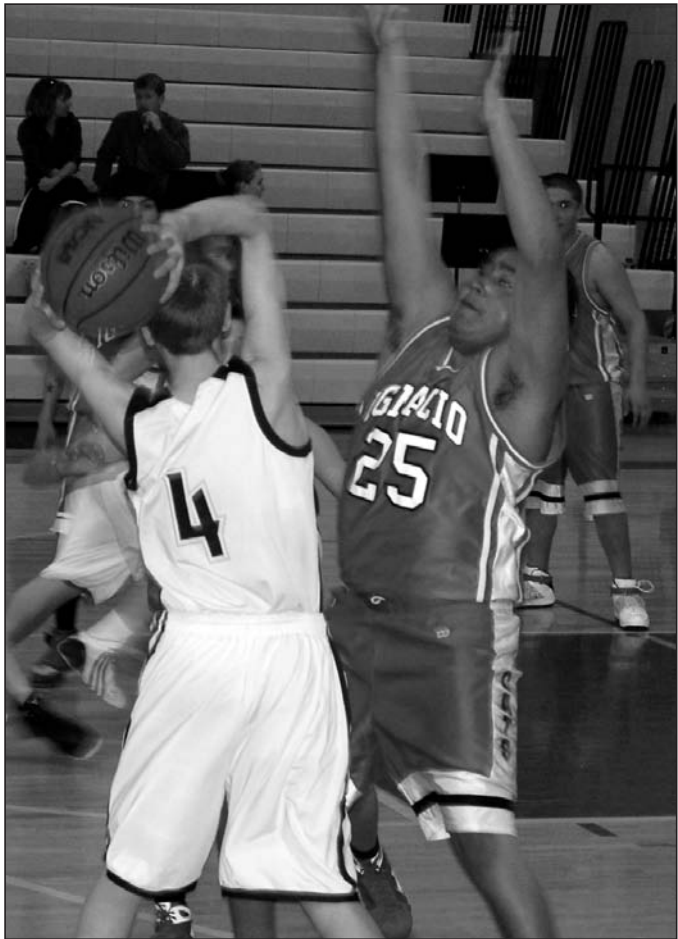


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*Ranked tenth in Class 2A coming in, IHS senior Abel Velasquez again locked up with Bayfield senior Markus Eckstein (then-#3 in 3A) for a wild battle at 189 pounds during the Jan. 15 Wolverines-at-Bobcats dual. Eckstein won, but it's very possible - nay, probable? - they'll meet again at this weekend's Ignacio Invitational.*

## Ignacio JV Ballers



*Ignacio's Junior Varsity team took on the Bayfield Wolverines in Bayfield on Tuesday, January 13, 2008 and came away with a frustrated loss, although the team played hard, it just wasn't enough to secure the win. Freshman Orion Watts (25) and Tyler Young (background) played some aggressive defense against the Bayfield squad. The team has since played two games, one against Ridgeway on Friday, January 23 and then against Dolores this past Tuesday, January 27, 2009. The JV 'Cats came away with 2 wins. The boys will match up against Nucla, here in Ignacio on Friday beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the high school gym.*

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## Ignacio High School's 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

**SENIORS:** 4.5 Aaron Thompson; 4.0 Abel Velasquez; 3.75 Olivia Collins, Adria Freitas; 3.5 Rocio Garcia, Shivon Herrera, Katy Procell; 3.25 Ashley Phillips, Taylor Riley, Angel Serrano, Gage Serrano; 3.0 Jody Mangus

**JUNIORS:** 4.0 Shane Brooks, Oakley Hayes, Kayla Lewis, Cassandra Sanchez; 3.75 Morgan Gantt, Venicia Sala; 3.5 Ashlee Albrecht, Hannah Minkler, Antonio Thompson; 3.25 Jessica Candelaria

**SOPHOMORES:** 4.0 Ryan Brooks, Corey Francis, Michael Mestas, Ethan Pearson; 3.8 Mariah Pena, Candace Wade; 3.7 Carly Bentley, Daniel Vaughan, Pedro Vigil; 3.5 Colton Davis, Ryan Hartbauer; 3.2 Samantha Maez, Mariah Thompson

**FRESHMEN:** 4.0 Carly Barborinas, Abeth Okall; 3.8 Brittney Benavidez; 3.7 Shane Richmond; 3.6 Zachary White; 3.5 Isaac Blacksten, Rylie Jefferson, Diamond Rosa, Brenden Ruybal, Colton Wyatt; 3.4 Chanelle Martin; 3.2 Rowdy Sanchez; 3.1 Shawnara Troup; 3.0 Nicholas Valencia





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All Students - Fri., February 13, from 7:30 - 11:30 am

Ignacio Basketball Box Scores

SELECT LADY 'CAT BOXES

Jan. 17, 2009: Telluride 45, at IGNACIO 41  
T (8-9-12-16) - L. Bosse 4 1-3 9, Goldsworthy 7 0-2 14,  
E. Ludwig 0 8-16 8, Bush 1 2-6 4, Cain 1 3-6 5,  
Erickson 1 1-2 3, M. Bosse 1 0-0 2, Langley 0 0-0 0,  
Stauder 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 15 15-35 45. 3-PTR'S: none.  
I (14-8-8-11) - T. Herrera 3 0-3 6, Garcia 6 1-2 13,  
Gallegos 0 1-3 1, Ribera 1 0-0 2, H. Herrera 1 0-4 2,  
Weaver 4 0-0 10, Rodriguez 2 1-2 5, Sanchez 0 0-2 0,  
Jefferson 1 0-0 2, Thompson 0 0-0 0, Lucero 0 0-0 0,  
Sivers 0 0-0 0, Barborinas 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 18 3-16 41. 3-PTR'S: Weaver 2.

Jan. 20, 2009: IGNACIO 24, at Bayfield 71  
I (7-9-4-4) - Ribera 0 0-0 0, T. Herrera 2 8-9 12, Garcia  
1 1-5 3, Gallegos 1 0-2 2, H. Herrera 0 1-2 1, Weaver 1  
0-0 2, Rodriguez 1 2-4 4, Thompson 0 0-0 0, Sanchez 0  
0-0 0, Jefferson 0 0-3 0, Lucero 0 0-0 0, Sivers 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 6 12-25 24. 3-PTR'S: none.  
B (24-12-23-12) - Sutton 3 0-2 6, L. Shaw 6 4-4 17, Jo.  
Sirios 9 5-5 23, Broad 1 0-2 2, Lind 2 0-2 4, Dean 1 1-  
3 4, C. Shaw 2 1-2 5, Ja. Sirios 2 0-0 4, Moe 1 0-1 2, K.  
McCormick 1 1-2 3, Baker 0 1-4 1, L. McCormick 0 0-  
1 0.  
TOTALS: 28 13-28 71. 3-PTR'S: L. Shaw, Dean.

SELECT BOBCAT BOYS' BOXES

Jan. 17, 2009: Telluride 50, at IGNACIO 49  
T (13-15-15-7) - Brown 2 0-3 5, Matthews 5 5-10 19,  
Schroedl 3 2-2 10, MacCracken 2 6-8 11, Doodly 0 1-4 1,  
Koenig 2 0-2 4, Reich 0 0-0 0, Hazen 0 0-0 0, Radford 0  
0-0 0, Gerald 0 0-0 0, Zarr 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 14 14-29 50. 3-PTR'S: Matthews 2,  
Schroedl 2, Brown, MacCracken.  
I (14-11-8-16) - T. Seibel 1 0-0 2, Hayes 4 0-1 9, Dean 3  
0-0 8, Odoms 2 2-2 6, S. Brooks 2 1-2 7, Herrera 3 3-5 9,  
R. Brooks 3 0-0 8, Vigil 0 0-0 0, Egger 0 0-0 0, Hudson 0  
0-0 0, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, O. Watts 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 18 6-10 49. 3-PTR'S: Dean 2, S. Brooks  
2, R. Brooks 2, Hayes.

Jan. 20, 2009: IGNACIO 49, at Bayfield 37  
I (11-8-12-18) - T. Seibel 2 4-4 9, Hayes 1 0-1 2, Odoms 3  
2-3 8, S. Brooks 5 2-3 13, Herrera 5 0-0 10, Dean 2 0-0 4,  
R. Brooks 0 0-0 0, Vigil 1 0-0 2, Hudson 0 0-0 0, Egger 0  
1-2 1, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, O. Watts 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 19 9-13 49. 3-PTR'S: T. Seibel, S. Brooks.  
B (4-10-7-16) - McCoy 3 1-4 7, Funkhouser 0 0-0 0,  
Qualls 1 2-4 4, Adams 2 1-2 5, Decker 0 0-0 0, Zink 2  
2-3 6, Phelps 4 4-7 12, Terry 1 0-0 3, Tinnin 0 0-0 0,  
Rick 0 0-0 0.  
TOTALS: 13 10-20 37. 3-PTR'S: Terry.

- compiled on site by Joel Priest

Ignacio's "A" Team



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Ignacio Junior High boys basketball ball "A" team took it to the Dolores Mustangs team on the court in the Ignacio Junior High Gym on Saturday, January 17, 2009. Bobcats wearing white jerseys, 7th grader Addison Jones hustles for the ball after a missed attempt by a Dolores player, as 8th grader, Dmitri Reynolds look on. The Junior high team is undefeated this season thusfar and will be playing in Dolores on Saturday January 31, 2009. Games begin at 9 am, with Teams playing in separate gyms.

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in the decisive pairing).

Meanwhile, all four IHS grapplers to win against the Wolverines also captured titles in Shiprock. Junior Chance Wyatt, also ranked fifth in On The Mat's Coty Towning in the third period, then pinned his way to the Chieftain crown at 215 pounds. Freshman 160-pounder Colton Wyatt stopped Bayfield's Brenden Harrison by pin at 1:01 of the second (after reversing a Harrison shot into a roll-up), and also won at SHS.

Seventh-ranked sophomore Will Appenzeller stopped Cody Butero 4-zip, then claimed victory in New Mexico at 135, and after moving up a level (to 119) and beating BHS' Garrett Tyrrell 13-4, top-ranked freshman Alex Pena went back down to win at

112 pounds.

Stepping in at 119 for the SHS meet, freshman Cuauhtemoc Torres earned his first varsity tourney title for Ignacio, winning by a pin in the final. Haga went on to take second place at his weight, as did senior Abel Velasquez at 189 pounds. Ranked #10 in 2A, Velasquez was pinned 61 seconds into the third period against Bayfield's #3-ranked Markus Eckstein in the dual.

Eighth-ranked junior Josh Plehinger opened the [now] non-league dual against BHS with an exciting 15-10 win over Tanner McGhehey at 130 pounds, and later took third place in Shiprock. Senior Raudel Lucero also earned third at 140 at the Chieftain Invite, coming off a tense 5-4 loss to Bayfield's Taylor Swanemyr in a meeting of

2A's #8 against 3A's #7.

And though Wolverine senior Jeff Huffmyer pinned him 27 seconds into the second period, IHS freshman Derrick Naranjo rebounded to earn third at SHS, doing so at 171 pounds.

"This was his first time placing in a high school tourney," said Overturf.

"We still have work to get done and are pushing," he continued. "The boys are right where they need to be and are working on mental toughness now."

They'll need every bit of it to keep the Ignacio Invitational championship in town this week-end. Action is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Saturday, but IHS Gymnasium will likely be packed before then especially with Bayfield again among the schools in contention.

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# Presidential Inauguration On The Big Screen For SUIMA Students



Craig Boss gives an introduction to the Inauguration speech given by President Barack Obama (above left). Students and faculty watch the Inauguration projected on the big screen just hours after the live airing from Washington, DC. (above right). Academy students Teriallena Analla and Gerald Howe watch the inauguration of our 44 Th President with their classmates (left).



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## Winter Royalty Crowned at IHS



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Ignacio High School Seniors participate in the crowning of Winter Sports Royalty. Senior Tasha Herrera enters the auditorium for inauguration led by her young escort (above). Elisa Gallegos (below) is seen here being crowned Winter Sports Royalty Queen by Senior Shane Brooks in this year's ceremony. The Ceremony took place during half time of the boy's varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 24 th, in the Ignacio High School gym.

## Digital TV Transition: Consumer Guide in 2009



If you have an analog TV and rely on a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears," a TV converter box is one option to transition to digital TV on or before February 17, 2009. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program has reached its funding ceiling. If you waited until 2009 to apply for a coupon, your coupon application will be put on a waiting list. Coupon requests from eligible households will only be filled as funds from expiring coupons become available. Coupons will be mailed on a first-come, first-served basis as funding becomes available.

**How can you be sure at least one TV in your home will  
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Buy a converter box, with or without a \$40 coupon, and connect it to your current TV. Boxes typically cost between \$40 and \$80.



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