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B&GC Leadership Council Meet With Tribal Council



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So. Ute Tribe Challenges Bayfield To Clean Up Its Water Pollution



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The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Bayfield town officials and State of Colorado representatives met on February 4, 2009, to discuss an interim plan on alleviating water pollution into Dry Creek from the Bayfield's current wastewater system while the new facility is built. Both Bayfield officials and the Southern Ute Tribe have agreed to work collaboratively to develop an interim plan to alleviate continued pollution to Dry Creek and the Pine River which both flow through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and downstream to the State of New Mexico. Pictured here (l-r) are Southern Ute Tribal employees, Katie Holgate, Vickie Kujawa, Michiko Burns, Bayfield Town Mayor, Rick Smith, Fred Robbins, Councilwoman Ramona Eagle and Utilities Director, Tom Brown. Bayfield Town Mayor Rick Smith along with Town Manager, Justin Clifton (not pictured) attended the meeting to offer insight as to the history of the Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Facility and their ideas on alleviating the current water pollution that is taking place.

by Amy Barry
Southern Ute Drum

On February 4, 2009, the Southern Ute Tribal Council, along with Environmental Program Division employees, Bayfield officials and State Representatives, came together in the Buckskin Charlie room to brainstorm and develop an interim plan to remedy the continued pollution of Dry Creek by the Town of Bayfield's Gem Village sewage disposal plant. Earlier, both the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Bayfield town officials released letters to the public giving their insight on the issue and how each is seeking a solution to the problem at the local and state levels.

The on-going issue of how the state will address the Town's non-compliance with the conditions of its discharge permit has brought forth numerous concerns

regarding water quality and existing pollution discharge limitations. The current water discharge flows from Gem Village into Dry Creek and flows on down through the Southern Ute Indian Reservation with the Pine River. "The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has an obligation to assure water users down stream continue to receive clean water, by the Tribe allowing the pollution to continue, we are not holding up our end of the deal to our downstream users." Chairman Matthew Box stated during the meeting. Currently, the town of Bayfield is in the process of building a new modern wastewater treatment facility and steps have already been taken to design and obtain financing needed to construct a lift station in Gem Village; however, until both of those facilities are completed and functioning, the pressing issue is getting into current compliance with pollution violations. The

new construction of the facility is already being planned but is going to take a year before changes can be made and that is the main concern of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe remains concerned that through 2009, potential violations will continue to occur and feels that steps need to be taken to address those violations before completion of the new facilities.

The meeting on February 4, 2009, was to come together and see if an interim plan could be put into effect. State Representative, Greg Brand was at the meeting and made it very clear to the Town of Bayfield and the Southern Ute Tribe that although all entities have the same idea; before the State of Colorado can give an official stamp of approval on any permits or plans, there are still state regu-

Tribe Challenges page 5

The Leadership Council of the Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 (left to right) Jen Bartlett, the Chief Professional Officer, of the Boys and Girls Club accompanied the young members to Council Chambers; Justin Sanchez, Tyler Lucero, Kaylah Torrez, Sharmine Price and Juliett Garlick. Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Program Aide - Mari Villaluna (below) facilitated the BGC students in "Grade Lines" an ice-breaker exercise, one of many after-school activities organized by the Boys and Girls Club.

Mari Villaluna
Boys & Girls Program Aide

Members of the Leadership Council of the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council on February 4, 2009. An update on what the Leadership Council's role in Boys and Girls Club and their impact on its membership was provided. Both Councils were able to have an exchange of ideas and the Leadership Council learned about tribal governments.

The Boys and Girls Club Leadership Council is a group of youth between the grades of 3rd-6th, who make collective decisions

affecting Club. The BGC Council are seen as the leaders of Club, and make a cornucopia of decisions and recommendations to staff that affect BGC members. The BGC Council represents every Boys and Girls Club members from Kindergarten through 6th grade.

The Council serve the needs of the Boys and Girls club members by representing them in a decision-making process and make sure youth are listened to by listening to them and voicing their opinion.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Visitors From Great White North



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Councillor Errnol Gray, Board Co-Chair, Chippewas of Sarnia First Nation, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (right) along with other Canadian Tribes met with Tribal Chairman Matthew Box (left), and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, at the Growth Fund offices last Thursday, February 5, 2009. The Tribal leaders from Canada spoke highly of the progress and organization shown by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in energy exploration and production, and hoped to take the example home to their own people, who share in many of the same challenges. The Canadian visitors also toured the Southern Ute Tribal Campus offices and various departments before departing for home.



I Found a Stray... Now What?

Frances Hott
SU Animal Control Officer

If you find a stray, please contact Southern Ute Dispatch at 563-4401 or Animal Control at 563-0133. Upon calling be prepared with the following information:

- Your contact details (name, address, telephone number)
- A description of the animal, for example, type, color, size, approximate age
- The time and date you found the animal
- Where you found the animal
- Where the animal should be collected from

Safety first, you should not approach an unfamiliar animal. A strange, frightened and possibly sick or injured animal can behave unpredictably. You stand a good chance of being scratched or bitten. Even a small animal can inflict a painful wound, and if you are bitten by a dog or cat whose vaccination status is unknown, you will be advised to seek immediate medical treatment.

Animal Control has the equipment to safely and humanely remove the animal from your residence. The animal will be taken to the Southern Ute Impound Facility, where it will be scanned for a microchip, photographed, placed in

a kennel, fed, and watered. Every reasonable attempt to find its owner will be made. If no one claims the animal within five days it is available for adoption.

If you choose not to contact Animal Control be aware of the code. Pursuant to Animal Control Code 18-1-102 (22) Owner: Any person who has a right of property in an animal or who keeps or possesses an animal or allows an animal to remain about his premises for a period of seventy-two (72) hours or longer, claims responsibility for an animal or is documented on paper as the responsible party for an animal.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Charging Bear Bison

Job Title: Service Equipment Worker
Description of Duties: Service Tribal vehicles and perform minor repairs.
Hobbies: Camping, Snowboarding and Fishing.
Tribe: Southern Ute
Additional Comments: I Graduated from San Juan College, and worked at Economy Nissan and now ready to work for the Tribe in MotorPool.

Vanessa Torres
Job Title: Part-time Court Clerk
Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Motorcycle Riding, Reading, and spending time with family.
Tribe: Southern Ute



Kyle Hunderman

Job Title: Air Quality Analyst
Description of Duties: Responsible for the operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment, assuring that all quality assurance objectives are successfully met.
Hobbies: Disc Golf, Ultimate Frisbee and most other outdoor activities.



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Saturdays and Sundays from 4 - 9 p.m.

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Saturday, February 14
This Valentine's Day, make sure to be at Sky Ute Casino and Resort! Beginning at 10 a.m., the Bear Club will be giving out free roses to all customers! Then, beginning at Noon and going until 3 p.m. (while supplies last), all Bear Club Members are invited to come up to the Bear Club for a chance to win! Customers will pick a "lovely" prize and will win anything from \$5 in currency all the way up to \$500 in cash!

HOT SEAT
Every Thursday and Friday from 5 - 9 p.m.
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Management reserves the right to change or cancel these promotions without prior notice. Please see the Bear Club Player Rewards Center for further information and all rules.

If you are 21 and older, please make sure to stop by the Bear Club Player Rewards Center and sign up to become a member. You will receive special coupons and discounts to be used throughout the Casino, hotel, and dining facilities. In addition, every time you game and use your Bear Club Card, you will accumulate points which can be redeemed for cash and prizes. Please see the Bear Club Player Hosts for further information.

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February Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to Candace Watts & Craig Box on February 12th
Love, Uncle & Auntie

Happy Birthday to our sissy Jazzy!
Love your brothers, Jordan and Bubba Jace!

Happy Birthday to David Wing on February 14th.
Hey there uncle and brother we just wanted to wish you a happy birthday and hope you get what you want.
Love, The Velascos, Scotts & Wings

We would like to wish Jazmine Carmeneros a Happy 7th Birthday on February 14th!
You sure are a sweetheart with a beautiful cheerful smile! May the Creator bless you on your special day and give you many more!!
We love you! Auntie Tara & Family

Happy Belated Birthday Dillon Thompson
Your 7th birthday is a special one. We wish that all yours dreams come true, May your days filled with joy wonderful gifts and goodies too.
Love, Grandpa & Grandma

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & VALENTINES DAY
Michael Roubideaux
February 14, 2009
To my best friend and companion, we have made it another year. It seems like we continue to grow stronger every year and appreciate one another more and more. I appreciate everything you have done for me and the kids over these years. You are the best friend I could ask for and I will always be here for you as you are for me. Enjoy your birthday and our anniversary. Lots of Loves, Hugs, and Kisses...
*Your friend & wife, Mikki Roubideaux
Your kids, Seth, Kai & Alexandria*

Happy Birthday to Lynelle Scott on February 8th
Hey there Nelly just wanted to wish you a happy birthday - hope you get what you want. You have grown to be a beautiful young lady. Always keep your head up... take care and always know we love you no matter what!!! Be good and happy 18th.
Love, Von, Jay, Uncle Pete & Auntie Sissy

Happy 1st Birthday to Arriyanna "Toots" Cundiff on January 31st!
Gee can't believe you are already one!! Have a great day eating lots of cake and opening up your presents!
Love your adopted Grandma Tara!

I would like to wish my son Jesse Vigil a Happy 15th Birthday on February 9th!
From my cute little handsome boy to my handsome feisty teenager, I love you to the end my son! May you accomplish more in life then you already have, I am very proud of you in all you do and wish you a happy day even though you are grounded! Haha! May the Creator bless you and keep you safe!
Love Mom!

Happy Belated Groundhog Birthday Amber Snowbird Baker
Congratulations on the birth of your baby boy, Nathaniel Roy John Baker!
Always, Your family on the other side

Drum Correction: The Front Page and Back Page, "Winter Royalty" photos in the January 31, 2009 (Vol. XLI, No 2), issue of the *Southern Ute Drum* incorrectly named Ignacio High School Senior, #1 as Shane Brooks. His correct name is Ryan Egger. The *Drum* apologizes for this error.

Onto The Spirit World

SAGE - Vera Mae Cuthair Sage, lifelong Ignacio resident, passed away peacefully on Jan. 27 due to medical complications. Vera was born June 1, 1943, to Curtis and Belle Cuthair at Taylor Hospital in Ignacio, Colo. She graduated from Ignacio High School and continued her education through technical training at San Juan Vo-Tech and a vocational school in Santa Fe, N.M.

Vera worked various positions throughout the Ignacio community and within the Southern Ute Tribal government. She was employed by Southern Ute Tribal Services, Red Field Scope Company, Ignacio Bank as a teller, and Southern Ute Education Center, where she ultimately retired.

Vera was a very giving and loving individual. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sisters and brothers. Vera was very generous, she'd open her home to anyone who needed help; no one was ever turned away. Vera's Catholic faith was strong; she was part of the St. Ignatius Catholic Church and was a member of the Carmelitas. She missed services at the church as her health declined, but faithfully continued participating in services through her television. Vera also held on to her traditional and spiritual teachings, attending the yearly Sun Dance, listening to Ute songs, and speaking the native language to her family.

Vera is survived by her children, Debra Lucero, Yvette Cuthair and Roger Sage Jr., her grandchildren Robert Curtis Lucero, Lynette Lucero, Kaylee Cuthair, Christopher Cuthair, Autumn Sage and Derek Sage, her great-grandchildren Monika Lucero, Jacob Silva, Stoney White Thunder, her sister Garnet Olguin, brother Delbert Cuthair Sr., all of Ignacio; brother Larry Cuthair of Phoenix, Ariz., and sister Mary Ann Scott of Durango, Colo; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She's preceded in death by her mother Belle Cuthair, father Curtis Cuthair, brothers Lavern Cuthair and Richard Cuthair, sisters Christine Gomez and Darlene Garcia.

Mass of Christian burial occurred Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio. Rosary was recited Friday, Jan. 30, 2009. Burial was at Ignacio West Cemetery.

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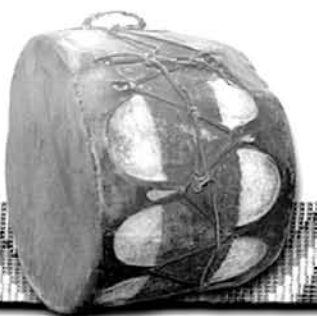
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Tribal Update

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 - 4:30 pm 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

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, PO 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.

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.

Conquering a Community Mural

A committee of local artists and teens with a goal of conquering 2 art murals a summer in our wonderful little town of Ignacio. We have businesses ready to provide the walls. In January local artists were invited to a meeting to form artist committees to head this project. Out of this meeting came the commitment that we want all the input from the community that we can get. Please plan to make a submission of your ideas of what you would like to see on a mural in your town of Ignacio. Kids adults, and local artists are encouraged to submit art work on an 8 1/2"x11" paper. Your name and address, phone number and age must be on the back of the submission please. Criteria will be based on subject and matter. Different designs from different age groups will be chosen. The art work must be turned in to the Ignacio Community Library by March 31, 2009. If your are interested in helping with this project, please plan to attend this meeting. The project is supported by the Town of Ignacio Counsel of Arts Grants.

Sharing Native American History, Culture, Language & Traditions

The Ignacio Junior High & High Schools are looking for Community Members and Elders to share their knowledge of Native American & Ute History, Culture, Language and Traditions for the Native American Studies class. We are also seeking input from community members on establishing the new curriculum for this class. For information, please contact Amelia Howe - Johnson O'Malley Secretary at (970) 799-2384 or Edna Gonzalez - Native American Studies Teacher at (970) 563-0600 ext 256.

Hunter Education Course Offered

Where: Buckskin Charlie Training Room (2nd Floor), Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO.
When: March 17, 19, 24, 26, 2009 (6:30 pm - 9:00 pm) and March 28 (9:00 am - 11:00 am).
**Tuesdays and Thursdays over a two week period and one Saturday*
Minimum Age Limit: 10 Years of Age. **Class Limit:** 20 Participants. **Cost:** \$10.00
Pre-registration Required: Call Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management (970) 563-0130.
Class Requirements: Must attend all classes, pass written test, demonstrate safe handling of firearms.
Class Restrictions: Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, items will be provided.
Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool. Other Classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations (970) 247-0855.

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10 Tips: How to weather the storm when it gets ugly outside

- 1. Assemble an emergency kit.** Have these items on hand and make sure they can last for at least 72 hours: a flashlight; batteries; a portable radio; at least 1 gallon of water per person per day; canned goods and granola bars; a can opener; blankets; items to help pass the time, a first aid kit that includes prescription drugs as needed.
- 2. Take special steps if you have special needs.** Do you rely on life-support equipment or other power-dependent equipment to maintain your health? If so, register with your utility so your home will be treated as a top priority in the event of a power outage. You also should put a plan in place, possibly involving an emergency standby generator for your home or an arrangement to stay at a health-care facility that has backup power.
- 3. Know where to find water.** In a real emergency, you could drain water from the drain spout of a water heater or from pipes inside your home, let the ice in ice-cube trays melt, or even use water from your toilet storage or reserve tank if chemicals haven't been used in

- it. In most cases you should purify such water by boiling it.
- 4. Keep your refrigerated food safe.** If the power goes out, try not to open your refrigerator or freezer doors so you don't lose cold air unnecessarily. The contents of a full fridge should keep for about six hours.
 - 5. Avoid shock and electrocution.** Never do any of these things: operate a generator in rainy or wet conditions; touch a generator with wet hands; use electrical appliances that have gotten wet; touch exposed cables or electrical wires in your home; get near or touch downed or sagging power lines outside; or engage in an extremely dangerous practice known as "backfeeding," which involves connecting a generator to your home's wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet without the use of an appropriate power transfer switch.
 - 6. Protect yourself from hypothermia.** Hypothermia sets in when a person's body temperature plummets. Symptoms include uncontrolled shivering, slow or unclear speech, extreme tiredness, difficulty walking, confusion, semi-consciousness or unconsciousness. To avoid this condition, wear layers of warm clothing and warm coverings for your head, hands and feet; change
- into a new set of dry clothes if your clothing gets wet; and find or build some form of shelter to stay as warm as possible.
- 7. Don't get overheated.** If the power goes out when it's hot outside, take these steps: stay in the lowest level of your home where it will be coolest; put on lightweight, light-colored clothing; drink lots of water.
 - 8. Steer clear of carbon-monoxide poisoning.** Never, ever burn charcoal or use gasoline or propane-powered equipment inside your home. Don't even do it in your garage or on your porch. Use such equipment only when you're completely outdoors.
 - 9. Stay safe while on the road.** Weatherize your car. Stay on main roads whenever possible; use a bright distress flag, flares or hazard lights to draw attention to your car; and if you have enough gasoline, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour so you stay warm.
 - 10. Know when to say when.** No one wants to leave the comfort of his or her own home — but sometimes you unavoidably must do just that. If the power remains out for days, relocate to the home of a friend or relative who still has electricity or go to an emergency shelter.

Attention: 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 frybread 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.

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 information call (970) 563-3000: Mikki Roubideaux, ext. 1400 or Molly Cotton, ext. 1755.

Who: All Food Handler Certified local frybread makers
What: TEAM LEADER must submit 4 pieces of frybread, 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 Rm., Sky Ute Casino Resort.
When: March 26, 2009: 11am - 1 pm

Sunrise Special

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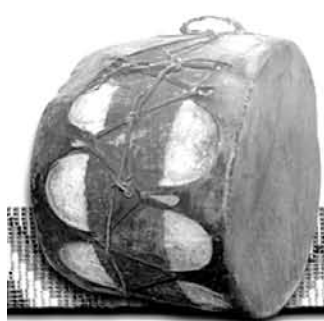
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In the Aspen Room from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
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Of Four Corners Interest

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

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.

15th Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Vendor Community Brief

The 15th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will be held on Saturday, May 2nd in downtown Durango, CO at Buckley Park. This event is sponsored by Durango Educational Alliance for Multicultural Achievement (DEL ALMA) and will be a day-long celebration that will include live entertainment, unique merchandise from vendors, local food and free games for the kids. Starting in January and until April 17th DEL ALMA will take applications for vendor booths. If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact us: Sarah Decker (970) 382-9693 vagabondnomad@gmail.com

2009 Summer Internships – San Juan Mountains College

Application deadline is March 16, 2009. Natural Resource Interns work with natural resource managers and/or researchers on a variety of projects spanning hydrology, water quality, and ecology, and addressing issues such as mine reclamation, air and water pollution, and ecosystem health. Internships will be based in various locations (but mainly in Durango and Silverton, CO). Interns will participate in a program-wide orientation and field trips. At the end of the program, each intern will prepare a presentation about their experience. Interns will receive a \$2,700 stipend, housing, and mileage reimbursement for travel to program events. Some positions may require that the intern have their own transportation to and from their work site. Send or email an application form, a one page letter describing your interest and experience, a resume, and one letter of recommendation. Interns must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the specific positions and for the application form, go to: www.mountainstudies.org/Research/Internship_Program.htm. Internship Coordinator: Aaron Kimple, Mountain Studies Institute, c/o Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO 81301; Kimple_A@fortlewis.edu; tel. (970) 247-7071.

Southwest Community Design Academy II

La Plata County and the San Juan Institute of Natural and Cultural Resources are hosting the second Southwest Community Design Academy (SWCDA). The SWCDA is seeking participants who have an interest in promoting quality design and development in their community. This 9-week interactive class is designed to bring together elected officials, active community members, local business leaders and interested citizens to make educated and significant contributions to the community while supporting sustainable development in a way that is symbiotic with local municipalities, neighborhood communities and sovereign nations. The purpose of this class is to educate, motivate and empower potential leaders and policy makers in the community so they can critically look at community design issues and articulately express their ideas within the community. The cost of the class is \$150.00. Classes will be held at the Durango Public Library, Room 2. For additional information, contact Jason Meininger, La Plata County Planning Department's Long Range Planner at (970) 382-6267 or by email at meiningerj@co.laplata.co.us.

Free Health Screenings Offered

Learn how to decrease your risk for cardiovascular disease. Come to a free screening offered throughout February at different community locations. The free Cardiovascular Disease screening includes: cholesterol, triglycerides, blood pressure, blood sugar, body mass index (BMI), risk assessment score, and education. It only takes 15 minutes and you get immediate results. No appointment needed. Fasting is not necessary. The Community Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program is a program of the San Juan Basin Health Department. Call JoJo Jensen for more information (970) 749-9604.

February 18: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at San Juan Basin Health, Pagosa Springs

February 19: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Ignacio Community Library

February 26: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pine River Library, Bayfield

Run for the Love of Running

Love is in the Air – a love of running! Durango Parks and Recreation will host the annual Valentine's Day 5K on Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m. As Durango's first footrace of 2009, the event starts and finishes at the Durango Community Recreation Center. The 2009 route will be an "out and back" along the scenic Animas River Trail. Runners, joggers, walkers, children and dogs are all invited to participate in the Valentine's Day 5K. Dogs must be on a leash. Participants will receive a unique beanie on race day. The event features an exciting post-race gathering with great raffle prizes. All registered participants will receive a prize drawing ticket. Register at the Durango Community Recreation Center or online at www.active.com. Late registration is \$20.00 and continues until Friday, February 15 at 12:00 noon. Packet pick-up and race day registration takes place from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in Durango Recreation Center's Twilight room. For more information contact Heidi Schaiberger at (970) 375-7306 or schaibergerhl@ci.durango.co.us.

PowWow Trails

Jicarilla Day PowWow

February 13-14, 2009

25 Hawk St. • Dulce, NM

Phone: Miranda Harrison (575) 759-4325

Fritz Box Memorial Gourd Dance/Sweetheart PowWow

February 14, 2009

SunUte Community Center • Ignacio, CO

Phone: Larry Tucker or Dr. James Jefferson (970) 563-0100

Web: southern-ute.nsn.us

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

2009 Canyon Echoes Contest Pow Wow

March 5 - 7, 2009

Hwy 191 • Chinle, AZ

Phone: Alfred Nelson (928) 674-9448

Strong Hearts Native Society 29th Annual Pow Wow

March 6 - 8, 2009

Rt 1 676 Baseline Road • Winterhaven, CA

Phone: Faron Owl (760) 572-0222

Email: fowl@spvusd.org

Pink Shawl PowWow

March 14, 2009

TBD • Albuquerque, NM

Phone: Susan Eswonja (505) 514-3233

Email: unitednativecouncil@yahoo.com

13th Annual Apache Gold Casino Intertribal Pow Wow

March 13 - 15, 2009

5 Miles E. of Globe, Hwy 70 • San Carlos, AZ

Phone: Paul Thompson III (800) 272-2438

Email: mktpt@agcr.us

Web: www.apachegoldcasinoresort.com

Many Moons Ago



10 years ago...

Daniel Atcitty (Left) from Farmington and Little Miss Southern Ute 1st Alternate Kayleen Monroe dance at the 1999 Diabetes Awareness PowWow.

This photo was published in the February 12, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



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20 years ago...

Displaying their chocolates for winning second place in the Owl Dance contest are Lark GoodTracks and Cheryl Frost.

This photo was published in the February 17, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

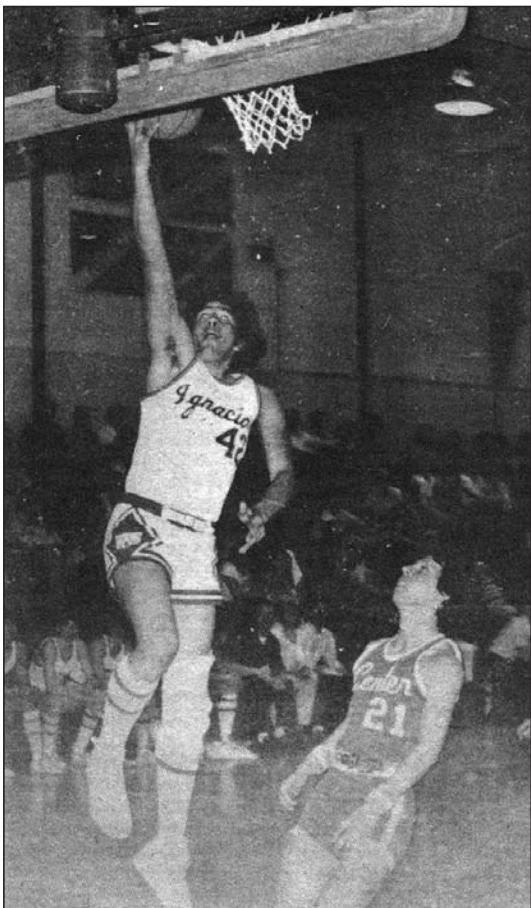


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30 years ago...

Lance Taylor scoring two against Center which they won 79-58.

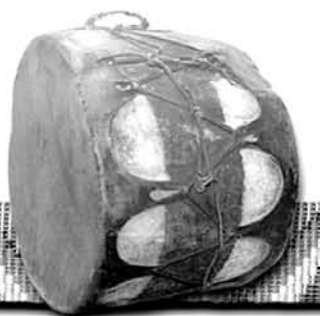
This photo was published in the February 16, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Ute Words

Nuuvacha

[Means: mocassin]

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: “Pertussis Update”

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

There is a lot of interest about Pertussis due to a recent outbreak of the illness in the local community. Many of you may be aware of the efforts of San Juan Basin Health Department to investigate the outbreak which has, as of this writing, produced 19 infected individuals. Given the number of persons affected from multiple locations in La Plata and the surrounding counties, medical professionals have been advised to monitor closely for new infections.

Pertussis is also known as whooping cough. This name comes from the nature of the cough as a series of severe fits of coughing followed by a loud “whoop” as the affected person attempts to catch his or her breath. Not everyone experiences this variety of cough.

Pertussis is caused by a bacterium known as Bordetella pertussis. For many years, an effective vaccine to prevent this illness has been used among children to reduce the risk of infection. The vaccine is given to



infants and small children with the final childhood booster dose at age 4-5 years of age. With this vaccination, most individuals are protected.

However, it has been noted that over years, the immunity produced by the vaccine begins to weaken and older adolescents and adults are again susceptible to the infection. For this reason, the Centers for Disease Control in recent years have recommended a booster dose for pertussis at age 11 years and again with the 10 year interval tetanus vaccine given to adults. Now the two vaccines are combined in 1 injection.

Pertussis is spread by large droplets of saliva or mucus. The

infection is most commonly spread with close (3 feet or less) face-to-face contact with an infected individual who is actively coughing. The risk of spread is greatly reduced when the cough is covered.

Infections in healthy adolescents or adults may produce a prolonged cough following a minor respiratory illness. Infected persons may have fits of coughing that are associated with vomiting or difficulty breathing. For most otherwise healthy persons, Pertussis is not typically dangerous. For infants with the illness, Pertussis can pose a life-threatening illness. An important part of immunization strategies is to reduce the risk to these susceptible infants.

It is recommended that all persons who have note received a recent pertussis booster do so to limit the spread of the illness within the community. This includes adults who have not had a tetanus booster in the last 5 years or so.

Persons who feel they may have been exposed to a documented case of pertussis should consult with their health care provider for advice on possible treatment.

The Kidney Corner: “Potassium”

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

Potassium is an electrolyte (charged chemical) which is vital for normal cellular function. By an ingenious system of molecular pumps, all cells in our body maintain a high level of potassium inside the cell while keeping the concentration low outside the cell. This potassium concentration difference between the inside and the outside of cells is important for many of their functions, including muscle contraction and normal functioning of nerve cells.

It is important that blood levels of potassium be neither too high nor too low. Low potassium levels can be caused by diarrhea, vomiting and sometimes medications including some diuretics which cause potassium loss from the urine. Lack of potassium may cause muscle cramps but there are often few or no symptoms. Critically low levels of potassium can be very dangerous due to a

disruption of the heart’s rhythm.

Elevated levels of potassium can also be caused by medications but most cases occur in patients with impaired kidney function. In people with healthy kidneys, a large amount of potassium can be excreted in the urine. Consumption of even large amounts of potassium-rich foods does not therefore usually cause high potassium levels unless kidney function is impaired. High potassium levels can cause weakness but (as with low potassium levels), it can be difficult to detect symptoms in many cases. And again, when levels get very high, the heart is at risk of going into an abnormal rhythm or stopping. In other words, the heart will only tolerate a narrow range of potassium levels to work properly. Fortunately, in healthy people, this tight range of potassium levels is usually maintained quite easily by the kidneys.

For most people with healthy kidneys, taking in adequate amounts of potassium in the diet contributes to good health. Fruits and vegetables are usually good

sources of potassium and foods which are particularly high include bananas, oranges and other citrus fruits, chile, melons, potatoes and tomatoes. Many commercial “salt substitutes” also contain potassium (instead of sodium). Diets which are high in potassium are associated with a lower incidence of high blood pressure. However, in patients with advanced kidney disease potassium intake may need to be limited to avoid dangerously high levels.

Treatment of low potassium is usually simple: replacement of potassium in the diet or with potassium chloride tablets is all that is usually necessary. Bringing down high potassium levels can be more complicated. This may require avoidance of potassium in the diet, discontinuation of medicines which may be contributing to the high potassium, and sometimes use of medicines which bring potassium down including a preparation called Kayexalate which allows potassium loss from the bowel. In serious emergencies, dialysis can be used to bring down potassium levels.

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lations that have to be followed with regard to approving the plans of the new system and adequate financing has to be obtained. Bayfield Town Manager, Justin Clifton, and Mayor, Rick Smith, both agreed that, while financing is being sought for the construction of the new main system to be in Bayfield, the State of Colorado, Bayfield officials and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe can utilize their own manpower to collaborate on an interim solution.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe believes that interim measures have to be the main priority at this point. Continued pollution of Dry Creek can hopefully be remedied by collaborative meetings held with all entities

involved to ensure that water quality is maintained through the Southern Ute Reservation and for downstream users. Michiko Burns, Water Quality Division Manager for the Southern Ute Tribe, stated, “The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to ask that the Tribe be allowed to conduct water testing while interim planning meetings take place.” Bayfield officials did not see a problem with that and offered the Tribe access at any time for water testing by the Tribe’s Water Quality Program.

At this point, all entities are in agreement that interim measures need to be taken. The Southern Ute Tribe has instructed tribal employees to collaborate with

Bayfield town officials and employees to work together and develop a plan to alleviate continued pollution of Dry Creek. “Rather than wasting more money on contractors to come out and come up with solutions, let’s utilize our local manpower and come up with a solution,” stated Tom Brown, Director of the Southern Ute Utilities Division. Both Bayfield and the Southern Ute Tribe feel confident utilizing their current manpower to come up with a interim plan and, before the meeting was through, all entities were in agreement to move forward with interim planning and measures while the new Bayfield wastewater treatment facility is built.



Elder's Corner

February Activities

For All Tribal Elders & Handicap/Disabled

- **Feb. 17: Sun Ray Casino, Farmington, NM - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
- **Feb. 18: Arts & Craft, Southern Ute Senior Center**
- **Feb. 27: Ute Mountain Casino Trip, Towaoc, CO - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Elder Services Department will be traveling to Denver March PowWow on Friday, March 20th and returning on Monday, March 23rd. Tribal Elders, Handicap and disabled who are traveling on there own private vehicles, need to bring in Driver License and up to date vehicle insurance and sign travel request. Deadline is March 6, 2009 at noon. There will be no more last minute travel request after March 6, 2009.

Reminder: Tribal Elder Services provides services to all tribal elders and handicap/disabled in transportation to local business and out of town for shopping and casino trips, home visits, and errands if you don’t want to get out or sick. Call the Elder Services office at (970) 563-0156 to Gloria Frost. For elders who don’t know who works at the department, Staff members are: Phyllis Dodson - Department Division Head, Gloria Frost - Program Manager, Glenda Price - Secretary/Driver, Wilbur Solomon - Driver, Dorothy Wing - Driver, she is on medical leave until February 23, 2009, so in her place temporary is Yvonne Valsco,

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

Invitation To Bid

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE dba SKY UTE CASINO RESORT
SEEKING BIDS FOR PROFESSIONAL AUCTIONEER FIRM

Contact: Sky Ute Lodge & Casino,
Travis Garlick
14324 Hwy 172 N/P.O. Box 340
Ignacio, CO 81137
Telephone: (970) 563-1810
Facsimile: (970) 563-9546
Email: travis.garlick@skyutecasino.com

d.b.a Sky Ute Lodge & Casino. Proposals due no later than 4:00 P.M. MDT, February 12, 2009. Submit Proposals by Mail Delivery: Sky Ute Lodge & Casino, 14324 Hwy 172 Suite 1500, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Travis Garlick or Hand Delivery: Sky Ute Lodge & Casino, Purchasing Department, 14324 Hwy 172 Suite 1500, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Travis Garlick

Requested By: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe

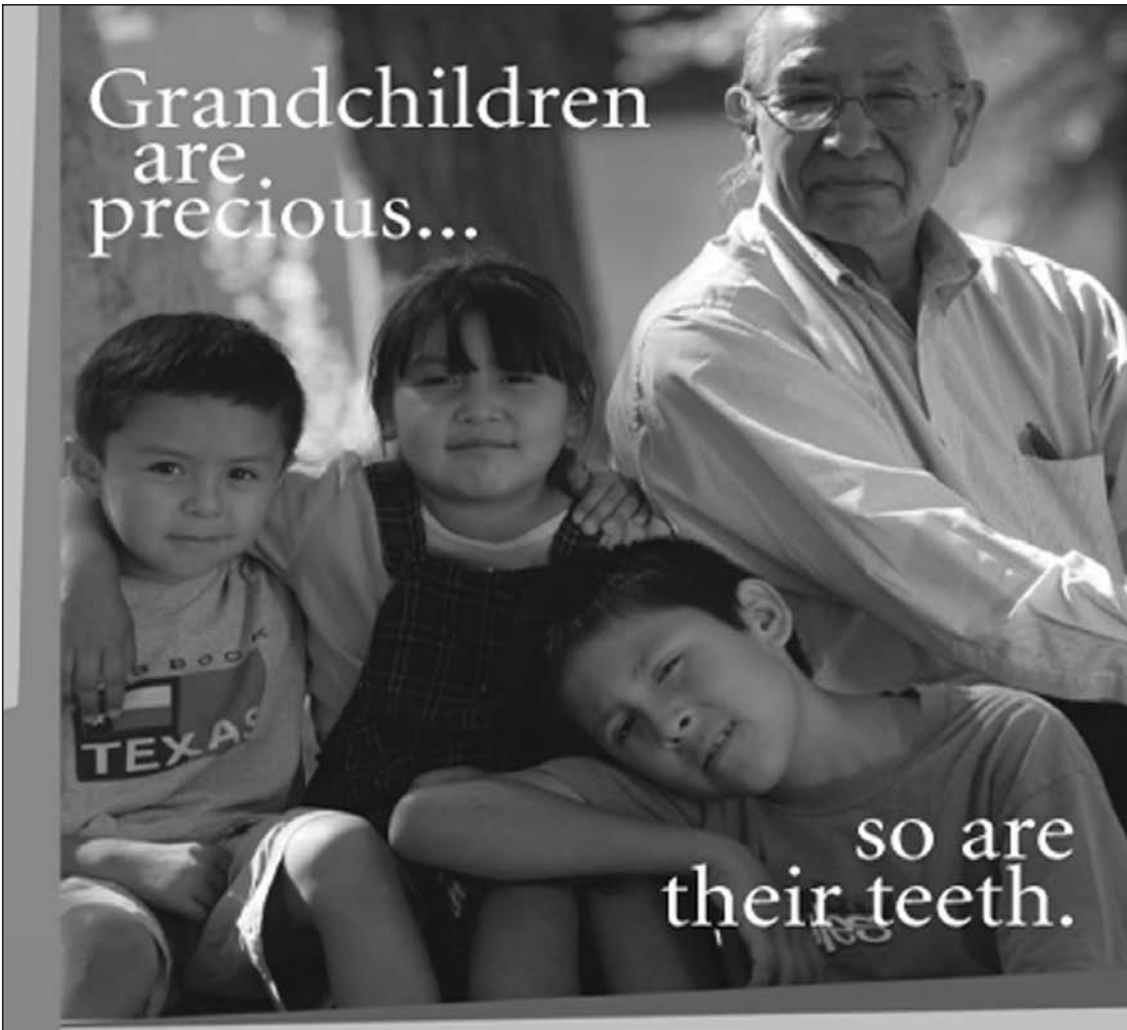
Request For Proposal (RFP)

PLAN CODE REVIEW SERVICES
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT ADDITION

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
(970) 563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from a nationally certified building inspector to provide plan code review services for the new Tribal Court Addition. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:30 PM MDT, Thursday, February 19, 2009. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact

Marquita Gonzales for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or mgonzales@southern-ute.nsn.us. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



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Gung Hay Fat Choy!



photo courtesy SU Boys & Girls Club

Members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe celebrate Chinese New Year (this is also know as Spring Festival or Lunar New Year). Chinese New Year marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is a time for family reunions, for honoring ancestors and for thanking the gods for their blessings. They learned about the lunar calendar, and how there is more than one calendar system in place. The Aztec calendar and the Ute Bear Dance as a celebration of the New Year were brought up as local examples of other New Years. They each learned what animal they were on the Chinese calendar and what traits each animal carries. They made lucky money envelopes (as shown here) that are traditionally filled with money and given to unmarried people or kids. Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Best wishes and Congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year!)

Council & Student Luncheon



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal Council Members met with Ignacio and Bayfield Jr. High School students during the Tribal Council Student Luncheon to speak about the challenges and opportunities that face the youth of today. Tribal Councilwomen Barbara Scott-Rarrick relates some of her own experiences to 7th grade student, Grant Foster, son of Tom and Derla Miller. The luncheon was held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday February 5, 2009.

Higher Education To Offer Classes

• Essential Skills in Business Certificate

The Department of Higher Education is offering the Essential Skills in Business Class, beginning Monday, April 6, 2009. The program is offered to Tribal Members who had completed their High School Diploma or GED. This certificate will prepare tribal members for office jobs in the work force. The Essential Skills Certificate includes 13 classes, over a six month period, which provides 34 San Juan Basin Technical College credits. Classes include computer operation, software training in word processing, spread sheets and data bases, business English and math, basic accounting, personal finances, preparing resumes, technical writing and customer service.

Classes will be offered Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 am until 12 noon. Scholarships will be available for 12 tribal members which will include tuition, books/supplies and a monthly scholarship.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship will be Monday, March 23, 2009, in order to participate. In order for this program to start April 6, there must be a minimum of 10 students.

Please contact the Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Training Coordinator at (970) 563-0237 for scholarship applications, or for more information.

Anyone interested who want to learn basic computer operation will have the opportunity to take classes at the Department of Higher Education. Both classes will carry San Juan Basin Technical credit.

• Computer Keyboarding

This class is a one credit class, which will run for two hours a day on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting March 9, 2009 and ending on March 25th, from 10:00 through 12:00 noon. Class is designed for students who have very little or no typing skills. Participants will learn the alphanumeric keyboard, proper typing techniques and speed control.

• Windows Complete

Windows complete is a three credit class, which is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am through 12:00 noon, starting March 10th and ending on May 19, 2009. Students will learn basic operation of computers the capabilities of Microsoft operating systems, saving and retrieving files, personalizing operation system environment, using computer storage devices, and using the Internet.

The Department of Higher Education, will pay tuition and books/supplies for tribal members, however if student does not attend the class they will have to reimburse back the cost of tuition, books/supplies. The cost is \$60 per credit hour.

If you have any questions, please contact Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Training Coordinator at (970) 562-0237 for more information. The deadline is February 27, 2009. In order to have the classes 10 students must sign up and 12 computers are available.

SUIMA Visits Museum



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Toddlers from the Academy pay a visit to the Ignacio Museum to view a Traditional Ute Parfleche suitcase along with other traditional items. SUIMA students Raehanna Fournier(left) and Ambrose Valdez (right) inspect the museum's glass case and it's contents. These children participated in some hands on learning activities at the Museum before returning to class.

Fun Is Needed Before Good Technique Can Be Had

Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

Awhile back, I was reading Peter Kaminsky's The Fly Fisherman's Guide to the Meaning of Life and came across a statement I felt would be the perfect idea for this month's column. The statement was, "In the end, good technique will improve your results." When I read, and digested, that statement I figured I had hit the mother load; what a great opportunity to write about all the technical "stuff" we as fly-fishing professionals learn and want to pontificate on. This would be my chance to advise my readers on everything they needed to be a great fly-fisher. Then, as they say, "A funny thing happened on the way to the forum," and I discovered a new meaning for technique through two events.

First, I watched a 60-year-old movie, now on DVD, of my mom, dad, and their friends fly-fishing in what appeared to be Yellowstone National Park. Secondly, I went fly-fishing with my new friend, Andy.

Watching my folks from 60 years ago was a hoot. As I watched them fly-fishing, I instantly developed a lesson plan on technique for them. They were

using wimpy fiberglass rods. They were way too wristy with their casts. The flies and lines were making big splashes as they hit the water. They were dressed funny. All-in-all, this was going to be a great lesson from their son. Then I noticed two more things. They were all laughing; they were having a great time. Their lack of proper fly-fishing technique didn't seem to be bothering them. And then the coup de grace to my lesson plan was delivered. While everyone was laughing and having a great time one of the men stepped forward and unloaded six big rainbow trout out of his creel. Obviously the only technique that they needed was to have fun.

Now, fast forward 60 years; time really does fly when we're having fun. I'm standing at the back of Andy's pickup helping him rig-up for a morning of nymphing. I was helping because I had asked Andy if he had much experience with using nymphs and he had said, "no." I, being a retired professional, had lots and was happy to share my vast amount of knowledge. So, I helped him get rigged with two nymphs, a split shot weight, strike indicator (bobber for you non fly-fishers), and lots of leader and tippet. We then helped each other down the snow cov-

ered path into a beautiful clear river. I asked Andy if he would like a demonstration on how best to cast and mend his line. He responded "yes", and I was in hog heaven all over again.

I proceeded to demonstrate with three casts where he should cast his fly and how to mend it. It was on the third cast I noticed I had cast both flies, and the split shot into his yarn indicator. I had created a huge ball of yarn, line, and flies (a rookie mistake made by the professional). Andy looked at the mess, had a quiet chuckle, and then smiled the smile of, "This is going to be fun."

This is where I realized the number one rule for good technique is to have fun. Sure you want your technical "stuff" to get better. But it can't happen unless you are having fun. I think it is impossible to learn if you're not having fun.

Don't beat yourself up trying to improve, or correct something, until you can laugh and smile about your fly-fishing. When you can do that first, and then want to improve some aspect of your technique, then and only then, hire a professional to help with the secondary technical "stuff." A good laugh doing what you enjoy most is the best prescription any doctor can give.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Higher Education Department

8th Annual

Career Fair



When: Wednesday April 15th, 2009

Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Where: The New Sky Ute Casino & Resort Events Center

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Relish The Relentlessness, IHS Fans

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Deep in the [cold] heart of Texas, they might have called for his head on a pike.

Or settle for his job. But they'd at least let Chris Valdez keep both for another dozen seconds, to match the point total his Bobcats allowed—or permitted?—their opponents to score, 17 days following the now-infamous Dallas Academy-at-The Covenant School girls' basketball game of January 13.

TCS head coach Micah Grimes was fired not long after the 100-0 victory in TAPPS (Texas Assn. of Private and Parochial Schools) District 3-2A play, though he defended his team's blowout in a statement on flightbasketball.com:

"We played the game as it was meant to be played....Although a wide-margin victory is never evidence of my compassion, my girls played with honor and integrity and showed respect [to Dallas Academy]."

Valdez couldn't or wouldn't have described the Ignacio boys' 105-12 destruction of helpless 1A Nucla at IHS Gymnasium—marking the Bobcats' scoring extremes this season—any better himself. For any player, coach, official, parent, or fan who's ever heard him shout from the bench knows he demands nothing less than constant all-out effort from

date by IHS, themselves averaging 72.1 points per game—allowing just 34.5—and set to smash the 1,000-point barrier this week.

Ignacio will surpass that mark easily, but don't expect the boys to give less than a 105-point-caliber go against any of their three foes—the loop's most credible.

For starters, OHS (9-6 overall, 8-4 SJBL coming in), Tuesday's opponent at IHS Gymnasium—results were unavailable at trailed by just a slim 31-24 count after two quarters before IHS separated for good with a 24-8 third-quarter outburst.

"We just got bombed," lamented Trojan head coach Jim Blennis. "Wish I knew why, but they [IHS] just didn't miss a lot." In other words, sometimes ____ happens in hoops.



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio junior Terrence Whyte stretches out for a save against Telluride in the Bobcat JV's 39-25 win against Telluride earlier this season at home, as teammate Orion Watts (25) waits in position. IHS rematches the Miners on Valentine's Day at THS.

press time—the 13th. MHS had been riding a five-game win streak before a stinging two-point loss at Dolores last Friday and a 17-point loss at THS the following afternoon.

Gary Hill's Jays also stood 9-6 (8-5 SJBL) as of Monday, entering their own Tuesday night homer against non-league Pagosa Springs—whom Ignacio will battle on the road Feb. 17.

Senior Micah Odoms led with just 11 points in IHS' win over Durango, and classmate Taylor Dean led with 14 against DCHS, showing that not only can the Bobcats light up the scoreboard, but everyone on Valdez's roster is getting a bite at the apple.

And still playing aggressive defense, highlighted by junior Alex Herrera's seven blocked shots against the Demon JV's and classmate Oakley Hayes' seven steals against the Bulldogs.

After PSHS, Ignacio will host Norwood on Feb. 20 (4 p.m.), then head to Ridgway on Feb. 21 (2 p.m.) to conclude the regular season. And though the Bobcats have already beaten both by a combined 55 points, don't expect them—ahead or behind—to decelerate after only 31 minutes of each contest.

For in THIS District 3-2A, Ignacio lives for the final sixty seconds, whether trailing by one or cruising by 93. They won't advance to or through the state tournament any other way.

The lone Gold Ball (1988, Class A-1) in their school's trophy case testifies to that fact.



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

In recent junior varsity action, Ignacio sophomore Jay Black works to drive around a teammate's screen against Dolores. IHS downed the Bears 59-35, and will continue SJBL undercard action this weekend against Mancos and Telluride—both games are away dates.

Basin Busters: 'Cats Cop League Crown

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

After one third, they went out and got themselves another.

But the IHS wrestlers made sure that their third tournament championship this season would quickly supercede the previous two in terms of importance, and help answer questions they may have had after trailing Bayfield and Bloomfield, N.M., at the previous weekend's Ignacio Invitational.

Inside the 'Dawg Pound' at Dove Creek HS last Friday, Ignacio convincingly captured the San Juan Basin League's team title over Norwood, 135 to 97. Nucla (90), DC (89), and Dolores (19.5) followed, meaning not only did the Bobcats secure coach Bob Overturf's first league championship, they did so against teams that pride themselves on the mats each winter.

Ranked ninth as a unit coming in, IHS left Dolores County with two individual champions in top-ranked freshman Alex Pena at 112 pounds and fifth-ranked sophomore Casey Haga at 125. But Ignacio also had eight—yes, eight—grapplers leave with runner-up honors.

Leading the second-placers were juniors Josh Plehinger at 130 pounds and Chance Wyatt at 215. It took back-to-back Class 2A champ and Cornell (NCAA Division I Ivy League, not the D-III Iowa college) University recruit Stryker Lane of Norwood to stop Wyatt, but Plehinger defeated Maverick star junior Seth Gabardi.

Wyatt was still On The Mat's



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Ignacio's Hagen Sanchez, right, puts the squeeze on Gallup's Dillon McDaniel during the Ignacio Invitational—the longest-running annual tournament in the region—on Jan. 31. Sanchez defeated the [New Mexico] District 1-5A Bengal during the 119-pound, 'B' division match, and the Bobcats went on to place third as a team.

#5 at his weight in 2A coming in (Lane was the #1), while Plehinger was seventh in his division (Gabardi was #6).

Freshman Jeff Herrera was second at 119 pounds, as was sixth-ranked sophomore Will Appenzeller (135), senior Raudel Lucero (#8 at 140), sophomore Ethan Pearson (145), Trent Ostendorf (152), and freshman Colton Wyatt. The younger Wyatt had just cracked the OTM listings for the first time, entering the meet as the #15 160-pounder in 2A.

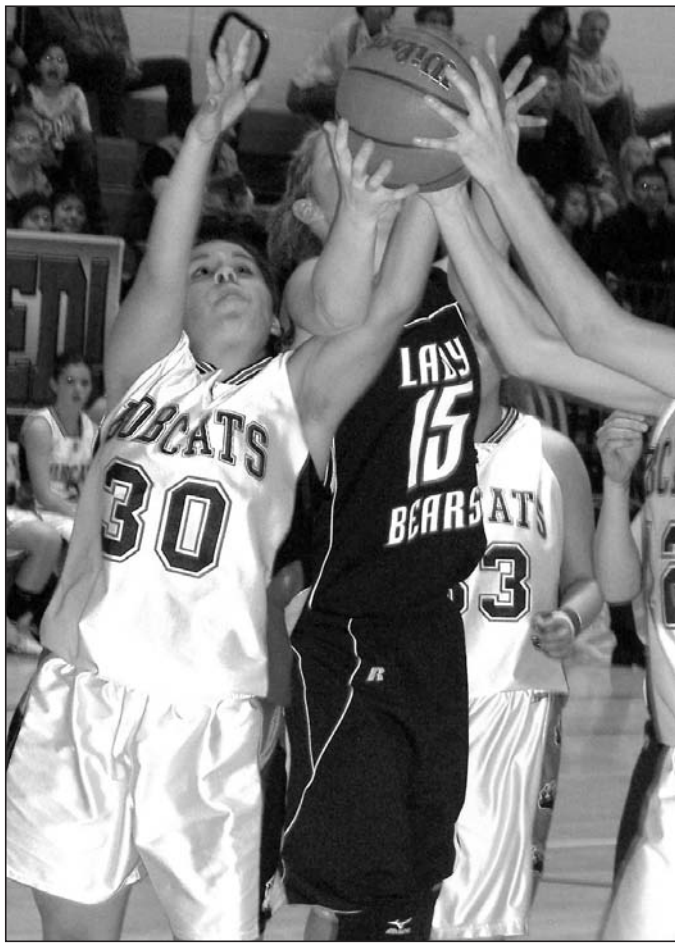
With only the two major post-season stages remaining, IHS will head to this weekend's 2A South Central Regional (a.k.a. Region II), hosted by La Veta HS. Far and away the largest school in terms of enrollment of

the 16 squads scheduled to compete, the Bobcats stand a chance to send a good-sized team up to Pepsi Center for the Feb. 19-21 State Championships, as the top four in each weight advance to the 'Big Dance.'

Norwood, Nucla, DC, and Dolores, however will all be competing in the West Regional (a.k.a. Region I), leaving Ignacio to fend off as many of the following as possible:

Antonito, Centennial [San Luis], Center, Creede, Cripple Creek-Victor, Custer County [Westcliffe], Del Norte, Hilltop Baptist [Colorado Springs], John Mall [Walsenburg], LVHS, Mountain Valley [Saguache], Sanford, Sangre de Cristo [Mosca], Sargent, South Park [Fairplay].

Reach-ing Higher Still



Ignacio junior Cassandra Sanchez battles with Dolores freshman Katlynn McGee for a defensive rebound during IHS' recent home loss to the Lady Bears. Though still winless as of last Friday's loss to seventh-ranked [Class 1A] Dove Creek, the Lady 'Cats are showing more improvement. DC defeated IHS by 50 back in January, but won by just an estimated 20 points the second time around. IHS (0-12, 0-11 SJBL) faces Mancos and Telluride away this weekend.

photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

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

CASE NO. 09-NC-015

IN THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF: **STEPHANIE ELAINE RIVERA**, Civil Subject.

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **STEPHANIE ELAINE RIVERA** has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **STEPHANIE ELAINE GOOD-TRACKS**. 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 **MARCH 2, 2009**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2009.
DOLORES ROMERO, Court Clerk

IN PROBATE NO. 08-PR-177

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 posi-

tion. 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-DN-134

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

SunUte President's Day Hours

President's Day, Monday, February 16th, hours of operation, 8am-5pm
The pool will stay open until 5pm.



Valentine's

WawHchuwiini (8)

February 13, 2009



Roses are Red, Toddler Two kids are sweet. Happy Valentines Day to you all, Your teachers cannot be beat!

Happy Valentine's Day to Noah Box, Raehanna Fournier, Angelo Frost, Walter Reynolds, Derek Sage, Marquise Salazar, Ambrose Valdez, & Harmony Yslas!

Congratulations & Many Valentines to Graduates Krystyn Weaver & Christen Heart!
Love Academy Guides, Judith & Marlene

To Veronica Herrera
Thank you for being my valentine. You have stood by me through thick and thin and I would like to thank you for that. I look forward to many more years together. Thank you so much.
Happy Valentine's Day!!!! Steve Herrera Sr.

Happy V-day to Marietta & Boys
Derrick & Leigh

Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy birthday to Geneva Gomez and family.
Derrick & Leigh

Happy Valentines Day to Gloria and Green.
Derrick & Leigh

India and Dominic, sending our love to you on Valentine's day.
Leigh & Derrick

Happy Valentines to my wife Hope R. Box, thank you for our Children and 15 years of marriage... I Love you with all my heart and soul.
Matthew J. Box

To all my family, sisters, daughters & grandchildren, Happy Valentines Day! To Greg Borst, my best friend, counselor, music maker to my songs, another 30 years!
Marge Borst

To the Richards & Ortiz Families, Happy Valentine's Day hope your wildest dreams come true lol!!!! God Bless....Love you all!!
Love Always, Esther & Davian

To Davian, Happy Valentines Day my sonny boy!! You're the best son anyone one could ask for and more!!! Love you with all my heart!!!!
Love Always, Mommy Esther

Devon & Ryan and Gregory & Vana. Congratulations Guys on the new baby girl & baby boy!!!
Love Always, Esther & Davian

Forrest
Here's a birthday wish for you hope you have a wonderful day! Happy Birthday!!!!!!
Much Love, Esther & Davian

To Mom, Happy Valentine's Day! We love you & miss you.
Love, Keenan & Nash from Las Vegas

To D'Arcy, Daniel, & the kids, We hope you guys have a wonderful Valentine's Day.
Much love from Las Vegas, Keenan & Nash

To Joyce, Mark, & Dante, Happy Valentine's Day! Hope you have a good one.
Love, Keenan & Nash

To Angelica, Jon, & Gavin, Happy Valentine's Day! Have a good one.
Love, Auntie Nash & Uncle K

Happy Valentine's Rodney
You are my heart, my soul, my lover, my friend. Thank you for being my Honey.
Always yours, Margaret

We like to wish Geneva Gomez, Happy Birthday & Valentine's Day on Feb. 14th. You are so caring and thoughtful, of all the things that you do. Have a great time on your birthday.
Love, Mom & Green

Happy Valentine's Day across the miles to Marietta, Cadell, Dillon, Triston and Candace. You're in our hearts.

Love, Mom & Green



You're never to old to sit on your mom's lap for a hug.
Happy Valentine's Day to Taylor Dean and his mom, Andrea Taylor.

Happy Valentine's Day for two special people on Valentine's Day, Leigh & Derrick.
Love, Mom & Green

We like to wish Kenneth, Geneva, Xavier, Avvione and Ebony a Happy Valentines Day .
Love, Mom & Green

Loren, We like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. You also been there for us, you never complained. That is why we love you.
Love, Uncle & Auntie

Happy Valentine's Day to two special Ladies, Snowbird & Springwind Frost
Love, Green & Gloria

Happy Valentine's Day to my Beautiful and loving children Rylan and Nick. I love you both sooo very much and I can't wait to see you both everyday. I know that you both have been through a lot. Remember that dad loves you both and is with you always.
Love, Mom

To my best friend Richard S. Herrera, I talk to you everyday and let you in on what up. I miss you a lot but I know in my heart you are in a wonderful place. Thanks for visiting us!!
Just me, Nat

To my mother, Maxine and my sister, Wahleah. Thanks for being there and sharing your love. Ya' the best! Happy Valentine's Day!

To Megan, Rena, Sly, and Donavon
Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. You drive me crazy! But hey, what is family for. I love you all.
Your Mom, Your Aunt your Grandma

To my baby girls, Keyana and Mamakwa Valdez, you are my everything and my most special valentines. I love you with all my heart have a splendid Valentine's Day and thank you for always making me smile with your humor and laughter.
Huggies & kisses, Momma O



Happy Valentine's Day to our baby sister, Haidy Valdez! We love you bubby!
With love-your sisters, Key & Makwa

Happy Valentine's Day Bro, Sister, Tom, & Grant
Love Ya'll Lots, ETP

Mahal, Iniibig Kita!
Nana

A mon epouse et fils merveilleux, un - etait toi ou moi, Deux - etiez toi et i, Trois est ce qui etait mean't a etre!
Je t'aime,

Happy Valentine's Day To All my Grand children: Ethan, Ayden, Jania and Baby C. You all have made me so very Happy!
Love You All, Grandpa

Valentine's Wishes to All My Kids, Berni, Lori & War, Josie & Happy Birthday Scotty. May the Creator Watch over you all and send my Love to each of you, Where ever you may travel on Mother Earth.
Love, Dad

To All My Girls: Kim & Somiya, Bridget & Janessa, J'Rita, Arianna, Ariel and Tim, may you all have a wonderful Valentine's Day. You girls mean the world to me and I am glad to have you in my life.
Love always, Mom

Randall, Happy Valentine's Day.
Marilyn

I just wanted to wish my daughter "Mariah Amanda Thompson" a "Happy Valentines Day" and hope that you enjoy it and get a lot of valentines cards.
Love you always, Mom

Pearl, Krystofer and Lauryn
Happy Valentine's Day to our beautiful daughters.
We love you, Mom and Dad

Sven, You're the one I want to watch PV sunsets with...
Love, Ob

We love you Mom & Dad (Pat & Russell)
Love from the Hastings family

We love you Mom & Dad (Barney & Nelda)
Love, Steve, Obbie and Lauryn

I want to wish a Happy Valentine's Day to Abel Romero and Dawnnet Naranjo, in Phoenix, Arizona, take care of each other and remember that I Love you both.
Love, Mom Luana

A Very Happy Valentine's Day to my daughter Renelda Herrera, and my Grandson's, Jalen, Josh and Staffon, my your day be blessed I Love all of you.
Mom Luana

Happy Valentine's Day to my daughter Elania Romero and my grandson's Cesar, Jawadin and Jesus, my your day be blessed with love and laughter I Love all of you.
Mom Luana

Happy Valentine's Day to my sister's Becky, Gina my brother 's Keith, Frank and Shawn and all my nieces and nephews, I Love all of you guys, also to my dad Bennett Thompson, I Love you more then words can say
Always, Luana

Manford and Brandi Raines, We would like to wish our Sister, Sister-In Law, Brother-In Law, Aunt, and Uncle a Happy Valentines Day! We appreciate and love having you both in our lives. Continue to keep your love for one another as you go through the years!
Love, Mikki, Michael, Seth, Kai, Alexandria Roubideaux

To our niece and cousin Tauri Raines, Happy Valentines Day sweetheart! Hope you get a lot of hugs, kisses, and lots of candy! You are so cute and we enjoy seeing you grow and watching how smart you are! Enjoy your day little cutie...
Love, Aunt Mikki, Uncle Michael, Cousins Seth, Kai & Alexandria

Mom, Happy Valentines Day! We would like to wish you lots of hugs and kisses for a wonderful mom, mother-in law, and grandma Thank you for the many things you have done for us. You are much appreciated and loved!
Love, Mikki, Michael, Seth, Kai and Alexandria

Neida Ray and Kids:
Happy Valentines Day crew! We hope you all get lots of hugs, kisses, and candy!
The Roubideaux's

Happy Valentine's Day to my adopted grand-daughter and little heartbreaker Toots!
Your adopted Grandma Tara

Happy Valentine's Day to my Sweethearts; Jalisa, Jesse, Carlos and Shyanne! I love you all and hope you have a Great Day!
Love, Mom

Happy Valentine's Day to my siblings Wenchell, Jahosafat, Pedrito, Daze Dukes, Yo Butt and A.J. bo-bay-jay-fee-fi-fo-fay-jay! I Hope cupid plays you good this year, if not then I guess you might as well keep hanging out down South on "Lil Mexico Night!"
Love Sister T!!

Happy Valentine's Day to my mother and our grandma Darlene Frost! Words can not say how much you are loved and appreciated! Have a Great Day!
Love your daughter & grandkids!

Happy Valentine's Day to our Aunt Dona, thanks for all you do for us, like making us laugh all the time with your crazy jokes and silly elder moments!
Love your niece T and my little Tribe! (All 7 of them!)

Happy Valentine's Day to my little Angels; Mariah Rose, Shay Mya and Mr. Peyton! You truly are the best sweethearts anybody could ask for!

Love, Nina Tara

Happy Valentine's Day to my Dad Pete and Mar! I hope you two have a wonderful relaxing day!
Love, Your daughter Tara

Happy Valentine's Day to Jordan, Jazmine and Jace, the cutest little bundle of joy!
Love, Auntie Tara

Happy Valentine's Day to ALL my crazy friends out there! May your day be filled with love, peace and happiness!
Tara

JUST want to wished our Mom, "LaVara", who is no longer with us, a happy birthday on Valentine's Day. We wished that you were here with us, so we can enjoy being with you to celebrate your birth. Just know, that we'll be thinking of you on your day and we love and miss you very much. To my dad, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and to my "ornery" friends, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! And also to "Uncle Nate and Aunt Theatis!
Love you all, "Becky T."

Happy Valentines Day to my one and only RC Lucero! I love you sooo much! The course of our love never did run smooth and although we've been through rough times, it's made us stronger & appreciate each other more now. Thank you for always being there for me. You mean more to me than you'll ever know. I loved you THEN, as I do NOW, ALWAYS AND FOREVER!
Hugs and Kisses, Wren

To my daddy RC on Valentines Day. I love you daddy very much. I like how you play with me and How we make funny faces to each other. I'm soo lucky to have the best daddy ever! Love you!
Stoney John

To My Debbie & Grandpa Joe, I love you, Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Gracie Girl

To Mom, Thanks for all you do, When the going gets tough we are all always here for you and each other. We treasure all of our wonderful family memories we have that will never be forgotten. Happy Balentine's Day! Study hard! We love you so much, words cannot express, god bless you mom.
Love, Ames, Mods, Pres, Nora and your "Lil" Sunshine Crew"

To my sisters, Jen & Hats and my brother Pres. Happy Heart Day to you and your families.
Love ya, Ames and Crew

To Our nephews Terrance, Ethan and Ayden Barry and of course, Tonio. Happy Valentine's Day, we love you!
Love, Auntie Amy and Mario



Happy Valentine's Day to our children, Tyler and Gracie Girl, we love you both and enjoy every minute with you!
Love, Mom and Dad

To Auntie Edna & Uncle Ray, Happy Valentine's Day, we love you and thanks for always having the biggest hearts no matter what!
Love you, Amy & Family

To Andrew, Happy Valentine's Day! We love you.
Love, Dad and Amy

To Mom and Dad, thanks for everything you guys do for us, cooking, visiting, laughing, we have had some really great times. We cherish those and hope for many more - happy heart day!
Mario and Amy

To our kidz, Angelina & Nick Weaver, Ashley & J.D. Murray, Arlan & Tonya and Jr. Tomy and Lynda Reed. Also, my other three, Brandon, Doug & Tim. We are wishing each of you a very happy valentine's day. We love each of you with all we have no matter where we are. You are always in our thoughts and prayers each and every day. May the Creator keep you safe and happy. Thank you for everything you have done for us. We will always be thankful for everything no matter what obstacles amy be in our way. We will all one day be one big family, So today and everyday we love you.
Love, Mom and "Dad" Reed

To my dad, Alden Naranjo Jr., my gramz Bertha Grove, my uncle Terrance Naranjo & my aunt San Jean BigPond we want to say Happy Valentine's Day and thank you for everything. We love you guys, may Creator keep you all safe and strong each day.
Just us, Jon & Star Reed

To my grandchildren, Jordan, Jace, Jazmin, Ja'Nik, January, Julius and Eagle Boy. I love you all and miss each of you- Happy Valentine's Day my precious ones. May the Creator keep you in his arms and protect you each and every day. I will always be here for you I love you all.
Love, Gramz Star & Jon Reed

To the Ladies of E-Dorm at SUDC. Happy Valentine's Day!! May you all go home soon!
"BISCUIT"

To my bro, Nelson, sister, KC & my bro Keaton
Happy Valentine's Day guys - I love and miss you, may you BE GOOD and be safe. Have a good Valentine's Day and all that (haha) May the Creator watch over you and your families each and every day. I pray for you all.
Love your sister, Star Naranjo Reed

To my Husband Jon Reed, I love you with everything that is me - I thank the Creator for bringing you to me and everything we have had to go through. It will only get better. So words can't tell you how much you mean to me and our family here and afar. So today, Happy Valentine's Day my "Big Jon" I will always be here for you. I love you baby.
Star Reed

Happy Valentine's Day to Rondra & Family, Renalda & Family and Melissa & Family, thanks for being there.
Jon & Star Reed

Happy Valentine's Day to my Aunties, Uncles and cousins. I love you all.
Just me, Star Reed

To Kat & Baby, I love you niece, Happy Valentine's Day. I'm proud of you for coming back to school. May Creator keep you and baby safe.
Love, Auntie Star

To Our Mother, LaVara Thompson
May you rest in peace
Through the grace and
The glory of our Lord.
We love and miss you
More than we ever
Thought possible.
We know you are here,
We can feel it, just like
The wind, we can't see it,
But we know you are
There. May you find your
Heart never to be broken,
And my your wings fly
You to Heaven, so you
Can be free of pain and
Sorrow. You will forever
Be in our hearts and dreams.
May the Angels watch over
You and your loved ones.
You'll never be forgotten
In our hearts.
*We love you Always.
Dad, Luana, Becky, Frank,
Keith, Shawn, Jogenia,
Your Grandkids and Great
Grandkids*

Kyle, Natelle & Krislynn, Happy Valentine's Day!
Wishing you sweet treats and fun surprises on Valentine's Day and every day all year long! So Have a red-hot, turbo-charged, revved-up, ready-to-go kind of Valentine's Day!
Love, MOM

To my April Rose, I love you much. Your mother's heart will always stay strong with prayers for you're freedom. I will never give up on you. God bless you sweetie on this day of love.
Mother

A Happy Valentine's Day to my not-so little Milagro Mariposa... May your Valentine's be filled with the love, you so deserve. As I know you you have so much to give, yet we must never forget to give to ourselves as well. We must always remember where we came from and always keep an eye on where we are going. Without those that have gone on before us, we would not be where we are today. Remember the ones in the spirit world as they are there when you need them, to give you strength and guidance.
Always your Padre' Roberto

Happy-Happy V-D to my two Twizted Sisterz, Bel & Mel and your crazy daughterz & precious grand-daughters.

Blenda, Sapphire & Alexis Melinda, Mataya & Adrienne
Love always, your brother, uncle and great uncle!!! Bobbylew!!!

Happy Valentines to my five loving children and my husband Walter!
Only me, Inch

To: My Loving Husband Walter
We go through everything together- weather we like it or not and that's why our marriage is so sacred. I just wanted you to know, You are my love and my Friend, so don't make me give you some Indian Love.
Love your mean wife, Inch



Rachel, Hello Beautiful, I hope our second Valentines together proves to be as wonderful as the first and all those after! Thank you for sharing in this journey with me!!
Love Jeremy



SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND - POSITIONS

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

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

Geologist I
Closing Date 2/17/09 - Red Willow Production Co. Acquires, prepares and interprets geologic data relevant to Red Willow's operations, outside operated interests, and new opportunities, and, identifies, evaluates, and develops exploration and development opportunities.

Engineering Technician
Closing Date 2/18/09 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Tracking project progress status and analyzing cost data, maintaining accurate records in files and databases, and, maintaining and updating archive databases to record pipeline and facility additions and modifications.

Office Assistant
Closing Date 2/18/09 - SU Growth Fund

Coordination of general department office duties, including copying, filing, and miscellaneous clerical duties.

Director of Execution and Construction
Closing Date 2/23/09 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Providing safe execution and construction management, cost control, schedule control, coordination with engineering and operations on all major projects, pipeline systems, compression facilities and processing plants.

Internships
Closing Date 3/27/09 - SU Growth Fund
This is an opportunity to learn fundamentals within a particular career field and build a foundation upon which to market skills and abilities.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - POSITIONS

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396

**Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.*

Receptionist Mail Clerk
Closes 02/15/09 - Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed.

Tribal Ranger (4 positions)
Closes 02/20/09 - Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies.

Boys & Girls Club Tutor
Open Until Filled - Coordinating and facilitating Boys & Girls Club's Power Hour tutoring program; Monday through Thursday, weekly. Tutors will assist youth, ages 6-18, with daily homework or else provide them with additional educational literature during the allotted time.

Lead Maintenance Technician Trainee
Open Until Filled - Trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member. This position was developed in order to train a Southern Ute Tribal member to become fully competent in all the essential duties and responsibilities of the Lead Maintenance Technician. The length of trainee program is one year with semi-annual evaluations and merit increases based upon performance. The beginning wage is 10% below a grade 16. Upon completion of the program, incumbent will be responsible for providing maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventive maintenance services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and functions as Acting Division Supervisor in the Supervisor's absence. Collects and categorizes information on systems and equipment. Tracks preventive maintenance, work orders, time and materials for Division's operations. Monitors budget and expenditures. Directs and supervise work on special projects.

Patrol Officer
Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Ute Language Teacher
Open Until Filled - Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Academy (SUIA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Hotline • (970) 563-4777
A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 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.
** Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.*

Tribal Member For Wildlife Division Advisory Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill a vacant seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This Board, established by the Council in 2005 and consisting of 5 volunteer members, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board should submit a brief letter of interest to the SUIT Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

Census Takers

US Census Bureau is now hiring temporary census takers in all areas. No experience required. Up to 40 hrs/wk. \$12.00 to \$18.75/hr. .55 cents per mile reimbursement, flexible hrs, work near home. 8+, valid SSN, must pass background check and take skills test. Call toll free 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov. Must be Native American.

Found

Found in the powwow arena at the Southern Ute Tribal Fair PowWow this past September, 2008. Black backpack with traditional items inside. Please call to identify (970) 563-3662.

SUCAP

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

Driver
Open Until Filled - SUCAP Road Runner Transit Hiring F/T. HS Diploma/GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Current CDL with passenger endorsement preferred - we will train. 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.

Program Aide
Open Until Filled - Ignacio Senior Center/SUCAP Coordinate and keep records for services rendered to local elderly and disabled. General office duties, deliver Meals on Wheels, and other related duties as assigned. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid Colorado driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Residential Assistant
Open Until Filled - Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP Full-time. Must have high school diploma/GED, minimum 2 years of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Great benefits. Must pass criminal history background check.

Youth Peer Organizer (YPO)
Open Until Filled - SUCAP High school students with good communication skills to recruit other youth to participate in alcohol/substance abuse prevention efforts and policy planning. Requires dedication of 5 hours/week for a maximum of 39 weeks. \$6/hr, Part-time, no benefits.

Program Director
Closing Date 2/20/09 - SUCAP Head Start Seeks a highly motivated individual with experience in the field of early childhood development to oversee all operations of an award-winning program serving 132 children and their families. Must have a BA in Early Childhood Education or closely related field, three years demonstrated success in a Head Start program, management and administration, staff supervision, budget and records management. Preferred Experience: federal grant management, grant-writing, work with volunteer boards, program evaluation, experience in a multi-cultural setting. Competitive salary, excellent benefits.

Various Full-Time & Part-Time Positions
Open Until Filled - Ignacio Head Start/SUCAP Teacher/Sub-Teachers, Bus Driver, DTBY Program Aide. Must pass background checks, please call (970) 563-4566 and ask Char Schank for more info.

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Kitchen Supervisor - FT
Kitchen Utility Steward - FT
Restaurant, Buffet Manager - FT
Restaurant Busser - PT
Restaurant Cashier - FT, PT
Restaurant Supervisor (Rolling Thunder) - FT
Restaurant Wait Staff (Aspen) - FT, PT, OC
Round Cook - FT
Hotel/Lodge
Gift Shop Sales Clerk - FT

Room Attendant - FT
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Surveillance Lead Video Tech - FT
Surveillance Video Tech - FT
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Table Games Supervisor - FT
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Transportation Staff/Valet - PT

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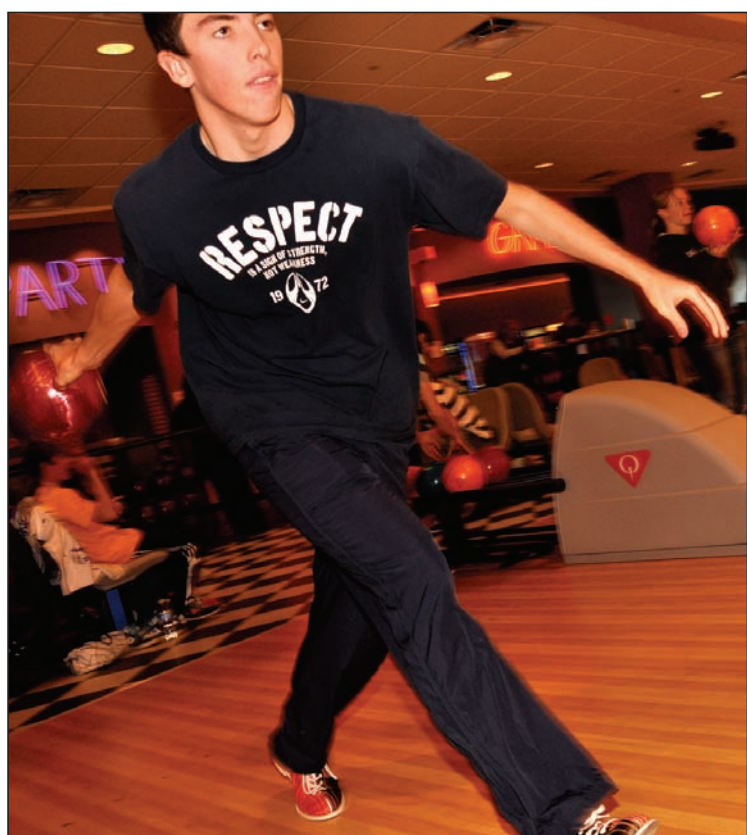
Southern Ute Tribal Elder, Kenny Frost takes a moment to prepare a blessing for the newly placed bronze statue “Sunrise Song” created by sculptor Oreland Joe of Kirtland, NM (above, left). The flute player statue was delivered and set on Thursday, February 12, 2009 in front of the East entrance (Event Center) to the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Editors Note: Permission was granted by Kenny Frost, a Sundancer and Tribal Elder prior to the Drum photographer taking the photo of the blessing (at right).



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High School Leadership



La Plata students hit the Rolling Thunder Bowling Lanes on Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-five High School students from Ignacio, Bayfield, and Durango in leadership training and education programs meet monthly. Shane Brooks, a Junior at Ignacio High School, is seen in action at Left. Also repressing Ignacio High School was Hannah Minkler. This event was held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

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Tribe’s Royalty Represent at Snowdown



Snowdown in Durango, Colorado is a long-standing tradition for locals. The 5-day event was held January 28 - February 1, 2009. The weekend Snowdown festivities were kicked off with the traditional light parade on Main Street through historic downtown on Friday night, January 30, 2009. The theme for this year’s Snowdown was “In Da Nile” with an Egyptian flare. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was represented with their own float appropriately named “Royalty on the Nile” made up of Royalty members and a youthful drum group. Junior Miss Southern Ute Brianna GoodTracks-Alires daughter of Jennifer GoodTracks and Tom Alires and Little Miss Southern Ute Izabella Valdez daughter of Marquetta and Walter Howe represented Tribal Royalty. The drum group consisted of Southern Ute Academy and Ignacio school students.

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