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Southern Ute Vice-Chairman Attends Presidential Signing

Council Update
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

On February 17, 2009 a historical moment took place at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. President Barack Obama, (right) along with Vice President Joe Biden to signed the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill). The signing of the Stimulus Bill allows 3 billion dollars for Indian Country, which consists of BIA programs and facilities, transportation, housing, public safety, health, water, endowment and energy. Over 200 people were invited to witness the signing. Southern Ute



and Ute Mountain Ute delegates were given the opportunity to attend with other Colorado leaders. Vice-Chairman Jim Newton,

Jr. (left) represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Chairman Ernest House, Sr. represented Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

“A day to remember,” Vice-Chair Newton comments. “The President came back to Colorado and made history and as a Tribal

leader it felt good knowing that Colorado is the original homeland of the Ute People,” added Vice-Chair Newton.

Chairman Appoints Executive Officer

Media Release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Johnny T. Valdez, a Southern Ute Tribal descendant, 41, has been appointed by Chairman Matthew J. Box to be one of the new Executive Officers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Mr. Valdez's role will be to oversee the administrative details of the Executive Office. Mr. Valdez attended Ignacio High School and graduated as a Valedictorian of his class in 1985. He also attended college at the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and Fort Lewis College. He started his supervisory career as a BIA wildfire fighter at the Southern Ute Agency (1985-1987) and as a Flagstaff Hotshot (Yellowstone 1988). His private contract administration experience began with tree planting, thinning, and trail building for the US Forest Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1989. He has spent a total of 20



years as an owner of Valdez Native Plants and Landscaping and Tava Wu Cuttum (a Native Owned Irrigation and Landscape contracting company). His companies, both operated in the Ignacio - Bayfield - Durango area, did numerous contracts both privately and with various entities of the Southern Ute Tribe. In order to avoid any potential for or perception of a conflict of interest between his companies and his new role with the Tribe,

Mr. Valdez relinquished his ownership and interest in both of his companies prior to accepting the appointment. He will not engage in any activity, either directly or indirectly, related to his former businesses while with the Tribe. Tava Wu Cuttum (a company which employs 13 to 25 Native American workers) will continue to operate under the ownership of his father, Sylvia T. Valdez, a member of the Southern Ute Tribe and a long standing member of the Tribe's Committee of Elders. Any matters that may arise from within the Tribe's administration related to such business shall be handled by Mr. Andrew Frost, the Tribe's Co-Executive Officer, and Mr. Valdez will recuse himself from such matters. Mr. Valdez has spent most of his life in the local community contracting, coaching and raising his family. He, his wife Wendy, and their two youngest children John, 9, and Elizabeth, 7, live between Ignacio and Bayfield.

Native American Culinary Program Offered Through Sky Ute Casino's CDP



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Pascal Dionot of the Classic Cooking Academy works with Juan Pena of the Sky Ute Casino Resort to prepare a meal using ingredients traditional to Native American cooking. Pena is a line cook in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Culinary Department.

Jacqueline Cantsee
Sky Ute Casino Resort CDP Manager

It was an honor to have the Classic Cooking Academy of Scottsdale AZ come to the Sky Ute Casino Resort on the request of the Career Development Program, Jacqueline Cantsee, CDP Manager, who organized with the F&B Director Mr. Steve McDonald, and Chef Vincent Hernandez. On February 13th, 2009, Mr. Pascal Dionot-Director, and Mr. Freddie Bitsoie - Assistant Director of the Classic Cooking Academy demonstrated the artisanship of the Native American Culinary Program. The presentation was for the Sky Ute Casino Resort Culinary employees who are members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Mr. Brett Martinez, Mr. Juan Pena, Mr. Jared Carell, and an interested individual by the name of Mr. Anthony Cloud. The individuals were interested in obtaining a career in the culinary area, and were very excited about the presentation.

The reason for bringing the chefs to the Sky Ute Casino Resort was due to the unique style of interpreting the indigenous cultural foods into the world of fine dining. The Career Development Program is interested and has presented the idea to the F&B Director to use these individuals upon completion of attending this culinary six month program, who would also be in training, and work experience throughout the next 2 years to obtain a degree of professionalism in the culinary arts. While bringing back the knowledge obtain from the uniqueness of cooking with indigenous cultural foods. “The primary mission of Classic Cooking Academy is to provide affordable and superior education. The Academy stands alone in that it offers classic training, the basis of all culinary knowledge, and combines it with an emphasis on nutrition, health, and the influence of Native American an indigenous products on world cuisine.” (Mission

Statement, 2008 Classic Cooking Academy). As I interviewed and asked questions of the chefs from the Classic Cooking Academy I learned that Chef Pascal is a very well-known chef in the culinary arts. His experience has carried him to Paris, Washington DC, and other extensive fine dining restaurants. What was exciting was that Chef Pascal has taught many students who have appeared on the Top Chef, and Iron Chef television shows this past season. Chef Bitsoie is a student of Chef Pascal and is assisting the Native American program at the Classic Cooking Academy. The Academy is designed with three very important factors in mind, Classic French technique, Native American ingredients, and the student. Classic Cooking Academy is different form all culinary schools in the country in that they are the only school with a Native American Culinary

Gem Village Wastewater Update

by Robert L. Ortiz
Drum Media Manager

A meeting was held at the Bayfield City Hall on February 13, 2009, to discuss interim improvements that could be made to the Gem Village wastewater treatment plant. The February 13th meeting followed an earlier meeting held in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Leonard C. Burch Building on February 6, 2009. Both meetings were called to address concerns raised by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe regarding the threat to water quality on the Reservation posed by ongoing violations of wastewater treatment standards at the Gem Village facility. Those in attendance at both meetings included members of the Tribe's Utilities and Environmental Programs Divisions (EPD), as well as officials from the Town of Bayfield

and the State of Colorado. During the meeting on February 13th, attendees discussed a list of suggested interim improvements that had been compiled by the Tribe and engineers from the State of Colorado. These improvements included increasing the water level in the plant's treatment cells, adding bacterial support curtains to cells 1 and 2, adding chlorine contact chamber baffles, and improving the discharge pipe. After discussion of the proposed interim improvements, Justin Clifton, Bayfield Town Manager, agreed to begin work on the suggestions by February 17, 2009 and Greg Brand, Colorado's local water quality inspector, stated that the State of Colorado will not allow a phased approach to the improvements but that all five of the recommended improvements must be developed simultaneously. In addition to measures taken

by the Town of Bayfield, the Tribe's EPD will be purchasing a 24-hour composite sampler in order to sample the inflow and effluent of the plant. The composite sampler will take a sample of the inflow and outflow every hour to monitor the contaminants passing through the treatment plant and to check the plant's performance. Upon the initiation of the interim improvements, water quality should immediately improve; however, EPD will continue to monitor water quality near the Gem Village and main Bayfield wastewater treatment plants for the next year to ensure the new plant and lift station are operating effectively. The Town of Bayfield anticipates that the existing Gem Village plant should be replaced by a new lift station that ties into the main Bayfield wastewater treatment facility by November 1, 2009.



So. Ute Royalty Quarterly Report

Eleanor Frost
Miss Southern Ute, 08-09



Greetings,

My name is Eleanor Frost, this years' Miss Southern Ute 2008-2009. I'm now 19 years old and have lived in Denver for six months now and living life as a city girl is a wonderful experience. I've started College at The Metropolitan State College of Denver and so far its challenge but I'm enjoying every bit of campus life. But living in Denver has not distracted me from doing my duties.

Before I started college, in September, I attended the Southern Ute Fair where I was crowned Miss Southern Ute. The experience was overwhelming but also very enjoyably great and it's an experience I'll treasure forever. Then on the 4th of October I traveled to Fort Duchesne to attend a powwow and unexpectedly the Cheyenne River Sioux, South Dakota Community Committee, Denelle High Elk and Codi High Elk presented to me a Proclamation declaring August 30 of 2008 Tri-Ute Day. I was asked to take the proclamation back to my tribe and to present it to them. I did so by presenting Tribal Council with the Proclamation on October 14, 2008.

Before going in front of council, I attended the Garden of the Gods Exhibition in Colorado Springs on Oct. 11 the Saturday before. I never attended that exhibition before and it was fun to check it out for the first time.

On Oct. 14, after being in front of tribal council, Little Miss Southern Ute, Izabella Valdez and my self made a special appearance to the Southern Ute Head Start and the Early Head Start. Where we went around and visited with the little folk and told them who we were. For me that was a little hard because I kind of spoke to them as if they were adults and it was funny

because they gave me a blank stare, and I give Izabella props for speaking to them better than I could. But I had fun.

Then on Nov. 6th I attended the 5th Annual American Indian Scholars Gala. It is a program that gives scholarships to American Indian Students. It was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Denver. It was a formal dinner that had traditional dancing and performances from Eric Herrera, musician, storyteller and actor and Charles Denny, 2008 World Champion Adult Hoop Dancer. And to wrap it up I seen 13 deserving students receive their scholarships. That night is one I'll never forget.

I then flew back to Ignacio and tried to keep my self busy as much as I could. On Nov. 14th I was able to attend the media days at the new Sky Ute Casino and Resort, where I gave a short greeting to everyone and participated in a grand entry. Shortly after, since it being Native American Awareness month, I left visiting and performed at the Elementary School and High School. I very much enjoyed being at both schools, speaking and dancing and look forward to attending next year. The following day I attended the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner and assisted by handing out raffle tickets to everyone at the doors of the Sky Ute Event Center. It was a real pleasure getting to talk with a few people and seeing so many attend.

On the following Monday, I paid a visit to the Jr. High School where I had a chance to speak with a group of students telling them about a few past experiences of my own, about how hard it can be to be easily influence by friends or other peers. I also spoke about trying to keep our cultures and traditions going by staying strong and to try to be above drugs. Knowing that I inspired at least a few from what I had said makes me want to speak with more students, whom are willing to listen and hopefully take at least a fraction from what I am trying to get across to them and to apply it to their own lives.

The day after I spent the lunch period with a small group of girls at the Intermediate School answering questions about my life such as; what its like to be Miss Southern Ute, what it is I had to do to become royalty, explained what every piece of my regalia was and meant and what

events I get to attend. It was a short visit but a fun and interesting one and hopes that they enjoyed it as well. After lunch was over I took a small break of my own then headed over to the Casino for the soft opening where I met and greeted people, heard thank you speeches to everyone who helped bring the casino together and got to see a few elders be the first to play the slots and then got kicked off the floor (ha-ha) and into the event center to relax and enjoy a few refreshments and later had a chance to bowl a few games on the rolling thunder lanes. All in all it was a pretty fun/awesome day.

On the 22nd, that following Saturday, I attended a meeting where I had a chance to meet and eat lunch with the head staff and host southern drum. A few giggles and talking with a few members made it a very delightful lunch. Later that afternoon I joined my dad Andrew Frost and others and danced at the Veterans Day Gourd Dance session. I didn't get a chance to finish the whole session because then I left to try and help set up and serve for dinner. Help serving kind of wore me out but I enjoyed it very much so. And to finish off that day I attended the powwow that evening. Everything I got to do that day was very fun and I enjoyed it so much and I can't wait to attend next years'.

I finished up my two week visit in Ignacio by attending my last event, the grand opening of the Sky Ute Casino and Resort and even though I did not stay for the concert I did enjoy the fireworks later that night.

In December I made another visit back to Ignacio and attended the Christmas Dinner and Christmas Program. I enjoyed the dinner so much I was able to speak to old friends and have a few crazy laughs but I enjoyed the program more because Santa was there (ha-ha). And my last event I attended in December was the swearing in of the new Chairman Matthew Box and Chairperson Alex Cloud.

I haven't been doing much of anything else since except trying to get use to college life, but in March I do plan on attending the Strong Heart Powwow in Yuma, Arizona. I've enjoyed so much already. And I can't wait to see what else 2009 has to offer.

Eleanor Frost
Miss Southern Ute, 2008-2009

Express Your Opinions

Native American Food

Greeting fellow students,

My name is Tawnie Knight and I am the Vice President of the AIBL organization at Fort Lewis College. AIBL is the American Indian Business Leaders and we are completing our project for the upcoming AIBL National Conference this year in Tucson, AZ where we will be competing in the Business Plan Competition and our project is to invent a business plan for a business we would like to run. We are a catering business that serves Native American foods and we will cater to ceremonial events, weddings, graduations, private parties etc. We want to use this service to educate and share the experience that our food has survived in the creation and evolution of our heritage. In order for us to progress in our business plan and presentation we need to create a menu with many varieties of different Native American food from around North America. So the club and I would like to ask if you could help us with any recipe from your native culture and if you would email me your recipes that would be very appreciative.

Thank you very much!

Vice President

Tawnie Knight

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To The Tribal Membership

RE: So. Ute Tribal Court and Tribal Leadership

My name is Steve Burch, I am writing this letter to inform you of the things that are going on in our tribal courts. I am the Personal Representative of the late Everett Burch. My dad, Everett used to tell people to wake up and see what was happening in the tribal courts and for the leadership of the tribe to start standing up for its people.

Now it has come down to me to say the same thing and hope it doesn't fall on deaf ears. My father has been gone for about four months now and his battle with the tribal court is still going on now regards to Gabriella Burch. I, Steve Burch, am dealing with the tribal court and HIS custody case, yet I am not allowed the documents needed nor do my words have any effect on his case. Case in point the court granted Gabriella's mother \$xx,xxx.xx to

be paid by Mr. Burch's estate for child support even though he was paid up and didn't have to pay child support, due to the fact the court granted him temporary custody, since there was an investigation pending and he was seeking full custody of Gabriella.

Tribal court can sure cite the tribal codes when it feels necessary to do at its convenience yet when it is shown that a tribal code needs to be enforced it turns the other way by not acknowledging it. The court has granted the mother custody without following its own orders concerning the pending investigation, nor did it follow the tribal codes by not involving Tribal Services.

So how can the court charge child support to a person that is deceased yet was in the process of gaining full custody? So is the court saying he was going to lose his case by granting the child support order after he is deceased? What is more concerting is the fact that after a person is deceased the court can grant an order, as well as, have a custody case still pending in the system when an individual is not able to speak for themselves or to argue their case to the injustice being done to them.

This is not the only case that the tribal court has granted an order to disburse money to an individual without looking further into it. My sister, aunts, and I have talked to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman concerning this issue and their response is that they don't want to get in trouble and/or they'll look into it. So therefore to me that shows that they don't worry or care about its membership, if that is the case who do they worry about? Council says thy work for the tribe, who is the tribe? They say that that we are a sovereign nation yet all I see is State and County running the tribe the way they want to for their benefit so therefore we are not even a self contained government we're just another abolished tribe.

People will say, "This won't happen to me or that this doesn't concern me", but it does. Who knows it might not affect you, but it might affect someone in your family later on, you have to start thinking about the future instead of living in the present. This might hurt or anger people by what I am

writing about but it's got to be said.

My father is gone now and unable to speak on his own behalf so therefore it is up to me to try to communicate what he use to or would say. Therefore why are we paying these individuals if they do not follow the policies and procedures that we as tribal members are suppose to abide by when they themselves do not?

Respectfully,

Steve Burch

Elders' Trip Expenses

Taken from the minutes of the Committee of Elders meeting on October 16, 2008:

"Mr. Frost reminded everyone about an update on By-Laws and discussion on trips (how many, etc.). The budget was \$50,000 in the red for trips. Many Committee members had received statements for trips. The amount had been extended and Committee members were told not to worry about it."

All departments within the Tribal Government organization have to submit budgets for the coming year to justify their operational costs. Those departments are told to stay within their budgets or cut back if funds become low during the operational year.

I have questions. Is a committee different? Shouldn't committees have to stay within their budgets? Where is the justification for the Committee of Elders to exceed its travel expenses by \$50,000? And who told them not to worry about it? What kind of example is being set here?

I would have thought the Tribe would have some type of safe-guard in its policies so that such a misuse of funds could not happen.

We all know that Tribal Elders each receive a well-deserved pension from our now financially successful Tribe. If the Committee members want to travel beyond the Committee's budget, to seems they could afford to do so on their own, and no questions would be asked.

Tribal Members,

Roderick Lee Grove,

Reginald W. Howe,

Howard D. Richards,

Raymond Frost, Sr.,

Edna Frost,

Marvin Cook

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Corrections: The Front Page article "So. Ute Tribe Challenges Bayfield To Clean Up It's Water Pollution" in the February 13, 2009 (Vol. XLI, No 3), issue of the Drum had the following typographical errors.

The sentence; "The on-going issue of how the state will address the Town's non-compliance with the conditions of its discharge permit at a state level has brought forth alleged violations of the Environmental Protection Act numerous concerns with relation to regarding water quality and existing pollution discharge limitations." Should have read, "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."

Mr. Greg Brandt's last name was misspelled as Brandet, the correct spelling is Brandt.

Justin Clifton's job title was mistitled as Bayfield Town Official Manager, his correct title is Bayfield Town Manager.

Financial Workshop



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

In a six week class led by Brian Zink and Ester Rima, Tribal Members and Tribal Employees learned the in and outs of Personal Finance Management. Myron Lizer, accountant for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, offered some insight in to his experiences as an attendee in this class, "I feel that everyone who is not orientated in the financial aspects of creating a life, which is what we are doing everyday of our lives, should take advantage of this class. This class will give one a better sense of the terms and concepts of the financial world in which we are a part of whether we know it or not." The class was taught with an easy to understand curriculum and incorporated group activities almost daily. I terrific atmosphere and a terrific lunch further made each of these sessions a pleasure to attend. Financial Skills will be offered again in the spring, contact Stacey Lock, (970) 563-0100, ext. 2600 for further details.

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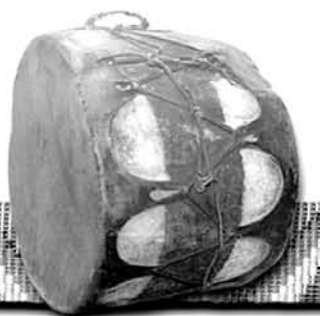
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Tribal Update

Elders To Denver March PowWow

Elder Services Department will be traveling to the 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. If you need assistance please call Elder Services Department (970) 563-0156. 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.

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

Hunter Education Course Offered

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife will be holding its Hunter Education Course in the Buckskin Charlie Training Room (2nd Floor), Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO on 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. The minimum age limit is 10 years of age. Class is limited to 20 Participants at a cost of \$10.00. Student must attend all classes, pass written test, demonstrate safe handling of firearms. Pre-registration is required, please call the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management (970) 563-0130. 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.

Higher Education 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 - 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.

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. Contact (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

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.

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.

CSU Horsemanship Camps Summer

The camp is designed to be both an educational and fun experience for youths 10 to 15 years of age (strictly enforced). English and Western disciplines are available during both sessions. Campers are under supervision by counselors and/or instructors during their stay at CSU. Housing and meals are provided in a university residence hall on the main campus. Transportation between main campus and the B.W. Pickett Equine Center will be provided by counselors in University vans. Camp begins on Sunday with camper registration and horse check-in at 2:00 pm. Campers will be transported to the dormito-

ry at 400 pm by their parents or the counselors to get settled before attending dinner at 5:00 pm. Each subsequent day combines riding lessons and lectures on topics such as safety, grooming, nutrition, and horse behavior. Additional activities are designed to expose campers to other areas of the equine industry and help campers get to know one another. Campers will have the opportunity to swim at the CSU Recreational Sports pool on the main campus at least once during the week. On the last morning, campers will demonstrate their skills for their parents before leaving by 11:00 am to return home. Camp Cost is \$700.00 per

week. This includes tuition, housing, activities and all meals beginning with dinner on the first day and ending with breakfast on the last. Registration forms are available and there is a limit of 60 campers per week. Registrations are due May 1, 2009 and must be accompanied by full payment.

All necessary information concerning the Horsemanship Camp will be processed and mailed after the registration deadline. Return registration form to: Summer Horsemanship Camp, Equine Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 80523-1679. Phone (970) 491-8373 Fax: (970) 491-8419. Online: www.csuequine.com.

StarWheels

March Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♊ PISCES (February 20-March 20)

BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS PISCES! It's all about making the right impression, and this forecast period you have what it takes to do that very thing. Four powerhouse planets have your back and help to promote favorable conditions under which you can launch your personal ambitions. What you put into motion on your birthday will have a profound influence on the year ahead. However SATURN'S influence may be coldly felt on the 10th when the Full Moon in your opposite sign of Virgo creates tension with close relationships.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Old loves revisit after the 7th in the form of personal goals and desires. VENUS in your sign all month slips into its retro-motion on the 6th urging you to clear away old debt and pending money matters. This planet is also the ruler of all things sweet and fattening. Try not to let those tempting looking pies, cakes, and cookies get to you Rams. A little will power will serve you well this month and prevent those pounds from sticking to you in places where you don't really want them.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

VENUS your ruling planet slips into a backward mode on the 6th and revisits old issues regarding money, relationships, and personal attachments. More than likely you will see things in a different light this time. Friends and group associations may offer exactly the motivation you need to move forward with positive new plans. In spite of SATURN'S stand-off to MERCURY, you'll still manage to enjoy cheerful times with friends and loved ones this month.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Being the quick thinker that you are, you may want to think twice on the 1st when MERCURY and MARS get up close and personal. A snappy reply to the boss or supervisor would not be in your best interest. Curb the tendency to speak your mind for another day Twins. There are more positive things to think about... like travel for instance.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Traditionally Moon Kids are the "homebodies" of the Zodiac. But this month the urge to travel may become irresistible. MARS enters the area of long distance trips on the 15th prompting a desire to pack a bag and go in search of spirited adventure. This would be a good month to put together future plans. PLUTO in your opposite sign of Capricorn may be helpful with organizational matters.

♌ LEO (July 23-August 22)

Joint finances, property, and tax matters may grab your attention early in the month Lions. Take note that MARS is in your opposite sign of Aquarius now and may have you feeling a little spacey. Be sure to express yourself clearly to others so that there are no misunderstandings. Be resourceful with financial matters Leo people, this is not the time to over look any details.

♍ VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

All of your relationships, especially those closest to your heart require a balancing act this month. Keep in mind that a little diplomacy goes a long way when discussing the subject of joint finances. Teamwork is the best alternative to use when trying to solve money issues. There's a positive connection between MERCURY and PLUTO on the 10th that helps you to find just the right words to express your feelings.

♎ LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

While the planets are grouped in one quadrant of your chart this month work, family issues, and having fun are the main focus. Even the outside chance of hearing from an old love is in the realm of possibility. No doubt you'll be a busy camper during this forecast period Libra, and may also find yourself exploring crisp new options regarding a healthier lifestyle. An improved diet combined with an exercise routine might be included.

♏ SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

If it's more fun you're after this is the month when you are likely to find it! An abundance of planets grouped in the recreational section of your chart inspires creative projects, and possibly a chance to make some extra money. Be open to new ventures Scorpio, happy times with loved ones are the main theme of this forecast period and your willingness to join in will be greatly appreciated by those closest to you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

Hey Sag... consider this a month of being able to finalize old matters. Lay the past to rest and think about moving forward with fresh ideas regarding family matters. MARS, MERCURY, URANUS, and the SUN, team up in the domestic area of your chart on the 15th, setting off a flurry of activity that launches a constructive cycle. It is one that will help you to re-build a firmer base of operations.

♑ CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

There's no doubt you're feeling mighty empowered these days Capricorn! It's all due to PLUTO taking up residence in your sign for the next few years. The important point to remember is how you utilize this power. When used responsibly there is reward. When used to control others, there is retribution. You of course have a choice in the matter, it's called free will. Being the practical sort you generally tend to choose the wisest option.

♒ AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

Personal and financial interests take top priority during this forecast period. You might even find that what work brings a certain amount of relief and could serve as a stress-buster for you. Rehashing the past by reviewing old memories can sometimes be painful. Instead, focus on future intentions Aquarius, and use this opportunity to enhance your financial situation. You'll find that your efforts will be rewarded by paying close attention to spending habits as well.

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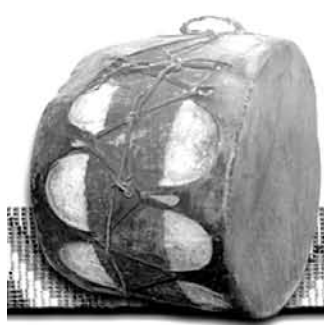
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Kids "Fair" Well-To-Do



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Jacob Silva of Ignacio enjoys some of the activities at the 2009 Kid's Fair held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Jacob can be seen here playing a game of "Catch & Release" with Mamakwa Valdez, the game was sponsored by the Division of Wildlife. There were many entities present at the Kid's fair, ranging from representatives of the Los Pinos Fire Department, Shining Mountain Diabetes to La Plata Electric who educated children of "powerline" safety with an interactive safety demonstration. Children visited the Kid's fair by the busload coming from as far as Bayfield and Durango school districts.



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

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; (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.lapлата.co.us.

Fort Lewis College Calendar: February 22 – March 7, 2009

- Sun., March 1: Concert: Julie Fowlis - 7 p.m., Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College
- Mon., March 2: Women's History Month: "Sacagawea and her Sisters: Indian Women's History and How It Can Change the Master Narrative of United States History" by Professor Theda Perdue - 7 p.m., Center of Southwest Studies Lyceum
- Tues., March 3: Ride Like A Kid! A DEVO Superstar Spectacular - 6 p.m., Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College, Durango's cycling celebrities will share their stories at this fundraiser for the 2009 Durango DEVO Scholarship Fund, Women's History Month: Women and Race Discussion - 7 p.m., Chemistry Hall, Rm. 130
- Thurs., March 5: Women's History Month: "The Rhetorical Situation of Life-Changing Poetry" Workshop - 5 p.m., Jones Hall, Rm. 140, FLC Music Department presents a Jazz Ensembles Concert - 7 p.m., Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College
- Fri., March 6: Concert - Ladysmith Black Mambazo - 7 p.m., Community Concert Hall

Red Cross Training February Health & Safety March Classes

Class sizes are limited, for more information on any class or to register; contact JoLynn at (970) 259-5383 or email jolynn@swcoloradoredcross.org. Classes also can be scheduled for business locations. Our class schedules are also available on our web site swcoloradoredcross.org. You may challenge any Red Cross Health & Safety class. Cost is \$35. You must pass the written exam and perform the skills without prompting or review. If you fail you must complete the entire course in order to obtain certification.

- First Aid: Tues., Mar., 3 and 17 from 6-10pm. Cost \$45, includes 3 year certification. *you can also take this class online, call JoLynn for more information
- Adult CPR/AED: Thur., Mar., 5 from 6-10pm. Cost \$50, includes 1 year certification.
- Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED: Thur., Mar., 19, 6-10pm. Cost \$65, includes 1 year certification.
- Adult CPR/AED and First Aid: Sat., Mar., 14, 8am - 5pm. Cost \$60, includes 1 & 3 year certifications.
- Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED & First Aid: Sat., Mar., 21, 8am-5pm. Cost \$70, includes 1 & 3 year certification.
- Wilderness First Aid: Fri., Sat. & Sun., Mar., 6th 7th & 8th. Cost \$165 and includes CPR certification.

Improvements Scheduled for the Santa Rita Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Durango will be installing improvements to the Santa Rita Wastewater Treatment Plant secondary outfall line, beginning on Monday, February 23rd. Improvements will include the installation of 1,893 lineal feet of 30-inch PVC gravity drain line for treated effluent along the Animas River Trail in Santa Rita Park from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the U.S. 550/160 Bridge. The project also includes the replacement of the existing asphalt along sections of the Animas River Trail with a new concrete shared use path; improvements to the trail's storm drain culverts and drop inlets; replacement of trail lights with dark skies compliant fixtures; and relocation of park benches. During construction, sections of the Animas River Trail in Santa Rita Park may be closed and detoured. Construction is expected to last approximately three months. Information, Public Works at (970) 375-4800.

PowWow Trails

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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

35th Annual Denver March PowWow
March 20 - 22, 2009
Denver Coliseum, 4600 Humboldt Street • Denver, CO
Phone: (303) 934-9045
Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net
Web: www.denvermarchpowwow.org

Many Moons Ago



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10 years ago...

The Annual Sweet heart PowWow was held in The Sky Ute Casino on Saturday, February 20th. Dancers from various nations participated in this festive gathering. Among the dancers pictured above are Ivory Harris (right) and Russel box (behind her on the left). This photo was published in the February 26, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



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20 years ago...

Lorraine Baker, Chairperson of Southern Ute Culture/Language Committee express her feelings on the event. A unique and historic event took place in Delta, Colorado, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1989, when members of the Southern Ute Tribe blessed the site of the proposed amphitheater.

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

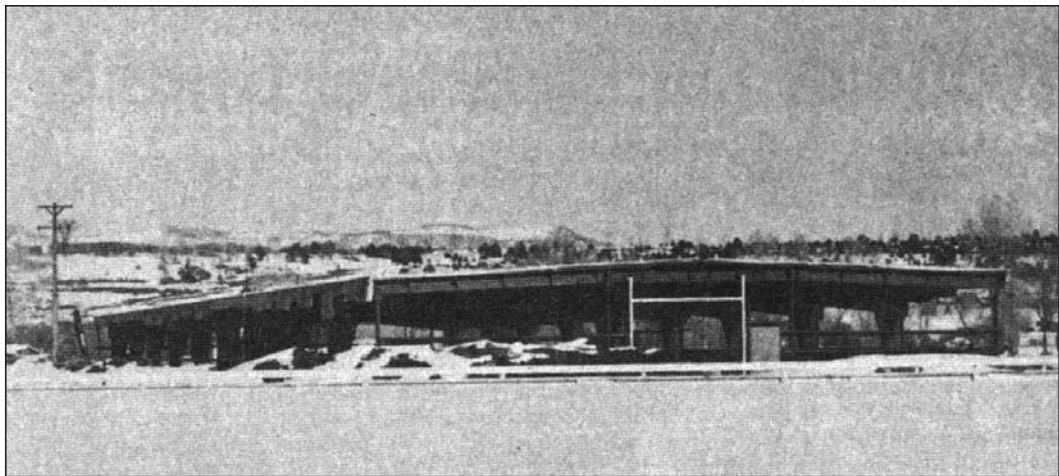


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30 years ago...

Construction at Sky Ute Downs is continuing despite the bad weather we have been experiencing. This building will house additional training space and could be converted into a stall area if the need should arise. Completion date for all of the construction at the Downs is around the first of October.

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

Ute Words

Pavichi

[Means: Older Brother]

In ara? nunai pavichi.

[Means: "This is my older brother."]

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: “Ear Infections”

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

Ear infections occur in all age groups, but are most common among infants and young children. They can be a source of significant pain, especially for the little ones. In recent years, guidelines about the treatment of ear infections have focused on alleviation of symptoms rather than use of antibiotics for many ear infections.

Ear infections come in two major varieties; outer ear infections known as otitis externa, and middle ear infections known as otitis media.

Outer ear infections usually produce ear pain with drainage from the ear. Often the infection results either from injury to the ear canal (such as the use of a Qtip to clean the ear) or from frequent swimming. Outer ear infections are also sometimes known as “Swimmer’s Ear.” This results from the fact that constant water in the ear canal



reduces some of the canal’s natural defenses leading to infection.

Outer ear infections are usually treated with antibiotic ear drops. Prevention strategies may be needed for those who get frequent outer ear infections, such as swimmers. Wearing ear plugs during swimming can help. A few drops of diluted acetic acid (vinegar) placed in the ear canal after swimming can also restore the natural acidity of the ear canal and prevent infection.

Middle ear infections are very

common. They often start as a plumbing problem in the middle ear cavity, which is normally air filled to make the ear drum. However, when colds or allergies cause congestion, the tube which normally drains fluid from the middle ear can get clogged, leading to the buildup of fluid behind the eardrum. This can cause a painful condition known as otitis media with effusion. This condition does not result from bacterial infection and does not require antibiotics.

However, persistent fluid in the middle ear, when combined with the presence of bacteria can lead to abscess formation in the middle ear cavity. This is known as acute otitis media. This produces pain and fever. In some instances, the infection will clear without treatment, particularly in older children. In these cases, pain medication such as ibuprofen is all that may be needed.

However, for small children with bacterial ear infections or for others who have persistent symptoms, antibiotics may be needed.

The Kidney Corner: “Protein In The Urine”

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

“My doctor told me I have protein in my urine. What does this mean?”

Protein in the urine, or “proteinuria” is an important indicator of kidney disease. Under normal conditions, the kidneys filter the blood to make urine. This is initially achieved by “squeezing” the blood through a microscopic filter within the kidney. This occurs in the filtering units of the kidneys called the glomeruli. (Remember the kidney corner article about the structure of the kidney?) Normally the microscopic pores in this filter are too small to allow large molecules in the blood, like proteins, to pass through. However, in some disease states, increased amounts of protein can pass through and can be detected in the urine. .

Symptoms of proteinuria may include swelling of the ankles or face. In addition, the urine may become unusually frothy when

there is protein in it.

Protein can be detected in the urine easily by a lab test called a “dipstick”. A piece of paper impregnated with a type of chemical is dipped into the urine in the lab. The chemical will turn green if protein is present. If it is positive, it is usually necessary to have a more detailed lab analysis to determine how much protein is there. Sometimes, this analysis is done even if the dipstick is negative in situations where we need to detect very small amounts of protein in the urine. This is sometimes done in patients with hypertension to determine how well their blood pressure has been controlled. In some cases, a collection of urine over 24 hours is done to further determine how much protein is leaking.

Occasionally, proteinuria can be detected following a fever, vigorous exercise or with heart disease. In these cases, the protein is usually at a low concentration, and will typically not be present on repeat testing. Another benign form of proteinuria is called “postural proteinuria”. This problem, which often surfaces in children,

results in proteinuria when the patient is upright but not following an overnight rest. So, in this condition, an early morning urine sample is usually free of protein. Fortunately this condition is entirely benign and does not result in long-term kidney problems.

Unfortunately, most other forms of proteinuria have a less favourable prognosis. Diabetes is the most common cause and when protein starts to appear in the urine in diabetic patients, it signifies that the diabetes is starting to adversely affect the kidneys. Myeloma, a tumor of the bone marrow cells, is also a dangerous cause of proteinuria. In addition, there are many different forms of glomerulonephritis (“inflammation of the kidneys”) which can cause proteinuria. If the cause of the proteinuria is not apparent, it can sometimes be necessary to do a biopsy of the kidney, a procedure in which a needle is placed in the kidney under local anesthetic to obtain a sample of the kidney tissue for pathologic analysis. This can give a specific diagnosis which can help with treatment.

SMDP’s Weight Challenge



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The 2009 Weight Loss Challenge, sponsored by the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program, is in full swing. In it’s second year the program has had a tremendous turnout, with teams competing for fitness gain and weight loss. With only six weeks of time to show results, the hope here is that the motivation will continue on into the daily lives of all parties involved and those around them. Team names are made up, and all information taken is kept private for individual confidentiality. Robb GoodTracks was kind enough to volunteer himself to be photographed for the Drum. Robb can be seen here taking a strength test under the supervision of Special Programs Coordinator, Henry Sun Eagle. Amita Nathwani and Julie Olexa are also testing and monitoring the fitness levels of the participants as they work hard to “Slim & Trim” for the final week’s weigh in!

Recipe Rally!

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

Easy Chicken & Vegetable Enchiladas

The one thing to remember when making a dish you don’t usually make, is that the quality of the ingredients is what makes it or breaks it. Try to buy as much fresh and unprocessed ingredients as possible. This recipe calls for store bought enchilada sauce, but if you can make your own, even better!

- 1 lb of Colby Jack Cheese
- 16 corn tortillas
- 16 oz bag of mixed frozen vegetables (pref. fresh)
- 2 cans of Hatch mild green chili Enchilada sauce.
- 1 clove of garlic diced
- 1 onion diced
- 2 green chilies (or 1 small can)
- 1 lb of boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into small 1/2 inch pieces.
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Preheat the oven to 400

In a large skillet or pan, sauté the chicken in 1 tbsp olive oil until fully cooked. Remove from pan and set aside.

In the same pan, sauté the onion, garlic, green chilies and vegetables in 1 tbsp of olive oil until fully cooked. Set aside.

Place 1 layer of 6 tortillas flat in a small baking dish. Evenly spread half the vegetable mix over the tortillas. Sprinkle 1/3 of the cheese and place 1/2 the chicken over the cheese.

Place the 2nd layer of 6 tortillas flat on top of the cheese. Evenly spread the remainder of the veggies, 1/3 of the cheese and the rest of the chicken. Place the last layer of 6 tortillas flat on top of the cheese. Pour both cans of enchilada sauce on top, and sprinkle remaining cheese.

Cook for 20 mins.

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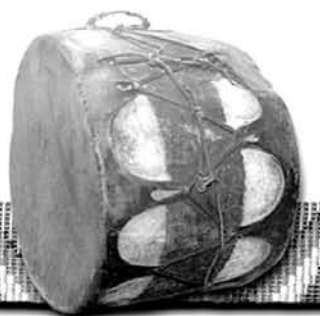
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For more information about the CDP Program and a more in-depth overview of the ingredients and their nutritional values, used in the cooking demonstration, please call Jacqueline Cantsee, Career Development Program Manager at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, (970) 563-3000, ext. 1301.



'Cats Steamroll Through Last Pair Pena Wins, IHS Sixth In Denver

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

After losing to Valley last year in the 3A State Tournament, Round of 32, many pundits were curious as to what degree Ignacio could dominate a level lower, after enrollment numbers forced the move. That's been answered; just one point separates the Bobcats from perfection in the 2008-09 regular season, after IHS nuked Norwood 104-45 and ripped Ridgway 68-30 this past Friday and Saturday, respectively. Ignacio will enter this weekend's district tournament in Dove Creek with an 18-1 overall record, and a 15-1 mark in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League. At the tourney, the Bobcats will battle through their Class 2A—District 3 brethren (Dolores, Mancos, and Telluride). Senior Micah Odoms led IHS with 43 points in the wins, while classmate Taylor Dean dropped in 34 (including a shining 9-of-10 shooting display against NHS). Junior Alex Herrera dominated inside again with totals of 23 points and 18 rebounds, and also denied nine Maverick shots in the 59-point beatdown. Junior point guard Trae Seibel also contributed 13 total points

while helping run the show, while the Brothers Brooks (junior Shane and sophomore Ryan) gave head coach Chris Valdez two more solid glass-crashers. Action at DCHS got underway today and continues tomorrow, with the Bobcats—SJBL co-champs with THS—needing to win two to 'host' a regional game at Durango High School next weekend. The runner-up at districts will play a regional game at neutral Alamosa High School—where IHS won last season's Intermountain League District Tournament. WELCOME BACK: Last Tuesday's non-league game at 3A Pagosa Springs was a home-



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio junior Alex Herrera takes the contact from Pagosa Springs freshman Tyson Ross last Tuesday during IHS' second game this season against a former Intermountain League rival. Herrera's shot was good, and the big man converted the bonus free throw, and IHS went on to win on the road 59-42.

coming of sorts for first-year IHS assistant Jordan Shaffer, though the former Pirate guard was not announced along with the coaches. Ignacio won 59-42, with Shaffer coaching not only against father Jim (PSHS' head coach), but also younger brother Taylor. "It's different because you always want to be out there on the court, helping your team," said Shaffer about the bench experience. "But it's cool though; the older kids talk about some of the games we've played the past few years, while the younger kids think I'm older than I really am." ☐

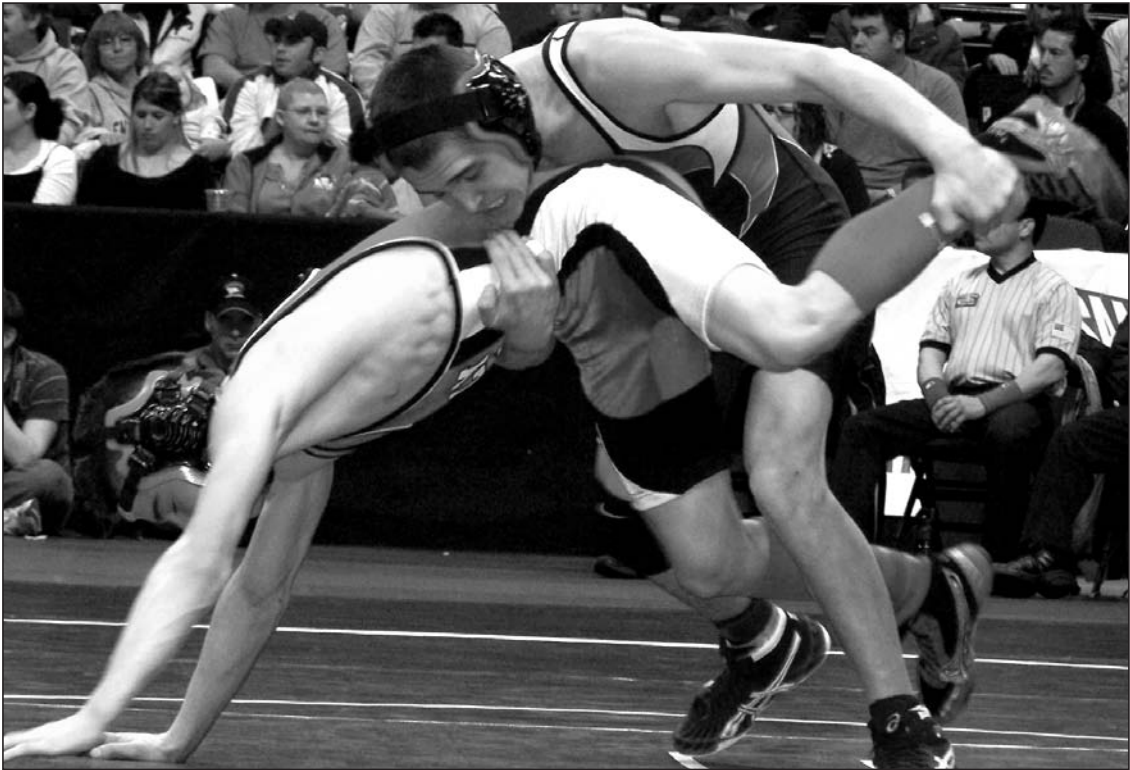


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Ignacio freshman Alex Pena levitates Holly freshman Robert Darnell (33-4) off the mat during this past Saturday's Class 2A, 112-pound grand finale inside Pepsi Center in Denver. Pena (39-1) defeated Darnell 7-1 to close out his stay at the 2009 Colorado State Wrestling Championships.

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Their regional tournament might not have been the finest tuneup for state. But with five placers out of ten qualifiers, the Ignacio Bobcats proved that their frequent lurkings in On The Mat's Class 2A top-ten polls were more than justified through their sixth-place finish at last weekend's 2009 Colorado State Wrestling Championships. IHS racked up 94 team points during the three days/nights inside Pepsi Center, finishing just 0.5 behind Norwood—led by the 80-0 duo of seniors Stryker Lane and Hugh Hardman. Number one from wire to wire this season, and #1 in Denver was Paonia (139.5). Wiggins (120) was second, Rocky Ford (107) was third, and Hayden (103) took fourth. By comparison PHS finished with seven placers, while WHS checked out with six.

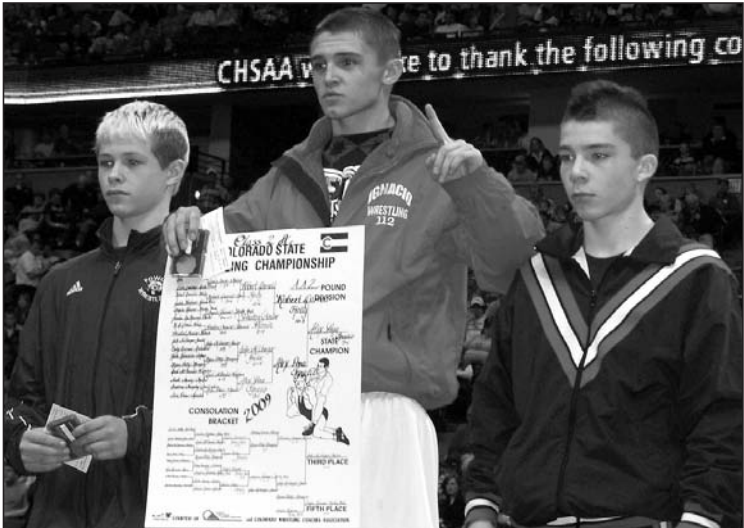


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Atop the podium after an amazing first season of high school wrestling, IHS freshman Alex Pena (39-1) holds the champion's medal and bracket after conquering the 112-pound division of Colorado's Class 2A this past Saturday night inside Denver's Pepsi Center.

After lounging around in their corner-section seats all day long, two Ignacio standouts took the Walk of Champions Saturday night, only one more match between them and Bobcat lore. Freshman Alex Pena took the mat

County junior Blayne Richards (33-4) after beating Richards' local rival, Holyoke sophomore Skyler Dittmer, 12-11 in the semis. Plehinger (36-9) also beat Burlington soph Colin Eberhart in the quarters, 12-8, after escaping from the opening round, 5-4 against Paonia frosh Adrian Lopez.

Also surviving to see Saturday for IHS were senior Raudel Lucero and soph Casey Haga. Lucero (32-5) lost in the 140-pound semis to Akron frosh Layne Crumley, but then reeled off two gutsy wins in the losers' bracket to save third place. He stopped Rangely junior Travis Witherell (31-9) in the final match, 5-4, despite fighting a nagging leg injury.

After losing early, Haga (32-11) rallied himself to save fifth at 125 pounds, pinning Paonia senior Chad Bradbeer in 1:56. And junior Chance Wyatt capped off a 35-5 season with a first-period pin defeat (1:44) against Hayden soph Treyben Letlow (33-6) in the third-fourth match at 215 pounds.

And though five grapplers didn't place for IHS—soph Will Appenzeller at 135, freshman Jeff Herrera at 119, senior Abel Velasquez at 189, and Ethan Pearson at 145—all but two will return for head coach Bob Overturf and assistant Daven Reinhardt.



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Ignacio senior Raudell Lucero shows off his third place medal after his match on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Other 'Cats placing were, Runner-up - Josh Plehinger, 4th Place - Chane Wyatt, and 5th Place - Casey Haga. The team of 10 wrestlers representing Ignacio finished in 6th place overall.

Youth Wrestling Wants Participants

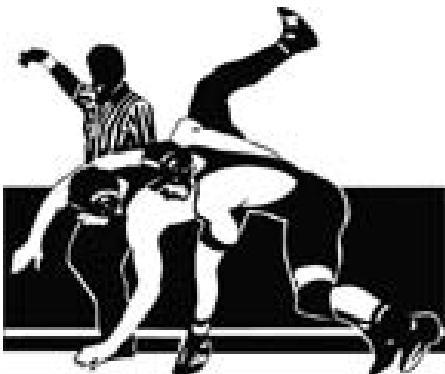
by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

By now you've undoubtedly heard—or read—about the Ignacio High School wrestling team's performance at the 2009 Colorado State Wrestling Championships.

Placing in the top five inside Pepsi Center is no joke, and individuals who haven't put in the work—usually years' worth—are quickly exposed and eliminated.

Champions get started early, and IHS' coaching staff is looking for recruits to participate in

the Ignacio Youth Wrestling Program. Its goal is to have fun while learning skills, sportsmanship, and body control. If your child wishes to participate in the Ignacio Youth Wrestling Program it will cost a one-time fee of \$25. There will be no other charges. The fee covers the cost of instruction, secondary insurance, a T-shirt, an intramural tournament, and a dual match with Pagosa Springs. Scholarships are available for those wrestlers who are in need. Those interested need only apply with a coach!



Downcourt Deceleration



Ignacio senior Tasha Herrera clamps on the brakes against Lady Pirate junior Victoria Espinosa during last Tuesday's non-league game at 3A Pagosa Springs. IHS fell 58-26 and followed the setback with two more this past weekend, losing to Norwood and at Ridgway to close out the regular season with a 3-15 overall record (3-13 2A/1A San Juan Basin League). The Lady 'Cats will need to perform well at this weekend's districts in Dove Creek to have hopes of prolonging their year.

photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Jr. High End Successful Season



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

The Ignacio Junior High boys basketball A-team played in Mancos on Saturday, February 21, 2009 to see who would be crowned "Champions". The Ignacio boys played very hard, defeating Telluride and Dolores to advance to the Championship round against Norwood. However the Ignacio boys, playing back-to-back games, were defeated by a fresh Norwood team ending their very successful season.



S.U.I.T. Water Treatment Plant, Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzcan.

OVERVIEW OF THE REPORT

We are pleased to present to you this year’s Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we, the Southern Ute Tribe, deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

SOURCE WATER OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River. At the time of this publication, Vallecito Lake is expected to stay full throughout the coming irrigation season with slightly higher releases downstream, leaving us with the excellent quality of water that we have been used to in years past. The higher quality river water, together with a new Water Treatment Plant will assure even higher quality to all of our consumers.

WATER TESTING REQUIRED EACH YEAR BY THE E.P.A.

The Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water. This monitoring is performed according to Federal and State laws. These tests are required for any public drinking water supply providing water to communities by the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) The tests are very thorough and cover just about any pollutant that occurs in nature or had been created by man. The tests range from bacteriological tests for little bugs or their offspring (spores) like Giardia Lamblia that can cause severe diarrhea; tests for radioactive contaminants from erosion of natural soil deposits; inorganic contaminant tests for metals such as copper, cyanide; synthetic organic contaminants such as herbicides like “Round-up” and pesticides like “Raid”; volatile organic contaminants from man-made chemicals such as gasoline, carbon tetrachloride (an old household cleaning agent) and factory discharges.

ABOUT THE TESTS

The attached table shows the results of the Southern Ute Tribe’s monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2008. The Southern Ute Tribe is proud to announce again this year that the water that our customers receive from the

Tribes’ Water Plant is very safe continuing its long-standing record of zero violations of the E.P.A.s quality requirements since 1985. Please look at the third column on the table (page 9), which shows the letter “N” which means that there were no violations for all of the tests that were performed on every page.

VOLUNTARY FLUORIDE PROGRAM

Not only is the water safe, but also has a measured amount of Fluoride added to it to reduce Dental Carries (cavities) in any users who drink the water. Fluoride acts on teeth much like Calcium in bones to make them stronger, especially in young children. This is an added cost of about \$3,500 per year to the Tribe.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provides the same protection for public health. In the attached table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we’ve provided the following definitions: **Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present. **P/A** - presence or absence of coliform bacteria. **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000. **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000. **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water. **Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers. **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow. **Treatment Technique (TT)** - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. **Maximum Contaminant Level** - (mandatory language) The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the

highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The “Goal”(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

VIOLATIONS

NO VIOLATIONS OCCURRED IN ALL OF THE ABOVE TESTING PARAMETERS FOR THE SOUTHERN UTE WATER SUPPLY IN 2008.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING WATER

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Arsenic - EPA is reviewing the drinking water standard for arsenic because of special concerns that it may not be stringent enough. Arsenic is a naturally occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations. Arsenic levels above 25 ppb warrant public concern. (Note that our levels are less than 2 part per billion (ppb) <2.00. and are not a concern in this water supply.

Nitrate - Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider. The Tribe’s Nitrate level tested at 0.1

parts per million. You do not need to worry about Nitrate in the water received from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Lead - If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Southern Ute Water Treatment is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When you water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Immuno-Compromised Persons - Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general public. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water.

More Specific Information - EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe drinking Water Hotline above.

UTILITIES DIVISION CONTACT INFO

Please call our Utilities Office if you have any questions about your domestic water or our operation, you may ask for Tom Brown, Philip Johnson, or Kelly Jesse. The phone number of the Utilities Division where these persons can be reached is (970) 563-0225. We do provide tours for individuals or groups (school classes) who would like to understand more about our water system.

January Meteorological Data					
UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound					
AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.			AVERAGE (Night) LOW TEMP.		
January	2.30 C	36.1 F	January	-11.2 C	11.8 F
AVERAGE DAILY TEMP.			PRECIPITATION DATA		
January	-5.5 C	22.1 F	Date	Daily Total	
AVERAGE WINDSPEED			January 3	.07"	
Monthly Average			January 4	.06"	
January	3.7 MPH		January 5	.01"	
Maximum Hourly Average			January 24	.14"	
January 27, 2009	23.8 MPH		January 25	.036"	
Note: Wind Monitor was offline for maintenance from January 15-20, 2009 at Ute 1 site.			January 27	.004"	
			Monthly Total	.32"	

TIME CHANGE MARCH 7

WHEN YOU SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

TAKE TIME to keep your children protected:

- ✓ Check your smoke detector batteries. **Test It!**
- ✓ Check your child’s immunization record. **Is it Up-To-Date?**

Call 247-5702 for low to no-cost immunizations. www.sjbhd.org

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HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

See SkyUteCasino.com for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

FOUR WHEELING

Saturdays and Sundays from 4 - 9 p.m.
You could win two Four-Wheelers and a trailer!

MARCH PROMOTIONS

Spinnin' Winnin'
Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5 – 9 p.m., Gives you the chance to win up to \$1000!

PLAY POTOEGOLD
Tuesday, March 17
Beginning at 5 p.m. (while supplies last), all Bear Club Members are invited to the Bear Club Player Rewards Center to pick a lucky prize! The pot of gold promises cash prizes from \$5 all the way up to \$500 in cash!!! (Note: everyone that picks a prize will win at least \$5 in currency to be used in the Casino).

YOUNG AT HEART PLUS CLUB
50
GIVEAWAY
50 + customers could win as much As \$5000 from noon - 5 p.m. Every Wednesday!

HOT SEAT
Every Thursday and Friday from 5 - 9 p.m.
You have the chance to win \$100!

PEPSI

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.

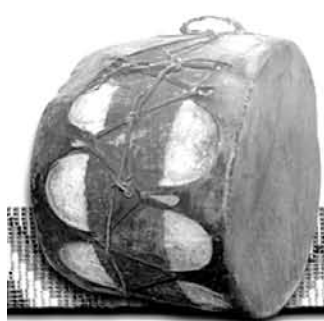
If you are 21 and older, please make sure to stop by the Bear Club Player Rewards Center and sign up to become a member. You will receive special coupons and discounts to be used throughout the Casino, hotel and dining facilities. In addition, every time you game and use your Bear Club card, you will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

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TEST RESULTS - The EPA requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Some of our data (e.g., for organic contaminants), though representative, is more than one year old. Chemicals, which were tested for, but not detected, are included in the tables with ND in the level detected column. Although the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is regulated by the EPA, these testing requirements meet the criteria of the Colorado State Health Department.

CONTAMINENT SAMPLE	VIOLATION DATE	LEVEL Y/N	UNIT DETECTED	MEASUREMENT	MCLG	MCL	LIKELY SOURCE OF CONTAMINENT
Microbiological Contaminants							
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	2/month	N	Absent	P/A	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	Naturally present in the environment
2. Fecal coliform and E.coli	N/A	N	Not tested Because absent in above test	P/A	0	A routine sample & repeat sample are total coliform positive, & one is also fecal coliform or E.coli positive	Human and animal fecal waste
3. Turbidity <i>Percent of readings below MCL</i>	Continuous	N	100	NTU	N/A	TT	Soil runoff
Radioactive Contaminants							
4. Beta/photon emitters	11/03	N	ND	PCi/l	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
5. Alpha emitters	11/06	N	1.44	PCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
6. Combined radium	Not Required			PCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
7. Antimony	2/05	N	<.0005	Ppm	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
8. Arsenic	10/08	N	<.0005	Ppm	N/A	50	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
9. Asbestos	12/04	N	<.185	MFL	7	7	Decay of asbestos cement water mains; erosion of natural deposits
10. Barium	2/05	N	0.0412	Ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
11. Beryllium	2/05	N	<.0005	Ppm	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
12. Cadmium	2/05	N	<.00005	Ppm	5	5	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
13. Chromium	2/05	N	<.0048	Ppm	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper - 90th Percentile <i>Action Level Exceeding</i>	08/06	N	.0259	Ppm	1.3	AL =1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
15. Cyanide	7/08	08N	<0.005	Ppm	200	200	Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories
16. Fluoride	5/08	N	0.97	Ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead - 90th Percentile <i>Action Level Exceeding</i>	08/06	N	<.003	Ppm	0	AL =15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
18. Mercury (inorganic)	2/05	N	<.0002	Ppm	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills; runoff from cropland
19. Nitrate / Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	02/08	N	.06	Ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
20. Selenium	2/05	N	<.0135	Ppm	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
21. Thallium	2/05	N	<.00005	Ppm	0.5	2	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides							
22. 2,4-D	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	70	70	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
23. 2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	50	50	Residue of banned herbicide
24. Acrylamide	Not Required			N/A	0	TT	Added to water during sewage/wastewater treatment
25. Alachlor	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	0	2	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
26. Atrazine	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
27. Benzo(a)pyrene (PAH)	10/05	N	<.02	Nanograms/l	0	200	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks and distribution lines
28. Carbofuran	10/05	N	<.9	Ppb	40	40	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
29. Chlordane	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	0	2	Residue of banned termiticide
30. Dalapon	10/05	N	<1.0	Ppb	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way
31. Di (2-ethylhexyl) adipate	10/05	N	<.6	Ppb	400	400	Discharge from chemical factories
32. Di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	10/05	N	<.6	Ppb	0	6	Discharge from rubber and chemical factories
33. Dibromochloropropane	10/05	N	<.01	Nanograms/l	0	200	Runoff/leaching from soil fumigant used on soybeans, cotton, pineapples, and orchards
34. Dinoseb	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	7	7	Runoff from herbicide use on soybeans and vegetables
35. Diquat	10/05	N	<.4	Ppb	20	20	Runoff from herbicide use
36. Dioxin [2,3,7,8-TCDD]	10/05	N	ND	Picograms/l	0	30	Emissions from waste incineration and other combustion; discharge from chemical factories
37. Endothall	10/05	N	<9.0	Ppb	100	100	Runoff from herbicide use
38. Endrin	10/05	N	<.01	Ppb	2	2	Residue of banned insecticide
39. Epichlorohydrin	Not Required			N/A	0	TT	Discharge from industrial chemical factories; an impurity of some water treatment chemicals
40. Ethylene dibromide	10/05	N	<.01	Nanograms/l	0	50	Discharge from petroleum refineries
41. Glyphosate	10/05	N	<6.0	Ppb	700	700	Runoff from herbicide use
42. Heptachlor	10/05	N	<.04	Nanograms/l	0	400	Residue of banned termiticide
43. Heptachlor epoxide	10/05	N	<.02	Nanograms/l	0	200	Breakdown of heptachlor
44. Hexachlorobenzene	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	0	1	Discharge from metal refineries and agricultural chemical factories
45. Hexachlorocyclo-pentadiene	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	50	50	Discharge from chemical factories
46. Lindane	10/05	N	<.02	Nanograms/l	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cattle, lumber, gardens
47. Methoxychlor	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	40	40	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on fruits, vegetables, alfalfa, livestock
48. Oxamyl [Vydate]	10/05	N	<1.0	Ppb	200	200	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on apples, potatoes and tomatoes
49. PCBs [Polychlorinated biphenyls]	10/05	N	ND	Nanograms/l	0	500	Runoff from landfills; discharge of waste chemicals
50. Pentachlorophenol	10/05	N	<.04	Ppb	0	1	Discharge from wood preserving factories
51. Picloram	10/05	N	<.1	Ppb	500	500	Herbicide runoff
52. Simazine	10/05	N	<.07	Ppb	4	4	Herbicide runoff
53. Toxaphene	10/05	N	<1.0	Ppb	0	3	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton and cattle
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
54. Benzene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
55. Carbon tetrachloride	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
56. Monobenzene	5/08	N	ND	Ppb	100	100	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
57. o-Dichlorobenzene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	600	600	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
58. p-Dichlorobenzene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	75	75	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
59. 1,2 Dichloroethane	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories.
60. 1,1 – Dichloroethylene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	7	7	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
61. cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	70	70	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
62. trans – 1,2 –Dichloroethylene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	100	100	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
63. Dichloromethane	5/08	N	<.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
64. 1,2-Dichloropropane	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
65. Ethylbenzene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	700	700	Discharge from petroleum refineries
66. Styrene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	100	100	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
67. Tetrachloroethylene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
68. 1,2,4 –Trichlorobenzene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	70	70	Discharge from textile-finishing factories
69. 1,1,1 – Trichloroethane	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	200	200	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
70. 1,1,2 –Trichloroethane	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	3	5	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
71. Trichloroethylene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppb	0	5	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
72. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	8/08	N	25.4	Ppm	0	100	By-product of drinking water chlorination
73. Toluene	5/08	N	<0.5	Ppm	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories
74. Vinyl Chloride	5/08	N	<0.2	Ppb	0	2	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from chemical factories
75. Xylenes	65/08	N	<0.5	Ppm	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories



Lakota Tribe Visits Tribe



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Representatives from the Oglala Lakota Nation meet with Chief Judge Elaine Newton and Probation Officer, Jack Frost, Jr., at the Southern Ute Tribal Justice Complex for an overview of the facilities. The Oglala Lakota Tribal Representatives are touring similar facilities on tribal lands to gain a better understanding of their own needs prior to implementing the design and construction of a new justice facility in South Dakota. Lakota Tribal representatives also met with and welcomed by members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council prior to visiting the Justice Complex.

Ever Wondered... What Is 4-H?

by Leonora Burch
Agriculture Extension Youth Agent

The 4-H program is based on the foundation that youth are a vital resource. The youth of today comprise our most important building block for the future. 4-H helps to assist as they prepare for the future. 4-H helps to build knowledge and life skills. Members learn responsibility, citizenship and good work habits. There are many opportunities for young people to learn decision making, leadership, communication skills and community service.

The 4-H emblem which is a clover bearing an "H" on each of its four leaves represents characteristics that each 4H member can develop: head, heart, hands and health. Head involves thinking and making decisions. Heart involves caring about others, accepting responsibility and developing values. Hands symbolize the effort to build new skills. Health involves protecting the well-being of yourself and others. Learning by doing is a 4-H rule. This involves kids in hands-on activities so they can feel good when they accomplish their projects.



photo courtesy Leonora Burch

4-H Cake Decorating: Destinee Lucero, Summer Youngman, Jennifer GoodTracks and Keiston GoodTracks-Alires.

Kids choose a 4-H project that they are interested in. Constructive projects include archery, wood-working, raising animals, learning to sew, etc. Adult leaders help guide them and encourage growth. Members work with other 4-H clubs and learn to share ideas and cooperate with others. Parents must be committed to their child and the 4-H Program.

Parents must attend 4-H meetings and help volunteer for various activities and events. This

will help your children learn, grow and share experiences that will help build better family relationships with each other. The Seven Rivers 4-H Club is accepting new enrollments. Let's all work together to build a strong club! The 4-H club is open to any Colorado youth ages 5-18.

If any families are interested, please pick up a form at the Southern Ute Agriculture building at 655 CR 517 or contact Leonora Burch at (970) 563-0150 ext.13.

Request For Proposal (RFP)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION
SOUTHERN UTE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
(970) 563-1038

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for the new Juvenile Detention Center.

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 3:00 PM MDT, Thursday, March 26, 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. No re-bid will be allowed. 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 proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Request For Proposal (RFP)

PROFESSIONAL GAMING CONSULTING & TRAINING SERVICES
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE/SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

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

Submit Proposals to:
Mail Delivery:
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Attn: Travis Garlick
14324 Hwy 172/PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

Hand Delivery:
Sky Ute Casino Resort, Attn: Travis Garlick
14324 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137

Proposals due no later than 4:00 P.M. MDT, March 1, 2009.

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 GOODTRACKS**. 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 position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

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

IN PROBATE NO. 09-PR-028
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **VERA SAGE**, Deceased

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Closing Date 3/3/09 - Frontier Field Services, LLC Developing and coordinating regulatory compliance activities with respect to all applicable environmental regulations. Position may be located in one of the following Frontier offices: Tulsa, OK, Artesia, NM, or Maljamar, NM.

Asset Manager

Closing Date 3/309 - GF Development Group Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for both development and investment projects, will be involved in real estate asset management, financial analysis, project evaluation, contract negotiation, project development and management and contractor supervision.

Field Compression Operations Manager

Closing Date 3/4/09 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Responsible for all aspects in the operation and maintenance of field compressor stations, including gas compressors, electric generators, dehydration equipment, control systems and safety systems.

Internships

Closing Date 3/27/09 - 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

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Swimming Instructor

Closes 03/06/09 - Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross.

Farm Equipment Operator

Closes 03/06/09 - Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out the project assignments for the Custom Farm Division. This position may require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least 2 months per year but not more than 4 months.

Water Resources Technician

Closes 02/27/09 - Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from Division professional staff, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations.

Lands Technician

Closes 02/27/09 - Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits and general land management related issues.

Finance Department Apprenticeship

Closes 02/27/09 - The goal of this program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program is designed to benefit Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs within the Tribal government, Sky Ute Casino, Tribe's Growth Fund, or any other outside organization. This Apprenticeship Program is designed to provide education and training for Finance Positions.

Administrative Assistant

Closes 03/03/09 - Performs administrative, clerical and Information System support to the Forestry and Range Programs. In addition, the incumbent will provide clerical and administrative support to the B.I.A. Forestry Branch.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled - Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

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.

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.

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Teacher

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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.

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Fritz Box Memorial Gourd Dance & Sweetheart PowWow Revived At SunUte



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The Sweetheart Powwow, an ongoing Valentines' day celebration of song and dance, has been revived this year as part of the Fritz Box Memorial Gourd dance. This event was held on Valentines Day at the SunUte recreational center. There was a potluck meal served up in the SunUte dining hall where a traditional meal of Fry bread and Buffalo stew was prepared by the Fort Lewis College "Buffalo Council". These students were generous about donating their time and energy to help with this event. The event was previously considered a small, intimate Powwow ceremony, held for many years in the Head start gymnasium. This years Powwow should help to usher in a larger number of participants in the upcoming years considering the venue change and the generally good turn out last Saturday, February 14, 2009.



Swift Eagle Wins Feather Weight Title Bout In VA



Thaddine Swift Eagle-Johnson; two time Native National Champion, won the title bout in Staunton, Virginia, against Japan's Amie Iawaski. The boxing match took place on Saturday, January 31, 2009. Swift Eagle brought the Women's Professional Boxing Association Intercontinental Featherweight belt home to Durango, Colorado.

Swift Eagle honed her skills in the ring both in Martial Arts and Kickboxing before taking on a career in traditional boxing. Swift Eagle remains undefeated in this arena and backed that up with a strong fight two weeks ago. Her immediate ambitions will lead her to fight for another belt with the ultimate goal of garnering a World Title in the near future.

Swift Eagle hails from Queens, New York. Coming from Blackfoot Indian and African American ethnicity, Swift Eagle represents herself in the arena as a Professional Native American boxer. Swift Eagle has a long history of giving back to the community; she has received numerous community service awards and has been recognized repeatedly for her dedication to community outreach programs. In our own community, Swift Eagle has taken an individual under her wing. Swift Eagle works with a 19 year-old, female detainee at the DeNier Youth Detention Center in Durango, Colorado. Swift Eagle mentors this young individual, whose background was gang related and now must seek new direction for herself as her time at DeNier comes to an end. Swift Eagle is generous with her spare time, of which there is very little. Swift Eagle cares for her mother and takes on heavy commuting on top of a rigorous training schedule.

Thaddine is lean and strong of heart, her ambition and energy will take her far, but perhaps most notable about this young woman is her humble presence and obvious determination to be a champion of the highest order. This Native American boxer is committed on a very professional level. Thaddine is an artist, a photographer and an inspiration to many. On occasion you will find Thaddine at the SunUte Recreational Center in Ignacio, Colorado, where she puts in many of her long hours of training.



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