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Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Bring Ute Leaders To Denver

by **Robert L. Ortiz**
Drum Media Manager

A new Chairman, and newly elected Council members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Tribal leaders of the Ute Mountain and Northern Ute Tribes met in Denver, Colorado the week of March 16, 2009 for a number of meetings, in particular the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) and the Tri-Ute. During these meeting the three Ute Tribes discuss issues and bring concerns to the table and meet with Government officials from the State of Colorado. The CCIA held its quarterly meeting at the University of Denver Strum College of Law on Thursday, March 19, 2009 and highlights of this meeting are as follows:

An Invocation was given by Ute Mountain Ute Elder, Terry Knight and a welcome was given by Southern Ute Tribal member, Shelly Thompson. Shelly is a member of Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), and opened by saying, “we need to educate the world, community and State about the importance of Indian law.”

Tribal representatives of each Tribe gave opening comments. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe began with comments from Councilman Manual Heart, he talked of the recent visit by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, to the Ute Mountain Ute reservation and the growing interest of solar energy. “Solar energy would help with farming, ranching, and prove profitable and educational for the Ute Mountain Utes.” Heart expressed.

Mr. Heart also expressed the growing concerns with health care and budget cutbacks in Towaoc and across Indian Country. He also asked the State for assistance in putting a stop sign at the junction of Mike Walsh Road and Highway 491, as there have been a number of accidents due to higher traffic volume.

Mr. Heart also asked the State of Colorado to write a letter of apology to the Unitah/Ouray



Southern Utes Meet With Colorado Governors

In a private meeting between Colorado State Governor - Bill Ritter (at left) and Colorado Lt. Governor - Barbara O'Brien (near right), and members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council met to discuss important issues of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pictured left to right are: Christine Arbogast of the Denver lobbying firm Kogovsek and Associates, Southern Ute Tribal Chairman - Matthew Box, Southern Ute Tribal Councilman - Alex Cloud, Southern Ute Media Manager - Robert Ortiz, Executive Secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs - Ernest House Jr. Not pictured but present were Southern Ute Tribal Council members: Barbara Scott-Rarick, Marjorie Borst, Jim Newton, Jr. and Drum Photographer - Jeremy Wade Shockley.

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As part of an annual meeting between Southern Ute Leaders, Colorado State Governor Bill Ritter, and Lieutenant Governor Barbara O'Brien, some issues of concern for the Southern Ute Tribe were brought to the table by Southern Ute Council members in the Office of the Governor at the Colorado State Capitol building in Denver, Colorado on Wednesday, March 18, 2009.

Taking turns in an effort to maximize time, Southern Ute Tribal Council outlined and expressed key points to discuss with Governor Ritter. Southern Ute Chairman, Matthew Box, opened by thanking the Governor

for meeting with Tribal Council and expressed a strong “government-to-government” presence and invited the Governor and Lt. Governor to the Southern Ute Bear Dance in May.

Chairman Box, initiated the discussion by expressing his support of the Department of Local Affairs in their support of a letter sent to the Town of Bayfield, concerning the contamination of the Pine River, a source of drinking water for the Southern Utes, by the Towns’ waste water treatment plant. He thanked the State for their involvement and expressed that Bayfield needs financing, and to focus their funding to make a positive impact in the clean-up and improvements needed.

Newly elected Councilwoman

Barbara Scott-Rarick, was the first of the Council members to speak on behalf of the Tribe by Thanking the Governor for his time and that she hopes the government-to-government relationship continues, with dedication to Native American Indian Tribes.

Chairman Box, reaffirmed what Councilwoman Rarick said, “there is a the need to solidify the government’s relationship for what will be coming in the future by not cutting funds on the reservation.”

Councilman Alex Cloud, also just recently elected, also stated, “We need to see the importance of our youth, and for them to see the Tribal government and State government working together, in a positive way and to keep working.”

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Curtis Cesspooch, Chairman of the Northern Ute Business Committee, Ernest House, Sr., Chairrna of the Ute Mountain Ute, and Matthew Box, Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, united for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Meeting in Denver, Colorado on March 19, 2009.

Tribe for their exile out of the State of Colorado as they are part of the Ute Tribe, and need to be recognized as such.

Curtis Cesspooch, Chairman for the Business Committee of the Northern Ute Tribe, responded that there are five Tribes in Utah, and they would like to have the dialogue the Southern and Ute Mountain Utes have with the State government. An issue for the Northern Utes is an open-rail system being constructed across ceremonial sites, and wants more education provided to the State of Utah, similar to what has been established in Colorado. Cesspooch also gave an update of the Ute Museum in Montrose, Colorado that there is a need to not only reflect the past but of the future, a portrait of modern times as Ute people.

Matthew Box, Chairman of the Southern Utes began by saying, “Our culture, and our traditions are vital when working with government, on issues of water quality, wildlife, oil and gas.” Chairman Box also acknowledged former CCIA Executive Secretary and Tribal member, Cynthia Kent, “She paved the way for us, and we can learn by what our ancestors have taught us in dealing with the government.” Box also pointed out the

work being done on the re-internalment of human remains through NAGPRA, “By respecting those that have passed on, and eliminating the “warehousing” of remains, being kept in boxes for many years.”

Chairman Box, also mentioned the Bayfield water treatment plant and its contamination of the Pine River, and asked the State in its support of funding for the town of Bayfield.

Councilwoman, Barbara Scott-Rarick thanked the State for its support, and asked for additional education in treaty rights, “To educate our Native people.” And also stated, “We would not be where we are today without the help of the State, as we look up to our leaders.”

Vice-Chairman, Jim Newton, Jr., stated of the uniqueness of the collaboration between the Tribe and State government, “We must acknowledge what has been said in the past and avoid repeating ourselves. We need to be proactive in continuing our collaboration between the governments.”

Councilman, Alex Cloud reiterated what was said earlier, “Look at the leaders. Look at what the leadership has done, and what we need to do for our youth. With the Tri-Ute games,

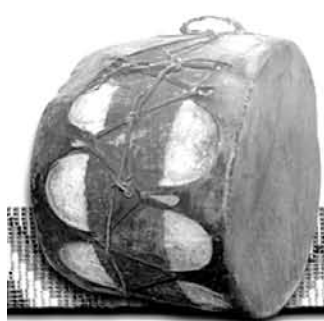
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Let The PowWow Season Begin



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

This year's Denver March PowWow, held March 20 - 21, 2009 had its share of drum groups representing at the Denver Coliseum. With thirty-one drums in the arena, the talented drum group Youngbird filled the air with a sound that was powerful and well rehearsed. Youngbird hails from Pawnee, Oklahoma. This drum group led by Curtis Hamilton, (white shirt, top right), has received numerous awards of recognition over the years.



Southern Ute Drum Meet The “ROC”

by **Robert L. Ortiz**
Drum Media Manager

The Southern Ute Tribal Environmental Programs attended the 2009 EPA Region 8 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (ROC) in the EPA Region 8 Conference Center in Denver from Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19, 2009.

As detailed on the Region 8's website (www.epa.gov/region8/), EPA's Region 8 office in Denver works to protect human health and the environment in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and 27 sovereign tribal nations.

Land ownership patterns influence EPA's work in Region 8. Public lands - including those managed by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service - comprise over one-third of the land area in our Region. Tribal nations, which collectively cover an area greater than the size of Tennessee, are also prominent. EPA Region 8 works closely with our sister agencies and each of these 27 sovereign nations to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment.

The Goal of the ROC is to address Tribal environment issues, while working with each Tribe to ensure the safety of drinking water, management of waste water, assisting with funding, and developing budgets for each Tribe respectively within Indian country as well protecting the human health and safeguard the natural environment.

Tribes bring issues to the table during ROC's operational meetings, addressing each issue through discussions, and if the issue cannot be resolved it is elevated to the next level, and placed on the agenda of the next meeting. "If the issue cannot be resolved there the issue is taken to the National level of Tribal Operations comprised on 19 Tribal delegates across the nation. There they work hand-in-hand with Senior management as Regulators on Tribal Lands," stated Rhonda Azure, ROC Chair and Director of the Environmental Programs for the Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Tribe.

Another useful program in Indian Country is the Tribal Assistance Program (TAP) as stated on the ROC website, "The mission of the TAP Office is to provide leadership in protecting public health and the environment within these areas of Indian country; respecting the sovereignty of each Tribe; and recognizing our Federal trust responsibilities."



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Regional Tribal Operations Committee (ROC) Board members, ROC Vice-Chair - Gerald Wagner, ROC Chair - Rhonda Azure, and Don Arygon met with the Southern Ute Drum staff on Thursday, March 19, 2009 to discuss the role of the ROC, with the 27 Tribal Nations it serves in the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming which encompass Region 8 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Another aspect of high regard for ROC is educating the agencies on environmental issues within its respective Region and Tribal nations. As explained by Gerald Wagner, ROC Vice-Chair and Director of Environmental Programs of the Blackfeet Nation, "We Tribes have to survive on what we have to get from the Federal government", further explaining that States also get the same resources, or funding, and the State has the authority to increase taxes to cover the deficiency, thus building equity by being funded three-quarters by the Federal government, and investing millions in programs, "Tribes must generate the remaining funds unaided, creating an 'Environmental Injustice', casinos aren't going to make it."

A dilemma faced with ROC is the loss of employees once they are trained by Tribal Departments. "We are creating a 'stepping stone' employment conflict. The employees we hire, once trained, go off into Federal Government positions. Once we train them, we cannot pay them competitive wages or give them the benefits packages to retain them in Tribal departments," stated, Don Arygon, Director of Environmental Programs for the Wind River Tribe.

As with anything experienced for the first time, as Tribal Council members get elected, so does the education of the newly elected Councils. Re-educating becomes an important phase. Most of the Tribal EPA Departments have been working on on-going improvements and projects for many years, "it takes time to educate the leaders to see the 'Big Picture' the future of the programs. Education meetings need to be held between the departments and Councils to

understand one-another in a common language," added Wagner.

"We live in a throw-away society, and the impact on society, where we are committing cultural, spiritual genocide through assimilation. It makes it harder to turn things around with the continuing efforts we have as a responsibility to Mother Earth, with an influx of a dominant society" stated Wagner, and adding "there needs to be changes in society, solid waste programs, with water quality standards where increases in population create waste water downstream. What are the needs in Indian Country? Where once everything was once biodegradable, now we have solid waste issues".

"Environmental directors do an incredible job, with shortfalls in funding and staffing, they must be inventive with what they can address. Tribal programs can help find the answers on a very small scale, essentially the group can address everything," said Alfreda Mitri, Director of Tribal Assistance Program of Region 8, "We must utilize newspapers, word-of-mouth, speaking with children in schools about the impact of the land.

Tribes tend to look at Environmental issues, as an overall need. Tribes offer assistance programs, educational materials, trainings in person-to-person classroom setting or webinars. Mitri, closed by saying, "We are born from within - where we are, where do we want to go? Our passion is with the land regardless of where it is. I know where my home is, I'm taking care of nature and the environment and the life-giving forces. Our mission is to fight for the next seven generations, our land is our land and its forever... control how we impact our resources, especially our water."

45th Hozhoni Days Powwow Begins March 27 At Fort Lewis College

Media Release
Durango, CO

The Hozhoni Days 2009 Powwow will begin Friday, March 27 and run through Saturday, March 28 at Whalen Gym on the Fort Lewis College campus in Durango, Colorado.

As one of the oldest and biggest celebrations at Fort Lewis, Hozhoni Days attracts thousands of participants and visitors from across North America. The celebration highlights the cultures of many of the over 120 tribes represented by Fort Lewis College Native American students.

On Friday, the Powwow will begin at 6 p.m. with Gourd Dancing, followed by the Grand Entry at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the festivities will begin at 11 a.m. with the first Grand Entry at noon and the second at 7 p.m. Also on Saturday will be the crowning of a new Miss Hozhoni 2009-10. Arts and crafts vendors will be on hand throughout the Powwow.

Mike Salabye from Window



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/FEDORA PHOTO

Rock, AZ, will MC and Randy Medicine Bear from Loveland, CO, will serve as arena director. The host northern drum will be Mandaree from Mandaree, SD, and the host southern drum will be 12 Gauge from Ignacio, CO.

General admission is \$4, \$3 for students, and those ages six and under or 60 and over get in free. A weekend pass is \$8.

Hozhoni Days was originally created by the Fort Lewis College Shalako Indian Club ("shalako" is a Zuni word meaning "dance"). The club changed its name to Wanbli Ota in the 1970s ("wanbli ota" is Lakota, meaning "many eagles").

For more information, contact Myra Britton at (970) 247-7221 or britton_m@fortlewis.edu.

Express Your Opinions

Committee of Elders Response

Response to: Express Your Opinions: Elders' Trip Expenses, Southern Ute Drum, February 27, 2009

The Committee of Elders met on March 5, 2009 to discuss items on our agenda as well as other important issues. The Committee of Elders recommended the Committee Chairman, Ray C. Frost, respond to an article titled "Elders' Trip Expenses", authored by Tribal members; Roderick Lee Grove, Reginald W. Howe, Howard D. Richards, Raymond Frost, Sr., Edna Frost and Marvin Cook.

At the request of the Committee, I will attempt to clarify any misunderstandings.

First, "Is a committee different?"

Yes, a committee is different from a department. A department has policies, procedures and is responsible to provide services to tribal members, with no age limit restrictions. The Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman, with recommendations from the Budget Committee, approves department/committee budgets.

The Committee of Elders is a Constitutionally approved committee that has By-laws with age restrictions (55 and over) and operates according to the Southern Ute Constitution. Our immediate supervisor is the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council. The Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "TRIBAL COUNCIL") adopted RESOLUTION NO. 80-30 on April 8, 1980; created the Committee of Elders and the Handicapped/Disabled. Revised and approve June 7, 2002. A resolution was duly adopted on the 18th of June 2002.

Second, staying within our budget and justification for exceeding travel expenditures:

Information provided by the Budget Committee that oversees our fiscal budget has relayed that the current Committee has stayed within its budget. As for exceeding our travel expenses, this occurs when additional tribal members reach the age of 55. This increase in Elder membership has a profound impact on the Elders' budget. The Finance department and the Tribal Council acknowledge there is constant growth in Tribal members becoming Elders and are aware of issues arising

from escalating numbers.

Finally, "what kind of example is being set?"

As Chairman of the Committee, I communicate with the Budget Committee on the status of our expenditures and receive monthly reports on our expenses. A department or committee may elect to move budgeted line items not entirely used to cover deficiencies. This ensures financial responsibility.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has policies in place to safeguard against the misuse of funds and by all indications, the Committee does not engage in this type of activity.

The entire design for the Elders' travel budget is to allow Elders to enjoy their remaining life here on and off the reservation by attending cultural functions throughout Indian country. Today's Committee of Elders is very thankful to our past elected Tribal Chairmen and Tribal Council members that, without restrictions, made it possible for all Elders to promote our unique culture to the rest of the world.

We committee members acknowledge that question may arise regarding our activities and detailed minutes lay lead to better understanding. It is better to have the above individuals meet with the committee to clarify their misunderstanding of the aforementioned issues. We offer open forum and welcome all tribal members/opinions.

*Respectfully,
Ray C. Frost,
Chairman for the Committee of Elders*

Resolution 2008-263

On October 28, 2008, the Council, authorizing payment of Severance Compensation to Council Members when they finish their terms of office, approved Resolution NO. 2008-263. The Resolution states, "Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council will be entitled to receive severance compensation upon conclusion of his/her service as a member of the Council. The compensation to be provided pursuant to this Ordinance shall consist of severance equal to six months salary at the Council member's most recent rate of pay and the payment of continued coverage (COBRA) insurance payments by the Tribe for six months."

The reason given for this action

was that re-entry into the job market requires several months. Maybe so, but two of the immediately-affected Council members are Tribal Elders already receiving an Elders' Pension from the Tribe in the amount of thousands of dollars every month. I don't think they will be looking for a job any time soon.

This also seems unfair to all the past Council members and Chairmen who served Southern Ute Tribal members. They are the ones who made sound decisions for the future of our Membership. All the wealth we have is because of their hard work. This new Council is just riding on the foundation of what past Councils set in place... and now they think they are entitled to more money, plus the benefits?

How can a Tribal person run for Council and say, "I want to help my people. 'I want to be fair and look after our investments.'" ...and then when elected, turn completely around, forgets his promise to this people and then passes resolutions to benefit themselves. Council members now make over \$100 thousand per year, and get a travel budget that amounts to thousands of dollars, as well.

How much more will this new Council ask for? Will the members sell us out in the future and one day we will wake up and be broke? Everyone who made money off of our Tribe will move on. They will not care about our people and they will find someone else to feed off of.

There is a word in Webster's Dictionary. It is "GREED" ...defined as "an excessive or rapacious desire, especially for wealth".

*Southern Ute Tribal Members
Rod Grove
Ronnie C. Baker*

Time Change Campaign Thanks

Robert and Staff,
I wanted to thank you for your support of our Times Change campaign to promote immunization education. We greatly appreciate you placing our ad in the February 27th Southern Ute Drum issue.

Also, thanks for placing several of our health department announcements in your most recent issue.

*Jane Looney
Communications Director
San Juan Basin Health Dept.*

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Spring Break Schedules 2009

- **Tribal Council:** Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3, 2009. Chairman Box will be in the office during this time and will take his SPRING BREAK the week of Monday, April 6 to Friday, April 10, 2009.
- **SUIMA:** March 30 - April 3, Classes will resume on Monday, April 6, 2009.
- **Ignacio Public Schools K-12:** March 30 - April 3, Classes will resume on Monday, April 6, 2009.

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Tribal Update

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.

Painters, Designers, Muralists Needed

Through a Colorado Council of the Arts grant, the Town of Ignacio is sponsoring a design contest and execution of two murals on downtown buildings along Goddard Ave, Hwy 172. Your submissions should include: Cultural/historical/ regional theme. Design presented on 8.5 x 11 or larger piece of paper with colors shown. Name, address, age range: Elementary, Intermediate, High School, Adult should be on the back of the design. No Entry Fee. Maximum 4 submissions per person. Due Tues., March 31, 2009 by 5pm. Publicity and signature on the completed mural is offered to the contest winners in lieu of commission.

Water Users Meeting

The Pine River Indian Irrigation project will have a water users meeting Thursday, April 23, 2009 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Sky Ute Casino Resort Banquet Room #3 (Bonny Kent Room). Contact Mr. John Formea at (970) 563-9484 for more information.

2nd Annual Bryan Howlett Memorial Team Roping, Bullriding & Bull Fighting Member of the Muscogee Creek Indian Tribe Sky Ute Fairgrounds, 200 Hwy 151, Ignacio, CO - Indoor Arena

- **FRIDAY**, April 3: 6:00 p.m. #10 and #11 team roping \$20 per man - 4 steer Added money to all events including buckles.
 - **SATURDAY**, April 4: 7:00 p.m. Open Bullriding, Novice bullriding, Steer Riding, Sheep Riding and 4-D Barrel Race. Saturday night Professional Bullriders and Bullfighters autograph session, 5:00 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
 - **SUNDAY**, April 5: 10:00 a.m. Barrel Race and 2:00 p.m. Rough Stock Events.
- For Entry Information contact Tracy Howlett at (505) 334-8703 or (970) 749-0368.**
Live Broadcasting from several radio stations in the area.

Onto The Spirit World

HAWLEY - Katherine Rose Thompson Hawley died March 12, 2009, after a short illness with cancer. She was 72.

She was born July 1, 1936, in Ignacio, Colo., the daughter of Elmer Tucson and Jessie Thompson. Katherine was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. In her youth she married a member of the Ute Mountain Ute and had two wonderful children. She lived in Towaoc, Colo., for a time before moving to San Francisco, Calif. She lived in California for most of her adult life.

Katherine loved to bead, travel, and play the slot machines at the casino. She also loved the ocean. Her family and friends were very important to her, and her biggest joy was her grandchildren, Sharleen Whyte, Sunniapril Whyte and Rendall Whyte.

Katherine is preceded in death by her parents Elmer Tucson and Jessie Thompson, her brothers, McGarey Gallegos and Ted Jefferson, and her two sons, Mickey Lang and Mark Coyote.

She is survived by her daughter Selma Lang of Ignacio; sisters Elberta Thompson of Ignacio, Sharon Cloud Martinez of Ignacio, and Jennifer Dickson of Kamiah, Idaho; longtime companion Joe Alexander and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 16, 2009, at Hood Mortuary Chapel in Durango. A visitation was held Monday, March 16, 2009, at Hood Mortuary Chapel. Cremation followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Katherine's name to the American Cancer Society.

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the youth will develop a relationship with the other (Ute) Tribes.” The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be hosting the Tri-Ute games this year, and is slated for late July, 2009 in Ignacio, Colorado.

The Lt. Governor, Barbara O'Brien gave updates during the Commissioners and Ex-Officios Members portion of the meeting. A synopsis of these updates follows:

- The Ute Museum in Montrose is the only State run Museum in the Country, and specific to one Tribe, the Utes.
- The Council Tree PowWow in Delta, Colorado will be hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe this year, as each Tribe alternates every year. The powwow draws approximately 1400 students from the local schools that participate every year as part of their educational curriculum.
- The largest growing Tribe in Denver is the Navajo Nation and there is discussions about developing a Native American Center in Colorado Springs.
- Phyllis BigPond, of the Child Welfare Task Force is the only Native American nominated onto the Fort Lewis Board of Trustees. Fort Lewis is a Land Grant school and is tuition free for Native American students.
- The CCIA/Health Committee announced this year's Health & Wellness Conference, is scheduled to be held on August 13-14, 2009.
- Brunot Agreement: Chairman Box, brought up points of discussion pertaining to the

hunting/gathering portion of the Brunot Agreement, that a verbal agreement of the use of sweat rocks, lodge poles, berries and these should be separate from the Hunting portion of the Agreement.

• NAGPRA and the Re-interment of human remains: CCIA Executive Secretary, Ernest House, Jr., gave an update with Dr. Susan Collins, Colorado State Archeologist of the cases resolved and unresolved in the State of Colorado. Since 1999, 266 cases were resolved, 155 cases left in “C2”, and 111 cases have not been resolved of these almost half have been determined “Cultural Inventory”. There is an ongoing collaboration with the Tribes to rebury these remains. 11 have been affiliated with a specific Tribe, 55 have been affiliated with the Pueblo of the Ancient Pueblos from 1300 AD. 45 are Culturally Unidentifiable and there is a process in works to claim relationship. 8 cases have been resolved within the past year.

There is a site in Durango, Colorado “Darkmull Site” on private land, determined to be of the Basket Weaver People, and these remains have begun repatriation. These and the numerous other finds have been processed though the NAGPRA Repatriation Act. There will also be some re-internments this year, with Terry Knight who has been working with NAGPRA since the 1960's.

Two presentations were made to the Commission, as follows:

• Adam Walsh Act: Christopher Lobanov-Rostovsky, presented the Adam Walsh Act of Colorado, he explained his department is working closely with Janelle Doughty, Director of the Department of Justice and regulatory for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe by implemented guidelines specific to the Adam Walsh Act in collaboration between the Federal Government and the Southern Ute Police Department. By honoring Tribal Sovereignty, there will be separate “Tiers”, based on court conviction. Tier I/Tribe to Tier III/State. This would allow offenders to register in La Plata County as a Tier I offender, rather than if another Tier would be applicable in another Jurisdiction.

• Census 2010: Angela Padilla, presented an outline of Census 2010. The Census is asking for recruitment form 29 Tribal leaders in a 10 State Region, which includes Colorado. The purpose of the Census is to get numbers of Native Americans, such as Housing Programs, Voting Rights, and Monitoring Communities. This is determined by size of population, geographic location and these characteristics will prove useful to a specific region.

The next Quarterly CCIA meeting will be held in Ignacio on September 4, 2009.

Editors Note: The Tri-Ute Meeting, also held in Denver will be published in the next issue of the Drum, on April 10, 2009.

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Vice-Chairman, Jim Newton, Jr., began by expressing the Tribe's support in Ernest House, Jr., and how he has set an example as an Indian, and for Tribes that don't have the opportunity. Councilman Newton, expressed concern in State infringement of Tribal Sovereignty Land Codes, by respecting past goals and visions in protecting sovereignty, also stating, the need for local support from the school district of not being in compliance of State regulations and being put on Probationary Status. He asked the Governor to come visit the Southern Ute Academy and Ignacio's public schools. A concern also expressed was the low CSAP scores and no incentive/credit for Native American kids in the local schools, by not being fulfilling and thus labeling Ignacio schools as “poor

status”. Newton asked, “How do we make the kids understand the importance of these scores and how they affect not only the students, but the teachers too?”

Lt. Governor, Barbara O'Brien commented, “We will look into testing and make recommendations for testing of CASP.”

Councilwoman Marjorie Borst, began discussion on health and diabetes, and that the statistics show diabetes is three times higher in Native Americans, and that by gathering information, and communicating with governments, we are opening doors in health issues.

Lt. Governor, O'Brien stated that funding is dropping for IHS (Indian Health Services), as a sub-component of the State Department of Public Health, as they are applying for a grants and

streamlining resources for them in the State in regards to donations, and funding by stimulus dollars.

Southern Ute Tribal Lobbyist, of the Denver lobbying firm Kogovsek and Associates, Christine Arbogast, asked the State to draft a letter of support, for the benefit of the Tribe in this matter.

Councilman Newton closed by stating the Tribe's dedication to preserving the wildlife habitat on the reservation, by NOT allowing production of natural gas or oil on the east side of the reservation.

Governor Ritter pointed out the issues of Desert Rock in Arizona, and their ongoing battle with air quality concerns, and the protocols to ancestry land will rise over the summer. As re-internments increase, and that he will continue to talk with Tribes in making that happen.



Annual Spring Clean-Up April 13 - April 18, 2009

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and BAG THE TRASH for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, LUMBER to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at (970) 563-0100

Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP.

Elders, and Handicapped Tribal members who may need assistance, contact Const. Services (970) 563-0260. Regarding **old vehicles**, Herb Miller (970) 563-0265 Provide title if available.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 14 (ALL DAY) Upper and Lower Tribal and BIA Campus Areas

All Tribal, BIA, IHS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 (ALL DAY)

All Southern Ute Public Housing, Cluster Sites and Senior Center

Residents are requested to clean up their areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash. Tribal Operations and Construction Services please coordinate with Herb Miller or Don Sutton, Ext. 2510 for pick up on Campus, and Cluster sites. SUPHA home owners and renters, Senior Citizen Center are to contact the So. Ute Housing at (970) 563-4575.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 17, & 18 (ALL DAY)

The following Depts. are responsible for trash pick up at the following locations:

Property & Facilities Department: (Building Maintenance & Motorpool)

Tribal homes located North of Hwy 172 & West of Pine River. Motorpool (970) 563-0280.

Building Maintenance (970) 563-0265; Grounds Maintenance (970) 563-0272.

Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak.

Tribal Construction Services: (Woodyard)

Contact Mateo Carmenoros (970) 563-0260.

Tribal homes East of Pine River, North & South of Hwy 151 to Arboles.

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

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You could win two Four-Wheelers and a trailer!

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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).

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Of Four Corners Interest

Southwest Smile Makers Dental Clinic

Offers Teeth Cleaning for Adults Southwest Smile Makers Dental Clinic is offering teeth cleaning services for adults. The cost is \$60. SmileMakers can now accept CHP+. For more information or to schedule an appointment, (970) 385-4480 in Durango and (970) 264-2409 ext. 33 in Pagosa Springs.

Law Enforcement Nominations Sought

NAMI Southwest Colorado (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) is seeking nominations for CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Officer of the Year. CIT Officers are local law enforcement officers who are specially trained to respond safely and appropriately to persons with mental illness in crisis. Help us recognize and honor the special work that is being done by nominating an officer. Completed nomination forms are due no later than April 10. Nomination forms are available by contacting Lauren Patterson, CIT Training Coordinator at (970) 259-1247 or Lpatters@frontier.net.

Greenmount Cemetery Spring Cleanup

As part of the annual spring cleanup at Greenmount Cemetery, the City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department is requesting that families remove all flowers or other decorations around grave spaces at Greenmount Cemetery by April 1, 2009. City crews will be completing the spring cleanup throughout the month of April and families will be able to place flowers and decorations beginning in May. For more information, please call (970) 375-7380.

Introducing the 1st Four Corners Green Living EXPO!

Two-day Annual Event: Helping to Educate Residents, Businesses and Others about the Economical and Environmental Importance of Green Living. Eco Logic Events and SASCO (Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado) announce the first ever Four Corners Green Living Expo designed to inform residents, businesses and others about what it means to be “green” and “sustainable”. The two-day fun filled event takes place on Saturday, April 18, 10:00-5:00 pm and Sunday, April 19, 10:00-3:00 pm at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, Colorado. Expo organizer and co-owner of Eco Logic Events, Carol Clark, said the event will be an immersion into “green-” companies, food vendors, organizations, musicians, clothing companies and more, to help bring to light what it means to live green. Tickets to attend to the Four Corners Green Living Expo are \$2/day for adults and children 12 and under are free. If you are a business interested in being an exhibitor there is still time to sign up. Costs are \$300 for for-profits for the weekend and \$100 for nonprofits. For additional information, interviews or to participate in the Four Corners Green Expo contact Carol Clark at carolclark@frontier.net or call (970) 759-4144 or Kristen Muraro at kristen@ecologicalevents.com or call (970) 946-0715 or log onto www.4cornersgreenliving.com.

Additional Kayak Night Added to Schedule

The City’s Parks and Recreation Department is adding an additional Kayak Night to the Recreation Center schedule. Beginning on March 26th, kayakers will be able to access the pool on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. The sale of kayak passes will begin at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Pass are \$3.00 per boat and sold on a first-come first-serve basis. The Recreation Center will allow a maximum of 20 boats in the water at any give time during kayak night. For non-members, there is an additional admission fee of \$4.75. Please contact Lindsay Bathke, at (970) 375-7312 or www.durangogov.org/reccenter.

Book Signing With Doug Fine, Author of Farewell, My Subaru

Maria’s Bookshop and Bland Solar will co-sponsor a lively presentation from Doug Fine, author of Farewell, My Subaru: An Epic Adventure in Local Living at Maria’s Bookshop, 960 Main Avenue in Durango, on Thursday, May 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information about the event, call (970) 247-1438 or visit www.mariasbookshop.com.

Section Of CR 509 To Be Closed March 30-April 3, 2009

A 150-foot section of County Road 509, approximately 2.3 miles south of the intersection of County Road 509 and Highway 160B (the 2000 block of County Road 509) will be closed to through traffic from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, 2009 for the replacement of a 60” diameter drainage culvert. Residents are advised to use Highway 160B as an access to all properties north of project. For all properties south of the project, residents are advised to use Highway 172. For through traffic from Highway 160 to Highway 172, motorists are advised to use County Road 521. For a map of the project location, co.laplata.co.us/rb/maintenanceCR509.htm. Call the La Plata County Road & Bridge Dept. at (970) 382-6414.

Catch Twilight Fever at the Library

Join the Durango Public Library for a showing of “Twilight” and see how the movie lives up to the book. Did Edward live up to your expectations? Was Bella clumsy enough? Did they cast Jacob right? Join us at 6:00 p.m. on April 2nd. We’re ready to hear what you think! Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Jen Leithauser at (970) 375-3393 or www.DurangoPublicLibrary.org.

PowWow Trails

Fort Lewis Hozhoni Days PowWow March 27 - 29, 2009

Fort Lewis College Gym • Durango, Co

Web: www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center

San Juan College Center PowWow April 4th, 2009

McGee Park Coliseum, (San Juan County Fair Grounds Hwy 64) • Farmington,

Phone: Native American center (505) 566-3321 or (505) 566-3357

Web: www.farmington.org/pages/events.html

2009 Wildcat Contest PowWow April 10-11, 2009

620 N Vine Ave • Tucson, Az

Phone: Recynthia Robinson (520) 248-6192

Email: rrr491@email.arizona.edu

17th annual spring Contest PowWow April 11-12, 2009

Larimer County Fairgrounds, First National Bank Exhibition Hall

I-25 and Crossroads Boulevard (Exit 259) • Loveland, Co

Phone: (970)488.0290

Email: ncipa@fortnet.org

Web: www.fortnet.org/PowWow/NCIPA_powwow.html

Black Eagle PowWow April 17-18, 2009

3001 Civic Center • Rio Rancho, NM

Phone: Malcom Yepa (505) 321-0402

Email: malcom_yepa@yahoo.com

Gathering of Nations PowWow April 24-25, 2009

III University Blvd Se • Albuquerque, NM

Phone: (505) 836-2810

Web: www.gatheringofnations.com

Many Moons Ago



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10 years ago...

Ute Royalty was there in force and posed for a quick picture before Saturday's Grand Entry. In the back row (left to right) are Miss Ute Mountain Fernessa Dutchie, Ute Mountain Little Brave Scott Zanejacket, Little Miss Southern Ute Lindsay Box and Jr. Miss Southern Ute Marcy Herrera. In the foreground (left to right) are Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Kayleen Monroe, Little Miss Southern Ute Second Alternate Mandy Naranjo and Junior Miss Southern Ute Second Alternate Dawnette Naranjo.

This photo was published in the March 26, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



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20 years ago...

Inter-Tribal Dancing at the Denver March Powwow in 1989, had over 500 dancers and over 24 drum groups.

This photo was published in the March 31, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

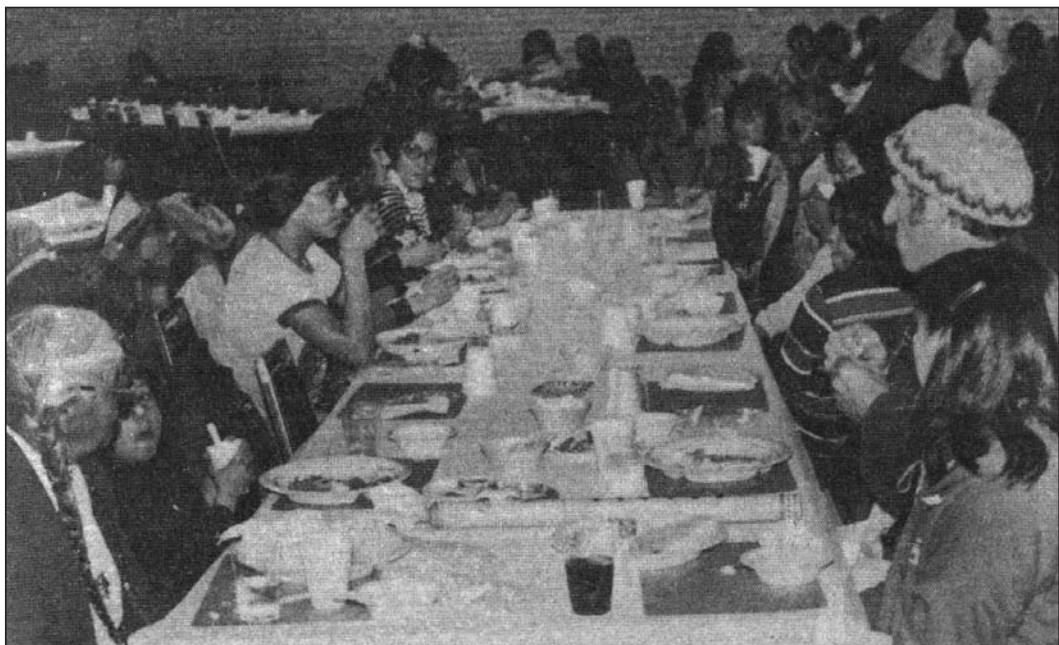


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30 years ago...

Wednesd ay, March 21, a general membership meeting convened for luncheon at the Community Center. Eighty people attended and following lunch most of teh Ute language, the prospects for teaching it to younge members of the tribe and the possibility of opening a special school in which the Ute language may be taught, a school controlled and operarted by the So. Ute Tribe.

This photo was published in the March 30, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Ute Words nag'amitu

[Means: sick person]

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: “Symptoms Of Diabetes”

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



Many people are familiar with the risk factors and complications of type 2 diabetes mellitus, but I am often asked about the symptoms of this common illness.

Type 2 diabetes mellitus results from resistance to insulin. This is often due to a combination of genes and environment. Persons from families with diabetes are at increased risk due to genetic factors. Obesity is another known risk factor.

The initial symptoms of diabetes result from abnormalities in the way sugar is processed in the body. Normally, sugar consumed in our diet as well as sugar produced in the liver is released into the bloodstream to provide fuel for the body's functions. Insulin produced by the pancreas assists with moving sugar into the cells.

With the insulin resistance that results from type 2 diabetes, sugar cannot enter the cells. This produces two problems. One of these problems is that the body's cells do not get the energy they need. The other problem is that sugar levels rise in the blood stream.

out the day.

As urination increases, the body can easily become dehydrated. The normal response to dehydration is increased thirst, which allows our bodies to replace lost fluid. Increasing thirst and urination are a hallmark of the onset diabetes. Similarly, the starvation-like effect of sugar's inability to enter cells produces increased hunger.

Many people with new onset diabetes report vision changes. This occurs when rising sugar levels affect the function of the lens of the eye. Often these vision changes will resolve when blood sugar is controlled.

Rising sugar levels weaken the immune system and also attract certain infections like yeast and bacteria. Persons with new onset or uncontrolled diabetes may develop frequent urinary infections, skin infections and abscesses, and women may experience frequent vaginal yeast infections.

Learning to recognize the symptoms of diabetes, especially for persons with increased risk for the illness, can prompt medical testing to confirm the diagnosis, which permits treatment. Early treatment of diabetes has been shown to reduce the risk of long-term complications.

When sugar cannot enter the body's cells, the body enters a sort of starvation state which often results in weight loss. This is one of the symptoms of diabetes- unexpected weight loss. Also, since the body is not able to use sugar as a fuel, tiredness results. The combination of tiredness and weight loss is seen commonly with the onset of diabetes mellitus.

As sugar levels rise in the blood stream, sugar may begin to spill over into the urine. Sugar and water go together and so the sugary urine of diabetes results in increased urination. Often persons will report that they have to get up frequently at night to urinate or that they have to urinate more frequently through-

The Kidney Corner: “GFR”

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

“My doctor says my GFR is down. What does this mean and what should I do about it?”

GFR, which stands for “glomerular filtration rate” is one of the most useful ways of measuring kidney function. It represents the rate at which blood is filtered by the kidney and is an approximation of the ability of the kidneys to remove toxins.

When measuring the kidney's function, it is more usually more practical to measure toxin levels in the blood than in the urine. The lower the kidney function, the higher the level of toxins in the blood. We usually measure a substance called creatinine in the blood. It is released from breakdown of muscle cells at a fairly constant rate, and is only removed by the kidneys. So the level of creatinine has become established over the years as a reasonable measure of kidney function.

However, as might be expected, since creatinine originates in muscle, muscular people produce more creatinine than thin people, and this can cause problems. For example, a very muscular male athlete might have a higher creatinine level than, say, a thin elderly lady even if those two individuals' kidney function remains the same. For this reason, we use a correction formula to determine GFR which takes into account creatinine level, age and sex. This is useful to help assess the significance of a given creatinine level.

It's important to realize that GFR declines with age. A healthy 21 year old person without kidney disease may have a GFR around 115 (typically a little higher in men than in women). Even healthy people, however, may deviate quite considerably from these numbers. And the GFR measured on different days may also vary quite considerably based on the hydration status at the time of the measurement (and possibly also due to some inherent potential inaccuracy of the test, which appears to be unavoidable.) As

we age, GFR tends to decline and it's normal for levels to decline down to the 70's, 60's and even 50's with age.

The National Kidney Foundation defines chronic kidney disease as occurring when GFR declines below 60. This has been a controversial definition, because as you can see from our preceding discussion, normal ageing of the kidney could result in a person being labeled as having chronic kidney disease. It's possible that over time, this definition of kidney disease may change, but in the meantime, it is worth remembering that kidney function tests should be interpreted with consideration to age, and that a decrease in kidney function may be more ominous in a young than an old patient.

As we have discussed previously in the Kidney Corner, chronic kidney disease is classified according to the GFR, from Stage 1 chronic kidney disease, in which the GFR is normal, to Stage 5 chronic kidney disease, in which the GFR is below 15 and dialysis typically needs to be started.

2nd Annual Native American Sexual Assault Awareness Vigil

Media Release
Our Sisters Keeper Coalition

In honor of the National SAAM (Sexual Assault Awareness Month), in 2007, Governor Bill Ritter signed a Proclamation stating April 5th as Native American Sexual Assault Awareness Day. Our Sister's Keeper Coalition, is hosting the 2nd Annual Sexual Assault Native American Awareness Vigil. The Vigil will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, beginning at 12 noon-1:30 pm, at the State Capital Building (West side steps) in

Denver, Colorado.

The Native American Awareness Vigil is a community gathering in honor of all victims of Sexual Assault. The Vigil will include a Native American Blessing, Victim's Testimony, a moment of silence for victims and survivors of Sexual Assault, and to bring an awareness that violence against our Native American sisters has to Stop.

The 2nd Annual Native American Sexual Assault Awareness Vigil partners are the Colorado Commissioner on Indian Affairs (CCIA), the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA), and the Denver Indian

Family Resource Center.

The Mission of Our Sister's Keeper Coalition is to be dedicated to the actions that promote the safety and sovereignty of all families, and to honor the fundamental value of those who experience Family Violence by providing inclusive victim services, educational programs and community outreach, all of which help survivor's achieve long term financial goals and self-sufficiency.

For additional information, please contact Our Sister's Keeper Coalition at (970) 259-2519 or at our website: www.oursisterskeeper.org.

Please join the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program & Members of Native Communities in the 4 Corners Area

Walking Together for Healthier Nations

April 17, 2009

Walk from Towaoc to the 4 Corners Monument
Registration & Ceremony 6:00 - 7:00 AM
7:00 AM - Walk Begins

19 mile walk... Rest Stops Every 3 Miles.
Participants who walk at least 3 miles will receive a T-Shirt & Lunch.

Entertainment, Health Checks, & Foot Care

Please participate in this fun & meaningful day.
Discount Rooms Available at Ute Mountain Resort Hotel.

Please call Julie or Henry for more information or to arrange carpool at
(970) 563-4741

Dance The Night Away/Fight Cancer All In One Evening!

Please join Ignacio Schools' Relay for Life Teams for our first Family Dance and bake sale. Mark Friday, April 17, 2009, 7-9 pm on your calendar and plan to bring your family to Ignacio Elementary to dance the night away with DJ - Danny Jaques. All proceeds raised will support Ignacio Schools' Relay for Life Teams, which is part of American cancer Society's effort to find a cure for cancer,

Healthy Lifestyle



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The Shur Value Market in Ignacio, Colorado hosted a food demonstration on Monday March 16, 2009. The demonstration was presented by Healthy Lifestyle La Plata and titled: The Festival of Color, Celebrating the bountiful produce of our lives! Coordinator for the program, Sherri Wormser, was making veggie wraps to show an example of an easy to make, health conscience snack. The wraps were filled with uncooked vegetables and fruit, tailored to each individual based on their tastes. Having sampled a couple of wraps myself, I strongly encourage you to learn more at their website www.healthylifestylelaplata.org.

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APRIL 2, 3, 4, 5
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Tribal Leaders Dinner



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The Fort Restaurant in Morrison, Colorado has quite a reputation, historically themed, the building is a direct replica of the fabled Bent's Fort, one of the original trading posts in Colorado. A Tribal Leaders dinner was hosted by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs at The Fort which included pre-dinner entertainment of traditional flute music on the terrace and a tour of the grounds by the owners of the restaurant. A dinner of Buffalo prime rib was served, with appetizers of Jalapenos stuffed with peanut butter, Rocky Mountain Oysters, Buffalo Sausage, Lamb Riblets and "Prairie Butter" buffalo bone-marrow. Southern Ute Tribal Councilwomen Marjorie Borst, is pictured above with The Fort Restaurant owners Jeremy and Holly Kinney (left and center), also pictured are Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Councilmembers Harold Cuthair and Leona Eyetoo, Leona (at right) is from the White Mesa reservation.

The Red Room



Tribal representatives from all three Ute Tribes - the Southern, Northern and Ute Mountain met in Denver on March 18, 2009 for meetings with the Lieutenant Governor - Barbara O'Brien and Colorado Governor - Bill Ritter, on Capitol Hill during a visit to the Colorado State Capitol. A luncheon was provided by Colorado Representatives, at the Red Room Restaurant and Chairmen from each Tribe gave thanks and addressed some of the issues that they would be facing in the days to come. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman - Ernest House, Sr. (left photo) speaks during lunch and visits with lobbyist Christine Arbogast.

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CSU's Little Shop Of Physics Glows



SUIMA students' Rylan Herrera and Addison Jones (left photo), demonstrate the use of the "fluorescent faces" exhibit. Items such as teeth and laundry detergent "fluoresce" when they come into contact with ultraviolet light or light one cannot see. This exhibit was part of the CSU Little Shop of Physics tour that visited the Southern Ute Public Education Division during the week of March 16th.

Also pictured is Lakota TwoCrow (top photo), along with fellow peers who toured the science phenomenon during the week as well. SUIMA and Ignacio Public Schools all got a chance to get a glimpse of the physics aspect related to the science field. The Little Shop of Physics visits the Southern Ute Reservation every two years during their tour.

photos Amy Barry/SU DRUM

Uintah & Ouray Northern Ute Reservation, Utah

2009 RANDLETT BEAR DANCE

April 24, 25, 26 & 27

Chief: Skylar Lomahaftewa & Henry Cesspooch

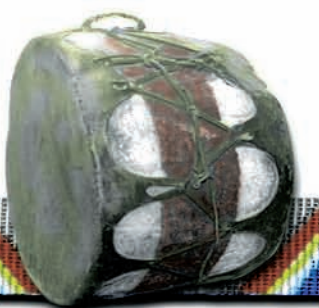
April 24: Bear Dance

April 25: Bear Dance

April 26: Bear Dance

April 27: Bear Dance / Feast

Everyone Is Welcome to Come Over and Dance!



Ute Leaders Meet On Colorado Capitol Hill



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Ute leaders met in the Colorado State Capitol's old Senate Chambers to discuss issues pertaining to the three Ute Tribes of Colorado and Utah. The Tribes were represented by their respective Chairmen, Matthew Box, Ernest House, Sr., and Curtis Cesspooch and various members of their Tribal Councils. Updates were given by Tribal Council and Chairmen of each Tribe and discussion was held on varying topics. The Tri-Ute games slated for August, which will be hosted by the Southern Utes in Ignacio. Council Tree PowWow which will be hosted this year by the Ute Mountain Utes. Ute graves in South Dakota that are being maintained by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, was discussed during the Northern Ute update.

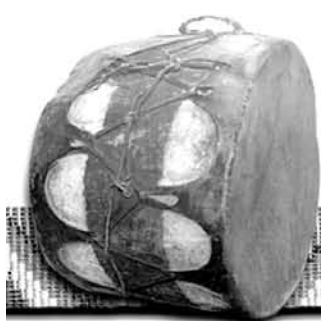
Colo. Commission of Indian Affairs



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The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs met with leaders from all three Ute Tribes at the Denver University Strum College of Law. The meeting was held on Thursday March 19, 2009. Southern Ute Tribal Vice-Chairman, Jim Newton, Jr., (top photo) speaks out on Tribal concerns during the CCLA meeting. Ernest House, Jr., Executive Secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (above center), addresses concerns on behalf of the Lt. Governors office and CCLA, to his left are Colorado Lieutenant Governor - Barbara O'Brien and to his right, his Father, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman - Ernest House, Sr.,





Easter Basket Workshop



photo courtesy/SU Ag Extention

The Southern Ute Agriculture Extension Department held it's Easter Basket workshop on March 13, 2009 in the Southern Ute Public Education Building. Participants in this years workshop were (l-r): Gabrielle Herrera, Ann Weaver, Annabelle Eagle, Rhonda Frost and Bridget Weaver. Not pictured: Ernie Watts, Mary Inez and Elise Redd.

Ignacio High School's 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

SENIORS: 4.5 Aaron Thompson; 4.0 Katherine Gallegos, Jody Mangus; 3.7 Gage Serrano; 3.6 Diamond Morgan; 3.5 Elisa Gallegos.

JUNIORS: 4.0 Shane Brooks, Oakley Hayes, Hannah Minkler, Anthony Porambo, Jared Ruybal, Eric Salvo, Cassandra Sanchez, Ashley Self; 3.7 Jessica Candelaria, Vernetta Carel, Anthony McBeth, Nubia Rangel; 3.5 Alexandra Adams, Alex Herrera, Richard Hott, Hardy Joy, Kayla Lewis, Julie Santistevan, Trae Seibel, Christian Thompson, Victoria Trujillo-Weaver ; 3.2 Morgan Gantt, Kristie Ribera, Antonio Thompson, Chance Wyatt.

SOPHOMORES: 4.0 Garret Becker, Carly Bentley, Ryan Brooks, Corey Francis, Casey Haga, Ryan Hartbauer, Michael Mestas; 3.7 Fantaysha Gallegos, Kent Kerrigan, Ethan Pearson, Daniel Vaughan, Candace Wade; 3.5 Colton Davis, Mariah Pena, Pedro Vigil; 3.2 Jay Black, Krista Richards, Katelyn Sivers.

FRESHMEN: 4.0 Isaac Blacksten, Abeth Okall, Shane Richmond, Colton Wyatt; 3.7 Carly Barborinas, Alex Theys, Shawnara Troup; 3.6 Matthew Peterson; 3.5 Brittney Benavidez, Rylie Jefferson; 3.2 Diamond Rosa, Brenden Ruybal, Rowdy Sanchez, Zachary White.



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Meet the Bunny as he rides
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Hunt eggs in **Ute Park** with
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Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM Saturday
April 12, 2009

Ute Park
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Southern Ute Police Department
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Higher Education Department
8th Annual
Career Fair

When: Wednesday April 15th, 2009
Time: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Where: The New Sky Ute Casino & Resort Events Center
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!
If you have any questions please call 970-563-0237



Peace Jam Students Meet With Noble Peace Prize Winner, Williams

Mari Villaluna
Boys & Girls Club Program Aide

“E motion without action is irrelevant.” At first the power of these words was not clear to the room of 300 high school students and 50 teachers. Yet as Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace Prize winner continued to speak, the meaning was illuminated. Through more than thirty years of social activism and global good will Jody Williams has learned that your emotions are only as powerful as the actions that speak for them. Feeling sorry or bad for a situation will do nothing- one must act to change what is creating the problem.

During the weekend of February 28 and March 1, 2009 students and teachers from across the Rocky Mountain region gathered in Denver, Colorado to discuss and learn about the global issues of human security at the 2009 PeaceJam Youth Conference. PeaceJam is an international non-profit that connects youth with Nobel Peace Prize winners through conferences, service work, and a standards-based curriculum. Recently students in Ignacio and Durango have started this curriculum. The conference offered a wonderful opportunity for inspiration and action.

At the conference students participated in workshops, service projects, and discussion groups throughout the weekend. There was also ample opportunity for students to talk with Jody Williams. She shared experiences and advice in approaching the issue of human security. In her own life, Jody Williams worked in El Salvador and Mexico for many years helping the local communities. Then she got involved with the issue of land mines. Jody was so devastated by the global impact land mines have she helped spearhead an international campaign to ban landmines. What began as a meager effort of two non-profits grew to 156 countries signing a treaty to remove this deadly weapon from international arsenal. Currently Jody is working on women's rights worldwide as well as addressing the needs within Darfur. Her personal stories are an amazing example of what is capable in our own lives.

Amongst the 300 high school students, was a group of students from Ignacio and Durango, Colorado. These students went



photo courtesy/Boys & Girls Club

Peace Jam students meet with Noble Peace Prize winner Jodi Williams, who worked for eleven years to build public awareness about U.S. policy toward Central America. The Peace Jam Students are currently working on ideas for their global action project to promote peace locally while still thinking globally. Leon Parson, Mari, Jodi Williams, Sunny Johnston, and Troy Parson hold up Peace signs to promote the vision of peace that many youth at the conference held. Only until recently, the US government has taken a step with the Obama Administration to permanently ban many cluster bomb exports from the United States. The U.S. government has still not signed the treaty.

up to Denver on Friday afternoon to be ready for the early morning start on Saturday. Due to the long distance, the PeaceJam foundation offered students the opportunity to eat lunch with Jody Williams and have a more one on one experience.

Troy Parsons, of Ignacio, CO says, “I really enjoyed hearing her - she was real, and didn't put up any sort of front.” Sunny Johnston, another attendee from Ignacio shared similar thoughts. “My favorite part was eating lunch with Jody. She wasn't fake and she says what she has to say!” Jody's confidence and energy flowed through the students as they took on local service projects throughout Denver, Colorado. One of the larger projects that students participated in was door-to-door canvassing. This project, called ‘Project Rise,’ seeks to do an authentic community needs assessment for the state of Colorado through surveying community and individual needs. Students helped conduct the project by going door-to-door and asking for community members' thoughts on their greatest needs. Though it was discouraging at times when people may not answer, it was also enlightening to see the similarities and differences.

Amidst the busy schedule students were also able to kick back with a variety of games throughout the weekend and a concert on Saturday night. Local Denver hip-hop and rock groups showed up to

entertain the students and Jody Williams- who didn't have a problem getting down with the crowd.

At the end of the conference students gave their goodbyes and prepared to head back for the long drive home. Despite the long drive students are excited to use the knowledge and advice they've gained. They're ready to help their own communities, and contribute to a secure, safe environment. For as Jody said, “The rest of the time is up to the rest of us.” We need to take responsibility for the changes we would like to see. One Ignacio student, Leon Parson, is very excited about answering PeaceJam's call for service. A contest that asks students to create a service project, and submit their work to the PeaceJam Foundation by June. The winners will be visited by Rigoberta Menchu Tum, 1992 Nobel Peace Prize winner for her work to gain Indigenous Mayan rights.

To continue their efforts back home students seek to create their own service projects in contribution to PeaceJam's Global Call to Action. This Call is asking for one Billion acts of peace and service in the next 10 years world-wide. Students have opportunities to work with PeaceJam through their schools, and SUCAP. Every Friday evening is a PeaceJam night at the teen center 3:30-7: open to older middle school, and high school students. For more information, please contact Meeg Conroy, miss.meeg@gmail.com or Jenny Wing at jwing22@gmail.com.

Hozhoni Days Powwow

March 27-28, 2009

Whalen Gym, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

MC: Mike Salabye (Window Rock, AZ)
Arena Director: Randy Medicine Bear (Loveland, CO)
Color Guard: Fort Lewis Veteran's Club
Host Northern Drum (Mandaree from Mandaree, SD)
Host Southern Drum (12 Gauge from Ignacio, CO)

Admission:

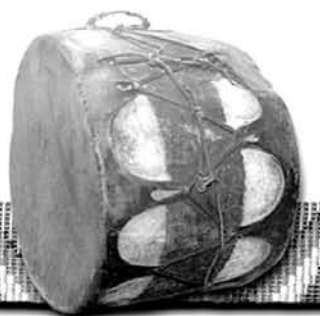
General Public: \$4; Students: \$3; Weekend Pass: \$8
6 and under and 60+: FREE



Friday, March 27
Gourd Dancing 6:00 p.m.
Grand Entry 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28
Gourd Dancing 11:00 a.m.
Grand Entry 12:00 noon/Grand Entry 7:00 p.m.
Crowning of Miss Hozhoni





Eleven's Heaven: 'Cats Say 'We Play!'

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

They're all they've got. And IHS' athletic department should honor them with some "Dutch" Clark-style headgear. Preferably before an upcoming home match yet in 2009. Probably fewer than 50 people would see the sight, but all would have to respect the bygone-era symbolism portrayed by a 1920's-esque leather 'helmet' worn by the former Pueblo Central standout (later an original member of the Hall of Fame) and other footballers of the day.

Two ways, sideline to sideline, end to end, start to finish.

These 'Cats, too, play that gutsy brand of ball. Make that bol. As in futbol.

They are the Ignacio girls' soccer team.

They play with eleven to a side like every other team, and do it for the love of the sport. The difference, however, is that the Lady Bobcats also do it to preserve the sport for future hopefuls attending IHS. And playing with just the bare minimum of players, they've worked through four matches already. Three were completed in a 21-hour stretch last Friday and Saturday, and all have demanded service with no breaks.

Only Clark-ish attire would shout ironman—or iron-woman—any louder.

Their basic season results to date—winless, zero goals for, 26 against—coming off an 0-9 slate in 2008, would tell a casual fan that the program's either sinking, or it's mired in an 'expansion team' state. The second impression would be far more accurate, but for the fact that 'expansion' can't happen without being



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio senior Katherine Gallegos prepares to halt Ridgway's Willa Johnson in her tracks late in last Saturday's 3A SWL match. Gallegos is one of four 12th-graders on the Lady Bobcats' 2009 roster.

mired in 'hope.'

The new Women's Professional Soccer circuit has had it for over a year, and will see it bear fruit with Sunday's inaugural match between the Los Angeles Sol and Washington [D.C.] Freedom. The Freedom, especially, have never stopped hoping, even keeping their moniker from their days in the short-lived (2001-03) Women's United Soccer Association.

Ignacio also has that hope that one day the struggles will pay off. Its core group has played together for multiple seasons, and has already shown a willingness to quickly mesh with inexperienced newcomers. Two other seniors have (so far) not come out, further opening the door for freshmen Carly Barborinas, Abeth Okall, and Shawnara Troup to learn on the job.

Senior EmmyLou Covey came from the cheerleading

squad, but already has impressed with her speed on the forward line. And coming out after the basketball season, sophomore Bonnie Lucero, who volunteered to take over in net for graduated goalie Savannah Pearson, has already shown multiple flashes of development with several vice-grip glove saves.

Seniors Jody Mangus and Katherine Gallegos have shown a pair of non-stop motors, while senior Brenna Brown and junior Hannah Minkler have complemented the two central defenders with their work on the outsides. Juniors Venicia Sala and Ashley Seibel have dwelled in the mid-field and have already looked improved over last year.

The math just doesn't reflect any of that: a 7-0 loss at Bayfield on March 17, 4-0 AND 9-0 losses at home to Telluride on the 20th, and a 6-0 home loss to Ridgway on the 21st. Shots on goal were counted on a hand or less in all, as IHS' own fatigue was often a more brutal enemy.

Still, head coach Janet Mosher and assistant Andrew Fenety—who led in the interim against THS and RHS as Mosher was away—have maintained confidence in their troops, each of whom has left the battlefield on her own two cleated feet every time.

And despite contesting another campaign under the specter of possible shutdown by CHSAA due to low turnout, this band of sisters doesn't figure to break for anyone, anytime soon.

Results from Tuesday's match at Pagosa Springs were unavailable at press time. PSHS was also off to a rocky 0-4 overall (0-2 in the 3A Southwestern) start after losing again, 2-1 to Telluride while Ignacio (0-4, 0-4) was hosting Ridgway.

Bobcats Take Fourth At 2A Finale

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

No Shakespearean soothsayer was here to give them warning. Nor would he/she have been. For the Caesars of the San Juan Basin League were re-taking the floor after conquering the [Heritage] Christians the morning before.

But the Ides of March came about a day and a half earlier than on the calendar, and on March 13, Dragons burned the Ignacio Bobcats boys' bid for the Class 2A championship in the first Final Four semifinal on CSU-Pueblo's Harry H. Simmons Court.

"The seniors are taking it pretty hard," said junior Oakley Hayes after Holyoke held IHS at bay, physically and otherwise, in a 45-33 outcome to kill the Bobcats' buzz from a 55-54 victory over Fort Collins' Heritage Christian Academy in the Great Eight.

"Defensively we did what we wanted—shut down their two best players—but they had some other kids step up and hit some big shots. And that's how it happens sometimes at state," said assistant coach Art Silva after the HHS game.

Still with a chance to come home with some hardware, Ignacio met Meeker the following afternoon inside Massari Arena, but again were put on their heels early by sizzling outside shooting and never quite recovered. Holyoke senior Colby Wailes had struck for three first-half three-pointers, but Cowboy lefty Brian Crowe was even hotter and the senior connected on six before halftime.

"They just flat-out wouldn't miss," said IHS senior Ryan Egger after MHS claimed a 56-43 win in the third-place game. "We did what we could do, stepped out on them and got back in help positions as much as possible, but in the end..."

"We're still fourth in the whole state of Colorado in our class,



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio junior Alex Herrera (44) and senior Micah Odoms (21) sky for a rebound against Holyoke's Austin Tharp (3) and Kyle Carper (10), while junior Shane Brooks boxes out at right during the Bobcats' Final Four meeting with the Dragons in Pueblo.

and I can live with that," said assistant coach Shane Seibel.

"It's a great time for Ignacio Basketball," added head coach Chris Valdez, whose crew finished 2008-09 an outstanding 23-3. "I love the fact they're here, to see that look in their eyes and their desire. They can have the credit for winning, and I'll take the blame for losing. Every time. What a great opportunity for these guys."

And the guys never surrendered their swords until it was all over, holding all three of their opponents to a COMBINED total of five fourth-quarter baskets, and zero made triples. Four of those buckets were split between HCA Eagles Jonathan McGinley and James Merkley, and were literally one-upped by Bobcat junior Alex Herrera's fifth of the frame.

His hoop off an inbound lob with 0:03 left gave Ignacio the eventual winning margin, but it wasn't finalized until HCA's Zach Peterson (who drained four threes himself) misfired a desperation heave to close the contest.

Herrera finished with 21 points, and senior Micah Odoms added 13 to off-set Peterson's 14 and McGinley's 16.

Interestingly, IHS never led against the Eagles until 40-38 late in the third quarter.

Herrera, constantly swarmed thereafter by his opponents, still managed 15 points against Holyoke, but was held to seven by Meeker. Odoms put 11 on the Cowboys, but was held to just five by the Dragons.

"It was a

whole other level out there," said Odoms, "definitely more physical, the refs let a lot of stuff go, but we just had to play through it. I think we met our goals this season—we didn't win, but one of our goals was to get here and play on the last day."

Crowe led MHS with 22 and Mitch Jacob added 14 (including three more treys), while Wailes' dozen and senior Austin Tharp's baker's dozen paced HHS.

The starting Bobcat back-court of Hayes and junior Trae Seibel amassed just 19 points total during the three-game stay, as their enemies pressured them to pass inside to the trees—which they were already expecting IHS to do, and thus were ready to defend.

The Brothers Brooks (junior Shane, sophomore Ryan) also racked up just 19 between them, though both had their moments. Ryan hit the three to give Ignacio their first lead against HCA, and Shane converted an amazing Julius Erving-like reverse layup against MHS to re-fire up the fans and the IHS Band.

Coming from underneath and behind the backboard like the good Doctor, Brooks not only banked the ball in from higher up on the glass, but also managed it while being fouled.

"We'll be back," he said afterwards, wearing a shirt that said 'The Tradition Starts Now.'

"Next year we'll have basically the same team, but we'll be bigger, faster, stronger."

And the rest of the classification now can't say they haven't been warned.

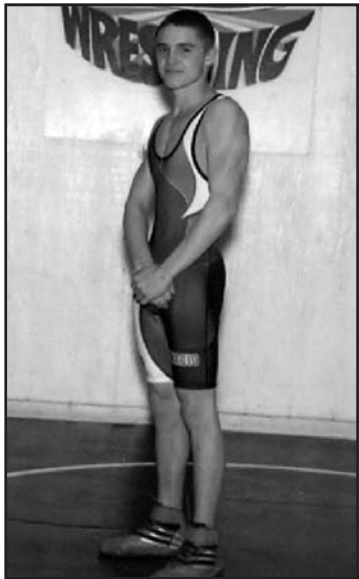
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Colorado Springs School (25-2). 2. Holyoke (25-2, lost to CSS 42-39 in championship). 3. Meeker (25-2). 4. IGNACIO. 5. HCA (24-3). 6. Sanford (20-7, lost to HCA 60-55 in cons. final).

ALL-TOURNEY TEAM: Ethan Gilbert, sr., CSS; Tharp, Holyoke; Kyle Carper, jr., Holyoke; McGinley, sr., HCA; Jacob, jr., Meeker; [MVP] DeLovell Earls, jr., CSS.



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio freshman Abeth Okall tracks down a loose ball last Friday afternoon, warding off Telluride senior Maddie Crowell in the process during the first of two back-to-back 3A SWL matches against the Lady Miners. Okall is one of three ninth-graders starting for IHS so far in 2009.



Congratulations Alex Pena

We would like to send a big shot out to the Class 2A State Champ, our nephew, Alex Pena for a job well done at the State Wrestling tournament. He made it happen! I knew you would.

Congrats, Uncle Sam & Aunt Mary

Bobcats' Girls Soccer Box Scores

Mar. 20, 2009 (first match, 30-min. halves), Telluride 4:0 IGNACIO

FIRST HALF (player, minute of goal)—Chancee Forestier (T) 3, Celine Wright (T) 27. SECOND—Madison Ward (T) 41, Forestier 55. Goalkeepers: T—Alison Horn (1st H.), Carla Stauder (2nd H.), I—Bonnie Lucero.

Mar. 20, 2009 (second match, 30-min. halves), Telluride 9:0 IGNACIO

FIRST HALF—Forestier 2, Forestier 4, Maddie Crowell (T) 6, Juliette Brown (T) 10, Hannah Smith (T) 12. SECOND—Jayleen Troutwin (T)

41, Troutwin 48, Sonja Erickson (T) 50, Jacqui Distefano (T) 58. Goalkeepers: T—Horn (1st H.), Natalie Brown (2nd H.), I—Lucero.

Mar. 21, 2009 (40-min. halves), Ridgway 6:0 IGNACIO

FIRST HALF—Michal Fagrelus (R) 3, Audrey Jossi (R) 14, Rissa Robinson (R) 24. SECOND—Willa Johnson (R) 62, Julie Sirotek (R) 74, Johnson 75. Goalkeepers: R—Rowan VanArsdell, I—Lucero.

- compiled on site by Joel Priest

Bobcats' Championship Basketball Box Scores

Mar. 12, 2009 [2A Great Eight, at Massari Arena]: IGNACIO 55, at Heritage Christian Academy 54

I (7-17-18-13)—T. Seibel 1 0-0 2, Hayes 1 0-0 2, Odoms 5 2-4 13, S. Brooks 1 0-0 2, Herrera 10 1-5 21, Dean 0 1-2 1, R. Brooks 2 0-0 6, Vigil 2 0-0 5, Egger 1 0-0 3, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Watts 0 0-0 0, Richmond DNP. TOTALS: 23 4-11 55. 3-PTR'S: Odoms, Egger, R. Brooks 2, Vigil.

H (17-14-13-10)—McGinley 5 4-4 16, Wapnick 2 0-0 4, Harty 2 1-4 6, Peterson 5 0-4 14, Trost 3 1-1 7, Wiesner 0 0-0 0, Heath 0 0-0 0, Merkley 3 1-2 7. TOTALS: 20 7-15 54. 3-PTR'S: Peterson 4, McGinley 2, Harty.

Mar. 13, 2009 [2A Final Four, at Massari Arena]: IGNACIO 33, at Holyoke 45

I (9-9-4-11)—T. Seibel 2 2-2 6, Hayes 0 1-2 1, Odoms 2 1-2 5, S. Brooks 0 0-0 0, Herrera 7 1-2 15, Dean 2 0-0 6, R. Brooks 0 0-0 0, Vigil 0 0-0 0, Egger 0 0-0 0, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Watts 0 0-0 0, Richmond DNP. TOTALS: 13 5-8 33. 3-PTR'S: Dean 2.

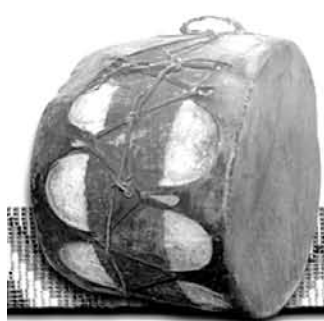
H (13-8-9-15)—Tharp 1 11-14 13, King 0 0-0 0, Ry. Baumgartner 1 1-4 3, Carper 2 2-6 6, Re. Baumgartner 0 0-0 0, Wailes 4 1-2 12, Krueger 1 0-0 2, DeBoer 0 0-0 0, Fricke 0 0-0 0, Brown 1 0-0 2, Greenman 0 0-0 0, Swanson 2 2-2 7. TOTALS: 12 17-28 45. 3-PTR'S: Wailes 3, Swanson.

Mar. 14, 2009 [2A 3rd-Place Game, at Massari Arena]: IGNACIO 43, at Meeker 56

I (9-13-10-11)—T. Seibel 1 0-0 3, Hayes 2 1-2 5, Odoms 5 0-2 11, S. Brooks 3 0-1 8, Herrera 3 1-4 7, Dean 1 0-2 3, R. Brooks 0 3-4 3, Vigil 0 2-3 2, Egger 0 1-2 1, Porambo 0 0-2 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Watts 0 0-0 0, Richmond DNP. TOTALS: 15 8-22 43. 3-PTR'S: S. Brooks 2, Dean, Odoms, T. Seibel.

M (16-22-12-6)—Jacob 4 1-2 14, Rowlett 1 4-4 6, Brown 1 0-1 2, Nieslanik 1 0-0 2, Gerloff 2 3-4 7, Steiner 0 0-2 0, Olivas 0 0-0 0, Campbell 0 3-4 3, Crowe 7 2-4 22, Matriciano 0 0-0 0, Kilduff 0 0-0 0, Wix 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 15-23 56. 3-PTR'S: Crowe 6, Jacob 3.

- compiled on site by Joel Priest



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SunUte would like our members to take a few minutes to complete a survey that will allow us to see how we are doing.

Your feedback will help us to improve our services to SunUte members and guests.

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By completing a survey, you will receive a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a prize on April 17th.
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SunUte Staff

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Proposals are due no later than 2:00 P.M., MST, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009.

Census 2010

Testing has been scheduled at the Buckskin Charlie Room, Leonard C. Burch Building, on Friday, March 27 from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for those interested in working temporary, part-time on behalf of Census 2010. Positions consist of Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Crew Leader Assistants and Census Clerks. The positions offer flexible hours up to 40 hours/week and mileage reimbursement. Those interested must pass a 30-minute multiple-choice test. You must be 18 or older, have a valid social security number or tribal identification card, take the written test and work up to 40 hours/week. There will be a person available on-site for those who may have questions. To apply immediately you may call, 1-866-861-2010 or go on-line to www.2010censusjob.gov.

March Birthday Wishes...



Happy Birthday Boys!
Isiah 14 years old and Sergio 10 years old. We love both of you lil grass dancers and wish you a happy birthday!

Love your crazy parents, Mom & Dad

Isiah and Sergio, you are the best brothers any sisters could ever have. We love you both like a cheeze burger and hope you have a happy day on your birthday.

Love your lil sisters Yllana, Bella & Ollyvia

"Happy B-Day D'mitri"
May your day be filled with Joy, Happiness
And all of life's best treasures...
May each b-day be better than the last.
Most of all, I hope you will always be As happy as you have made me.
I wish you the happiest of birthdays...
And many, many, many more!!

Love, Mom



Happy Birthday Uncle! Love KJ



Happy 4th Birthday Gracie Girl!

We have loved every minute with you in our lives and look forward to many more with you baby girl. We love you.

Momma and Dadda

Happy Birthday to Wubzy!

Have fun in California and I hope you get everything you want for your FOURTH birthday!

Love, your Bubba

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** filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **STEPHANIE ELAINE GOODTRACKS**. As of March 3, 2009 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that **STEPHANIE ELAINE RIVERA'S** name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **STEPHANIE ELAINE GOODTRACKS**.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009.
DOLORES ROMERO, Court Clerk

IN PROBATE NO. 09-044-PR

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **FREDELLA ALCINA SILVA**, 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 **TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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 Peti-

tion 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 17th day of MARCH, 2009.
DOLORES ROMERO, Deputy Court Clerk

IN PROBATE NO. 09-050-PR

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **KATHERINE ROSE HAWLEY**, 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 **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009 AT 9:30 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.

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Schedules and coordinates teen activities for Vertical Limit Outdoor Adventures, Friday Night OverDrives and other special events. 2 years working with youth, Must have high school diploma/GED. 1 year experience leading recreation

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - POSITIONS

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Recycling Technician Trainee

Closes 03/31/09 - This is a trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member. This position was developed in order to train a Southern Ute Tribal member to become fully competent in all the essential duties and responsibilities of the Recycling Technician. The length of trainee program is eight months with quarterly evaluations and merit increases based upon performance. The beginning wage is 10% below a grade 13.

Apprenticeship/Trainee Finance Department

Closes 04/01/09 - 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 Apprentice Program is designed to provide education and training for Finance Positions.

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Open Until Filled - Responsible for 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.

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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.

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Patrol Officer

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

Swimming Instructor

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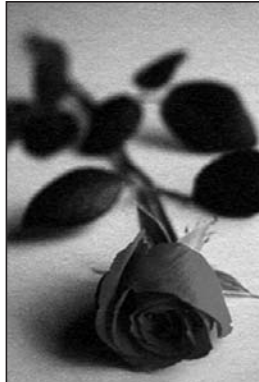
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