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## Profound Conversations End With Encouragement and Hope

By Tyson Sampson  
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Special to the Drum

A focus of emotional healing permeated the agenda and group activities at the First Annual Southwest Indigenous Prevention Summit that took place at the Sun Ute Recreation Center on Monday April 20th, 2009. The inter-tribal coalition, Our Sister's Keeper along with SAGE (Sexual Assault Generational Educators) promoted this premier plenary addressing the effects of violence and assault within Indian Boundaries.

“Reclaiming the Sacred Family Circle through prevention” was the theme which attracted tribal people from the Four Corner’s area who were willing to share compelling

personal experiences and answer inquiries that participants had. Many professional service providers were in attendance from Southern Ute Tribal departments including contingencies from Durango and Fort Lewis College. There were colorful and appealing vendors on hand as well to feed the senses. One grandmother brought her oven bread from San Ildefonso Pueblo while other women displayed their glamorous bead-work from the Farmington, New Mexico area.

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Our Sisters Keeper Coalition Director, Diane Millich welcomes those in attendance at the Summit, along with Southern Ute Elder MC, Eddie Box, Jr.

The Animas-La Plata Project began pumping water into Ridges Basin southwest of Durango, Colorado, on Monday, April 20, 2009. Ute representatives and long time contributors to the A-LP initiated the flow of water via cell phone. (Pictured from left): Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box; Former Ute Mountain Ute Chairwoman, Judy Knight Frank; Lawrence Huntington, and Fred Kroeger. These individuals and a handful of other dignitaries were present to bear witness as the first-flow of water spilled over the concrete abutment and began its journey into the basin, soon to be filled, Lake Nighthorse.

Jeremy Wade Shockley  
Southern Ute Drum

Lake Nighthorse tasted its first drops of water shortly after 9 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2009; as water from the Animas River, propelled by a pumping station, pipeline, and over half a century of hard work made its way to Ridges Basin.

Fred Kroeger, Lawrence Huntington, and Bob Taylor were present at the historic initial release of water into Ridges Basin. Fred Kroeger has been propelling the Animas La Plata Water Project forward since 1941.

“We’ve been involved with this project half our lives... more than half” said Fred. “I’ve seen a lot of change in my day.” Also instrumental in this project were: Leonard C. Burch, former Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; Chuck Lile, former Division Engineer; Sam Maynes former attorney for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and John Murphy, former ALP Water Conservation District President, whom have all since passed away.

Located southwest of Durango, Ridges Basin Dam will hold Lake Nighthorse. It is expected to be at maximum capacity in 18 months to three years and will contain

enough water to flood approximately 91 thousand football fields-a foot deep in water. Lake Nighthorse will act as storage for the 191,200 acre feet of water meant to satisfy Native American water rights and potentially provide relief in the frequent dry spells that occur in the west.

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box and Ute Mountain Ute Vice-Chairman, Gary Hayes represented their respective Tribes, and stood witness to the first flow of water as it spilled over the concrete abutment and into the dry basin, signaling a moment of long awaited accomplishment for all parties involved.

Walking Together, Healthier

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

As the day began at the Four Corners Visitors Center, at the junction of Hwy 160 and Hwy 491, south of Towaoc, Colorado, on Friday, April 17, 2009, the sky was covered with gray clouds and the storm-front blowing in from the west, made for a chilly start of the “Walking Together For Healthier Nations” walk. The walk organized by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is in awareness to living a healthier life. With the Southern Ute and Navajo Tribes contributing to the walk, the 100 or so walkers began the 19 mile trek towards the Four Corners Monument, only to end at the Aneth Junction due to frigid weather conditions. Southern Ute Tribal member, Dwitte Baker (right) carried the Southern Ute flag and Ute Mountain Ute Councilmember, Manuel Heart carried the Ute Mountain Ute Flag.

Career Fair 2009

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students from the Ignacio and Bayfield school districts, poured into the Sky Ute Casino Events Center on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 for the Annual Career Fair sponsored by the Department of Higher Education. Lance Tackett, seen here signing in on arrival with his classmates. Lance is one of the many Jr. high students who spoke with and visited the large number of career booths represented at this year's Career Fair. Students were bussed in from around the community to participate in this fun and educational event.





# I Never Thought This Would Happen... Again (Part 2)

By Anonymous  
Part 2 of a 2 Part Series

It happened again except I had two black eyes this time. I cried so much, and he just kept saying sorry. He tried to heal the wounds he created. Those wounds were deeper than my eyes to heal them he would have to start with his soul. He promised to never to that again, and stated how he is an abuser and that he needs help. He held me in his arms that night.

The abuse didn't stop. I would be blamed for something, called a bitch, or be accused of cheating on him. He even accused me of cheating with someone in his family. He was right I was being cheated. I was being cheated out of a healthy relationship that I prayed all the time for.

One day after beating me, I couldn't take the lies anymore. The day before I told him I was pregnant, and this beating was the worst one. I know that the baby felt it. I woke up. I stopped lying to myself in thinking that we would be that happy, loving couple. He threatened my life and my unborn child, and I decided to tell someone my story.

I started with the police. It was the first time I had ever told anyone about the abuse I had suffered with him. I cried, and was very nervous about what the future held. Would his family hate me or retaliate against me? Would he try to get revenge on me for telling my story? What would I do after I told my story?

The next time I got a call from Victim Services and then from the prosecutor telling me they were going to press charges on him. They issued a warrant, and days later he was in jail. The courts during that time established a no contact order between us. It was during this time I started to see how his family treated me.

Different members of his family harassed me during this time. I was even ignored and snubbed by the relative who told me to call a hotline months before. He and his family were blaming me for his jail time. For one moment in time, I actually believed they were right. Then I snapped back into reality, and realized violence is a choice. He chose to become violent and take it out on me.

Finally, the trial came. He pleaded guilty. He was mandated to probation and DV counseling. He had more jail time to come as well.

During this whole time I was pregnant, I tried to be positive for the baby. It was hard with the constant harassment and stress coming from some of his relatives. I cried so much, and promised the baby that even if I have to be single for the rest of my life I will not let my child experience violence inside our home.

I was scared for my unborn child, and was suffering greatly from posttraumatic stress. Then that call came, "Mamm" he will be released from jail in thirty minutes." It all started coming back, but I tried to remember to be positive. So I went about my day, and cleaned up my house. Then that evening came, he wasn't in jail anymore. Would he come to my house? Would he beat me up because he was in jail? Would he get a family member to do it? I started to have cramps, and then I started to bleed.

I freaked out. I called the hospital and talked to a labor nurse for advice. She said, "If it gets and worse then come to emergency or just wait till morning to your OBGYN." I calmed down, and tried to go to sleep.

The cramps got worse. It was some of the worst pain I have experienced in my life. Then it happened, my unborn child was in my hands. Just like that my baby was gone. I cried harder than I ever have in my life. I still cry about the baby to this day. It is a pain that I know will never go away.

Growing up, I was taught that silence is sacred. Silence spoke volumes when my grandmother used it. I was taught that silence could also oppress others. In matters of abuse and violence, silence only helps it to continue killing our communities, Nations, and societies.

A Pastor by the name of Martin Niemöller saw how dangerous silence surrounding violence is, and how it could lead to genocide. He stated,

"After Hitler came to power in Germany they came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up

because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."

This Pastor saw how silence allowed genocide to kill millions of people. There is a genocide happening right now with our people, particularly our women. In what ways have you been silent about violence?

You may think this story includes you, that you may know me, or that you are the abuser, I consider that is how well you connected to this story. In the end this story is the story of many women and some men. It is a story that started on this land when the colonizers first came. I wrote it for all those survivors out there... who choose to not be a victim. I wrote it for all those abusers, so that you may realize violence is a choice. Violence is learned, and that it can be unlearned.

It is by writing this story I refuse to be silent any longer, and maybe one day if our society refuses to silent as well then I can republish this story with my name and have no fear.

*Editors Note: Due to the sensitivity of the story, the author requested to remain anonymous. This story was published as a 2 part series, Part 1 was published in the April 10th issue, of the Southern Ute Drum as April is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*

**If you or someone you know has experienced domestic violence or abuse, please call:**

**Southern Ute Victim Services**  
**Business Hours**  
**(970) 563-0245**  
**After hours/holidays**  
**(970) 563-4401 - Dispatch**

**Alternative Horizons**  
**24-hour Hotline**  
**(970) 247-9619**  
**(English and Spanish)**

**Our Sister's Keeper Coalition**  
**24-hour Hotline**  
**(970) 247-7888**

# Tribal Entrepreneur Establishes Indian Owned Business At Sky Ute Resort

By Tyson Sampson  
EBCI Tribal Member  
Special to the Drum

Southern Ute people have one of their very own members trailblazing total access into the modern arena of natural healing and traditional pampering. Lisa Renee Burch, a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and a Licensed Massage Therapist in the state of Colorado, has been selected as the sole proprietor for the new Spa in the resort. Lisa Burch owns and manages her own business called Mouache-Capote Massage and is integrating it into the swanky interior of the Sky Ute facility. Lisa is a one native woman show for now but she shares a common space and an entrance with a team of hair designers at JB's Salon. Together they are a full service Salon and Spa.

Burch is thrilled to finally take her place at home among her tribe. She said that it has been an arduous road in obtaining all the required education and credentials to gain a glimmering chance to be considered for placement of her services in the new resort. As a graduate of the Southwest School of Massage in Durango, Colorado, Burch received a nine month full certification completing extensive coursework in Kinesiology, Anatomy and Physiology, Massage Therapy modalities, and Energetics. She then completed a six month course in Heartwork Approach program, designed toward Energy Healing. Toward the completion of her Natural Healing Certifications, Lisa said she received some inspiration to create a Spa in a Native American setting. She mused that, "this is not like the old way of being a Medicine person but more in the ways of helping to heal, to relax, and to rejuvenate the body."

"This is more of a Modern scenario for traditional healing," she added.

When talking about the Healing Arts narrative in general, Burch recalled her great-grandfather, Edwin Cloud, as a medicine man or one who was called upon during times of an individual's illness on the reservation. "The older tribal Elders would of known his healings" she claimed.

"My father, Leonard C. Burch, also worked alongside him as a very young boy." Lisa told how they used to go from house to house on horseback helping to heal the sick. Her ancestry has clearly influenced the career path that she has chosen to exemplify-



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

it was a calling. Lisa's commitment to her work is evidenced in her attitude toward the entire community. She stated, "I am here to give back to my people in a good, respected manner."

Burch has two therapeutic treatment rooms, one will be used exclusively for Massage Therapy treatments and the other will be devoted to Energy Healing (Burch specializes in the Seven Chakra modality). Either way, Lisa intends to incorporate a Native American setting.

"I use herbs such as white sage and cedar or lightly burn a smudge stick for clearance of negative thoughts and feelings," shared Burch. She further explained that she focuses on prayers, meditations or higher manifestations and the soothing influences of traditional flute music during any of her sessions. There are several other techniques and forms of alternative therapy that Lisa will have as an arsenal to helping people decompress from exhaustion, stress, and general low-grade traumas in life. She said that Aromatherapy using high grade essential oils like lavender, frankincense, ylang ylang, and springtime flower essences will aid her in encouraging clients to surrender to the moment and "Let Go" of the daily worry.

I asked Burch what the difference is between healing and pampering in her line of work. She offered that healing is broad and general and that it can vary from person to person based on what they may need in the moment. "However," she clarified, "Anybody can be pampered and everybody deserves to be pampered in a positive and healthy manner!"

And as for anybody who may not already know what the advantageous benefits are from getting a massage, Lisa would like to encourage everyone that it is a way to improve one's overall

quality of life. She said, "Once you try a massage, you'll learn to appreciate it and your body will function better. There will be positive changes and you will have positive energy." Furthermore, Lisa advocates for taking better care of the body. She analogized care for one's own body to that of an automobile, "if you neglect - it slowly gives out."

"The essence is Good Health equals Good Spirit," quoted Lisa.

Hail to the many circles of support that have helped Lisa to attain her goals in life. Ms. Burch gives high praise and large gratitude to the following departments, people, and committees: The Southern Ute Tribal Higher Education Department; the Fort Lewis Business Center, Joe Keck (who guided to create her business plan and financial portions); the Growth Fund, David Strickler & Mark Gebhardt (who assisted with business legal issues); The Sky Ute Executive Committee(for the opportunity and accepting Lisa's business plan); The Entrepreneurial Class (many tribal students came through that program and had many great ideas) and her family, friends & relatives who support her.

Burch will be offering a unique menu of services ranging from basic Therapeutic Massage Therapy to Energetic Healing. Her rates will be posted at the Spa and she is offering special discounts to tribal members, elders, and tribal employees. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone number at the Spa is (970) 563-6267 or (970) 946-7709 to set up an appointment or consultation with Lisa Burch.

Ms. Burch has eloquently stated that she has attained a goal in her life and she encourages all tribal people and their relatives that "YOU CAN DO IT because Dreams really do come true!"

## NEW EMPLOYEES

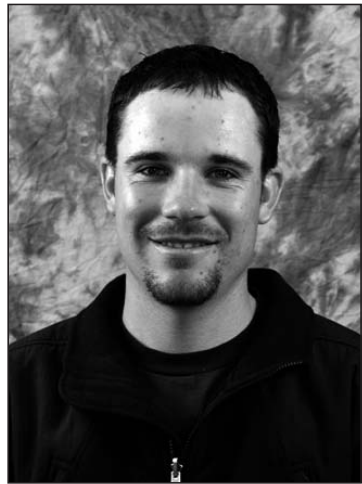


### Melissa Mestas

Job Title: TMHB admin. Asst.  
Description of Duties: Clerical Duties, Administrative Duties.  
Hobbies: Spending time with family, reading, traveling, and swimming.  
Family: Daughter- NevaehJa' nai Mestas  
Tribe: SUIT Descendent

### Larry Walter

Title: GIS Manager  
Description Of Duties: GIS Manager for DNR Staff  
Hobbies: Camping, Hiking, Boating, Hunting, Outdoor activities.



### John Hancock

Job Title: Tribal Ranger  
Description Of Duties: Protecting the natural resources of the Tribe by enforcing the laws and working with the public to ensure that these resources will still be there to be enjoyed by generations to come.  
Hobbies: Backpacking, Hunting, and Frisbee Golf

### James Henneman

Job Title: Lands Tech  
Description of Duties: Provide technical and clerical support to the lands division and provide general information to the tribal membership and general public regarding land status issues, crossing permits and general land management related issues.  
Hobbies: Hiking, Climbing  
Family: Wife, Aimee



## Tribal Member General Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Sky Ute Casino & Resort Event Center  
The Southern Ute Growth Fund will make a presentation to the Membership on the current financial status. Lunch will be served.

## Next Drum May 8 DEADLINES

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Wishes/B-Days!  
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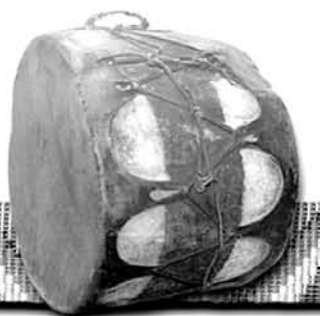
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# Tribal Update

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## Attention Tribal Membership, Wood Yard Division Announcement

Last day for wood pick up or deliveries is April 30, 2009. Yard maintenance for Elders and Handicapped members will begin May 1, 2009. These services include: mowing of lawn and trimming of weeds, 70' radius of home as well as tilling of garden plots, 50' x 50'. For more information or scheduling please contact the Construction Services Division of the Tribal Services Department of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Ignacio, Colorado (970) 563-0260.

## Shawl Making Demonstration

The Agriculture Extension invites all interested individuals to a Shawl demonstration to be held on May 14, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Higher Education Building. For more information please contact Ella Louise at (970) 563-0220 x 3503. Refreshments will be available.

## Real Natural Foods Opening In Ignacio

Coming in early May to Ignacio, CO, 695 Goddard Ave. Great prices for quality groceries, produce, household products, supplements and personal care items. Free of artificial colors, preservatives and chemical additives. Many organic and local products. Wheat and gluten free selections. A difference you will taste and feel. Several options that will save you money and time and find the product you are looking for. We are in the store most days. Feel free to stop by and say hello or send your email address to [rmf@centurytel.net](mailto:rmf@centurytel.net) and we will keep you updated on our opening date, current specials and activities.

## Free Shuttle Service For Lunch

Take advantage of the free shuttle service from your work place to the Sky Ute Casino Resort and back for your lunch hour. The shuttle will be running from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm from Monday through Friday. The shuttle will stop at the Growth Fund, Annex Building and the Leonard Burch Building. If you would like to have shuttle service, please call the Resort Front Desk at (970) 563-7777 to make a reservation and we will have the shuttle pick you up and return you back to work. If we are to continue this service, we need more riders and we are trying to accommodate you all as best we can. If you have any questions, please call our Transportation Coordinator, Julie Eisenmann at (970) 563-6274.

## Home Chore Program Starting In Ignacio

Serving eligible residents 55 years and older within the Ignacio School District, SUCAP Senior Center has begun a Home Chore Program. They will do safety checks within your home, install grab bars if feasible, check and install smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, and do minor home repairs. This is a cost-share program and has a sliding scale to match your income. For information please call Kathy (970) 563-4561.

## Stay Off The Grass

Trips and falls occur while people are in a hurry, because they often take short cuts and don't pay attention to what they are doing. The lawns and landscaping around the Tribal buildings are not designed for foot travel. Please stay on the sidewalks and do not take shortcuts across the landscaping. There are sprinkler heads, uneven surfaces, and other hazards in the landscaping that may cause you to trip and fall. Play it safe - always stay on the sidewalks. This message is brought to you by the SU Risk Management Division.

## 9 Tips: How to Drink More Water

Many health experts will agree that drinking more water will help give you more energy. In celebration of this week's theme on keeping up your energy, here are my personal tricks on drinking more water.

- Make it a Morning Ritual. I once read in a magazine article that many of us wake up dehydrated, and the first thing you should do before you do anything else is drink two glasses of water.
- Add Some Lemon. Back in the early stages when I couldn't stand drinking water, I squeezed lemon juice into my water. At restaurants, I would ask the servers to provide lemon slices with my water--which makes me sound snobby, but most restaurants are willing and expected to provide this service.
- Keep it In the Clear. When your urine is clear, you are properly hydrated. When your urine is a dark yellow, you are definitely dehydrated.
- Drink When You Have a Munchie Attack. Sometimes our hunger is thirst masquerading as fake hunger. Drinking a cup or two of water will make you feel "full."
- Always have a full glass of water near you when you are working. It will give you something to mindlessly sip on when you are brainstorming or need something to do with your hands.

# StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

## ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TAURUS!** Celebrate your new Solar Year in a positive way by adopting fresh spending habits. As one of the Zodiac's best money signs TAURUS folks are masters at creating smart ways to save money. This month, if possible you can put that talent to good use by avoiding long term contracts, and huge expenditures. MERCURY the ruler of contracts will be in an uncooperative mode from the 7th – 30th. Best to concentrate on clearing away personal matters you have been keeping on a back burner.

## ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

May is truly a social month for GEMINI'S as VENUS and MARS energize your plans. Friends call, the daily pace picks up, and you are feeling more motivated than ever. Pay close attention to your conversations Twins. Misunderstandings are more likely after the 7th when MERCURY your planetary ruler slips into contemplation mode until the 30th and confuses both your thoughts and words. Yours is THE top communication sign of the whole Zodiac.

## ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Community projects, or group interests may grab most of your attention this month. No matter what the event is Moon Kids, be sure to follow things through to completion. SATURN'S presence in the communication area of your chart indicates responsibilities with siblings, relatives, or neighbors. Long range plans, as well as hopes, wishes and dreams, that are activated now have a high success rate.

## ♌ LEO (July 23-August 22)

May's planetary picture puts the focus squarely on job or business interests. Whatever you do LIONS keep a level head regarding partnership matters. NEPTUNE'S influence might have you seeing things through a veil of illusion. The bottom line is to be crystal clear and honest in all your communications with others. JUPITER in your opposite sign of Aquarius benefits legal contracts, and business interests.

## ♍ VIRGO (August 23-September 23)

Tired of the blocks, delays, and loss of energy VIRGO? Circle the 16th on your calendar as the day SATURN switches from backward to forward movement. No doubt you'll be sensing a shift, as though a weight has been lifted. SATURN demands responsibility and motivation. There are no short cuts here. Many of the lessons learned from this great teacher are ones that last forever. Dependability has its own rewards.

## ♎ LIBRA (September 24-October 23)

On your list of things to do set aside time to review your budget, taxes, accounts, and debts LIBRA. According to the planets this is the month to organize some or all of the above items. Jointly held finances should be included. Once that's all done, no doubt you'll be ready for more relaxing pastimes. Stress and LIBRA'S just do not mix. You are the peace-makers and are happiest when harmony prevails, and all is quiet on the home front.

## ♏ SCORPIO (October 24-November 22)

Relationships with others take center stage. You may find yourself juggling your time just to please everyone. This might be especially true from the 7th-31st. MERCURY in retrograde for most of the month tends to create confusing communications and half-baked ideas. Think before you act Scorpio. This is not the month to rely on spur-of-the-moment decisions. Trust your intuitive instincts.

## ♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

VENUS and MARS currently in fiery ARIES may have you feeling the need to have more fun in your life. But let's not forget about romance either. In fact romance may be one of the motivating forces that encourages you to get back in shape again. Regardless of what your situation may be, this is a great month to mingle with positive-minded people. Fresh ideas and creative new ventures come to you easily this month.

## ♑ CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

Let the good times roll CAPRICORN! With the SUN in compatible TAURUS until the 19th time spent with loved ones can be both romantic, and creative. In addition activities with children are fun and entertaining. Just be sure to keep track of what you're spending. MERCURY'S backward motion starts on the 7th and may cause you to overlook expenses. Fortunately PLUTO in your sign now favors a positive month ahead enabling you to stay on top of things.

## ♒ AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

Domestic problems can be laid to rest this month, or at least worked out to your satisfaction, especially if they are addressed before the 7th. Pay close attention to property matters. The solid base that you are able to create at this time will serve you well in the future months. Keep in mind that a strong foundation is always found at the core of successful ventures. JUPITER'S presence in your sign assures a positive turn of events in all personal matters.

## ♓ PISCES (February 20-March 20)

Set your focus for the month PISCES and make it a point to stay the course. There might be a million insignificant distractions popping up during the month. JUPITER and NEPTUNE stimulate the dreamer in you, so dream BIG little fishes because VENUS and MARS currently in energetic ARIES might give an added boost to your finances. When that happens make it a point to practice sensible spending.

## ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

ALL financial systems are "GO" as your astrological month is launched on a positive note. While the SUN is in money-oriented TAURUS, financial opportunities may begin to flourish. But... there may be a delay starting on the 7th when VENUS begins its slowdown. The good news is that by the end of the month MERCURY moves forward again ending delays and prompting new beginnings.

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# SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE

MAY 22-25, 2009

BEAR DANCE GROUNDS - IGNACIO, CO

BLESSING OF THE GROUNDS  
MAY 22 (10:30AM)

BEAR DANCE FEAST, MAY 25

BEAR DANCE CHIEF - MATTHEW BOX  
BEAR DANCE SUB-CHIEF - JAKE RYDER

BEAR DANCE INFO: (970) 563-0199 • VENDOR INFO: (970) 563-0156



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## Northern Ute Spring Celebration May 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2009 Ute Bear Dance

Uintah and Ouray Agency Fort Duchesne, Utah

Contest Pow Wow  
Friday and Saturday  
May 8 & 9th  
Grand Entries 7:00pm  
Gymnasium

Handgame Tournament  
Saturday  
May 9th  
Bear Dance Grounds



Softball Tournament  
Friday and Saturday  
May 8 & 9th  
Gymnasium

Fun Run/Walk  
Saturday  
8:00 am  
May 9th  
T-shirts and Water Bottles  
Bear Dance Grounds

Fun Run and Walk: Painted Horse Diabetes Program (435) 725-5040

Softball Tournament: Augustina Santio (435) 724-3629

Bear Dance Vendors: Reffel Kanip (435) 724-822-7686

Handgame Tournament: Janna Groves (435) 823-0613

Angie Lucero (435) 722-7957

Pow Wow Information: Dan Cesspooch (435) 724-2451

Bart Powaukee (435) 823-4250

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## Of Four Corners Interest

**Fort Lewis College Spring Commencement, Saturday, May 2, 2009**  
Fort Lewis College Spring Commencement 2009 will be held Saturday, May 2 at Whalen Gym. There will be two ceremonies, the first at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 11:30 a.m., to accommodate the 560 graduates. Below is a listing of the majors to be honored at each ceremony. Dr. Sarah Roberts-Cady, Fort Lewis College associate professor of Philosophy and Gender & Women's Studies, will address the graduates at both ceremonies as the Spring Commencement Speaker. For more information on Spring Commencement, visit [www.fortlewis.edu/academics/records\\_office/commencement.aspx](http://www.fortlewis.edu/academics/records_office/commencement.aspx).  
**8:30 a.m. Ceremony:** Accounting, Adventure Education, Business Administration, Computer Science, Economics, Exercise Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Marketing and Psychology  
**11:30 a.m. Ceremony:** Agricultural Science, Anthropology, Art, Biology, Chemistry, English, Geology, History, Humanities, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Sociology & Human Services, Southwest Studies, Spanish, Student Constructed Majors and Theater

### Chapman Hill Still Has Ice

Chapman Hill is still offering public ice skating, drop-in hockey and stick and puck sessions through May 5, 2009. Give us a call at (970) 375-7395 for daily schedules and times, or you may access the rink schedule at [www.durangogov.org](http://www.durangogov.org).

### Dolores Rotary Club's 2 Mile/5K Fun Run

On June 6, 2009 the Dolores Rotary Club is sponsoring its 2 mile and 5K fun run. Race proceeds go to support Rotary International's goal of eradicating polio in our world! The run is in conjunction with the Annual Dolores River Days Festival. Medals will be awarded for first and second place finishes in six different categories plus the Club will pay \$100 to the fastest individual breaking the 5K run record. Race pre-registration will take place at the Dolores Town Hall and Dolores General Store or on-line at [www.doloresrotary.org](http://www.doloresrotary.org). Race day registration will take place at 11th and Central Ave from 7-7:45 a.m. For further information please visit the Dolores Rotary Club's website at [www.doloresrotary.org](http://www.doloresrotary.org).

### Ladies Camp Offered to Improve Mountain Bike Skills

Sarah Tescher and Elke Brutsaert have teamed up with Cindy Dahlberg and Durango Mountain Bike Camp to offer an expanded selection of clinics for women. I have attached an image and bio for both Sarah and Tescher, they have been very active in mountain biking. There will be a series of clinics, the first clinic started on Saturday - April 25th. 10% of all proceeds from the clinics will be given to local charities, including Mercy Medical Center-Breast Care Center, Women's Resource Center, DEVO and Fort Lewis College Cycling team. \$50 per clinic or \$225 for the series. For reservation please visit [www.durangomountainbikecamp.com](http://www.durangomountainbikecamp.com). Sarah Tescher (970) 779-8480, Elke Brutsaert (970) 749-2946, Cindy Dahlberg (970) 385-0411.  
**Clinic #2:** Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 until 1:00p.m. Mother's Day Clinic. Meet at Mountain Bike Specialists: 949 Main Avenue.  
**Clinic #3:** Saturday June 13th, Two separate clinics—one for beginners and one for more advanced riders. 9:00a.m. - 1:00. Meeting location to be announced. Groups: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.  
**Clinic #4:** 2 clinics, Saturday, July 11th, 9:00 - 1:00p.m. Meeting location to be announced. Groups: Intermediate and Advanced.  
**Clinic #5:** Saturday, August 22nd, 9:00 - 1:00p.m. Meeting location to be announced. Groups: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

## Utility Refund Program Available

The City of Durango is now accepting applications for the utility refund program. Only residents of the city who owned and occupied a home within the city limits, on December 31st, and for at least ten (10) months of 2008, are eligible to file a claim for themselves and all eligible members of their household. The resident filing an application must have occupied property, as an

owner, on which city utilities were paid in 2008. Applications are available at City Hall and the Senior Center. The application is also available on the City's website at [www.durangogov.org/forms.cfm](http://www.durangogov.org/forms.cfm)

and the form must be submitted by May 15, 2009. For more information, please call City Hall at (970) 375-5037. Residents with a total household income for 2008 of \$20,376 or less may qualify for the utility refund.

Number of Family Members on Application	Total Income from All Sources	Utility Refund Amount
One	Under-\$12,108	\$ 95.00
Two	\$12,109-\$16,248	\$ 118.00
Three or more (dependents)	\$16,249-\$20,376	\$145.00

## Many Moons Ago



photo Archives/DRUM

### 10 years ago...

*Kicking off the Lee Briggs Retirement reception held at the Education Center, Yellow Jacket and Executive Officer Gerald Howe, sang two songs. Executive Officer Gerald Howe also presented Lee Griggs with a Pendelton blanket and plaque on behalf of the Southern Ute Tribe and the membership, for his years of devoted service as Ignacio's High School Principal. This photo was published in the April 23, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.*



photo Archives/DRUM

### 20 years ago...

*Seat belt essay winners - (l-r): Amy Barry - 7th grade; Martie Keltner - 8th grade; Teddie Baird - 10th grade; Shannon Beaty - 10th grade and Stein Larson - 10th grade. The theme of the contest was "How Safety Belts Help Protect Our Occupants". The winners were awarded with a gift certificate for a t-shirt of their choice from the Banana Belt Shirt Co. This photo was published in the April 28 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.*



photo Archives/DRUM

### 30 years ago...

*The Southern Ute group members who attended the Seventh Annual Native American Bilingual Education Conference, held May 18-21, 1979, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in which the Youth Group will perform and learn about other Indian cultures. This photo was published in the April 27, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.*

Uintah & Ouray Northern Ute Reservation, Utah

2009 Randlett Bear Dance

April 24, 25, 26 & 27

Chiefs: Skylar Lomahaftewa & Henry Cesspooch

Bear Dancing: April 24-27, Bear Dance Feast: April 27





## Healthy Perspectives: “The Importance Of Seatbelts”

by **Katherine Kenerson**

Medical Student, Year 3  
Southern Ute Health Clinic



Motor vehicle related accidents are the leading cause of death in children and young adults in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control, each year greater than 41,000 people are killed in motor vehicle crashes and more than 500,000 people are hospitalized and 4 million people visit the emergency department as a result of motor vehicle accidents. This costs the United States more than \$150 billion each year.

The most effective way of preventing motor vehicle related injuries and death is the use of seatbelts. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, safety and injury prevention must be made a priority and seat belt use falls into this category. Seat belt use can increase the survival of people involved in fatal motor vehicle crashes – 72% of people who were buckled-up in fatal crashes survived the accident.

According to the US Department of Transportation, in 2008 seat belt use in the United

States was 83% and in Colorado, seat belt use was slightly lower at 81.7%. Teens and young adults have the lowest rates of seatbelt use. A survey in 2005 showed that 10% of high school teens rarely or never use seatbelts when riding in an automobile with someone else. Young adults aged 19-21 years old were the most likely to not use seatbelts when driving or riding in a car. In the 19-21 and 22-29 aged groups, men were 3 times less likely as women to use seat belts.

Finally, the motor vehicle fatality rate in rural communities is more than double the fatality rate in urban areas. In addition, people living in rural communi-

ties are twice as likely to not wear seatbelts as compared with urban communities.

So, what is being done? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has launched the campaign “Click-it or Ticket” to enforce seatbelt laws and save lives.

The goal is to reach 90% seatbelt use in 2010 and increase to an ultimate goal of 100%. Parents can play a very important role in this. Parents can set an example as a role model for children by buckling-up everyone in the car, including themselves, every time they are in an automobile.

Drivers can also make sure that everyone is wearing a seatbelt before they turn on the engine. Health-care providers play a role by stressing the importance of seatbelt use for both drivers and passengers to prevent accident-related injuries and death. This includes both long-distance as well as short-distance travel.

Seatbelt use is recommended even when driving less than 5 miles, as motor vehicle accidents can occur at any time and in any place. If you have any questions regarding seatbelt use, please do not hesitate to contact your health-care provider.

## The Kidney Corner: “Ultrasound Of The Kidneys”

by **Dr. Mark Saddler, MD**

Durango Nephrology Associates

There are various ways to image the kidneys. Ultrasound is the most common and we will discuss this technique in today’s Kidney Corner article.

Ultrasound is a method of imaging which uses high frequency sound waves to “bounce” off internal body structures. The returning sound waves are then reconstructed into images which can be used diagnostically. The pitch of these sound waves is too high for the human ear to hear (around 2 Megahertz, or 2 million hertz; the highest most human ears can hear is about 20 kilohertz, or 20,000 hertz). Ultrasound machines may be portable, used at the bedside and have become an invaluable tool for imaging fetuses in the womb, heart valves, internal organs, etc. Ultrasound imaging is very safe and is not known to cause any harmful effects, even to the unborn fetus.

Ultrasound of the kidneys yields valuable information about

the structure of the kidney, but little about its function. Some of my patients are surprised when I tell them that even though they have chronic kidney disease, their kidney ultrasound looks nearly normal. However, ultrasound imaging may still be very useful in patients with chronic kidney disease. For one thing, it gives valuable clues about how long the kidney disease has been present. This is because longstanding kidney disease tends to cause scarring in the kidneys which shows up on ultrasound as increased brightness, or “echogenicity”. A highly echogenic, or bright-looking, kidney has probably had problems for a long time, and this knowledge can be very valuable when setting up treatment for patients with chronic kidney disease.

Occasionally, ultrasound can demonstrate the underlying cause for kidney disease. For example, obstruction of the urine is usually easily detectable by ultrasound: the collecting system becomes dilated by the obstruction, a condition called “hydronephrosis”. Of all causes of chronic kidney disease, this

may be the most important to detect because relief of the obstruction can result in improvement, or even complete correction of the kidney function. The most common cause of urine obstruction in men is prostate enlargement.

Ultrasound can also detect tumors and kidney stones, though its accuracy for these conditions is not as high as CT scanning, so if a tumor or stone is suspected, a CT scan is often preferentially requested. A refinement of ultrasound, called “Doppler”, can be used to look at flow in arteries and veins. This has been used to detect narrowing of the kidney arteries, though the usefulness of ultrasound in looking for this disease is controversial.

Ultrasound is also used to image the kidneys for procedures, most notably kidney biopsy. In this procedure, a small piece of kidney tissue is removed using a needle. We now usually use ultrasound to guide the needle for this procedure. This has resulted in improved tissue and greater safety for patients undergoing this procedure.

## Encouragement and Hope • from page 1

Powerful panels opened portals for discussion that are often very challenging for communities to discuss overtly. There were three forum facilitated by moderators which covered these three points of concentration: a Diversity Panel: discussing “victimization to survivorship”; Men’s Perspectives: bringing awareness to the role of Fathers; and Legislature and Legalities: how federal law on Indian land is enacted by the focus tribal government provides.

Some of the individuals on the diversity panel commented that being violated through assault and even the criminal justice system has coerced them to seek help beyond victim’s services. They explained that unique insights led them back or into indigenous healing narratives pertinent to their tribal identity. One Ute woman, (not named here), explained how the effects of assault in her life influenced most of her educational process in attaining a Master’s Degree in Social Work. This woman spoke of her mentors who said, “in order to help other people, you must look at everything in your life that has happened and clean out any cobwebs that may be in the way.” She told an attentive panel that her experience was aided through intentional Native American spirituality. Considering her commit-

ment to the super forces in life, she concluded that challenges will continue to arise no matter what approach one takes. However, she encouraged people to “find any type of support that is best for you.”

In ending the five hours of intense dialogue, Michael Joseph, a committed community worker and spiritual person, along with Diane Millich, the Executive Director of Our Sister’s Keeper Coalition, asked participants to hold an object from the Earth – a rock, and focus their intention of releasing painful experiences of abuse or assault by speaking it in a whisper to it. They then invited those willing participants to bring that object which symbolized a container for their privacy to be cleansed and released through smudging as a



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

*Keynote Speaker, Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Barbara Scott-Rarick, demonstrated the perceptions we have about Sexual Abuse with a group exercise, during the Southwest Indigenous Prevention Summit.*

closing ritual.

Local elder, Larry Tucker shared final words of hope. He said, “The Creator has given us a choice, and of course, it is not a bed of roses.” “Find a solution if you can. Recovery is a beginning of the world,” and he closed with a prayer and a blessing.

## May Is Mental Health Month: Celebrate Children’s Mental Well-Being

**David Ellisor**

Ignacio Community Collaboration

You may not realize it, but chances are a child or adolescent you know has a serious mental health need. In fact, mental health problems affect one in five young people.

Mental health problems are painful – emotionally, spiritually and socially – especially for children and adolescents. Words that make fun of mental health create a sense of shame, feelings of guilt and loss of self-esteem. Children and adolescents exposed to such a negative view of themselves feel rejected, lonely and isolated. For a child with a mental health problem, this “stigma” is often the greatest barrier to a complete and satisfying life.

But you can help. There are many things that parents and friends can do to support chil-

dren’s emotional health and well-being. May 7 is National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week. It has been officially recognized by Congress since 1949. You can demonstrate your support for Mental Health by:

- Learning more about mental well-being in children.
- Celebrating the accomplishments and strengths of children.
- Fostering self-worth and independence in children.
- Helping children express their feelings.
- Promoting mutual respect and trust.
- Recognizing the strengths in all children.
- Appreciating each child’s uniqueness.
- Encouraging individual talents.
- Helping children set goals based on their abilities and interests.

- Showing confidence in their ability to handle problems and tackle new experiences.

Locally, the Ignacio Area Resource Center is making a difference... “one life at a time.” It is located at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO and can be contacted at (970) 563-4517. It provides mental health services and its purpose is simply to assist troubled Ignacio Area residents and to address and enhance their mental health needs.

During the past year, over a hundred children, youth and adults have received services from I.A.R.C. without charge. The I.A.R.C. was created over a year ago through the leadership of SUCAP and a collaboration of concerned professionals and agencies in the Greater Ignacio Area. This Ignacio Community Collaboration is funded and supported by the Colorado Trust’s Partnerships for Health.

## Wellness Eagle Blessing



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

*The welded art project began in August 2008 and was completed in October 2008 with local Native American youth participants through the Southern Ute Tribal Court: Hope in the Arts Project. The metal sculpture is named “The Eagle Within”. The youth who worked on this project studied area sculptures, sketched their ideas on paper, gathered scrap metal, and then welded interpretations of their source for what wellness means to them. Local residents Darrell Clah, Thomas Romero, and a welder helped coordinate the process and the sculpture is displayed in front of the Southern Ute Justice building.*



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# Kids

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April 23, 2009



# Career Fair 2009



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The Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center hosted this years Higher Education Career Fair. The Career Fair showcased almost sixty booths. Each booth, representing different companies and Tribal Entities, as well as surrounding companies and bussinesses, offering employment information, employment opportunities, and in some cases, a little bit of on the spot training. The crowd was equally diverse, from Jr. high and high school students to Tribal members making their way through the event booths. The Fair was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Clockwise from top left: Don Sutton of Grounds Maintenance, shakes hands with Higher Education's, Walter Howe; Department of Higher Education staff members ready for sign-in; Brandon Oberly of the Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum; Robert Ortiz and Jr. high student at the Drum booth; High School students and Tribal members mingling at the Drum booth; Don Folsom mans the SUPD booth; Members of the Southern Ute Growth Fund Human Resources Department.

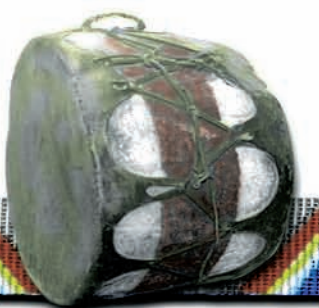
# Easter Prevails In Ignacio Despite Spring Snow



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Cold weather and snowfall forced the Annual SUPD Easter Egg Hunt indoors of the Southern Ute Justice Center, Saturday, April 11, 2009, where the Easter Bunny warmed the kids hearts. (Pictured left to right) Marissa O'John, age 3, gets a warm hug from the Easter Bunny. Two-year-old Minnie Jack collects Easter eggs from the bunnies' basket. The young Akoi, and his older brother Ayden pay a visit to the Easter Bunny.





# Animas-La Plata Project Begins Filling Lake Nighthorse



Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box and Ute mountain Ute Vice-Chairman Gary Hayes (above photo), stand for a photograph as the first splashes of water begin to spill over into Ridges Basin on Monday, April 20, 2009 .  
Bob Taylor, Lawrence Huntington, and Fred Kroeger pictured left to right (above right photo), witness as water begins to spill into the basin, a moment resulting from a lifetime dedicated to this project. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Huntington each recently reaching the age of 90.  
A-LP Water Project workers (right photo), draw buckets of water to make commemorative vials from the first flow of water, marking this historic occasion .  
Hand clapping to the success of the ALP Project (left photo), as the water pumps began to bring water to Lake Nighthorse!



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

# Lake Capote Opens For 2009 Season



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Dusk Edwards, Lake Capote Manager (above left photo-left), runs the bait shop and information center on Capote's first-day of the 2009 season. Chimney Rock (above photo), seen in the distance, sets the picturesque backdrop to Lake Capote and the surrounding recreational area. Anthony Williams (left photo), of Durango, fishes from the banks of Lake Capote on Thursday's "Opening Day". Williams snagged a tagged trout, which he was able to redeem for a cash prize of ten dollars!

**Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
Southern Ute Drum

Lake Capote's 2009 fishing and recreation season officially opened Thursday, April 16. Starting with the 2009 season, Lake Capote is now free of charge to Tribal Members for both fishing and daily recreation. The Tribe hopes to encourage recreation at the lake, whose facilities are tribally funded, and are managed by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management.

The lake and its surroundings create a well-balanced habitat for numerous species of wildlife, and provide a well-maintained recreation area for both Tribal members and the general public. The lake itself received a large number of stocked trout last week, and regularly holds a fishing derby with cash prizes. Camping facilities accommodate tents and RV's. Lake Capote is also occasionally host to Tribal events and ceremonies. There have been many improvements to the area and newly added shade structures are beginning to grace the grassy banks of Lake Capote.

Recently appointed Lake Manager, Dusk Edwards, has helped to implement organization to the recreation area and it's infrastructure, and has done so with a grander vision. Edwards hopes that current and future improvements to the facilities at Lake Capote will make this a destination spot that in his words will, "represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to the general public in a high quality way".

"We have so much to offer here, and the potential is even greater," added Edwards. Dusk Edwards began his tenure as Lake manger in April of 2008 and is looking forward to this year's season and the challenges ahead!





## SUIMA Host Book Fair



SUIMA hosts its Annual Book Fair on Thursday, April 16, 2009. Pictured above, parents and students alike look over the wide variety of books on display in the Academy's dining hall. Mamakwa Valdez is seen in front. Students Randy Herrera and Dylan Analla (left photo) look over student made books.

The Dining Hall doors opened at 4:30pm and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Book Fair was followed by a dinner reception and student performance at 7pm. The Scholastic Book Fair was aimed at raising money for the Academy's book collection and the adjoining bake sale brought in money for the Garden Center, which provides for educational plants and landscaping, bettering the students outside learning environment and overall well being.

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## B&G Club Youth Of The Month

Chrystianne Valdez

My name is Chrystianne Valdez. I am 11 years old and I was born in Durango, CO on May 10. My parents are Chris & Cindy Valdez. I am a Southern Ute Tribal Descendant. My family is from Ignacio, and we now live in Arboles out by the lake. I go to the Ignacio intermediate district school in 5th grade. My Mom is a 5th grade teacher. My Dad is the high school basketball coach. My Grandpa works on the farm during the day. My Grandma is part of the school board, so I really can't get in trouble.



My favorite hobbies are basketball, skiing, volleyball, swimming and playing out doors. My

favorite color is turquoise.

The classes that I take in Boys & Girls Club are Sewing, Art, Beading, and gym activities. I like hanging out with all my friends at Boys & Girls Club. I have a lot of fun in Power Hour. Power Hour is an after school activity at BGC, this is the time when we do our home work and sometimes we do competitions with Mari. Every competition I have entered in, I have won!!! Some of the competitions we have done are Sudoku (This is a Japanese logic based number placement game, it means single number.), math, and crossword puzzles.

## Nominations For Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award Are Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the

Tribe and the community, and

- Approved by the Department of Public Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted

in writing to the Department of Public Education by Friday, May 22, 2009 and shall state the basis for the nomination.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of three members consisting of the Director of the Department of Public Education, Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

## Health & Wellness Conference Cultivate Mind, Body & Spirit

Press Release  
Santa Fe, NM

IAIA's Center for Lifelong Education is pleased to present the 2009 Health and Wellness Conference: "The Four Seasons of Wellness: Cultivating Mind, Body and Spirit" May 21 - 22, 2009 on the IAIA Campus (83 Avan Nu Po Road).

The two-day conference runs from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day and is free to all participants. It is sponsored by a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension service.

The conference's theme is based on Pueblo cycles, growing seasons and ceremonials:

- Winter = Earth/Emotion
- Spring = Water/Mental
- Summer = Fire/Physical
- Fall = Wind/Spiritual

It will focus on refining the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual health of people of all ages and backgrounds. Presentations will be given by specialists in Indigenous agricultural practices, fitness, emotional well-being, healthy diet and nutrition. There will be a number of intergenerational activities over the two-days including an "art barn" for children (or for those who are children at heart)!

Other activities will include drum making, cooking demonstrations, Native games, fun exercises and the design of a future, permanent labyrinth for the IAIA campus. Massage therapists from the Scherer Institute of Natural Healing will be donating their time to help relieve stress with complimentary massage, as well.

For more information or to register, please contact Jaime Gaskin Eyrych at (505) 424-5711 or [jeirych@iaia.edu](mailto:jeirych@iaia.edu) or Karen Fragua at (505) 424-2387 or [kfragua@iaia.edu](mailto:kfragua@iaia.edu). For more information about the Institute of American Indian Arts, please visit [www.iaia.edu](http://www.iaia.edu).

### Home Chore Program In Ignacio

Serving eligible residents 55 years and older within the Ignacio School District, SUCAP Senior Center has begun a Home Chore Program performing safety checks within your home, install grab bars if feasible, check/install smoke or carbon monoxide alarms, and minor home repairs.

Information please call  
Kathy (970) 563-4561

### OPEN REGISTRATION @ THE SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Tuesday, May 19 @ 6pm  
Wednesday, May 20 @ noon  
Tuesday, May 26 @ 6pm  
Wednesday, May 27 @ noon

Saturday, May 30, 9am-noon (drop-in)  
Saturday, June 6, 9am-noon (drop-in)

\*Must attend one Open Registration Meeting. Space is limited and for first registered Summer Club members.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Club is looking for community volunteers to help coordinator and/or implement the following programs: A Walking Club, Native Beading, Outdoor Skills or any other enriching class for youth to learn from. Contact Gina @ 563.0214.

## Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Begins June 8

Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will offer all day fun and adventure to any youth, ages 6-13. Program operates 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.; including weekly field trips, career development, fitness and health activities and other enrichment activities. Early check in at 7:30a.m., pick up by 5:30pm. Program is based at the SunUte Community Center in Ignacio. Must be checked in daily by 9:00 am. To attend, parent/ guardian must complete appropriate registration at one of the Mandatory Summer Open Enrollment Meetings in May/June. For more information, contact (970) 563-0214 ext 2691. Opportunities for 14-18 year olds to volunteer.

### B&G CLUB OPEN ENROLLMENT SESSIONS

(The only way to Register for the summer)  
at the SunUte Community Center

Please attend one of the following sessions (approx. 30 min)

- Tuesday, 5/19 & 5/26, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 5/20 & 5/27, Noon
- Saturday, 5/30 & 6/6, Any time between 9:00-noon

For more information on the Boys & Girls Summer Club, contact our Club Office (970) 563-0214 ext 2691, or else we'll see you at Open Enrollment!

### 3rd Grade PowerHour Poetry

"Shelsey Lagerstrom"  
by Shelsey Lagerstrom

Sharing  
Happy  
Excited  
Lazy  
Sharing  
Excited  
You are my friend

Loving  
Awesome  
Great  
Excited  
Revolutionary  
Silly  
Too Cool  
Random  
Ok  
Most Fun



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### SUMMER '09 INFORMATION

- Regular Summer Program: June 8 - August 19
- Extended Summer Program: Aug 20-Sept 3.
- Monday- Friday, 9-5pm @ SunUte. (Opens 7:30am)
- Must be ages 6-13 at time of attending.
- Tribal Member participants: \$10/year.
- Non-Tribal Member Participants: \$10/yearly membership PLUS required \$5/summer week.
- Scholarships available to support fees.
- Teen Leader positions available for ages 13-18.
- Must attend Open Registration to be eligible for summer program (current Club members included).
- Club Information Line: 563.4753

### Yard Sale Extravaganza

Saturday, May 2, 2009 • 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Ignacio Elementary School  
115 Ute Street, Ignacio, CO

Hosted by Ignacio Elementary School Explorers Club

### Kindergarten Announcements

Any student entering kindergarten at Ignacio Elementary School 2009-2010 is invited to attend the following events:

May 18th from 8:30-11:00 (Dial R testing)  
May 19th from 1-3:30 (Dial R testing)

Please call the school to set up an appointment for screening,  
(970) 563-0675.





*by Joel Priest*  
*Special to the Drum*

Junior teammates Kayla Pribble and Sonja Strong were

The All-SJBL *named Second*  
Honorable *2008-09.*  
Mention nods went to Telluride  
freshman Emy Ludwig and  
Ridgway frosh Candace Yengst.  
'Next level' nods had previously  
been offered to Deremo and



Stevens; Deremo was signed back in October to hoop at Regis University, while Stevens was signed by Adams State College in February to play soccer.

*by Joel Priest*  
*Special to the Drum*

Lady Demon head coach Chuck Siefken couldn't confirm a make-up date for the Lady Bobcats' visit, but did hint Sunday evening that it would be sometime this coming week (possibly Tuesday, April 28). In hindsight though, Ignacio could actually thank Center—often a bitter opponent—for prolonging their season, and

In their only completed match between those delayed, April 14 at IHS Field against Bayfield, Janet Mosher's Lady 'Cats played much of the second half with only ten players, though only eight (seven field players and goalie Bonnie Lucero) could still try to motor at the game's speed. Ashley Self made her 2009 debut but was visibly off



until a vicious impact likely put her out for the rest of the season. Trying to defend a pass, Sala, a junior, took the ball off her face and then crashed to the grass.

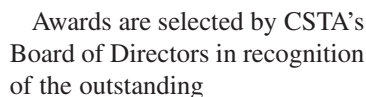
Ignacio is next scheduled to face CHS away tomorrow, and the match (11 a.m., Center Community Park) could turn into a doubleheader for makeup purposes. In addition, IHS' postponed homer against Pagosa Springs—originally the March 13 season opener—was slated to be completed Tuesday, April 21, but results were unavailable at press time.



*Trying to crack a joke with congratulatory Bayfield junior Kelsie Kins (left), Ignacio senior Jody Mangus is both exhausted and excited after scoring IHS' first goal of the April 14 match—and IHS' 2009 season—late at home against the Lady Wolverines.*

**Media Release**  
Gatineau, PQ

"I was very privileged to attend the Prestige Awards Gala," remarked Chief Lydia Hwitsum. "Accepting the award gave me the opportunity to tell our story, to describe how the Cowichan Valley came together as one to deliver an event that has touched the lives of so many people. The President's Award has focused the national spotlight on Cowichan and our success in



For more information, please visit [www.cowichan2008.com](http://www.cowichan2008.com).

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Joel Priest*

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# The Four Corners Show Down!

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**Saturday, April 25th, 2009**  
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**Joe Gomez**  
 Bloomfield, NM

**vs.**

**Elco Garcia**  
 Ignacio, CO

**Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Pro Bouts Starting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Vincent Mirabal**  
 Albuquerque, NM






**vs.**

**Victor Filero**  
 Bloomfield, NM

**TBA**

**TBA**

**George's Independent Boxing Club and Pepsi Presents Amateur Bouts Starting at 4:30 p.m.**  
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River Restoration



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A recently completed phase of the Pine River Restoration Project, improves habitat along the river and underwater. Fourteen habitat structures were placed using four-hundred boulders. The structures include: boulder clusters, J-hooks and vanes. These structures provide deeper pools of water, as well as shade and protection for fish and other forms of underwater wildlife. In this process a "low-flow channel" was also created, which provides improved water quality and habitat conditions during extreme low-flow periods in the Pine River. Low water levels create high temperatures during the driest times, and this can be harmful to both native and sport fish. Fish habitat improvements will also affect surrounding habitats in a positive way. Ben Zimmerman, Division of Wildlife and Cory Sue Hutchinson, AquaHab Inc. supervise the Pine River reconstruction just southeast of Ignacio.

Birthday Wishes!



Happy Birthday Sabrina!  
You've grown up to be a beautiful young lady. I love you! Hope you have a wonderful birthday.  
Mom

Happy Birthday Mean-E!!!  
We luv U!  
Nean-E & Zane



Happy Birthday Blenda!  
Luv: Asa, Saph, Lex, Angel, Bob, Mira, KJ, Mel, Taya, Andi & the entire family!



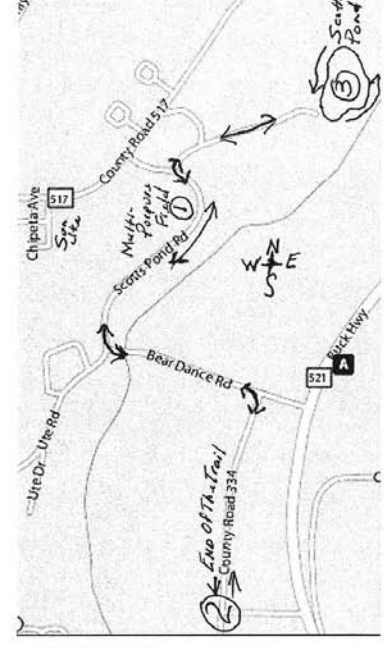
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  2. It will then go east to the End of the Trail road then turn south down the Trail road. It will then go to the end of the road then turn around north and backtrack to Scott's Pond Road.
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IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
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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.  
Dated this 24th day of MARCH, 2009.  
DOLORES ROMERO, Deputy Court Clerk

IN PROBATE NO. 08-174-PR  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ELDRED ALVIN VIGIL, JR., 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, MAY 26, 2009 AT 9:00 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 14th day of APRIL, 2009.  
KELLY HERRERA, Deputy Court Clerk

IN PROBATE NO. 08-191-PR  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID BENT BOX, 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, MAY 29, 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 26th day of MARCH, 2009.  
TRENNIE R. BURCH, Deputy Court Clerk

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HOWARD JEROME GROVE, JR., 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, JUNE 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 13th day of MARCH, 2009.  
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Doors open at 6:30, Mariachi Fiesta Internacional takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. and Roberto Griego will begin at 9:15 p.m. Dance performances by Ballet Folklorico de Durango at 7:15pm and 9:00pm.  
Tickets purchased in advance at the Sky Ute Gift Shop are \$15 and will be \$20 the night of the show. Please go to [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) for further information.

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Solix BioFuels Company Background

The Solix vision is to unlock the complex secrets of one of the simplest organisms on earth, microalgae, to create a commercially viable biofuel that will play a vital role in solving climate change and petroleum scarcity. Becoming a member of the Solix team includes the ability to be self-motivated, a team player, possess excellent communication skills, and have the ability to adapt to the fast paced environment of a rapidly growing company. Solix Biofuels offers a very competitive compensation package, including an attractive benefit package (health, dental, and vision insurance, 401k, and paid time off).

Automation & Controls Technician - Closing Date: May 15, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

Position Summary: This position will be responsible for installing, repairing, and calibrating automation and water handling/treatment equipment and related systems used in the pilot production of microalgae. Responsibilities: Perform tests to determine chemical levels and system parameters. (this requires observing color changes). Handle common water treatment industry chemicals. (bleach, chlorine acids, etc.) Fill chemical tanks per specifications. Must perform basic calculations. Repairs and calibrates all equipment and devices. Work with metal and plastic materials for the purposes of installation and repairs. Perform basic wiring installation, trouble shooting, and repair. Tests, adjusts, documents and records equipment performance. Performs simple software diagnostics. May perform simple Visual Basic programming. Fill out service reports and related forms. Must be willing to fill in operator duties when technician responsibilities are not required. Required experience and skills: 5-10 years experience as electrical/mechanical/water treatment technician installing, repairing and maintaining manufacturing systems and equipment. Prefer multi-skilled candidates with both electrical and plumbing skills. Basic wiring skills for voltages up to 120 volts; awareness of 480 VAC three phase. Electrical troubleshooting; communication bus trouble shooting. PLC wiring experience. Some LabView experience preferred. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Able to work well independently and as a team member in a small, focused team environment. Level C or D water plant operator certification highly preferred. Excellent math skills. Required Education: Associates degree in a technical field (electrical, electro/mechanical preferred) or equivalent combination of education and experience. Work Environment/Physical Demands: Be able to safely lift 50 pounds and able to move (with assistance) items up to 150 pounds.

Mechanical Technician - Closing Date: May 15, 2009 at 5:00 pm.

Position Summary: Multi-disciplinary technician role in a small, diverse plant producing algae for use in biofuel production. Includes general mechanical and some electrical responsibilities plus facilities-related maintenance tasks. Responsibilities: Installs, repairs and maintains machinery and mechanical equipment, such as motors, pumps, centrifuges, valves, blowers, motors, etc. Purchases small equipment and PPE. Examines mechanical equipment to diagnose problems; disables machines and repairs or replaces broken parts. Adjust functional parts of mechanical and electrical devices as necessary. Cleans and lubricates parts. Tests, calibrates, repairs and modifies control and instrumentation systems for plant production/process equipment. Orders and installs replacement parts; inspects completed repairs. Analyzes malfunctions of instruments and control systems, and determines necessary steps to repair equipment. Prepares reports and records on calibration, inspection, testing, and repair activities. Uses computers and software to log results. Performs all work in accordance with established safety procedures. Required experience and skills: Five or more years experience in an industrial or municipal water/wastewater treatment operations role, or Five or more years' production operation/technician experience. Strong verbal and written communication skills. Excellent teamwork skills and willingness to be flexible. Strong math skills. Basic electrical skills including lock out/tag out. Experience with using PC's including creating documentation, and using facilities-related software. Required Education: AA degree in mechanical or electrical/mechanical technical area, or equivalent combination of education and directly related work experience. Work Environment/Physical Demands: Able to list and carry 50 pounds safely and without difficulty. Work requires good color vision. Able to work around and with water, chemicals, and related systems on a daily basis. Some weekend and overtime work will be required.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - POSITIONS

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396  
\*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Environmental Compliance Manager**  
Closes 4/24/09 - Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

**Financial Executive Assistant/Financial Analyst**  
Closes 4/30/09 - Provides assistance to the CFO on analysis, preparation, and presentation of financial information. Scheduling, preparation, recording, and summarizing of meetings. Manages the flow of information to the offices of the CFO, Director of Treasury and Cash Management, Director of Budgeting and Planning, and Controller.

**Forestry Technician**  
Closes 5/6/09 - Incumbent is under general supervision of the Forester, represents the Forestry Division in a positive professional manner while assisting in the implementation and coordination of multiple and varied forestry projects.

**Gaming Investigator II**  
Open Until Filled - Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation.

**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.

**Swimming Instructor**  
Open Until Filled - 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.

**YNR Crew Leader (Temp. Summer Position)**  
The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR

**YNR Crew Member (4 positions)**  
This is a temporary summer position for Southern Ute Tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crewmembers are assembled into a 4 man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Hotline • (970) 563-4777

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!  
The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.  
\* Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.

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TERO is currently taking applications for the new museum construction. If you have any skills in electrical or construction please apply at TERO. You will need to bring a photo ID, social security card and TRIB-AL ID or CIB with you.

We are also in need of flaggers, electricians, heavy equipment operators, CDL truck drivers, archaeologist, archaeologist technicians, gas field technicians and rafting guides. There are not any current closing dates for these positions. All applicants must contact TERO to apply and for more information.

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Thank you,  
Jason Analla

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1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, 4 dr. blue. New fuel pump, distributor cap and rotor, sparkplugs and battery. Asking \$1,200 OBO. (970) 553-9380.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:  
• Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.  
• Possess a basic knowledge/understanding of gaming activities authorized on the So. Ute Indian Reservation.  
• Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.  
• Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.  
• Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.  
• Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.  
All applicants will be subject to background investigations. Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, April 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

STATE OF COLORADO  
Notice For Two At-Large Member Positions  
For The Colorado Commission Of Indian Affairs

NOTICE is hereby given that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) is soliciting candidates for two At-Large Commissioner positions (volunteer) to be selected at the CCIA Quarterly meeting on May 29, 2009 in Towaoc, Colorado. Please send electronic copies of:

- 1) Cover Letter of Interest
- 2) Resume

Letters of interest and resumes must be submitted to Ernest.House@state.co.us by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 8th, 2009 or earlier. If you do not have email access or require accommodations, please contact our office at (303) 866-3027.

CCIA At-Large members are voting members of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs who

serve one year terms starting from July 1st – June 30th. CCIA meets quarterly throughout the year and travel costs for At-Large members are covered by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs agency. If you would like further information on At-Large membership or have any questions, please contact (303) 866-3027.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will host the next CCIA Quarterly Commission meeting in Towaoc, Colorado on May 29, 2009. Applicants are welcome to attend the meeting at their own expense, but are not required. Applicants will be notified of results after the May 29th, 2009 CCIA 4th Quarterly Commission meeting.

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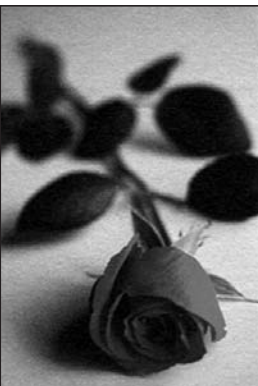
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# Walking Together For Healthier Nations



All photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

With Southern and Ute Mountain Ute flags flying, participants set out early on Friday morning to raise awareness for healthier living. The event, Walking Together for Healthier Nations, is an annual event hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. With severe weather and stormy skies on the horizon, this years event ended at the Aneth Junction, with a total of 10 miles walked.



A flag song ushered in the new day, as Veterans raised the flags against strong winds on Friday morning.



Henry and Julie of the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program were fully involved and helped sponsor this year's event.



Southern Ute Executive Officer, Andrew Frost was the keynote speaker during the lunch break, at the Aneth Junction.



Junior Miss Ute Mountain Ute, and others took to the fore-front of the walk, carrying the Walking Together For Healthier Nations banner and leading the flag carriers of the Ute Mountain Utes and Southern Utes, during the first leg of the Walk.



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, join the walk during the second leg. The students bussed in and braved the wind and cold temperatures for a good cause, good health.



Bundled walkers from Ignacio included (left to right), Southern Ute Executive Officer, Andrew Frost (fourth from left), Laquey Monts, Lisa Burch and Little Miss Southern Ute, Izabella Valdez.



A brave participant proudly displays her registration number before enduring the frigid wind, to the Four Corners monument.



The set destination, 18 miles to the Four Corners Monument was cut short this year due to icy winds and regional snowfall.



Former Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Howard Richards, Sr., welcomes everyone just prior to the beginning of the walk.