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Tribal Council Bids Farewell To Newton and Scott-Rarick



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Leonard C. Burch Remembered As Inspired Leader

submitted by Burch Family
special to the Drum

As the time comes once again to honor Leonard C. Burch, longtime leader of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, his legacy continues to thrive in southwestern Colorado and abroad.

Burch was born in 1933 and died at Mercy Medical Center shortly after sunrise on Aug. 1, 2003, following a cardiac arrest suffered the previous day. He was 69.

Burch's retirement in December 2002 brought to a close a brilliant political career. He served as chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for more than 32 years, commencing with his first election as chairman in 1966.

Under his leadership, the Southern Ute Tribe emerged from relative poverty to become a major economic force in the Four Corners region and the largest employer in La Plata County. Fueled principally by successful development of the Tribe's natural gas resources, the Burch era saw countless examples of community development and improvements in education, health and social programs available to tribal members.

Upon graduating from Ute Vocational High School in 1954, Burch enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. His four years of military service included a tour of duty in Turkey. Upon his return to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, he spent five years working in the Realty Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs where he became familiar with oil and gas leasing and land title matters.

During this same period, he married Irene Coolidge, a Navajo tribal member who had also attended Ute Vocational School in Ignacio. As soon as he became eligible under the Tribe's Constitution he ran successfully for a position on the Tribal Council and, at the age of 32, was selected by his fellow Council members as chairman. For more

than three decades he was re-elected as chairman of the Tribe with the exception of intermittent breaks mandated by term limitations set forth in the Constitution.

While a strong voice for tribal self-determination, he was also committed to maintaining cooperative relationships with the United States government, the state of Colorado and neighboring governments. He was invited by five separate U.S. presidents to attend conferences on Indian policy at the White House. During his tenure he appeared innumerable times before committees of Congress on matters affecting the Tribe and southwestern Colorado.

He successfully obtained passage of federal laws permitting the Tribe to consolidate land holdings within the reservation and addressing complex jurisdictional issues. The gaming compact between the state of Colorado and the Tribe and a taxation compact among the state of Colorado, the county of La Plata and the Tribe were each negotiated during his tenure in office.

Burch was also noted for his commitment to regional water resource development. He helped forge a coalition of Indian and non-Indian water users in southwestern Colorado to advocate for construction of the Animas-La Plata Project, a water storage facility built by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as part of a settlement of the Tribe's water rights claims. In recognition of his role in this regard, he received the Citizen Award from the Bureau of Reclamation.

Burch's cooperative practices were also reflected in other matters.



For example, the Tribe's water and wastewater treatment facilities constructed during his tenure continue to provide services to both Indian and non-Indian communities within the Reservation. He received numerous awards in recognition of his lifetime achievements and contributions, including the Durango Area Citizen of the Year Award (1997), the 15th annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award (2000) and the Council of Energy Resource Tribes' Achievement Award (2003).

In the later years of his career, he worked closely with other members of the Tribal Council to establish and implement successful financial investments both on and off the Reservation. The financial progress of the Tribe has been widely touted as a model for Indian tribes across the country.

Throughout his life, Burch remained respectful of the culture and traditional ways of the Ute people. He participated continuously in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Sundance as both a dancer and Sundance chief, and he supported programs to preserve the Ute language and the Tribe's museum.

His life was one of dedication and service to his family, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the Four Corners Region.

Southern Ute Tribal Council Chairman Matthew Box shakes hands with Councilman Jim Newton Jr. during a farewell ceremony for outgoing council members November 30, 2009 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center. Council Lady Barbara Scott-Rarick stands at right. Both Newton and Scott-Rarick are up for re-election, but a close vote in the first round forced a runoff election to be held December 18, 2009. The other contenders for the seats are Joycelyn Dutche and Howard D. Richards Sr.

HUD Honors Ute Tribes



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

On November 18, 2009, Southern Ute Vice-Chairman Jim Newton Jr. and Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Ernest House, Sr. spoke with delegates of the U.S. Urban and Housing Development group in Denver, Colorado on Ute history and how the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute reservations came about. (Pictured L-R) Flora Newton, Vice-Chairman Jim Newton Jr., Deidre Blood, Betty Gress, Cheryl Cozad and Wayne Johnson.

by Amy Barry
Southern Ute Drum

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Colorado office sponsored an event Nov. 18 to honor the Ute tribes of Colorado in conjunction with Native American Month.

Colorado's American Indian Special Emphasis Committee hosted the event and provided an Indian taco luncheon at the UMB Bank building in downtown Denver. Randy Akers, administrator of HUD's Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs, welcomed attendees and Ellen Dole, acting director for Region VIII of HUD's Office of General Counsel, read a proclamation from President Obama. Deidre Blood, chair of the committee, acknowledged the Ute

Indian tribes and then introduced Chairman Ernest House Sr. of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Vice-chairman Jim Newton Jr. of the Southern Ute Tribe.

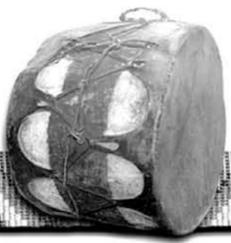
House spoke first on behalf of the his tribe and shared his political and personal background, which has encompassed 24 years on the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and experience as an active Sundancer, a father of three, and one of 2,085 members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. He said he has served four terms as chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and this will be his last. House spoke about growing up on the reservation and attending boarding school.

"I learned to take care of myself when I was in public school in Cortez, Colorado, and took advantage of the relocation program and moved to San

Francisco, California," he said. "It was tough."

After finishing school in California, House joined the military during the Vietnam era. He spoke briefly about his experience. He then talked about the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's many accomplishments related to gaming, farming, and their recent hydro-planting venture. The tribe strives to continue successful business through generations by making the pathways for the future, he said.

House also talked about the importance of health and the loss of many tribal members to diabetes. He acknowledged that he himself lives in a HUD home and said he was grateful when he received that home. House closed with a nod to the past.



Tribe Welcomes Canadian Visitors



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Representatives of the Siksika people of Alberta, Canada, visited the Southern Ute Indian Reservation Nov. 17-20 as part of a cross-country trip to learn from successful tribes about tribal government and cultivation of resources. The delegation met with tribal departments including the Executive Office, Permanent Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort. The Siksika have hopes to become self-sufficient by investing in energy and casino resources. The visit also included discussions on intergovernmental relationships – those between the Southern Utes and the United States and between the Siksika and Canada. The Siksika delegation has also visited the Navajo, the Choctaw and the Creek during its tour. The word "Siksika" means "Blackfoot." They are part of the Blackfoot Confederation, which includes the Blackfeet of Montana.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Travis Wheeler
Forestry Technician

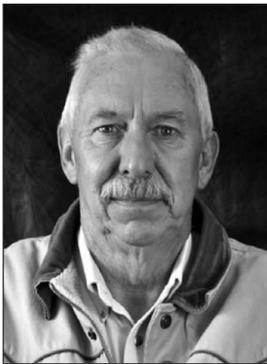
Description of Duties: Working with the Forestry Division to protect, develop, and improve tribal Forests through thinning, reforestation and prescribed burning.

Hobbies: Cycling, gardening, camping and cooking.

Comments: I am really excited to be working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and to be returning to the field of Forestry.

James A. Harrington
Gaming Investigator

Description of Duties: Enforcement of gaming regulations and laws.



Lynn G. Murison
Health Disparities Coordinator

Description of Duties: General nursing - encouraging/assisting everyone in healthiest behaviors.

Hobbies: Teach adaptive skiing, hiking, reading, swimming, cooking.

Comments: I'm excited to be here.

Marjorie Cristol
MD Health Clinic

Description of Duties: Part-time employee at So. Ute Health Clinic.

Hobbies: Farmstead, goat cheese maker and flower farm business name, "Linnaea Farm".

Family: Married - spouse Duncan Rothwell. Children - Elaina age 11 and Danila age 15.

Shawmarie Tso

Licensed Practical Nurse (No Photo Available)

Description of Duties: Providing patient care in clinical setting.

Hobbies: Spending time w/family & friends.Traveling and Photography.

Tribe: Dinè.



Diane J. Benesck
RN (No Photo Available)

Description of Duties: Public health nursing.

Mandy Janine Morford, MD
Family Practice Physician (No Photo)

Description of Duties: Outpatient treatment.

Family: Husband-Curtis, Children-Grace (6), Abigail (3) and Hannah (2).

Express Your Opinions

Considering The Run-Off Candidates

Four candidates will face off for two seats on the Southern Ute Tribal Council on December 18, 2009.

When I attended "Meet the Candidates" Night and listened to all of the candidates speak I was thinking that some of these people cannot control their own lives or the lives of their children, and some cannot hold a job because of their personal history.

In my own personal history, I was taught many things from Tribal Elders, from this Tribe and other tribes. I respect those people and those teachings. My family religion was in the Native American Church and I learned the cultural ways and the language of our Tibe from my family. I started Sundancing on Towaoc with Terry Knight, and here in Ignacio with Eddie Box, Sr. and Neil Cloud. In all of those teachings and all those ceremonies with all Elders, I was told to never lie to my people or anyone, to not steal from them, and

to never harm any fellow human being. These things were against the laws of the Creator. Even in the Catholic Church, where I was educated for three-and-a-half years, these things are taught.

Respect is earned...not given. Breaking the rules or changing policies for your own benefit, being mean to others, and then demanding respect is crazy. The way you treat others is how you are treated. You cannot go around and blame others for what you have done to yourself. You can't change documented history.

We have one candidate, Joycelyn Dutchie, who has stolen from the Tribe. She was charged in Federal Court, and pleaded guilty to the charge (Durango Herald, December 22, 2001 and January 16, 2002). Somehow, Mrs. Dutchie still made it onto Southern Ute Tribal Council. Did she learn from her mistake? Not really. She was accused of misusing the Tribal credit card (Durango Herald, May 14, 2003). The Tribal Ethics

Committee reviewed the charge, and determined that it was true. Even a review of that ruling upheld the decision. The Tribal Council members at that time did not dismiss her, failing the Oath of Office they had taken on behalf of all Tribal people. Some members of that same Council wanted to turn Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park into a parking lot.

I am sure that many of our Tribal members who voted for Mrs. Dutchie are more educated than she is, and I am sure that about half of them hold jobs for which she could not qualify. Remember, if you vote for her you could possibly have a Council member who has a criminal record, very little education, and her continue dishonest to her own people

I have always asked, "Would your trust this person to represent you in a court of law if your life depended on it?" I would not.

Roderick Grove
Southern Ute Tribal Member

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Memorandum Southern Ute Tribal 2009 Run-Off Election

December 18, 2009

SunUte Community Center 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Candidates for Two Tribal Council seats are:

- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Barbara Scott-Rarick
- Joycelyn Dutchie
- Jimmy Newton, Jr.

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2009 Run-Off Election, according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

- Run-Off Election - December 18, 2009
- Official Voter Registration Deadline - December 7, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline - December 7, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

- Emergency Ballot Request Deadline - December 17, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests, or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests.

The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address, (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation, and (c) The voter's signature.

The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303, or 1-800- 772-1236 ext. 2303. The Election Board Office will be open on Monday thru Friday, during the hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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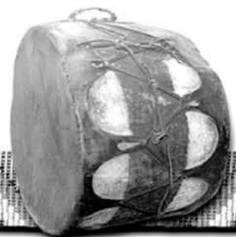
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Tribal Update

Ignacio Senior Center Offering Snow-Shoveling Services

As part of a new grant from Comprecare Foundation Of Denver, the Ignacio Senior Center will be offering snow shoveling this winter to community members age 55 and older. If you live in the Ignacio School District area and have a need for snow shoveling services, please contact Kathy at the Center before December 14th, 2009 to make sure you are added to the list. This service is free, although donations are gratefully accepted. Please call the SUCAP offices at (970) 563-4517 for more information.

Elder Services Requesting Items For Stocking Stuffers

The Department of Elder Services is requesting donations of small items for stocking stuffers for elders who are 70 years and older. There are 57 elders.

Sharing Tree of Ignacio

Sharing Tree of Ignacio is a program to help local community families during the holidays. Each ornament displayed at SunUte has an individual item listed for family members in need. Here is what you can do:

- Please take as many ornaments as you like (please fulfill what you take).
- Check out the ornament at the front desk.
- Purchase, wrap and attach ornament description to the package.
- Return it to the front desk by December 13th.

Sharing Tree of Ignacio would like to thank you for your generosity. Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you. Lisa Williams, Executive Assistant, (lwilliams@southern-ute.nsn.us), SunUte Community Center (970) 563-0214 ext 2654.

Holiday Demonstration, "Holiday Baking In A Jar"

Attention all interested Southern Ute Tribal member/immediate Families. The Southern Ute Agriculture Extension is planning a Holiday Demonstration on December 14, 2009. Holiday Baking in a jar, etc., at 1:30 pm. in the S.U. Education Kitchen. All interested Southern Ute Tribal member/immediate families and 1 guest. Door prizes. Refreshments will be available, please call (970) 563-0220 x 3503. Deadline is December 8, 2009 for registration. We will be closed December 9-10, 2009 for Leonard C. Burch Day.

SunUte Membership Incentive Program, Nov. 9 - Dec. 16

For those of you currently members at SunUte Community Center or those who wish to become one, now is the time to update, renew, or become a member! We will be giving away some incredible prizes in exchange for your time to come by and fill out a Membership Update Form at the front desk. Even better, the great part is you get to pick what prize you want a chance at winning!!! It should take just a moment of your time to give us an update and possibly bring home a great prize. Prizes will be awarded on Friday, December 18, 2009. Good Luck to all that update, employees of SunUte Community Center and their families are not eligible to win. Even though the prizes are awesome!

You will receive 1 ticket for the following information updated or verified as current:

Ticket #1: Address, Phone Number, Date of Birth

Ticket #2: A valid e-mail address so we can keep you up to date

Ticket #3: Your photo so we know who you are. You can receive a ticket per updated family photo.

Here are the prizes you could win!!!

- A Snowboard or Skis from the Skibarn (Valued up to \$500)
- Durango Mountain Resort \$150 Gift Card (Value \$150)
- One-Hour Massage and \$40 Spa Services from the Sky Ute Casino & Resort Spa & Massage (Value \$100)
- 6-Month Single Membership to the SunUte Community Center (Value \$180)
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Maria's Bookshop and \$50 Gift Certificate to Red Snapper Restaurant (Value \$100)

Arts & Crafts Holiday Bazaar

The Ignacio Senior Center is having an Arts and Crafts Holiday Bazaar. This is an annual event. Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10 table rentals - Crafters of all types welcome! For more information or to reserve your space, call Charise at (970) 563-4561.

"My Former Shadow" Health Challenge

The Health Disparities Grant of the Health Services Division announces a great new 3 month challenge for Native Americans of any tribe who are 20 years or older. (Non natives can participate as challenge buddy to a Native American.) We want to screen you for cholesterol and glucose and help you meet the goals that you set after an assessment of your strength, flexibility and cardiovascular system. The program will start Friday Dec. 4, 2009 AND we would like to screen you before then. Call Henry Sun Eagle at (970) 563-0154 Ext 2344 or Lynne Murison at (970) 563-0154 to schedule an appointment for screening and assessment. (Two times— one for blood screen, one for strength, flexibility and cardiovascular screening.) Plan to fast (nothing but water or black coffee only) for 8-12 hours before your glucose and cholesterol screening (which we will do in the Health Services Building). We're calling this phase of My Former Shadow: the Holiday Challenge, because you're brave enough to start with the holidays. The groups will meet weekly (usually Fridays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.), set goals, work towards them, meet for healthy meals teaching bimonthly and generally have fun while working toward feeling healthier. The next group of this challenge will probably start February or March, 2010, so if you don't make the 1st 15 of this group, get your name on the list for then next group.

Southern Ute Tribal Offices Holiday Closures

Thursday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 "Leonard C. Burch Day"

Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 "Christmas"
the Drum misprinted Offices Closed Dec. 24, 2009, offices will be open.

Friday, January 1, 2010 "New Years Day"

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"It is the winter season: a time for storytelling," he said. "It is an honor to be here in Denver, Colorado, because Denver is the crossroad for our Native American people throughout the United States. I would also like to thank our warriors for the sacrifices which has allowed us to be here today."

Blood then introduced Newton, who began by acknowledging the AISEC for having the two Ute tribes in Denver to celebrate Native American Month. Newton said the Ute tribes have seven bands, and that he comes from the Capote band. He also gave a glimpse of the Ute history, explaining that the Utes are the oldest residents of the state of Colorado and that they were one of the first tribes to embark on trading with the Spanish for horses.

Newton also spoke of the Meeker Massacre and the significance that it had on Colorado history.

"Meeker tried to force our Northern Utes to become farmers on land that was not farmable, which then led to the Meeker

Massacre," he said.

He also spoke of the Brunot Hunting Agreement and how the Colorado Ute tribes have begun to take advantage of the wildlife and hunting opportunities that are now available in designated areas throughout the State of Colorado.

Newton also addressed the Homestead and Allotment Act and how land was taken from the Utes and never returned, resulting in our current reservation — an area of 75-by-15 miles, a fraction of what was once Ute territory. He alluded to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which allowed the tribe to develop a constitution and govern itself within the reservation.

Newton then touched briefly on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Financial Plan and the history that brought the Growth Fund to life in 1999. He talked about the Bureau of Indian Affairs' lack of trust responsibilities and how the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has taken over the health center.

"John Salazar has opened the door for Indian people in

Colorado, and we look forward to working with him in the future to secure business and living for our Southern Ute people," he said.

In closing, Newton touched lightly on the infamous quote "The Utes must go," voiced by Gov. Frederick Pitkin, who strived to force Ute hunters to become farmers during the Meeker Massacre.

"The State of Colorado has never offered an apology for that statement to this day," Newton said, "but we stand here today as strong Indian people who will continue to strive for the betterment of our people and our future generations."

He also invited those in attendance to the Southern Ute Reservation for the Spring celebration, the Bear Dance, and thanked those in attendance for their time.

In closing, Blood presented House and Newton with plaques for attending as guest speakers. Andy Cozad of the Kiowa Tribe closed the presentation with an Honor Song for those in attendance.

Tribe Speaks At DU Law

by Amy Barry
Southern Ute Drum

The Native American Law Student Association hosted a question-and-answer forum Nov. 19 during Native American Awareness Week at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law. Barbara Scott-Rarick of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Chairman Ernest House Sr. of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council were on hand to talk about the importance of having tribal attorney representation. They also discussed the different areas of law that attorneys need to know to work for a Native American tribe.

The day before, NALSA sponsored Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Attorney Peter Ortego as he gave insight into what his responsibilities are as a tribal attorney and various laws he deals with as general counsel. The association also held a silent auction with various items like native jewelry, paintings and pottery. The week also included an Indian taco sale on Nov. 15 to raise money for the association.

The main areas of law that tribes deal with include employment, energy, criminal, tax and Indian law. Others, like jurisdiction, oil and gas, natural



photo Amy Barry/SUPR Dept.

On November 19, 2009, Southern Ute Tribal Council Lady Scott-Rarick and Ute Mountain Ute Chairman House, spoke to the NALSA group from the Denver University Sturm College of Law on the importance of tribal attorney representation and their roles and responsibilities within Indian Country. NALSA sponsored a week-long event in Denver, Colorado, in honor of the Native American Month of November.

resources, renewable energy and water, include smaller focuses. Tribal lawyers have to be aware of all areas and must be experts in all aspects of law. There are also lawyers who specialize in specific areas of law — for instance, tort lawyers, who work on personal injury cases, workman's compensation and similar issues.

Shelly Thompson, a Southern Ute tribal member and law student at DU, said she has learned

that regardless of how much people learn about Native Americans, Indian law is often pushed to the backburner and the rights Congress has given to tribes are revoked by the Supreme Court. It's imperative that Native American people learn about Indian law so they can make positive changes, she said. Thompson will be graduating on Dec. 15 with a juris doctor.

Congratulations, Shelly!

New Law Limits The Use Of Cell Phones While Driving

by Tim Heydinger
SU Public Defender

Earlier this year House Bill 09-1094 was signed into law by Governor Bill Ritter. Even though the law was enacted earlier this year, the law became effective on December 1, 2009. The new law addresses cell phone use while driving a motor vehicle.

Prior to December 1st, all drivers were free to use cell phones, and to send texts, tweets, and whatever else cell phones may do, while they were driving 70 miles an hour down the roadway. While such actions may have been legal, they were not a good idea. Anything that diverts a driver's attention away from the roadway makes the driver more susceptible to causing and/or

being in an accident.

This all changed on December 1st. With the new law, no driver under the age of 18 can use a cell phone, for any reason, while driving. A driver under the age of 18 can't call someone while driving, can't talk on their cell phone while driving, and can't send/receive emails, send/receive text messages, and tweet. This prohibition applies to all cell phones, including hands free phones. If a driver under the age of 18 wants to use a phone while driving, they first must pull over and stop.

Drivers 18 years of age and older are permitted to use cell phones while driving, but only to talk to other people. Drivers over the age of 18 cannot use any type of cellular device to send/receive emails, texting, and/or tweeting. A person caught violating the

new law will be issued a citation and fined \$50.00 for a first offense, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense. There are no points associated with the offense.

The new law does not apply if a driver uses their phone to contact a public safety entity. Therefore, if a driver calls the police department to report a suspected drunk driver, the new law would not apply to them. In addition, because the new law is a state law, it does not apply to Native Americans who drive on the Reservation.

Colorado is following a growing number of states limiting and/or banning the use of cell phones by drivers. This makes good sense because, while cell phones have their place in modern society, that place is not in the hands persons driving motor vehicles.

Birthday Wishes During the Holiday Season

To our son, Seth Roubideau,
We would like to wish you a Happy 17th Birthday on December 7, 2009. Time sure has flew by since you were born. You have grown to become such a handsome young man! We have enjoyed watching you grow up these years and you continue to make us happy, sad, mad, and most of all proud of all that you have done and accomplished in your 17 years on earth. Keep shining son and remember we are always here for you each and everyday. We love you with all our hearts! Love and Kisses:
Mom, Dad, Kai, Alexandria, Jordan

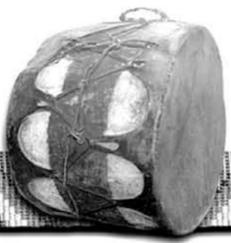
To Mother Dearest
Diane Naranjo
Happy Birthday on December 9, 2009. Hope your day is filled with lots of laughs, hugs, and kisses as you deserve each and everyone of them! Thank you for always helping out with your driving, caring, and making dresses and regalia items for all of us. You are definitely one of a kind hip-hop grandma that is loved by all of us.
Enjoy your day and the years to come!!!
Love and Kisses:
The Roubideau's - Mikki, Michael, Seth, Kai, Alexandria, Jordan

Congratulations Mataya!
The Creator gave you the greatest gift of all, a baby boy - Ivory. May you both be blessed by the Creator and walk with his guidance.
Love Your Ortiz and Red Families.

Happy Belated Birthday's to my two little ones - Alexandria - 6 years old and Kai Roubideau - 10 years old. I hope each of you enjoyed your birthdays on November 5th and November 24th. You both continue to bring us joy and happiness each and every morning we see your smiling faces. Keep up the good work in school and your activities you do as you make us proud. You both are our little shining stars that amaze us with your crazy jokes and attitudes and your grandma, uncle, sisters in California and Oklahoma are very proud of you as well.
Love and Kisses:
Mom and Dad

To my grandson "Whitethield"
Seth Roubideau
Happy Birthday and Thank You for being a helpful Grandson and being there when I need you, talk to someone or just keep me company. Keep your traditional ways that your Grandma Annetta / Grandpa Jack Frost and Grandma Bertha / Grandpa Vincent Grove told you. Always be friendly no matter what. I love you grandson and may the Creator be with you on this special day and everyday!
Love your Grandmother,
Diane Naranjo

Happy 18th Birthday Turkoona!
Sapphire - Hope your years to come are filled with everything you want them to be.
Love your Uncle Bobby and the Ortiz'



Of Four Corners Interest

Families Helping Families Holiday Book Drive

Support literacy for local families this holiday season! Maria's Bookshop, at 960 Main Avenue, will once again sponsor the "Families Helping Families Holiday Book Drive" benefiting the children of families who participate in the Family Center of Durango's Family Development Program. The book drive will run from November 23rd through December 15th. When community members visit Maria's Bookshop during this period, they will be invited to select a card off of the book drive "tree." Each card will feature information about a local child served by the Family Development Program. Booksellers will be happy to provide guidance and ideas to help individuals find the perfect book for that child, and Maria's Bookshop will offer a 15% discount on the book drive purchase. The books will be presented to the kids at the "December Delights" holiday party at The Family Center on Wednesday, December 16th from 10:30-12:00 p.m. For more information about the book drive, call (970) 247-1438 or visit (www.mariasbookshop.com).

Dr. Andrew Gulliford to Speak at Library

On Tuesday, December 8 at the Durango Public Library, Dr. Andrew Gulliford will present an illustrated slide lecture entitled Interpreting Historic Photographs of Native Americans: The New Illustrated Edition of Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee on how to "read" historic photos of Native Americans and how to interpret photographic "truth." Dr. Gulliford will also discuss the meaning and importance of the book Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee which sold three million copies and is now published in an illustrated edition for which Dr. Gulliford served as one of the consultants on the photographs, artwork and captions, and he wrote a "Note on the Text and Art." The program is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library Program Rooms. For more information please call (970) 375-3380 or visit the Library's website at (www.durangopubliclibrary.org).

High School Juniors Invited For Washington DC Youth Tour

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), in partnership with The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), is seeking high school juniors interested in participating in the National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington D.C., set for June 11-17, 2010. Application deadline is Dec. 11, 2009. All area high school juniors who receive their electric power from LPEA are eligible to participate. LPEA will sponsor one student from each municipality - Durango, Bayfield, Pagosa Springs and Ignacio, and home-school students are also eligible. To be considered, students are asked to complete the D.C. Tour application and submit it to LPEA, along with an essay of no more than 500 words covering any aspect of the electric energy industry. Participants will be selected based on their essays, which will be reviewed by an independent committee. Those selected will be notified over the holidays. Applications are available on the LPEA web site, www.lpea.coop, from high school counselors or at the LPEA Durango and Pagosa Springs offices. For further trip information or questions, contact Jeannie Bennett, (970)382-3505, or (jbennett@lpea.coop).

Many Moons Ago



Photo Archives/DRUM

10 years ago...

Miss Southern Ute Lee Ann Baker greeted Elders at the Tribe's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Elders on November 18, 1999, at the Rolling Thunder Hall. Here, Mr. Syvian Valdez receives his royal welcome. Children also entertained the guests. This photo was published in the December 3, 1999, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Photo Archives/DRUM

20 years ago...

Ground-breaking Ceremony took place on November 22, 1989, for the North Ridge Housing Project. This was published in the December 8, 1989, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

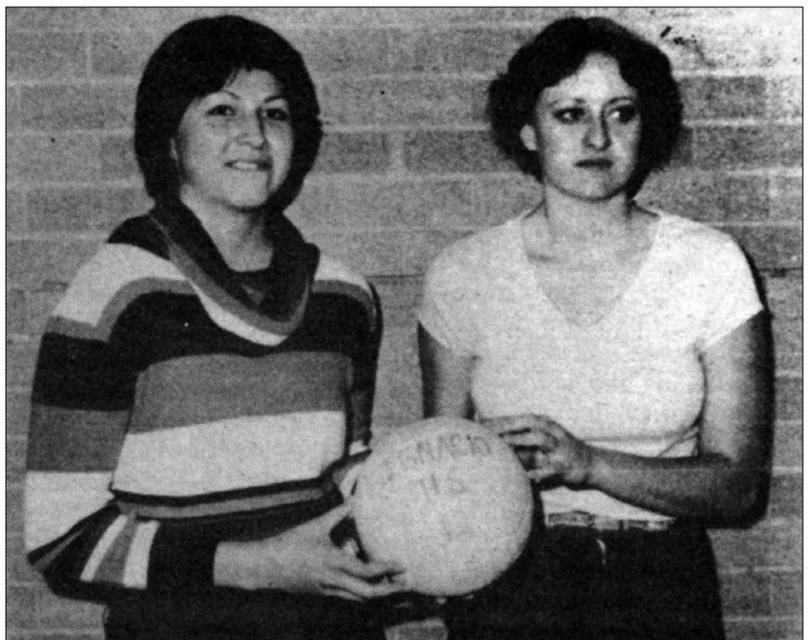


Photo Archives/DRUM

30 years ago...

Robbie Jefferson and Cheryl West made All-Conference, First team in the Southern Peaks League Volleyball. This photo was published in the November 23, 1979, issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center December 19, 2009 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe invites ALL Tribal Membership and Families, Permanent Fund, Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino employees to the Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

Meet and greet our Southern Ute Royalty and take a minute to catch up with friends & family who are visiting during the holiday season. If you are unable to attend due to a handicap or disability constraint, please contact Southern Ute Elder Services so arrangements can be made to have your meal delivered during the day. Their phone number is (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2323.

Annual Tribal Christmas Program Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center December 19, 2009 3:00pm - 5:00 pm

For questions, please contact Amy Barry, Public Relations Division for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2251.

PowWow Trails 2009

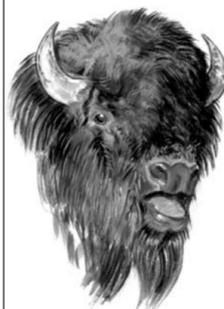
6th Annual Christmas PowWow
December 12, 2009
19255 Monument Hill Road • Monument, CO
Contact: Brad Bearsheart
Phone: (719) 694-9386
Email: bgbearshrt022@comcast.net
Web: www.myspace.com/project_lighthouse

6th Annual New Years Eve PowWow
December 31, 2009
120 W 1300 S • Salt Lake City, UT
Contact: Winston Mason
Phone: (801) 655-3396
Email: medicinechild1@hotmail.com

9th Annual Sobriety PowWow
December 31, 2009
100 Civic Center Downtown, Tulsa Convention Center • Tulsa, OK
Contact: Niles Bosin
Phone: (918) 639-1816

Shonto PowWow Annual Celebration
December 30-31, 2009
Hwy. 160 & 98 • Shonto, AZ
Contact: Harrison Miles
Phone: (928) 672-3522
Email: hmiles@mail.shonto.bia.edu

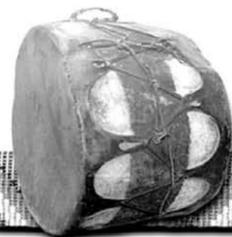
Santee Dakota Omaka Teca Wacipi
December 31-January 1, 2010
207 Frazier Ave. • Santee, NE
Contact: Sidney A. Tuttle, Sr.
Phone: (402) 857-2327
Email: sid_tuttle01@yahoo.com



Ute Language

nüvaaÜ "Snow"
nüvapachì "Snow Boots"
nüvaaÇuwai "Snow Falling"

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



Home Heating and Winter Safety

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires.

Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards and following these safety tips.

Wood Stoves

Wood stoves cause over 4,000 residential fires every year. Carefully follow the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. Look for solid construction, such as plate steel or cast iron metal. Check for cracks and inspect legs, hinges and door seals for smooth joints and seams. Use only seasoned wood for fuel, not green wood, artificial logs, or trash. Inspect and clean your

pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions. Be sure to keep combustible objects at least three feet away from your wood stove.

Electric Space Heaters

Buy only heaters with the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) safety listing. Check to make sure it has a thermostat control mechanism, and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables, don't dry clothes or store objects on top of your heater. Space heaters need space, keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. Always unplug your electric space heater when not in use.

Kerosene Heaters

Buy only UL-approved heaters and check with your local fire department on the legality of kerosene heater use in your community. Never fill your heater with gasoline or camp stove fuel, both flare-up easily. Only use crystal clear K-1 kerosene. Never overfill any portable heater. Use the kerosene heater in a well ventilated room.

Fireplaces

Fireplaces regularly build up creosote in their chimneys. They need to be cleaned out frequently and chimneys should be inspected for obstructions and cracks to prevent deadly chimney and roof fires. Check to make sure the damper is open before starting any fire. Never burn trash, paper or green wood in your fireplace. These materials cause heavy creosote buildup and are difficult to control. Use a screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks. Don't wear loose-fitting clothes near any open flame. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed. Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container outside the home.

Finally, having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire. And remember to practice a home escape plan frequently.

This message brought to you by the Southern Ute Risk Management Division.

The Kidney Corner: "CKD and High Blood Pressure"

by Dr. Mark Saddler, MD
Durango Nephrology Associates



In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we discussed diabetes, the most common cause of chronic kidney disease. The next most prevalent cause is hypertension (high blood pressure). Moreover, in almost all causes of chronic kidney disease, hypertension plays a role in its progression. For example if you have chronic kidney disease due to diabetes, control of blood pressure is still very important in slowing the progression of the kidney failure.

Not all patients with hypertension, of course, will develop chronic kidney disease. But the worse the elevation of the blood pressure, the higher the risk of kidney complications. The earliest sign of kidney damage in hypertension is usually loss of albumen, a protein, in the urine, and testing for albumen is a worthwhile test in patients with high blood pressure.

So, to what level should blood pressure be lowered in patients with kidney disease? There is evidence that we should aim for tighter control than we shoot for in patients who do not have disease of their kidneys. Often, blood pressures of 125/80 or

lower are ideal, provided the patient is not having symptoms due to low blood pressure. It is useful to have patients measure blood pressures at home to guide medication use since office-measured blood pressure tends to be artificially elevated due to patient anxiety, the so-called "white coat effect". Home blood pressure monitors are fairly inexpensive. If you have one, keep a record of your blood pressure every time you take it and bring the record with you to your clinic appointments.

Treatment of high blood pressure usually starts with lifestyle changes when appropriate - "Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes". This involves increasing exercise, losing weight when appropriate and decreasing dietary intake of salt.

All blood pressure medications are helpful in delaying progression of kidney disease. However, there are some blood pressure medicines which have extra benefit in this regard. There are two groups of medicines which have been clearly shown to have this property: ACE inhibitors and Angiotensin receptor blockers ("ARB's"). Both are easily available as blood pressure lowering agents and they are first choice blood pressure medications in patients with kidney disease. ACE inhibitors are usually cheaper but can sometimes cause a troublesome cough. Both groups of medicines, ironically, can cause short-term worsening of kidney function despite their significant long-term benefit, so kidney function usually needs to be monitored carefully after starting them. They both can also cause elevation of potassium levels and rarely this can be dangerous to the heart, so this also needs to be monitored in patients taking either of these agents.

So, if you have high blood pressure, don't forget to take your medication regularly! Good blood pressure control will help to protect your kidney function, as well as reducing damage to other organs, such as your heart, brain and eyes.

Ignacio-Aztec Public Transit Service Starts December 2nd

Media Release
SUCAP

Road Runner Transit, the transit authority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in partnership with Sky Ute Casino Resort announces that public transit service connecting Ignacio, CO with Aztec NM will begin service at 4:55 AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The service will operate Wednesday through Sunday, and offer seven runs per day. (There will be no service on Mondays or Tuesdays.)

The route will begin at Sky Ute

Casino Resort. The bus stop there is by the statue of the buffalo. The route goes south on Highway 172, with bus stops at the Southern Ute Growth Fund and Ignacio Library. It then travels on La Plata County Roads 318 and 310, then south on US Highway 550, with stops at Bondad and the State Line Thriftway gas station. It continues on Hwy 550 South to Aztec, driving through the Aztec Safeway to the bus stop by the kiosk on N. Main, just south of the Safeway. (Park 'n riders are asked not to park in the Safeway lot.) The bus returns by the same route.

All stops along the way are "sight stops", if no riders request

the stop, or, if no one is standing at the bus stop location, the bus will not stop. Riders at stops between the two end points are asked to be at the stop a few minutes early to be sure of a pickup. Riders may call dispatch at least one hour before a scheduled pickup time at a regular stop to alert drivers of their need for a ride" call (970) 563-4545.

One-way fares are priced by zone at \$1 per zone. Aztec to Ignacio, one way, crosses three zones, the one-way fare is \$3. Riders may purchase a monthly pass for \$60 for unlimited ridership. Punch passes good for 20 zones are available for \$15.

Elder's Water Aerobics
SunUte Community Center
Every Wednesday 1:00 to 2:00pm
Wear your shorts and t-shirt and enjoy the fun!

Elder's wanting to attend, call Sharon Wing Baker
Elders Specialist (970) 563-0154 ext. 2348

Fathers' Voices Inc.

In Partnership with:
Community Foundation Serving Southwest Colorado
University of Denver-Four Corners MSW Program
Ignacio Community Collaboration

presents
A Two-day workshop: January 15 & 16, 2010
"How Service Providers Can Work With Native Americans"

presented by
Dr. Maria Braveheart and Ray Daw



at Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Sky Ute Casino & Resort's Event Center in Ignacio, CO
Space is Limited

Please visit the Fathers' Voices Website to print registration form.
www.fathersvoices.org
Please send registration form with payment by December 18, 2009

For further information please call (970) 764-5631

SunUte Recreation Presents:
Free Youth Ski Trips
Area youth ages 10 - 18, interested in skiing/snowboarding at Durango Mountain Resort.
December 5, 2009 • December 19, 2009 • January 10, 2010
Participating youths will be provided passes, lessons, and rentals (if needed).
No lunch will be provided, please pack your own.
Register at SunUte Community Center, as trips will be limited to first 25 kids.
For more information please contact recreation Staff at (970) 563-0214.

HOST A MAMMOGRAM PARTY

INVITE THREE FRIENDS, CALL ME AND I WILL SCHEDULE MAMMOGRAMS AT MERCY HOSPITAL FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS. WOMEN 40 AND ABOVE TRIBAL AND/OR NATIVE AMERICAN

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116 CAPOTE DRIVE
IGNACIO, COLORADO

Phone: 563-0154 EXT 2347
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A Nurturing Father's Journal for Developing Attitudes and Skills for Male Nurturance

Study Topics:
The Roots of Fathering - Self-Nurturing Skills - The World of Feelings & Male Nurturance
The Power To Nurture - Overcoming Barriers to Nurturing Fathering - Discipline and Fun & Games
Fun & Games for Fathers and Their Child - Fathering Sons & Daughters
Teamwork Between Fathers, Spouse/Co-parent - A Time and Place for Fathering
Healing the Father Wound - Closing Ceremony, Commitment to My Family

Wednesday evenings 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • January 13 - April 21, 2010 • Meals Provided!
Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start
279 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137

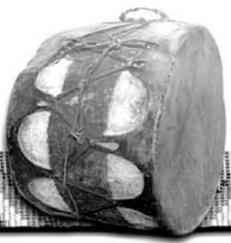
- Babysitting available (please call 563-4566 x27 or 23 if babysitting is needed before each training)
- \$50.00 dollar stipend awarded to all applicants who complete training.
- Must prior register before December 18, 2009
- Call Sam (970) 563-4566 x23, or Joe (970) 563-4566 x27 for more information.

Registration Form • Space Limited-Register Early

Name (print clearly): _____
Title: _____
Name of Organization (if student, name of College/University): _____
Address of Individual/Organization: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ Cell: _____

Indicate if you would be interested in receiving Continuing Educational Units for this workshop: YES or NO
Please note that we will provide further information to interested participants before workshop

Registration Fees: \$ 40.00/Day One Only ___ \$ 40.00/Day Two Only ___ \$ 60.00/Both Days ___
Student Registration: \$ 20.00 /Day *Will need to send current year student photo ID with registration
Payment Method: Check ___ Money Order ___
Office Use Only: Received ___/___/___ Check Number: _____
Mail registration form and payment to: Fathers' Voices, Po Box 1177, Durango, Colorado 81302



Education Update December 2009

Southwest Colorado Community College and the Southern Ute Tribe Education Department are offering an Office Professional Certificate Program. It runs from January 11 through July 23, 2010.

This is a 23 College Credit certificate program. Students will earn an Office Professional Certificate. Courses consist of Accounting, Business Management, Business Technologies, Computer Application and English.

On December 14, 2009, there will be an informational meeting in the Vida Peabody Conference Room, Sky Ute Casino Resort, at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served, please RSVP, no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, December 11, 2009. CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION, Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Training Coordinator (970) 563-0237 ext. 2782.

JOM & Title VII

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) and Title VII Committee meeting Monday, December 7, 2009, Southern Ute Education Center – meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. All JOM Families are welcomed and encouraged to come.

The JOM and Title VII Committees are looking for new members to fill the two vacant seats as soon as possible. If you are

interested in becoming a committee member you are welcome to attend the meeting. In order to be on the committee you must have an eligible JOM student currently attending the Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District. Ellen S. Baker works with the Johnson O'Malley. If you would like to enroll your student with JOM please submit proof of enrollment with a Federally Recognized Tribe or Certificate(s) of Indian Blood showing 1/4 Federally Recognized Tribes. Note: one can have a combination of various tribes as long as the total amount is 1/4. For more information call Ms. Baker at (970) 563-0237.

Lisa Pratchett

Lead Education Counselor

Available to support Native students and parents K-12 to achieve academic and behavioral success in their education. Provides education counseling individual as well as group, providing referrals and advocacy. Approves home school/on-line high schools for Southern Ute students.

Patsy Hood

Intermediate Teach/Tutor

The after school program is Math Club. Sessions begin after school and ends at 4:45 pm.

- Math Club for 5th grade - Mondays.
- Math Club for 6th grade - Tuesdays.

• Math Club for 4th grade- parents will receive a letter to sign up in next 2 weeks.

Julie Stone

Jr. High School Teacher/Tutor

Tutoring Monday - Thursday (7th & 8th) after school until 5 p.m. at the Education Center.

Barbara Cummins

High School/Tutor

Monday to Thursday 3:35 to 5:45 p.m. in Room 4, Ms. Searle's room. For appointments call (970) 563-0235 ext. 2795.

GED Testing

The Southern Ute Tribe Adult Education Department would like to announce GED Test dates for the next year. Registration forms are available at The Pine River Community Learning Center or The Southern Ute Tribe Department of Education on Burns Ave. Registration is due by the Tuesday before each test which is on the first Friday of every month.

The test dates are: Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9.

The Department of Education is the official GED Testing Center in Ignacio and students are encouraged to attend Pine River Community Learning Center to prepare for the test. Call Donna Broad at (970) 563-0237 or (970) 749-1953 for more information.

Elementary Cultural Awareness



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute heritage dancers performed Nov. 20 for children at Ignacio Elementary School. The presentation, sponsored by Eddie Jr. and Betty Box, was meant to introduce students to Southern Ute culture. The students then participated in a round dance. At bottom, Beulah Kent holds her granddaughter, Kaya Bison.

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) & Title VII Committee Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2009

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Grandparents Day at Head Start



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Students of Southern Ute Montessori Head Start sang a song for visiting grandparents during a luncheon at the school Nov. 18, 2009. At bottom, Southern Ute Tribal Elder, Phoebe Kent enjoys a visit with her nephew, Nathaniel Hendren.

Ignacio High School's • 1st Quarter Honor Roll

SENIORS: (4.0) Alexandra Adams, Shane Brooks, Marie-Marie Girodon, Oakley Hayes, Anthony Hutchinson, Kourtney Kroschel, Kayla Lewis, Michael McBeth, Hannah Minkler, Jared Ruybal, Eric Salvo, Cassandra Sanchez, (3.7) Morgan Gantt, Anthony Porambo, Nubia Rangel, Ashley Self, Christian Thompson, (3.5) Vernetta Carel, (3.4) Ashlee Albrecht, Josh Plehinger, Chance Wyatt, (3.3) Trae Seibel, (3.2) Hardy Joy, Victoria Trujillo-Weaver.

JUNIORS: (4.0) Carly Bentley, Ryan Brooks, Corey Francis, Casey Haga, Tanner Harwood, Sara Hutchinson, Michael Mestas, Ethan Pearson, Mariah Pena, Candace Wade, (3.9) Garret Becker, Shelby Wiederin, (3.5) Bonnie Lucero, Katelyn Silvers, (3.4) Fantaysha Gallegos, (3.3) Ryan Hartbauer, William Jacobsen.

SOPHOMORES: (4.0) Brittney Benavidez, Abeth Okall, Matthew Peterson, Shane Richmond, Zachary White, Colton Wyatt, (3.9) Jeffrey Herrera, (3.7) Dusty Mangus, Brenden Ruybal, (3.6) Rylie Jefferson, (3.5) Carly Barborinas, Shawnara Troup, (3.4) Alex Pena, Gabby Velasquez-Howe, Lacey Wade, (3.3) Kelsey Frost, (3.2) Cuauhtemoc Diaz-Torres, Carley Hutchinson.

FRESHMEN: (4.0) Lindsey Hutchinson, (3.9) Alexandria Troup, (3.8) Taylor Smith, Breana Talamante-Benavidez, (3.5) Mariah Vigil, (3.3) Josiah Goodson, William Taylor, (3.2) Mary Adams.

Ignacio Community Library Updates

Senior Center Visit

Library staff will be at the Senior Center at lunch time on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Stop by, get a library card, check out a book, audio book or movie, pickup a magazine or pocket book.

From Library Board

The next regular meeting of the Ignacio Community Library District Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at 5:00 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ignacio Community Historical Society

Will be hosting a "Lunch & Listen" event at 11:30 am on Thur., December 10, 2009 in the Butch McClanahan Room. Lunch will be served. Come eat and share your memories of Ignacio and surrounding area. Bring old pictures if you have them.

2nd Annual Cookie Exchange

We enjoyed this so much last year that we are making this an annual event around the holidays. Make your favorite batch of cookies and bring them and the recipe to the library to the cookie exchange on Dec. 11, 1pm to 3pm.

Art Exhibit Request

Calling local artists to exhibit artwork at the Library. This exhibit will be on display from Jan. - March 2010. Come by the library to pick up an Art Exhibit Request form or download it from our website. All forms must be turned in by Friday, December 18, 2009. Artists of all ages and levels are welcome to participate.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 9, 3:30 pm: Book & Movie Scavenger Hunt
Dec. 16, 3:30 pm: Make & Bake cookies
Dec. 21, 2 pm: Wii Tournament
Dec. 22, 3 pm: Holiday Crafts
Dec. 23, 2 pm: Holiday Crafts & Candy Making Party

Kids Zone

Preschool Story Time
Every Wed., 10:00 am
Come enjoy the fun of the literacy-enhanced story time.

Kids Graham Cracker House Making
Thur., Dec. 17, 3:30 pm

Holiday Decoration Making
Dec. 23 10 am
Enjoy a holiday story and crafts.

Family Movie

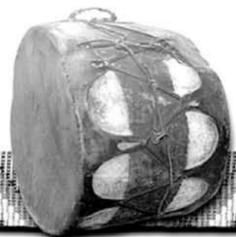
Monday, Dec. 28, 2 pm
Showing in the Community Room. Also it is National Card Playing Day. We will have cards out for the family to play.

Family Lego Night
Tue. Dec. 29, 3 pm - 6:30pm

Board Game Day
Wednesday Dec, 30 2009
Board games all day! Chance to win "Where the Wild Things Are" book.

From The Librarian
We want to highlight some of the stories we have received in our "This Is Where I Live" series. This month's story is by Pearl Casias. Write or email your stories to: (generaldelivery@ignaciolibrary.org) or drop them off at the Circulation Desk.

Library Closures
Thur., Dec. 24, Close at 1 pm: Christmas Eve
Fri. and Sat., Dec. 25-26, 2009: Closed - Christmas Holiday
Thur., Dec. 31: Close at 1 pm: New Year's Eve.
Sat., Jan. 2, 2010:
Open on our regular schedule.
Check website for details.



No Shock: All-SPC Packed With 'Cats Attendance Alarming At Girls' Basketball Practices

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Leading the conference once more, Ignacio dominated the 2009 All-Southern Peaks football teams when the First, Second, and Honorable Mention rosters were recently released.

With six First Team picks, IHS edged Dolores and Sargent, who each had five honored. And the Bobcats' honored half-dozen were about as clear-cut as choices could be:

QB/S Shane Brooks, OL/DE Chance Wyatt, WR/CB Oakley Hayes, WR/CB Josh Plehinger, LB/RB/K Pedro Vigil, and OL/DE Alex Herrera. Brooks and Wyatt were also voted as the SPC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively, but only Vigil will return next season.

"This is a quality group of players that we will definitely miss," head coach Lupe Huerta said in his comments following Ignacio's first-round Class 1A playoff loss to Meeker. "I believe these seniors laid a pretty strong foundation for the returning and future Bobcats."

Wyatt, expected to be a prime contender for a state wrestling finals appearance this season, also scored a second post-football honor. He was nominated by the SoPeaks' coaches to represent the loop in next summer's All-State Game, slated for June 12, 2010 in Greeley—according to the Colorado High School Coaches Association website (chsaa.org has nothing posted as of yet). CHSCA's official selection takes place Sunday.

All three of Ignacio's Second

Team All-SPC recipients can return next season, and all will fill critical roles: junior OL/DL Ryan Brooks, junior LB Ethan Pearson, and sophomore OL/DL Colton Wyatt. And making the most out of his only year in Bobcat black-and-red, senior Tony Hutchinson transferred in and made his mark primarily on defense at safety, with reps as Brooks' backup hard to come by.

The remaining First Team honorees were: Dolores—seniors Pasha Hover and Austin Knuppel, juniors Ryan Greene and Dustin Goodall, sophomore Wyatt Wallace, Sargent—seniors Morgan Biel, Brandon Paulson and Luis Palacios, juniors Marcos Diaz and Erik Schnaderbeck, freshman Colton Cooley, Del Norte—seniors Jake Butler and Chris Archuleta, junior Nick Trujillo, Center—junior Justin Gonzales, sophomore Juan Mariscal.

The following earned Second Team status: CHS—senior David Paez, junior Anthony Garcia, DNHS—senior Kyle Garcia, jun-

photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance



Ignacio senior Chance Wyatt ponders his next move to rush the enemy's quarterback earlier this season. Having also served as a part-time fullback on offense, Wyatt did the most damage from his defensive end position, and was named the SPC's Defensive Player of the Year for 2009.

ior Larry Ferreri, freshman Colin Trujillo, DHS—senior Josh Everin, junior Jake Ragland.

These players were voted Honorable Mention: DHS—senior Sean McCoy, junior Austin McCracken, SHS—freshman Cole VanTreese, CHS—junior Marco Rivera.

And though the Vikings went winless in '09, Center's Andy Hawkins was tabbed the SPC Coach of the Year—if nothing else for just keeping his oft-undermanned squad together and playing.



photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Ignacio head coach Brice Searles drives home a point during Monday night's practice in IHS Gymnasium, as the Lady Bobcats absorb the verbiage.

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Class 3 squad—Fair Grove, who went 29-3 in '08-09.

I really wouldn't have mattered where the sisterly trio was on Monday.

Things wouldn't have been any easier, or required any less hustle and muscle.

Their former school, Pleasant Hope (Missouri), officially tipped off its season against the MSHSAA's reigning third-place

voicing his concern and hoops philosophy, but also recognized eight players for their commitment so far this preseason. Three were Hutchinsons—junior Sara, sophomore Carley, and freshman Lindsey.

"Coming to practice consistently," Sara explained, "we've got greater bonds with our teammates, and gotten to know those that show up a lot better."

"They welcomed us pretty good," said Lindsey, sporting a shirt saluting a previous 27-0 season at PHMS. "At first it was a little awkward because we didn't know anybody, but they accepted us and we came out for the team."

"We've gotten in better shape... but... without these practices we're not going to get consistent or achieve anything," Sara summarized, sounding much like her coach.

"Your attitude determines your altitude," Searles had said previously, stressing that roster spots teetering on scarcity, only can-do 'tudes need apply to fly.

Freshman Pam Cotton's admitted approach is much of what the boss has in mind.

"Work harder than what I've been doing, try my best, and keep my grades up!"

Coming off a 3-16 season (3-13 San Juan Basin League), the Lady 'Cats are slated to open Dec. 15 by hosting Dolores, who fell one win shy of reaching Class 2A's Great Eight in Pueblo back in March. As for the JV attending DHS' tournament on Dec. 11-12, well... keep your fingers crossed, fans.

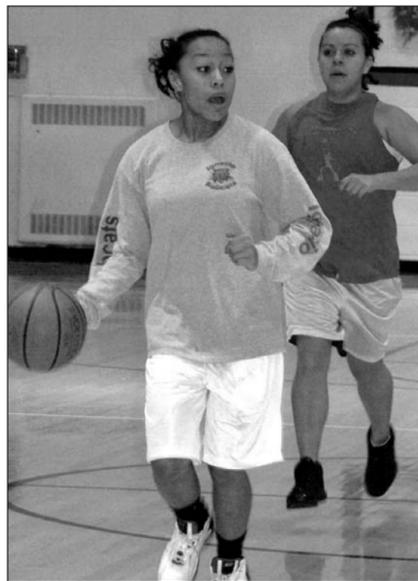


photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Freshman Michelle Simmons calls out for a wing to whom she can pass during the "Kansas City" drill Monday night during practice in IHS Gymnasium. Trailing her in line are senior Kristie Ribera and freshman Lindsey Hutchinson.

Prep Grapplers Start Sixth In Poll

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Sophomore Alex Pena, the reigning 112-pound champ, went into battle this week as the #1 at 119 pounds.

Simple enough—they'll pick up where they left off.

But as the Ignacio wrestlers know, the difference between first and sixth may be just a couple inches on paper, but may as well be miles on the mat. And so the Bobcats' quest to be the best resumes, with IHS holding down the #6 spot in On The Mat's preseason poll for Class 2A teams.

In reverse order, from fifth to first are Rocky Ford, defending champs Paonia, Burlington, Holyoke and Wiggins. WHS, last season's runners-up inside Pepsi Center (where IHS finished sixth), feature senior heavyweight Kyle Pollock, one of 12 finalists—out of over 50,000 applicants!—for the national high school Heisman Trophy to be awarded during Heisman Weekend, Dec. 11-13 in New York City.

In addition to the team billing, OTM's preseason individual rankings were also released during Thanksgiving week, with several Bobcats included in the top four of their weights.

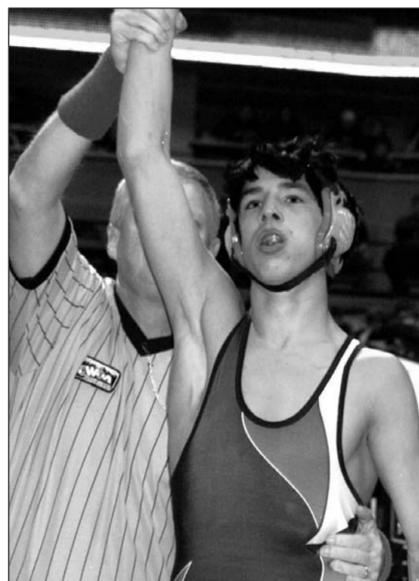


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Bobcat junior Casey Haga took fifth at 125 pounds at last season's Class 2A State Championships (pictured), but will return for his third high school season determined to improve.

come at the Dec. 11-12 Bloomfield [N.M.] Invitational, and at the John Mall Invitational in Walsenburg on Dec. 19.

Volleycat Blooms Into All-Leaguer

by Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

After falling in districts, the 'Cats were left on the outside looking in.

But junior Rose Mirabal's development on the outside, hitting in, gave Ignacio a representative on the 2009 All-San Juan Basin League volleyball roster. The announcement came just after the Drum's previous print deadline, and after the SJBL's final hopes—existing only in Class 2A—were eliminated in the Great Eight inside the Denver Coliseum.

Junior Santana Rodriguez, who took over prime libero duties from Katelyn Sivvers for the latter half of the season, was selected Honorable Mention All-SJBL. She joined Norwood sophomore Katelyn Hardman, Ridgway senior Richelle Walker, Telluride sophomore Emy Ludwig, Nucla senior Amanda Church, and Dolores junior Cortney Brunner.

Having recently played for Class 2A's Red team inside Arvada West HS at the Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State match (Nov. 22), Mancos senior setter Jesse Paquin earned SJBL Player of the Year. Senior teammate Tatum Martinez and DHS senior Tess Wallace also joined Paquin on her side—coached by MHS' Ramona Shepherd—at the CCGS event and were also clear All-SJBL picks.

Lady Jay sophomore outside hitter Aimee Johnson and Lady Bear junior middle Cheyenne McCoy were the other All-League honorees from the

squads. Both teams survived to the final day of the season up in Denver, meaning that IHS will battle two of the classification's reigning top eight—six times in all!—when the 2010 campaign commences.

Dove Creek's season ended in 1A—Region A action at Gunnison HS, just short of also making the Great Eight, but the Lady Bulldogs still had All-SJBL presence in seniors Kayla Pribble (middle, CCGS pick, 1A Blue) and Sonja Strong (OH). Senior Brittney Barks and sophomore Lindsey Stindt represented Norwood's Lady Mavericks, who succumbed earlier to DCHS in 1A—District 1 play at Grand Valley HS.

Nucla soph OH Taylor Zurich, who also somehow performed cheerleading duties (with assistant v-ball coach Gaye Lynn Zurich overseeing things) for the Lady Mustangs, and THS senior Allisyn Stanfield rounded out the All-League selections.

Ignacio (4-17 overall) and Telluride both had their seasons end in 2A—Dist. 3 play, while both NHS's, Ridgway, and Ouray

were all stopped in the 1A—Dist. 1 tournament up in Parachute. DCHS went 1-2 at regionals, but was beaten by North Park [Walden] and Mountain Valley [Saguache], who both advanced to the Coliseum stage. Mancos and Dolores each went 0-3 in matches that final weekend.

Winning their 12th state title, the second in head coach Sandy Moss's four years, Fowler (30-1) defeated Resurrection Christian [Loveland] in the 2A grand finale. And in a clash of northeasterlies, Otis (31-0) halted Fleming's bid to three-peat in 1A by defeating the Wildcats for a third time this season.

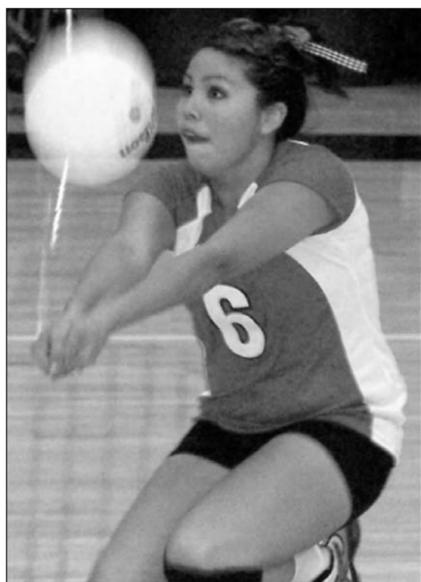


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IHS junior Rose Mirabal comes up with a dig earlier this season at Ouray. She was named All-San Juan Basin League for her work on the volleyball court in 2009.

2009 Youth Basketball

Registration begins December 1, 2009, ends January 6, 2010.

Program is for BOYS & GIRLS ages 5 to 12.

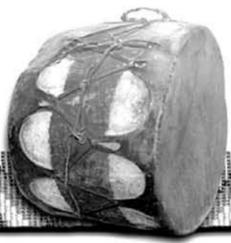
Practice begins week of January 11, 2009. Games begin Saturday, January 30, 2010.

The fee for the league is \$30/player.

Fee includes 3 months of basketball, a jersey, and a participation award.

Scholarships are available based upon need.

Information please contact Damon White Thunder at (970) 563-0214, Ext. 2652



Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Reports

Jr. Miss Southern Ute



Mi'que Nu-wa-wok,
Hello Everyone,

My name is A-mya Bison, "White Butterfly Woman", the current Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010. I am 12 yrs old and attend the Ignacio Jr. High School. My parents are Alberta Bison and the late Arthur Anderson, Jr. My grandparents are Beulah Kent and the late Ronald Bison. My Great-grandparents are Essie Kent and the late Bonny Kent. My family lives here on the Southern Ute Reservation in Ignacio, CO.

I was crowned during our Southern Ute Tribal Fair on September 11, 2009. I was really happy I could hardly speak. I really liked the carnival and the fireworks display. The newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty also helped serve the delicious royalty dinner on Saturday night. Since, I've been crowned Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010, I have attended several activities and pow wows. I traveled to the Council Tree Pow Wow in Delta, Colorado on September 18-19, 2010. The three sister tribe's royalties were invited to take pictures at the Council Tree with the Elder's and Byron Red. I would also like to thank Byron Red for that lifetime opportunity. Another lifetime moment, I will never forget is traveling to the Smoking River Pow Wow in Meeker, Colorado on September 25-26, 2009. I had the honor of staying in a Historical Hotel, where President Theodore Roosevelt once stayed in The Meeker Hotel.

On October 1, 2009 the Southern Ute Royalty was asked by Larry Tucker to be at the Tamarron Resort along with other dancers to dance for the Growth Fund. Alden Naranjo spoke on behalf of the group and explained the different style of dancing. Next, I traveled to

Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 10, 2009. I was asked by Mikki Roubideaux to attend the "First Nations Day Celebrations" at the Garden of the Gods. Alexandria Roubideaux, Little Miss Southern Ute, and I made the news that evening. Then on October 20, 2009. The Mayor of Durango read the Proclamation of Indian Heritage Month to both the Southern Ute Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The Royalty had the honors to be with a few of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council and Royalty. Then the Southern Ute Royalty was asked by the Shining Mountain Committee to help out the tiny tots contest during the 5th Annual "49" Pow Wow on October 24, 2009. There were a lot of cool costumes and I really had a lot of fun. Then on October 31, 2009, the Southern Ute Royalty had a booth at the Halloween carnival in the recreation center. Our booth was called the Royal Pond where the kids fished for a bag of treats.

On November 3, 2009, the Southern Ute Royalty was asked to help out with the Tribal Housing Open House. We helped hand out a few items and with the raffle. I want to thank Mel Baker for inviting the Southern Ute Royalty and for the good home cooked meal. The next day, November 4, 2009, Wes Studi, a Native American Actor was showing live at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. The Southern Ute Royalty politely greeted the public and was able to take a picture with Wes Studi. The Veteran's Pow Wow was on November 7, 2009. I helped along with the other hand out water to the drum groups and give coffee to the elders. That was a special day for me as well, because my brothers were initiated into the Four Corner's Gourd Dance Society. Then on November 10, 2009, the Southern Ute Royalty attended flag ceremonies at the Ignacio High School along with the Southern Ute Veterans. Following the Flag ceremony, that same morning the Southern Ute Royalty greeted the Tribal Council with our New Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010, Samantha Maez. On November 12, 2009, we were asked by Amy Barry to help give a tour, greet the DelAlma gifted and talented students, and the Native

American Youth Group students from Durango, Colorado. I also spoke to the group how to become royalty and explained my regalia to them. On November 14, 2009, I attended the Southern Ute Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We did the Lord's Prayer in sign language and helped out with the raffle tickets. Then November 20, 2009 we were asked to be at the Ignacio Public Schools for Native American Heritage Month and I danced along with the other dancers. At the end of the month on November 26-28, 2009, I attended the Northern Ute Thanksgiving Pow Wow to Fort Duchesne, Utah. I really had a lot of fun there. I would like to take this time to thank the Tribal Membership for your support and I will represent the tribe and best I can.

Until our pathways meet again.

Tog'iak,

Thank You,

Jr. Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010

A-mya Dee Bison

Jr. Miss Southern Ute, 1st Alternate



Miku, Hello, my name is Autumn Rose Medicine Blanket. I am the current Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2009-2010. I am 13 years old and in 7th grade at the Ignacio Junior High School. I like to be involved in sports such as basketball and volleyball. I attend clubs such as Trio, Spanish Club and am on the Student Council. I like to read books, and write short stories

Since, I have held the honor of getting this title so far I attended the Southern Ute Fair. I got crowned on the first night. I made friends and met some of my relatives. The week after that I went to Delta and took pictures with all the royalty. On October 8th, I went to Tamarron to per-

form for the hotel and club. On October 16th, the mayor of Durango read a proclamation for November of Native American Month. For the 49 PowWow, Southern Ute Royalty lead tiny tots and gave them goodie bags. On Halloween, we set up a stand called Royal Pond and gave kids goodie bags. On November 3rd, we went to open house for the new housing department. November 7th was the day we crowned Miss Southern Ute during a special pageant. For the Veteran's PowWow we helped elders get water and coffee. November 10th, we met with council and introduced ourselves to them. November 11th, we got to walk in the Veteran's Parade. We helped lead the tour for the DelAlma and Native American group of Durango on November 12th. Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner on November 14th, we helped pull raffle tickets and handed out fruit baskets. We also performed the Lord's Prayer and greeted our tribal membership. On November 20th, we performed for the schools and introduced ourselves then we went to Fort Duchesne, Utah for the Thanksgiving PowWow.

That is all I have attended since I have been crowned. I would like to thank you all for your support. May the Creator watch over you and your families this new coming year.

Thank You

Autumn Medicine Blanket

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

1st Alternate

2009-2010

Little Miss Southern Ute



Hello, my fellow tribal members! My name is Alexandria Roubideaux, I am 6 years old and attend St. Columba Catholic School in Durango, Colorado. My Indian Name is "Autumn Moon" given by my late great-aunt Dorothy Naranjo. I am Southern Ute and Kiowa, the daughter of Michael and Mikki Roubideaux of Bayfield.

I have been very busy representing our tribe at the following functions since I was crowned at our Annual Southern Ute Fair and rode my uncle Clements horse in the parade. The next weekend I went to Delta for the Annual Delta Pow-Wow, this is always a fun pow-wow as we as Ute people go back to our homeland. The last weekend I attended the Annual Smoking River Pow-Wow in Meeker, Colorado another historic place of our ancestor's homeland. I entered the Jr. Girls Traditional Contest and placed 2nd.

The month of October was very busy too. Again, I rode my Uncle Clements horse in the Annual Cowboy Gathering Parade in Durango. The following weekend my family and I traveled to Colorado Springs to perform at Garden of Gods for the 1st Ute Nations Day activities. I always enjoy going here every year to show my dance steps to visitors of the area as well as see my relatives from Denver. On October 20th I attended the Native American Month Proclamation with our Tribal Chairman, Tribal Council Members, and the City Council as well as our sister tribe the Ute Mountain Tribal Chairman,

Ernest House, Council Members, and Royalty were there as well. The city proclaimed the month of November as Native American Month. I attended the Annual "49" Pow-Wow at the Sun Ute Center for the Shining Mountain Diabetes program, this was a fun pow-wow as well.

The month of November started out busy again as I attended the Annual Southern Ute Veterans Pow-Wow at our lovely Sky Ute Events Center. On my birthday I went to see Wes Studi at Fort Lewis College and he signed an autograph for me! I walked in the Veteran's parade along with our other Royalty in Durango to honor veterans on Veterans Day. I met students from the DelAlma and the Native American Club from Durango High School. I did the "Lords Prayer" along with our other Royalty at the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner as well as help with the raffle of items. I helped the Tribal Information Services perform at the Ignacio High and Elementary Schools in celebration of Native American Month. I have just returned back from Fort Duchesne, Utah as some of my family ate Thanksgiving Dinner with our relatives, this was a day of eating that I will not forget. I attended the Annual Thanksgiving Pow-Wow at the gym. I am know planning on what I will be doing for the month of December. I hope each and everyone of you had a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Until I write my next quarterly report may the Lord Bless each and everyone of you!

Alexandria Roubideaux

Little Miss Southern Ute

2009-2010

Little Miss Southern Ute, 1st Alternate



Mi'que, nuh-nunei nia Saaw Hsiavi Wi'i.

Hello my name is D'Vondra Colleen Garcia, I am 5 years old, going. I am Little Miss Southern Ute 1st alternate 2009-2010. I am the great great grand daughter of Max and Ellen House Watts. My maternal grandparents are Debra Watts and the late William Richards Sr. My paternal grandparents are Janice, Marry, and the late Joseph Garcia from Durango, Colorado. My parents are Lorena Richards and Jamie Garcia. I have two brothers Joseph he is 6 years old and Marquise he is 2 years old. My brothers and I attend school at the Southern Ute Academy. I like spending time with my grandma Debra Watts. We do lots of fun stuff together. My favorite color is Blue and I like to eat mashed potatoes and corn. My goal is to represent the Southern Ute Tribe as Little Miss Southern Ute 1st alternate all across Indian Country.

I started my year off attending the Council Tree PowWow in Delta, Co on September 18, 2009. There I met a lot of other royalty and we took pictures together under the Council Tree. Also in September I went to Tamarron and performed for a Southern Ute Growth fund event. On October 20th I attended the Proclamation for Native American Heritage month where I met the Town of Durango's Mayor. After that I attended the 4th annual 49 PowWow. There I greeted people

and helped-out with the tiny tots. My favorite part was when Julia and Henry gave me a thank you card and a necklace. Andrew Frost gave me some goodies that evening, I like them a lot. Rapping-up the month of October was the Halloween Carnival. We had a Royal Fishing Pond where we let kids fish and they won bags of treats.

November was very busy for all of us. On November 3, 2009 I greeted people at the Tribal Housing Grand Opening. I handed out pens and window scrapers and helped Mel take cake out to our elders. On November 4, 2009 I went to the Fort Lewis College and met Wes Studi, he was very funny! There we also greeted people as they walked in and out. People stopped to take my picture and told me how pretty I looked. Then, I attended the Southern Ute Veterans PowWow held on November 7, 2009. I helped the older Royalty girls pass out coffee and water to the elders and shook hands with many people. On November 8, 2009 we took pictures for our Christmas cards it was very cold and the wind was blowing very hard. November 10, 2009 I attended the Veterans Flag raising ceremony at the Ignacio High School. I then went with the other royalty girls and we introduced ourselves to Tribal Council. After a busy morning I went home with my grandma. There, we made fry bread for my school class room, in honor of "Native American Heritage Month." I enjoy making fry bread for my class this is something that my grandma and I do every year, Thank You Grandma!!! On the 12th I helped with and greeted students from DelAlma and the Native American clubs from Durango Schools. They came to visit our Tribal campus for Native American Heritage Month. That was a very good outcome I got to see some familiar faces. We gave them a bag with the Southern Ute Tribal Seal, which they liked. The second week of November all of us royalty girls practiced the lords prayer every evening. We were getting ready for our Annual Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner. For our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute and Resort, I met an elderly woman from White Mesa. We exchanged information so we may keep in touch with one another. I helped the other royalty girls with the raffle that day. I kept busy and the time went by so fast for me "cause I'm just 5 years old!" In the morning of November 20, 2009 I supported our educational presentation, at Ignacio High School, for the junior high and high school students. Then in the afternoon, we went to the Ignacio Elementary School, the Intermediate students where there, too. I was so glad to see kids my age, usually when I go places I see more adults. And this pass weekend I went to the Fort Duchesne Thanksgiving PowWow. It was a lot of fun for my family and I.

As for December I plan on participating in Ignacio's Taste of Christmas December 4th. December 13th I will be in Bayfield's Christmas parade. December 17th I will be attending the Southern Ute Academy Christmas program. That following weekend I will be helping out with the Southern Ute Christmas Program on December 19th. I plan on spending the Holidays with both my families here in Ignacio and Durango. I am going to continue and represent the Southern Ute Tribe the best that I can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years from my family to yours, Togiak!

D'Vondra-Colleen Garcia

Little Miss Southern Ute

1st Alternate

2009-2010

Pastor Kelly Winlock and the Maranatha Baptist Church invite you to a



Revival!



Maranatha Baptist Church

325 Goddard Avenue

December 7 - December 11, 2009

6:30 PM

Speaker: Shaun Whitey

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Special Christmas Cantata

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(Arranged by Russell Mauldin)

Sung by the First Indian Baptist Church Choir

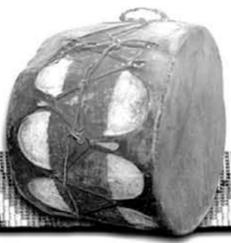


Join Us!

Fellowship Coffee following Monday - Thursday's Service

Refreshments following Friday's Service

Call (970) 563-9346 for more information



Request For Proposal

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & WEB REDESIGN SERVICES FOR THE SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

OWNER: Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum P.O. Box 737 Ignacio, Colorado 81137 (970) 563-9583

9583 or (mgilmore@southern-ute.nsn.us). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum requests single-source proposals for marketing, advertising and Web site redesign for the new 52,000-square-foot facility scheduled for opening in June 2011. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum located at 14826 Highway 172 in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:30 PM MST, Monday, December 14, 2009. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. For a copy of the RFP, contact Marian Gilmore at (970) 563-

Invitation To All Artists Residing In the Ignacio School District

All artists residing in the Ignacio School District are invited to attend an organizational meeting to form a new artists group. The meeting will be held on December 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Butch McClanahan Meeting Room at the Ignacio Community Library. The group will promote opportunities for artists to: network, connect, and exchange ideas. Everyone is welcome. For more information: call (970) 883-5440.

Sky Ute Sand & Gravel Truck Auction

Sky Ute Sand & Gravel will be holding a silent auction for used pickups from our operations. All vehicles will be sold in AS IS condition. Sealed bids only will be accepted. Bid submittals will be received no later than December 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and reviewed on December 14, 2009. You may mail or drop by your bid at the addresses furnished above. The pickups will be on display at the Durango Mesa Yard and available for viewing from December 1, 2009 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colorado. (Please check in with Mary Ellen at the main office before viewing vehicles). All inquires are to be sent to Mary Ellen Brown at P.O. Box 350, Ignacio, CO 81137 or in person at 4101 CR 222, Durango, Colorado. If you have any questions please feel free to give Mary Ellen a call at (970) 563-5714.

2 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUPS

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4 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUPS

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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity - Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Market Café"

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Market Café (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Todd and Kellie Stevens are the owners of Digs Market Café and are currently involved with three other restaurants (two in Pagosa Springs, Colorado and one in Houston, Texas). Todd and Kellie have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Todd and Kellie and their experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

Position Description: Digs Market Café in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including:

- Bar Training (beer/wine knowledge), Basic Business (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls - exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), Bus Staff, Cashier, Host(ess), Catering (sales, service), Cook/Line Cook, Marketing, Front of House (FOH) Management (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), Prep Kitchen Management (ordering, scheduling), Server.

Goal: The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. To Start Immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer - possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Market Café is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience.

Qualifications: 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful - but not required.

Additional Requirements: Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Market Café.

Essay: Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two page) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

How To Apply: Application available at Digs Market Café in Three Springs.

Native American Mixed Trio's Bowling League

League begins December 6, 2009, 3:00 pm at the Rolling Thunder Lanes, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Ignacio, Colorado. Members Must Provide Tribal ID/CIB and Current USBC membership to be eligible to participate. For information contact Rolling Thunder Lanes at (970) 563-1707 OR League Secretary at (970) 769-7745.

Native American Bowling League Roster

TEAM NAME: _____

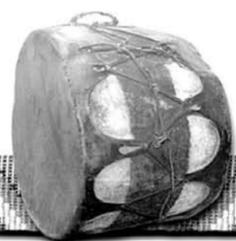
Table with 4 columns: NAME/E-MAIL ADDRESS, USBC #, TRIBE, CENSUS/CIB#. Includes a numbered list for team members.

League will follow current 2009-2010 USBC Playing Rules: Weekly league fees are \$45.00 per team. League starts December 6, 2009 and will end May 16, 2010. There will be NO BOWLING on the following dates: December 27, 2009, January 3, 2010, April 4, 2010, May 9, 2010. New members must register with USBC and pay the \$20.00 fee before allowed to participate. Line-ups must have 1 member of the opposite gender. (2 male/1 female or 2 female/1 male). Teams are allowed to bowl with 2 members as long as they are of opposite gender. Make-up games must be completed within 1 week. This will ensure proper scoring and standings for the league. Team must inform league secretary when make-up games will be done to guarantee lane availability with Rolling Thunder Lanes. All teams must have team shirts by January 10, 2010.

Any questions regarding these rules contact League Secretary (970) 769-7745

Advertisement for Sky Ute Casino Resort's Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center. Features various promotions like Bowling & Lunch for \$6.00, Sunday Family Day, Monday Couples Night, Tuesday Guys Night Out, Wednesday Ladies Night Out, Thursday Buddy Night, Friday Cosmic Bowl, and Saturday Cosmic Bowl. Includes logos for PEPSI and Bear Club.

Advertisement for Sky Ute Casino Resort's New Year's Eve celebration with the Mark Rendon Band. Features details about the event on Thursday, December 31, 2009, including room packages, ticket prices, and contact information for the band.



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

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

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

Chief Reservoir Engineer

Closing Date 12/7/09 - Red Willow Production Co. Houston, TX. To maintain complete reserve bookings for all activities, evaluate new acquisitions, divestitures, and exploration projects prior to implementation, and review follow-up economics on existing projects. Coordinating volume forecasting and fiscal year budgeting activities.

reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis, reconciling bank statements, and, monitoring of daily cash balances and provides administrative support to Growth Fund Controller's group as required.

Maintenance Tech I

Closing Date 12/8/09 - Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently.

General Accountant

Closing Date 12/8/09 - Growth Fund Accounting Providing general accounting support, including

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

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.

Case Worker II

Closes 12/8/09 - This is an advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas.

Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 12/8/09 - Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

Construction Crew Leader

Closes 12/4/09 - Supervises assigned construction repairment and provides repairs to eligible clients homes.

WSI Swimming Instructor

Closes 12/8/09 - Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross.

Executive Assistant

Closes 12/8/09 - Performs administrative support and office management for the Department of Tribal Services including budget preparation and monitoring, report preparation, coordination and consolidation, office records management, reception and clerical services to the Department Director, Division Heads and Department staff and have knowledge of service delivery protocol for each Division/Program.

Clinical Director

Closes 12/9/09 - Contract Clinical Management position responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

Front Desk Attendant

Closes 12/8/09 - Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration.

Patrol Officer

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

SUIT Wildlife Division Seeks Tribal Member Advisory Board

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Wildlife Division are presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two (2) vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at an hourly rate for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

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In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-PR-171

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TAMMY ROSE PARAMBO, Deceased

NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian 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, DECEMBER 14, 2009 at 11:00 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 20th of November, 2009
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-0151-PR

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Bertha Marie Grove, Deceased

NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian 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, JANUARY 12, 2010 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.

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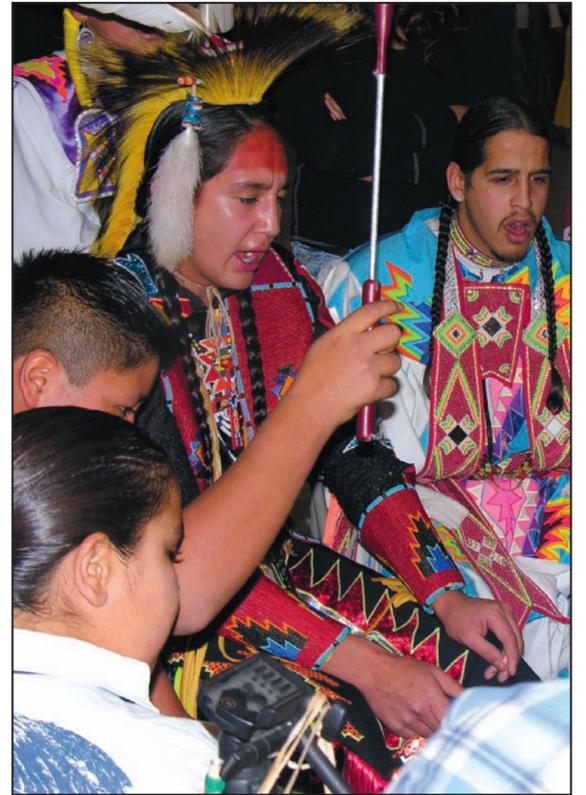
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2009 Northern Ute Thanksgiving PowWow



All photos courtesy L. Richards/SU Royalty Committee

The Ute Tribe hosted its Annual Thanksgiving PowWow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, on November 26-28, 2009. The three-day contest PowWow organized by the Ute Tribe's PowWow Committee and featured contests in respective Men, Women, Junior and Teen dance categories. There was also a drum contest. The Southern Ute Royalty were in full regalia and representing the Southern Ute Tribe beautifully. Royalty in attendance were: Junior Miss Southern Ute A-maya Bison, Junior Miss Southern Ute, 1st Alternate Autumn Medicine Blanket, Little Miss Southern Ute Alexandria Roubideaux, and Little Miss Southern Ute, 1st Alternate D'Vondra-Colleen Garcia.






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