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By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

On any other day, the sight of Spider-Man wandering the halls of the Burch Building, demanding free candy from everyone who crossed his path, would've raised a few eyebrows.

On Oct. 29, though, it was just part of the workday. The web-slinger and hordes of other pint-sized superheroes, pirates, monsters and medieval princesses swept through the Southern Ute offices in Ignacio — snarling, screaming, and sometimes crying when the path to the goods in each department got too spooky.

Students from Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy spent the day touring the Burch Building, the Mouache-Capote Building, the SunUte Community Center, Central Receiving, the Annex and the Justice Center. At each stop along the way, they were greeted with halls of increasingly extravagant decoration, including graveyards, dungeons and other frightful scenes.

Halloween decoration has become something of a passionate competition among tribal departments, with many rolling out skeletons, bats, cobwebs and much more in hopes of topping their neighbors. The fact that no formal interdepartmental contest existed this year did little to slow them down.



Young tribal member Arecio Baker participates in the annual costume contest as part of the Southern Ute Police Department's Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 30. The event aims to create a safe environment for youth to enjoy Halloween activities. Filling the SunUte gym, parents and youth dressed to impress while enjoying games, activities and contests.

The Tribe's festivities also included a costume contest for employees in Tribal Council Chambers. Employees disguised

as everything from a wizard to a horse's rear end strutted their stuff before their coworkers for the prospect of taking home the

grand prize, a paid day off.

The Southern Ute Police Department hosted its annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday,

Oct. 30, featuring another costume contest, a cake walk, face painting, and dart, ring and basketball throwing contests.



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The best of the area's homemade chili and salsa were on display at this year's OctoberFeast, which took place Oct. 23 in the Ignacio Elementary School parking lot. The fifth annual event raised funds for the Pine River Community Learning Center. In addition to culinary delights, local businesses and residents set up a carousel, bounce house, inflatable slide, pumpkin painting station and other activities for the kids.

OctoberFeast Draws Falltime Tasters

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In the rapidly chilling autumn air, warm chili and spicy salsa were a welcome respite.

Community members turned out by the dozens Oct. 23 for this year's OctoberFeast at Ignacio Elementary School, the fifth such annual fundraiser hosted by the town's Pine River Community Learning Center. The event pits local chefs against one another in two competitions: the "Chili Cookoff" and the "Salsa Slam."

The people's choice chili award went to Bonnie Cotton, who took home a Shinerich Grill Zone barbecue sponsored by Lewis True Value Mercantile in Bayfield. Esmeralda Conway

OctoberFeast Winners

People's Choice Chili Award: Bonnie Cotton
People's Choice Salsa Award: Esmeralda Conway
First place red traditional chili: Marisa Salvo
Second place red traditional chili: Esmeralda Conway
First place green traditional chili: Alice Pankow
Second place green traditional chili: Greg Yucha
First place alternative-style chili: Marisa Salvo
Second place alternative-style chili: Cynthia Eichthaler
First place traditional salsa: Annette Gallegos
Second place traditional salsa: Esmeralda Conway

won the people's choice salsa award, claiming a Hamilton Beach food processor.

Attendees also rode horse-drawn carriages and enjoyed kids' activities, including a carousel, bounce house, inflatable slide and pumpkin painting station.

This year's event had been

planned for Shoshone Park, but foul morning weather prompted a move to the school's paved front parking lot.

Money raised at OctoberFeast goes to fund PRCLC's family and adult literacy programs. The center is a nonprofit education organization.

On the wall of Supervisor Jess Baidwan's office is a large thermometer drawn on paper, the words "100 cords" at the top.

That's the goal for Dec. 1. On the brisk-but-clear morning of Oct. 26, red marker fills just the bottom third. But where others see insurmountable difficulty, he

Cutting Through the Cold

*Wood Yard
Races Against
Time to Collect
Fuel Before
Snowfall*

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Beneath Hanley Frost's cool demeanor and the practiced passes of his blade through groaning cedar is a man keenly aware of time.

Workers at the Southern Ute Wood Yard are no strangers to time — it dictates the terms and scheduling of their livelihood, most notably when autumn blows in each year and prompts them to cut and prepare enough wood to keep Southern Ute tribal members warm through the long Rocky Mountain winter.

But this year, the specter of the ticking clock looms unusually ominous over the crew. Because administrative issues beyond their control delayed the start of the wood-gathering season, they find themselves racing against time itself to gather enough wood to supply the Tribe before winter arrives.

Rather than back down, the Wood Yard's sawyers — the technical name for professional woodcutters — are embracing the challenge head on.

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Hanley Frost, a Southern Ute Wood Yard worker, trims a downed cedar near Bondad Hill on Tuesday, Oct. 26. The Southern Ute Wood Yard is working hard to collect 100 cords by Dec. in preparation for winter.

sees opportunity.

At about 9:30 a.m., four sawyers grab their saws and load into pickup trucks. Their site today is a thicket of mostly dead trees located down several miles of well roads near Bondad Hill.

Frost, who leads the crew, says getting the job done is a priority, but so is doing it right — with attention to safety and respect for nature.

"No live cuts," he says, explaining the workers have been trained to look for trees already

at least 75 percent dead for prospective firewood. They also stay away from trees struck by lightning — which, according to tradition, are not to be burned for heat.

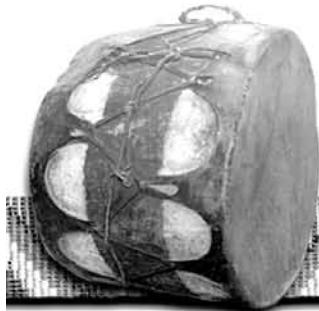
Cultural training has been a priority at the Wood Yard, inasmuch that workers attended educational sessions before preparing for this year's Sun Dance. Altogether, the Yard put in about 700 hours of work helping with the event, according to Baidwan.

Equally important is crewmember safety, which they make clear is a top priority before venturing into the woods for the day. Each wears protective gear from crown to toe and follows excruciatingly specific procedures for fueling up their saws and positioning themselves before cutting.

"Our job here is to make sure we do our jobs and then we go home," Frost said. "We got a good crew. Everybody watches out for each other."

A far cry from the weekend warrior hacking away at backyard shrubs with his 10-year-old Walmart saw, every Yard worker is certified to meet federal standards as a Faller Class A, and several, including Frost, have earned the more advanced Class B title. Every step in their sawyers' process is conceived around one simple principle: respect for the saw.

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Tribal Update

Relay Teams Host 'Curing Cancer With Crafts' Fair

Ignacio schools' Relay for Life teams are hosting a "Curing Cancer With Crafts" craft fair at Ignacio High School on Saturday, Nov. 13. Setup will begin at 8 a.m. and doors are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost to host a booth is \$10, which includes table if needed. To register, send your name, mailing address, phone number, email address and payment either in cash or a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Deb Otten, Relay for Life Team at 435 Willimax, Durango, Colo. 81303. For more information, call Deb at 970-382-8754.

Multipurpose Chapel Committee Seeks Peace Treaty Photos

Photos of the Ute-Comanche treaty of 1977 are being requested for reproduction for the new multipurpose facility. Photo credits will be given. Call April Toledo of Construction & Project Management at 970-563-0138.

SunUte Offers Senior Breakfast

Have you heard about the Senior Breakfast Program here at the SunUte Community Center? It's a program run by the front desk staff here at SunUte that provides a healthy alternative to breakfast for Senior Citizens 55 and older. It's free to Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte community members and \$4 for non-members. Breakfast starts every Friday at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. On some days there will be topics about which attendees can learn more. For example, if someone wanted to learn more about vitamins they take and also the food that contains those vitamins, we can arrange specialists to come speak to them. There will be no breakfast Nov. 26 due to the holiday. For more information, call Precious Collins at 970-563-0214 or email pcollins@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Upcoming GED Test Dates Are Dec. 3, Jan. 7

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on Dec. 3 and Jan. 7. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. There are five sections of the test and each section costs \$20. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests, and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Closures and Announcements

Tribal Council Announcements

Tribal Council will be out of the office on business Nov. 15-19 and on Fall Break Nov. 22-26. During that time all meetings will be cancelled.

School Closure

No School for Public K-12 and SUIMA schools Nov., 11 in observance of Veterans Day and from Nov. 22 - 26, for Thanksgiving Break.

Tribal Offices Closures

Nov., 11 - 12 in observance of Veterans Day. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 22. Nov., 25 - 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 29.

Ska Brewing Hosts KSUT Giveaway



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

The KSUT Members Silent Auction will take place Saturday, Nov. 6. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit both tribal and public radio. Goods were donated by numerous Ignacio and surrounding Four Corners regional businesses. The event will take place at Ska Brewing in Bodo Park, Durango. Admission is \$20 and food and drinks are complimentary. Bidding starts at 5:30 p.m. Pictured above is a sample of the prizes to be offered for auction and KSUT employees, from left to right: Linda Baker, Patrick Watts and Sheila Nanaeto.

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Law and Order Act Helps Address Indian Country Crimes

Tim Heydinger
Southern Ute Tribal Court

If a victim were to alert the tribal police, their only recourse was to contact the federal authorities and to hope they would get involved.

Statistics regarding crimes committed in Indian Country – and in particular crimes against Native women – are staggering.

One in three Native women will be raped at least once in their life. Ninety percent of the Native women who report being raped also report being physically battered in some other way during the commission of the act. In 34 percent of the reported rape cases, a weapon is used against the Native woman – a number more than three times the national average.

And while on the national level most rape cases occur within racial groups, this is not true when the rape involves a Native American victim. In rape cases involving Native American victims, 86 percent of the time the perpetrator is non-Native.

This last statistic should cause anyone to pause. Why is it that so many rapes involving Native victims also involve non-Native perpetrators? One possible answer is this: Indian tribes have no criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives.

If a non-Native commits this horrible act in Indian Country, there is nothing the Tribe can do about it in terms of criminally charging the perpetrator.

If the victim were to alert the tribal police, their only recourse was to contact the federal authorities and to hope they would get involved. Tribal police could not arrest the non-Native perpetrator or charge him.

To add insult to injury, federal authorities frequently refused to get involved. Historically, federal authorities decline to prosecute more than half of all violent crimes committed in Indian country, and this declination rate is even higher for sex crimes.

Hopefully this bleak landscape is changing. President Obama earlier this year signed into law the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. The act has a number of important provisions. It requires

dures contemplated by the Tribal Law and Order Act have, in reality, been in place on this reservation for years.

In addition to the special commissions available to tribal police officers, the act has a number of other provisions directed to combating Indian Country crime. It authorizes and encourages each U.S. attorney whose district includes Indian Country to appoint special assistant U.S. attorneys whose primary job will be to prosecute Indian Country crimes.

The Act also requires each U.S. attorney whose district includes Indian Country to work and communicate more closely with the tribes within their respective district. If a U.S. attorney declines to prosecute a particular case, they must communicate that declination to the affected Indian tribe, and must outline the specific reasons for the declination. The act requires the Department of Justice as a whole to maintain records of all declinations, and to share that information with interested tribal authorities.

It is important to recognize what the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 does not do. Most specifically, the act does not confer on Indian tribes and tribal courts criminal jurisdiction over non-Native peoples who commit crimes in Indian Country. Those crimes still will be prosecuted elsewhere.

Arguably, this is a major shortcoming of the act and the provisions discussed above simply increase the federal presence in Indian country. There are other provisions of the act, however, directly related to tribal courts.

It is important to note that simply giving to tribal police the power to arrest non-Native individuals, and allowing Tribal police to be more actively involved in the criminal justice process from the outset, most assuredly is a step in the right direction to fighting Indian Country crime.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 20th

From 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sky Ute Casino Events Center

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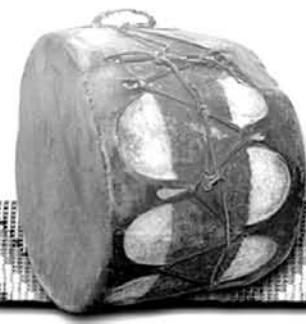
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Management reserves the right to change or cancel this event at any time without prior notice.





Of Four Corners Interest

Parking Cash Keys Now Available at Transit Center

Tired of not having the change in your pocket to feed the parking meter? Get a cash key! Cash keys are a convenient parking meter key that provide an alternative to carrying a pocket full of change. Simply keep the reloadable cash key on your keychain, insert it into the parking meter, and put in the amount of time you wish to park. You can purchase or reload your cash key at the Transit Center at 250 W. 8th St. Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a \$25 refundable deposit and you can add \$10-50 at one time to the key. Be sure to use your cash key during regular parking meter hours: Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City of Durango offers free parking on weekends and holidays. Cash keys especially come in handy around the holidays for easier shopping. And don't forget, cash keys make great gift ideas for that person who has everything! For more information, call the Parking and Code Enforcement Department at 970-375-4960.

Dr. Getty: Fall Grasses Increase Laminitis

As temperatures begin to dip, Dr. Juliet Getty, equine nutrition specialist, wants your horse to make the transition to winter feeding in good shape, and that means understanding the sugar and starch that lurk in your fall pasture growth. If you have horses that are overweight, insulin resistant, or suffer from equine Cushing's disease, you know about keeping them off of spring grasses. The non-structural carbohydrate content is too high for free-choice grazing to be safe, increasing the risk for laminitis. But don't think you're out of the woods once spring is over. True, summer is safer, but as early fall nights cool down below 40 degrees, the dangerous carbohydrates once again increase. Grass accumulates NSC as it is exposed to sunlight. The levels reach a peak in the late afternoon. During the dark hours, the grass uses this fuel for itself, and by morning, the levels are at their lowest. But cold nights prevent grass from using as much NSC, resulting in a higher NSC concentration during the day. Don't be fooled by the brown grass you see in the late fall. Spread it apart and you'll likely see some green at the base, which is high in sugar and starch. If it hasn't rained in a while, your grass will look dried out; but be careful – dry grass can actually have a higher NSC content than long, lush-looking grass.

City Offers Free Firewood at Dalla Mountain Park

The City of Durango, in collaboration with local fire experts, has continued with a fuels reduction program at Dalla Mountain Park. There are several piles of dry lumber – previously the overgrown underbrush that was cleared this past year – which can now be gathered for firewood. Durango Parks and Recreation Department is making this firewood available at no cost to City residents for collection and personal use. The entrance gate to Dalla Mountain Park is located at 3234 Junction Street in Durango and it will be open on Nov. 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All vehicles entering the park must remain on the established roadway. It may be necessary to cut the longer sections of firewood for ease of hauling to the vehicle for transportation off site. A city parks employee will be present at all times when the Dalla Mountain Park gate is open to the public to provide additional information and help with locating the firewood piles. For more information, call the Durango Parks and Recreation Department at 970-375-7300.

Dalla Mountain Wildfire Fuel Reduction Returns

The City of Durango is pleased to announce the continuation of Fire Wise Durango, an effort to lessen the risk of wildfire in our community. With a \$20,791 Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant from the Colorado State Forest Service, the Southwest Conservation Corps will continue to assist the city in reducing wildfire fuel loads in Dalla Mountain Park. Vegetation and ladder fuels will be hand-thinned in the park. Work will begin on Monday, Oct. 18 and continue through Nov. 12. Community members are asked to use caution while enjoying the park during the four-week time period. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 970-375-7300.

Meth Forum and Lasso Tobacco Coalition Meeting Nov. 16

This meeting will update members and interested individuals of changes and opportunities involving the Meth Forum group and Lasso Tobacco Coalition. These groups are both coordinated through San Juan Basin Health Department's Community Health Promotion division. At this meeting, there will be discussion about furthering these projects addressing substance use and celebrating a community where everyone can live well and breathe free. Lunch is provided. Call 970-335-2048 to RSVP.

New Mural Celebrates Youths' Vision of Healthy Community

Local youth from Durango and Ignacio helped envision and paint the south wall of the Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County. Local artist Debra Greenblatt created the mural. She integrated images and concepts from the youth about what brings us together as a community and what's worth celebrating. The mural represents the youths' vision of a healthy community – and their challenge for the adults in our community to help transform it into reality. The mural project was funded by Creating Positive Community Norms Task Force of Lasso Tobacco Coalition through a grant from the Division of Behavioral Health. This task force is made up of youth, youth group leaders, substance abuse and tobacco prevention groups, Fort Lewis College students, and La Plata County Youth Services and San Juan Basin Health Department representatives.

PowWow Trails 2010

2010 Red Mountain Eagle PowWow

Nov. 6-7

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Email: billhaze@rocketmail.com

United Native Council Veterans PowWow

Nov. 13

600 Wyoming NE • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Susan Eswonia
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Email: UnitedNativeCouncil@yahoo.com
Web: unitednativecouncil.com

Orme Dam Victory Days

Nov. 19 – 21

Fort McDowell Rd and Beeline Hwy. 87 • Fort McDowell, AZ
Contact: Roberta Camacho
Phone: 480-789-4793
Email: rcamacho@fmcasino.com

Utah Valley University Contest PowWow

Nov. 19 – 20, 2010

800 West University Parkway • Orem, UT
Contact Information
Contact: Ken Sekaquaptewa or Angela Crank
Phone: 801-863-7276
Email: sekaquape@uvu.edu

Cedar Band of Paiutes Thanksgiving PowWow

Nov. 26 – 27

440 N. Paiute Drive • Cedar City, UT
Contact: Robert Pete
Phone: 435-586-0549
Email: robertpete58@yahoo.com

Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

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Pictured here is the Youth Volleyball Championship Shootout winning team Valdez Forest, with members as follows (left to right): back row, coach Tina Valdez, Monica Mestas, Miracle Ortiz, Antonio Thompson and coach Amelia Howe; middle row, Sherisa Valdez, Sierra Velasquez and Jentrie Ribera; and front row, Nalani Thompson, Ashley Palmer, Jada Salazar, Catherine Gallegos and Rocio Garcia.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 3, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



20 Years Ago

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On Oct. 30, 1990, Smokey Bear and Tony Recker from Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry visit the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start children and gave a talk on fire prevention. Smokey handed out various fire safety materials.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 9, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 Years Ago

A worker prepares salmon as part of the meal to be served to those attending the National Congress of American Indians convention in Spokane, Wash. Among those attending from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were Eddie Box Sr., Phoebe Cloud, Renee Baca, Williamette Thompson and Verna Velasquez.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 10 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

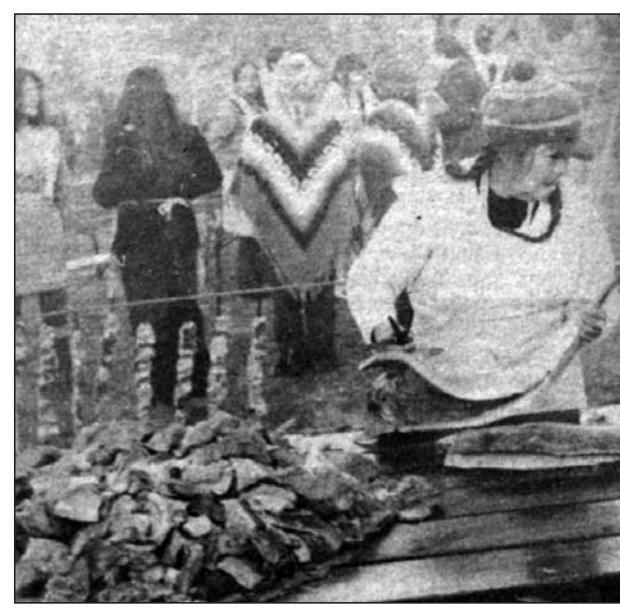


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Ute Language



Sag'wakümi - Indian Dance
TawakanikapÙ - War Dance
ChùkiÇnapÙ - Flag
Peiki - Return Home

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



Health

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November 5, 2010

The Kidney Corner: Just How Helpful is Vitamin C?

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

Vitamins are chemicals needed by the body in small amounts. Since we cannot make vitamins for ourselves, we need to ingest them as part of our diet. Vitamin deficiencies give rise to disease states specific for that vitamin.

Vitamin C is found in many vegetable sources, including citrus fruits, tomatoes, potatoes, broccoli, cabbage, spinach and strawberries. It is important in numerous chemical processes in the body, including proper formation of bones and teeth, proper blood vessel function, and ability of cells to use fatty acids for energy.

Severe deficiency of vitamin C leads to scurvy, a disease that results in poor wound healing, bruising, bleeding gums and fatigue. Scurvy used to be seen in sailors undergoing long sea journeys without access to fruits and vegetables. James Cook, who sailed to New Zealand, is famous for having given his sailors limes, which are rich in vitamin C, hence avoiding the dreaded disease.

Fortunately, these days scurvy is rare, but there remains considerable controversy regarding how much vitamin C is good for us, and which problems may be ameliorated by vitamin C.

One question is whether vitamin C might improve vascular (blood vessel) health and prevent heart



attacks. There has been much research on this subject, particularly because people who eat diets rich in vitamin C seem to have less heart disease. But giving supplements does not seem to lessen the risk in numerous studies.

One way to interpret this apparent contradiction would be to theorize that diets rich in vitamin C have many other healthful constituents, not just high vitamin C, and that it's the "whole package" of healthy eating that gives the heart protection, not just the vitamin C alone.

A common question is whether vitamin C can prevent or treat the common cold. This idea was put forward several decades ago, and many people still take vitamin C when they have a cold. Numerous studies, both separately and in aggregate analysis (called "meta-analysis"), have shown that taking high doses of

vitamin C when you have a cold is no different than taking a placebo, or "sugar pill," in treating the common cold.

But there may be a small place for vitamin C in preventing colds: This remains more controversial, and might apply mainly to persons exercising in cold conditions who might be more predisposed to getting colds.

One concern about high vitamin C intake is that it might lead to more kidney stone formation. Some vitamin C is metabolized by the body to a substance called "oxalate," which is then excreted by the kidneys. Oxalate is a common constituent of kidney stones.

This is likely only a problem for patients who are already prone to kidney stones. My usual advice is that patients who form kidney stones should avoid excessive doses of vitamin C over long periods.

So how much vitamin C should we take in? Usual recommended amounts for adults are 75-100 mg per day. Pregnant or lactating women, the elderly, and smokers should ingest 120 mg per day.

A healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables will usually provide about this amount. Many people wish to take vitamin supplements, and a daily multivitamin will provide sufficient extra vitamin C to easily meet daily needs without causing significant overload problems.

November is American Diabetes Month

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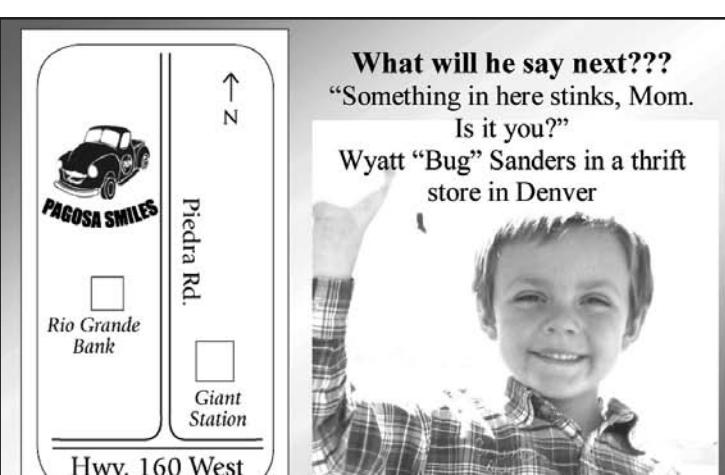


With these positive steps, you can stay healthier longer and reduce your risk of diabetes. (from diabetes.org)

**Once you know your risk, you can take steps to lower your risk.
Who is at Greater Risk for Type 2 Diabetes?**

- People with impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and/or impaired fasting glucose (IFG)
- People over the age of 45
- People with a family history of diabetes
- People who are overweight
- People who do not exercise regularly
- People with low HDL cholesterol or high triglycerides, high blood pressure
- Certain racial and ethnic groups (e.g., non-Hispanic Blacks, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaska Natives)
- Women who had gestational diabetes, or who have had a baby weighing 9 pounds or more at birth

For more information, or to sign up for our program, contact the Shining Mountain Diabetes program at 970-563-4741. If you'd like to find online information, take a risk test, order cookbooks or other materials, or to donate to help fight diabetes, go to diabetes.org.



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19th Flu Clinic Underway

San Juan Basin Health is in the middle of its 19th outreach flu clinic being offered at La Plata County senior centers, schools, businesses, local governmental offices, elderly housing and the local soup kitchen. Our Community Flu Clinic (Boo to Flu) took place Oct. 30 in Bayfield and in Durango and was open to all ages. Friday flu clinics will be available Nov. 12, 19 and Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at San Juan Basin Health in Bodo Park. Flu shots cost only \$14.70 this year.

Free Shot in the Arm Continues

Adults can still get free pneumonia and tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough booster immunizations. Individuals can get these at any of the flu clinics or by scheduling an appointment. Call 970-247-5702 for an appointment in La Plata County or 970-264-2409 ext. 0 in Archuleta County. Pneumonia shots are recommended for people over age 18 with underlying conditions and for adult smokers. These free vaccinations are made possible through a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. For more information on what vaccines are recommended for adults, visit www.sjbhd.org/immunizations.

Health Fair Features Providers



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy student Alana Watts spins the Wheel of Misfortune Oct. 22 during the Southern Ute Health Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center. The game was part of an informative booth exploring the negative effects of drugs and alcohol. Noreen Starbuck and Isabel Valdez paid a visit to many of the booths, including Thrive Chiropractic of Durango, where Dr. Trapper Niccum is pictured giving them free health evaluations. For those with a little more time on their hands, free massages were also available. The Health Fair was sponsored by Southern Ute Health Services.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Free Screenings for Seniors

The Senior Outreach program continues to provide free screenings to our senior citizens. Our nurse tests blood pressure, temperature, heart rate, oxygen level, and blood glucose level. All take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone 60 years or older can receive a free nursing visit at home by calling the Senior Outreach Nurse Brenda Isgar, R.N. at 970-749-4007.

Durango – La Plata County Senior Center: Second Thursday* of each month, (*closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day changed to Tuesday Nov. 16), Thursday on Dec. 9

Ignacio – Ignacio Senior Center: Third Thursday of each month, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

Bayfield – Pine River Valley Senior Center: First Friday of each month, Dec. 3

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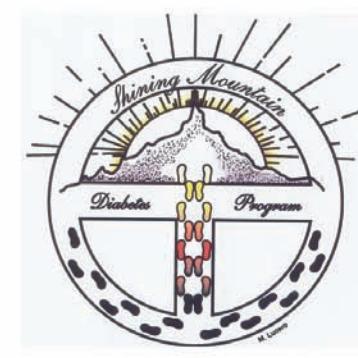
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Firefighters Name Poster Winners



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Firefighters from the Los Pinos Fire Department Charles Tally, David Lorette and Max Howard stood with winners of this year's fire prevention poster contest on Friday, Oct. 22 at the Ignacio Elementary School. Awards were given to students from Kindergarten through third grade. The grand prizes included sports equipment, scooters and bicycles. Many other students brought home gift cards for their artistic efforts. The student body and school Principal Karl Herr thanked the firefighters for their time and service to the schools and the community.

Academy Club Walks for Health



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Walking Club enjoyed warm weather and cobalt skies. The club was making the rounds at Scott's Pond, east of Tribal campus by the Los Pinos River. Students walked in groups or alone, each equipped with a small pack and water bottle. Formed to encourage healthy habits, the Walking Club is led by faculty at the Academy. Pictured above, Nancy Lowe and Mary Jo Owens walk with club member Reynalda Martinez as late afternoon sunlight casts rays on the water's surface.

Class Connects Youth With Past



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students Hunter Brassard, Lakota Twocrow, Kruz Pardo and Serandon Frost converse during a Ute language class on Friday, Oct. 22. The students work on their own traditional projects, including beading traditional chokers. Each student makes their own unique design using varied patterns and colors. Students of all ages participate in the Ute language classroom as part of their educational curriculum at the Academy.

Students Get College Lowdown



Marlene Vigil and her son, Pedro Vigil, (left photo) learn about college admissions from Fort Lewis Admissions Councilor Rachel Shockley. Students, parents, faculty and outside presenters were all part of the annual Ignacio High School College Night event at the school. The event helps educate and connect families with representatives from higher education and neighboring schools.

Beth Santistevan (top photo) gave her own presentation as the academic advisor for Southern Ute Education. Santistevan's talk was directed at Native American students and other minorities, with an emphasis on scholarship opportunities. She spoke specifically about the importance of learning about higher education and the positive impacts a college degree can have in life.

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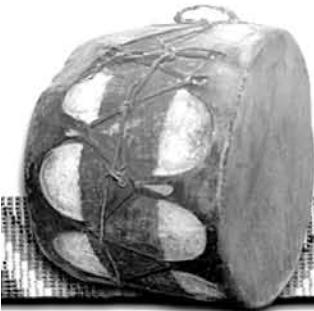
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Ignacio Schools Seek Feedback

Dr. Rocco Fuschetto
Ignacio School District

The Ignacio School District is inviting parents, students, teachers, and administrators to a dinner forum at the Ignacio High School Gym on Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The theme of the evening is "Schools on the Rise: Enhancing our Educational Community." During this dinner, community members will be able to discuss with neighbors, friends and educators ways in which they believe the educational process can be improved. The evening will encourage direct and active participation by all constituents to help foster positive changes in the educational system. Dialog between

all stakeholders will be encouraged and welcomed.

A preliminary survey identified three main areas of concern involving the education of our children. The first and foremost concern was finding ways to increase parent involvement. The second asked the question, "How do we collectively establish higher expectations for our students and teachers?" The third concern revealed issues on attendance and questioned how the learning community could motivate students to learn and attend school.

The cumulative goal of the evening's activities is to gather information about these concerns with a larger constituency and to develop ways in which they can be addressed and improved.

The evening will begin with a delicious free dinner. There will be displays of student art and musical performances, and student skits will highlight the evening's festivities. Participants will be able to fill out questionnaires expressing their concerns and ideas regarding how to improve the educational process and to discuss them directly with fellow parents, educators and students.

As you can see there is a lot of work to be done! I hope you will attend and be part of this positive initiative. It is paramount that we afford our students the skills and tools that are needed to survive in this ever-growing and diverse global economy.

Join us and let's make change happen!

Antiviolence Group Kicks Off



photo courtesy Pam Wilhoite/Violence Prevention Coalition

See It Stop It on Native Land's Youth Leadership Project hosted a kickoff party on Oct. 22 at Ignacio High School. The project, which bills itself as "tri-ethnic youth leaders working to end violence in our lives," signed up 28 youth community members to participate.

Ignacio Community Library News and Updates

News:

- The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11 to observe Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving.

- Need computer help? Call and set up a one-on-one appointment with Renee, who will help you with your computer needs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- The Taste of Christmas is coming Dec. 3, and vendors may sign up for a booth space now. Call Dixie for more information.

- Knitting News:** Another busy month. Ellen brought in her collection of fishy hats and we picked out our favorites. We are busy making scarves and hats (maybe even some slippers) for the Taste of Christmas, where our knitters will have their wares for sale. The knitters' booth will be right next to the Ignacio Community Library booth. Be sure and set aside Friday, Dec. 3 for the 5 p.m. event.

Congratulations to the Scary Story Contest winners!

Thanks to everyone who participated; there were many scary, creepy and ghoulish stories to choose from. There were four age groups and three winners were chosen from each group. The winning stories were read at Scary Story Night.

- Adults:** first place, Samuel Harrison; second place, Susan Robins; third place, Rob Wallace; "Most Scariest," Pebbles Clark.
- High School:** first place, Dakota Ballew; second place, Tracy Bean; third place, Jacob Candelaria.
- Junior High School:** first place, Alex Gearhart; second place, Bekah Powell; third place, Chrystianne Valdez
- Intermediate School:** first place, Lauren Gram; second place, Jaylynn Herrera; third place, Chase Francis.

Calendar:

- Library Board meeting:** Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

- Readers Theatre:** Friday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Come to the first meeting of the Ignacio Library Readers Theatre. Ages 9 and up welcome!

- Writers Group:** Saturday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. The group will provide opportunities to write and will also focus on exploring different genres including poetry, short story, writing for children, expository and journal writing. Paper and pencils will be provided, but feel free to bring your own supplies or notebook computer. Also bring a writing sample – poem, short story or excerpt – to read aloud.

- Senior Center visit:** Tuesday, Nov. 16 and Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. A staff member will take large-print books, audio books and program information to the Ignacio Senior Center.

- "How to Buy and Sell on eBay":** Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of selling your items on the Internet. For this class, you will need to know the basics of using a computer and how to attach and browse your photo files. Call or stop in to sign up.

- Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center presentation:** Thursday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Lisa Burch and Eleanor Frost, Southern Ute tribal members, will give a presentation on the New Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center. They will also discuss the Tribal Consultant Program. All are welcome to attend and find out about this new and most beautiful venture.

- Jewelry-making with Alison DeKay:** Thursday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.

- "Make a Winter Hat":** Saturday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. Supplies will be provided. This class is limited to 10 people, so call or stop in to sign up.

- Ron Yellowbird presentation:** Monday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. Yellowbird will give an oral presentation of his endeavor to preserve the original Uncompahgre Reservation and will discuss Gilsonite mining activities during the 1880s.

- Friends of the Library meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m.

- Movie day:** Friday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. Come watch a classic with us: "The Christmas Carol."

BP Helps Pay for Kids' Fruit



Ignacio Elementary School Principal Karl Herr holds up a check for \$10,000 presented by BP to the school on Friday, Oct. 22. The school was in need of funds to continue its Healthy Snack program, which had been paid for by grants. The money will be used to purchase fruits and vegetables for students during snack time. The kids gave a warm thanks and school faculty echoed it. Student expressed their gratitude by presenting art projects, including one that read "The fruits of your labor brought smiles to the second grade!"

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

SUPD Lauds Safe Halloween



Crystal Thompson and Officer Matthew Mitchell of the Southern Ute Police Department visited the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Oct. 27 to talk with students about Halloween safety. Mitchell and Thompson gave safety tips on Halloween street safety, candy safety, costume safety, general safety and emergency contact information.

photo courtesy Darlene Leslie/SUIMA

Life Skills Classes

Life skills classes enhance the lives of participants, giving them the opportunity to interact and practice skills in a safe and encouraging learning environment. Participants will learn skills they can duplicate in the home that reflect healthy food choices, and sometimes comforting dishes, to share with family and friends during the holidays. The classes also teach craft skills reflective of the Ute culture and modern sewing.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving dinner will include the preparation and cooking of a turkey and traditional Thanksgiving trimmings, cranberry and orange sauces, mashed potatoes, and pan-dripping gravy. Class will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Get Ready for the Holidays

Classic Christmas cookies and yeast bread. The morning class will consist of the making of yeast bread; while the dough is rising, the participants will mix cookie dough and bake the cookies after the bread, time permitting. Otherwise dough will be wrapped and taken home to be baked. Class will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, questions and to sign up for classes, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237. Each class is first-come-first-serve and limited to eight tribal member participants.

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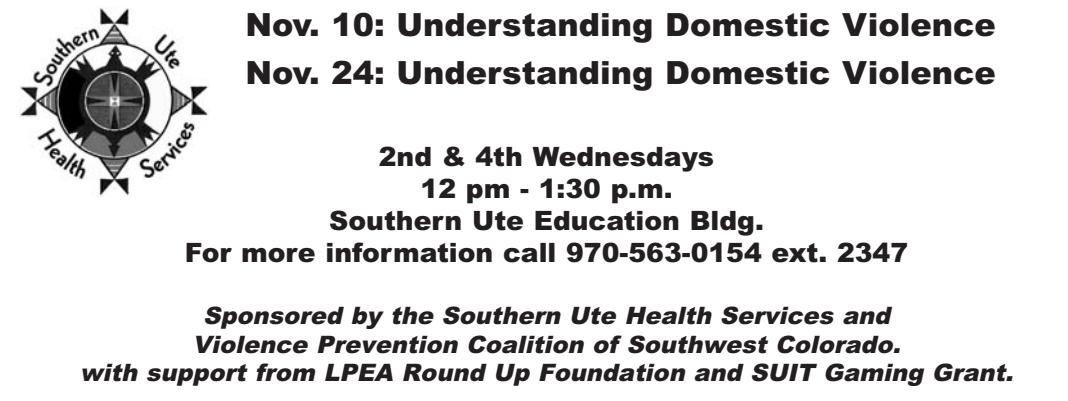


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Misc.

Reorganizing Your Flies Made Easy

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

Recently, the chapters of the Men Who Fly-Fish organization held their World Conclave and banquet at the finest steak and vegan restaurant in Bozeman, Mont.

After the banquet, a group of six members retired to the vegetable-juice and martini bar and discussed how best to reorganize and simplify all your fly boxes. This discussion was the result of one of the group trying to get all his flies into one box so he could use one of the new mini-chest packs now on the market.

If you haven't seen them, the chest pack is designed to reduce by number and weight everything a fly-fisher carries onto the water. For those of us that are die-hard vest wearers, this could be a disturbing adventure.

It was decided the first thing you have to do is dump all your flies on the kitchen table. After you've made one huge pile, separate your flies by type – Adams, Royal Wulff, etc. – into smaller piles. Once everything is separated by type, divide those piles into groups of similar sizes.

For us older fly-fishers, size is defined as regular, large, and super-size. Forget sizes by numbers and use the fast-food codes; it's easier. Don't even think about further dividing your piles by color; there is a limit to this.

While you're doing all this



One pattern, three sizes, six of each size, using higher math equals 18 flies. When you add some terrestrials, nymphs, and some of the "What are these?" you end up with about 150 flies.

Now answer this question: If you can't catch a trout on one of 150 flies, should you even be on the water?

The big plastic boxes with all the dividers now become your reload boxes. After you spend a day on the river, go to your reload boxes and replace what was used. Now, repeat this process for your bass, pike and saltwater flies. Voila! You have now prepared yourself to use those tiny chest packs.

For those of you that just can't get used to a chest pack and insist on wearing a vest, realize the amount of weight and volume that you used to carry around has been significantly reduced.

A side benefit to this process is that you will find yourself fly-fishing more often. Really. Here's how: When your wife, or significant other, finally asks you, "What are doing?" Explain how you have developed some incredible organization skills and you want to help her out around the house. Let her know that the silverware drawer is next on your list, followed by her shoes, jewelry, and underwear.

I guarantee you will be helped out of the house every time you start eyeing one of the above mentioned items.

dividing, throw away any fly has been reduced to a bent, unusable hook. Also, get rid of any fly that is so beat up no one knows what it was. While doing this indexing, place any fly that falls into the category of "I don't know what it is" in a special place on the table. Size and type are not important, since they will be put in their own special place.

Now, go get several large plastic boxes that have dividers forming compartments to hold flies. In each compartment place your flies, one size and type per compartment. When this is completed, you will be amazed at how many flies you really have, and where you are missing certain sizes. The real fun is about to begin.

Get a large foam fly-box – they're real light – and begin placing flies by type and size in it. Over the years I have discovered I use six dry fly patterns. Limit yourself to three sizes per pattern.

installation of a waterproof membrane on the deck), and reconstructing curb and gutter.

Work hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Paving has wrapped up; crews will work on curb and gutter, signing and striping through Nov. 23.

For additional project information, call Marty Punchak at Four Corners Materials at 970-749-5982. For information about other CDOT projects, visit www.cotrip.org or call 511 from anywhere in the state.

CDOT to Resurface Highway 160

Media Release
Colorado Department of Transportation

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Colorado Department of Transportation's Maintenance Division began a project to improve the roadway surface on U.S. Highway 160 south of Durango.

The work zone includes the section of highway that lies between two recently completed projects, the concrete resurfacing project through Bodie and the

Grandview 4th Lane project. The work zone is from milepost 85 – near the "high bridge" by Wal-Mart – through mile post 88, near the signal at Farmington Hill. The division has contracted this project to Four Corners Materials for \$1.98 million.

During the project, scheduled for completion by November 23, crews have milled the existing asphalt surface and are placing new asphalt, making bridge improvements (including expansion joint repairs at each end and

installation of a waterproof membrane on the deck), and reconstructing curb and gutter.

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Be Cautious When Warming Up the Car

Media Release

Southern Ute Police Department

Did you know one vehicle is stolen every 20 seconds?

Recently we have had quite a few vehicles broken into, and they have been occurring at night or during early morning hours when people are warming up their vehicles.

By making your vehicle a lesser target, you can decrease a thief's chances of taking advantage of you. No vehicle is 100 percent theft-proof; however, following are some tips to help keep you from being a victim of this serious crime:

- Always take your keys with you. Never leave your keys in a vehicle or in the ignition. Cold weather prompts "warming up" a vehicle; however, you should never leave a vehicle unattended. Use a spare key and lock the vehicle doors, but continue to monitor the vehicle.
- Never hide a second set of keys in your vehicle. Instead, keep them in your wallet or purse.
- Even if your vehicle is in front of your house, remember to always lock it up.
- Always close all vehicle windows when parked.
- Keep the vehicle registration (which contains the vehicle identification number and tag number) and title with you, not in the vehicle.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in non-staffed lots and enclosed parking garages.
- If you park in an attended lot and have to leave your key with an attendant, leave only the ignition key and not your house keys. Keep the keys to your home and vehicle separate.
- Also be aware of emergency numbers just in case of an unexpected event such as your vehicle being stolen or vandalized.

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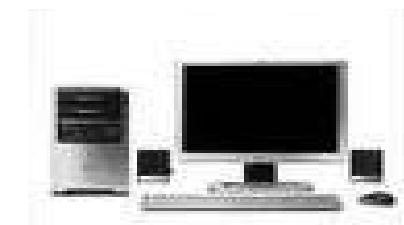
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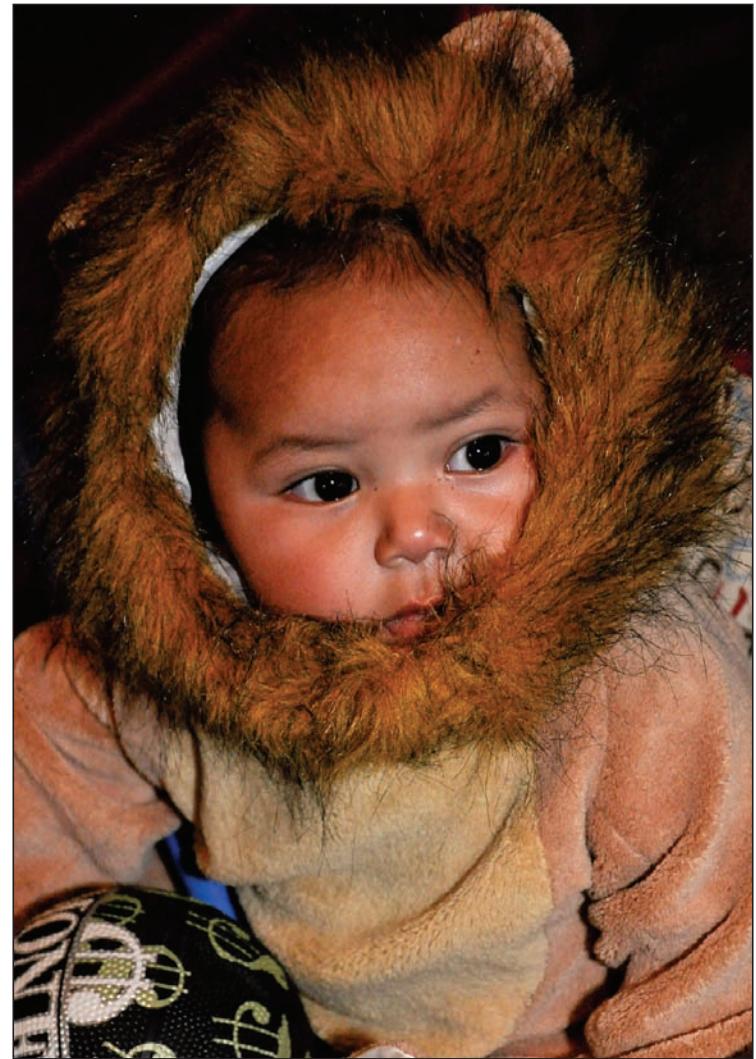


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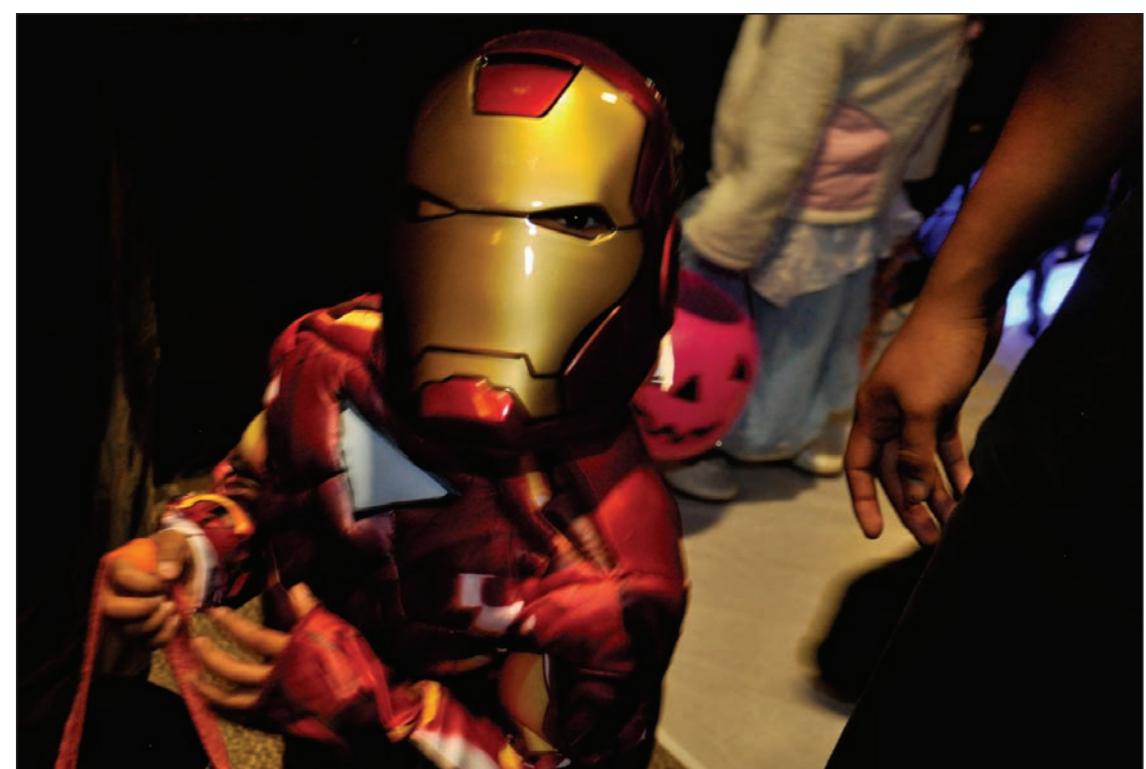
Ghosts, Goblins Descend For



This Is Halloween



Alexis Gonzalez stands patiently while Snow White adorns her with face paint at the Southern Ute Police Department's Halloween Carnival, which took place at SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct 30. Face painting was just one of the many carnival activities. Shoshone Thompson leads the way for visitors to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's own haunted house, organized and created by the upper elementary students. Chantel Toledo chaperones her son, Matthew Toledo, as they venture into one of the haunted offices on tribal campus on Friday, Oct. 29. Contestants line up in Tribal Council Chambers during the employee costume contest, which was followed by a reception in the Hall of Warriors. Pete Diethrich from Environmental Programs took home a prize for his representation of Rex, founder of Rex Kwon Do from the 2004 film "Napoleon Dynamite." A member of the Na'vi race from the 2009 movie "Avatar" also made an appearance to the surprise of coworkers and took the grand prize, only later revealing her true identity to be Sabrina Huntington of Health Services Academy and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students made appearances as everything from Mario Brothers to Iron Man as they toured tribal offices. Even the smallest dressed for the occasion, such as the lion cub. In traditional Ute fashion, a se-a-ch made her rounds through chambers much to the amusement of Tribal Council, judged the contest. Another set of judges from SUPD critiqued costumes at Saturday's carnival extravaganza.



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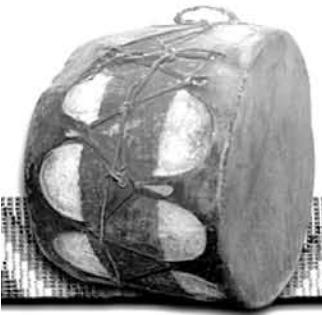
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Halloween

Halloween on Reservation





Sports

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With a little help from teammate Adam Herrera (17), Ignacio's Teagan Overturf (22) speeds through a hole and away from Del Norte's John Hargis (75) on Oct. 29. Overturf topped 200 yards rushing in IHS's 50-18 victory.

Cats Rock Toothless Tigers

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Putting the visitors through a slow grinder of a third quarter was the essence of Del Norte head coach Richie Madrid's game-long plan for Ignacio on Oct. 29.

"When you're down, chewing up the clock kind of hurts you," Madrid said. "But that's how that offense is designed: just pound, pound, pound, throw in a pass here and there. But if we make a mistake, like a bad snap, that puts us in a second-and-long, third-and-long. ... It's tough to bounce back in a single-wing offense."

Wary of Akron-inspired trickery that flummoxed them in a



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Pedro Vigil stomps through two Del Norte Tigers, including Kollin Mellott (11), for a 3-yard touchdown Oct. 29 in IHS's 50-18 road win.

first-round playoff loss to Calhan in '08, the pursuit of Ignacio (51-6 winners over Center a week earlier) kept DNHS contained and produced two defensive touchdowns in a 50-18 thrashing at sunny Speiser Field, closing the 2010 season for both crews.

Freshman Adam Herrera intercepted Tiger quarterback Kevin Trujillo on the rout's final play, returning it 81 untouched yards along the boisterous Bobcat sideline, and junior Teagan Overturf pulled down a pass deflected by senior Pedro Vigil and took it in from 44 yards out on Del Norte's first series.

"They played well," said Ignacio's Lupe Huerta after the fourth-year coaches battled for fourth place in the 1A Southern Peaks Conference. "I just wish they could have played this well

point run to give IHS (3-6, 2-3 SPC) a 26-6 lead at that point.

Pearson, playing somewhat hurt, preceded Herrera's long return with a 59-yard TD jaunt at just 1:20 remaining in the game, but Overturf was especially ravenous in the rampage. Establishing himself as Candidate No. 1 for a running back position in 2011, Overturf gained 31 yards on his first carry and totaled 203 after 15 more, including a 17-yard score up the gut on the second quarter's second snap to cap a nine-play (Ignacio's second-longest possession), 81-yard march.

"Yeah, it's been fun," he said, having gained nearly 320 yards in two games. "Little different playing 11-man than 9-man [which he played in Minnesota], but I like running back in 11-man better."

Huerta had no qualms with his performance.

"Pedro, he was our horse," he said. "And then Ethan really came on and was doing well ... and then Pedro got hurt, then Ethan was kind of wounded. So Teagan, we kind of threw him in there and ... my goodness, he just lit it up! Which got a big load off those other two."

Vigil found other ways to shoulder that load. He scored on a three-yard run on the third of those five third-quarter plays, and threw a two-point conversion to senior Jay Black to ultimately close the game.

Bobcat linemen Tanner Harwood, Colton Davis and Cory Francis also played their final prep game in pads and cleats and were key in harassing Trujillo; Ignacio allowed him just one rushing yard on 20 attempts. Fellow sophomore Colin Trujillo led DNHS (2-7, 1-4) with 81 on 22 carries, while sophomore Austin McDonald booked all three Tiger TDs – a 58-yard run and receptions of 25 and 24 yards.

"We had our rough spots," said Harwood, an '09 move-in from Eudora [Kan.] HS, "but at the beginning we were shoving it down their throat. And [defensively] we'd get in the box and get pressure on that quarterback; we were doing what linemen should do."

Harwood was credited with a sack the play before Herrera's grand theft.

"Our theme every practice was to finish, and finish strong," said Huerta, now 19-19 to Madrid's 13-23 through four campaigns. "We kind of struggled that first half, made mistakes. But I told them, 'You've got 24 minutes left to fulfill what you want to do – let these seniors go out with a good game.'"

Huerta said he's excited about next year.

"This season didn't pan out the way we all envisioned, but the sun comes out tomorrow and we've got to keep our heads up," he said of his young [only two seniors in 2010] roster, but undoubtedly ringing true for both sides. "Come out next season and prove ourselves."

J.Herrera 1-2, Vigil 4-10.

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RECEIVING (rec-yds): DN – McDonald 2-49, C.Trujillo 2-26, Kristopher Lohr 1-30, Ferreri 1-(2).

I – Pena 4-74, A.Herrera 3-26,

Xavier Watts 2-16, Pearson 1-

17, J.Herrera 1-14, Black 1-11,

Vigil 2-20.

[Note: Vigil, with the reception,

and Pena split evenly a 24-yard

hook-and-lateral ending the first

half.]

Districts' Peak Again Eludes Volleycats

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Wether in the former Intermountain or current San Juan Basin League, any volleyball seems to swell to Sisyphean proportions when the postseason comes around.

Unfortunately, the Volleycats are the ones stuck continuously pushing uphill, then within sight of the top – a berth in the state tournament's regional phase – the boulder's weight becomes too great and back down the hill go the girls, who then make another attempt the next season.

Inside the Telluride Minerdom on Oct. 30, Ignacio was reminded how talented the SJBL's Class 2A side is with losses to Dolores, Mancos and Telluride to end their year. DHS won in four sets, while MHS and THS each won in three – the Lady Miners by a 25-12, -13, -15 sweep.

Mancos, by way of a 3-1 win over Telluride, and Telluride – via a 3-2 win over Dolores – earned berths in this weekend's Region C Tournament at Palisade HS, along with Rangely and Paonia (champions and runners-up in District 5). MHS improved to 17-5 overall with their clean slate at District 3, and THS improved to 17-6 by going to 2-1.

Dolores ended at 13-8 and IHS finished an underachieving 6-17, their final win coming four days

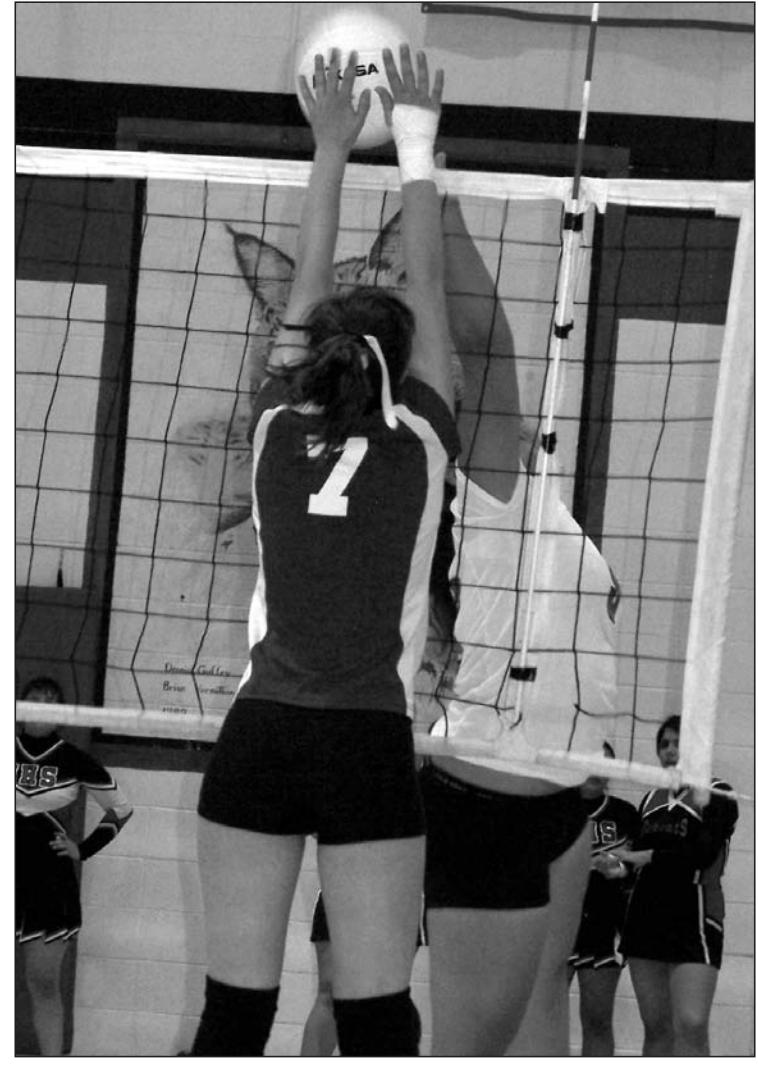


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Ignacio's Fantasyha Gallegos (9) has a tip attempt denied at the net by Ridgway's Jenna Beamer (7) during the district tournament's play-in match Oct. 26 inside IHS Gymnasium. The Volleycats fell to all of the other 2A San Juan Basin League teams – Dolores, Mancos and Telluride – to finish with a 6-17 overall record.

before the D-3 round-robin action. Ignacio, the tourney's 4-seed, ousted 5-seed Ridgway 27-

25, 25-16, 25-13 at home.

Senior Fantasyha Gallegos led with seven kills and classmate Rose Mirabal added five. Junior Rylie Jefferson had three to go with her 16 assists, while sophomore Michelle Simmons fired four of the team's 15 service aces. Senior Santana Rodriguez dropped in five more and also led with 15 digs.

Katelyn Sivers and injured (knee) Mariah Pena also saw their prep careers conclude at districts – the sixth multi-match Saturday on the Volleycats' schedule.

Stats reported from the Dolores match included the following: Simmons with seven kills, Mirabal six, and Gallegos five; Rodriguez with 21 digs; and Jefferson with 21 assists. From the Mancos match: Simmons six kills and Mirabal four; Jefferson with 11 assists; and Rodriguez with 22 digs.

No individual figures from either side were reported from the Telluride match.

From the SJBL's "smaller" side, powerhouse Norwood (22-1) reached 1A-Region A at Gunnison, joined by Sierra Grande of Blanca, Mountain Valley of Saguache, and Vail Christian of Edwards. Norwood defeated, in order, rival Nucla (5-16), North Park of Walden, Dove Creek (10-12), and VCHS at District 1. The Lady Mavericks dropped one set to the Lady Saints in a 23-25, 27-25, 25-18, 25-17 finals victory.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Earning her first varsity starting assignment, Ignacio's Shawni Troup rises to pound one of her two kills during the district tournament's play-in match Oct. 26 inside IHS Gymnasium. Seeded fourth, Ignacio eliminated five-seed Ridgway in three sets (27-25, 25-16, 25-13), but then had their own 2010 season ended four days later in Telluride.

FOOTBALL FRENZY!

**Class 1A Southern Peaks Conference
2010 Standings, Regular Season Complete**

Team	OVERALL			SPC		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them
Monte Vista	7	2	.778	5	0	295/143
Dolores	5	3	.555	4	1	208/191
Sargent	3	6	.333	2	3	128/251
IGNACIO	3	6	.333	2	3	182/239
Del Norte	2	7	.222	1	4	191/322
Center	0	9	.000	0	5	82/320

State Tournament, 1st round [Nov. 6] Seedings/matchups:

#16 Rocky Ford at #1 Wray, #15 Luthern-Parker at #2 Hotchkiss, #14 Wiggins at #3 Burlington, #13 Yuma at #4 Limon, #12 Paonia at #5 Rye, #11 John Mall at #6 Byers, #10 Akron at #7 Lyons, #9 Hayden at #8 Monte Vista.

- compiled by Joel Priest

Road Runner Closure

We will not be running on Thursday, Nov. 11 or Friday, Nov. 12 due to the Veterans Day holiday. We will resume normal service on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The Thanksgiving Day holiday is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25, 26 and 27. We will resume service on Monday, Nov. 29.

For more information, call Road Runner Transit at 970-563-4545 or 970-749-0223. The Road Runner is the public transit service provided by Southern Ute Community Action Programs. Enjoy your holiday from all of us at Road Runner and SUCAP.

Priest's Press-Box Quick Box

Ignacio 12 14 8 16 – 50
Del Norte 6 6 0 6 – 18
1Q, 10:42, Adam Herrera (I) 17 pass from Ryan Brooks (kick missed)
1Q, 8:19, Teagan Overturf (I) 44 interception return (pass failed)
1Q, 7:20, Austin McDonald (D) 58 run (run failed)
2Q, 11:19, Overturf 17 run (kick missed)
2Q, 8:55, Alex Pena (I) 20 pass from Brooks (Overturf run)
2Q, 0:15, McDonald 25 pass from Kevin Trujillo (run failed)

3Q, 6:38, Pedro Vigil 3 run (Brooks pass to Jeff Herrera)
4Q, 7:42, Safety, Vigil tackled Colin Trujillo in end zone
4Q, 5:12, McDonald 24 pass from K.Trujillo (run failed)
4Q, 1:20, Ethan Pearson (I) 59 run (run failed)
4Q, 0:00, A. Herrera 81 interception return (Vigil pass to Jay Black)
RUSHING (att-yds): DN – C.Trujillo 22-81, K.Trujillo 20-1, Larry Ferreri 9-47, McDonald 4-55, Kolin Mellott 4-20.
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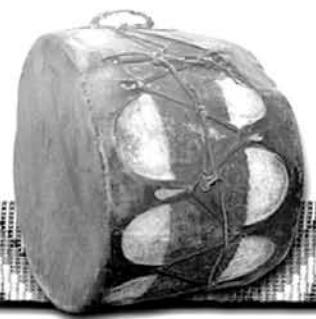
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- compiled by Joel Priest

November 5, 2010

Tahgum-soo-wee-knee soo-koos spiku-up (11)

Misc.



Redonda 2 Burn Project personnel enjoy the moment after ignitions were completed.

Burn Project Opens Door for Reintroduction on Reservation

Media Release Southern Ute Agency

Five Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and local fire departments came together in cooperative spirit Oct. 12-15 to complete the 1,142-acre Redonda 2 burn.

The project consummated a long-term planning effort that will enhance future management of unplanned natural ignitions on a portion of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Agency hosted the project, which included participants from the Ute Mountain Agency, Zuni Agency, Jicarilla Apache Agency, Navajo Agency, Los Pinos Fire Protection District and Archuleta County Office of Emergency Management.

Rich Gustafson, fire management officer for the Southern Ute Agency, was the burn boss and had identified this burn as a critical area to pre-treat with prescribed fire before allowing fire to play its natural role in the landscape.

The Southern Ute Agency had included the use of fire for resource benefit as a management strategy in the revision of its Fire Management Plan in 2009.

The Redonda 2 burn was completed using both heli-torch and Plastic Sphere Dispenser operations and proved to be very difficult to hold due to steep terrain and a mid-slope control line that was created during the 2003 Bolt



photos courtesy Rich Gustafson/SU Agency

Fire. Holding resources from Zuni, Navajo, Ute Mountain and local agencies were kept busy between the black line and the aerial operations, often being dispersed over large areas.

John Barborinas, an NIFC planner, oversaw the aerial ignition operation and had to coordinate closely with ground forces to prevent excessive heat bumping the control lines.

Jesse Ramirez, SUA fuels specialist, ran the black lining operation and ground ignitions and was tasked with lighting a very steep control line with unburned fuels above.

Ken Van Zee, SUA forest manager, supervised holding resources with Howard Richards Jr., SUA supervisory forestry technician, and Dave Vega, Los Pinos Fire wildland coordinator, carrying out the holding actions.

Kenny Wehn, SUA forestry technician, supervised the line construction and preparation.

The Ute Mountain Agency supplied helicopter and PSD personnel and the Jicarilla Agency supplied their heli-torch module, which enabled aerial operations to function smoothly for the entire project.

The Southern Ute Agency is now looking forward to managing unplanned ignitions for multiple objectives within this landscape.

For more information on the burn or the planning process involved in preparing the landscape for the reintroduction of natural fire, call Rich Gustafson at 970-563-4571.

The superintendent of the Southern Ute Agency would like to extend his gratitude and appreciation to all of the cooperating agencies for making their resources available for this project.

Cutting Through the Cold • from page 1



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Wood Yard worker Dennis Wakeman splits cedar at the Wood Yard on Monday, Nov. 1. This year, the Yard is facing demand that's 21 percent higher than last year and 58 percent higher than 2008.

"If one of these cuts you, it don't stop," Frost said, adding that part of the sawyers' duties is maintenance of their own saws. "It's got a mind of its own, and its process is to dig in. If you want to daydream, do it on your lunch break."

The Wood Yard abides by the "you make the call" rule – if an individual sawyer feels he isn't up to a particular job on site, he isn't obligated to try it.

The Wood Yard has offered services to tribal members since September 2005 – for elders and sweat, wood is split, delivered and stacked to their homes; for other tribal members, wood is available for pickup at the Yard. All this attention to the task at hand has yielded notable results:

The Wood Yard has received positive reviews in each of the past 21 months, Baidwan said.

And he's going to need the

Yard running like a well-oiled machine if it's to keep up with demand: Wood requests rose from 222 in 2008 to 305 in 2009. With demand 22 percent higher so far this year over last, he anticipates more than 350 requests for wood in 2010.

"By the good grace of the Executive Office, the Wood Yard has the emergency temporary help it desperately needs to try to keep on top of demand," he said.

4CORE Energy Plan Ready for Review

Media Release Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency

The La Plata Climate and Energy Action Plan is ready for community review after 2 years and hundreds of community members dedicating many hours to the collaborative process spearheaded by La Plata County, the City of Durango and the Town of Ignacio.

The CEAP is a living document that aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through specific policies and actions to reduce waste, pollution and energy inefficiencies; improve the local economy through job creation; and work toward a more self-reliant and sustainable community.

"The CEAP will allow La Plata County and the community of Durango to thrive through wise future energy use," said Michael Rendon, mayor of Durango. "The more community members get involved in shaping this collaborative plan, the

better it will become."

The CEAP was developed collaboratively through local municipalities, La Plata Electric Association, Fort Lewis College Environmental Center, La Plata Energy Council members, non-profit organizations, and businesses and community members who used their knowledge of the local area, experience, research, planning tools, and community brainstorming sessions to generate initial strategies and actions to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in La Plata County.

The implementation of the CEAP will enhance the community by creating new jobs and business opportunities, improving air and water quality, and preserving vital ecosystems while continuing to build a thriving community.

"This plan is the cumulative effort of over 150 community volunteers who put countless hours into drafting a plan for community resilience," said County Commissioner Wally

White. "We encourage residents and business owners to help us put the final touches on the plan."

The La Plata county commissioners, City of Durango councilors, town trustees of Ignacio and 4CORE invite the community to review the CEAP online at www.fourcore.org/CEAP/Finalraft.pdf or in hard copy available at local public libraries, government information desks, and the upcoming public forums.

These forums are scheduled for Nov. 11 at the Durango Community Recreation Center from 7 to 9 p.m., Nov. 15 in Bayfield at the Lavenia McCoy Public Library from 6:15 to 8 p.m., and on Nov. 18 at the Ignacio Community Library from 6 to 8 p.m.

Community members can also provide input on the CEAP online through a feedback form at www.fourcore.org/CEAP.html, by emailing info@fourcore.org, or by mailing comments to 4CORE Attn: CEAP Feedback, 10 Town Plaza #190, Durango, CO 81301.

First Snow Blankets La Platas



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Looking north from the Southern Ute Reservation, an early snow has settled across the La Plata Mountains on Tuesday, Oct. 26. A series of storms brought cold, wet weather to the area and snow at higher elevations. Blue skies and warmer temperatures have since returned to the Four Corners area, offering a brief reprieve before winter arrives for good.

Help Shape a Thriving La Plata County

The CEAP is now ready for public review.

La Plata County, Durango and Ignacio elected officials urge you to attend a CEAP Public Input Forum:



• November 11th- Durango
The Durango Rec Center,
Sunlight Room 7-9pm

• November 15th- Bayfield
The Lavenia McCoy Public Library 6:15-8pm

• November 18th- Ignacio
Community Library
6-8 pm



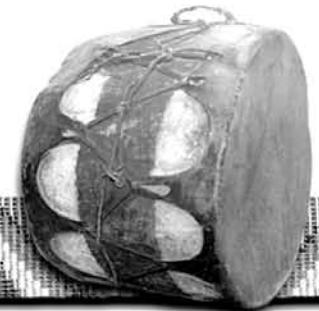
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You can also submit feedback online at www.fourcore.org/CEAP.html, email info@fourcore.org or call 970-259-1916 x 122

Visit www.fourcore.org/CEAP.html



MISC.

Tahgum-soo-we-knee why-koo spiku-up (12)

November 5, 2010

Royalty Pays Respect to Council



New Southern Ute Royalty members presented themselves formally before Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. and the rest of the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Monroe began her introduction in the Ute language, and each representative spoke in turn before shaking hands with council members.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

CASINO REPORT

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

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Voc Rehab Announces Raffle Winners

Media Release

Southern Ute Vocational Rehab Program

Congratulations are in order! The Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program hosted a raffle and four lucky participants won!

Every year, our division sends surveys to all the people who participated in our program that year. We at Vocational Rehabilitation appreciate all the folks who send their surveys back to us. These surveys help us help the participants.

The surveys include questions about our services, counselors, programs, and how participants rate them. Their input is extremely important to us. We use this information to make our program the best it can be.

This year, we sent raffle tickets with each survey. We asked that the surveys be sent back to us in a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the tickets for a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Of all the tickets that were sent back, we drew four on Oct. 26.

Here is a list of the prizes and the winning ticket numbers:

\$30 gift certificate to local restaurants: 537334 and 537314

\$25 gift certificate to Storyteller Theatres: 537296 and 537303

If you are one of the lucky ticket holders, please stop by or call Vocational Rehabilitation at 970-563-4730. Congratulations again and thanks for participating!

Cultural Center and Museum Seeks Tribal Consultants

Media Release

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum plans to open May 2011. The history and legacy of the Ute people will be told.

The museum is offering Southern Ute tribal members the opportunity to apply for the Tribal Member Consultant Program. The TMCP are looking for creative, imaginative and enthusiastic tribal members. The tribal consultants (TCs) will share their Ute culture knowledge, traditions or heritage experiences as cultural ambassadors who represent the Tribe for everyone, from young

Tribal consultants will learn to do the following:

- Guide visitors through the new museum and grounds
- Present or participate in workshops, trainings and perform hands on demonstrations
- Assist with special events and more

The Tribal Consultant Program requires you to do the following:

- Attend and learn at orientation, of new skills, information and training classes
- Honor time commitments for all scheduled individual assignments and become a team player for appreciative events and work schedules
- Be flexible to learn more

children to visitors from around the world!

If you are interested or have questions regarding the Tribal Consultant Program, please call Lisa R. Burch, tribal consultant

and volunteer coordinator, at 970-563-9583. All TCs will earn an hourly wage. They must pass a background check and possibly a pre-employment drug test. Come and join the circle.

Artists Perform in Council



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Award-winning poet and Native American Music Award-winning singer Joy Harjo and GRAMMY award-winning producer and guitarist Larry Mitchell paid an impromptu visit to the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Thursday, Oct. 21. Sheila Nanaeto of KSUT gave introductions before Harjo performed a short song for the council. The duo was set to perform that same evening for the third annual Maxwell Silver Memorial Reading in the Fort Lewis College Ballroom in Durango.

November 5, 2010

Payne-knee pu-ah-gut (13)

Voices



Express Your Opinions

Frost Asserts

Sun Dance Chief Role

I am informing the Southern Ute general membership of a pending meeting regarding the Southern Ute Sun Dance chief position. As I have stated in the past, I am currently the Southern Ute Sun Dance chief.

I have not appointed anyone to speak on my behalf, nor have I resigned the position of the Southern Ute Sun Dance chief.

This Sun Dance isn't mine to own. The Southern Ute Sun Dance belongs to the people of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I am only an instrument to oversee and take care of the Sun Dance. My duties as the Sun Dance chief are to insure the dance is conducted properly and take care of the Sun dancers, the people who are supporting the sun dancers, those who are ill or sick who came to the dance to be healed by the center pole.

My responsibilities are to ensure this is done correctly to the best of my ability as I was taught by past Sun Dance chiefs.

I have danced for more than 37 years. I've been pleased to sit beside other Sun Dance chiefs, many of whom have passed on; listening to their stories of the Sun Dance, learning the rules of the dance and watching how they doctor people who may have a hard time during the Sun Dance. I have danced in Utah, Idaho and Ute Mountain, and have attended May sun dancing in the west and learned the ways of other sun dances in the Dakotas and other reservations besides my own.

This past May, the sun dancers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe decided to appoint me the Sun Dance chief for the July 2010 Sun Dance on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

This past Sun Dance had very good feelings, positive feelings, and many people attended this Sun Dance. People who have not attended the Sun Dance in the

tions where sun dances are held. I have also danced with and started with Sun Dance chiefs Red Ute (Eddie Box Sr.), the late Leonard Burch, Neil Cloud, the late Everett Burch and Byron Frost; Northern Ute chiefs the late John Iyope, the late Jenson Jack, the late Bear Boy, the late Alvin Pinnecoose and Jerry Tapoof; Ute Mountain Ute Sun Dance chiefs Terry Knight and Boyd Lopez; and Shoshone-Bannock (Fort Hall, Idaho) Sun Dance chief Curtis Sams. This is the experience I carry into our Sun Dance ceremony here in Ignacio.

There has been a question of whom I had sitting next to me. They were either Sun Dance chiefs or sub-chiefs at other Sun Dances in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming or Montana. It is the experience I depend on in case a dancer has difficult time dancing or is a victim of diabetes or another ailment. It is that experience I depend on to assist me when a dancer might have a very difficult time in the lodge.

Our Utes from here were my helpers within the lodge. At this time, I am watching our Southern Ute sun dancers to see if any are ready to take over the Sun Dance in the future when I do retire from dancing. At present, I am not retiring as I have many, many years of dancing left.

If I am appointed to conduct the Sun Dance for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its members, I cannot have Hanley Frost as a helper whatsoever. My helpers must maintain dignity, humbleness, and the highest respect for members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Sun Dance chief.

I am hoping I will be appointed the position of the Sun Dance chief and we can move forward for the betterment of all. The Sun Dance is the backbone of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, as all things hinge on the outcome for people of this reservation. It is more important than our Bear Dance, which is a social dance and welcoming of spring.

I have given Hanley Frost a chance to assist me. If he didn't like what was done in the Sun Dance, he didn't say anything at

past attended this year dance and said, "The Sun Dance felt very good and you did a good job."

It has come to my attention Hanley Frost has appointed himself the Sun Dance chief.

Speaking about experience, Hanley Frost is a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who has resided on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation all his life. He has danced for a number of years; nothing compared to the many years I've danced. He hasn't served as a chief, sub-chief or helper.

All of a sudden he comes back to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and demands to be the Sun Dance chief. Many people do not know of Hanley Frost. Now all of a sudden he wants to become a Sun Dance chief without any experience as either sub-chief or helper?

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all. He was pleasantly happy with the outcome of the dance in July – perhaps happy the Sun Dance was going to end, as it was hot and we went until 2 p.m.

Now Hanley Frost wants to become the Sun Dance chief? It is said long ago by the elders, many of whom have passed on: "When a person cries for something, they are greedy, have no respect for anyone, and are only looking to make themselves big and have a large ego."

I ask members of the Southern Ute Indian tribe this question: Who do you want to conduct this ceremony for the goodness of our people, and who has the experience to do so? Hanley Frost or Kenny Frost?

Once again, I am currently the Southern Ute Sun Dance chief. I have not appointed anyone to speak on my behalf, nor have I resigned the position of the Southern Ute Sun Dance chief.

A meeting will be held to discuss this matter on Dec. 10, location to be announced later.

*All my relations,
Kenny Frost, Sun Dance chief
Ignacio, Colo.*

Red Ute Appoints Sun Dance Chief

To all members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Mique.

As the oldest living Southern Ute tribal member – as the longest standing traditional spiritual leader of the Southern Ute Tagu'wun, Sun Dance – I, Ah Ka' Nuche, Red Ute, appoint Kenneth Frost to lead the Southern Ute Sun Dance and to appoint his successor when the time comes.

I do so based on the traditional laws of our people, which have stood from far into the past until now. I would ask that all tribal members support Kenneth Frost by attending the Sun Dance and holding good thoughts for all the dancers.

As I have often told you, "Think good and do good, for there is always someone above watching you."

I send my blessings to you all.

*Red Ute
(AKA Edward Bent Box)
Asheville, N.C.*

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Great Bull, Great Team



photos courtesy Jack Frost Jr.

Congratulations to Hunter G. Frost (top photo) on taking his first big bull. Two shots at 150 yards from a .300 WSM put this beautiful 6x5 bull elk to the ground. Hunter was fighting a cold and wasn't feeling very well, but still mustered enough strength to harvest this fine animal. He wanted to let his fellow hunters know he shot this bull in No-tell Canyon! He always wanted to say that; he also wanted to thank those that helped him pack out his elk out. Way to go son!

Congratulations to the Ignacio Junior High School Bobcat football team! They completed their season undefeated and champions of their league. Members of the A-Team posed (lower photo) after they fought and grinded their way through cold, rainy, slick conditions en route to a decisive victory over the undefeated Norwood Mavericks. They later beat Blanding, Utah, the following week, ending their season 7-0. Way to go A-Team!

Jack Frost Jr. – Ignacio, Colo.

Distracted Driving Is a Real Threat

We would like to let readers know of local community efforts to address the problem of distracted driving.

"Focus on Your Drive: Arrive Alive" is a program of San Juan Basin Health Department's Injury Prevention Coalition. This campaign has been working for more than a year to increase community awareness and education about the dangers of inattentive driving and ways to reduce it. Forty-four presentations have been made to various community, work and school groups, ads have been in the media, and free materials have been distributed.

There will be an initiative in the near future to reach more worksites and conduct another observational survey throughout the county thanks to support from La Plata Electric Association's Round-Up Foundation and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Thanks go to coalition members working on this issue: Colorado State Patrol, City of Durango Public Works, State Farm Insurance, Durango Police Department, La Plata County Senior Center, Four Corners Broadcasting, Mercy Regional Medical Center, Southern Ute Community Action Programs' Occupant Protection Program, Ft. Lewis College Police Department, 9R School District and concerned citizens.

There have been 472 crashes in La Plata County this year, according to Colorado State Patrol Captain Martin Petrik, a coalition member. He believes that distracted driving caused 75 percent of the fatal crashes, 53 percent of those with injuries and 40 percent with property damage.

Law enforcement agencies know official figures underrepresent the magnitude of the problem. Very often the officer has only the driver's statement to determine what actually caused a crash or near-crash. Some drivers tell the truth (changing CDs, talking on the phone, etc.), but many times it was a "big dog" that ran in front of them.

Most of us think that we can multitask while driving –

Pattie Adler
San Juan Basin
Health Department

OSK Requests

Donations for Vigils

Our Sister's Keeper Coalition, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe are hosting the third annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Native American Candlelight Vigil.

Native Americans are three times more likely to experience violence in their lifetimes. The vigil will honor all victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. It will also shine a light on violence by coming together as a community.

We are requesting a food donation or any other tangible item, from you, which will be used to feed the guests and be used as give away gifts to the presenters at the following events:

The Ute Mountain Ute Vigil: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 5-7 p.m. at the Towaoc Community Center, 485 Sunset Blvd. in Towaoc.

The Southern Ute Vigil: Monday, Nov. 8, 5-7 p.m. at the Hall of Warriors, Leonard C. Burch Building in Ignacio.

We hope you will consider supporting our endeavors with your tax-deductible contributions. Our nonprofit EIN is 20-4919465. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Samantha Pinnecoose, Native American coordinator, at 970-259-2519 ext. 12 and arrange a pickup or dropoff. Thank you!

Diane E. Millich
Our Sister's Keeper Coalition

*Happy Birthday to Preston Barry on
November 17, 2010*

May you have a wonderful day surrounded by your beautiful children and family. We are so thankful that you are a part of our life everyday as a brother, uncle, and best friend. We love you and wish you many more Pies. Always know that dad watches over you everyday and is with you. Words cannot express what a good person you are and how grateful your family and friends are to have you in our lives.

Amy, Marlo, Grace and Tyler



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Nov. 10

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Nov. 15

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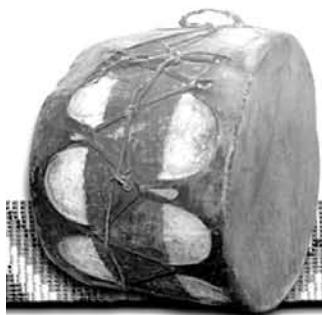
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Notices

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November 5, 2010

Request For Proposal

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - WILDLIFE DIVISION CONSTRUCTION OF FISH HABITAT STRUCTURES ON LA PLATA RIVER

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is requesting proposals for construction of fish habitat structures on the La Plata River, located near Red Mesa, Colorado. Please email bzimmerm@southern-ute.nsn.us for the project bidding documents or call 970-563-0130. The Southern Ute Tribe utilizes a hiring preference for certified Indian-owned businesses. For more information on receiving this preference, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

12th Annual Native American Veterans Symposium
Friday, November 5, 2010

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- 8:30 am - Posting of Colors
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- 9:30 am - Speakers
- 11:30 am - Lunch
- 1:00 pm - USO Show
- 2:45 pm - Retiring of Colors

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Do you have questions regarding the Tribal Member Minors Investment Program?
Please join us for a meeting regarding your minor's investments!

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 6:00 PM

The meeting will be held in the Leonard C. Burch Building, Buckskin Charlie meeting room. Refreshments will be provided!
We look forward to seeing you!



Our Sister's Keeper Coalition and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe invite you to the



Native American Candle Light Vigil

Monday, November 8, 2010

5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Hall of Warriors

Leonard C. Burch building, Ignacio, CO

- It is estimated that 98% of Native American Women will be victims of Domestic Violence during their life time.
- Boys and Men are also victims of physical, verbal, sexual and mental abuse.
- A candle light vigil is held to remember those who have been victimized
- By holding a candle, participants will shine a light onto Domestic Violence, which is often kept in the dark.

*Wear Purple or Bring something Purple

*Bring a Friend

*Come show your support

*Refreshments will be served

For More Information Call:
Our Sister's Keeper Coalition
(970) 259-2519

TRIBAL ACTIVITY NIGHTS!

Every Tuesday Night in November at the Sky Ute Casino Resort In the John S. Williams Room.

6:00pm-8:00pm

November 2nd Beading
November 9th Necklace Crafts
November 23 Old Ute Movies
November 30 Ute Bingo

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Tuesdays at the casino from 6-8pm.

All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 6:00-8:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT
Ignacio, Colorado

FALL BOWLING IS HERE!

Rolling Thunder Lanes at Sky Ute Casino Resort!

Monday Couples Night!
6-9pm Dinner for two in the Rolling Thunder Grill Steak & Shrimp Special, bowl two games and shoes rental for \$25. (must be 21 or older)

Tuesday Guys Night Out!
6pm-10pm \$2.50 a game. \$1.25 Shoe rental

Wednesday Ladies Night Out!
6pm-10pm \$2.50 a game. 50% off Appetizer Sampler (shoes not included)

Thursday Buddy Night!
4pm-10pm Buy One Game Get One FREE Shoe rental not included

Friday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close Spin the wheel win prizes and so much more!

Saturday Cosmic Bowl!
10pm to close Spin the wheel win prizes and so much more!

Bowling & Lunch For as Low as \$6.00
Offer good Monday-Friday 11 am to 2 pm, from October 19-December 31, 2010.

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For information call 970-563-1707
These prices do not apply to any other discounts or offers!

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IGNACIO, COLORADO

14324 Hwy 172 N. Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-7777
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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Reservoir Engineer IV

Closing date 11/8/10 – Red Willow Production Researches and creates evaluations as needed for new acquisitions, divestitures, proposed production enhancement and exploration projects, creates volume, expense, and investment forecasts, prepares summaries, and otherwise contributes to fiscal year budgeting and long-term planning activities.

Mechanic III

Closing date 11/9/10 – Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently, and assisting in performing overhauls of compressors and engines and reconditioning equipment as needed.

Petroleum Engineer III

Closing date 11/9/10 – Red Willow Production Leads and generates engineering evaluations and projects, and technical procedures, performs economic analysis using ARIES software.

Accounting Manager

Closing date 11/12/10 – Growth Fund Managing the Growth Fund Administration's day-to-day accounting functions. Establishing and maintaining the Growth Fund's accounting principles, practices, and procedures and assisting in the preparation of financial reports and presentations of findings.

Controller

Closing date 11/12/10 – Growth Fund Directing and participating in the Growth Fund's accounting and financial reporting functions, to include establishing and maintaining the Growth Fund's accounting principles, practices, and procedures, monitoring compliance, and, implementing and enforcing accounting and financial reporting policies.

Petroleum Engineer IV

Closing date 11/15/10 – Red Willow Production Leads and completes engineering evaluations and projects, and technical procedures and project reporting, and, performs economic analysis using ARIES software.

Manager Central Land Administration

Closing date 11/30/10 – Red Willow Company Ignacio, CO. Establish practice and processes to ensure that all necessary documents and instruments supporting the title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate filing system. Oversees and maintains electronic and physical records management process to ensure compliance with Red Willow policy and practice. Manages department staff to timely and accurately set up and maintain interests in the Red Willow data bases.

Ignacio School District

Application/Information: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221

Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year

Maintenance Worker

Closing date Nov. 9 – Ignacio School District has an opening for a Maintenance worker. Requires a high school diploma or equivalent; two years maintenance experience in grounds and facility, ability to do heavy physical labor.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancies

The Tribe is seeking enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill two vacant seats (3-year terms each) on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe are eligible for \$20/hr compensation for meeting attendance. Meetings are held several times throughout the year and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Information, please call 970-563-0130.

BP - Job Announcements

For in-depth information on this position and to join our team, visit our website at: www.bp.com/epcareers.
Click on the "View Jobs" under the "HSSE" category or
click "Submit Resume/CV" and then click "Search Openings" and type in Req ID#.

Field Technician – BP is currently seeking a: #15205BR Field Technician

Operations Field Technician – BP is currently seeking a: #14163BR Operations Field Technician.

BP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with Title 17 of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Employment Rights Code, BP will give preference to individuals covered by the Code for purposes of hiring, promotion, lay-off, and training for work performed within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation.

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Application packets at 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Early Care Educator

Open until filled – Early Head Start

Exceptional opportunity for those who love children. Southern Ute Head Start/Early has two part-time positions available. Must have High school diploma/GED, CDA, 1 year experience in Early Childhood Education and pass background checks.

Pay based on education/experience.

Substitute Teachers

Open Until Filled – Head Start

Prefer previous experience working with children in a group setting. Must pass TB test, criminal history and child abuse/neglect background checks.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419

P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

Food & Beverage

Sous Chef – FT

Bartender – PT

Rounds Cook:

Banquets – OC

Aspen – FT

Rolling Thunder – FT

Shining Mountain – FT

Wait Staff:

Rolling Thunder – OC

Aspen – TMP

Café Cashier-Shining Mtn. – FT

Restaurant Busser-Aspen – Temp

Beverage/Cocktail Server-Circle Bar – OC

Bowling

Bowling Counter Clerk – TMP

Bowling Mechanic – FT

Hotel

Bell Person – TMP

Marketing

Cultural Coordinator – FT

Salon

Cosmetologist – OC

Slots

Slot Operations Supervisor – OC

Table Games

Multi-Games Supervisor – FT

Multi-Games Dealer – FT

Craps Dealer – FT

Transportation

Shuttle Driver – FT



Preference Given To Qualified
Southern Ute Tribal Members and
other Native Americans.
FT: Full-time, PT: Part-time, OC:
On-Call, TMP: Temp

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 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

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

Advanced Practice Nurse

Open Until Filled – Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Patrol Officer

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

Deputy Court Clerk

Open Until Filled – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner.

HR Generalist

Closing date 11/10/10 – Under the general supervision of the Personnel Department Director, the HR Generalist will perform a wide range of Human Resource duties to include policy interpretation and application, recruitment, applicant processing, employee orientation, data entry and management, and providing assistance and guidance to supervisors and employees on employment matters.

Custodian

Closing date 11/15/10 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices.

Executive Assistant

Closing date 11/22/10 – Office administration and management for the Offices of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Tribal Council. Administers and manages the affairs of the offices listed above to include, but not limited to, maintaining office protocols, confidentiality, policies and procedures, budget preparation and administration, working closely with the above offices to ensure that any requests and directives are carried out in accordance with established policies and procedures, administers and manages all procurement, travel, scheduling, and projects as delegated or assigned. Requires a professional and positive personality and attitude with a demonstrated character with integrity, honesty, dependability, reliability, motivation, ethics, reasoning, loyalty, trustworthiness and teamwork. Requires the ability to work with minimal supervision, to communicate and discuss matters of concern with the offices listed, and to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of tribal business within the organization.

Receptionist Mail Clerk

Closing date 11/15/2010 – Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

*Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for six months.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-158

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Reynaldo D. Martinez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Ronald Yellowbird filed an application on behalf of **Reynaldo Deminiche Martinez** for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Badger Yellowbird**. As of October 19, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that **Reynaldo D. Martinez** name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Badger Yellowbird**.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2010

Elaine Newton, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-PR-172

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Don Howe, 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, November 30, 2010 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them 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 having claims against the above 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 12th of October, 2010

Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, No.: 2010-NC-173

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Anthony Ovalle, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Georgia Leon has filed an application for legal change, on behalf of **Anthony Ovalle** to be known hereafter as **Anthony Manzanares Leon**. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **November 8, 2010**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2010

Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-PR-20

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Darvin Jerome Rock, 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 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 19th of October, 2010

Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-159

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Cruz Havens, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Leandra Havens filed an application on behalf of **Cruz Havens** for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Ross Lee Maez**. As of October 18, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Cruz Havens name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Ross Lee Maez**.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2010

Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Community Business Section



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Introducing Your Royalty

The Southern Ute Royalty for 2010-2011 stand for a photo at Scott's Pond on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Pictured left to right are Southern Ute Brave Carlos Whiteman, Little Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia, Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo, Southern Ute Brave First Alternate Amarante Pardo, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Sage Medicine Blanket, Jr. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Serena Fournier, Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Monroe, and Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Sage Rodhe.



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Housing Officials Study 'Healthy Homes'



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Mel Baker, Tom Johnson, Pete Diethrich and Fleurette Brown-Edison were among the Southern Ute Indian Tribe employees (top photo) who took part in a three-day training event on "healthy homes" Oct. 27-29 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Donning hazardous materials suits, the participants worked in pairs to test paint for lead content, one of many exercises in which attendees participated.

The days were filled with PowerPoint presentations by Michael Vogel, (left photo) Tribal Healthy Homes director from Montana State University, addressing everything from inadequate insulation to moisture control. Housing representatives from several other tribes also attended.



photo courtesy Darla Miller

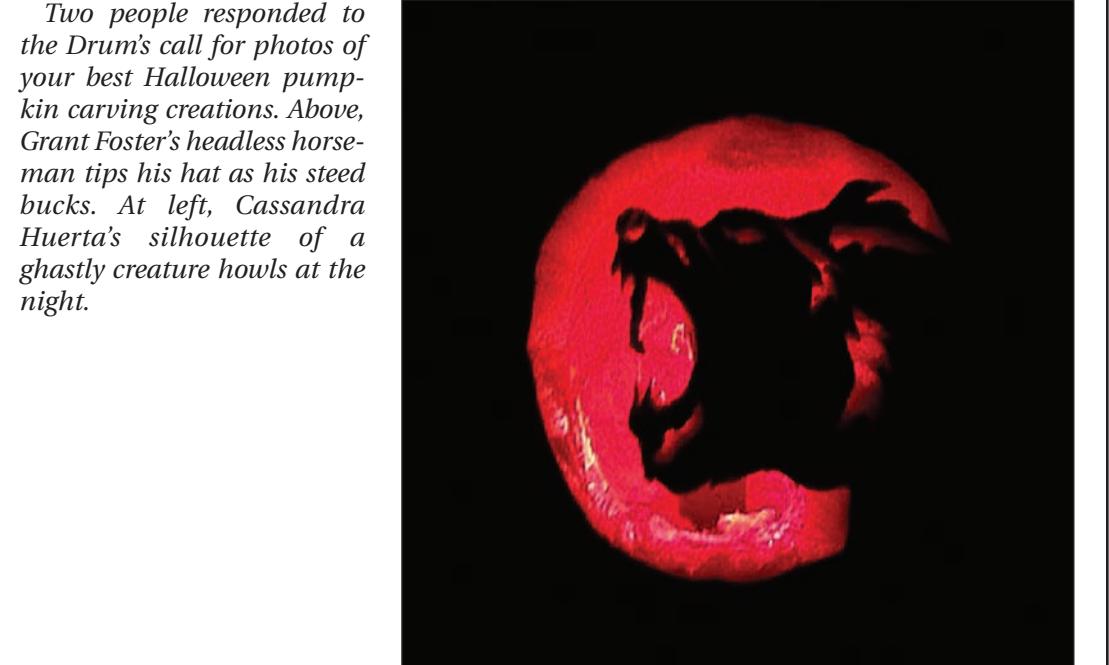


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The Southern Ute Public Relations Division would like to cordially invite all Southern Ute Tribal Members, Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and Sky Ute Casino employees & families to the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

A full traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served. We hope that you will be able to attend.

For questions regarding the Thanksgiving dinner please call 970-563-0119 or 970-563-0100 Ext. 2251.