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Veterans Bear Hard-earned Flags



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member and Vietnam War veteran Rod Grove (center) carries the flag of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with fellow veterans during Durango's annual Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11 on Main Avenue. The event was one of many in a weeklong celebration of U.S. veterans in which the Tribe was represented, which also included the Veterans PowWow in Ignacio, a multicultural Veterans Day celebration in Farmington, and local school visits. For complete coverage of local events honoring veterans, see pages 6 and 7.

Box Recall Vote Set for Dec. 3

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Council accepted a petition Nov. 4 to remove Chairman Matthew J. Box from office, setting a Tribe-wide vote for Dec. 3.

Box was not present for the presentation of the petition, which bore 293 signatures. Vice Chairman Jim Newton Jr. conducted the meeting, receiving mostly silence from council members when he invited questions on the proceeding. Every council member voted to accept the petition except Council Lady Marjorie Borst, who abstained.

According to the tribal Constitution, a recall motion may go to tribal members if 30 percent of registered voters sign a petition to do so. With a total of 833 Southern Utes registered to vote, the threshold was 250 – a goal easily met, though concerns about some signatures prompted a review by the Election Board prior to the council meeting.

Of the 293 signatures, 37 were scrutinized and 29 ruled invalid: 19 from non-registered voters,

Box Recall page 2



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Southern Ute Election Board Chairwoman Susan Williams (right) reads the official numbers from the votes cast in the Nov. 5 General Election in Tribal Council Chambers the following Monday, Nov. 8. The Election Board verified a runoff election will take place Dec. 14. Also pictured are Shayleen Watts, Election Board secretary (center), and Pathimi GoodTracks, Election Board alternate.

Doughty, Eagle, Herrera, Olguin to Compete in Runoff Dec. 14

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Four of the six candidates for the Southern Ute Tribal Council's two open seats will square off Dec. 14 in a special runoff election.

No candidate secured a majority of votes in the Nov. 5 general election, so the Tribe's Election Code dictates the two with the highest tallies for each seat – four total – see one another again in a runoff to take place within 45 days. The two candidates who pull in the most votes on Dec. 14 will take the seats.

According to the Election Board, 406 ballots were distributed among the Tribe's 834 registered voters. A total of 768 votes were received for the two seats. The majority of those with ballots, 343, cast them in person, while 58 made their elections by

absentee. Five ballots were not returned, and three were deemed spoiled.

Election Board Chairwoman Susan Williams said the close race prompted a recount of the votes, which the board completed over the weekend.

In the board's presentation to the council, Council Lady Marjorie Borst said she found this year's voter turnout encouraging.

"That's really good," she said. "I'd like to commend all the people for coming out to vote."

Friday's official election results, as certified by the Election Board, are as follows:

- James M. Olguin: 155**
- Ramona Eagle: 131**
- Steven R. Herrera Sr.: 131**
- Janelle Raye Doughty: 119**
- Kevin R. Frost: 118**
- Barbara Scott-Rarick: 114**

Olguin led by 24 votes, while Eagle and Herrera, the two incumbents making bids to keep their seats, tied at 131 each. By a margin of one vote, Doughty will be included in the runoff, while Frost and Scott-Rarick will not.



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Lieutenant Governor-elect Joe Garcia listens while Southern Ute Tribal Council members explain how the Tribe's government works during an Oct. 20 visit to Ignacio. Garcia will assume the state's second-highest office Jan. 11, 2011, and with it the responsibility of "promoting the welfare of Indian people." He says he's eager to spend more time with Colorado's two tribes and the urban Native population to learn how the state can better serve them. Garcia was the running mate of former Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, who will also become governor Jan. 11.

New Lt. Gov: 'I Want to Learn'

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Joseph A. Garcia will be sworn in as Colorado's newest lieutenant governor on Jan. 11, 2011, but in the meantime he's hardly resting on his laurels.

Garcia, who will inherit the statutory responsibility for "promoting the welfare of Indian people" in Colorado, is busying himself learning about the role and what the state's two tribes, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute, want to see accomplished in the next few years. During his campaign, he met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council on Oct. 20 to get a feel for the Tribe's priorities.

"They wanted me to understand how the Tribal Council works," Garcia said in a phone interview with the Drum. "I view it as most important of me to educate myself on the issues."

Garcia, who resigned as president of Colorado State University-Pueblo on Nov. 3, said tribal members can expect to see more of him as his term begins and he seeks to identify policy priorities.

Other things Garcia said tribal members may expect of him: "First and foremost, respect for the sovereignty of the Tribe; second is a willingness to listen and to become education about the ways in which the state can assist the tribes; third [is] to expect me to be advocating for educational success for young members of the tribes."

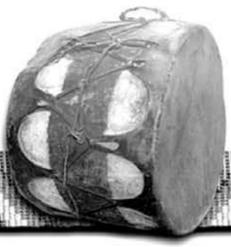
Garcia made it clear education will be a top priority during his time in office. Though not historically a major responsibility among lieutenant governors, it's a big part of why he accepted Governor-elect John Hickenlooper's invitation to run with him, he said.

"It was really the opportunity to serve as a statewide advocate on certain issues, like higher educa-

tion, particularly for the underrepresented," he said. "With Native Americans, as well as with African Americans and [other] minority Americans, we see too few of our young people finishing high school and going on to college, and that really limits their ability."

Garcia said he hopes to serve as an advocate and role model for minority students by demonstrating how education has led to success in his own life.

The lieutenant governor-elect will take over for Barbara O'Brien, who has maintained the post under current Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter Jr. Garcia lauded O'Brien for diligent service, but said he will work harder to get representatives from state cabinet offices to meetings like the quarterly Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, where attendance is sometimes "inconsistent" when the meetings take place in southwest Colorado, hundreds of miles from Denver.



Tribal Update

Meet Gary Hayes, Ute Mountain Ute Chairman

A meeting for Ute Mountain Ute tribal members with Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Gary Hayes has been scheduled for Nov. 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Please plan to attend.

Regular Johnson O'Malley Committee Meeting

The Southern Ute Johnson O'Malley Committee will be holding its regular meeting at the Southern Ute Education Department on Monday, Dec. 6, at 5:30 p.m. All Native American parents and legal guardians of students attending the Ignacio and Bayfield School District in grades K-12 are encouraged to attend. If you need more information regarding Johnson O'Malley contact Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793.

Royalty Meeting Slated for Dec. 6

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will meet in the Chief Ignacio Room on Monday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 pm. The tentative agenda includes public relations (travel requests and appearances), updates and expense information. Please contact Amy Barry, Southern Ute Drum for Southern Ute Royalty appearance requests two (2) weeks prior to request date at abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us.

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.

Life Skills Classes Offered

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.

Box Recall Vote Set for Dec. 3 • from page 1

eight double signatures, one illegible and one that the signer requested be removed before the petition was turned in.

Significantly, even if every dubious signature were rejected, the petition still would have met the 30-percent goal with 256. The final accepted signature count was 264.

The motion now goes to voters. On Dec. 3, a ballot containing a

single question will determine whether Box remains: "Should Tribal Council Chairman Matthew J. Box be recalled and removed from office?"

For the measure to pass, at least half of registered voters must show up at the polls, and at least half of those must vote in favor. If fewer than 417 tribal members cast a vote one way or

the other, or if fewer than half of those who vote approve of the measure, it fails.

If Box is recalled, Newton becomes acting chairman until voters in a special election pick a replacement to finish the term. Newton may decide whether Box's appointed executive officers, Johnny T. Valdez and Andrew Frost, remain or are replaced.

"Every community has its problems to solve, every Nation has wounds to heal, every heart has a piece of what it takes to make that happen."

We have to work together!

My name is Ramona Y. Eagle. My parents are the late Clifford and Annabelle Eagle. I was born and raised in a traditional Ute family. I have a strong Ute cultural background. In order to achieve the memberships' goals, its imperative that Tribal Council work as a unit. We need to unite our people together to make us stronger as a tribe.



It is my duty to comprehend the issues presented to tribal Council, so that my vote would make a difference for the membership. My background in employment, compensation issues and finance management make me equipped to represent the membership while preserving our culture and traditions. When we are united, we are strong but when we are divided others can take advantage of us by playing both sides.

Here are a few things I am concerned about:

- Management of the Tribe's Assets should benefit the tribe today and in the future.
- Our children need top notch education.
- Managing the balance between business, culture and our tradition.
- Adequate housing
- Improving Health care
- Our children need opportunities to learn their language, culture and tradition.
- Establishment of financial literacy programs for all ages.

As a candidate for re-election to Tribal Council, I ask for your vote so that I can continue to serve the membership.

Do Not Forget To Vote!! Every Vote Counts!!

Southern Ute Tribe Recall Election

**December 3, 2010
SunUte Community Center
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Tribal Council Chairman Matthew J. Box

Voter Registration Deadline • November 22, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline • November 22, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Ballot Deadline • December 2, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. AT THE SUN UTE COMMUNITY CENTER

VOTING IS BY SECRET BALLOT

VOTING BY PROXY IS NOT ALLOWED

PERSONS WAITING IN LINE TO VOTE AT 7 P.M. WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE

Please contact the Election Board if you have any questions at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or 1-800-722-1236 ext: 2303.

Tribe Must Make Changes to Use New Sentencing Law

*By Tim Heydinger
Southern Ute Tribal Court*

The power of tribal courts to sentence people in criminal cases is subject to congressional authority.

When Congress passed the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, Congress gave to tribes the power to sentence criminal defendants up to a maximum of 6 months in jail and a fine of \$500. Congress amended the Indian Civil Rights Act in 1986 and authorized tribes to impose a maximum sentence of up to one year in jail and a fine of \$5,000 for any criminal offense.

The Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 again amends the Indian Civil Rights Act and offers to tribes the opportunity to impose even stiffer criminal penalties. Under the TLOA, tribes may impose a sentence of up to 3 years in jail, and a fine of up to \$15,000. These enhanced sentencing provisions apply only in certain cases, and tribes can impose these enhanced sentences only if they first agree to do certain things.

The enhanced sentencing provisions would only apply in two types of cases. First, in cases where the defendant has a previous conviction for the same

offense, or for a similar offense. This prior conviction need not be from the tribal court; it could be a conviction entered by any court in the United States.

If the defendant has no prior convictions of a similar nature, then the enhanced sentencing provisions would apply if the tribal court offense is similar to a state or federal offense, and the state or federal offense to which the tribal court offense is similar carries a maximum penalty greater than 1 year.

The language of the TLOA is confusing. It's unclear what is meant by a "similar offense." Is a prior assault charge "similar" to a current disorderly conduct charge? Is a prior domestic violence charge "similar" to a current charge that does not involve domestic violence? Are reckless driving and careless driving charges "similar"? How all this plays out remains to be seen.

If a tribe wants to take advantage of the enhanced sentencing provisions, it must agree to do certain things. The tribe must first have a written criminal law code, and must have rules of criminal procedure, and rules of evidence (the Southern Ute Tribe has a criminal law code and rules of criminal procedure, but no

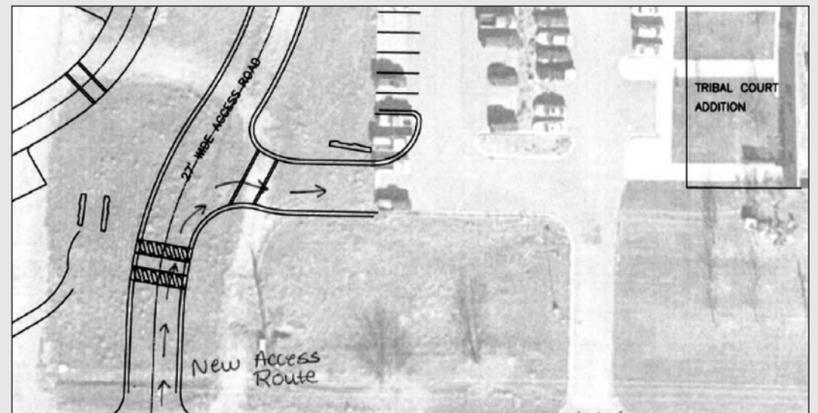
written rules of evidence). The tribe must also agree to make these laws and rules publicly available to everyone (many tribes hesitate to make their internal laws, which apply only to certain people, available to anyone who wants them).

In addition to the above, if a tribe wants to impose a sentence greater than 1 year, the tribe must provide (and pay for) lawyers for people who are indigent (in other words, have a public defender program). The tribe must also ensure that the judge who hears the case is licensed to practice law. If a defendant is sentenced to jail for more than 1 year, the defendant can only serve their sentence in a detention facility that has been approved for long-term incarceration by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Tribal Council needs to decide if it wants to take advantage of the enhanced sentencing provisions of the TLOA. If so, significant changes to the Tribal Code will be required. This will require significant amounts of thought and work. Once (if) amended, the council must then make the amended Tribal Code provisions available to everyone. It remains to be seen what action the Tribal Council will take.

New Justice Center Parking Lot Access

Starting Wednesday, November 10, the new permanent access driveway to the J&R parking lot will be from the new museum road off CR 517. The existing driveway will be demolished and landscaped back in. We will put up some temporary signs on CR 517 to direct people to turn at the new museum road and block off the existing driveway.



Southern Ute Tribe Run-off Election

**December 14, 2010
Sun Ute Community Center
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE: VOTE FOR TWO
Candidates for Two Tribal Council Seats are:**

**Janelle Raye Doughty
Steven R. Herrera, Sr.
James M. Olguin
Ramona Eagle**

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES WILL BE ELECTED

Voter Registration Deadline • December 2, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline • December 2, 2010, by 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Ballot Deadline • December 13, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

POLLS OPEN AT 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. AT THE SUN UTE COMMUNITY CENTER

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Of Four Corners Interest

Durango Hosts Men's 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney

The City of Durango's Parks and Recreation is hosting a three-on-three Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Community Recreation Center on 2700 Main Ave. The tournament has divisions for high school, men's 35+, men's recreational, and men's competitive. The tournament registration/roster form and rules are available at the Community Recreation Center. Registration is \$60 per team before Nov. 30, \$75 after. The registration deadline is Dec. 7. Get your team registered at the Community Recreation Center.

Christmas Tree Permits on Sale Nov. 19

Christmas tree permits, which allow you to cut your own Christmas tree on National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, will on sale at San Juan Public Lands offices and selected retail outlets in southwestern Colorado beginning Friday, Nov. 19. A permit, which costs \$8, allows you to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use. This year's permits expire Dec. 31. Permits come with brochures that explain regulations and offer tips. National Forest and BLM offices also sell maps and offer free advice on the best areas for tree harvesting, and the best species of tree to cut. National Forest and BLM roads are not plowed for snow removal, and even if backcountry roads are not blocked by snow, dangerous ice conditions may exist. Call the San Juan Public Lands Center at 970-247-4874 for up-to-date information on road conditions. Permits are on sale at:

- **Bayfield:** Columbine Public Lands Office, 367 Pearl St.
- **Cortez:** City Market, 508 E. Main
- **Dolores:** Dolores Public Lands Office, 29211 Hwy. 184; Dolores Food Market, 400 Railroad Ave. (Permits are not on sale at the Anasazi Heritage Center)
- **Durango:** San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court; Kroeger's Ace Hardware, #8 Town Plaza
- **Mancos:** Cox Conoco, 201 E. Railroad Ave. (Permits are \$10 at this location)
- **Pagosa Springs:** Pagosa Public Lands Office, 180 Pagosa St.

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.

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.

Tribal Staff Invited to Ride 'Polar Express'

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad staff invites the Sky Ute Casino Resort and Southern Ute Tribal Department staff and families on the "Polar Express Christmas Train" Tuesday, Dec. 21, departing Durango at 5:15 p.m. Special group rate for Adults: \$22.88. Children: \$17.88 (2-to-11-years). Call Barbara Bustillos Cogswell, Sky Ute Casino Resort Group Sales, at 970-563-1758 for your tickets. Reservations and payment due Monday, Dec. 13. Deluxe-class: Ride to the North Pole in the San Juan car or one of our Pullman-green historic coaches. The whole family can enjoy the upgraded amenities presented by your car's personal chef. Everyone will be served hot chocolate and receive your own take-home souvenir mug. You will be served a Christmas treat, receive your own Santa hat, and get to take home the official D&SNG Christmas Songbook! All the children will get their own "special gift of Christmas" from Santa.

PowWow Trails 2010

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

29th Annual Indio PowWow Nov. 26 – 28

Cabazon Indian Reservation, Fantasy Springs Casino • Indio, CA
Contact: Judy Stapp or Jim Red Eagle
Phone: 760-238-5770
Email: gabubuman@yahoo.com

Native American Heritage Social & Craft PowWow Nov. 26 – 28

N. 1st Ave & River Rd., Rilliot Raceway Park • Tucson, AZ
Contact: Fred Synder
Phone: 520-622-4900
Email: info@usaindianinfo.org
Web: www.usaindianinfo.org

Choctaw Casino Resort PowWow Nov. 27

3207 Choctaw Rd., Choctaw Events Center • Durant, OK
Contact: Sharon Poke
Phone: 580-931-8645
Email: shanis.goodson@choctawcasinos.com
Web: www.choctaweventcenter.com

7th Annual PLH Christmas PowWow Dec. 11

925 South Institute • Colorado Springs, CO
Contact: Brad Bearsheart
Phone: 719-694-9386
Email: project_lighthouse@myspace.com
Web: www.myspace.com/project_lighthouse

6th Annual Children's Winter PowWow Dec. 11

500 Mountain Road NW • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Molly Linabah
Phone: 505-221-1830
Email: nativeamerican_club@yahoo.com

Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

Grand entry was led by Russell Box Sr. during the 2000 Veterans PowWow. Many dances took place in honor of attending Veterans. Dancers and spectators shook hands with the Veterans during one of these honor songs.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 17, 2000, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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20 Years Ago

Ignacio Head Start visited the Senior Center on Nov. 16, 1990. Mary Jo Vaughn, room 5 teacher, and Sue Velasquez led the Head Start children during the song, "Where is Turkey?" as proud parents, family and teachers looked on.

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

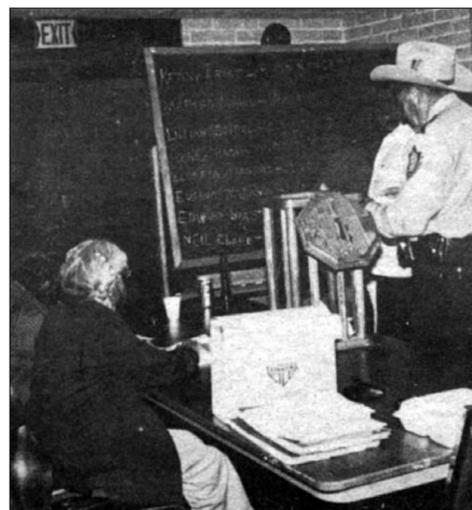


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30 Years Ago

Intense quiet moments were felt the night of the Southern Ute Elections Nov. 7 as the votes were tabulated by the Election Committee and the tribal chief of police, Arthur Weaver. Results were as follows: Kenny Frost 52, Martha Myore 41, Renee Baca 37, Elberta Velasquez 33, Eugene Naranjo 26 and Neil Cloud 34.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 21 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



Ute Language

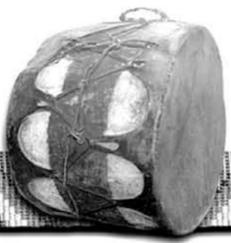
Ivichì- Wood

KùpeÇnapÛ - Axe

NaÇaitÛ - Fire

KwàkwapÛ - Firewood

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



The Kidney Corner: Dealing With Prostate Enlargement

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

The prostate gland is situated at the base of the bladder in men, at the origin of the urethra (the tube which connects the bladder to the exterior of the body).

It contains some muscle and some glandular elements and is normally about the size of a walnut. The prostate gland tends to enlarge as men get older, a condition called "benign prostatic hypertrophy," or BPH. It has been said that prostate enlargement is as common as thinning of the hair as men age. In fact, more than half of men in their sixties have some symptoms of prostate enlargement and this increases to as much as 90 percent in their mid-70s.

As might be expected from its location at the base of the bladder, enlargement of the prostate gland can interfere with urination. Often the first symptom is a need to urinate more frequently. This occurs because the bladder does not empty completely, so it becomes full again more quickly.

This increased frequency may manifest both during the day and night, resulting in a need to get



ney failure.

Fortunately, most men seek help before this happens. There are two major groups of medicines used for BPH. One type helps the bladder to empty more effectively, while the other type can slow down or reverse the prostate growth. Both are generally well tolerated and may be of great assistance to men who have symptoms of prostatic urinary obstruction. Sometimes, however, surgery may be needed.

One issue to be considered very carefully in men with symptoms of prostate enlargement is the possibility of prostate cancer. The diagnosis of prostate cancer may be possible with a blood test called "prostate specific antigen," or PSA. However it is sometimes necessary to do a prostate biopsy, in which samples of prostate tissue are obtained by inserting a needle in the prostate, using local anesthetic, to definitively exclude the possibility of prostate cancer.

Establishing this possibility can be very important, since outcomes for prostate cancer are often very good if it is detected early enough. Urologists usually diagnose and treat prostate disease.

up to urinate several times during the night. "Urgency," the need to urinate quickly after noticing a need to urinate, may also be present. A need to strain during urination can also occur, and the urinary stream may be slower.

If these symptoms are ignored, the increasing pressure in the bladder can be transmitted up the ureters (the tubes which normally transmit urine from the kidneys to the bladder), and can result in back pressure on the kidneys themselves. This causes a ballooning of the collecting system of the kidneys, called "hydronephrosis" (literally "water on the kidneys"), and over time this can result in kidney damage and potentially kid-

Holiday Tips to Eating Healthy

By Dr. Larron Dolence
Southern Ute Health Center

The holiday season will soon be upon us.

This is an exciting time of year to celebrate with the gathering of family and friends. The traditions that you celebrate may often break you away from your usual routines. This can be a good time of year to focus on good health and wellbeing.

Some of the regular routines are disturbed because of traveling and family get-togethers. You might experience changes in your eating habits, sleeping patterns or

medication schedules. This can sometimes bring chaos into your personal diabetes care plans.

These changes in your routines can make you prone to extreme highs and lows in glucose levels. For example, eating later than normal may cause a person to experience a low glucose level (less than 70 mg/dl).

It's recommended to check glucose levels more often - every 4 hours if you are on insulin, and every 6 hours if you are on oral medications. Target glucose goals before you eat should be 90-130 mg/dl.

When you check after eating,

do it 1-2 hours after you started eating your meal. This will give you the highest level your glucose reaches in response to what you ate. Your glucose goal after you eat should be less than 180 mg/dl.

Remember it's not just sugary foods that raise your glucose levels, but carbohydrates in general do, too. Knowing what foods are high in carbs is important. Holiday foods that contain high carbs include mashed potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing, dinner rolls, starchy snacks and desserts. Foods low in carbs include turkey, ham, salad, and most vegetables except corn and potatoes.

So if you still seem hungry, have seconds on foods that are lower in carbs.

If you have more questions for healthy living during the holidays and better diabetes control, please call your local certified diabetes educators, me and Susan Turner, for more information. Appointments can be made by contacting the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program at 970-563-4741. Remember, you know your body best, and our health care team is here to help you as we partner together.

There are several tips from the American Diabetes Association that can be helpful for this time of year.

- Plan meal times: Have your glucometer and a snack available in case you're eating at a later time than usual.
- Nibble on vegetables before dinner or while cooking: Eating vegetables can curb your appetite, and they're low in calories and carbohydrates.
- Be selective when choosing foods: When preparing your plate, don't just try everything; focus on the foods you actually like.
- Eat smaller portions: Remember, dessert will be coming soon.
- Be physically active: Be active after meals, and remember: 30 minutes of walking can lower those high glucose levels by 50 mg/dl.
- Limit your alcohol intake: Alcoholic beverages should be limited to no more than two drinks for men and one drink for women.

November is American Diabetes Month

You can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes through a healthy lifestyle. Making a few small changes to eat healthier and be more active can have a BIG effect on your health.

American Diabetes Association

Check Up America®

Know Your Risk, Lower Your Risk
for Diabetes and Heart Disease

1. Eat a healthy diet
2. Increase your level of physical activity
3. Maintain a healthy weight

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.

Be part of a movement
that defines your generation.

See It. Stop It. On Native Lands Youth Leadership Project

Tri-ethnic youth leaders working to end violence
in our lives...

in our families... in our school... among our people...
in our communities... upon our land... and in the world.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5:15 PM
SUIT Education Building, 330 Burns Avenue

For teens & young adults ages 13 - 18
Dinner provided • Activity bus available for transportation home at 5:45 PM

For more information call 970-247-2935 or 970-563-0154 ext. 2347



What will he say next???
"Something in here stinks, Mom.
Is it you?"
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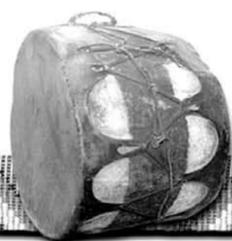
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Spotting 'Farangs' in Thailand

By Abeth Okall
Ignacio High School Student

Editor's note: Okall, a 16-year-old Ignacio resident, is studying abroad in Lopburi, Thailand, during her junior year of high school. She will be intermittently reporting on her experiences for the Drum.

Wow, I've been here 3 months and I don't think the reality of it has sunk in yet!

I left Colorado and came to such a different country, but now it feels like another home. Today my host dad asked me how I felt when I came to Thailand 3 months ago. The only words that came to my mind were "I thought Thailand was so HOT, and so different."

And now I know time has gone by faster than the blink of an eye, because the weather has drastically changed! From the hot humid weather and rain every day, Thailand is now a much cooler country with a nice breeze and is feeling kind of dry.

I like the weather here now, and I think most of the Thai people do too, aside from my host mom: She is always bundled up with her jacket saying "Now mai? Now mai?" (Are you cold?) And when I answer no, she looks at me like I'm crazy for not freezing!

And yes, this country was nothing like I had expected. Walking around my city by the Monkey Temples I often spot "farangs" (foreigners). It has now become weird to me to see white people being tourists around my city, when at first it was weird to see so many Asians. I often like to play the guessing game "Where are they from?"

Three months ago, I didn't know what was happening around me; trying to communicate in broken, simplified English and hand signals was the only way to go. Now when I hear Thai being spoken, it's nothing new - just a language I have become familiar with.

I can't speak fluently and I can't read the crazy Thai characters, but day by day I learn something new. I can make out certain words in conversations, and I know how to say the basic things that I need to say to my host family. Other than that, my English keeps getting worse and I will continue to patiently wait for the day I will dream in Thai.

I feel like every day is filled with something new, or at least something that keeps me distracted from missing Ignacio, friends



photo courtesy Abeth Okall

and family. In October, our district hosted a Thai culture and language course, which was like school but way more fun. I guess that's because life is always more interesting if you get to spend every day with four Mexicans, one Brazilian, one Canadian, two Germans and four Americans. Yes, this is now part of my culturally diverse family.

We got the privilege to visit two surrounding provinces, the first being Ayutthaya. In Ayutthaya, we went to a beautiful palace and the famous floating market, where we ate and rode elephants. That weekend we went to Pattaya, which I think was the most fun I have had here in Thailand. We exchange students really know how to turn what could be a boring Rotary event into something fun: just add a beach with jet skis!

Pattaya, though, is another part of Thailand with a different sort of culture - culture I would never expect to come from the reserved and quiet Thai people. But I guess, to say the least, visiting the "city of prostitutes" really opened my eyes to how different one city can be for the sake of pleasing westerners. Of course we weren't allowed to see the night life of Pattaya, because Rotary keeps us protected from that stuff, which I guess is a good thing!

The other province we went to was Suphan Buri. It was a good cultural trip; we got to visit a water buffalo village. I don't think I have ever seen so many buffalo in my life. There is one white buffalo in every thousand, and I got to see two. I also saw buffalo climb up stairs - ooh, exciting!

Later that day we went to an ancient market where I think all of us were so wiped out we just slept, but it was still fun!

I spend a lot of my time with all the exchange students. I think we all just understand each other.

We have really become closer than I would have ever imagined. I got to celebrate Halloween and my birthday in Bangkok with them, which was really fun, and my host family had thrown me a party as well.

I live near school, so I often go home and spend time with my host family and then return to play volleyball at 4 p.m. I can't decide if the way the Thai people play volleyball is different or if it's just me, because I really don't understand what is going on.

But I will play volleyball every day until December, when we have a huge sport day. This is where all the Sathit schools in the district will compete in cheer, volleyball, football, badminton, tennis, basketball and running; it should be fun.

Also this month, Loy Krathong is celebrated on Nov. 21, and my school has a beauty competition and someone represents each class. My class picked me, which is really cool and actually quite an honor. I will get to dress up really beautiful in traditional Thai dress in front of the whole school. I think that my school is the best in all of Lop Buri! My Thai friends are awesome.

I really love my host family a lot and could never ask for anything more than what they already have given me. I want my mom to know that I'm taken care of really well here and never to worry! I also want my family and friends to know that I love and miss them so much and wish they could be here to experience this amazing journey I am going through!

Even though I am half way around the world, you are all in my hearts every day, and you have no idea how much I share our memories and stories from back home with the people I have met here! I feel as though I'm not too far from home! I love you all!

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

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4. 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. 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.

Superintendent Asks For Help



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio School District's new superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto, addresses parents, students, teachers and staff during a Nov. 16 dinner forum in the Ignacio High School Gym. The event, billed as "Schools on the Rise: Enhancing Our Educational Community," was aimed at identifying ways to improve the school system and encourage more active participation among community members. A preliminary survey identified three targets: increasing parent involvement, establishing higher expectations for students and teachers, and improving attendance.

Bobcats of the Month



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These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for October. The students received awards for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn. Pictured from top left are Larenz Wilbourn, Ja'Nik Murray, Jeremy Carmenoros, Gracelin Naranjo and Sara Chackee.

Pink on the Head



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio Elementary School student Larenz Wilbourn accepts an award from the American Cancer Society during a Nov. 4 assembly for his efforts to raise breast cancer awareness. Wilbourn cut and dyed his hair in the shape of a pink ribbon, a symbol for breast cancer awareness first introduced by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in 1990. Wilbourn is the son of Larry and Rhonda Wilbourn and the grandson of Southern Ute Tribal Council Lady Ramona Eagle.

Tribe Seeks Environmental First



photo courtesy Tom Johnson/SU Environmental Programs Division

Southern Ute Chairman Matthew J. Box poses for a photo with Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Jim Martin Nov. 3 at EPA Region 8 headquarters in Denver. The Tribe is working toward regulating its own Title V air quality permitting program on the Reservation, and may become the first in Indian Country to do so. In a December 2009 letter, the EPA expressed its intent to approve the Tribe's Part 70 Operating Permit Program if certain changes were made to its Title V Reservation Air Code to strengthen it. Box was present to hand-deliver supplemental documents for approval.



2010 Veterans PowWow

By Lynda Grove-D'Wolf
Southern Ute Tribal Elder

On Nov. 6, the Southern Ute Veterans Association hosted its 5th Annual Veterans PowWow.

During the grand entry, there were 35 veterans that came from the Northern Utes, the Ute Mountain Utes, the Bushmaster Veterans of Arizona, Denver, Albuquerque and Grand Junction, Colo.

The celebration of veterans started off with an invocation by Terry Knight, a member of the Ute Mountain Tribe who served in the Air Force. The welcome was given by Rod Grove, a member of the Southern Ute Tribe and a combat veteran. The afternoon was spent gourd dancing, with Jeff Began as the head gourd dancer. There were many specials during the gourd session to honor veterans. Supper brake took place at 5 p.m.

The evening session began with an invocation by Vice Chairperson Frances Poowegup from the Northern Ute Tribe; Commander Howard Richards Sr. and Matt Olin, general manager of the Southern Ute Casino Resort, gave a welcome speech. The committee hosted a special,

"Mothers of the Veterans," which honored four mothers from different tribes. The "Hand Drum" special, which included 10 teams, was next. The "Two-Step" special also had 10 couples competing for first place.

There was laughter and enjoyment by all present. Thanks to these participants.

It was a day of remembrance and celebration of the lives of our veterans. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those individuals in our Armed Forces who serve and protect us. Over the years, they have made many sacrifices on our behalf and continue to do so today.

They do not serve alone. Their families serve beside them. They do their jobs, no matter how difficult. We have a job, too, and it is to support them in words and deeds.

It is only twice during the year that the veterans celebrate their fellow servicemen and women. I would like to this opportunity to thank all our tribal members that made this Veterans PowWow a huge success. We couldn't have done it without your help and support for our men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Thanks to the members of

the committee and all they did, for the funds that were so willingly put forth. Also a big thanks for the head staff, the drums and dancers.

We have so much to be thankful for: our freedom, to be able to live our lives as we want. Freedom is not free. Thank again!

As we come to the close of 2010 and go into a new year, may the Creator take care of you and bless you and your families with good things in life. Thanks once again to our veterans. We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedom we have; for this we should be eternally grateful.

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Thanks to the following tribal and community members who supported our Veterans PowWow:

Jeff Jefferson Jr.
Barbara Scott-Parick
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Lena Atencio
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Johnny Weaver
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Amy Barry
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Vice-chair Jim Newton Jr.
Bruce Valdez
Matt Olin
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Rod Grove
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Most of all the staff at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for all their hard work and support.



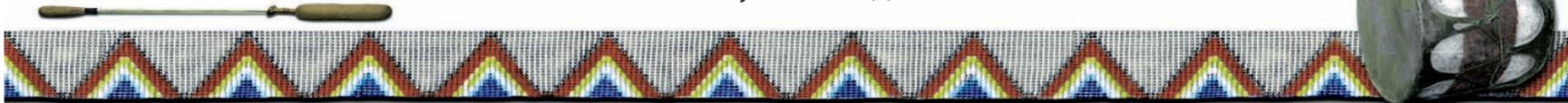


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Honoring the Brave and Selfless



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Southern Ute tribal member veterans traveled far and wide in mid-November to attend events honoring them for their military service. Ronnie C. Baker (above) carries a flag Nov. 11 during a multicultural Veterans Day celebration in Farmington in which one of two surviving Navajo code talkers (top right) from World War II was recognized. Rod Grove (right) escorts the Southern Ute flag during Durango's annual Veterans Day parade, which also included community members and vets from a variety of cultures (below right, bottom right, bottom center). Howard D. Richards Sr. (bottom left) was one of several veterans to speak to students at local schools like Ignacio Intermediate School (below).



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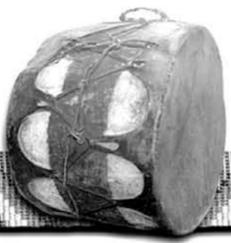
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Gallegos Wins All-League Honor

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

As the 2010 volleyball season progressed, Fantaysha Gallegos showed marked improvement all around the court – especially in hitting short, cross-court kills into the center of opposing defenses.

That, combined with a perpetually-chipper smile indicative of her willingness to hit the floor for a ball, serve to a given zone, or simply to fire up her teammates, earned the Ignacio senior an All-San Juan Basin League selection. The circuit's honored players were announced late Nov. 15.

Gallegos was tabbed Honorable Mention All-SJBL from the league's Class 2A side, with Mancos senior Kendra Cox and Ridgway junior Jenna Beamer. From the 1A teams were Dove Creek junior Jenna Hankins, Nucla juniors Katie Squires and Alexis White, and Norwood sophomore Harlie Williams.

Finishing a shining 25-4 after a five-set win over McClave to end their stay in Denver at last weekend's state championships, Norwood landed three on the First Team listing: junior Katelyn Hardman, senior Emily Winner, and junior Lindsey Stindt (player of the year). Nucla sophomore Macaela Morris and Dove Creek freshmen Shelbie Knuckles and Madison Young rounded out the 1A first teamers, while Norwood's Sheri Hardman easily won coach of the year.

Meanwhile, led by juniors Aimee Johnson and Erica Blackburn, Mancos (19-9) placed eighth at the 2A state championships. Juniors Emy Ludwig and Emily Langley represented resurgent Telluride (17-

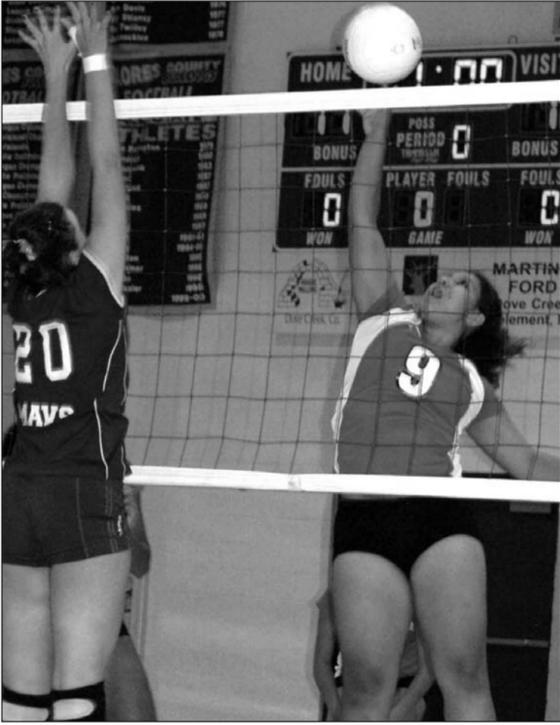


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Ignacio senior Fantaysha Gallegos attacks against Norwood's Katelyn Hardman during a triangular day in Dove Creek. Gallegos was selected Honorable Mention All-SJBL for 2010, while Hardman was a First Team pick from the league's 1A half.

8), and three represented Dolores (seniors Cortney Brunner and Cheyenne McCoy, sophomore Cydney McHenry) on the 2A All-SJBL First Team.

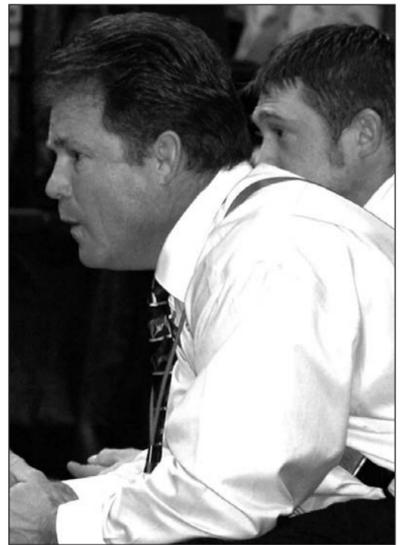
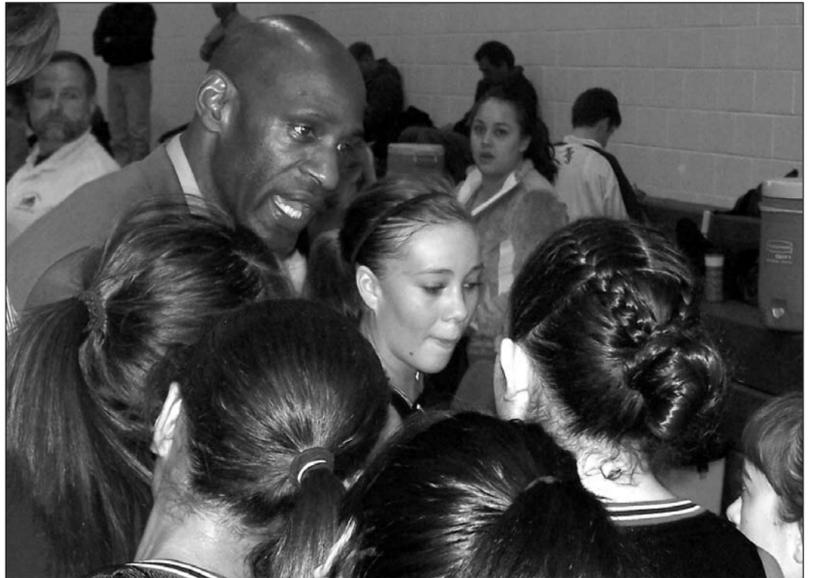
Ludwig, a consummate catalyst with her passing and hitting ability, was the SJBL's 2A player of the year, while mentor Fawnda Rogers captured coach of the year as THS placed third at 2A-Region C (MHS took second, earning the regional's last berth in the "Elite Eight").

Ignacio finished 6-17 overall, ahead of Nucla (5-16), Ridgway

(2-15), and Ouray (0-18) in the standings. Dolores (13-8) and Dove Creek (10-12) bridged the gap between the upper and lower tiers.

Fowler, who defeated Mancos 3-1 in Denver, swept Burlington to finish 31-0 and win the 2A crown again, while Fleming (32-1) beat Otis to conquer 1A, avenging last year's title-match loss. Norwood, with a 4-8 sets won/lost mark, took fifth in Denver ahead of Vail Christian (3-7), McClave (3-9), and Wiley (1-9).

Winter Wizards Return



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Lady Cats commander-in-chief Brice Searles (top photo) explains the battle plan to his troops at last season's district basketball tournament in Dove Creek. Entering his third season, Searles's 2010-11 roster already took a big minus-3 hit due to a family's out-of-state move this summer, but returns all but one (graduated) player from last year's 2A regionals-qualifying crew.

Ignacio boys' basketball head coach Chris Valdez (above left photo) instructs in the huddle during last season's Webb Toyota/Scorpion Invitational in Farmington, N.M. The longtime leader's intensity won't lighten in the 2010-11 season, knowing expectations remain high after a runner-up finish at last season's 2A state championships and a 46-6 record the past two campaigns.

Bobcats wrestling boss Bob Overturf (foreground) and assistant Daven Reinhardt (above right photo) gaze intently upon the action at the state wrestling championships in Denver. As a team, IHS finished sixth in Class 2A to end the 2009-10 season, just Overturf's second at the helm.

SunUte Offers Senior Breakfast

Have you heard about the Senior Breakfast Program here at the SunUte Community Center? It's a program 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 Center members and \$4 for non-members. Breakfast starts every Friday at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. 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.

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Gearing Up for a Fight



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Prior to a workout at the SunUte Recreation Center, featherweight boxer Thaddine Swift Eagle-Johnson relaxes amid most of the weight gained from her last bout, a six-belt battle against Puerto Rican Nancy Bonilla on Aug. 14 at the Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo, N.M. Sanctioning bodies represented are (clockwise from red belt) the WIBU, WPBA, WIBA, and WIBC. The Global Boxing Union and Native American Boxing Council's belts are still being fashioned. Now 6-0 with five KOs as a pro, Swift Eagle-Johnson's scheduled bout this weekend in South Carolina – possibly against Justine Kish, 2007 North Carolina Golden Gloves champion and "Tuff Girls" Muay Thai fighter – has been moved back to Dec. 10. Until then, it's more days like this for the Durango resident, who'll take some time to train at Mayweather's Gym in Las Vegas, Nev., in addition to her regular training in Ignacio and Albuquerque, N.M.

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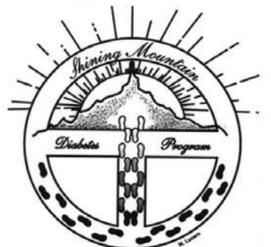


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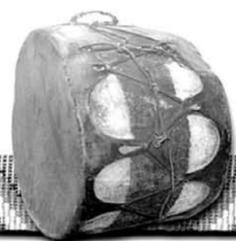
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2010-2011 Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Reports

Miss Southern Ute 2010-2011
Kelsi L'u Beth Monroe



Mique Tuguvun, Hau Mitakuyepi, Nowa, Hello.

My name is Kelsi L'u Beth Monroe. My Indian name is Umpetitdaka, which means White Star in the Pawnee language. I am currently Miss Southern Ute 2010-2011.

I am the 20-year-old daughter of Thella Howell and Calvin Monroe. I am an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. On my mom's side, I am of the Kitkehaki band of the Pawnee Nation, Southern Cheyenne and Southern Ute. On my dad's side, I am of the Oglala-Sicangu Lakota.

My maternal grandparents are the beloved late Betty Lou Weaver Howell and President of the Pawnee Nation George Elton Howell Sr. My paternal grandparents are the late Sharon Black Elk and Gene Warbonnet. I attend San Juan College in Farmington, N.M., working to earn my associate degree in tribal governance.

Since beginning my reign as Miss Southern Ute, I have participated in many powwows and tribal functions. For the weekend of Sept. 10, I was crowned Miss Southern Ute 2010-2011. I was excited to hold another title after holding Miss Indian Colorado XXIV. I was also glad to see all the new Southern Ute Royalty, and I am hoping that this year's Royalty will have a fun and memorable year. I am looking forward to working with you all.

The following Monday, the Royalty was asked to do a function with students from Mexico City at the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad station. The junior reporters asked us - Jr. Miss Southern Ute Sage Medicine Blanket, Jr. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Serena Fournier, Little Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia, Little Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Eufemia Pardo, and Southern Ute Brave First Alternate Amarante Pardo - many questions and learned much about our tribe with the help of Eddie Jr. and Betty Box.

On Sept. 23, I attended the Native American Comedy Show at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center with my uncle, George E. Howell Jr. I laughed a lot that night. My favorite act was the comedic duo Williams and Ree. I also loved laughing at the urban Indian, Don Burnstick.

For the weekend following the comedy show, I attended two powwows. On Friday, Sept. 24, I attended the Montrose PowWow at Montrose Pavilion in Montrose, Colo. I had so much fun visiting with some of my old friends and working with Sage Rohde.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, I traveled to Colorado Springs to see my sister, Jazmynn Rae Howell. I attended the Garden of the Gods/Rockledge Ranch PowWow,

where I was interviewed by a student at Colorado College and made the news in Colorado Springs. I just wanted to let J. Rae know, I love and miss you kid. I hope that you have a good time at school in Anadarko, Okla.

The month of October has been quite busy for the Southern Ute Royalty. To begin, on Oct. 1-3, I attended the 97th annual Northern Navajo Nation Shiprock Fair in Shiprock, N.M. It was truly a site to see. There were so many people at their carnival, rodeo and powwow. I had so much fun visiting with friends I have not seen in a while, dancing at the powwow, riding a few of the carnival rides, watching the rodeo, and most importantly participating in the parade.

I was given the opportunity to ride a float with the remaining Navajo code talkers and soldiers from Kirtland Air Force Base. I was able to hear about a museum the Navajo Nation is building in Kayenta to commemorate what the Navajo code talkers have done. I also got the chance to have their autographs.

For Oct. 8-10, I attended the 24th annual He Sapa Wacipi (Black Hills PowWow) in Rapid City, S.D. I was amazed to see that the powwow, in my opinion, is bigger than Denver March PowWow. Many Royalty members were present, including Sage Rohde. I was so glad to see my dad, Calvin Monroe. I loved the feeling of being somewhere I have not been in a long time. I wish to go back to South Dakota soon.

On Oct. 19, at the request of Chairman Matthew J. Box and Council Lady Ramona Eagle, I attended the Durango Indian Heritage Month Proclamation event in Durango. Although I was a little late, I was glad to see the other Royalty members were there representing the Southern Ute people proudly.

On Oct. 23, I attended the Highland High School Fall PowWow. I had fun and was able to see some of my friends from Albuquerque.

On Oct. 26, Royalty members and the Royalty Committee were introduced to the Tribal Council. Each council member gave the Royalty words of encouragement and support.

On my beloved late grandma's birthday, Oct. 27, the Southern Ute Royalty took group and individual pictures with the help of Jeremy Wade Shockley of The Southern Ute Drum.

On Oct. 30, the Southern Ute Royalty set up a booth at the Halloween Carnival. We decided to do a bake raffle, where we would hand out raffle tickets to give away baked goods. I had so much fun seeing most of the Southern Ute people in Halloween costumes, and I had so much fun dressing up.

I am enjoying myself fulfilling my duties as Miss Southern Ute. I love seeing all the friends I made as Miss Indian Colorado and meeting new friends so far as Miss Southern Ute. I hope that I am representing the Southern Ute people well and hope to continue into the future.

I would like to thank my elders for sharing their wisdom and sacrificing so much for our generation to have a bright future, the Southern Ute Royalty committee for giving me this opportunity to represent the Southern Ute people, the past and present Southern Ute Royalty for being great role

models, and most of all my family for your support and love.

Thank you, Aho, Tog'oiak', Pilamayapi.

God bless you all,
Kelsi L'u Beth Monroe,
Miss Southern Ute

Miss Southern Ute
Alternate 2010-2011
Sage Rohde



Mique'.

My name is Sage Rohde, and I am Miss Southern Ute First Alternate 2010-2011. I am 16 years old and go to Ignacio High School. My parents are Tom (father) and Annabell Rohde (stepmom) and Linda Baker (mother). I have three brothers and one sister: Dan, Tony, Charles and Joelianna Rohde.

This year, my dad's family came to the Tribal Fair and PowWow from Colorado Springs, Colo. It was very special for me to have both my grandmothers, Mary Rohde and Diana Baker, here when all of tribal Royalty was crowned.

This year is special because there is a full court of royalty, with main titleholders and alternates, so there are many of us who will be able to represent the Tribe at different places.

In my pageant essay, I wrote I would like to attend tribal events, like powwows and youth conferences. Traveling to different events is already part of my life. Several years ago I went to a Department of Justice meeting for youth. I learned how important Native youth are, because issues have a head start on being solved if they are talked about now.

Besides special trips like this one, my mom and friends take regular trips to the Denver Indian community, Arizona, and South Dakota.

Events I have gone to so far include the Southern Ute Fair and PowWow (Ignacio; Sept. 10-12); the Montrose PowWow (Montrose, Colo.; Sept. 24-26); the He Sapa Wacipi/Black Hills PowWow (Rapid City, S.D.; Oct. 8-10); a Southern Ute Tribal Council presentation of Royalty (Ignacio; Oct. 26); the Halloween Carnival (Ignacio; Oct. 30); and the Chadron State College PowWow (Chadron, Neb.; Nov. 6).

Other events for November include Tuswecca Tiospaye (Rapid City, S.D.; Nov. 18-20) and Ignacio Elementary and High schools' NAYO presentations (Ignacio; Nov. 23).

I would like to say thank you to the tribal members, friends and family who have been supportive and encouraging, from pageant night through today! It is an honor to represent the Southern Ute Tribe.

Sincerely,
Sage Rohde,
Miss Southern Ute
First Alternate

Birthday Wishes and Thanks

Happy 59th Birthday Mom!



Tony and Francis Buck



I am wishing you a Happy Birthday on Nov. 24. Wow the years went by fast and you still look young. I want to say I am thankful for you being by my side all these years, through the roughest times and the happiest times we experienced together as a son and mother. I can't wait to experience many more years together as son and mother in the future, make you smile, laugh and proud. I love you ma!

Your son,
Lloyd Jr.

To Dad, Lloyd S. Lucero



Thank you for serving for our country, help making a free country for us, your family, to life as we grow old. Every one is proud of you for serving from the whole family. We love you - dad and grandpa.

Love your grandbabies, Anita and Mariah Montoya, your wife Clara and daughter Melanie Montoya, and your son Lloyd Jr.

Happy 86th Birthday
Annabelle W. Eagle - Nov. 22



You are a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother not only to your family, but also to other people whose lives you touched.

Son, Sage Douglas Remington; daughters, Ramona and Linda Eagle; grandson Norman B. Harlan III; granddaughters, Theresa Harlan, Theodosia Frost, Rhonda Wilborn and Daisy Eagle; great-grandsons Nelo, Silas, Renz Wilborn, Stais and Dermar Harlan, Anthony Joseph, Patrick Eagle; great-granddaughter Autumn Eagle Harlan and great-grandson Henry Elk River White Skunk and great-great-grand daughter Jamie Rose Joseph.

Tribal Obituaries



SCOTT - Jamie Silva Scott died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in Denver, Colo. She was 28.

She was born Jan. 4, 1982, in Hesperus, Colo. She grew up in Towaoc and Ignacio, and graduated from Montezuma Cortez High School. She attended Pueblo Community College and San Juan College, earning an associate's degree in accounting and computer science. She completed a First Responder Course in Cortez at Pueblo Community College.

Jamie enjoyed car audio contests, casinos, artwork, fishing, meals with family, bowling, TV, and listening to Rap, R & B, Rock, and Pow Wow traditional music. She enjoyed playing pool and was active in the Native American Church and traditional ways. She belonged to the Kaputa Band of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and was a member of the Salt Clan of the Navajo. Her grandparents were Bitter Water People.

Jamie is preceded in death by grandparents Joe Scott, Reis Gunn Silva, Esther Jumbo, George Jumbo, Thomas Wing and great-grandparents John Wing Sr., Juan Silva, and Nettie Gunn, great-great-grandparents Bill Gunn and Adelia Height, uncles Eric Wing and Chavez Scott, and aunt Victoria Velasco.

She is survived by father James Scott of Ignacio, mother Priscilla Duran of Cortez, sister Marlene Begaye of Las Vegas, Nev.; nephew Mikah J. Begaye of Las Vegas, Nev.; stepfather Jamie Duran of Cortez; immediate family members Dorothy Wing, Howard Lee, Patrick Scott, Frederick Scott, David Wing, Davena Wing, Yvonne Velasco, Jeffrey Velasco, Davis Wing, Teddy Wing, Miranda Price, Corita Wing, grandfathers John Wing and Henry Morgan, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation occurred Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Hood Mortuary Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Burial occurred at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

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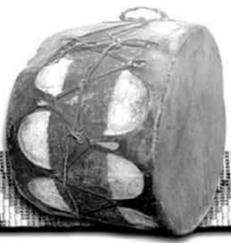
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Closures and Announcements

Tribal Council: Will be out of the office on Fall Break Nov. 22-26. Meetings are cancelled during the break.

No School: For Public K-12 and SUIMA schools Nov. 22 - 26, for Thanksgiving Break.

Tribal Offices: Nov., 25 - 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal business hours on Mon., Nov. 29.



Denver Center to Host Native Christmas Fundraiser

The Denver Christian Indian Center will be hosting a Native arts and crafts fundraiser including silver and turquoise jewelry, baked goods, Indian tacos, mutton stew and frybread on Friday, Dec. 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit the center's nonprofit status. A Native Christmas concert and art show is also scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., with a potluck reception to follow. For more information, call the Denver Christian Indian Center at 303-733-3693 or email christian_indian_center@msn.com. You can also visit www.denvercic.org.

Youth Facility Ground Work Begins



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Workers from Okland Construction began excavating and preparing the site of the forthcoming youth treatment facility the week of Nov. 15. The new facility will sit immediately north of the Southern Ute Justice Center and is slated for completion by January 2012.

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.

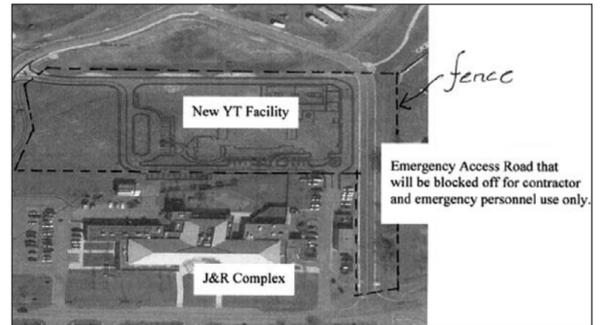
For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.



New Youth Treatment Facility Notice

The Southern Ute Tribal Council recently approved Arviso/Okland's construction contract for the Youth Treatment Facility and we expect them to start site preparation and general excavation activities this week. To ensure safety of Tribal personnel and employees, Arviso/Okland fenced the entire site that is north of the J&R Complex for the duration of the project. This will mean that pedestrians will no longer be able to use the emergency access road that is located on the east side of the J&R Complex because it will be fenced off with only the contractor's and emergency personnel having access to it. The contractor is scheduled to complete the construction of this new facility by Jan. 2012.

If you need additional information, please contact the Construction & Project Management Department at 970-563-0138.



Rolling Thunder Lanes

FALL BOWLING IS HERE!

Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center! 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!

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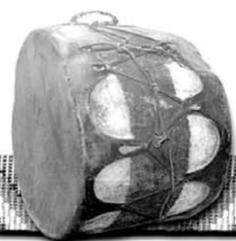
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Must be 21 or older. Must show valid picture ID to become a finalist and win a prize. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this tournament at any time without prior notice. Employees of Sky Ute Casino Resort and their immediate family are not eligible.

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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.

Controller
 Closing date 11/23/10 – GF Properties Group
 Directing and participating in accounting and financial reporting functions of GF Real Estate Group, to establish and maintain accounting principles, practices, and procedures, implementing policies and procedures and enforcing accounting and financial reporting policies, monitors compliance, provides training and coordinates with the Information Technology, conducting or directing internal audits of property managers, coordinating with outside auditors and valuation consultants, monitoring capital spending and budget compliance, and presenting findings and recommendations.

Mechanic III
 Closing date 11/23/10 – Lumen Midstream
 Cheney, KS. Perform work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Maintenance Technician I
 Closing date 11/29/10 – Aka Energy Group
 Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently.

Manager Central Land Administration
 Closing date 11/30/10 – Red Willow Production Co.
 Ignacio, Colo. 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.

Land Records Assistant I
 Closing date 12/13/10 – Red Willow Production Co.
 Two openings are being filled. Completes filing and maintains orderly and accurate land records files for the division order or lease records functions. Preparation, mailing and tracking of all Red Willow issued Divisions of Interest.

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.

Executive Assistant
 Closes 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, 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.

Heavy Equipment Supervisor
 Closes 12/1/10 – Supervises assigned heavy equipment operators and provides heavy equipment services for the Southern Ute Tribe.

Gaming Investigator I
 Closes 12/1/10 – Entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation.

Family Court Counselor
 Closes 12/1/10 – Providing intake and mental health treatment services to juveniles within the justice system. Providing special advocacy, parent coordination and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and/or supervisor. Case management activities involving assigned adults and juveniles.

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

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.

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#.

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 Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference • www.southernutemuseum.org

Executive Director Apprentice

Closing date 11/29/10 - Ignacio, Colo. Minimum requirements are a BA in a related museum field. The Executive Director Apprentice will be trained and participate with staff in Administration, Exhibits, Collections, Education, Development, Technology, Maintenance and Security over a 4 year training program. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check. Southern Ute Tribal member preference. Notice: Funding for this position has not been approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and currently is not budgeted by SUCCM.

security and collections data base over a 4 year training program. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check. Southern Ute Tribal member preference. Notice: Funding for this position has not been approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and currently is not budgeted by SUCCM.

Interactive Technologies (IT) Facilities Manager
 Closing date 11/29/10 - Ignacio, Colo. Minimum requirements are a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have experience equivalent to three years full time PC technical. Associates degree in Computer Science or technically related field may be substituted for 2 years of experience. Must have knowledge of common operating systems, computer hardware and software and maintenance procedures. Must have experience in Local Area network environment and strong customer service and project management skills. Must pass drug and alcohol screening and criminal history background check.

Collections Apprentice

Closing date 11/29/10 - Ignacio, Colo. Minimum requirements are a BA in a related museum field. The Collections Apprentice will be trained and participate with staff in conservation, preservation, exhibits management, professional standards for

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program
 Application packets at 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
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**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-PR-20
 NOTICE OF PROBATE
 Darwin 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 **Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **Monday, November 22, 2010 at 09:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 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

Dated this 19th of October, 2010
 KELLY HERRERA, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2009-PR-176
 NOTICE OF PROBATE
 Annie William Bettini, 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

October Meteorological Data

UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound

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			Oct. 24 .01"
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Interior Secretary Ken Salazar takes questions from tribal leaders during the First General Assembly of the National Congress of American Indians Nov. 15 in Albuquerque. Salazar discussed recent federal accomplishments that will help tribes, such as the Tribal Law and Order Act, and said he's put together a team to draft a new tribal consultation policy. To the right are the flags of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of New Mexico.

Feds Drawing Plans for Consultations

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The U.S. Department of the Interior is drafting a new policy to improve communication with tribal governments, Secretary Ken Salazar said during a Nov. 15 speech at the National Congress of American Indians in Albuquerque.

The ability of tribes to present local concerns to the federal government has long been hamstrung by insufficient processes, he said. In the wake of a November 2009 executive memo from President Obama supporting tribal consultations, Salazar said he's formed a team to draw up new measures to fix the problem.

"We look to the future, knowing that with the right kind of relationship between the president of the United States and the tribes, the best days of Indian Country are ahead of us – and the best days for the United States of America, too,"

he said. "There is no doubt that much work remains to be done."

Salazar said the new policy will help tribal leaders tackle longtime issues like education reform, health care and natural resource rights, citing past experience with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an illustration of the importance of good communication.

"I know from working with the Southern Utes and Ute Mountain Utes ... how important land and water rights are," said Salazar, a former U.S. senator from Colorado and state attorney general.

In March 2009, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act landed on Obama's desk, addressing issues many tribes across the country were facing.

The president has already demonstrated a desire to work with tribes to resolve ongoing issues, Salazar said. Last year's White House Tribal Nations Conference, the largest ever of its

kind, was highlighted by a promise from Obama to tribal leaders. The White House also announced Nov. 15 it had scheduled another conference for Dec. 16.

"President Obama pledged that we would work together hand in hand," Salazar said. "[He] directed me, along with other members of the Cabinet, to empower tribal governments."

Sentiment among Congress attendees suggested the president has earned the trust and approval of many in Indian Country. When NCAI President Jefferson Keel suggested Obama would return for a second term, he received claps and cheers from the crowd.

Assistant Interior Secretary Larry EchoHawk also lauded Obama's approach toward Indian Country. He said when he decided to take his current post, he suspected Obama and Salazar's combined talents would produce the best Interior staff ever – a hunch since confirmed.

Tribal Leaders Applaud Announcement of 2nd Summit

Media Release
National Congress of American Indians

The Obama Administration announced today that President Barack Obama will host a second Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. this December.

The announcement, made by the White House's Kimberly Teehee, senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs, was delivered at the National Congress of American Indians' 67th annual Convention, the nation's largest gathering of tribal leaders, governments and communities.

"With the announcement of the second Tribal Nations Summit today, the Obama Administration reaffirmed that tribal governments are equal members in the family of American governments," said

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- Jefferson Keel,
NCAI president

Jefferson Keel, president of NCAI. "The federal trust relationship between the U.S. government and tribal nations is a non-partisan relationship. Our meetings with

the executive branch have a long-term focus of creating healthier and stronger tribal nations, to strengthen the entire nation."

Since Obama's first Tribal Nations Summit in November 2009, the federal government has increased the number and scope of tribal consultations, passed the Tribal Law and Order Act with bipartisan support, and made permanent the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

The summit, scheduled for Dec. 16, will be hosted by Obama and include leaders from the 565 federally recognized tribes, giving them an opportunity to interact directly with the president and representatives from the highest levels of his administration. Each federally recognized tribe will be invited to send one representative to the summit.

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A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

- The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:
- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
 - Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
 - Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.