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Museum Preparing Youth Programs on Ute Traditions

Tribal Member Opening Set for May 14, 2011

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

The new Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, which opens to tribal members on May 14, 2011, will host educational programs on Ute traditions like archery and the Bear Dance, staffers said in a Nov. 18 presentation at the Ignacio Community Library.

The 52,000-square-foot structure will be home to Saturday morning workshops and other activities aimed at restoring Ute traditions among tribal youth and sharing them with non-tribal members, said Nick DeLay, the museum's new educational curator.

"Our goal is to bring 5,000 schoolchildren into the museum in the first year," he said.

The museum plans to offer summer camps to students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, DeLay said. He said the staff is also working on "traveling trunks" to be used at other schools full of hands-on activities about native plants, the Bear Dance and the Ute legacy.

Hands-on activities inside the museum could include bow making, beading, tanning hides and other traditions, he said.

Museum Technician Eleanor Frost said tribal members will be the first to be able to tour the new facility during the May 14, 2011, opening, followed by an opening for donors on May 20 and the general public on May 21 and 22. The museum will be open year-round except for closures each February and March for routine maintenance and updates, she said.

In addition to the more than 1,500 artifacts to be displayed, the museum will offer tribal members the opportunity to scan personal photos into its



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archive for safekeeping, Frost said.

In the famous Ute tradition of storytelling, tribal members and elders will be present during museum hours to share historical tales with visitors, said Lisa Burch, the museum's Tribal Consultant Program and volunteer coordinator. Burch said the staff is currently searching for tribal members interested in volunteering their time and experience at the museum.



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Staffers from the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum displayed models and explained forthcoming educational programs during a Nov. 18 presentation at the Ignacio Community Library. Lisa Burch, tribal consultant and volunteer coordinator, and Museum Technician Eleanor Frost led the discussion, which included new information about planned traditional Ute activities for youth, including beading and working with native plants.

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Important Upcoming Dates

Recall Election
Friday, Dec. 3

Leonard C. Burch Day
Friday, Dec. 10

Run-off Election
Tuesday, Dec. 14

Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 25

New Year's Eve
Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Day
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011

Come In Where It's Warm



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Monroe escorts tribal elder Dell Solomon to her table during the Nov. 20 Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Hundreds of tribal members and employees attended the event. For more photos, see page 7.

Pine River Indian Irrigation Bill Moves Forward

Media Release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Chairman Matthew J. Box is "greatly encouraged" by the Nov. 18 approval of the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project rehabilitation legislation by the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

"Tribal leadership has been working on federal assistance to fix the crippling problems with this project for 5 years, and this is the most momentum we have had in that entire process," Box said. "On behalf of the Tribe, I want to thank Sen. Mark Udall for his leadership in getting S. 1264 this far."

The Senate bill is cosponsored by Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., and Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., has sponsored the House

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- Matthew Box, tribal chairman

adjourns for the year.

"It is uncertain whether such a package of bills will be considered, but our delegation is working to get the PRIIP bill onto the list of legislation to be included," he said. "It may be a long shot but it is worth the ongoing effort."

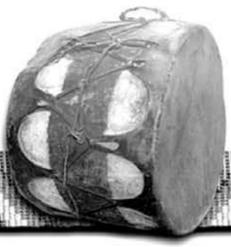
Box testified in favor of the bill in both the House and Senate hearings. The bill would allow the Tribe to work with federal agencies to make the much-needed improvements to the project, which has been in a steady decline for several years.

"It is clear that the fees being collected from the users of the project are not sufficient to fix all of the problems. Not even close," Box said. "This bill would authorize funding to put the project back into working order, delivering much-needed water for agricultural uses."

Congress is expected to remain in session until mid-December.

version, H.R. 3061, which was the subject of a hearing this fall.

Congress is working in its post-election session to move important bills, and Box hopes the bill will be included in a potential package of natural resource bills that might be considered before the Congress



Tribal Update

Johnson O'Malley Meeting Set for Dec. 6

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 districts in grades K-12 are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 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. Email Amy Barry for Southern Ute Royalty appearance requests 2 weeks prior to the event date at abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Tribal Members, Families Invited to Chapel Opening Dec. 7

Tribal members and their families are invited to the Southern Ute Multi-purpose and Memorial Chapel opening and dedication on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. The new facilities are located on Ute Road adjacent to Ute Park.

Life Skills Classes Offered

The Education Department is offering the following classes. For more information or to sign up, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

"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. Each class is first-come-first-serve and limited to eight tribal member participants.

"Youth Holiday Crafts." Classes are for Southern Ute families. There will be a class on how to make Christmas wreaths from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 20 at the Education Department for tribal-member youth 9-12. Students will learn how to make wreaths for the holidays. The deadline to sign up for class will be Friday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Class is limited to 10 youth. Supplies will be purchased according to how many students sign up.

"Pies, Pies, Pies." Classes are for Southern Ute families. A class will be held on Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon for tribal-member youth 9-12. Students will learn how to make pumpkin pies for the holidays. The deadline to sign up for the class is Friday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Class is limited to 10 youth. Supplies will be provided according to the number of students who sign up.

Education Announces GED Test Dates: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4

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.

"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.

StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23–Dec. 21)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SAGITTARIUS! The month of December begins on a positive note with motivating MARS in your sign until the 7th. Additionally, the NEW MOON (also in your sign) on the 5th, signifies that a dynamic energy revival has been launched. No doubt you're likely to welcome any backing that supports your personal agenda. MERCURY, MARS, and PLUTO gang up in the money section of your Solar Chart and kick off a frantic holiday spending mode. Last minute shopping, and other holiday details may have you running from one event to another. Your best bet is to avoid procrastination Sagittarius.

♏ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 20)

Action is the main theme as several planets converge in your sign early in the month. MERCURY enters CAPRICORN on the 1st and takes up residence until the 18th. Be sure to pay attention to all details after the 10th when MERCURY slows down and goes into reverse. Make a list and rely on your famous practicality to steer you in the right direction. What's more, you'll find that daily communications might have a tendency to become confused, and muddled. The bottom line is to plan ahead as delays or detours are likely to slow down your personal objectives.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21–Feb. 19)

While NEPTUNE continues its lengthy trek through your sign, this month there may be times when your imagination goes into over drive. That can be a good thing when you're trying to be creative. December's planetary positions may set off a positive chain of events that could alter your future plans. Particularly when URANUS, your ruling planet bursts out of hibernation on the 5th, and forges a path that takes you directly towards your future goals.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20–March 20)

Regardless of the holiday season there are still some Piscean folks who keep working diligently. The good news is that JUPITER and URANUS are still stirring things up in your chart. Be prepared to take quick action with job or business matters after the 21st when the bright golden SUN shifts into compatible CAPRICORN. Friendships are important and valuable, you may find yourself reconnecting with an old friend later in the month. Merry Christmas Little Fishes!

♈ ARIES (March 21–April 20)

Typically the holiday season involves a visit to loved ones, or to relatives who live out of town. December's celestial menu may serve up travel, visits from kinfolk, and possibly new job opportunities. Pay attention Rams, the projects or money-earning activities that you set into motion now may result in favorable financial rewards by next spring. Sidestep impulsive decisions Aries, take the time to think first and act second. It might save you a few pennies at the start.

♉ TAURUS (April 21–May 21)

VENUS your planetary gem takes a stand in your opposite sign this month. Tread lightly with partners and close relationships, and maintain your easy going Taurean nature this month. Even though you may not totally agree with how the holiday plans are unfolding, a little compromise helps to keep the season peaceful and enjoyable. Just perfect for TAURUS THE BULL, except for one thing...Mistletoe!

♊ GEMINI (May 21–June 21)

Circle the 5th as a favorable day to spend time with your main squeeze. With the SUN illuminating the partnership area of your chart, those closest to you are more open and receptive to your plans and ideas. Be your creative best Twins. You are unequalled when it comes to dreaming up exciting and entertaining activities. The FULL MOON on the 21st may help you to make a clear decision regarding future plans. Be brave GEMINI, the point is to move forward and not stay stuck in your tracks.

♋ CANCER (June 22–July 22)

Christmas may very well be your most favorite holiday of all. Nothing makes a MOON KID happier than to be surrounded by family and friends. While SATURN moves through the home section of your chart, you may have the added responsibility of caring for an elder. Furthermore, SATURN'S powerful presence in that area of your chart signifies the building of a new foundation in your life. Make it a solid one.

♌ LEO (July 23–Aug. 22)

Seriously LEO...VENUS the pleasure planet has come to visit you for awhile. This means many happy hours spent at home with family members, and friends. This month the SUN brightens your outlook, and boosts your creative talents. Few can hold a candle to a LEO'S imaginative abilities. Take advantage of the dynamic NEW MOON on the 5th, it may provoke you into launching a fresh and innovative hobby or career. GO LIONS!

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sep. 23)

The Lively trio of MERCURY, MARS, and PLUTO stirs your enthusiasm and amps your fun factor. Add a little VENUS energy and Poof... magically you have a formula that's ideal for holiday satisfaction. Of course work comes first VIRGO, but after that you'll be able to relax and perhaps reward yourself with a special Christmas treat. Happy Holidays VIRGO! You've earned it!

♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24–Oct. 23)

SATURN'S continued influence (in your sign) may at times create an energy drain. Because you're so work-minded these days, try not to overdo. Learn to pace yourself LIBRA. SATURN may be very demanding but there are also times when SATURN is rewarding. Your hard work and effort is beginning to pay off. As an added plus, VENUS is spreading its magic dollar dust all over the money section of your chart. Financial matters might take a turn for the better.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24–Nov. 22)

The happy holiday news is that conditions are right for you to get ahead this month. After what has been a financially dismal period, you may now begin to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Resources may be drawn to you like a magnet. Be smart and conservative. Spend only what you can afford to, and no more. It will make you and your holidays happier.

Carole Maye is a certified astrology professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

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**

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

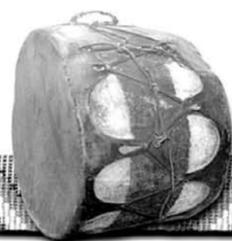
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Of Four Corners Interest

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.

LPEA Lunch to Raise Funds for Salvation Army

In an effort to assist the Salvation Army over the holiday season, La Plata Electric Association will host a "Stuff the Kettle" green chili lunch Thursday, Dec. 9 at the cooperative's Durango headquarters at 45 Stewart St. in Bodo Industrial Park. No reservations required. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. guests can enjoy homemade green chili, fresh tortillas and a beverage for a donation to the Salvation Army of any amount (suggested donation \$5). The "secret" family recipes come from LPEA Energy Management Specialist Richard Archuleta, "head chef" for the day. A variety of homemade desserts will also be available. "Just come on by the office during your lunch hour. We'll have everything set up in the lobby and front conference room," said Jeannie Bennett, LPEA public relations coordinator. "Not only will you enjoy a warm, hearty lunch, you'll know you've helped your fellow La Plata County residents who are in need this holiday season." LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with in excess of 40,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible. For more information, visit www.lpea.coop.

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Dec. 11
500 Mountain Road NW • Albuquerque, NM
Contact: Molly Linabah
Phone: 505-221-1830
Email: nativeamerican_club@yahoo.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

19th Annual C.G.S. Christmas PowWow
Dec. 11
300 W 1st St. • Tahlequah, OK
Contact: Tina S. and/or Don Stroud 918-456-3637
Phone: 918-431-9920
Email: tstroud75@yahoo.com

Kaibeto New Years Contest PowWow
Dec. 30 - 31
Kaibeto, AZ
Contact: Linda Tsinnijinnie
Phone: 928-429-0205

7th Annual New Year's Eve PowWow
Dec. 31
120 West 1300 South • Salt Lake City, UT
Contact: Mitchell Eriacho
Phone: 801-920-2638
Email: meriacho4@yahoo.com

New Year's Celebration PowWow
Dec. 31
Ignacio High School • Ignacio, CO
Contact: PowWow Committee
Phone: 970-563-0269 or Vanessa Carel 970-749-4319
or Neida Ray 970-903-2996
Web: www.southern-ute.nsn.us

Many Moons Ago



10 Years Ago

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United States Sens. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (left) and Wayne Allard used a logger's saw for the first ceremonial cut of the Millennium Tree. The blue spruce was cut and loaded for its journey from the Pike National Forest in Colorado to the west lawn of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C.

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



20 Years Ago

photo archives/SU DRUM

"...And a merry Christmas to all" was the title of this photo of students in the Enrichment Program getting ready to sell various items in the children's Christmas store. This photo first appeared in the Dec. 7, 1990, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



30 Years Ago

photo archives/SU DRUM

Southern Ute Tribal Council members pose for a photo after newly elected members Lillian Seibel and Eddie Box Sr. were sworn into office in the Council Chambers. Pictured left to right, standing: Eddie Box Sr., Lillian Seibel, John Baker Sr. and Clement Frost; sitting: Vice-chairman Chris A. Baker, Chairman Leonard C. Burch and Secretary Vida Peabody. This photo first appeared in the Dec. 5, 1980, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

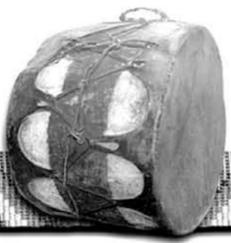
Ute Language

NüvaavÜ- Snow

Nüvapachì - Snow boots

Nüvaacuwai - Snow falling

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



The Kidney Corner: Iron: An Important Mineral for Us All

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

Anemia, a deficiency of red blood cells, is a common problem that can cause weakness and fatigue.

Although iron deficiency is a common cause of anemia, it's important to emphasize that not all anemia is due to iron deficiency, so usually a careful workup should be done to determine the exact cause of any case. Iron deficiency can usually be diagnosed by blood tests that measure iron and iron-binding proteins in the blood.

To make new red blood cells, the body requires a hormone called "erythropoietin," which is secreted by the kidneys and stimulates the bone marrow to make new red blood cells. We will discuss more about this hormone in a future edition of Kidney Corner. In addition, new blood cells require various nutrients, the "building blocks" for making new red blood cells.

One of these is iron, which is needed for the red pigment, or "hemoglobin," which enables red blood cells to carry oxygen to the tissues.

Iron is absorbed from the small intestine; it's present in many foods, including red meat. It's



more difficult to absorb the iron from vegetable sources than from meat.

For people who are deficient in iron, we often prescribe iron supplements. These are salts of iron, such as iron sulfate or iron gluconate. They can cause stomach irritation and sometimes constipation. They also tend to color the stool black, giving the impression that there is blood in the stool, even when there is in fact no bleeding.

Iron is best absorbed when taken on an empty stomach, though some patients find that the stomach irritation is worsened when it's taken in this way. Absorption of iron can be improved by taking a tablet of vitamin C at the same time as the iron.

It usually takes a long period of

time to replete the body's iron stores, so iron tablets are typically given for several months at a time. Please remember to keep iron tablets out of the reach of children, because if taken in an overdose, iron can be very dangerous.

Some patients cannot tolerate iron tablets (or have very high iron needs) and require intravenous iron. There are some newer preparations of iron for intravenous use that are safe and well tolerated.

The hassle of having to come in to a clinic for placement of an intravenous line is an obvious disadvantage, particularly since several intravenous injections are usually needed, but this is nevertheless a very effective way to replace iron stores fairly quickly. We use this approach quite commonly in patients on dialysis.

Any patient who becomes deficient in iron warrants a careful search for the cause of the iron deficiency. Blood loss in the stool can be difficult to detect, so unless there is another clear source of blood loss – for example, heavy menstrual bleeding – most iron-deficient patients should have a colonoscopy to look for a colonic source of bleeding. Sometimes we can pick up treatable cases of colon cancer that way.

Tips for Safe Holiday Cooking

Media Release
Soputhern Ute Police Department



as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.

Preventing Cooking Fires
• Never leave hot food or appliances unattended while cooking.

• Always be alert and never under the influence of medication or alcohol when you are cooking.

• Keep anything that can catch on fire at least 3 feet from the stove, toaster oven and other heat sources.

• Keep the stovetop, burners, and oven clean.

• Do not wear loose-fitting clothes that can catch fire if you stand too close to a burner.

• If you are frying, grilling or broiling food, stay in the kitchen. If you are baking or simmering, check food frequently.

Preventing Burns and Scalds
• To prevent hot food or liquid spills, use the stove's back burner and turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.

• All appliance cords should be kept coiled and away from counter edges.

• Use oven mitts or potholders when moving hot food.

• Open containers that have been in the microwave slowly and away from the face.

• Never use a wet oven mitt,

Keeping Kids Safe
• Create a 3-foot kid-free zone around the stove.

• Never hold a child while cooking, drinking, or carrying hot foods or liquids.

• Young children should be more than 3 feet from any place where there is hot food, drinks, pans, or trays.

• Hot items should be kept from the edges of counters and tables.

• Do not use a tablecloth or placemat if very young children are in the home.

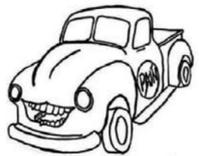
• When children are old enough, teach them to cook safely and always with help from an adult.

Elders Services Looking for Stocking Stuffers

The Elder Services Department is asking all departments if they would donate something for the 70-years-and-older tribal elders' stocking stuffers. The need is about 75 items. The deadline for stocking stuffers is Thursday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m.



"Eggnog is made out of eggs and nog isn't it Mom?"



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WARNING TO VETERANS

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO liaison,
Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services is providing benefit and general information on Veterans Affairs and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way. The organization, VAS, might be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our legal counsel has requested that we coordinate with the Department of Defense to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services. In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 of the United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Michael G. Daugherty at the address below:

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney

Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (022G2)

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 Year's Celebration Powwow

Dances:
Potato
Round
Switch

Gourd Dance 12pm
Dinner Break 6pm
Grand Entry 7pm

Honorings
Cake Walk
Raffles
50/50

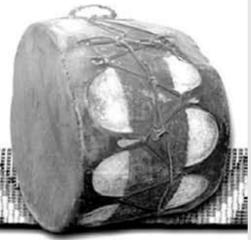
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Happy New Year 12am

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1, at Ignacio High School Gym
Tava Ma Wu See

"Healing our Community for the New Year through Song, Dance & Prayer"

PowWow Information: 970-563-0269

Vanessa Carel: 970-749-4319 or 970-563-1230, Neida Ray: 970-903-2996 or 970-563-0172



First Nations Institute Helps Boys & Girls Club's Wellness Programs

Media Release
Boys & Girls Club
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Increasing academics, improving healthy lifestyles and increasing family involvement – these are the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's priorities.

In partnership with the First Nations Institute, the club will be able to provide further opportunities to achieve these goals through horse therapy, diabetes prevention and fitness programming. These programs were initiated last school year through the club and now can provide even greater opportunities this year to our youth and families.

Currently the club is serving over 300 active members 6-18 years old.

The TRAIL Diabetes Prevention program is an interactive class provided by clubs in Indian County. It will be present in the Ignacio School District's

Trails program educates youth on how and why to keep one's self healthy today and in the future. Our local club diversifies its strategies in providing fitness activities, but is currently focusing on swimming, rock climbing, traditional and non-traditional athletics.

Lastly, the First Nation Institute is enabling our club to provide members weekly interaction and communication with horses at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Arena. Therapeutic experiences provide experiential education to members by building leadership skills, self-confidence and socialization through relationship-building with several silent-yet-powerful animals. These classes are provided each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

For additional information on these programs and others at the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, visit the club at the SunUte Community Center or call 970-563-4753.

3rd and 4th grade health classes this school year, facilitated by trained club and school staff. In addition, TRAIL programs will be presented weekly within after-school club programs, ensuring that the youth are fully educated and given tools to contribute to self-prevention.

To compliment the TRAIL Program, Boys & Girls Club of America's Triple Play Program has been implemented within club, five days each week, year-round. The Triple Play Program focuses its activities on improving the mind, body and soul. This is reflected through programs such as the Healthy Habits cooking class, daily fitness challenges and the game room.

The Triple Play program edu-

Sharing Goodwill



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Samuel Harrison, a family advocate at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start, runs over some last-minute details Nov. 22 before handing out Thanksgiving baskets to families. Qualifying Head Start parents received a wide assortment of holiday ingredients, including turkeys. Local businesses and tribal departments donated goods for the event.

Ignacio High School First Quarter Honor Roll

Seniors

4.0: Carly Bentley, Ryan Brooks, Corey Francis, Micheal Mestas, Ethan Pearson, Candace Wade
3.7: Casey Haga, Tanner Harwood
3.5: Colton Davis, Shelby Wiederin

Sophomores

3.8: Mary Kate Adams
3.7: Breana Talamante-Benavidez
3.6: Wyatt Burns, Alexandria Troup, Jerna Weaver

Juniors

4.0: Kelsey Frost, Jana Germies, Brandon Kim, Shane Richmond, Zachary White
3.7: Teagon Overturf, Matthew Peterson, Colton Wyatt
3.6: Shawna Troup
3.5: Lance Abeyta, Brittney Benavidez, Anita Charley, Rylie Jefferson, Derrick Naranjo, Kashina Perry

Freshmen

4.0: Jeannie Grossardt, Shannon Mestas, Kelton Richmond
3.8: Justin Carver, Christian Knoll
3.7: Malli Benavidez, Jacob Candelaria, Gabriella Garcia, Fabian Martinez, Jayce Stricherz
3.6: Raelynn Torres
3.5: Gabrielle Bufanda, John House, Antonio Silva De Torres

Ignacio Community Library News and Updates

News:

- If you need some computer help or have questions, call and set up a one-on-one appointment with Renee, who will help you with your computer questions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Happy holidays from the Ignacio Community Library staff!

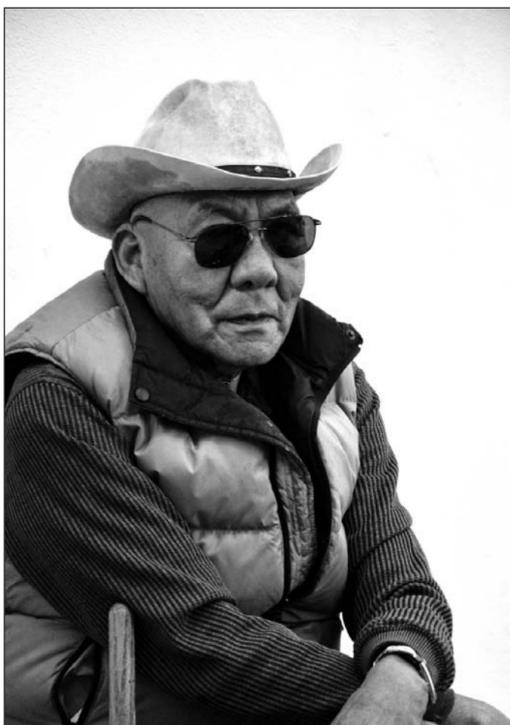
Calendar:

- **Taste of Christmas:** Friday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. at the Ignacio Elementary School. There will be craft and food booths. Santa will also be there to take snapshots with the kids. Come enjoy some holiday cheer with cookies and hot chocolate for everyone!
- **Tamale-making demonstration:** Monday, Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. Marcella Quintana will show you how to make a Christmas favorite. Bring a friend and learn together. Call to sign up for this program.
- **Adult jewelry-making class:** Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. Alison Dekay will teach you how to make

handmade jewelry just in time for Christmas. Please sign up for this free program.

- **Staff visits to Ignacio Senior Center:** Tuesday, Dec. 7 and Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be books, magazines and movies ready to be checked out.
- **Movie day:** Thursday, Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m. "Polar Express." Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. "Toy Story 3."
- **Library Board meeting:** Monday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.
- **Teen Open mic night:** Thursday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.
- **Kids and teens holiday party:** Thursday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.
- **Game afternoon:** Thursday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m. Kids and teens can play games and enjoy some holiday music.
- **Knitting:** Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
- **Story time and crafts:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Head Start Honors Grandparents



The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosted its annual luncheon Nov. 30, bringing students and grandparents together for a family-style meal. Students performed a short sing-along before sitting down with parents and grandparents. Southern Ute elder Neil Cloud, a proud grandparent of Head Start students, opened the event with a blessing on the food.

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SunUte Updates

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the southern ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



News:

- **Pool closure:** December 2010 to February 2011. The pool area will be closed Dec. 16 through the middle of February 2011 for HVAC replacement and pool deck resurfacing. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.
- **Youth basketball:** Opening Ceremonies for 2011 youth basketball will be Jan. 8 at 9 a.m. Teams will be introduced in their uniforms. There will be contests and prizes, and the season opener games will start at 10 a.m. Hope to see you all there!
- **Women's volleyball league:** The league will end Dec. 28.
- **Co-ed volleyball league:** The league will end Jan. 12.
- **December senior breakfast:** The SunUte front desk staff invites all Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older to come enjoy a hot, healthy meal at SunUte. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older eat free. Non-members pay \$4 at the door.

Breakfast for Dec. 3 will be cheesy tartlets (1 cup of egg substitute, eight small square wonton wrappers, two slices of turkey bacon, 2 ounces of Swiss cheese, 2 tablespoons of fat-free cream cheese and 1/4 teaspoon of sea salt)

Breakfast for Dec. 17 will be scrambled egg muffins (nine eggs, 1/2 cup of chopped fresh spinach, 1/3 cup of skim milk, 1/3 cup of spelt flour or whole wheat pastry flour, 1/4 cup of 2-percent grated cheddar cheese, 1 tablespoon of chopped fresh basil, one small chopped tomato,

1/2 teaspoon of sea salt and 1/2 teaspoon of cracked black pepper).

For general information on SunUte activities, programs, holiday hours or closures, please feel free to call the SunUte front desk at 970-563-0214.

Calendar of holiday hours:

Thursday, Dec. 9: open 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10 (Leonard C. Burch Day): closed.
Thursday, Dec. 23: open 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day): closed
Sunday, Dec. 26 (Christmas weekend): closed
Friday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Call 970-563-0214 on days when weather is an issue to see if we have revised our hours or have closed.



SunUte
Right In Your Backyard.



Schools Celebrate Native American Month



Native American dancers paid a visit the Ignacio Elementary and the Ignacio High School on Nov. 23 as part of Native American Month. The schools events were emceed by Eddie Jr. and Betty Box, who explained the cultural significance behind the dancers' regalia and the individual styles represented by each dancer. High school students look on as Eddie Box Jr. (top left) narrates a short story. Southern Ute tribal members Neda Ray and Melanie Siebel (top right) enter the auditorium. Clay Siebel (right) and A-mya Bison (lower left) perform individual dances before the student body. Southern Outlaws (lower right) from Waterflow, N.M., sing during the Elementary School presentation. Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Sage Rohde (left) gives an introduction at IHS. A young girl (center) shows off her traditional jingle dress. Each performance ended with an open-invite round dance, encouraging students and teachers to join in the circle.



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A Tribal Thanksgiving



Hundreds of Southern Ute tribal members, their families, tribal employees and other community members convened at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Nov. 20 for the Tribe's annual Thanksgiving meal. Southern Ute Royalty members mingled with guests and helped elders to their seats while the smell of turkey and potatoes filled the massive hall.

photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM



Ignacio High School Hosts Mini-PowWow



photos Suzi Richards/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio High School's Native American Youth Organization hosted a mini-powwow celebrating Native American Month on Nov. 19 in the school's gym. Various dances took place, with dancers encouraging students to partake in many of them. Of these, the potato dance (below right) and the two-step (above right) were the more popular. A round dance also took place. Emcee Corey Francis (above center) introduced the dances, dancers and past royalty.





Trio of Ignacio Backs Named All-Conference

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Three yards and a cloud of dust: a good mentality for grind-it-out, clock-control football.

Four yards and a cloud of dust, through two or three would-be tacklers: a mentality evident in the Ignacio Bobcat backfield in 2010. And one effectively transferred, due to both injury-based necessity and coaches' play-calling, from Pedro Vigil to Ethan Pearson to Teagan Overturf.

Effectively enough, in fact, that all three running backs were named First Team All-Southern Peaks, despite IHS' 3-6 record.

And though the trio could pound the ball forward with the conference's best, their versatility proved most critical for head coach Lupe Huerta. Vigil entered the campaign as the team's starting placekicker/punter/running back/linebacker, but when injury limited his carries he was able to move out to receiver, adding a new dimension to the Bobcats' spread-offense packages.

A Second Team selection in 2009 along with Vigil, senior classmate Pearson shouldered the rushing load well through the 2010 season's midsection, but was also hindered by injury as he worked through his RB/LB duties. That left Overturf, a junior, to lug the pigskin after being moved from his initial position in the trenches. And lug it he did, dominating the final two contests in two blowout victories.

Coach of the Year Jim McAuliffe would have loved to have any one or all three wearing Monte Vista colors, but had enough punch with Offensive



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Pedro Vigil breaks free from Bayfield senior Tanner McGhehey (right) during the Bobcats' short non-league road trip earlier this season. Vigil was one of three IHS running backs named First Team All-SPC for 2010.

Player of the Year Beau Bradshaw (senior quarterback) and Donald Montoya (senior running back) pushing the Pirates into the Class 1A playoffs.

Monte Vista led the loop with six total First teamers (including Defensive Player of the Year Luke Bradshaw, a senior linebacker/tight end), while Dolores, led by senior RBs Ryan Greene and Austin McCracken, had five. Sargent had four, including junior RB Vinnie Conroy, while Del Norte and Center each had two honored.

On the 2010 All-SPC Second Team, senior QB Ryan Brooks

and senior lineman Tanner Harwood represented IHS, with junior defensive back Alex Pena earning an Honorable Mention nod.

Monte Vista was the SoPeaks' lone playoff qualifier, and finished 7-3 after losing to Hayden in the first round, 48-21. The state championship went to Burlington, who upset top seed Wray 13-7 last Saturday. After whipping HHS in the quarters 47-7, the previously-unbeaten Eagles (12-1) splattered Limon in the semifinals, 49-6, while the Cougars (12-1) beat Hotchkiss 20-13 to reach the finale at WHS.

Lady Cats to Open Season Dec. 7 Vs. Bloomfield

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

What do the Ignacio Lady Bobcats and Mater Dei [Santa Ana, Calif.] Lady Monarchs, No. 1 in the USA Today Super 25 preseason poll, have in common?

As of Nov. 30, neither had played their first regular-season basketball game.

That changed Dec. 1 when MD went to San Juan Capistrano to face league foe JSerra, hoping to stay ahead of Bolingbrook, Ill. (who already beat No. 14 Memphis, Tenn., Central by 20), in the rankings.

Ignacio's wait to tip off the 2010-11 season will last a little longer.

But not much longer, as Ignacio will host Bloomfield, N.M., on Dec. 7. The junior varsity will get underway against the 4A Lady Bobcats beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity to follow.

Building off their first winning campaign after five at .500 or worse, Bloomfield began against 4A Miyamura [Gallup, N.M.] at home on Nov. 29, and will also play in this weekend's Gallup Invitational, giving them plenty of action through which to bond – and leave IHS at an experience-based disadvantage.

However, with the graduation losses of only two players (Arianna Weaver and Kristie Ribera), Brice Searles' bunch should be quite familiar with each other. Senior Rose Mirabal and sophomore Michelle Simmons should again provide the team's 1-2 scoring punch, with sophomore Pamela Cotton and junior Rylie Jefferson a feisty follow-up 3-4.

Would-be senior Sara Hutchinson and sisters Carley



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Splitting Lady Mustangs Erin Zunich (14) and Mallory Pottorff (5), Ignacio's Rylie Jefferson goes to the hole for a short basket last season at Nucla. The 2010-11 schedule for IHS begins next week, with Jefferson among many of the returning veterans.

and Lindsey moved back to Missouri – now at MSHSAA Class 3 Strafford – after just a year in Colorado, but sophomores Mariah Vigil and Jordan Cuthair return and could see much more court time with the trio's departure. Vigil or senior Bonnie Lucero, should she elect to leave the cheer squad, would likely have the inside track to being the fifth starter as both bring more needed physicality to the paint.

Ignacio finished 7-14 overall in 2009-10, and went 6-10 against the San Juan Basin League during the regular season before upsetting Mancos in the first round of districts to lock up a regional berth. Burlington then ended Ignacio's year in the regional opener, but Searles noted he began planning mentally for this season right after the loss – analyzing what the Lady Cougars did and implementing it into Ignacio's arsenal.

Local Fighters In Search of Opponents

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

It's not about the destination, but the journey.

That may hold true for well-traveled La Plata County pros Elco Garcia and Thaddie Swift Eagle-Johnson. As of late, the fighters' quests for their next opponents have had many detours.

And one bid may have just hit a dead end.

Having last fought in April against Mohammad Said at Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center, winning a third-round TKO due to a cut-induced stoppage, middleweight Elco Garcia (23-7, 12 KO) was slated to trade punches at New York City's Roseland Ballroom on Dec. 16. But Poland-born Pawel Wolak (27-1, 17 KO) of New Jersey pulled out to battle Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. (41-0-1, 30 KO) as a late replacement on Dec. 4's pay-per-view card in



Anaheim, Calif.

Garcia-Wolak was to be on the undercard of the Mike Anchondo (30-3, 19 KO)-versus-Dimitriy Salita (31-1-1, 16 KO) 12-rounder for the vacant IBA welterweight belt.

Fortunate to have avoided legal entanglements after an underhanded promoter's doings prior to her last scheduled fight Sept. 18 against rookie Lisa Woods in Evansville, Ind., Swift Eagle-Johnson is still prepping for her Dec. 10 test in South Carolina. Resisting her in a scheduled eight-rounder, three of the six belts won against Nancy Bonilla in August up for grabs, is a competitor who hadn't been officially revealed as Dec. 1.

"Yes, I have someone to box," the featherweight champ said via email, adding that her opponent would be announced "later this week." Additional attempts made to contact Southeast Boxing Promotions' Jennifer MacKenna for definite information on "Battle at the Beach," to be held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, had also not yet received a response.

Swift Eagle-Johnson will bring a 6-0 (5 KO) record into the ring against her opponent, possibly Carolina Martinez (3-10-2, 1 KO) of the Dominican Republic. Co-headliner Tomar "T-Bo" Washington was also shown facing "TBA," but Virginia's Batmunkh Enkhbayar has been discussed. More known from the Atlantic coastal plain to the Piedmont for his solid MMA background, Washington, a heavyweight and former Golden Gloves runner-up, has no registered professional boxing results.

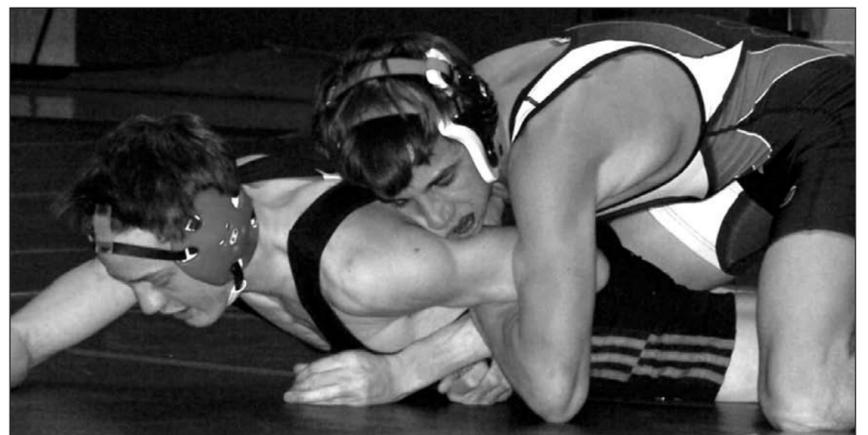


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Ignacio's Casey Haga works on top of Durango's Elliott Salazar during last season's opening dual at DHS. Haga won 7-1 and looked to begin his senior campaign in similar fashion against the non-league Demons Dec. 2 inside IHS Gymnasium.

Wrestlers Brace for 'Warrior' Tournament

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The teams on the waiting list – yes, there is one – could have staged a solid tournament among themselves in the parking lot during last year's Warrior Classic if they hadn't found other alternatives.

Ignacio was one of those twelve squads, along with SJBL counterpart Norwood, left out of what's generally regarded as Colorado's toughest regular-season wrestling tournament – sometimes possibly tougher than even the state championships.

This season, IHS will get their chance at the time-honored test, Dec. 17-18, hosted by Grand Junction Central in Mesa State College's Brownson Arena. "The Warrior," as most call it, will end a challenging first month of the Bobcats' 2010-11 season, which began this week in fast fashion.

Coach Bob Overturf's crew, anchored by returning regulars Casey Haga (senior, fifth at 130 pounds last season) and Alex Pena (junior, first at 119), hit the mats with non-league duals Dec. 2 at home against Durango, 6 p.m. Dec. 3 at Pagosa Springs, then at the Bayfield Wolverine Classic Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. On Saturday, Dec. 11, IHS is to attend Dove Creek's "Dawg Fight" for their final pre-Warrior tune-ups, where they'll get a long look at their San Juan Basin League opponents (NHS, Nucla, DC, Dolores).

The SJBL Championships will be Feb. 4 at Nucla, a week after the Cats host the annual Butch Melton Ignacio Invitational. Jan. 28 will feature a solid non-league triangular against Bayfield and Rangely, who split sixth place with IHS at last season's Class 2A state championships.

Next year begins with Pagosa's Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 8, with Shiprock's Garrison Spencer Memorial on tap the following weekend in New Mexico. The Bobcats will then re-try (snowed out in '09) to hit the Paonia Duals on Jan. 21, with PHS's Screaming Eagle Invitational the next morning.

As the postseason intensifies, Ignacio will be embroiled in the 2A-South Central Regional in Walsenburg at John Mall on Feb. 11-12, with the 76th CHSAA State Wrestling Championships following on the Feb. 17-19 in Denver. Graduation may have claimed three pieces of IHS's strong 2009-10 team, including third-place winners Chance Wyatt (215) and Josh Plehinger (140), but between returning depth and strong instruction, a drastic drop-off in 2010-11 doesn't appear likely.

Ignacio Bobcats All-Conference Honorees

San Juan Basin League
2010 2A All-Conference Volleyball

First Team:

Emy Ludwig	Junior
Cortney Bruner	Senior
Aimee Johnson	Senior
Cheyenne McCoy	Senior
Emily Langley	Junior
Erica Blackburn	Junior
Cydney McHenry	Sophomore

Honorable Mention:

Kendra Cox	Senior
Fantaysha Gallegos	Senior
Jenna Beamer	Junior

Player of the Year: Emy Ludwig
Coach of the Year: Fawnda Rogers

San Juan Basin League
2010 2A All-Conference Football

First Team:

Telluride	Pedro Vigil	Senior	RB/LB
Dolores	Ethan Pearson	Senior	RB/LB
Mancos	Teagan Overturf	Junior	RB/LB

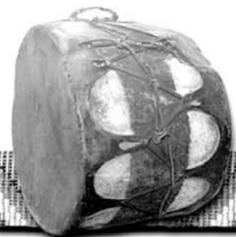
Second Team:

Ryan Brooks	Senior	QB
Tanner Harwood	Senior	OL

Honorable Mention:

Alex Pena	Junior	DB
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It's Good for What Ails You

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

As I was sitting in the front of a speeding flats boat with my hair being blown dry by a 30-mile-per-hour wind – OK, my mustache and eyebrows – I was thinking what an incredible week it had been.

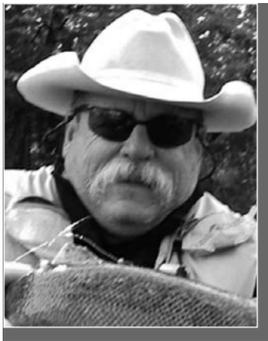
It was the last day of a bone-fishing, rest and relaxation trip. My wife and I were at Tiamo, a resort on the South Andros Island of the Bahamas. I arrived with my spirit, mind, and body at all-time lows.

After a week at the resort and in the islands, I can say go fly-fishing in the Bahamas. It's good for your spirit, mind, and body.

Before arriving in the Bahamas, my spirits were beaten to a pulp. Surely you've been watching the news or reading a newspaper. But once I placed a bare foot on the white-sand beach, my spirits began to heal.

How could they not? There were happy people everywhere. The staff at the lodge let me know in no uncertain terms they were glad I was there, and it was their goal to make sure I was a happy guest. They did such a good job that at the end of each day, as I was watching the sun extinguish itself in the ocean, I knew the next day would be even better.

The mind part was a great revelation for me. There was no big-screen television in my room. In



fact, there was no TV or telephone. Also, my cell phone didn't work. And there wasn't a computer hook-up nor was a newspaper delivered to my door. I was out of touch with the world, and it was great.

Once I understood I wouldn't die of news deprivation, my very being became calm. Since I couldn't shout at the television as the news showed the bunch of spineless, bobble-head idiots – also known as politicians – ruining our country, I found new things to occupy my thoughts.

I thought about which part of the beach I would walk on before breakfast. I thought about the lobster and eggs Benedict I was about to eat. The stuff I now had on my mind was important, but in a calming way.

The body part was the best: fly-fishing for bonefish. I'd heard about how great the bone-fishing was in the Bahamas, but I had a

hard time believing it. I am now a believer.

My first Bahamian bonefish was the end result of a 12-foot cast just down the beach from our cottage. Other fish took a cast of approximately 40 feet, with nothing over 50 feet.

Even though I took a huge selection of flies, I found Crazy Charlies and Gotchas with some pink on them worked great. To make these casts, an 8 or 9-weight rod worked best. I did try a 7-weight after a screen door ate my 8-weight, but I found it to be too light. For leaders and tippets, a 10- or 12-pound test landed everything I caught.

The one item I wasn't used to was how fast a five-pound bonefish can get to your backing. Be careful to keep your knuckles away from your reel handle, as the line screams out at the speed of sound. Only once did I make that mistake.

Take my word: If someone tells you the Bahamas are "good for what ails you," believe them and get there as fast as you can.

To end this year, I want to leave you with the thought I have used for the past several years: "I wish everyone feliz Navidad, happy Chanukah, a good Eid al-Adha, and, of course, merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever it is that touches your heart with hope be with you all of 2011."

Express Your Opinions

Vote 'Yes' on Recall

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has opened a new page in history, one of their own and one that is unique – as well as an inherent right to understand, interpret, and try to figure out what and why we are faced with dismay with the tribal chairman, Matthew J. Box.

Chairman Box's leadership is allowing the Executive Office's administration to conflict with correct direction, guidance, and management of tribal policy. The Executive Office has not answered many questions to many tribal employees and tribal members with concerns. Instead, these concerns are answered with disregard, intimidation, retribution and terminations.

The Growth Fund administration is secretive and paternalistic. They have lost millions of dollars in limited liability corporations. In layman's terms, the Growth Fund administration is in charge of making investment decisions. All the LLC investments are risky in nature. All the LLCs presented to the tribal membership in the latest general meeting held by the Growth Fund showed exactly that: They lost millions. But Growth Fund managers received bonuses and raises and renewed contracts.

The recall petition has been certified by Tribal Council. This means there will be a vote on a yes-or-no ballot. "Yes" means terminate his authority and remove him as chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and "no" means keep him as chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

As pointed out in the petition, the administration of three areas within the tribal government is under questionability and transparency. The Executive Office, health administration and Growth Fund losses and expenditures are the concerns. They are widespread, wide-ranging, and inclusive of employee and tribal member abuse and oppression. This is not to mention the mis-

representative, paternalistic, my-way-or-the-highway dialog presented to the tribal employees and membership.

Dec. 3 is your opportunity, as Southern Ute Indian tribal members, to exercise your "inherent right" through traditions, culture and Constitution to vote your heart and mind. Let's not discount the effort to bring this to the people, and more so don't forget the damage done by this administration.

Vote "yes" to remove Chairman Box and turn a new prosperous page in our future.

Respectfully,
Richard L. Jefferson
Ignacio

I'll Be Voting for Doughty

Ten years ago, I visited the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe in Connecticut and was amazed how this tribe was successful with their investments, which benefited their tribal membership with a monthly income and job opportunities.

Recently, I read that this tribe is having financial problems. Hopefully the Southern Ute Tribe has a backup plan or a different avenue to protect our investments, so we do not end up like the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. Last I heard, we survived the country's recession, which was outlined in graphs and formulas during our last general meeting.

The Southern Ute Tribe is one of few Native American tribes that have benefited by investing in their resources like the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe. The direction of any tribe is based on daily, weekly and yearly decisions made by the tribal council. A tribe's council will determine the tribe's future.

That is why I believe is it important for each tribal membership to vote and select council members who will protect the tribe's investments. As tribal members, we have a responsibility to vote. Today's vote will

affect tomorrow's generation, which is one of the reasons I talk with my children about the importance of voting. Not only do I speak with my children about voting; they also accompany me when I vote.

A month ago, I was talking to a tribal member who told me that voting is a waste of time because the same people are elected with the same results. I then mentioned that voting is important because it gives us, tribal members, a voice.

Today, we as Southern Ute tribal members receive monthly distributions, which allow us to live somewhat comfortably. Our people have an opportunity to attend any college and hopefully have a chance to work for the Tribe. My grandparents never had this opportunity to be part of the Tribe's success, which provides a better life for our membership. Voting is a right that can help us build a better tomorrow and continue our success for our children.

Ten years ago, I worked with a person who invested her time and energy by working late hours and sharing ideas to benefit the Tribe and the tribal membership. This person became my supervisor and made me want to give 120 percent each day. Her strong work ethic was displayed on a daily basis.

During our meetings, I always knew she expected me to have a solution to a problem and asked me 5-10 questions about my solution, which showed that she really cared and did not accept a simple answer. When my aunt passed away, she gave me time to grieve and made me realize that family is important and there is life beyond work. With her strong work ethic, family values, education and high expectations, I know on Dec. 14 I will be traveling with my three little girls to vote for Janelle R. Doughty.

Ronalynn Tiznado
Ignacio

2009-2010 Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Reports

Jr. Miss Southern Ute
First Alternate
Serena Fournier



Hello to all Southern Ute tribal members.

My name is Serena Shoshone Fournier Jr., and I am the Junior Ms. Southern Ute first alternate.

I would like to start by thanking my grandmother for helping me with my regalia. She has encouraged me to know my traditional ways by having me dance since I was 18 months old.

My grandmother has always taken the time to sew and bead my regalia. She makes sure everything matches and looks representable. For this pageant, I worked long hours to prepare for my talent.

After receiving my title, I started my reign by donating a bike to the Southern Ute Fair's baby contest. I have attended the Tri-Ute meeting and traveled to Denver a couple times to attend powwows there.

I have met with the Southern Ute Tribal Council, which shared important words of encouragement and positive direction. All Southern Ute Royalty members took pictures by Scott's Pond,

which The Southern Ute Drum's photographer, Jeremy Wade Shockley, captured with beautiful background pictures with his amazing talent. I would like to thank him for his time and effort on this project.

As the Jr. Miss Southern Ute first alternate, I will represent this title with respect, pride and honor. I would like to thank the Southern Ute Tribe for this privilege where I am able to attend powwows and share our culture with others. I hope to make my family proud, along with the Tribe.

Serena Shoshone Fournier
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
First Alternate, 2010-2011

Southern Ute Brave
Carlos Whiteman



Mique.

Hello, my name is Carlos Lorenzo Whiteman. I am the Little Brave 2010-2011 for the Southern Ute Tribe. I am 11 years old and attend Ignacio Intermediate School's 5th grade.

I am the son of Tara Vigil and George Whiteman Jr. My maternal grandparents are Darlene

Frost and Pete and Marlene Vigil. My paternal grandparents are the late George Whiteman Sr. and the late Ramona Brady. I also have three siblings: Jalisa, Shyanne and Jesse. I am Southern Ute, Northern Cheyenne and Hispanic.

I received my title at one of my favorite events of the year, the Southern Ute Tribal Fair. I made the decision to run for Little Brave because I like to dance and want to get back into traveling to powwows and dancing with my sisters. Although at times I get nervous during introductions, I am honored to be Little Brave and will work on doing a better job.

During the fair, I danced and participated in the kids' games and art exhibit. I also helped in the hospitality tent for the head staff and rode in the parade with my little sister.

I have attended the readings of the Indian Heritage Month Proclamation for Durango. The next thing I did was the Halloween Carnival, where I stayed up very late baking for the free bake raffle that the Royalty Committee had. I also attended the Thanksgiving tribal dinner and performed for the Ignacio Elementary and High schools for Native American Month.

I will also be attending an exhibition for Conoco in December as well as the grand opening for the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel.

I look forward to attending many powwows and meeting new friends. Happy holidays!

Togoiak,
Carlos Lorenzo Whiteman
Little Brave
2010-2011

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NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION: Recall Election

If you support the chairman,
you are not required to vote in the recall election on Dec. 3.

You are only required to vote (yes or no) if you do not support the chairman. The recall effort must attain 50 percent of the registered Southern Ute tribal membership voters to remove the chairman [Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Article V, Section 2].

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.

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Tribal Offices Closed

Leonard C. Burch Day: Friday, Dec. 10. Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 13.
Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec. 24. Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 27.
New Years: Friday, Dec. 31. Normal business hours will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

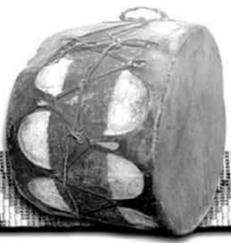
Tribal Council Christmas Break

Monday, Dec. 20 – Friday, Dec. 24. Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 27.

School Closures

Friday, Dec. 10, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for Leonard C. Burch Day.
Friday, Dec. 10, Ignacio K – 12 Public Schools for Cultural Celebrations Day.
Monday, Dec. 20 – Monday, Jan. 3, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy for Christmas break.
Monday, Dec 20 – Sunday, Jan. 2, Ignacio K – 12 Public Schools for Christmas break.





NEW EMPLOYEES



Veronica Lasater

Job title: Administrative assistant
Description of duties: Provides administrative support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Benefits Department.
Hobbies: Skiing, scrapbooking, spending time with husband, friends and animals.

Chane Rains

Job title: Police officer
Description of duties: Conduct police work on reservation land in an effort to suppress and prevent crime and protect the lives and property of citizens.



Red Willow Production Company Truck Auction

Red Willow Production Company will be having a truck auction Jan. 3 and 4, 2011. The 3rd will be open to tribal members only, and remaining trucks will be available for public bid on Jan. 4, 2011. Up for sale will be seven field trucks. The list will include, 2-2003 Ford four wheel drive one ton pickups with Syler beds, 4-2005 four wheel drive 1 ton Chevy Silverado's with RIKI utility beds, and 1-2006 four wheel drive 1 ton ford with a standard bed. These trucks will have a starting price of \$2000.00 all vehicles are sold "As is". All trucks are in running condition, one of the Chevy's has a bad seal on the transmission, and the 2006 ford has a short in the taillights. Trucks will be available for viewing at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Motor Pool starting Dec. 17. For information regarding this auction please call Julian Baker at 970-563-5275, Travis Taylor at 970-563-5274, or Mike Yocumat 970-563-5272.

TRIBAL MEMBERS, WE NEED YOU!

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum plans to open May 2011. The history and legacy of the Ute people will be told. The SUCCM is offering enrolled Southern Ute tribal members the opportunity to apply for the Tribal Member Consultant Program. The TMCP is looking for creative, imaginative and enthusiastic tribal members. Tribal consultants (TCs) will share their Ute culture, traditions and heritage knowledge and experiences as cultural ambassadors who represent the Tribe for everyone from young children to visitors from around the world! All qualified and selected TCs will earn an hourly wage.

Tribal consultants will widely learn to:

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

The Tribal Member Consultant Program requires you to:

- 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.

If you are interested or have questions regarding the Tribal Member Consultant Program, visit the SUCCM or call Lisa R. Burch, tribal consultant and volunteer coordinator, at 970-563-9583.

Come and join the circle...



Dancing Spirit's 1st Annual Fill Your Bowl for Art



Friday December 3rd from 6-9pm
640 Goddard Ave, Ignacio

Adults \$15 includes your choice of an original pottery bowl created by Dancing Spirit artists, plus soup, bread and treats.
Children (12 and under) \$5, does not include pottery bowl.

A Dancing Spirit fund-raiser to support art classes and workshops for the community

Bring a food donation for Ignacio's Healthy Food Initiative and be entered in a drawing for an original work of art.

Gift idea: Add soup mix and crackers to your original bowl and it makes a thoughtful gift for college students and seniors

Advance tickets available at Dancing Spirit, Roots and Ignacio Floral on Goddard Ave in Ignacio, or call 970-563-4600

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM



SOUTHERN UTE
CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS FOCUS GROUP INVITATION

You have been invited to participate in a very important process in order to provide excellent Cultural Services at the new museum. Your opinions on a variety of issues will provide valuable information to develop various programs.

This process will support the on-going plans and steps to meet the needs of the membership, public and visitors. We encourage you to participate openly and honestly, please respect the opinions of other participants and allow others the opportunity to speak and voice their viewpoints.

When: December 8, 2010

Where: Chief Ignacio Room (LCB Building)
6:00 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.

~Refreshments will be served~

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!

Sunday Family Day!
11 am-4 pm
\$10 dollars (per person) all you can bowl up to two hours. Five persons per lane including shoes

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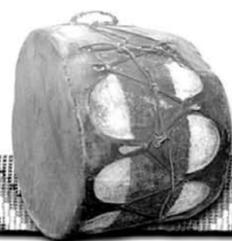
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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

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.

Pipeline Systems Operator II
Closing date 12/8/10 - Lumen Midstream Partnership Cheney, KS. Performing compressor, pipeline equipment and facility operations, maintenance and installation.

Land Records Assistant I
Closing date 12/13/10 - Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Maintains orderly and accurate land records files; and, scan, label and file hard copy land documents.

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.

Family Advocate
Closing date 12/13/10 - Southern Ute Montessori Head Start

High school/GED required. Experience working w/families/human services preferred. Full-time w/benefits. Must pass background checks.

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.

Gaming Investigator III
Closes 12/8/10 - Under the general supervision of the Chief Investigator, this is a senior level position responsible for supervision and oversight of subordinate officers within the Gaming Division. Incumbent Regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation.

and coordination of all functions and activities required to start a construction project and to oversee the project through completion.

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.

Construction Project Manager
Closes 12/13/10 - Under general supervision of the Construction and Project Management Department Director, assists in the management

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
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**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-187
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Jaela Rae Velasco, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo has filed an application for legal change of name, on behalf of Jaela Rae Velasco to be known hereafter as Jaela Lucinda Rae Porambo. 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 **January 10, 2011**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2010.
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-203
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Kirstin Lupe, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Kirstin Kateri Lupe has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kirstin Kateri Dee Howe. 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 **January 10, 2011**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 23rd day of November, 2010.
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-188
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Kylan Jacob Velasco, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Shelenia Porambo has filed an application for legal change of name, on behalf of Kylan Jacob Velasco to be known hereafter as Kylan Porambo. 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 **January 10, 2010**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2010.
Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-NC-173
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**
Anthony Ovalle, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Georgia Leon filed an application in behalf of **Anthony Ovalle** for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as **Anthony Manzanara Leon**. As of November 29, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Anthony Ovalle name shall be and is hereby legally changed to **Anthony Manzanara Leon**.
Dated this 30th day of November, 2010
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

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Prize: (1) One Cow Elk Tag

Actual hunt will be January 8 -16, 2011 (Sandoval)

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**On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
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**TWO Drawings: Friday December 31, 2010 at the annual
"Health & Wellness Powwow"**

Held at the Ignacio High School Gym in Ignacio, Colorado

***Need not be present to win *Winner will be contacted by phone on 01/04/2011**

TICKETS: \$5 a piece

Available at:
**Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy
Ignacio, Colorado**

For more information: Robert (Dude) Perry 970-563-0100 ext. 3264



**Tag's Courtesy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe &
Southern Ute Wildlife Division
Contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division (970) 563-0130
with any questions regarding the hunt**

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BURN THE RIGHT WOOD, THE RIGHT WAY, IN THE RIGHT WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCE

Did you know that by changing the way you burn wood you can save money, reduce air pollution and protect your health?

Here are a few simple tips to make your fire burn hotter, keep your wallet fatter and keep your local air cleaner and healthier.

Season all firewood. All firewood should be split, securely covered or stored, and aged for at least six months. Seasoned wood burns hotter, cuts fuel consumption and reduces the amount of smoke your appliance produces.

Choose the right firewood. Hardwoods are the best. Never burn trash or treated wood which can emit toxic air pollutants.

Start it right. Use only clean newspaper or dry kindling to start a fire. Never use gasoline, kerosene, charcoal starter, or a propane torch.

Don't let the fire smolder. Many people think they should let a fire smolder overnight. But reducing the air supply does little for heating and increases air pollution.

Clean ashes from your wood-burning appliance. Excess ashes can clog the air intake vents reducing efficiency. Be sure to dispose of ashes in a metal container away from the house or any flammable material to reduce the risk of fire.

Keep your chimney clean. A clean chimney provides good draft for your wood-burning appliance and reduces the risk of a chimney fire. Have a certified professional inspect your chimney once a year.

Be a good neighbor. Follow best practices for burning wood and always remember to comply with state and local codes.

Follow instructions. Operate your wood-burning appliance according to the manufacturer's instructions and follow all maintenance procedures.

Upgrade to cleaner equipment. EPA-certified wood stoves and fireplace inserts burn cleaner and burn wood more efficiently emitting less particle pollution than older models.

Size matters. Choose the right-sized appliance for your needs. If your wood-burning appliance is too big for your room or house, the fuel will smolder and create more air pollution.

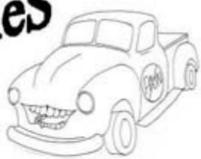


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Trying the Art of Tying



photos courtesy Jon Broholm/ Division of Wildlife



On Friday, Nov. 19, Buck Skillen of Trout Unlimited joined Mari Jo Owens and Shawna Steffler's Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy class to introduce students to the art of fly-tying. Each student had the opportunity to tie a couple of flies. The activity was a hit, with several students saying they wanted to get their own tying kits and begin tying flies on their own. The class is participating in the Fish in the Classroom Program, which is sponsored by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division. The students are raising rainbow trout in an aquarium in the classroom and doing other related activities involving science, math, art and outdoor recreation.

New Ute Mountain Chairman Visits Ignacio

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Newly elected Chairman Gary Hayes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe stopped by the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Nov. 30 to learn what life is like for members of his tribe on the Southern Ute Reservation.

Hayes, who took over for long-time Chairman Ernest House Sr. in an October election, said he plans to make the trip to Ignacio quarterly to address concerns and encourage greater communication between the two tribes on matters of mutual interest.

"You guys are the shareholders," he said to the room of about 20 people. "We need to let you know what's happening."

Hayes, who will represent his tribe alongside the Southern and Northern Utes on the Tri-Ute Council, said he's been looking



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

"You guys are the shareholders. We need to let you know what's happening."

- Gary Hayes, Ute Mountain Ute chairman

Gary Hayes, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's newly elected chairman, met with Ignacio community members, including Ute Mountain Ute tribal members, during a visit to the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Nov. 30. Hayes said he's studying various business opportunities in hopes of finding success like the Southern Utes.

into business opportunities to bring the Ute Mountain Utes in line with the Southern Utes in terms of return on investment. He said the Southern Ute Indian Tribe typically sees a return of around 15 percent, compared with less than 1 percent the way the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe cur-

rently handles its money.

Hayes said his tribe, like the Southern Utes, is exploring various prospects in the energy field.

Some Ute Mountain Utes asked Hayes whether he could improve services and benefits offered to tribal members living here. They

named senior care, utility payments, roadside assistance and payroll advances as just a few of the things offered to tribal members in Towaoc that are handled differently here. Hayes said he would work with Southern Ute leaders to see whether those requests could be answered.

Legal Notice

If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA, You Could Receive Benefits from a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.

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.

For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 www.IndianFarmClass.com