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Southern Ute Tribe rings in spring with traditional Bear Dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



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Young and old ones alike dance during final afternoon of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's 2012 Bear Dance on Monday, May 28. The annual spring celebration, which takes place each Memorial Day weekend at the Bear Dance Grounds east of the tribal campus, is a women's choice dance that invites people of all ages to participate.

For more photos, see page 13.

BALD EAGLE RELEASE

Wounded in December, eagle flies again

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A bald eagle that was grounded by serious injuries last December is back in the skies over the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Her story started on Christmas Eve, when she arrived in bad shape at the Durango Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. An examination showed cuts on her face,

bruising under her feathers, and — most critically — a broken clavicle, or collarbone, said founder Carole Withers.

“She’s a really tough chick,” said Withers, who said the injuries could have been caused by a glancing blow from an automobile.

The bird, affectionately nicknamed Michelle Obama, spent two months in a hospital room. Her injuries pre-

vented her from feeding herself, so Withers used a pole to feed her elk backstrap and other food comprising a raptor’s normal diet.

Eventually, she was well enough to practice moving around in a 100-foot-long aviary. When she didn’t feel like flying, the staff would make a ruckus on the ground to prompt her.

Withers has rehabilitated many birds for the tribe and others, but said this patient was among the best.

“I’ve never had a more rewarding experience, because I had to feed her,” she said. “She started to greet me, cluck at me when I came in. I could actually tell the difference in her vocalizations.”

But it’s not necessarily true that the bird viewed Withers as a friend, she said. While humans tend to interpret such relationships as meaningful bonds, the bird probably only tolerated her because she had no other means of finding food.

And just as mealtime was a critical part of the recovery process, it also heralded its end. When the eagle would no longer eat in front of Withers — experience suggests animals feel most vul-



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

After five months of rehabilitation for a broken clavicle and other injuries, a bald eagle springs from the cardboard box held by Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division Head Steve Whiteman.

nerable when eating — it was time to call the tribe and schedule a release.

A small group of tribal members and employees were present for the occasion, which took place on a sunny slope near Bondad Hill overlooking the Florida River. As the bird waited silently in the cardboard box used to transport it, tribal elder Alden Naranjo offered a traditional blessing.

The eagle didn’t wait around long after Steve Whiteman, head of the tribe’s Wildlife Resource Management Division, then opened the box. She beat her wings a few forceful times and glided into the wind, disappearing quickly around the corner of a copse of trees.

Watching soundlessly, her arms crossed at the wrists over her heart, Withers’ eyes welled with tears of pride.

“She’s been a thrill for me,” she later said. “I’ve really enjoyed her and she’s beautiful.”

On the hike back to the cars, Naranjo quietly reflected.

“She was ready,” he said with a nod.

It’s just a matter of time now as she reacquaints herself with her 50-square-mile home range, Withers said.

“She’ll find where she needs to go.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Carole Withers, founder of the Durango Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, discusses how she fed the injured eagle until she could eat again on her own.

Remembering our warriors

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Veterans Association honored men and women who have served in the armed forces with a Day of Remembrance ceremony and procession on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The procession, which started at the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, ended with closing ceremonies at the Ouray Cemetery.

For more photos, see page 17.

The tassel’s worth the hassle

Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Angel Ortiz hugs Ignacio High School Principal Melanie Taylor during the school’s graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 26. Strong winds couldn’t thwart the graduates, who were in high spirits.

For more photos, see page 6.



NEWS IN BRIEF

IGNACIO

CASINO TO HOST FISH AND WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

The 27th annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's Southwest Regional Conference will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, July 24-26. This year's conference theme is "Honoring Mother Earth, Preserving Our Native Teachings, Adapting for the Future." Registration is on-site only and is \$175. Hotel rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$112 per night; to reserve, call 970-563-7777 or 888-842-4180. For more information, call Norman Jojola at 505-753-1451 or Joe Jojola at 505-563-3408.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

No special distribution approved

Media release

SOUTHERN UTE
INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has received a number of questions about the possibility and timing of a special distribution or payment to the tribal membership.

We are issuing this statement to make clear that, as of today: The Tribal Council has not approved any special distribution or payment.

We continue to work toward finalizing the settlement of ongoing issues with the reporting and associated payment of on-reservation oil and gas royalties; however, the finalization of these issues is presently out of our hands and depends on the actions of others.

Therefore, we have no definitive timeframe for when these actions may occur.

If and when we approve any special distribution or

payment, we will notify the tribal membership. Unless and until you receive such notice from us, no such distribution or payment has been authorized by the Tribal Council.

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of certain tribal members who had questions about this issue and contacted us for clarification. Please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council with any questions at 970-563-0100.

MANY MOONS AGO



10 years ago

Jimmy R. Newton/SU Drum archive

Transitioning students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy thank their supporters. This photo first appeared in the May 31, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



20 years ago

SU Drum archive

These warriors helped dedicate the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. This photo first appeared in the May 30, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



30 years ago

SU Drum archive

The Ignacio High School Indian Club's new officers for the 1982-83 school year were Max Martinez, president; Edward Box, brave; Samantha Pinnecoose, princess; Muriel Borst, reporter; and Cheryl Frost, song and recreation director. Missing from the picture was Freda Pinnecoose, vice president; and Lorelei Cloud, secretary-treasurer. This photo first appeared in the June 4, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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Dancing Spirit hosts art show



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

A pair of Southern Ute artists showcased their work on Friday, May 25 at the Dancing Spirit Co-op Gallery in downtown Ignacio in a show called “Waa Nuu Mamachiu,” or “Two Ute Women.” Arlene Millich presented watercolor, acrylic and pastel paintings. Her work carries names such as “Cool Bear Dance” and “The Lovers.” Co-exhibitor Charise Hunter presented her framed photography of sunsets and nature scenes. Hunter said she’s inspired by nature and hopes her pictures evoke feelings among viewers.

UTE LANGUAGE

This is your language

'ícha'ara muni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

8. Ute adjectives

In terms of their meaning, Ute adjectives tend to code durable physical qualities of concrete nouns, qualities such as color, size, shape, hardness, etc. But exceptions to this rule can be found. Many adjectives are derived from verbs by various means; and many qualities coded as adjectives in English are expressed by verbs in Ute, as in:

naghami-	‘be sick’	súpiyawí-	‘be lazy’	pachaaqho-	‘be dry’
kuma-c'a-	‘be different’	katuruuchi-	‘be hot’	tavasi-	‘be dry’
siya'i-	‘be cold’	súti'i-	‘be cold’	suwaa-	‘be happy’
súpu-r'a-	‘be cold’	'agho-	‘be thick’	naay'a-	‘be angry’
tumuuta-	‘be thick’	cháagha-	‘be thin’	nasetaay-'a-	‘be sad’

In terms of their syntax, Ute adjectives, much like their English counterparts, fit in two main slots. First, as the main **predicate** in the clause, with or without the verb ‘be,’ as in:

'ína	kava	sá-gha-rú-mú	(ura-'ay)
this/S	horse/S	white-have-NOM-AN	be-IMM
‘This horse is white’			

And second, as a **modifier** of the noun within the noun phrase. In this slot, the full form of the adjective is used when it follows the noun, as in:

'ú	kava	sá-gha-rú-mú	qháaru-kwa-puga
that/S	horse/S	white-have-NOM-AN/S	run-go-REM
‘That white horse ran away’			

But Ute adjectives may also precedes the noun, in which case the adjective **stem**, without its various suffixes, is attached before the noun stem, forming a complex single word, as in:

'ína	sá-gava	ka-'ay-wa-tú-mú
this/S	white-horse/S	NEG-good-NEG-NOM-AN
‘This white horse is no good’		

In terms of their internal structure (morphology), Ute adjectives are much more complex than their English counterparts. The most typical adjectives in Ute denote **colors**; in such words, the adjective stem is followed by the suffix **-ga/-ka**, which in turn is followed by the suffix **-tu/-ru**. These adjectives come in three forms: (a) inanimate; (b) animate-singular with the added suffix **-mú**; and (c) animate-plural, with the added plural suffix **-ka** following the original **-ga/-ka**. Thus compare:

inanimate	animate-SG	animate-PL	gloss
sá-gha-rú	sá-gha-rú-mú	sá-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘white’
túu-kwa-rú	túu-kwa-rú-mú	túu-kwa-gha-tú-mú	‘black’
'aka-gha-rú	'aka-gha-rú-mú	'aqa-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘red’
saghwa-gha-rú	saghwa-gha-rú-mú	saghwa-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘blue/green’
'oto-qwa-rú	'oto-qwa-rú-mú	'oto-qwa-tú-mú	‘brown’
'oa-qa-rú	'oa-qa-rú-mú	'oa-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘yellow’
sí-gya-rú	sí-gya-rú-mú	sí-gya-gha-tú-mú	‘grey’
súti-gya-rú	súti-gya-rú-mú	súti-ga-gha-tú-mú	‘sorrel’
sái-gya-rú	sái-gya-rú-mú	sái-gya-gha-tú-mú	‘roan’
pana-qa-rú	pana-qa-rú-mú	pana-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘shining’

While color is the most common meaning of Ute adjectives, several other senses also fall into this word-class, such as:

inanimate	animate-SG	animate-PL	gloss
'áa-gha-rú	'áa-gha-rú-mú	'áa-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘new’
cháa-gha-rú	cháa-gha-rú-mú	cháa-gha-qa-tú-mú	‘thin’
tuu-gwa-rú	tuu-gwa-rú-mú	tuu-gwa-gha-tú-mú	‘aggressive’
sigu-ka-rú	sigu-ka-rú-mú	sigu-kha-qa-tú-mú	‘sour’
payu-gwa-rú	payu-gwa-rú-mú	payu-gwa-gha-tú-mú	‘soft’

Some adjective-like noun modifiers are derived in Ute from verbs, by adding the suffix **-tu**, as in:

	adjective		
source verb	inanimate	animate-SG	animate-PL
'agho- ‘be thick’	'agho-tú	'agho-tú-mú	'agho-qwa-tú-mú
súpiyawí- ‘be lazy’	–	súpiyawí-tú	súpiyawí-kya-tú-mú
tavasi- ‘be dry’	tavasi-tú	tavasi-tú-mú	tavasi-kya-tú-mú
súti'i- ‘be cold’	súti'i-tú	súti'i-tú-mú	súti'i-kya-tú-mú
naay'a- ‘be angry’	–	naay'a-tú	naay-'a-gha-tú-mú
'ava- (?)	'ava-tú ‘big’	'ava-tú-mú	'áva-tú-mú

And a few adjectives display different, equally complex, structural patterns, as in:

inanimate	animate-SG	animate-PL	gloss
míi-pu-chí	míi-pu-chi-u	míi-mí-pu-chi-u	‘small’
'iya-pu-ni	'iya-pu-u-ni	'iya-pu-u-kway-ni	‘ugly’
na'a-waa-pu-ni	na'a-waa-pu-u-ni	na'a-waa-pu-u-kway-ni	‘pretty’
na'a-waa-pu-chi-ni	na'a-waa-pu-chi-u-ni	na'a-waa-pu-chi-u-kway-ni	‘beautiful’

Finally, when a modifying adjective follows the noun, it must express the same subject or object form as the noun it modifies. Thus compare:

Subject form:				
'ícha	kava	sá-gha-rú-mú	ka-'áy-wa-tú-mú	(ura-'ay)
this/S	horse/S	white-have-NOM-AN/S	NEG-good-NEG-NOM	be-IMM
‘That white horse ran away’				
Object form:				
'ichay	kava-yi	sá-gha-rú-mú	púnikya-y	
this/O	horse-O	white-have-NOM-AN/O	see-IMM	
‘I see that white horse’				

In the next column, we will begin to deal with Ute verbs.

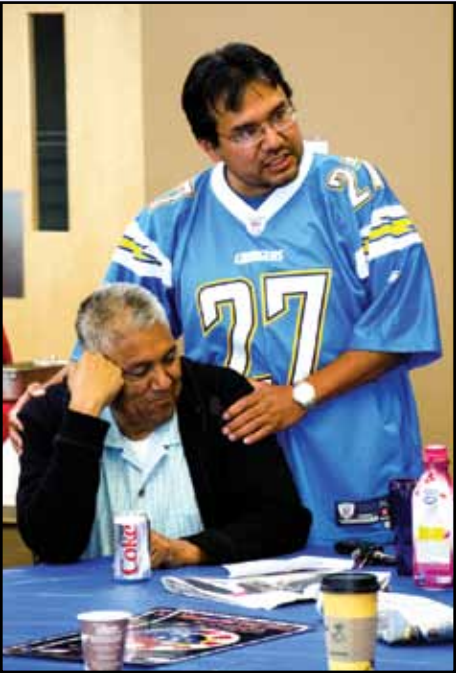
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Many family trees form a Grove



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Grove family gathered at the Southern Ute Multi-purpose Facility on Saturday, May 26. Travelling in from both east and west, individual family members introduced themselves to each other, some for the first time.



Lynda Grove-D'Wolf sits with a younger family member, explaining their connection as it is illustrated on paper in the family tree.

Generations came together to reminisce during the Grove family reunion.

Powwow Trails

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EDUCATION UPDATE

EDUCATION ANNOUNCES GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: June 1, July 13 and Aug. 3. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. 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. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

EDUCATION ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The Southern Ute Education Dept. would also like to announce that the deadline for Full Time scholarship requests for the 2012-2013 academic school year will be July 2 at 5 p.m. Incomplete or late applications WILL NOT be considered for full time. NO EXCEPTIONS!



KIDNEY CORNER

What is a kidney stone?

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

Kidney stones form when crystals of various types grow in the urine.

Kidney stones occur in about 12 percent of men and 5 percent of women by age 70. Recent data suggests that kidney stones are becoming more frequent, possibly due to an increasing incidence of obesity.

Urine is frequently “supersaturated,” meaning that the salts in urine are present in a concentration that tends to result in crystal formation. Under normal circumstances, chemical inhibitors secreted by the kidneys help prevent stones from forming.

These inhibitors may be deficient in patients who form stones. As might be expected, stones have a greater tendency to form in highly concentrated urine.

So the most important treatment and preventive measure for patients who have a tendency to form stones is to ensure a high fluid intake. Drinking more water is certainly one of the most simple treatments

available in medicine!

Stones may exist in the collecting system of the kidney for some time before they become symptomatic. If they move into the ureter (the tube which connects the kidney to the bladder), the ureter usually goes into spasm in an attempt to expel the stone, and this can result in excruciating pain. The pain is characteristically “colicky,” meaning that the pain is severe and occurs in episodes followed by relative relief of pain, only to be followed by the pain again after a short time.

Once this renal colic occurs, there is usually little to do except provide pain relief and wait for the stone to pass. In the majority of cases, it will be expelled in the urine on its own.

Occasionally, a stone is too big to spontaneously pass into the urine and a surgical procedure is needed to enable the stone to be passed into the bladder. This can usually be done by ureteroscopy, in which a fiberoptic tube is passed up into the ureter from the bladder to capture the stone and pull it down.

A kidney that has been obstructed by a stone usually subsequently recovers function.

Having gone through the agony of passing a stone once, most stone formers are interested in measures to prevent this ordeal from happening again. Stone prevention always involves maintaining a high fluid intake, as mentioned above.

Calcium excretion in the urine is also dependent on sodium intake, so sodium (common salt) restriction is important to limit calcium stone formation.

Sometimes, medications can be used to decrease the amount of calcium excreted in the urine. A minority of stones are not composed of calcium, and different medications are needed in this patient population.

A careful workup is necessary to determine what kind of stone was formed in the first place. This can be done by capturing a stone when it’s passed from the bladder, or, if this is not possible, sometimes urine studies can indicate the cause of the stone formation.

Fathers’ Voices honors graduate



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Fathers’ Voices honored recent graduate Nicholas Weaver on his completion of the 12-week class of the Fatherhood is Sacred program at the Southern Ute Detention Center on Thursday, May 24. The program’s vision is for fathers to become responsible for “creating a safe and happy home” for their families. Weaver is pictured with his parents, Renee and Johnny Weaver.

Blood drive for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Leonard C. Burch Building - Buckskin Charlie Room
356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio
June 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All donors will be eligible for 1/2 day of administrative leave. To schedule an appointment please contact Anna-Marie Garcia at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208 or amgarcia@southern-ute.nsn.us.

YOUR HEALTH

Elders get primer on tribal services

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Health issues remain a concern for a growing number of Southern Ute tribal elders as the cost of care increases.

The Tribal Health Department hosted a conference on Wednesday, May 23 at the tribe’s Multi-purpose Facility to address some of those issues. Sharon Wing, a community health representative with the Health Services Division, organized the conference.

Director Tom Duran invited the tribe’s elders to share their accumulated wisdom with him to come up with comprehensive solutions.

“Help me, as a director, lead the tribe forward,” he said during his opening remarks.

Duran discussed how elders gain wisdom through life experiences and the importance of sharing it with the next generation.

“It’s critical you share while you’re on this earth,” he said. “Help us remember

where we came from. We are connected, as people, beyond blood.”

Science is only part of the equation in medicine, Duran said. To product the best results, he said, “we need spirituality.”

Dr. Kevin English, director of the Albuquerque Area Southwest Tribal Epidemiology Center, was joined by Southern Ute Community Health Representative Gloria Casias-Mounts in a discussion of colorectal health and the importance of regular checkups and tests.

The best way to ward off health problems, including heart disease, is to maintain a healthy lifestyle in the first place, English said.

“Prevention starts with the children,” he said.

Dr. Bridget Walsh of the Southern Ute Health Center briefly demonstrated how she lost weight simply by using household and inexpensive items.

From the Social Services Division, Child Care Coordinator Evangeline Gray, Case



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Elders gathered for a photo opportunity during the lunch break of the third annual Elders Health Education Conference, which took place at the Multi-purpose Facility on Wednesday, May 23. The conference was organized by the Southern Ute Health Services Division and provided information on health care for the elderly.

Worker Rafaela Clay and Case Worker Apprentice Michelle Olguin discussed prevention of elder abuse in the home, including how to recognize its signs and what to do.

A four-person panel also discussed home health options. Panelists Tamara Jessup of Quality Home Health Care Services, Michelle Appenzeller of Mercy Home Health, Michelle Smith of Visiting Angels of Pagosa Springs, and Yvette Tanner of PASCO/SW gave brief introductions to the elders’ services their respective groups offer.

Claudette Watts, a fitness trainer with the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program, gave a physical activity demonstration.

Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairman Bradley Hight and Councilman Davis Wing also attended. Hight recognized a pair of Ute Mountain Ute elders, Ira Cuthair and Stella Eyetoo, and emphasized the importance of taking care of one’s body.

“This is our church,” he said.

HONORING LONGTIME HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie honored elder Shirley Frost with

a blanket for her many years of dedicated service in the health field. Frost worked for more than 25 years with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Southern Ute Health Center.

“Did I really do all this?” Frost said. “Taking care of my people, my relatives and my parents? I didn’t think much of it; I just did it.”

Newton gave an appreciative nod to all elders.

“Us young people, as leaders, have big boots to fill,” he said. “Our elders have gone through their tri-

als and tribulations, the good times and bad, creating their way of life as their elders taught them.”

Fellow employees also honored Southern Ute Health Services Manager Mirelle Begay with a blanket for her dedication and improvements she’s made to the program. Begay will be leaving her post and returning to Albuquerque.

Southern Ute department directors closed out the conference by offering information on services available to elders. Dale White, director

of Tribal Services, discussed transportation and travel help for elders through the Elder Services Division, emergency funds through the Emergency Family Services Division, and employment help for disabled elders through the Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box began the morning’s event with an opening prayer and a Bear Dance song. Drum group 12 Gauge sang a flag song and an honor song for the elders in attendance.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Shirley Frost was honored during the Elders Health Educations Conference for her many years of dedicated service in the health field. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. and Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie (left) presented Frost with a blanket.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal elders enjoyed each other’s company and shared laughs while learning about health care options during their elder years.



Derby reels in crowds



Southern Ute tribal member Tim Ryder casts a line in hopes of catching one of many fish tagged during the derby.



Cesar Corona, Zane Olguin, Lakota Two Crow and a sunfish.



Travis Nanaeto and children Jonas and Avaleena enjoy a day of fishing at Scott's Pond.



An osprey shows everyone at Scott's Pond how it's done.

Novice fishermen and professionals - well, in their own minds - took advantage of the free fishing derby sponsored by the SunUte Community Center at Scott's Pond on Saturday, May 19. The derby drew more than 50 people all hoping to catch a prize fish.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Jeremy Carmonaros holds the fish he and his family caught.



Two plus one equals three: a family of turtles sunbathing.

Fishing Derby

at Scott's Pond Open until Sept. 24th, 2012

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EXAMPLE OF THE TAG.
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Come on Ignacio: 'Just Move It'



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Bison family and Neida Ray get their legs moving. Promoting a healthy lifestyle, Southern Ute tribal members and community members walked side-by-side during the annual 'Just Move It' walk. The four-mile walk began at the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field and continued along Bear Dance Road to the Ouray Cemetery and back. The Dine nation began the "Just Move It" program.



Followers of the 19th annual "Just Move It" program, based out of Shiprock, N.M., take many opportunities to walk in different communities.

Leora Lucero (wearing No. 2247) and Tammie Begay decide to turn it up a notch and run portions of the four-mile "walk."



Southern Ute and JOM graduates



Morgann Box*
Bayfield High School



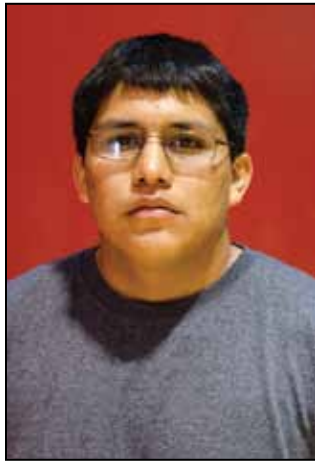
Kelsey Frost*
Ignacio High School



Steven Howell
Ignacio High School



Rylie Jefferson*
Ignacio High School



Philman Lopez*
Ignacio High School



Deanna Martinez
Ignacio High School



Derrick Naranjo*
Ignacio High School



Shailyn Olguin*
Ignacio High School



Angel Ortiz*
Ignacio High School



Alex Pena*
Ignacio High School



Kashina Perry
Ignacio High School



Nakwihi Perry
Ignacio High School



Nicholas Santistevan*
Ignacio High School



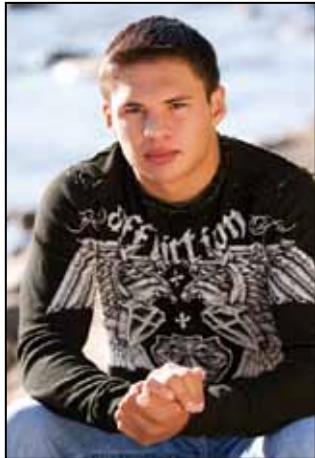
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Ignacio High School



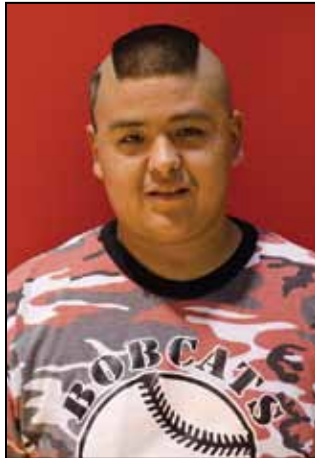
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Ignacio High School



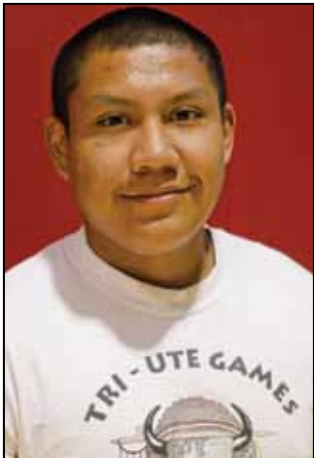
Natelle Thompson*
Ignacio High School



Aaron Velasquez
Bayfield High School



Jessie Vigil*
Ignacio High School



Xavier Watts-Hight*
Ignacio High School



Jerrna Weaver*
Ignacio High School



Krista Weaver*
Ignacio High School



Dalton Wilhelm*
Bayfield High School



Tyler Young*
Ignacio High School

Graduates not pictured

Ashley Baker*
St. Bonaventure High School
(Oxnard, CA)

Maranda Frost*
Arlee High School
(Arlee, MT)

William Frost*
Arlee High School
(Arlee, MT)

David Latham*
Durango High School
(Durango, CO)

*Southern Ute tribal members

Ignacio photos Jeremy Wade Shockley & Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum
Bayfield photos courtesy/Pine River Times

Baccalaureate honors students



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member and Ignacio High School graduate Riley Jefferson gives introductions during the baccalaureate dinner held for graduating students and their families in the school's gym on Friday, May 25. Jefferson was among several students awarded scholarships. A student slideshow, live music performance and dinner were among the many highlights.

Grads thank teachers, parents



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Kelsey Frost shakes hands with administrators during the Ignacio High School graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 26 on the school's football field. Students also took flowers into the audience during the event to thank family members and friends who helped them through high school.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Grads Jeffrey Herrera and Tyler Young share a high-five during the ceremony.

The Southern Ute Drum
wishes to congratulate
all graduates of the class of 2012!



Academy celebrates transitioning students



Director Carol Baker Olguin and Upper Elementary Guide Mari Jo Owens conducted the ceremony and presented certificates to each transitioning student.



Southern Ute Air Quality Analyst Chris Ellis presents student Lakota TwoCrows with a certificate of appreciation and weather equipment for taking care of some of the tribe's weather gear at the school and sending out regular reports.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted its annual transition ceremony on Thursday, May 14 in the SunUte Community Center. The ceremony honors all students transitioning to higher levels within the academy or to other schools.

Photos by Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum



The Southern Ute Veterans Association carries in flags to start the transition ceremony.



A group of students present copies of a photograph of an eagle as part of a class project.

Transitioning students

Upper Elementary

Jordan Camenoros
Seranden Frost
Avionne Gomez
Freedom Hunter
Mamakwa Valdez

Lower Elementary

Peyton Baker
Jawadin Corona
Eboney Gomez
Camron Heintz
Nathaniel Howe
Jazmin Puerto

Primary

Terena Hight
Kaycee Jefferson
Tatum Lang
Vincent Naranjo
Jaela Velasco

Toddlers

Jaelyn Alston
Tarah Baker
Nathaniel Baker-Valdez
Lorenzo Cook
Samantha Elk
River Red Griffin
Shannon Howell
Riley Lang
Leandra Litz
John Oberly III
Peyton Pierre-Louis
Cherish Price
Armando Richards
Miguel Rodriguez
Kieley WhiteThunder

Infants

Deyton Aguilar
Keyon Alston
Kodi Rima
Paiten Tucson

Eddie Eagle teaches gun safety



courtesy Don Folsom/Southern Ute Police Dept.

The Southern Ute Police Department and the La Plata County Sheriff's Office brought the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Ignacio Elementary Schools in May. Eddie visited more than 275 students in Kindergarten through third grade, sharing a message of what to do when you see a gun: Stop, don't touch, leave the area, tell an adult.

Students let loose after transition



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Following the formal transition ceremony on the morning of Thursday, May 24, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students, faculty and staff let down their hair, so to speak, and celebrated in the form of a small-scale traditional powwow.



Green and black colors adorned the gym at the SunUte Community Center, having been chosen by a vote last year as the school's official colors.

The girls knew just what to do when the time came to dance.



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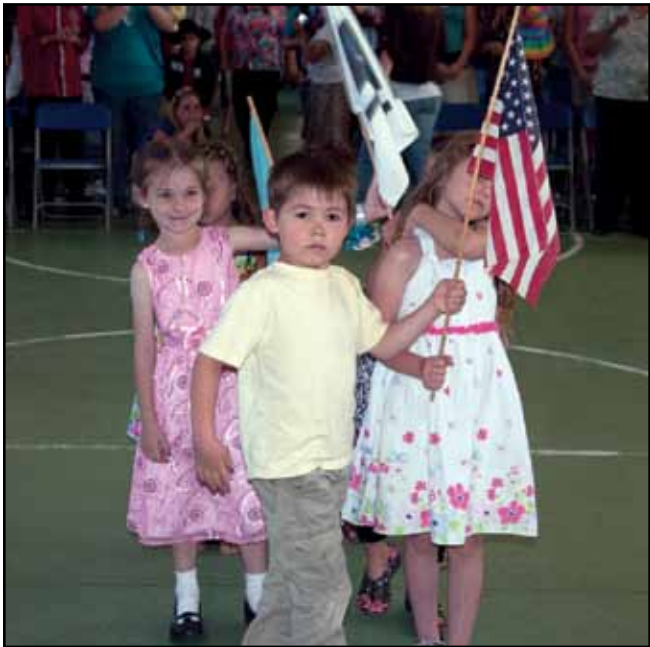
Head Start

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June 1, 2012



The “Young Bucks” drum group sang a round dance song as the graduates and teachers joined in to close the ceremony.



Students carry various flags during the beginning of graduation.

Youngest graduates take the stage



Southern Ute Royalty members shake hands to congratulate students.

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start proudly honored its graduates during a graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 24. Parents, friends and family packed the gym to share in the children’s proud moment.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



The Southern Ute tribal flag is posted.



Students perform “The More We Get Together.”



Kathleen Taylor of Classroom Four.



Nathan Crews Mosher of Classroom Two.

Pig roast benefits school fund



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Schank House Bar & Grill hosted a pig roast on Sunday, May 20 at Vallecito Lake to raise funds for Southern Ute Community Action Programs’ childcare facility fund. Head Start Director and proprietor Char Schank helped served food to the supporters who attended the weekend event. \$1,600 were raised.



Head Start Education Coordinator Melanie Brunson and her family made a weekend outing to Vallecito Lake to partake in the fundraiser.

Guitarist, singer, songwriter and teacher Pete Giuliani gave a live music performance under clear skies during Sunday’s pig roast.

CAMP VENTURE 2012

When - June 24th-June 29th

Ages - 6th grade -12th grade

Where - Southern Ute Youth Camp Grounds

Fee - \$50.00 for the entire week. Scholarships will be available at the Tribal Education department 970-563-0235 contact Julie Stone. Any questions please contact Zach B Youth Services @ 970-563-4127 or Crystal T. SUPD @ 563-0246 ext. 3317.

Registration packets will be available at:

- SUCAP
- SUIT Boys and Girls Club
- Teen Center
- SunUte
- So. Ute Education Center
- SUPD

Registration packets are DUE @ SUCAP Admin by June 18th, 5 PM!!





FLOYD SCHOLARSHIP

7th-grader Cameron wins 28th annual award

By Christopher R. Rizzo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Cameron Weaver was the recipient in a Friday, May 25 ceremony of the Elbert J. Floyd Award, given annually to a promising young tribal-member student.

Weaver, a seventh-grade student at Ignacio Junior High School and the son of Tammie Begay and Brian Weaver, accepted a \$500 check in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chambers from Glen Allen, Floyd's grandson. The family has recognized one student each year since Floyd's passing in 1985 in honor of

his longtime relationship with the tribe.

Nominating Weaver for the award was Julie Stone, public education teacher/tutor for the tribe's Education Department. In her nomination letter, Stone lauded Weaver for his work ethic and positive attitude.

"Cameron is not only academically inclined, he is also a very well-respected person amongst his peers," she wrote. "Cameron is a bright, eager, enthusiastic individual who is well deserving of this nomination. It is my hope that he continues to be recognized for his hard work and efforts as

well as his positive outlook on life."

Weaver also took part in basketball, wrestling and track and appeared on the school's honor roll.

Several members of the Floyd family were present for the event. Allen shared a story about the first time his grandfather brought him to his first Bear Dance. His brother, Robert Allen, presented a Pueblo fetish to each council member.

In return, Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. gave the family a small collection of gifts bearing the tribal seal.

Last year's award went to Marisa Carmenoros.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

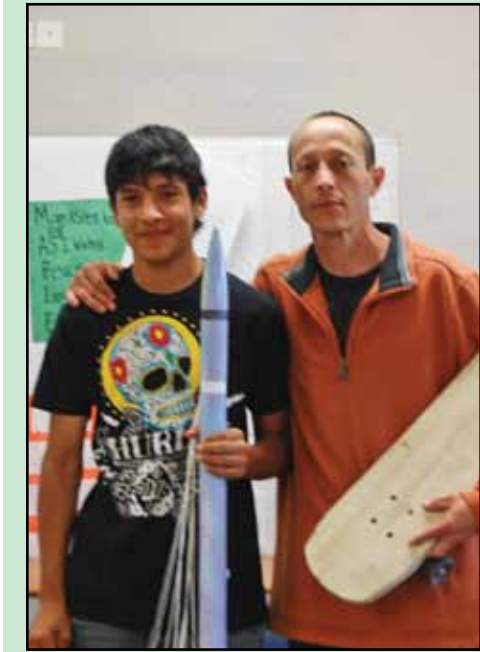
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. poses for a photo with tribal member Cameron Weaver, Floyd family member Glen Allen, and Councilman Aaron V. Torres during an event in Council Chambers in which Weaver, an Ignacio Junior High student, was awarded the annual Elbert J. Floyd scholarship.

Eight-graders give presentations



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Ignacio Junior High School's outgoing eighth-grade students spent much of late May giving presentations to a committee of teachers, counselors and Principal Chris deKay about what they learned during their last year before entering high school. DeKay asked each student what inspires them to do well. In response, each had something positive to say about their teachers, fellow students and family members.



Each student took a turn presenting their portfolio. Next year, the class enters Ignacio High School.

Daniel Rosa poses for a photo with his father.

Ignacio Junior High School Southern Ute and JOM 8th-graders

Ultima Baker*	Rebekah Powell
Eric Bean*	Ellie Seibel*
Selena Cook*	Gibran Silva*
Adelle Hight*	Anthony Suina*
Chasity James	Courtney Wilson-Baker
Shayna Johnson	
Sage Medicine Blanket*	

* Southern Ute tribal members

Students launch rocket projects



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Ignacio Junior High School woodshop students launch rockets they'd built from the Ignacio High football field on Thursday, May 24.

Tri-Ute Knowledge Bowl

**GRADES 6-12
SIGN UP TODAY**

**TRIBAL MEMBERS
AND DESCENDANTS**

THIS FALL SHOW US YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE UTE TRIBE AND CULTURE. JOIN THE TRI-UTE KNOWLEDGE BOWL AND COMPETE WITH OUR SISTER UTE TRIBES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP CONTACT THE SOUTHERN UTE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BY JUNE 11TH 2012. (970) 563-0237. ASK FOR MICHAEL KIRSCH, JULIE STONE, OR RENEE WEAVER.

STUDY SESSIONS AND ORIENTATION JUNE 14TH & 15TH



Summer Computer Build this June

**For Southern Ute, JOM, & Descendant
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Keep the Computer You Build!



Date: 06/20/12-06/22/12
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Where: Southern Ute Department of Education Building
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Join us this summer to build real working computers and learn the importance of continuing your math and science education.

Space is limited so register soon.
Only 10 spots available.

Contact: Michael Kirsch (970) 563-0237 ext. 2795 for registration information. Please leave a message if no one is available



Field Day

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June 1, 2012



Girls do it better: Sprinting towards the finish line, Ignacio's young women give the boys a run for their money.



Pair up, tie your legs together, and run... well, try, anyway.



Torraca runs, leaps and bounds.

Ignacio Intermediate School Southern Ute and JOM 6th-graders

Dylon Analla
Chasity Bean*
Shane Begaye
Wren Bourriague
Kayden Box*
Christopher Cloud*
Natoni Cundiff
Julius Cuthair*
Caitlin Garcia
Carlos Herrera*
Ryanna Johnson
Allisiann Marquez-
Baker*

Jurney Martinez*
Namecien Oberly*
Kruz Pardo*
Rhai Price
Maya Rock*
Issac Suina*
Joseph Vigil*
Daniel Weaver*
Carlos Whiteman*

* Southern Ute
tribal members

Fields of fun

Students of the Ignacio Intermediate School swarmed Ignacio High School's fields during their annual field day Thursday, May 24. They relished the opportunity for one last bit of friendly competition before closing out the school year. The event took place under bright, sunny skies and in cool breezes as determined kids ran, jumped, hopped and flew to be the first across the finish line.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Oscar Cosio gives instruction on proper baton handling during the relay race.



Roll, roll, roll your tires, but first jump a bale of hay and crawl under an obstacle.

2012 TRI-UTE GAMES

When: July 24th - 27th, 2012

Where: Towaoc, Co

Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Swimming, Cross Country, Ultimate Warrior (Triathlon), Skateboard, Hand Game

Who: Enrolled Tribal members and Tribal Descendants

Age Groups: 9-18

The purpose of the games is to come together so our children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Northern Ute, Southern Ute, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes.

For more information please contact the SunUte Recreation Department.

(970)563-0214

Coaches/ Volunteers needed





IGNACIO ELEMENTARY

‘Secret Garden’ teaches kids about health, stewardship

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Believe it or not, Samara Olguin says sweeping leaves from the flagstone patio is among her favorite activities in Ignacio Elementary School’s “Secret Garden.”

Started in 2002 by school faculty and community members, the garden shortly acquired its nickname due to its unique location within the interior of the school. The name is a reference to a much-loved children’s book.

Cindy Dale, who started as a physical education and health teacher at the school in 2007, saw it as an opportunity to provide an ideal setting for outdoor education. Dale was one of the primary drivers of the garden’s renewal and has been passionate about its growth and evolution.

“[It’s a] great place to teach nutrition and health,” she said.

Beginning each April, students plant seeds for germination. They sell the surplus



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A small tomato plant gets pressed into place by a student under the cheerful guidance of instructor Cindy Dale.

seedlings at 25 cents each, raising funds that in turn go back into the project. Back at school in the fall, they sell their goods at the school’s weekly farmers’ market, which is run by the third-grade students.

“We will start harvesting tomatoes, radishes, peas, green beans and lettuce,” Dale said. “Whatever the squirrel doesn’t get.”

Principal Karl Herr said the garden provides an invaluable complement to the school’s traditional curriculum.

“When I see the level of excitement from our kids and the connection, it’s about as real life as we can offer in our school,” he said. “Kids feel a sense of ownership. If we can help to develop that interest, I think that is a pretty powerful lesson.”

“It’s more than an education,” he added, “It’s a calming, peaceful place.”

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Several years ago, then-Southern Ute Tribal Court Chief Judge Elaine Newton awarded the program a health and wellness grant tied to drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free living. The money went purchase infrastructure and tools. The grant was renewed for a second time this past year.

In 2009, BP awarded the school an \$8,000 grant to build a greenhouse. The structure today serves as a centerpiece for the agricultural project.

The La Plata Electric Association awarded an additional \$2,000 for electricity.

Southern Ute tribal members Eddie Box Jr. and Shane Siebel also blessed the garden space following its renovation.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member D’Vondra Garcia unearths a handful of roly-polys while working inside the greenhouse.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students break into groups in the “Secret Garden.” While some work in the greenhouse, others choose to take care of the landscaping. Some sweep the courtyard while others rake leaves.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The spherical composter proves a universal hit among the students who roll it from one corner of the garden to another, mixing the contents inside as they go.

FUTURE OF THE GARDEN

The Ignacio Board of Education will be gauging interest in a relocation of the agricultural project, including the greenhouse structure, when the school makes the move to its new site in 2014. The Design Advisory Committee, which is working with the staff on design elements within the school, is look-

ing to provide as many features as possible in the new facility, including the garden.

Making healthy living choices is part of the school’s mission, according to Herr. One of his goals is to “incorporate some of the produce into our food curriculum.”

BP has also granted the school \$10,000 for a fresh-fruits-and-veggies program.

“This is where we start.

This is how we build a foundation for agricultural education, start by getting your hands dirty,” said Dale, who keeps the student program as hands-on as possible. She said the students must “learn to love to move, learn to love to grow. How can this be done without experiencing it?”

The message ultimately has to go home; what better way to do that than with a living vegetable plant?



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School health and fitness instructor Cindy Dale helps students plant seedlings during their last week of school.

The first step of many



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students sit patiently in their Sunday best during the spring transition ceremonies for Kindergarten.



In a group effort, students raise individual letters to spell out Kindergarten for the audience to close the transition ceremonies.

Adilyne Tallbird receives her diploma in front of family members and faculty at the Ignacio Elementary School on Wednesday, May 16.

SUIT Environmental Programs Presents
Discovery Camp 2012

Discovery Camp is open to kids going into grades 4th, 5th, and 6th and will be held June 11th through June 15th. Tribal Members receive preference but camp is open to all. Please contact Peter Diethrich at ext. 2238 or pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us for information and registration.





Gearing up for dry weather



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Red Willow Production Co. employees receive fire safety training from New Mexico-based Farmington Fire Equipment on Wednesday, May 23 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

Smoothing out the ride



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Road crews worked at the intersection of State Highway 151 and Buck Highway on Wednesday, May 23 to refinish the road surface as part of a joint effort between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. More than 33 miles of roadway between Ignacio and the intersection of 151 and U.S. Highway 160 near Lake Capote received a chip-seal treatment.

Club youth get Bear Dance basics



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box speaks with members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the SunUte Community Center on Wednesday, May 23 about the etiquette and meaning of the Bear Dance.



During the workshop, the boys wore traditional ribbon shirts and the girls fringed shawls.

Club kids learned that the tradition is a woman's choice dance, so men must be selected by the sway of a woman's shawl.

Box family awards scholarship



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The annual Box Scholarship was awarded to Ignacio youth Darrin Largerstorm at the home of Eddie Jr. and Betty Box on Monday, May 28. Largerstorm also received a Pendleton blanket in addition to the \$1,000 grant.

SUNUTE UPDATE

"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."

FIELD TRIPS

- June 1: Explore Mesa Verde – Trip to Mesa Verde. Ages 8-18. No fee.
- June 5: Lake Capote Fishing Field Trip – Trip to Lake Capote. Ages 8-18. No fee.
- June 7: Bowling & Movie Field Trip – Trip to Sky Ute Bowling Center and Durango Movie Theatre. Ages 8-18. \$10 fee, tribal members and descendants are free.
- June 8: Total Adventure Field Trip – Trip to Durango Mountain Resort. Ages 6-18. \$35 fee, an extra \$25 for bike rental. Tribal members and descendants are free.

FISHING CLUB

Kids will be introduced to outdoor ethics and the great pleasures of fishing on rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes. More information will be announced shortly.

SUNUTE ADVENTURE CLUB

Kids will have fun biking, hiking, rock climbing, and exploring the outdoors. Starting July 5 and will be held every Thursday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Last day of club is August 2. Ages 8-18. \$20 fee, tribal members are free.

ARCHERY CLUB

Still excepting sign ups!! Mondays and Wednesdays from drop off at 4:30pm and pick up no later than 6 p.m. No FEE.

GOECACHING CLUB

Fun way for kids to hike and learn how to use a GPS device to find hidden treasures and caches. Two sessions will be offered starting June 12 for 3 weeks. Session One will be every Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting June 12 and ending June 26. Session two will be every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting June 15 and ending June 29. Ages 8-14. \$30 fee, tribal members are free.

TRI-UTE GAMES

Now accepting participant and coach/chaperone registrations at SunUte front desk. Ages. 9-18. Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, Archery, Bowling, Swimming, Cross Country, Ultimate Warrior (triathlon), Skateboard, Hand Game. All enrolled members and descendants of the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, & Northern Ute Indian Tribes. Games will start July 24 and end on July 27 in Towaoc, Colorado.

TODAY'S SUPER HEROES ARE ASSET CHAMPIONS

Bruce Anderson
Taylor Anderson
Danielle Belmont
Eddie Box
Michael Breunig
Bobbie Briscoe
Herb Clark
Destiny Deavle
Stephen Dejka
Heidi Ann Doscher
Megan Farr
Lara Gage
Karla Gates
Kristy Gingerich
Laura Hager
Liz Hamilton
Ethan Harper

BAYFIELD Jan Strahan

DURANGO Cindi Wood

IGNACIO Crystal Rose Thompson

LATINO Seydie Coronado

NATIVE AMERICAN Clarence Smith

Amanda Harrison
Gordon Heinrich
Charise Hunter
Michael Jaramillo
Bobby Jimerfield
Beth LaShell
Robert E. Ledger
Neomi Lynn Jay
Kelly Nash
Lisette Ostrander
Mari Jo Owens
Mark Pommier
Ceasar William Sanchez
Lori Sanders
Becki Talbot
Gabe Tate
Chance Tojer

We asked La Plata County youth to nominate positive adult role models and are pleased to honor the winners and nominees for providing the relationships, opportunities and personal qualities that young people need in their lives.

Celebrating
COMMUNITY NORMS



The Southern Ute Drum presents

Southern Ute Bear Dance

SPECIAL EDITION



Bear Dance

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June 1, 2012



As the sun began to fade on Monday afternoon, a long line of dancers begins to fill the Bear Dance grounds for a last-chance dance.



Catman Shane Siebel watches as couples pair off.



The Southern Ute Bear Dance, an annual spring celebration, takes place each Memorial Day weekend at the Bear Dance Grounds east of the tribal campus. This year's event began Friday, May 25 and culminated in the traditional Bear Dance Feast on the afternoon of Monday, May 28. Perfect weather set the stage for long days of dancing for both the youthful and more seasoned dancers, who carried on well into the early evening. The Bear Dance closed with words and prayer from Bear Dance Chief Matthew J. Box.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (above) practice their Bear Dance songs on Monday afternoon.

Southern Ute elder Austin Box (far left), an avid dancer, takes a break in the shade.

Bear Dance Subchief Jake Ryder (left) speaks to the people, asking them to take care and enjoy themselves during the last few hours of springtime dancing.



Dixie Naranjo was among the spectators enjoying the sun at this year's Bear Dance.

Big meals bookend Bear Dance



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

On Monday, May 28, the Sky Ute Casino Resort catering staff helped serve traditional stew and frybread at the Bear Dance Grounds during the last day of dancing.

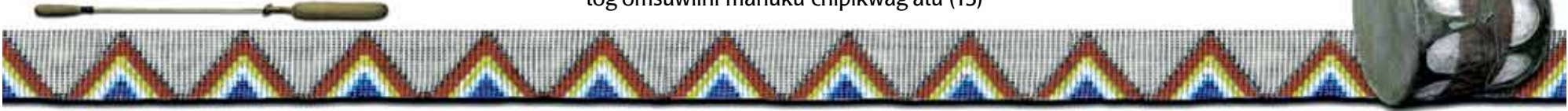


Kicking off the Bear Dance weekend, Southern Ute Royalty members helped serve up Ignacio's own Smoken Moe's barbecue following Ute Nations Day on the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field on Friday, May 25.

The Multi-purpose Facility's kitchen also bustled with activity as workers cooked up frybread for the traditional Bear Dance feast.



Visiting singers from White Mesa, Utah, share their songs.



Revamped Fairgrounds hosts Bear Dance Powwow



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The indoor arena at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds bustled with activity during each of the weekend's three grand entries.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The annual Southern Ute Bear Dance Contest Powwow attracted hundreds of attendees to the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on May 25 and 26 for gourd dancing, grand entries and more.

Southern Ute tribal member Marvin Pinnecoose joins other fancy dancers in a dazzling display of color and motion.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Joycelyn Dutchie was one of many tribal leaders who visited the powwow.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The powwow brought dancers and drummers from far and wide for competition and camaraderie.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

A young girl clings to her mother's side on the way into the arena during a grand entry on Friday, May 25.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School student Monika Lucero proudly displays her traditional regalia.

Now you see it, now you don't



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Mike Santistevan not only coordinated the handgame tournament during the Bear Dance Powwow, but he was also able to participate. Games took place in the Sky Ute Fairgrounds exhibit hall throughout the weekend.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Royalty crew was joined by visiting royalty members from other tribes, including the Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute.



Southern Ute tribal member Greg Bison was among the local Ignacio participants in this year's handgame tournament. Teams travel from across the region to compete, some from out of state.

While many of the handgame teams were composed of seasoned players, this young girl held her own in the tournament on Saturday, May 26.



UTE NATIONS DAY

Tribes honor oldest living veterans

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute tribes were joined by the Jicarilla Apache Nation on Friday, May 25 to honor each tribe's oldest living male and female veteran.

Former servicemen and women were the focus of this year's Ute Nations Day at the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field. Representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe were Eddie Box Sr., a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, who was not present for the event, and Marine Corps veteran Cathy Chavez.

They each received a Pendleton blanket, with Betty Box accepting one on her father-in-law's behalf.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe honored a pair of Army veterans, Norton Mills and McKayla Alire. From the Northern Ute Indian Tribe were Lee Alhandra and Isabell Chapoose, and representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation of Dulce, N.M., were Tabor Koteen and Donna Senaida Vigil Spak.

"Being a veteran re-

"War is dangerous, but we have to fight."

*– Irene Cuch
Northern Ute
Chairman*

ally means a lot," said Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairman Bradley Hight, the nephew of honoree Mills.

Northern Ute Chairman Irene Cuch said the veterans displayed the courage for which their tribes are traditionally renowned.

"I'm always proud of our Native American veterans," she said. "War is dangerous, but we have to fight."

Cuch said Ute Nations Day is an opportunity for the related tribes to assemble together as a "proud Ute nation."

Southern Ute elder Dr. James Jefferson said it was important to also recognize those who have passed.

"A lot of our relatives have been buried here," he said. "We honor the people that have left us."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Honorees of this year's Ute Nations Day each tribe's oldest living male and female veteran, included (left to right) Bradley Hight, accepting for McKayla Alire; Norton Mills; Tabor Koteen; Donna Senaida Vigil Spak; Betty Box, accepting for Eddie Box Sr.; Cathy Chavez; and Irene Cuch, accepting for Lee Alhandra and Isabell Chapoose.



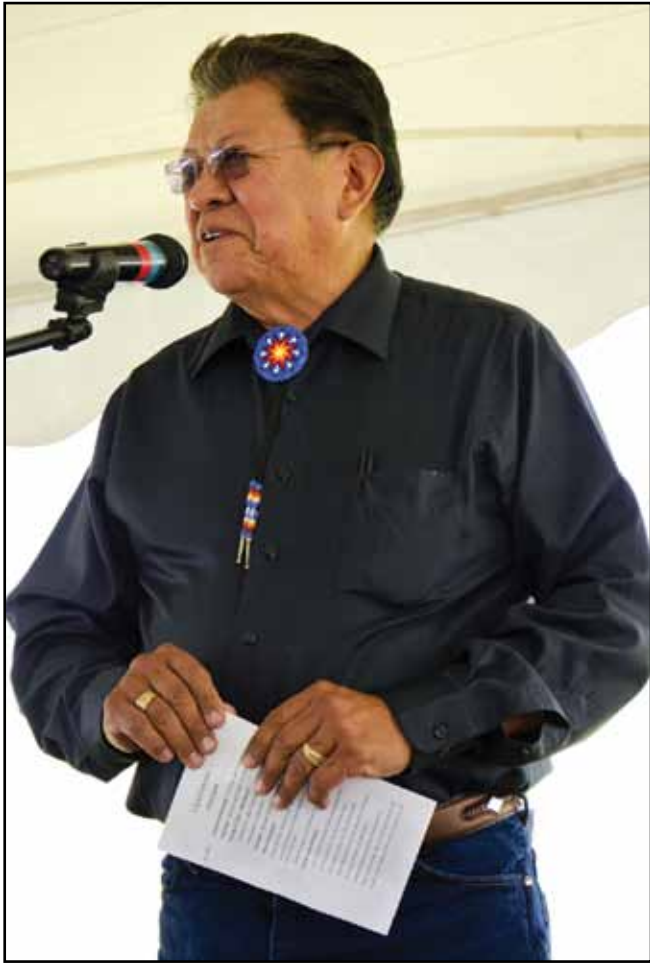
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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks and Vice Chairman James M. Olguin pose for photos with World War II veteran Tabor Koteen, a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute drum group Catching Eagle Singers provided the flag and victory songs during Ute Nations Day at the SunUte Community Center's multipurpose field.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Levi Pesata, president of the Jicarilla Apache Nation of Dulce, N.M., welcomes attendees to Ute Nations Day on Friday, May 25.

2012 LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA SCHEDULE & FEES



398 HWY 151
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone #: (970) 883-2273

LAKE CAPOTE OPERATING SCHEDULE

Opening Day: April 12th, 2012

Initially, the Lake will operate on a 4 day a week schedule, Thursday through Sunday, until May 6th.

The 24/7, 7 days-a-week schedule begins Thursday, May 10th, 2012.

Gates will be open 24/7 until September 2nd.

September 6th through October 8th, Lake Capote will resume a Thursday through Sunday, 4 days-a-week schedule.

Closing Day: October 7th, 2012

Lake Capote is regularly stocked with rainbow trout, brown trout, largemouth bass and catfish.

Southern Ute Tribal Members receive free fishing & camping.
(Not including Derby permits & RV sites)

- New Shade Structures & Docks
- Night Fishing when advertised
- Tribal Members receive 50% off RV sites
- More food items & fishing supplies available at Bait Shop

2012 Lake Capote Permit Fees

(Fishing Bag Limit: 3 trout, 1 catfish, all fish 16" or larger and largemouth bass are catch and release only)

Adult Fishing: \$8
Youth Fishing: \$4
Derby Permit: \$13
Tent Site: \$13
RV Site (elec. & water): \$20
Day Use (1st ½ hour free): \$3
(Call for weekly RV discounts or for promotional offers to rent the entire campground for special events)

*** Night fishing will also be back this summer ***



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veterans Association members Larry Tucker and Ronnie Baker lead the color guard into the tent to open Ute Nations Day on Friday, May 25.



Tribal elder and U.S. Air Force veteran Austin Box holds the eagle staff.



The color guard stands at attention during the singing of "Amazing Grace" in the Ouray Cemetery.

Remembering warriors of the past

"Day of Remembrance" honors the men and women of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who made the ultimate sacrifice to serve their country. The Southern Ute Veterans Association honored these veterans during a ceremony in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal elder Kenny Frost (right) walks onto the Bear Dance bridge.



Terry Knight, a U.S. Air Force Vietnam veteran, said a prayer.



Rudley Weaver and son Alden toss the wreath, blessed by Alden Naranjo Jr., into the Pine River from the Bear Dance bridge, honoring those who served on the waters.



Distinguished guest Maj. Gen. H. Michaels, adjutant general for Colorado, gave a speech commending the tribe on such a beautiful ceremony. Howard D. Richards Sr., 9th Infantry Vietnam veteran, stands alongside the general.



Veterans Ross Denny and son Damon WhiteThunder drape a blanket of appreciation onto the shoulders of guest speaker Terry S. Atienza, director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Grand Junction Medical Center.



Alice Red and children Jogenia and Byron Jr. accept a plaque honoring her late husband, Byron, for his service as executive officer to the Veterans Association.



Florann Howe and family members of Reginald Howe accept a plaque in honor of the service he provided to the Southern Ute Veterans Association.



Donna Rock, wife of the late U.S. Marine Corps veteran Byron Rock Jr., shakes hands with Southern Ute Veterans Service Officer Rod Grove and Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr.



Concerts

tog'omsuwiini-wawHchuku-chipikwag'atu (18)

June 1, 2012



The Furnace, of Phoenix, were the headliners of the first Rockfest at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Derek Martinez bangs with the best of them during Rockfest.



Signal 99 of Farmington, N.M., open Rockfest.

Rockfest rocks the rez

The Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted its first-ever Rockfest Saturday, May 19 in the Events Center. The event hosted five bands: The Furnace, Scattered Hamlet, Ethnic De Generation, 1,000 Rogues and Signal 99.



Ethnic De Generation of Keyenta, Ariz., burn the stage down during thier set.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Tommy Bolin blazes through a "biting" guitar solo.



Aaron Torres, Quannah Lansing and Crayton Godac of 1,000 Rogues set the pace for the concert.

Bear Jam



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Poetic Minds plays its brand of the blues to fans during BearJam at the Multi-purpose Facility, presented by Russ Box Events in association with Bulldoggie's All American Hot Dogs on Sunday, May 20. The festival offered live music, art displays and food. The festival benefitted Annie's Orphans Dog Shelter.



Antrick began BearFest with some classic rock jams.

Jake Ryder is the vocalist and plays harmonica in the band Plead the Fifth, a local band including tribal members Jon Chavarillo and Calvin Richards.



Scattered Hamlet rocked the crowd with its southern rock in preparation of The Furnace.

EMERGENCY FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

Emergency grant policies and procedures

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Emergency Grant policies and procedures 2012

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I. Purpose:
The Southern Ute Tribal Emergency Family Services Emergency (EFS) Grant Program provides assistance to enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal members to help overcome an emergency or other circumstances that pose an imminent threat to their health and safety.

II. Client Expectations/Responsibilities:
A. Service disconnect notices: Tribal members who receive a service disconnect notice must bring that notice to Emergency Family Services right away to prevent service being disconnected.

Note: Procedures at the local electrical supplier prevent EFS from making a phone call or paying over the phone to prevent or delay the service disconnect. Once the check is processed by finance, it will be the client's responsibility to deliver the check to the energy supplier (electrical or gas). **Depending on the workload in finance, check processing may take up to 48 hours.**

III. Definitions:
A. Emergency Assistance – An emergency is an unforeseen combination of circumstances that result in an immediate and serious threat to the health and/or safety of an individual age eighteen (18) and over.

B. Immediate Family Members – Father, mother, legal guardians acting pursuant to a valid court order, spouse, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandfather, or grandmother.

IV. Eligibility Criteria:
To be deemed eligible for assistance in the month of application, applicants for Emergency Grant Assistance must meet the following eligibility guidelines.

A. The applicant must be

an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, at least eighteen (18) years of age or have been emancipated by marriage or court order, or a parent, regardless of the parent's age. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide all necessary documents to establish the emergency nature of an application. Acceptable documentation may include a lease agreement, an eviction notice with the applicant's name and the landlord's address and telephone number and the amount required for rent and deposit (i.e., security, damage deposits, first and/or last month's rent deposit), original utility bill or disconnect notice or repair estimate/invoice or bill.

B. For a non-tribal member parent, who has custody (by law) of a Southern Ute tribal member child or children; that parent is eligible to access EFS funds for one of the eligible children.

C. **Special Note:** Emergency Grant applications can be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or submitted in person by the eligible Tribal member. Each application (attachment #1) must be completely filled out, signed and returned.

V. Application Process:
Applications will be accepted at the Emergency Family Services office any business day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Emergency Family Services staff will provide assistance to individuals who are unable to complete the application. Special application arrangements will be made for individuals who are homebound due to illness or disability. An applicant who cannot make it into the EFS office, may call to authorize another family member age eighteen (18) and over to come in to complete the application and pick-up the grocery voucher or check.

VI. Emergency Grant:
Grants are made pursuant to these policies and shall be limited to \$600.00 per eligible person per fiscal year (October – September) for emergency needs. Emergency Grant assistance will not be used to pay for expenses that have not received prior approval. Each category of assistance is described below.

A. Emergency needs, including food, shelter, utilities, emergency appliance repair or replacement (refrigerator, range, washing machine, or dryer only), if existing appliance failure causes hardship in the family.

B. Emergency home repairs for homes owned by

eligible Tribal members, including heating, plumbing and mechanical devices such as septic tanks, water heaters, water pumps, furnace/stoves, and sump pumps, may be approved for the homeowner's primary residence only, and subject to the availability of funds. Rental units will not be approved.

C. Transportation: Funds for transportation may be used to assist in the event of an untimely death of an immediate family member, or in situations where a Tribal member's health and safety is at risk.

1. Travel/Airfare Expenses associated with funerals may include mileage, meals and lodging and will be paid at the current rates established by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Federal Register. Assistance will be provided only to eligible immediate family members of the deceased individual.

VII.Exclusions:
Emergency Grant assistance funds will not be approved for non-emergencies, including, but not limited to the following:

A. Telephones/Cellular phones – this includes deposits, payments, lifelines, and installation charges.

B. Vehicle payments – This includes truck, car, van and motorcycle payments to any bank, lending institutions or vehicle dealership.

C. Insurance payments – Includes vehicle, house, machinery, health, life, trailer, Medicaid or Medicare payments.

D. Court fines – No payments will be approved for court fines or costs, judgments, restitution, or any other court action, either civil or criminal.

E. Loan payments – Payments to private individuals, banks, Tribal Credit, credit unions, collection agencies, Southern Ute Indian Tribe or any other lending institution (except mortgage, house or primary residence trailer payment).

F. Furniture – Includes living room sets, bedroom sets, kitchen tables and dining room furniture.

G. Appliances – Includes microwaves, toasters, television sets, coffee makers, ice makers, etc.

H. Uniforms – Uniforms of any kind, i.e., nurse, military school, employment, mechanic, forestry and hospital uniforms.

I. Clothing – Work clothes, boots, jackets, school clothes, clothing to enter a rehabilitation or substance abuse center, elderly day care and assisted living centers.

J. Medical/Dental assistance and related travel – This is the responsibility of the Tribal Health Department.

K. Bail Bonds – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided to individuals to bond out of jail.

L. Attorney Fees – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided for attorney legal assistance or paralegal fees.

M. Incarcerations – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided to individuals incarcerated in jail, and/or State and Federal institutions, adult or juvenile detention centers, half-way houses (court ordered facility), substance abuse treatment centers or youth group homes of any type.

N. Educational items – Emergency Grant assistance will not be used to purchase tuition, school class rings, graduation announcements or attire, school pictures, school books, transit bus tickets, or payment for school or college parking permits, etc.

O. Pawn Shops – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided for redemption of pawn slips of any kind.

P. Car repairs – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided to pay for tires, batteries, fuel pumps, or any type of vehicle repairs, including breakdowns while on travel status.

Q. Childcare Expense – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided for payment to day care centers, home day care centers, or after-school programs. This includes payments to non-day care centers, (i.e., aunts, parents, in-laws or other individuals).

R. Reimbursements – Emergency Grant assistance will not be provided for reimbursements of any kind.

S. Funeral dinners – For this service, contact the Executive Assistant to Council.

T. This list excludes any items not specifically listed as approved.

VIII. Payment Methods:
Emergency Grant assistance will be provided in the most

secure form. All payment requests will be processed according to the guidelines of the Tribe's Finance Department. Grant assistance will be provided in the form of direct payments to third parties and vouchers whenever possible.

Note: Depending on the workload in finance, check processing may take up to 48 hours.

A. Food
1. Vouchers are the preferred method of payment for food expenses, up to a maximum of \$200.00 per month (\$100.00 per visit). Vouchers may be used to purchase food and household items only. Items that are excluded from purchase with vouchers shall be stated on the voucher. Food vouchers may be issued in excess of \$100.00 only to exhaust a small amount of remaining funds.

2. Vouchers will be honored at the Ignacio Shur-Valu Market and the Grocery Store in Bayfield.

3. Households or individuals unable to utilize the voucher system due to their location will be issued a check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per request up to the maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month. Checks will be mailed to the households located away from the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

B. Shelter
Direct payments to the landlord or appropriate individual/business shall be the preferable form of payment for rent and other shelter expenses.

C. Utilities
Direct payment to the vendor providing services shall be the preferred form of payment for utilities, appliance and home repairs.

IX. Miscellaneous Administrative Information:
A. Approval requirements – All Emergency Grant applications must be approved by the Program Coordinator, Tribal Services Executive Assistant or the Tribal Services Department Director

before any funds are disbursed or vouchers released.

B. Applicants for Emergency Grant assistance will be encouraged to access other Tribal assistance resources, such as the Food Distribution Program or Tribal Member Health Benefits (eligibility requirements apply).
X. Confidentiality
Applicant information collected by the Emergency Grant Assistance Program is considered confidential and all efforts will be made to keep such information confidential. Applicant information shall not be released without a valid Release of Confidential Information form signed by the applicant. By signing the Emergency Grant Fund Application, the applicant authorizes third parties to release information to Emergency Family Services staff to verify information contained on the application.

XI. File Maintenance:
A. Emergency Grant applications, copies of bills, disconnect notices, letters, payment forms and any other documentation pertaining to the applicant will be retained in the applicant's file. The applicant has the right to review his/her assistance file within the Emergency Family Services office after making an appointment to review the files.

B. One copy of information contained in the file will be provided to the applicant upon request. Under no circumstances will an original file be removed from the Emergency Family Services office. All files are the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Note: Benefits provided through the Emergency Grant Assistance program may be taxable as income. You should consult your tax professional to determine whether such benefits may have tax consequences.

Emergency Family Services
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Ignacio, Colorado 81137
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SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS & TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAMS RECEIVE 50% OFF WHITEWATER RIVER TRIP FEES

If interested contact the following companies for details or contact the Tribe's Division of Wildlife and ask for Josh at 970-563-0130 ext. 2412, or email at jbatchel@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Mild 2 Wild: 970-247-4789

Mountain Waters: 800-748-2507

Outlaw River Tours: 970-259-1800

Durango RiverTrippers: 970-259-0289

Duranglers (fly fishing guides): 970-385-4081

SUIT TRIBAL MEMBERS RECEIVE FREE WHITEWATER RAFT GUIDE TRAINING

If interested contact the Tribe's Division of Wildlife for more details on how to sign up for training preparing you to become a whitewater raft guide.

Contact Josh Batchelor, Parks Recreation Manager at 970-563-0130 ext. 2412, or email at jbatchel@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Trainings are made available on a first come first served basis and are only available in June.

CenturyLink offers telephone assistance to individuals living on Tribal Lands

Low-income consumers may qualify for assistance that will reduce the cost of basic monthly telephone service. The assistance program, known as Lifeline Affordable Telephone Assistance, is available to qualifying consumers in every U.S. state (territory and commonwealth). Qualifications for participation vary by state. In states that follow the federal guidelines, the subscriber must have a household annual gross income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size; or participate in any one of the following programs: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Residents of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal lands may qualify for up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges. An individual living on tribal lands may qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up discounts if he or she participates in one of the programs listed above, the Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or Head Start (only for those households meeting its income qualifying standard).

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for \$9.95* per month for the first 12 months of service. Further details are available at centurylink.com/internetbasics

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program – Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or purchase a modem/router from CenturyLink for a one-time charge, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. **General** – Services not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. **Terms and Conditions** – All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at centurylink.com. **Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges** – Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Staff Sgt. Michael E. Downin — originally from Columbus, Ohio, and with two tours of Iraq to his name — standing at center, Ignacio graduating seniors Alex Pena (left) and Rylie Jefferson present their U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Awards received at the all-sport Ignacio High School Athletic Banquet on Monday, May 14. Pena was also awarded MVP honors in football and wrestling, and Jefferson in volleyball.

IHS ATHLETICS

Banquet toasts Bobcats’ best

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio High School student-athletes and their families were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2011-12 year at the all-sport Ignacio Athletic Banquet on Monday, May 14 inside IHS Gymnasium.

And for all the facts and figures coaches and administrators shared with the packed house, the one tidbit most befitting the night’s “It Takes Heart to be a Bobcat” theme was saved for last: Of Ignacio’s 191 students, 102 were athletically involved during the first semester, and 117 in the second — an impressive 61 percent.

Booster Club President Janet Reinhardt delivered the welcome and senior Brittney Benavidez followed with an opening prayer before the meal.

With Lady Bobcat basketball head coach Brice Searles out of town, assistant coach Justa Whitt then presented her team’s awards: Most Valuable Player to senior-to-be Michelle Simmons, and the Coaches’ Award to classmate Mariah Vigil.

Jessica Musch then saluted the fall cheerleaders, with Cheyenne Zito named Most Valuable and Kayla

Knipp receiving the Coaches’ Award. Cathy Seibel followed with the presentation of the winter roster and MVC Salome “Sally” Niggli and Coaches’ Award recipient Aly Troup.

Wrestling assistant coach Daven Reinhardt presented Most Valuable laurels to graduating senior Alex Pena, and the squad’s Coaches’ Award to classmate Teagan Overturf. Boys’ basketball honors followed next, with skipper Chris Valdez presenting the MVP to graduating senior Shane Richmond and the Coaches’ Award to classmate Xavier Watts.

Ardie Eleck’s baseball awards, co-Most Valuable by title, went to graduating seniors Jesse Vigil and Tyler Young, and Lupe Huerta’s football nods went to Pena (MVP) and Overturf (Coaches’).

Due to the track-and-field season not yet having concluded, coaches Rocky Cundiff and Kathy Herrera were unable to officially announce their award honorees, but did present the squad’s State qualifiers, who’d been at practice just prior to the program.

Volleyball coach Bayli Stillwell’s MVP award went to Colorado Northwest-

ern Community College-bound Rylie Jefferson, and her Coaches’ Award went to graduating senior Abeth Okall. Girls’ soccer boss Andrew Fenity then stepped behind the mic to present the Coaches’ Award to graduating senior Shawni Troup and the MVP to classmate Carly Barborinas.

Fifteen academic I’s were awarded, with sophomore Kelton Richmond and Niggli (a junior) posting 4.0 GPAs. Okall was at a 4.07, and Shane Richmond — one of two 12-time lettermen (three sports for four years; senior Colton Wyatt being the other) — a 4.24; each received a \$250 Booster Club scholarship.

Overturf was awarded the \$250 Butch Melton Scholarship, and Linda Trujillo then presented Jerry Cruz the ‘Cat Tracks Award, to a standing ovation, for above-and-beyond dedication to Ignacio athletics.

Prior to Shane Richmond’s closing prayer, Pena and Jefferson were presented with the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award (a program started in 1981) by Staff Sgt. Michael Downin, an 11-year veteran with two 4th Infantry Division tours of Iraq to his name.

equaled IHS’s record — Anne Zahrt’s best, achieved 1978 — shown on the boards hanging inside IHS Gymnasium. The mark appears to be the longest-standing girls’ figure and fourth-longest overall in Bobcat T&F history.

Basey’s best long jump of 17’2”, however, got her a third place behind Meeker senior Kathryn Doll’s 17’10.75” and TNT senior Lindsey Stindt’s 17’4”.

Ignacio freshman Sky Cotton’s 14’7.5” was 16th, but third among the four rookies who reached State. Eighth-place Kyrar Guerin of Swink was tops at 15’11”, with Paonia’s Brooklynd Erickson three-fourths of an inch behind in ninth.

Team standings
(19 events scored)

1. Lyons	86.5
2. Telluride	76
3. Akron	73
4. Paonia	62
5. Vanguard (Colo. Springs)	61
6. Nederland	48
T-7. Lutheran (Parker/ Springs)	40
9. Sangre de Cristo	37
10. Dolores	31
T-25.South Park/Dayspring Christian/Ignacio/Soroco	8



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Graduating Ignacio High seniors Tyler Young, Jeff Herrera and Jesse Vigil pause after playing their final game in the red-and-white against Paonia in the district tournament. Each was a First Team All-San Juan Basin League honoree for their work in 2012.

IHS BASEBALL

Baseball trio is All-SJBL

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Three more fellows with similar numbers, and Ignacio definitely wouldn’t have been a three-win baseball club in 2012.

Departing seniors Tyler Young, Jesse Vigil and Jeff Herrera had the San Juan Basin League’s collective hat tipped their way when time came recently to release the postseason All-League picks.

With the longest run from one position to the next during doubleheaders, catcher/centerfielder Herrera was a First Team selection, sporting a reported .429 batting average with 19 runs scored, and also a sizzling 17-for-18 in the stolen-base department.

Young went 2-4 as one of the Bobcats’ starting pitchers (he also played short-

stop), but was normally two-for-four with the bat in compiling a .500 average with 14 extra-base hits (three homers). He also stole 14 bags, and posted a reported 52:27 K-to-BB ratio on the mound.

Vigil was IHS’s first baseman, and registered a team-high .614 average — which swelled during league action to .655 — to also earn team co-MVP honors (with Young) from head coach Ardie Eleck.

Dolores’ Jim Everin received SJBL Coach of the Year and Dove Creek’s Klancey Krafka Player of the Year, having helped the Bulldogs go deep into the Class 1A State Tournament before they were ousted by Elbert, 7-1. EHS was then routed 16-0 by Baca County (now 16-2), who will have faced Stratton (12-4) on Thursday, May 31 (11 a.m.) at La Junta High for the weather-

delayed title. The 2A finale was also stalled, but only by two days before 3-seed Resurrection Christian of Loveland downed 5-seed Byers, 8-3, at Englewood on Monday, May 21.

Resurrection Christian, which eliminated Ignacio’s eliminators Paonia, finished 22-3 overall, while BHS ended 15-5.

All-SJBL baseball

Cody Carroll, p, Dolores
Morgan Rummel, p, Nucla
Dalton Randolph, p, Dove Creek
Blayde Harrigan, c, Nucla
Dalton Davis, inf, Dove Creek
Nick Rushing, inf, Nucla
Richard Belt, inf, Dolores
Klancey Krafka, inf, Dove Creek
Tyler Young, inf, Ignacio
Tyler Ebberts, of, Dove Creek
Brad Campbell, of, Nucla
Jeff Herrera, of, Ignacio
Nic Hassinger, of, Dolores
Kolton Shull, dh, Dolores
Seldon Riddle, dh, Nucla
Jesse Vigil, dh, Ignacio
Nick Jones, dh, Dove Creek
Clint Watt, uf, Nucla

IHS BOYS’ TRACK & FIELD

Mangus and crew solid at State

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Two seasons still lie ahead of Adam Herrera, in which the junior-to-be can plan and execute a proper State Track-and-field Championships outro.

Probably something similar to what departing senior Dusty Mangus did in his event of choice, helping the Bobcat boys finish half a point outside Class 2A’s top 20 in Lakewood, May 17-19.

Going for maximum gusto and a possible break of Rodney Hocker’s school best in the pole vault, Mangus left every competitor but one down at least a notch: the only entrant seeded higher when CHSAA released the names of the classification’s elite 18.

And after a weekend filled with wacky weather, Mangus managed to clear 13 feet, but Akron senior Jourdan Hottinger went over 13’6” (Hocker’s height, set back in 2002) to finish a step higher on the Jeffco Stadium podium.

He was joined by other

last-chance hopefuls: Yuma senior Alex Klopp was third at 12’6”, West Grand (Kremmling) senior Travis Gore fourth at 12’, and Sedgwick County (Julesburg/Ovid) senior Jaevyn Faulk fifth at 12’.

Ignacio senior Teagan Overturf was unable to beat the minimum, leaving Mangus — now bound to continue vaulting at Phoenix-based Paradise Valley Community College — with the team’s only points from the event, and half of IHS’s 21st-place total of 16.

A recurring leg injury kept Herrera from running in the 400-meter dash, won by Lyons junior Ryan Boucher in a 1-2 flip-flop from the preliminaries’ results over Burlington senior Coley David.

Herrera was also a no-go in the long jump, won by Lyons senior Forrest Donnell’s 21’11.75” effort — still a foot shy of Colorado’s longest-standing standard (22’11.75” by Hugo’s Otto Staab in 1931).

Seniors Colton Wyatt and Shane Richmond, however, were very much in the mix of their throwing special-

ties. Wyatt let fly a personal-record 133’10” and earned the ‘Cats five points for fifth in the discus. Richmond was 11th at 121’2”.

Eads junior Daniel Weirich unleashed a winning 171-footer, still more than seven feet off the Championships best, having stood since 1964. Brush Beetdiger Mike Tomasini’s meet record in the shot (also established in ’64) also will see another birthday: Weirich’s 58’3” won in 2012, but was short of his 59’9.25”.

Richmond’s longest launch, 43’11”, earned Ignacio three points and a seventh-place result.

Team standings
(18 events scored)

1. Lyons	101.5
2. Telluride	64
3. Hoehne	59
4. Burlington	36
5. Holyoke	33
6. La Veta	32
T-7. Crested Butte Community/Custer County (Westcliffe)	31
T-9. Wiggins/Yuma/Sargent	30
21. Ignacio	16

IHS GIRLS’ TRACK & FIELD

Lady Cats take 25th at State

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Three-hundredths of a second helped Ignacio gain three of its eight team points at the Class 2A Girls’ State Track-and-Field Championships, May 17-19 at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood.

Twenty-hundredths denied the Lady Bobcats’ lone multi-event qualifier, junior Michelle Simmons, from chipping even more into the collective coffer. Her 200-meter dash time of 27.08 seconds was edged by Lyons junior Nola Basey’s 26.85, bumping Sargent senior Abbey Pizel (26.88) down into the ninth and final transfer spot to the main.

But Simmons saw the finale in the 100 and placed seventh in 13.2 seconds, following Pizel’s 13.15. How she made the field, though, was special: A faster 13.17 in Heat 2 failed to place her among the top three automatic transfers of either prelim, but nudged Wiggins freshman Morgan Smith’s Heat 1 time (13.2, ironically) out of the third and last at-large slot.

200-meter champ (25.49s) Kendall Horan, a junior at

Lutheran in Parker, was the 100’s top qualifier, but was later unable to take the gun in the main, allowing preliminary runner-up Kathryn New (junior, Sangre de Cristo in Mosca) to claim victory in 12.9 seconds, down from 12.72 in Heat 1.

For Simmons, a good measure of San Juan Basin League pride was gained, which should set the stage for an exciting rivalry in 2013. Dolores senior-to-be Lexi Atkinson, slowing from a prelims third-best 12.88, ran a 13.31 in the main to finish eighth.

All told, Ignacio finished tied for 25th in the team standings, equaling South Park (Fairplay), Soroco (Oak Creek), and Dayspring Christian (Greeley). Dolores was the SJBL’s second-best, taking 10th (31 points), while first-place Lyons (86.5) held off challengers Akron by 13.5 and the loaded “TNT” (Telluride/Norwood) by 10.5.

Basey’s best of 5’6” in the high jump held off all comers, an inch higher than Custer County (Westcliffe) senior Sierra Geroux and four up on Simmons, who placed a solid fifth at 5’2”. Simmons again



WISHES & CONGRATS



CONGRATULATIONS ANGEL CLASS OF 2012

You made a huge difference for yourself being,
From the first time you came to live with your father.
Think of all the accomplishments you have achieved in those 3 years with the guidance from your father.
Remember to keep your head up, look ahead and strive for what interests you.
Now that you've accomplished High School, you're off to the next endeavor of a higher education just like these lyrics;

*Go, my son, go and climb the ladder.
Go, my son, go and earn your feather.
Go, my son, make your people proud of you.
Work, my son, get an education.
Work, my son, learn a good vocation and
Climb, my son. Go and take a lofty view.
From on the ladder of an education,
You can see to help your Indian Nation,
And reach, my son,
and lift your people up with you.
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Go, my son, go and earn your feather.
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Climb, my son. Go and take a lofty view.
From on the ladder of an education,
You can see to help your Indian Nation,
And reach, my son.
Lift your people up with you.*



CONGRATS TO JUSTIN

Congratulations to Justin Gilbert, who graduated from Fort Lewis College on April 28, 212 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and marketing. We are very proud of you!

Mom, Dad & Jake

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

For Kashina Perry, Nakwihi Perry, and Troy Sheppard Jr. for graduating from Ignacio High. We are very proud of all of you for your accomplishment!!

"Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires...courage."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We know you guys have plenty of courage to succeed!!!!

*Love You Guys,
Grandma E, Venessa, and Jared*

CONGRATS

We would also like to say congrats to our little ones who graduated from Headstart and the ones who got promoted also!!

*Love,
Grandma Ernie and family*

CONGRATULATIONS

The family of Miss Kelsey Frost would like to say "CONGRATULATIONS" on her graduating from high school on 5/26/12 along with her "Class of 2012". We love you and are proud of you and wish you all the success in your future endeavors. Continue into the future that awaits you.

*From your
Grandma Shirley, Grandpa Stanley R. Frost,
your uncle Vernon, aunts Cheryl, Joyce, Alice
your cousins Jogenia, Kyla, James,
Charlotte & kids, Byron, Jr., Devin, Cameron,
Manuel Jr., Sammantha & boys.*



HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 1ST

May You always be warmed by each other's smile.
Always take time to walk and talk a while.
Always know deep down you are each other's best friend.
And enjoy the kind of love that grows and knows no end.
If this isn't true love then I don't know what is...
Wish you an 'always' kind of love.

May you two be blessed with many years of happiness, after being together for 25 years, married 10 and two beautiful kids later ... We love you two sooooo much!!!
Love, Miss Kay & babies

KELSEY FROST

May the great spirit continue to watch over you, your late daddy Michael, uncle Byron and Grandma Nettie are watching over you even though they are no longer here with us and are proud of you walking across the stage to get your diploma and graduating from High School, "Kelsey Frost".

TO MY NIECE KELSEY A-N FROST

A "GREAT" big congratulations on your graduating from high school, continue in what you have decided to enter into in life. You did it young lady, I remember when a little girl who wanted to be all grown up for her young age now look, you are a young adult and graduated. I am proud of what you have accomplished, good job! I love you very much.
Your auntie Vivian

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

We just wanted to congratulate all the Southern Ute Tribal Members Seniors for graduating for the Ignacio High School. Continue with your education and have a full and enjoyable life.

The Thompson Family

CONGRATS JESSE DEAN VIGIL

Grandson: I want to say to you that I am very, very proud of you for all the accomplishments that you have made beginning with Head Start & ending with your Senior High School. I have enjoyed watching you play kids flag football; T-ball; YAFL (Young American Football League); Jr. High Football and Basketball; Summer Baseball (Giants); and High School Football, Basketball, Baseball and Wrestling. I will totally miss seeing you participate in all these Sport activities, but I have many fond memories of your participation and travelling to your games, Districts & Regionals. You have grown up to be a very good looking young man. Be proud of your accomplishments and yourself. You have not reached the complete Circle of Life yet, but you are half way there. Grandson, know that I will always be here for you and where ever life leads you. Be good to yourself and others. Try to make a difference in this world for yourself and others. Always, always, put the Creator before and above all things, and everything will fall in place. You will be very blessed when you do that. I may shed tears at your graduation ceremony, but those tears are of happiness for you and that you made it!!! How great is that!!! May our Great Lord and Savior be with you no matter where you are and what you do. I LOVE YOU GRANDSON.
Your Grandmother, Darlene Frost



CONGRATS ANGEL AND JAY

Devil horns in the air for a head-bangin, hard-core rocker and a beautiful Juggalette. You both triumphed over one obstacle after another, through your school years and both achieved your diplomas. I'm proud of both of you, as is the entire family. Know we love you and support your decisions as now they are your own – yours to make by yourself, for yourself, and thus whatever consequences may come, you too must accept them. "Live for today, dream of tomorrow, because yesterday is only a memory."
*Your uncle & cuz, Bobby
and the entire Red & Ortiz families*

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GEMINI! Celebrate all you GEMINI people! JUPITER enters your sign in all its giant ringed glory on June 11th. Furthermore, it stays there the rest of the year. It's growth time Twins. Gather up your future hopes and dreams and hold them firmly in front of you. Make an effort to achieve the ones that are still possible, and discard the rest. Think outside the box this month. There's greater potential shaping up for you GEMINI, but you must be willing to work for it. With both JUPITER and VENUS visiting your sign, the options are endless, and so are your travel opportunities.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

While the SUN sits in a quiet meditative area of your chart, you may reflect on your past deeds. What's done, is done Moon Kids. Recognize the reasons that motivated you to act, then move on. A more rewarding phase begins on the 19th when a lively NEW MOON promotes a clear understanding of where to go from here. Let go of old baggage. The Summer Solstice begins on the 20th and the good news is that VENUS comes out of retrograde motion on the 27th. Listen ... the birds are singing, the SUN is warm, and the sky is deep blue. Mother Nature is calling you. It's renewal time Moon Kids.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

A pack of planets in fun-loving GEMINI gather in the opportunity section of your chart. Social events with friends may open doors to greater possibilities. Business minded Lions could connect with people who can offer suggestions on the subject of increasing income. Be patient Lions, MARS in the money zone of your chart demands meticulous timing before taking action. Keep a tight rein on your spending this month, at least until the 27th when the money planet VENUS moves forward again.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Do what you can to maintain your cool this month. The current planetary pattern may have you feeling a little boxed in and burdened with many extra duties. MARS (in your sign now) urges action, and for a VIRGO that translates into work, work, work! But there are other ways to satisfy the demands of MARS. Go outside and walk in the sunshine, or tend a garden and grow your own food. Your best days this month are, the 3rd, 8th, 21st, 26th, and 29th. Avoid money matters on the 20th.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

The SUN, VENUS, and JUPITER gather in a travel section of your chart at midmonth stirring your longing to see new places, and folks who are far away. With both lunation's occurring in the "take a trip" section of your chart it may be difficult to resist the call of new-fangled adventures. Keep an open mind LIBRA. There is always something new to learn. Future objectives and aspirations may require a little strategy. Take the time to map out a course of action. It might assure greater success.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Sorting through estate and tax matters may help you to clear away old money issues. Whether you are dealing with parental finances, or your own personal funds, be thorough SCORPIO. This is a good month to set things right, and to use your resourceful skills. You rank as one of the best when it comes to uncovering all the hidden details regarding private money transactions. A Lunar Eclipse on the 4th signals a red flag regarding lending money to friends. The results may not be what you expected.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Fasten your seatbelts Saggies ... the month is kicked off on a bumpy note. For starters a Lunar Eclipse on the 4th, in your sign, triggers opposing viewpoints between you and a partner, spouse, or family member. NEPTUNE'S tendency to cloud the issues causes confusion, and doubt in your communications with those closest to you. The best option is to be clear in all your conversations, particularly with the kinfolk. Be willing to cooperate, but try not to be overly sensitive. A more impersonal outlook may help.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Finally! Your ruling planet SATURN comes out of its deep sleep on the 25th and releases you from a holding pattern. Now you have the option to move forward with your ambitions. Maybe one of those goals would include helping others by starting an exercise group. Many of us think about working out at certain times but never follow through with it. Take on only what you can handle Capricorn. Clear up unfinished projects before starting any new tasks. Make a list. You know the drill.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 17)

June is clearly a month of enjoyment and good times. The planets are in your favor AQUARIAN people. Take advantage of this "Fun Factor" and seek out entertaining activities to explore with the children, if you don't have any, then let the kid inside of you come out to play. Creativity is the keyword this month. Free your imagination, allow it to soar, and give yourself permission to be wildly inventive, youthful, and exciting. It's everything that comes naturally to an AQUARIAN.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20 – March 20)

June may begin on a confusing note when NEPTUNE your famous sign ruler goes into backward motion on the 4th. Domestic and parental affairs might need your close attention. Household matters take precedence and the home and family scene could change in a multitude of ways. No doubt it may well become lively as you ponder expansion, remodels, a change in residence, or even a relative moving in with you. Think it through before you make any decisions Little Fishes. Focus on your direction, and priorities.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

The planetary outlook for June involves keeping an open mind, and voicing your opinions in a tactful manner. Your mind is working overtime now as the SUN, VENUS, and JUPITER stimulate an abundance of ideas and numerous conversations. Short trips might expand your outlook and heighten your desire for more extensive travel. In fact you may be making plans after the 27th when VENUS promises better times ahead. Be crystal clear regarding all business matters, especially when signing contracts.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 21)

Your personal planet VENUS is currently hanging out with the GEMINI folks. Not to worry TAURUS. VENUS is in good company with JUPITER and the NEW MOON. Together they encourage more lucrative income opportunities. This is an exceptionally favorable time to put together a financial plan, or budget for the future. Additionally, MERCURY in the communication zone until the 25th favors congenial chats with siblings, and neighbors. Do your best to sidestep squabbles with relatives on the 11th, and resist the temptation to go speeding off down the road. Just be your easy going, casual, TAURUS self this month.

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

NEW EMPLOYEES



Cody Rieb

Job title: Detention officer
Description of duties: Maintain the safety and welfare of inmates.

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June 15

Deadline

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June 1, 2012



Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member, 18 or over, and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for **ONE REGULAR** and **ONE ALTERNATE** Board Member!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for either the **REGULAR** or **ALTERNATE** Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Friday, August 3rd**, before 5:00 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, East Wing, of the Tribal Office.



Don't Forget to exercise your Tribal Voice... VOTE!

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SKY UTE CASINO

Casino hosts 13th annual Nonprofit Money Booth

Media release
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Fifteen nonprofit organizations from La Plata and San Juan counties gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, May 17 to compete for their share of more than \$20,000 in the 13th annual Nonprofit Money Booth.

Each organization was presented with a \$500 check

to start the evening off. General Manager Charley Flagg said this year's event attracted a record number of applicants.

"The fact that you were selected means that we believe your organization truly does make a positive impact in the lives of others," he told the assembled groups. "Since 1999, when Sky Ute Casino Resort held the first Nonprofit Money Booth event,

nearly \$250,000 has been given to local non-profits to support a variety of worthy causes."

Each organization sent a representative into the Money Booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as possible.

The Sky Ute Casino Resort would like to congratulate each organization chosen to participate and thank the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for its generous support.

Selected organizations and total amounts raised

The Arc of San Juan County Inc.

\$1,795 – The Arc will use this grant money to make improvements to the Arc Store building, including replacing obsolete florescent light fixtures with safer and more energy efficient fixtures.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

\$2,295 – All money received in the Nonprofit Money Booth will be used for buying necessary items for the Food Pantry.

Mountain Middle School

\$1,670 – Mountain Middle School plans to continue its ongoing building renovations at Durango's new tuition-free public charter middle school.

Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Partners

\$1,415 – The grant will be used to support AmeriCorps Programs in six southwest Colorado communities: Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan counties, and Fort Lewis College.

Invent Now Inc.

\$1,585 – The grant will be used to provide a camp invention program experience to children whose families are unable to pay the registration fees.

Childhaven Inc.

\$1,470 – Childhaven Inc. will be using the grant money for funding of the San Juan Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

Community Connections Inc.

\$2,535 – Community Connections will use the grant for early intervention programs that help children under three years old with cognitive, speech, and other development skills. It will also use the grant toward preventing or delaying the need for an out-of-home placement to ensure children's health, safety and welfare.

Frontline Mission

\$2,115 – The grant money received in the Nonprofit Money Booth will be used to remodel a house for at-risk women and children.

Durango Friends of the Arts

\$2,320 – Durango Friends of the Arts has a number of uses for the grant, including youth scholarships, education programs, and creating a digital media arts program at Animas High School.

Tri-County Head Start

\$710 – The organization would like to use its grant to purchase materials for Head Start children entering Kindergarten and support materials for parents.

Durango Food Bank

\$2,175 – Funds received from the grant will be used to help with general operations of the organization.

Presbyterian Medical Services – Project SHIELD

\$990 – The funds from the Nonprofit Money Booth will go toward developing an outdoor leisure area for individuals who receive services from the organization.

The Adult Learning Center Inc./Pine River Community Learning Center

\$1,470 – The grant will be used to fund the materials needed by students at the Adult Learning Center.

La Plata Youth Services

\$1,710 – The organization will use the grant for incentives for youth that are successful in programs.

Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado

\$2,445 – The grant will be used to fund the general operations of the organization.

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In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.:2012-NC-072

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Yvette Valdez, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Yvette Valdez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Yvette Sage. 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 June 29, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2012.

Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Fence construction

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is requesting proposals for 1.8 miles of fence construction adjacent to the La Plata River, located near Red Mesa, Colorado. Please email bzimmerm@southern-ute.nsn.us for the project

bidding documents or call 970-563-0130. The Southern Ute Tribe utilizes a hiring preference for certified Indian-owned businesses. For more information on receiving this preference, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET For fiscal year 2012-2013

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Ignacio School District 11 JT for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

Said budget is filed in the office of Superintendent of Schools where it is available

for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at the scheduled board meeting on June 28, 2012 at the Board Meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objection thereto.

Do you have questions about your mineral ownership or royalties?

*Department of the Interior
oil and gas royalty
question and answer sessions*

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

**BIA - Southern Ute Agency
8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**Southern Ute Senior Center
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located.

Please bring any documents you would like to discuss.

For more information, contact Johnna Oberly of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at 563-4511 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job announcements

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Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Field Instruments & Controls Supervisor

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Cedar Gathering Co.
Durango, CO. Responsible for supervising Technicians (I&C) at field facilities, including gas driven compressor stations, electric driven compressor stations, control valve systems, power generators, and dehydration equipment; performs work related to the installation, startup, repair and maintenance of associated equipment.

Land Records Assistant I

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Completes filing and maintains orderly and accurate land records files for the division order or lease records functions. Scans, labels and files hard copy land documents in an orderly and timely manner per instruction. Attaches all land related document images to correct fields in the Eneria database per instruction. Responsible for the preparation, mailing and tracking of all Red Willow issued Divisions of Interest. Executes address changes for business associates in the Eneria database. Assists with other land duties as needed. This is a temporary position.

Landman III

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Develops, obtains, and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all interest properties.

Petroleum Engineer III

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Leads and generates technical procedures associated with production optimization particularly well servicing, compression and facility design.

Petroleum Engineer IV

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Leads technical procedures and project reporting to optimize production and minimize operating expense; performs economic analysis using ARIES; leads field operations personnel and contractors to implement projects; expedite implementation of field operations.

Reservoir Engineer IV

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Requires skillful application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills. Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments. Routinely post-appraises the commercial results of projects and develops appropriate adjustments

to future plans. Maintains reserves inventory utilizing extensive knowledge of SEC, SPE, and Red Willow reserve booking practices. Prepares presentations of results for technical, commercial, post-appraisal and reserve evaluations.

Petroleum Engineer II

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. Completes engineering evaluations and projects consistent with RWPC priorities and concerns with direction from Drilling and Production Manager. Implements and follows technical procedures. Assist with economic analysis using ARIES, help prepare internal recommendation memos. Assists RWPC Operations personnel, outside operated partners, and contractors as needed to implement projects; coordinates and recommends procedures for field operations, rig work, and well testing as needed.

Geologic Intern

Closes 6/4/12 – Red Willow Production Co.
Ignacio, CO. A short term training position designed to give college level students, or recent college graduates work experience in the upstream oil and gas industry appropriate to their skill and knowledge level. Interns work under the direct supervision of Geologic and Engineering staff to complete duties in support of continued geologic evaluation of existing prospects and development projects. May be asked to provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment.

Royalty Audit Supervisor

Closes 6/5/12 – Department of Energy
Ignacio, CO. Supervises audit field work, including travel to the selected companies' business offices, the offices of the U.S. Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the preparation of audit work papers in accordance with the standards established; preparation of issue letters, draft demand letters and audit reports and all that includes audits of the Southern Ute Tribal Oil and Gas Royalty.

Construction Superintendent

Closes 6/5/12 – Aka Energy Group
Durango, CO. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

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 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs
Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Business Office Manager Trainee

Closes 6/1/12
This is a trainee position for an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. Upon completion of the training program the incumbent will be responsible for Tribal Health Business office management to include the overall direction and supervision of the health registration functions, benefits contact, medical records, medical administrative assistants, insurance verification, voucher examination, data entry, benefits coordination, billing and collection of al third party resources across the department. This position will at 10% below entry level for the position and receive quarterly evaluations. Pay grade 19, \$20.64/hour.

Administrative Assistant Intern

Closes 6/6/12 – CDOT
Southern Ute tribal members only. This is a Intern Position under the Tribe's Education Department will be assigned to the CDOT Region Transportation Directors' Office located at 3803 North Main Avenue, Durango, CO. The work hours are from 8:00 am, to 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday. Must provide own transportation. Pay grade \$10.00/hour.

Games Coordinator

Closes 6/8/12 - (Temporary assignment)
Southern Ute tribal members only. Plans, implements and coordinates programs and schedules for the North American Indigenous Games, the United States Indigenous Games, the Colorado Games and the Tri-Ute Games. Pay grade 18, \$18.62/hour.

Caseworker II

Closes 6/8/12 - Social Services
This is an advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas. Pay grade 20, \$47,868/year.

Teacher – Intermediate Level

Closes 6/8/12
This is a professional teaching position with the

Southern Ute Education Department. A teacher in this position teaches/tutors Southern Ute families and Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Intermediate School during and after school throughout the school year. The teacher also designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing programs and reviewing their success. The Intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. This position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves that do not require student contact. This position's compensation is dependant upon education and experience; \$28,601 minimum. You must include copies of academic transcripts with your application – upload as part of your resume.

Cultural Department Director

Closes 6/11/12
This is a professional management position with the overall responsibility for the formulation, planning, implementation and management of tribal cultural and historic programs and various related activities. The Cultural Department Director provides direction, support, guidance, and general supervision to divisions and programs within the Department to promote and maintain the integrity and continuity of Southern Ute cultural and history. The Director shall ensure all actions of the Department are based upon and effectively express the cultural values, principles and perspectives of the Southern Ute Tribe as a whole and ensuring the primary beneficiary of its actions Is the tribal membership. Pay grade 25, \$85,490/year.

Youth Employment Program Worker

Closes 6/11/12
Southern Ute tribal members only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads or Managers, performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. Pay grade 10, first year youth Workers are paid \$9.00/hr and returning workers are paid \$10.00.

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Gaming Commission vacancies**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute tribal members to serve on the Gaming Commission for three (3) year terms. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:
• Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age;
• Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
• Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
• Applicants must have the ability to observe

restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;
• Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
• Applicants must undergo a background investigation.
Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and a letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, June 29. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee

is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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Food & Beverage

Banquet Staff – TMP, 6/1/12
*Beverage/Cocktail Server – OC, 6/1/12
Rounds Cook-Shining Mountain – TMP, 6/1/12

Marketing

*Player Development Staff – FT, 6/1/12

Salon

Cosmetologist – PT no/Benefits, 6/4/12

Security

*Security Officer – FT, 6/1/12

Table Games

*Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 6/1/12



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



COMMUNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your input is needed! Our Club will have its own Board of Directors to create its vision, plan programs, develop funding, and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization.

• There are 5 Tribal Member seats available (out of 10 seats total)
Applications available at:
• SunUte Community Center
• www.southern-ute.nsn.us/bgclub

Applications due July 1st, 2012

For more information, contact Marissa Rocha, CPO, @ 970.563.0100 x2694 or mrocha@southern-ute.nsn.us

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Elder Austin Box honored at Tesoro

Southern Ute tribal elder Austin Box was selected as the Morrison, Colo.-based Tesoro Cultural Center's honored veteran for its 12th annual Indian Market & Powwow on May 19 and 20. This year, the State of Colorado added extra panache to the powwow when Gov. John Hickenlooper signed an official proclamation (at right) declaring the duration of the event Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market & Powwow Days across the state.



courtesy Austin Box



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Austin Box gives a cultural presentation to a group of foreign-exchange students from American Field Service Intercultural Programs at the residence of Eddie Jr. and Betty Box on Monday, May 28.

State of Colorado

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado has long been a crossroads for American Indian peoples and has a large active American Indian population today; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market & Powwow has been an important part of the bringing awareness to the American Indian culture and community for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, award winning Native American artists will show their wares and demonstrate their crafts and a contest powwow will fill the valley below with competitions of Traditional, Shawl, Fancy, Grass and Jingle dancing; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center is committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past, and brings together Colorado's rich history and shared experiences with Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African American and Early European cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center's goal with their public education program is to reach out to students and the community to educate them about the rich culture of the Early West and their importance to the history of Colorado, and to increase knowledge and respect for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Tesoro Cultural Center Indian Market & Powwow preserves traditions and provides an opportunity to honor American Indians who serve in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, and will honor Mr. Austin Box, member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with 21 years of honorable service to the United States Air Force and a Vietnam Veteran;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 19th-20th, 2012

TESORO CULTURAL CENTER INDIAN MARKET & POWWOW DAYS

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighth day of June, 2011

John Hickenlooper
Governor

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, June 1

Sunny 83°

Saturday, June 2

Sunny 83°

Sunday, June 3

Sunny 81°

Weather data for May 14 – May 29

Average hourly temperature (°F)

Temperature

High 82.3°
Low 28.1°
Average 57.8°
Average last year 52.1°

Average hourly precipitation (inches)

Precipitation

Total 0.00"
Total last year 0.92"

Average hourly wind speed (mph)

Wind speed

Average 8.3
Minimum 1.0
Maximum 25.9

Average hourly visibility

Visiblity & humidity

Average visibility 72.9
Average humidity 24.7%

Average hourly % humidity

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