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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

First lady Michelle Obama addresses attendees during a campaign stop at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Obama rallied support for President Obama and the Democratic Party before a full house in the Whalen Gymnasium on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

4 CORNERS NEWS

Southern Utes react to first lady's visit

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

First lady Michelle Obama's Wednesday, Oct. 10 speech at Fort Lewis College drew mostly positive reviews from Southern Ute tribal members, who lauded her energy and focus on voting but felt she didn't address much specific to Indian Country.

"I thought that it was really cool that she came to a small place," said Tribal Council Media Coordinator Beth Santistevan. "I really admire her charisma and her character."

What the speech lacked, though, was any kind of statement on minority issues — including Native American issues, she said.

Youth Employment Coordinator Alex Cloud agreed, saying the oversight seems to be a recurring theme in this year's political campaigns.

"Native American issues haven't been touched on. ... She didn't mention any-

thing about that," he said. "It would have been nicer to hear more of those kinds of things."

Nevertheless, Cloud said he enjoyed the speech overall — and that it was a special

message. "She gives the aura of 'I'm here for you,'" Borst said. "What I look for is the genuine, and I really feel Mrs. Obama is genuine."

Borst said Obama seems to have a special connection with the country's youth. The first lady has made youth fitness a priority during her tenure, most notably through programs such as Let's Move, an initiative targeting youth obesity by extolling the virtues of nutrition and physical activity. "She has ignited in many children that want to see what



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Michelle Obama visits with rally attendees following her speech.

event for his mother, tribal elder Phoebe Kent, with whom he sat in the VIP area.

"She brings a lot of excitement as a first lady," Cloud said. "My mom really enjoyed it as an elder."

Also present was former Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Marge Borst, who said she was touched by the sincerity of Obama's

the president is all about," Borst said. "My grandson ... even talks about it."

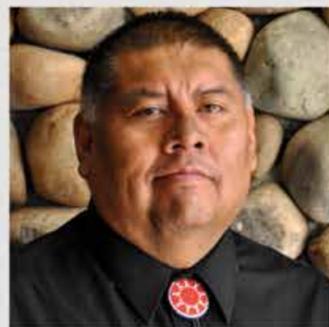
Obama received high marks from younger tribal members as well. Christopher R. Rizzo, a Drum staffer, said it was "like a royal occasion" in atmosphere. He appreciated the first lady's

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Vote for two

Six Southern Ute tribal members are vying for your votes for two seats on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Friday, Nov. 2. Hear what they have to say.

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Alex S. Cloud



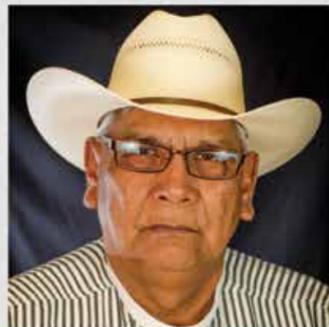
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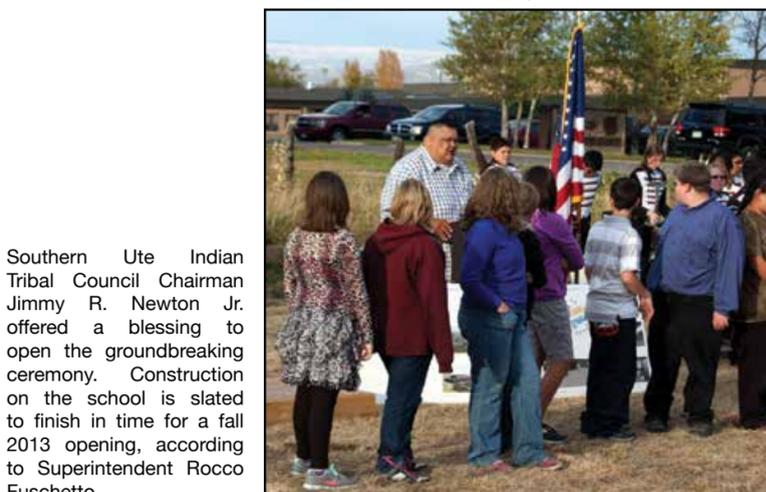
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Ground breaks for Jr. High



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Students are among the first to dig in during the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 11 for the new Ignacio Jr. High School, which will be located just west of the current Ignacio Intermediate School. Local families, school district employees, school board members, architects and construction crewmembers were present for the occasion.



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. offered a blessing to open the groundbreaking ceremony. Construction on the school is slated to finish in time for a fall 2013 opening, according to Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto.

FLC hosts 'real history' event



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

"The Real History of the Americas" was a daylong celebration of art, culture and dance coinciding with Columbus Day on Monday, Oct. 8 at Fort Lewis College in Durango. The event aimed to dispel the myth that depicts European settlers as having "discovered" America. The student body chose to celebrate its indigenous roots by bringing in guest speakers and artisans from across Indian Country, as well as other minority groups.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

SEARCH-AND-RESCUE CARDS AVAILABLE

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search-and-Rescue card is a means to voluntarily participate in funding the cost of missions, training and equipment for search-and-rescue efforts in Colorado. In the event a cardholder is lost or injured in the backcountry, the county sheriff will be reimbursed through COSAR fund for the cost of a search-and-rescue mission for that person. In La Plata County, CORSAR cards are available anywhere state hunting and fishing licenses are sold. The card may be purchased for \$3 for one year or \$12 for five years. You may also purchase the card online at www.dola.colorado.gov/corsar_order/order_instructions.jsf. Individuals with a current state hunting or fishing license, or boat, snowmobile or

ATV registration, are automatically covered by the CORSAR fund. Southern Ute hunters and anglers should be aware that obtaining a tribal hunting or fishing permit does not automatically extend CORSAR coverage. Tribal-permitted hunters and anglers should consider purchasing CORSAR cards through local vendors, especially if using remote locations in the off-reservation Brunot Treaty Area. For more info, call the La Plata County Sheriff's Office at 970-382-6274.

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 Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

All tribal elders: Come and have some fun as we stretch and bend our joints. Enjoy the company of our friends and relatives while we have a laugh or two, and join us for a healthy breakfast. Every Friday at the SunUte Community Center from 9 to 10:30 a.m. If you need a ride, call Elders Services at 970-563-0156. Hosted by the Multi-purpose Facility staff.

Ag hosts fall food sale



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division sells bulk produce annually to tribal members, giving them a break from higher food prices. This year's staples include Adobe Milling beans, Red Rose flour, blue cornmeal from Cortez Milling, and farm-fresh potatoes from Monte Vista. This is the largest order in recent memory, according to Administrative Assistant Lou Cundiff. Produce has gone to more than 100 tribal members, with demand continuing to rise. Pictured above, tribal elder Phyllis Escalante picks up her order on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

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MANY MOONS AGO



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10 years ago

A crowd of people representing about 80 regional organizations marched in downtown Denver on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, to protest the city's annual Columbus Day parade.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 18, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Utes Make Safe House Donation. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council announced a \$13,015 donation to the Volunteers of America Southwest Safe House. The money was from a grant obtained by the tribe through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 16, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Ignacio Bobcats were up for their 1982 homecoming and ran roughshod over a brave crew from Dove Creek, winning 56-27.

This photo first appeared in the Oct. 22, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Correction

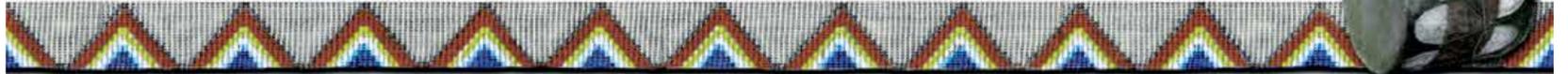
In a front page story in the Oct. 5 issue of The Southern Ute Drum, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council chairman was identified as Jimmy R. Newton Sr. It should have read Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

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NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

U.S. Justice Dept. announces policy on tribal eagle feather use

Staff report
U.S. JUSTICE DEPT.

The Department of Justice announced a policy Friday, Oct. 12 addressing the ability of members of federally recognized Indian tribes to possess or use eagle feathers, an issue of great cultural significance to many tribes and their members.

Attorney General Eric Holder signed the new policy after extensive consultation with tribal leaders and groups. The policy covers all federally protected birds, bird feathers, and bird parts.

Federal wildlife laws such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act generally criminalize the killing of eagles and other migratory birds and the possession or commercialization of the feathers and other parts of such birds. These important laws are enforced by the DOJ and the Department of the Interior and help ensure that eagle and other bird populations remain healthy and sustainable.

At the same time, the department recognizes that eagles play a unique and important role in the religious and cultural life of many Indian tribes. Many Indian tribes and tribal members have historically used — and today continue to use — federally protected birds, bird feathers or other bird parts for their tribal cultural and religious expression.

“This policy will help ensure a consistent and uniform approach across the nation to protecting and preserving eagles, and to honoring their cultural and spiritu-

al significance to American Indians,” Holder said. “The Department of Justice is committed to striking the right balance in enforcing our nation’s wildlife laws by respecting the cultural and religious practices of federally recognized Indian tribes with whom the United States shares a unique government-to-government relationship.”

The department is issuing its policy to address the concerns of tribal members who are unsure of how they might be affected by federal wildlife law enforcement efforts, and because of a concern that this uncertainty may hinder or inhibit tribal religious and cultural practices.

The department first announced it was considering formalizing a policy on eagle feathers in October 2011 and sought tribal input at that

time. It held formal consultations with tribal leaders in June, July and August 2012.

The DOJ will continue to prosecute tribal members and nonmembers alike for violating federal laws that prohibit the killing of eagles and other migratory birds or the buying or selling of the feathers or other parts of such birds.

The policy expands upon longstanding DOJ practice and DOI policy. It was developed in close coordination with the DOI. The DOJ’s Environment and Natural Resources Division and U.S. attorneys’ offices work closely with the DOI’s U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs on enforcement of federal laws protecting birds.

To view the policy, visit www.justice.gov/tribal.

The policy provides that, consistent with the Department of Justice’s traditional exercise of its discretion, a member of a federally recognized tribe engaged only in the following types of conduct will not be subject to prosecution:

- Possessing, using, wearing or carrying federally protected birds, bird feathers or other bird parts (federally protected bird parts);
- Traveling domestically with federally protected bird parts or, if tribal members obtain and comply with necessary permits, traveling internationally with such items;
- Picking up naturally molted or fallen feathers found in the wild, without molesting or disturbing federally protected birds or their nests;
- Giving or loaning federally protected bird parts to other members of federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;
- Exchanging federally protected bird parts for federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;
- Providing the feathers or other parts of federally protected birds to craftspersons who are members of federally recognized tribes to be fashioned into objects for eventual use in tribal religious or cultural activities.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'icha-'ara m̄ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

18. Minor word-types

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Nouns, adjectives and verbs are large word-classes. They make up the bulk of the vocabulary we use to describe states and events in our world, to ask questions, or to make requests and commands. But all languages also have word-classes that are much smaller, and strand the continuum between lexicon (“dictionary”) and grammar. In most languages, these minor wordclasses are much less homogeneous or predictable either in their form or their behavior. But they do exist and need to be described, however briefly.

18.1. ADVERBS

Ute adverbs are extremely heterogenous in both form and meaning. Some are independent words; the vast majority are prefixed to the verbal word. We will survey briefly some of the more common types.

18.1.1. TIME ADVERBS

Most time-adverbs in Ute are independent words. Some of the more common ones are:

- (1) 'áav̄ 'now,' 'áa-ravay 'today,' w̄ichkus 'tomorrow,' k̄úaw 'yesterday,' tá-táavay 'every day,' t̄úsapa 'always,' s̄ávaru 'Saturday,' tumiikukh 'Sunday,' t̄em̄-m̄ua-tagho-ch̄i 'December' ('winter month'), 'ichay t̄em̄-t̄u 'this year,' namu-t̄em̄-t̄u 'last year,' p̄ina-t̄em̄-t̄u 'next year,' tava-mawisi-t̄u 'sunrise,' tava-yáakwi-t̄u 'sunset,' togho-tavay 'noon'

Other time adverbs are complex words that also function as **inter-clausal connectives** (“conjunctions”). Some of those are:

- (2) p̄ina-khw̄a 'later on' (lit. 'follow-go')
p̄ina-khw̄a-'ura 'so later on' (lit. 'later-go-be')
'u-vway-akh-'ura 'so then' (lit. 'there-at-it-be')
togho-sapa-ura 'consequently,' 'because of that'
'úni-guni 'all of a sudden'
náagha-tu-p̄u 'seldom'
náagha-tu-paa-t̄u 'very rarely'
náagha-tu-p̄u-ravay 'some day'
náagha-tu-p̄u-vwaa-t̄u 'some time'

18.1.2. MANNER ADVERBS

Manner adverbs enrich the meaning of the verb, further specifying the manner of the action or event. Few of them are independent words, such as:

- (3) 'átu 'well,' suwa 'almost,' 'ava'na-t̄u 'much,' t̄uvuchi 'very,' m̄ichi 'a bit,' navas̄ 'just,' t̄úuravas̄i 'in vain'

But the vast majority are either noun, adjective, verb or adverb stems incorporated as **pre-fixes** in front of the verb. This process of **pre-verbal incorporation** is a central feature of Ute grammar. Some examples of this pattern are:

- (3) a. p̄úka-wúuka-y (adverb stem: p̄úka-)
hard-work-y
'(s/he) is working hard'
- b. 'áa-'apagha-mi (adjective: 'áa-gha-r̄u 'new,' 'young,' 'gentle')
gentle-speak-HAB
'(s/he) speaks gently'
- c. mama-paghay-mi (noun: mama-ch̄i 'woman')
woman-walk-HAB
'(he) walks like a woman'
- d. saku-paghay-'way (verb: saku-y 'limping')
limp-walk-IMM
'(s/he) walks limping'

18.1.3. EPISTEMIC ADVERBS

Epistemic adverbs express the degree of certainty, truth or probability that the speaker assigns to his/her statements. In Ute such adverbs are few, and are independent words. But the grammar of Ute is rich in other means for expressing the same notions, especially the modal suffixes associate with the tense-aspect system. Independent words in this class are, for example:

- (4) náagha 'maybe'
t̄uvuchi 'truly,' 'very'

18.2. INTERJECTIONS

Every language has some interjections that are hard to classify grammatically. Their function, most commonly, has to do with the **interaction** between speaker and hearer. Some examples of common Ute interjections are:

- (5) **affirmation or negation:**
'u 'yes' (I agree to what you said)
'áy 'yes' (I heard you, you've got my attention)
'úvway 'okay' (lit. 'then')
kách 'no'

common greetings:

- m̄áyki 'hi,' 'hello'
m̄áyki t̄uguvu-n 'howdy my friend'
m̄achaa 'hi'
'ip̄u 'iniki?' 'what are you doing?'
'agha-'ara-m? 'how are you?'

common responses:

- toghoy-aqh 'it's good,' 'thank you'
toghoyi-n 'I'm fine'
kachi-n 'nothing in particular,' 'I'm doing nothing'
navas pagha-'ni 'I'm just hanging out'

taking leave:

- 'uvusa-gha 'goodbye' (lit.: 'finished')
p̄ágha-n̄ukwi-chaa-n 'I'm taking off'
p̄unikya-vaa-ch̄i '(I) will see (you)'
p̄unikya-vaa-chi-m '(I) will see you'
p̄unikya-gha-paa-chi-am̄ '(we) will see you-guys'

In the next column we will discuss the last minor word-classes – demonstrative, articles and pronouns.

'uvusa-gha, toghoy-aqh.

CULTURAL UPDATE

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you're on the list but haven't been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

POWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member 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 interested individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

POWOW TRAILS

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Colorado State University Powwow Oct. 27

500 University Ave. • Fort Collins, Colo.

Contact: Delbert Willie

Phone: 970-310-4836

Web: www.engr.colostate.edu/aises

26th annual Red Mountain Eagle Powwow Nov. 3 – 4

Salt River Ballfield, 1839 N. Longmore Rd. • Scottsdale, Ariz.

Contact: Bill Hayes

Phone: 208-241-2175

Email: billhaze@rocketmail.com

Northern Arapaho Powwow Nov. 9 – 11

Great Plains Hall, 15 Great Plain Rd. • Arapaho, Wyo.

Contact: Ambrose C' Hair

Phone: 307-349-8051



KIDNEY CORNER

Cranberry and the kidney

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES



"A friend told me that eating cranberries is good for my kidneys. Is this true?"

Many "alternative," or herbal, medicines are taken by people worldwide. It's estimated that 17 percent of Americans take some form of nonconventional medicines, and Americans spend about \$5 billion per year on these medicines.

It's important to understand that the makers of these products are not required to demonstrate efficacy for treating any specific condition before they're sold. This is in contrast to conventional medicines, which are tightly regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, required to show therapeutic benefit in a clinical trial, and subject to strict quality control in their manufacture.

Many people feel alternative medicines are safe because they're often made from natural ingredients, and have often been used for a long time as traditional treatments for various illnesses. But these natural products can have significant side effects, as we shall see in future editions of the Kidney Corner.

To return to the question: Is there benefit to cranberries? Yes, cranberries can be

helpful in preventing urine infections.

To understand how this works, we need to review the mechanisms of urine infection. The bladder is a fascinating and underrated organ! It has to be able to expand dramatically like a balloon while preventing any of the toxins in the urine from leaking through its walls back into the bloodstream.

Additionally, it's under frequent attack from bacteria that have the potential to enter the bladder from the urethra (the tube through which urine is expelled). Urine infections are more common in women than men because the urethra is shorter in women.

Fortunately, the process of urination usually flushes any bacteria out. For bacteria to be able to thrive in the bladder, they need to be able to stick to the inside of the bladder wall. This is where cranberry comes in: It reduces the ability of bacteria

to adhere to the bladder so they tend to be washed out with urination.

Well-conducted clinical studies of cranberries in patients with urine infections show a benefit in preventing urine infections. Cranberries are therefore sometimes used in clinical practice in patients who have a tendency toward recurring urine infections.

Cranberry is usually not sufficient treatment for patients who have an established infection; usually antibiotics are needed to clear the infection initially. It's also important to note that, contrary to some people's belief, cranberry has not been shown to preserve kidney function, and it does have the potential of increasing an individual's risk of developing kidney stones.

The benefits of cranberry can be realized by drinking cranberry juice (8 to 16 ounces per day; look for pure unsweetened juice), or by taking cranberry tablets, which can be obtained at health food stores.

In future editions of the Kidney Corner, we will address another common type of drink that can be used to prevent kidney stones (can you guess what it is?), and we will also discuss a cautionary tale of an alternative medicine that was recently shown to cause kidney failure.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

Violence Against Women Act reauthorization a no-brainer

By Tim Heydinger
SU PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Unfortunately, the U.S. Congress seems to be at an impasse.

Statistics show that nearly one-third of all Native American women will be victims of domestic violence at some point in their life. This is the highest rate among any racial or ethnic group.

The majority of the perpetrators, according to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, are non-Native; some statistics suggest the proportion is as high as 70 percent. Because tribal courts have no jurisdiction over non-Natives, prosecution is left to the state or federal government, which for whatever reason frequently does not file charges.

Given these realities, it only seems proper that tribes should be allowed to prosecute

those who commit crimes of domestic violence against their Native American partners on a reservation. Here is where, at least in part, VAWA reauthorization is stuck.

Last April, the Senate passed Senate Bill 1925, the VAWA Reauthorization Act. The bill proposed to give to tribes the power to prosecute non-Natives who commit crimes of domestic violence against their Native American partners on a reservation.

The proposed scope of a tribe's criminal jurisdiction over non-Natives was extremely limited; it would only apply to crimes of domestic violence committed against a Native American partner.

Unfortunately, the House of Representatives found itself unable to pass the Senate version of the VAWA

Reauthorization Act. The House simply was unwilling to give tribes any measure of criminal jurisdiction over non-Native perpetrators. As a result, the Senate version of VAWA does not include the expanded jurisdiction provisions.

Native women are in need of the protections afforded by VAWA. Given the high rate of domestic violence on reservations, and given the high percentage of non-Native individuals perpetrating those crimes, tribes should be allowed to prosecute those who commit these crimes that tear at the fabric of Native life.

To provide an avenue wherein such crimes go unprosecuted, simply because the alleged perpetrator is non-Native, defeats the very purposes for which the VAWA was enacted.

YOUR HEALTH

Free breast, cervical cancer screenings offered in October

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH DEPT.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, San Juan Basin Health is offering free breast cancer screenings for women 40-64 whose income levels qualify.

We are one of 130 Women's

Wellness Connection (WWC) sites throughout Colorado. The connection also provides cervical cancer screening (pap tests and pelvic exams).

This program is for uninsured Colorado residents who are legal citizens. Insured women with high deductibles might also be

eligible. To easily determine eligibility and learn more, visit www.womenswellness-connection.org.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 970-335-2013 in La Plata and San Juan counties and 970-264-2409 in Archuleta County.

Proud in pink



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Despite a light drizzle, staff members of the Construction Services and Woodyard divisions of the Tribal Housing Department gathered in Ute Park on Friday, Oct. 12 to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Brains, bodies get moving



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal member Selma Lang and partner Wellness Specialist Claudette Casaus team up to get their brains and bodies moving in a morning exercise as an icebreaker at the Southern Ute Diabetes Conference at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Wednesday, Oct. 3. "Exercise is good, not exercising is not good," said keynote speaker Dr. Darryl Tonemah.



Tribal elders Eleanor Archuleta and Mary Sage get a little post-lunch exercise in before the afternoon session of the diabetes conference.

Keynote speaker Dr. Darryl Tonemah (Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora) travels to indigenous communities, teaching methods of health and wellness pertaining to diabetes. He spoke at the Southern Ute Diabetes Conference hosted by the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL
HONORARY PROCLAMATION**

**SOUTHERN UTE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

WHEREAS, breast cancer affects women, men and their families around the world, including on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and within tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to honor those affected by breast cancer, October has been designated as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council supports increasing awareness of and promoting the search for a cure for breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also supports and promotes National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of October, as

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to recognize and support those affected by Breast Cancer and promote the awareness of breast cancer in hopes of finding a cure.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 9th day of October, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this ninth day of October, 2012.

Jimmy R. Newton Jr., Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



Bobcats of the month



photos Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for October for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn:

Eric Begay, Jace Carmenoros, Shalisa Chavez, Tomas Gonzales, Aundrea Herrera, Arnessa Manygoat, Yllana Valdez-Howe, Sharlena White and Lexy Young.
Not pictured: Ethan Barry.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month for the announcement of the next honored students as well as interviews.



Avionne Unique-Lee Gomez

7th grade, Ignacio Jr. High School
Parents/grandparents: Kenneth and Geneva Gomez/Raymond Frost Jr. and Gloria Frost/Tim Pacheo and Dolores Gomez

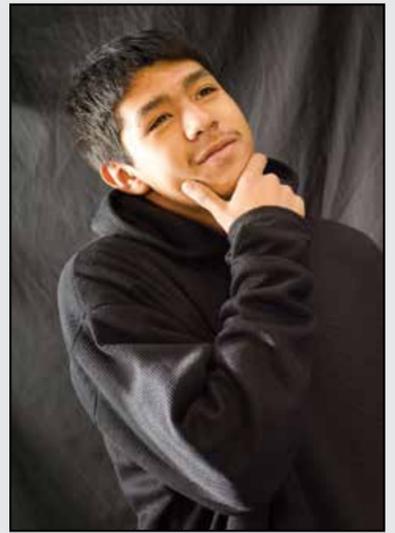
Subject(s) strengths in school? Math and Native studies

Hobbies/pastimes: Playing volleyball and basketball

When I grow up I want to be: An archeologist because my uncle Tim inspired me.

Teacher comments: "It is with great pleasure and pride, for you Avionne, that you have been recognized for your achievements. I enjoy your enthusiasm for school and your overall zest for life. You are a pleasure to work with." – Mrs. Stone

Student comment: I would like to thank my dad, mom, sister Ebs, brother Xavier, and my family. I love you all.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum
Isaiah Valdez

12th grade, Ignacio High School
Parents/grandparents: Walter and Marquetta Howe/Stephen Valdez

Subject(s) strengths in school? The subjects I am strong in are English 12.

Hobbies/pastimes: Riding my Harley Davidson.

When I grow up I want to be: An auto mechanic and motorcycle mechanic.

Breaking bread together



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosted a parent-student breakfast on Friday, Oct. 12. Many parents attended the breakfast with their little ones.

EDUCATION UPDATE

HIGHER EDUCATION CLASSES

October classes

- Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m.

Pie class: peach, apple and pumpkin pies

November classes

- Saturday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.

Bread making: yeast/fry bread and tortillas

- Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.

Holiday turkey and dressing class

- Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.

Christmas card class: make cards with stamp book materials. For interested tribal members. All classes will be in the Higher Education Building. Call Luana Herrera to sign up at 970-563-0237.

ORDER BUTTER BRAIDS NOW

Piedra Learning Community is taking orders for butter braid pastry now through Oct. 28. \$12 each. Flavors are cream cheese, blueberry cream cheese, cherry, apple, cinnamon and caramel. Call 970-884-3259 or email skillsforlandl@gmail.com. Delivery on Nov. 1.

VENDORS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE DEC. 1

Call Piedra Learning Community at 970-884-3259 or email skillsforlandl@gmail.com to register for a 6-foot space for \$30. Room for more than 50 vendors will fill up fast.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There 20 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a certificate, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

IGNACIO SCHOOLS HOST 'CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS'

The Ignacio schools' Relay for Life team is once again hosting a "Curing Cancer with Crafts" craft fair on Nov. 3. For more info, call Deb Otten at 970-382-8754 or email dotten@ignacio.k12.co.us. There will be a limited amount of space and round tables available on a first-come-first-served basis.

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

STEM after-school open house at The Southern Ute Education Department



After school **October 31st** from **2:15-4:45 p.m.**

The most fun place to be on Halloween!!!

Similar open house STEM programs will run the last Wednesday of each month, same time, and same place.

Is your 3rd-8th grader into science? Are they not sure what to do after-school?

Come discover your inner scientist in this fun and interactive experiment-filled open house program.

October's STEM program will be **Halloween! Create your own creepy concoctions.**

Southern Ute, JOM, Descendant students will explore chemistry as they devise the best recipe for fake blood, create different varieties of slime, make fake snot, and write messages to their friends using invisible ink. Be sure to stick around for the entire time because, at 4:30pm, our Mad Scientists will do a special **spooooky-science** Halloween presentation with dry ice bubbles, vomiting pumpkins, and exploding jack-o-lanterns!

Not only are Durango Discovery Museum after-school programs tons of fun, but they have taught students new science concepts and vocabulary and have enhanced students' science skills. The tradition continues, with **science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)** programs at the Southern Ute Education Department one Wednesday a month during Early Release.

Durango Discovery Museum education staff will guide students through inquiry and hands-on activities. *Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the fun!* We'll meet at the Southern Ute Education Building the last Wednesday of every month from 2:15-4:45 p.m.

spark curiosity, ignite imagination, and power exploration

For further questions please contact

Sarah Margoles at the Discovery Museum 970-403-1863 sarah@durangodiscovery.org or Carrie Vogel @ SUED, 970-563-0235 cvoegel@southern-ute.nsn.us

****TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR 7 STUDENTS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON A FIRST COME BASIS BY CALLING CARRIE VOGEL OR EMAILING ME (See Above)**

Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5 Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3rd-5th grader? Not sure what to do after school?

Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a "green" building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum's enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5th grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning **September 27th**, and running on **Thursdays through January 31st**.

Further information is available online at our website: www.durangodiscovery.org. See you in the lab!

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For further questions please contact:

Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager

Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • jen@durangodiscovery.org





IHS FOOTBALL

Cats get urgent win v. Center, improve to 2-5

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

“Workhorse” is a common tag in gridiron-speak for a hard-working, dependable, hard-to-stop ball carrier — most often, by position, a running back.

Center High’s Gustavo Nungaray proved to be exactly that in a must-win contest on Friday, Oct. 12 at Ignacio High School Field; much of the time, he seemed the only one pulling his side’s weighted wagon. But boss Lee Flood’s major mistake that night was to try and modernize — via the air — the delivery process.

Virtually unstoppable on sweeping runs around left end, Nungaray suddenly was denied the ball and a Ryan Perrin pass was the call with just over 7 minutes left to play.

Stepping up into a collapsing pocket, Perrin threw into double coverage over the middle. After a shining deflection by IHS senior Austin Haire, the wounded duck was pulled down at the IHS 41 by sophomore Adison Jones — the Bobcats’ quarterback, pressed into two-way play due to dwindling personnel numbers.

With 6:52 left and Center’s momentum toward erasing a five-point deficit coldly disrupted, Ignacio went back to work whittling down the

scoreboard clock. But after three Isaac Pena runs and one by Clayton Jefferson, Jones threw incomplete on fourth down and the Vikings regained possession at their own 24 with 4:26 remaining.

Fans along both sidelines knew what was coming. Center looked to similar clock-killing thinking to leave the locals little time to respond should the visitors get the go-ahead touchdown. Nungaray was summoned the first four snaps, gaining 26 yards out to midfield. Fullback Jeremiah Moreno then gained a yard to give the beast a breather, and Nungaray then pushed the ball to the Bobcat 42 on two more of his incredible 46 carries (yielding 259 yards).

Two more runs, one by each Viking, followed, and gained the 38 — but a pass was signaled next in the march. Big mistake: Perrin (5-of-9, 29 yards) was fortunate to survive a vicious shot from defensive end Blaine Mickey, forcing an incompletion.

“You’ve just got to hit that hole, and you’ve got to want it,” he said afterward. “Got to be thinking of the team first instead of yourself. Can’t be worried about what you’re going to get. You’ve got to know what you’re doing better for the rest of these guys, to where we can get the ball and can score.”



Ignacio’s Isaac Pena (24) runs into the open, away from Center’s Jeremiah Moreno (20) and others, during Ignacio’s 18-13 victory over the Vikings on Friday, Oct. 12.

“That’s a big motivational pushover for us because Centauri whooped us, you know,” Pena noted of Ignacio’s defensive recovery from the previous week’s 48-8 beating dealt by the Falcons. “And knowing that they put up points against Centauri, and we stopped them ... real proud of our defense.”

Facing fourth-and-long, Perrin was again pressed to pass. And though he connected with blocking back Justin Wilson down to the IHS 31, the six-yarder was much too short. With just 1:27 left, Ignacio had but to run three

plays to nail down an 18-13 triumph in 1A Southern Peaks Conference action.

“Against Centauri, something just didn’t click. We weren’t all there,” Joe Herrera said. “Tonight, everybody stuck together in the locker room, everybody talked together, and ... came out with a bang, ended with a bang.”

The fireworks began in earnest for the Cats (2-5, 1-2 SPC) during a 4-minute, 21-second stretch in the second quarter. Three plays after hooking up with Jefferson for a drive-starting 28-yarder, Jones (7-of-21, 142 yards) hit him again for a 26-yard TD to finish the 67-yard series and tie the score at 6-6 with 9:44 before halftime.

Nungaray had capped the game’s first possession — a 9-play (all runs, seven by Nungaray), 64-yard march — with a one-yard plunge and 8:16 remaining in the opening quarter, which ended with CHS (1-6, 0-3) ahead 6-0. Perrin’s two-point conversion pass had failed, as later did Pena’s run attempt.

Bobcat Justin Carver then fell on a Moreno fumble at Ignacio’s 46 with 8:35 before the break, and Ignacio’s resulting seven-play drive ended with Jones hitting Herrera for the score from 25 yards out and 6:46 still

left (Jones’ two-point pass try was unsuccessful).

“It’s really special just to be able to come back out,” said the freshman, who’d only been activated before the Centauri game. “It’s been a long six weeks. ... Happy to get back on my feet, do what I do best — play football with my ‘family’ — and get a touchdown, prove to them I hadn’t gone anywhere.”

Asked to step out of the backfield and help shore up the offensive line, Haire — who recovered a fumble on the Vikes’ second series — and the trenchmen helped clear paths for Pena to total 99 yards on 22 carries, though his TD came as a consequence of place and time.

On the eighth play of a 72-yard drive, in immediate reply to Center’s go-ahead 8-play, 53-yarder (ending with a Nungaray score from 17 yards out, then an Adalberto Romero PAT), Jefferson gained two yards on a rush to the goal line—but was stripped of the ball before crossing.

With graduated brother Alex observing at field level, Pena was already in the end zone and ready to celebrate, but had to smother the ball himself. With 2:48 left in the third quarter, the unusual score (sans conversion, however) would eventually

stand as the winner.

“Congrats to Ike,” Herrera said. “He’s a good running back ... and he ran the ball very, very well tonight. Did an amazing job. He’s a great accessory to the team.”

“I felt good,” Pena said. “Had faith in the line, and they were blocking good. We worked hard this week and just had to push it, you know? And the line ... [I] couldn’t run through the holes without them.”

Up next for the Bobcats will be a trip to Del Norte’s Speiser Field on Saturday, Oct. 20, with kickoff scheduled for 1 p.m. Having shown an ability to score points (two games of 50 or better) but also give them up in bunches, the Tigers dropped to 3-4 overall and 0-3 in conference after a 34-7 home loss to Centauri on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Ignacio’s 2012 regular season ends Friday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. at home against SPC foe Dolores.

“We started the season with a good 42 players, and right now I think we’ve got 20 to 18,” Herrera said. “We’ve just got to deal. This is what we’ve got, the true kids who’ve stuck to the game, wanted to play. And that’s fine. ... We can play ironman. Because together we can play football, get the job done.”



Bobcats Adison Jones (8) and Nick Herrera (85) join in the dogpile on Centauri running back Jareb Aziz (20) during Ignacio’s 48-8 loss to the Falcons on Friday, Oct. 5.

Halloween Carnival!









Date: Saturday, October 27th, 2012

Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm

Location: SunUte Community Center

Activities: Carnival Game Booths, Cake Walk, Costume Contest, Kids Haunted House and Food

Contact: Crystal Garnanez at 970-563-0246 ext. 3317 to sign up your booth or if you have any questions regarding the Carnival. Thanks.



2012 Halloween Costume Contest!






When: Saturday, October 27th, 2012
(In conjunction with the Halloween Carnival)

Where: SunUte Community Center

Time: 6:30pm

Categories:
 Infant - 2 yrs.
 3-5 yrs.
 6-9 yrs.
 10-12 yrs.
 13-15 yrs.
 16-18 yrs.
 19-adult.

All categories will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place prizes.

Contact: Crystal Garnanez at 970-563-0246 ext. 3317 if you have any questions regarding the Costume contest or the Halloween Carnival. Thanks.



IHS VOLLEYBALL

Spikers notch 11 wins with tourney still to come

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Bringing some of July back into October, the Ignacio Volleys completed their schedule's most demanding portion — a preseason camp-like four matches in under 72 hours — with an even split to show.

But the wins over Telluride and Ouray, alternating with losses at Dolores and at Norwood, injected a morale boost unknown to the varsity program for years: a double-digit win total.

And the regular season still isn't done; the team's final in-uniform preparations for the San Juan Basin League/District 3 Tournament come at a non-league Friday, Oct. 19 triangular at Center (versus the 2A Lady Vikings and 1A Moffat/Saguache Mountain Valley).

Scores from a straight-sets loss to NHS had not been reported by deadline, but the expected sweep of Ouray's Lady Trojans came by counts of 25-13, 25-10, and 25-18.

Senior Michelle Simmons did her damage with 11 kills and just one error in 16 attacks, and registered seven digs and four service aces. Destinee Lucero put down eight kills, and setter Cloe Seibel distributed 25 assists. Defensively, libero Angela Herrera came up with 14 digs.

Ignacio's rocky road began Thursday night in Dolores, where on Parent Appreciation Night, the Lady Bears did not let the Cats build on a 25-22 Set 3 (after stopping them 25-20 and 25-15) win.

With the score tied at 3-3, DHS junior Elana Bernholtz landed three consecutive



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum
Ignacio senior Destinee Lucero (7) lets go a two-handed placement shot at Dolores on Thursday, Oct. 11, as teammate Angela Herrera (10) and Lady Bear Larissa Umberger (2) observe. Ignacio fell in four sets.

aces into the middle of the court, and Ignacio's Ellie Seibel then committed a hitting error to give the hosts a wide lead. The score quickly swelled to 13-5 after a Cloe Seibel roll shot into the net, 17-9 on a Mindy McCracken kill into the deep middle, and 21-11 on a soft tip by senior middle Sam Tate.

One of two towering move-ins from the Colorado Springs Metro League, along with 6-foot-1 junior JV player Ashley Rosenbaugh, the six-footer was used by skipper Gina Hollen primarily as a decoy to take attention away from se-

niors McCracken and Cydney McHenry. And the plan, despite an Ignacio minirun that shrunk the gap to 23-17, ultimately worked: McHenry pounded down a kill from the left side to take the set 25-19.

Finding similar energy awaiting them inside IHS Gymnasium — on their own Senior/Parent Appreciation Night — the Volleys (11-6, 7-7 SJBL) rebounded with a postseason-ready fury, though Telluride's Lady Miners showed they'd be ready for a five-set grinder with a 25-21 win in Set 1.

With Simmons heating up toward her final total of 19 kills and Lucero building toward her 13, IHS captured Set 2 25-23 and Set 3 25-17. The defense tightened as well, led by Herrera adding digs toward a solid total of 34 and Cheyenne Cook racking up an amazing nine total blocks, but Telluride forced a Set 5 with a 25-20 win in Set 4.

But seniors Simmons, Lucero, Mariah Vigil and key reserve Santana Abeyta were not to be denied on this night, especially not with JV seniors Ashley Paul, Breana Talamante-Benavidez and Nicole Williams also looking on after trouncing THS themselves in a four-setter.

In winning the tiebreaker 15-11, Ignacio's defense found an extra gear, with freshman defensive specialist Chrystianne Valdez finishing with 13 digs and Lucero ending with 11 for a solid double-double against a Telluride squad that entered tied with Springfield atop the "Receiving Votes" category in the Denver Post's Oct. 8 Class 2A rankings.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum
Ignacio senior Michelle Simmons (3) presents flowers and a hug to grandmother Vonestine William, as mother Kelly Herrera observes at rear, during Senior/Parent Appreciation Night recognitions before the Volleys' five-set thriller with Telluride on Friday, Oct. 12.

Mission accomplished



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Volleycat varsity poses proudly after defeating the 3A Bayfield JV in the closing match on Tuesday, Oct. 2 inside IHS Gymnasium, as part of the six-stop Pink Digs for the Cure VI series — including middle-school, high-school, and college participation — across southwestern Colorado. Standing at far right is BP America Contributions Committee Chairman David Smith, representing the company integral to the event since its 2007 inception.



"All-star Survivor" Janet Schell shares a lighter moment with Ignacio JV/Varsity swing player Santana Abeyta (38) before being introduced to the IHS Gymnasium crowd prior to the Volleys' varsity match versus the 3A Bayfield JV on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Pink Digs for the Cure VI. Ignacio later swept the Lady Wolverines in three sets.

As teammates Angela Herrera and Mariah Vigil watch at rear, Ignacio varsity player Cloe Seibel presents "All-star Survivor" Virginia Sage with a pink volleyball after Sage's introduction to the IHS Gymnasium crowd at Pink Digs for the Cure VI on Tuesday, Oct. 2.



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Ignacio High School Fall sports schedule

FOOTBALL

Oct. 19 @ Del Norte 7 p.m.
Oct. 26 vs Dolores 7 p.m.

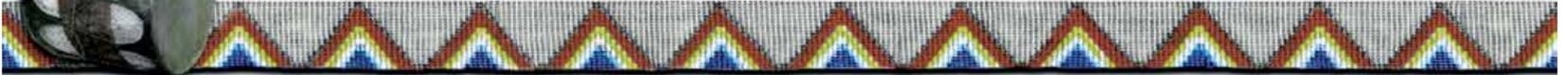
JV FOOTBALL

Oct. 22 @ Cortez 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 19 @ Tri (Center) Mtn. Valley/Moffat 1 p.m.
Oct. 26/27 SJBL - Districts (Ignacio) 9 a.m.





Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A full house of supporters cheered throughout Obama's speech.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members Arlene Millich, Lillian Siebel and Deidra Millich show their support for Obama and her husband.

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nod to her family's middle-class roots.

Lindsay Box, mentor coordinator for the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, said Obama's experience as a member of the middle class seems to help her understand the difficulties many Americans face.

"That was really neat to see that it was someone who can relate to the issues that are taking place in the mid-

dle class," she said.

Most refreshing for Box, who admits a low tolerance for political mudslinging, is that Obama stuck to touting the benefits of her husband's leadership and avoided attacking Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

"She hit on them in a way that she didn't really seem like she was pushing the politics," she said. "It was engaging to listen to without being too draining."

Fort Lewis hosts first lady

Thousands of area residents, including members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, packed into Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium in Durango on Wednesday, Oct. 10 for a chance to hear first lady Michelle Obama speak. Obama discussed her family's middle-class roots, her husband's accomplishments, and the importance of voting.



courtesy Lindsay Box

Southern Ute tribal members and other Native American supporters had a sterling opportunity as the first lady personally greeted many of them in the audience after her speech. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Ramona Eagle, Dermarr Harlan of Liberty High School, and Miss Indian World Jessa Rae Growing Thunder were among those who met Obama personally.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fort Lewis College students show their support for Obama in the grandstands prior to the first lady's speech.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Community members lined up hours in advance for admission to the first lady's speech.



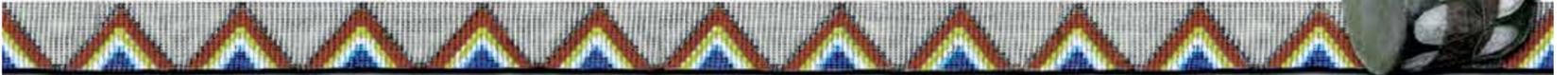
Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Obama enjoyed a strong showing of support from the Native American community.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Obama said her husband had accomplished much in his first four years, but needs another four to finish the job.



The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe showed its support alongside Sunshine Perry, the school's current Miss Hozhoni.



Miss Indian World Jessa Rae Growing Thunder gives a presentation to her peers. Growing Thunder is also a student at Fort Lewis College.

'Real history' of the U.S.

Dancers, speakers and artists joined together on Monday, Oct. 8 at Fort Lewis College in Durango to celebrate cultural diversity. Members from the school and community came together under clear autumn skies to honor their indigenous roots under the banner of "The Real History of the Americas."

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



A young boy serenades the audience with a hand drum song.



Ute Mountain Ute tribal members Tawny Knight and her father Terry Knight speak about their tribe's oral history.



Artist from Santa Fe, N.M., shared cultural expression through painting.



Southern Ute tribal members Crystal Ivy and Deanna Joseph were among the many in attendance at the cultural diversity presentation.



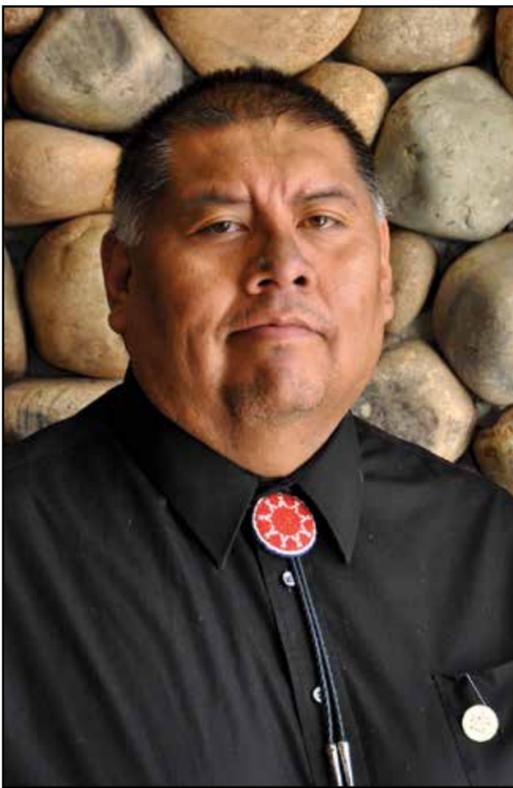
Fancy dance was one of the colorful presentations performed to traditional music.



A map of North America illustrates the geographic diversity of students on the Fort Lewis College campus, a school that offers a unique Native American tuition waiver.



Southern Ute Tribal Council



ALEX S. CLOUD

Mique, tribal members,

My name is Alex S. Cloud, and I am seeking a seat on Tribal Council. First I want to thank the creator for allowing me to run for a seat on the Tribal Council. I sat on the Tribal Council from 2008 to 2011. Within this time, I learned many things about how the tribe operates, from investments to different policies and codes that govern the tribe.

Being on the Tribal Council is not a one-man show; we have five other tribal council members who make decisions and a tribal chairman and his administration to carry out their actions. This is written in our Tribal Constitution and should be followed, because until changes are made to the Constitution, this is what we follow.

I have worked for the tribe for many years. I worked in the Recreation Division for most of them. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you and still have many connections with you. I feel that a Tribal Council member should be approachable and never turn away anyone. I was taught to always respect everyone. I felt when I was in office I did that. I want to again do that for the membership.

There are many concerns that affect tribal members today, including culture, employment, education, lands, health, finance, elders, and our future the youth. I know that the Tribal Council has to deal with other agencies at different levels, such as local municipalities, county, state and federal. So there are many discussions that the tribe has to be a part of for the sake of our membership.

If there is one thing that stands out for me, it's how the tribal government communicates to the membership. If I am elected to office, I would like to work on that, because many of you sometimes never hear of programs that can affect you and help you with many of your needs. I feel that communication with membership is a priority so that if an opportunity arises, the membership is notified in a timely manner.

I am a very humble person. After not getting back into office, I did not take much time off; I took the opportunity to come back and work for the tribe and work on a program that employed 40 tribal students to gain good work ethic and help tribal departments get acquainted with our tribal youth.

I would like to thank all of you that have supported me in the past and would like to ask for your support again to serve the membership as tribal councilman for the next 3 years. I have been told by many tribal elders that there is no reward bigger than giving back to your people I would like to do that again.

Thank you.



DELBERT D. CUTHAIR JR.

Dear tribal members,

My name is Delbert D. Cuthair Jr. My parents are Veronica Silva and Delbert Cuthair Sr. My maternal grandparents are Mary and Susano Silva. My paternal grandparents are Belle and Curtis Cuthair.

I graduated from Durango Senior High School in 1991. I received my bachelor of arts in computer science from Fort Lewis College in 2005.

I am running for Tribal Council because it has always been a dream of mine to be on Tribal Council to work for and represent all tribal members. I was on the Ignacio town board for a few years, but had to give up my seat because I moved out of the Ignacio town limits.

I have always made my decisions based on the information and facts given to me. I am currently on the KSUT board and really like the different things we have to go through as a board. I have worked for the Permanent Fund since 2005 and I am currently the systems administrator for the Management Information Systems Department.

There are a few reasons I am running for Tribal Council, but I will list my two main concerns. One is that I believe that every council member needs to show up for all required meetings. They need to be there to provide a quorum for each and every decision that will be made for the good of all the people. Each council member should be on time and prepared, meaning that they have gone through their packet and are prepared to ask questions and voice any concerns they may have.

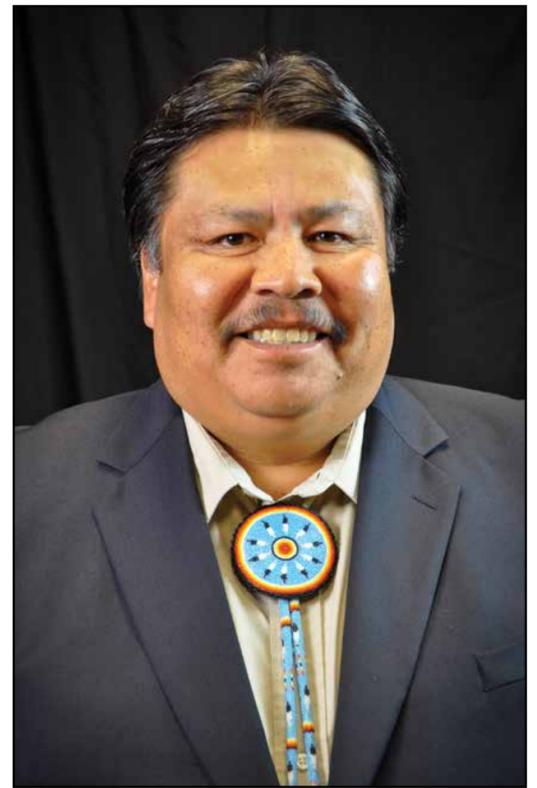
A council member's position is very important, and they should treat it as such by making sure there is always a quorum and always being prepared for all meetings.

Second is that we on the Permanent Fund side are getting ready to start doing cutbacks. This means that 60 jobs over the next 5 years will be cut. With the economy still down, but slowly rising, we need to make sure that we are not going to overspend and be able to stick to our financial budget plan.

But the main thing is that all tribal members should not have to worry about their jobs being in jeopardy. I believe that if a tribal member is in a position to advance to, say, a director position, they should be given that opportunity even if they require training to enhance their skills. No tribal member should be passed over because someone felt they weren't ready.

I believe that the Growth Fund should also find ways to do cutbacks on their side. This means saving money and possibly putting that money into more investments for us tribal members. The bonuses on the Growth Fund side are a little higher than normal as well. There is a bonus system on the Permanent Fund side, and I think something like that should be implemented at the Growth Fund to make sure that bonuses are kept at a reasonable rate for all employees.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you will give me a chance to work for you.



VINCE MIRABAL

Maykh pinu nuuchiu! (Greetings, Ignacio Southern Utes!)

My name is Vincenti Mirabal — known to most as Vince. I am a candidate for a seat on Tribal Council, and I want to represent tribal members through dedication, hard work and leadership while in office. If elected, I will bring a positive attitude, enthusiasm, common sense, and a team-first approach to doing what is best for the tribal membership.

I am seeking a seat on Tribal Council because I am proud to be Southern Ute. I want to continue the prosperity the previous tribal councils have afforded us today and to ensure that future generations will continue to benefit. I want to ensure the care of our elders and provide opportunities for employment for those of working age and those that are able.

My desire is to continue to provide the best educational opportunities for our youth, for all tribal members to get a college education or go to a trade school so they may become productive members of society no matter where they reside, on or off the reservation.

I believe I possess knowledge, skills and ability to accept the challenging endeavor of being a Tribal Council member and to contribute toward a better government for our future.

I am a:

- Family man (son, grandson, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather)
- Active in Ute culture and traditions
- 26 years ongoing community service to our tribal and nontribal youth
- Former cattle owner
- Founder of Construction Controls Inc. in Ignacio
- Founder of Pine River Construction Inc. in Phoenix
- Lived on and off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation
- Vice president of sales, marketing and quality control for Sky Ute Sand and Gravel
- Descendent of former councilwomen Euterpe Cloud Taylor and Lillian Weaver Seibel.

In closing, the election this year for two council seats is very important to the future of our people, and your vote is your voice to elect new council members how you see fit for our tribal government. I look forward to discussing with you what we believe are important issues facing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I humbly ask that you vote for me, Vincenti "Vince" Mirabal.

Tuvuch toghoy-agh (Thank you very much).

Vincenti (Vince) Mirabal, Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council candidate, invites you to meet with him during an informal dinner to ask questions and find out what he stands for in the upcoming election.

Oct. 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Multi-purpose Facility, Ignacio



The Southern Ute Growth Fund & Red Willow Production Company are giving Southern Ute Tribal Members, 21 years and older a commemorative gift to celebrate Red Willow Production Company's 20th Anniversary.

Distribution of the gifts will occur on Nov. 14 and 15 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tribal Members **MUST** present photo identification or a Tribal Census Card to receive the gift.

If you are unable to personally pick up your gift, fill out the form below and sign authorizing someone to pick it up for you.

Gift will be mailed to Tribal members living outside the Four Corners Region and Out of State.

Name _____

Census # _____

Designee _____

Authorizing Signature _____

* Gift will be mailed to Tribal members living outside the Four Corners Region and Out of State.

ATTENTION TRIBAL VOTERS!

The Election Board is looking for one Regular Board member. Deadline is Monday, November 5, 2012.

You must be a registered voter, eighteen (18) years old or older, live within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, be able to commit to a three (3) year term, and not have been convicted of any felony.

Please bring your Letter of Intention to either Hazel or Helene at the LCB. Indicate Regular Board member position when applying and, please, include a **WORKING** phone number.

The Election Board office is located at the LCB, Second Floor, East Wing. 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305.



statements from your candidates



ADAM RED

Hello fellow tribal members,

My name is Adam Red. I will be running for Tribal Council in this upcoming tribal election.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I was born in Durango to the late Bryce Red and Rosemary Aiken. I was raised in Ignacio and graduated from Ignacio High School in 1995. In 1998, I married Maria Pardo, and we have two daughters: Sierra, 7; and McKayla, who is 2.

After graduating from high school, I worked for the Southern Ute Wildlife Department for 10 years. I was unemployed during the summer months, as well as winter breaks, while also attending college at the University of Northern Colorado. I graduated from college in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in geography and a minor in multicultural anthropology.

Upon returning to Ignacio, I worked with the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers. I am currently employed with the Southern Ute Growth Fund's Department of Energy, where I hold the position of GIS specialist. I am a football coach at Ignacio High School and have held that position for 5 years.

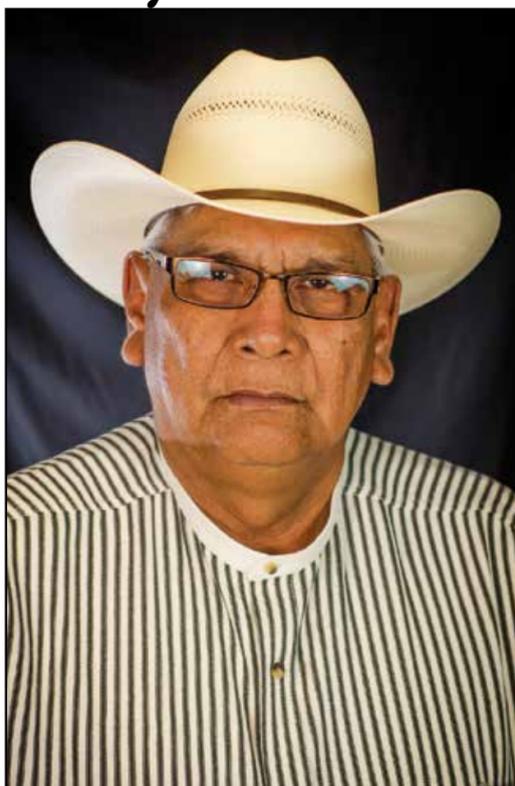
I am seeking a seat on the council to help lead the tribe now and into the future. My goal is to improve educational opportunities for anyone regardless of age. I also believe there is much needed improvement regarding housing for tribal membership on the reservation, as well as more tribal members employed throughout the organization.

I believe in accountability throughout the tribal organization. The employees of the tribe should be held accountable in the positions they serve, to ensure that not only are they performing their duties, but also representing the tribe in a professional manner.

Also, the tribe's finances need to be handled in a responsible way that benefits the tribal membership as a whole.

I have heard many tribal members say they would like to see a change in Tribal Council.

Change starts with your vote, and I believe I am the right candidate to lead our tribe into the future and beyond. I would like to thank you for your time and support. Please feel free to ask me any questions at any time, or just simply say hi.



HOWARD D. RICHARDS SR.

Greetings,

My name is Howard D. Richards Sr. I am a candidate for a seat in the upcoming general election. I am asking for your support and vote on Nov. 2.

I will continue to address wasteful spending in this year's budget. Your Tribal Council, of which I am a member, has done this. This year's budget is lower than last year's (FY 2012). Vehicle spending has been trimmed, and there will not be buildings built this year. This has been a priority of mine.

Tribal Member Health has also been a priority of mine. We are almost complete in the structure of this; the council has to decide on how this is going to be funded.

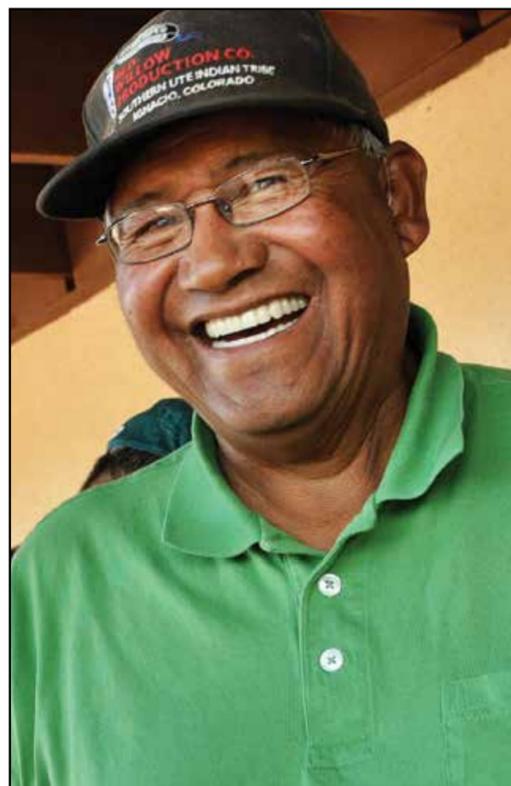
If elected, the following will be addressed by me this year:

- Our criminal justice system, i.e. tribal court, the police department, and Tribal Rangers.
- Reservation maintenance, i.e.
 - Repair of our reservation roads.
 - Range needs to be identified, i.e. fences need replacement and repair, and stock ponds and springs need protection, replacement and repair.
 - Erosion of our tribal lands.
- Housing: We need to start identifying lands that our membership can use to build homes on. I will look at different types of funding for these homes. i.e., possibilities of home mortgages, in places such as Cedar Point.

With proper planning, the above can be accomplished.

Why you should vote for me: I am no stranger to tribal politics. I have served as your past council member, vice chairman and chairman. This present administration is being held accountable; this includes the Growth Fund and casino. The knowledge that I bring to you, the membership, is very important. I bring a lot of history and experience to the Tribal Council, which is needed.

In closing, I ask for your vote and support in the upcoming general election. May the Creator protect and watch over you and your family.



ERWIN E. TAYLOR

No statement submitted.



What's On Your Mind?

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners goes "On the Road" and invites you to join them for an informal community dialogue on issues important to you!

**Tuesday, October 23, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

**Florida Mesa Grange Hall
656 Highway 172, Durango**

**Robert A. Lieb, Jr.
Wally White
Kellie C. Hotter**
La Plata County Commissioners

For more information, please call (970) 382-6219

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2012

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Notice - Vote for Two

- Delbert D. Cuthair, Jr.
- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Vince Mirabal
- Adam Red
- Erwin E. Taylor
- Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
 2. Voting is by secret ballot.
 3. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 2, 2012

SunUte Community Center • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are:
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Absentee ballot request deadline: Oct. 24 by 5 p.m.
Emergency absentee deadline: Nov. 1 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
Off-reservation tribal members please phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.
Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.
The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



TRIBAL COUNCIL

New media coordinator puts words into action

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Beth Santistevan wants to make sure Southern Ute tribal members hear all about what their government is up to: the good, the bad, and everything between.

Santistevan begins work this month as the Tribal Council media coordinator, a job that entails a long list of duties but boils down to improving the volume, clarity and scope of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's communications, both internal and external.

She told the Drum in an interview in her new office that her priorities include sharing news of tribal leaders' actions with members and building relationships within the tribe and with external entities, such as other governments and local media outlets.

"I'm going to be working closely with Legal and Tribal Information Services, and essentially we're going to develop media strategies," she said. "We can't be scared of the media ... because we are an example of how to be successful in Indian Country."

Santistevan takes pride in having worked into her new position from the ground up. A mass media graduate of the University of New Mexico who attended on a tribal scholarship, she returned to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and first worked temporary and entry-level positions.

"I came back here specifically to work for my tribe," she said, "because they paid my way through college."

In 2004, she went to work for The Southern Ute Drum as a photographer/reporter, later



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Beth Santistevan is the new Tribal Council media coordinator. Among other duties, she will facilitate communications between the council and tribal members.

becoming media manager. She then spent roughly two years as a communication specialist for Red Willow Production Co., which she said granted exposure to a whole new side of the tribal organization. Her latest post was as an academic advisor for the tribe's Department of Education.

Santistevan said two things drew her to her new job: the opportunity to help provide a clearer image to tribal members of their elected leaders' activities, and the chance to employ a variety of skills, including writing, editing and videography.

"There's a lot of potential for this new position," she said. "We want to be able to open up the lines of communication between the membership and the organization."

Jimmy R. Newton Jr., chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, appointed Santistevan after a round of interviews with several candidates. He said the media coordinator job has one primary goal: increase transparency.

"I want tribal members to know exactly what their

chairman is doing. We have nothing to hide," he said. "Transparency: We always talk about that. Well, let's demonstrate it."

Newton said an important secondary goal will be to foster positive relationships with other governments on tribal, local, state and federal levels. Santistevan's education and experience uniquely qualify her for the job, he said.

"She's been groomed for an opportunity like this," he said, likening her role to a presidential chief of staff.

First things first, though: In her first week on the job, Santistevan said she's doing a lot of research to familiarize herself with tribal operations. A mission statement is forthcoming, she said.

But it doesn't all happen in a vacuum: Santistevan said she views her role as a two-way conduit, not just as someone who passes down word from on high.

"We're going to encourage tribal members to voice concerns," she said. "We want to know what the membership thinks. We want to give them what they want."

THE TRIBE AT WORK

A reminder from Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation

Staff report
SU VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION PROGRAM

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a perfect opportunity to remind everyone about the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

To to learn more about the program, call 970-563-4730, visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-services/vocational-rehabilitation, or drop by the downstairs office in the Mouache Capote Building, at 116 Capote Dr. in Ignacio.

"Employers who ensure that inclusive workplace policies and practices are woven into the fabric and culture of the organization create an environment that encourages all workers — including those of us with disabilities — to work to their full capacity and contribute fully to the organization's success."

— Kathy Martinez,
assistant secretary of labor for disability employment policy

In order to be eligible for the program, a person must:

- Be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe — this includes Alaskan Natives
- Have a diagnosed mental or physical disability that makes it difficult to find or keep a job
- Live within the service area
- Be able to benefit in terms of an employment outcome from the program's services

Once determined eligible, the program works with you to create your Individual Plan for Employment based upon your employment goals. You are the driving force behind your success. The program can provide a variety of help to help you accomplish your goals.

Tribe bids farewell to Duran



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A farewell reception took place Friday, Oct. 12 to honor longtime director of Tribal Health Services Tom Duran. Duran has been instrumental in guiding the direction of the tribe's current healthcare system. He will assume his new position at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services later this year, for which he will reside in Hawaii.



The lunch reception took place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort in the company of family and coworkers.

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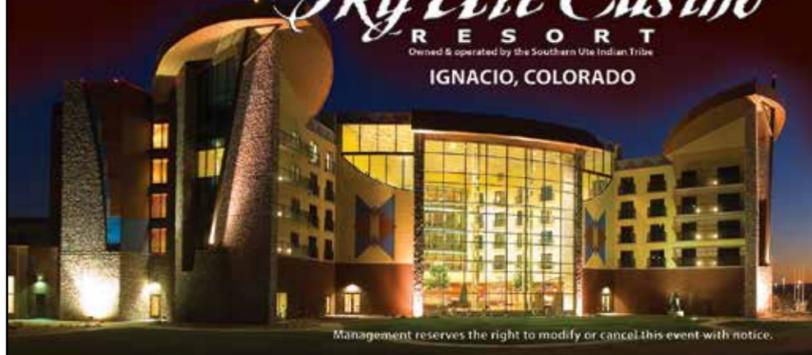


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CONNECTING CHILDREN, TRAUMA, AND YOU. HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PARENT CHALLENGING CHILDREN

Presented by: Dan Mills, MA
The Adoption Exchange

- Learn about trauma-informed care for challenging children.
- Identify skills to cope with the stresses of parenting.
- Learn the difference between behavior management and behavior modification.
- Discover how abuse and neglect impact brain development and child development.
- Understand the effects of prenatal substance exposure and mental illness on children.

When: October 26th 4:30p-8:30p (dinner provided)
October 27th 8:30a-4:30p (snacks provided, lunch on your own)

Where: Multi-Purpose Building
258 Ute Road
Ignacio, CO. 81137

This training is completely open to the community and to anyone who has an interest in gaining specific strategies for parenting challenging children or interested in becoming a foster parent.

This training is free but registration is required. You can register by calling Tara Reeves at (970) 563-0100 ext.2337 or by email at treeves@southern-ute.nsn.us. You must register by October 19th.



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

KUDOS TO PEACEFUL SPIRIT

I am writing to say thank you for your support of the 2012 Peaceful Spirit Annual Recovery Dinner.

I was honored to be invited to attend and speak at the dinner and wanted to express how impressed I was by the dinner overall. There was a great turnout of recovering people, including current Peaceful Spirit residents who introduced themselves to me.

They expressed to me how thankful they were to see examples of recovery in those who attended the dinner, specifically those that currently attend Peaceful Spirit, and how much it meant to them to be able to be in that environment.

The planning of the dinner was amazing. There were speeches of hope and recovery and much-needed support to go around from the attendees, the counselors, and other professionals in attendance.

Judy Lansing, Heleen Emerson, Linda Mahlum, Kathryn Valencia, and Ron Avitabile did an amazing job in planning the celebration and creating an atmosphere of amazing camaraderie in recovery. The food prepared by Heleen Emerson and her family was amazing, including their friendly service.

Everyone was excited at receiving their door prizes and gifts of recovery T-shirts, water bottles, etc. It was obvious how much work went into the planning and preparation for this wonderful event.

I have been privileged to feel a part of Peaceful Spirit since the early 1980s, when I moved to Ignacio and my mother, Nancy Valencia, began work there as a residential attendant. I saw Peaceful Spirit grow and move into its new building, and watched my mother make her way from residential attendant to counselor and then to clinical supervisor before her retirement.

I had the amazing opportunity to volunteer at Peaceful Spirit, hosting art therapy groups, and then to work as the residential attendant. I now am proud to see my stepmother, Kathryn Valencia, working there first in the youth program and now as an OP counselor.

Most importantly in my life, I have also been blessed to have Peaceful Spirit as a part of my own journey to recovery, now 18 years ago. Because of all of this, I have witnessed first-hand the amazing and vital work that Peaceful Spirit does in this community and well beyond, sending so many healing individuals out into their communities and to their tribes.

Not only is the recovering individual impacted by Peaceful Spirit, but everyone in the community around them, their family and friends, as they walk their path in recovery.

I just want to thank the wonderful individuals of Peaceful Spirit for their work on behalf of all those in recovery. I look forward to attending many more Peaceful Spirit recovery dinners.

Sincerely,
Lorrie Ann Valencia

THANKS FOR SERVE-ATHON SUPPORT

Thank you everybody for sponsoring me for the serve-athon. I made 47 out of 50 serves. I raised money for the Ignacio Jr. High School's volleyball team.

Sincerely,
Shoshone Thompson

A PERIOD OF REFLECTION

Mrs. D'Wolf,

In light of our recent professional disagreement, I would like to offer you an apology. Sometimes colleagues find that they disagree, and while I believe I have the right to voice my concerns, my behavior during the general meeting was unacceptable.

I should not have resorted to inflammatory language, and I certainly should not have anonymously implicated you as well as the Health Services Department in the performance of your duties. As adults and professionals, this is not the way I usually act.

I value you as a colleague and I hope we can discuss this issue like adults in the future. Again, please accept my most humble apologies.

Respectfully,
Ray C. Frost

A TRIBAL CONCERN OF MINE

I was told that our Tribal Council and chairman have come to a place that they are not taking the general membership into consideration when changing things.

I was told that they plan to lower the amount to \$500 — instead of keeping the \$600 that has been in place for years — for tribal membership for emergency assistance. They have raised the trash pickup and water delivery to those that need the water in order to live.

I was told that Tribal Council and chairman feel the tribal membership gets enough money to live on, yet living costs both on and off reservation are high! What are they thinking? There are three council members who receive paychecks as well as the elders' pay, so they are not worried about the health and welfare of the tribal membership.

Some elders do help out their family members because jobs are given out to nonmembers as well as friends they get along with.

You members who are running for council better wake up and fight for the membership rather than sit there and collect the money and not do a thing for all us but make broken promises like today's council.

As for the elders that received a letter from the so-called "committee," it really is without justice that you all did not have any input from the elders when changing the policy and such. I was told by Executive Director Steve Herrera that the elders would get some training on trips (including rooms, meals and mileage) that are going to be taking place. I would like to know when this is going to take place, and where.

I, as a tribal elder, am speaking for myself and others who feel as I do. I know already there are elders that often say "She or they aren't speaking for me," and I'm not speaking for you. I am concerned because I have children as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will be affected by many things that may not be good choices for them made by our Council and chairman.

Therefore, make your wise selection when voting for a council member! Membership young and old better stand up and start speaking up and voice your concerns if you want a change.

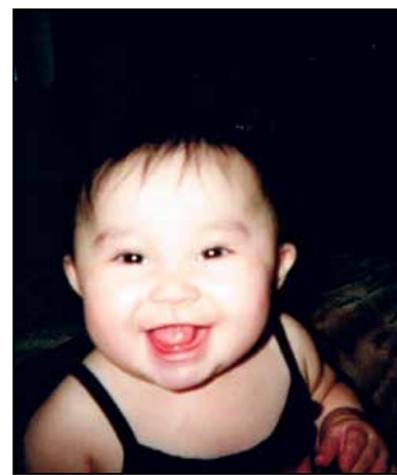
Dixie Naranjo

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JADA

Happy 1st birthday to our little Jada Jewel Cloud you are loved by your family and we want to say happy birthday.

Love,
Dad, mom & sister Somer
Grandma, and auntie & the boys



NEW EMPLOYEES



Thella Beth Howell

Job title: Multi-purpose Facility/Memorial Chapel administrative assistant-coordinator/Ute Park

Job duties: Assisting in the oversight/coordination of all events scheduled in the MPF/chapel. Ensuring that the tribal membership has the best possible events. Opening the facility M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on weekends when events are scheduled.

Hobbies: Sewing, beading and traveling to powwows.

Family: I am the daughter of the late Betty Lou Weaver Howell and George Howell Sr. I have three daughters: Kelsi Lu Beth, Kayleen Chrystine and Jasmynn Rae. I'm engaged to Roy Big Leggins.

Tribe: I am an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I am also Pawnee and Southern Cheyenne.

Comments: Mique! I look forward to helping you, my fellow tribal members, with your upcoming events, whether it is a baby shower, birthday party, wedding, meeting, family event, or you just would like to sew or use the computers. Let the Multi-purpose Facility be your venue. Contact us to schedule your event by dropping by the MPF or calling 970-563-4784. Togiak.

Scott Casbeer

Job title: Police officer

Job duties: Enforce tribal, local, state and federal laws and ordinances; assist with traffic control as needed; assist stranded motorists; investigate crimes; and write comprehensive and accurate reports.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting and watching movies.

Family: Cindy Casbeer (wife).



Overdrive

OverDrive is Open to all local youth 6th grade-12th grade.

ZOMBIE FEST

MUSIC, FOOD AND ZOMBIE COSTUME CONTEST

October 26, 2012 @ Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum

Spaghetti Dinner

Zombie Tag

Photo Booth

ZOMBIE MAKEUP TIPS...

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TO SURVIVE! YOU MUST BLEND IN.

SCARY STORIES

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of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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Southern Ute Drum

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WHERE

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Flu Shot Clinic

Open to employees of the Sky Ute Casino, Southern Ute Growth Fund and Southern Ute Permanent Fund

DATE

9am – 3pm

11/2/12

Permanent Fund employees must pre-register by calling

Rebecca Thompson at ext. 2423 or emailing rthompson@southern-ute.nsn.us

Deadline to register is October 12, 2012

Next issue
Nov. 2

Deadline
Oct. 29

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to the following address:

astryk@southern-ute.nsn.us

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October 19, 2012

ELECTION UPDATE

October 2012

Southern Ute Election Board — Hours of Business

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 POST NOTICE OF ELECTION	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 DEADLINE VOTER REGISTRATION & ABSENTEE BALLOT	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 6th to November 2nd — Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Southern Ute Election Board
PO Box 737 MS#32
Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305
Long Distance: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
E-mail: election@southern-ute.nsn.us

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2012 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2012 General Election, according to the Southern Ute Constitution and Election Code.

ELECTION DAY:

Constitution Article IV, Section 1

The first election under this Constitution shall be held on the first Friday in November.

General Election – Friday, November 2, 2012 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

Election Code 11-1-104 (1)

Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

Voter Registration Deadline – Wednesday, October 24, 2012, by 5 p.m.

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Election Code 11-5-102 (2)

Any registered tribal voter who expects to be absent on the day of the election, or who, because of serious illness, physical disability, or advanced age is unable to vote in person at the polling place, is eligible to vote by absentee ballot. (1) An absentee ballot must be requested by the voter himself on the application form provided by the Election Board by letter or by telephone call, stating the applicant's name and address, and the reason he will be unable to vote in person. (2) The application, letter or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven business days before the election.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Wednesday, October 24, 2012, by 5 p.m.

TO REQUEST AN EMERGENCY BALLOT:

Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3)

A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. (2) The written request shall contain the following: (a) The voter's name and address, (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature. (3) An emergency ballot may be requested any day after the day of the absentee ballot deadline but prior to the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall promptly be notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that a request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline – Thursday, November 1, 2012, by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Election Board. The Election Board office will be open Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Election Board: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305

Direct line: 970-563-4789

Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Ute Tribe Draft Mitigation Plan

The public is invited to review and comment on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan discusses natural hazards that may impact the Tribe and offers Mitigation Actions

to reduce their effect. Comments will be taken through Nov. 15. www.southernute-nsn.gov/news/permalink/story/2012-10-11-draft-suit-hazard-mitigation-plan

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I'm **Ben Nighthorse Campbell**

I was honored to represent the people of the 59th House District at different levels of elected office for 22 years.

This year, there is a candidate with deep community roots, who believes as I do, that we must have a strong decisive voice to speak up for us in the all important areas of economic opportunity, a less intrusive government, a livable tax rate, protecting our environment and resources, and educating our young people.

I've been friends and neighbors of J Paul Brown's family for over 30 years and know if there was ever a time when we need a real fighter in the Colorado Legislature it is now. For me, that fighter is **J Paul Brown**, and I am proud to endorse his candidacy for the 59th House District of the Colorado Legislature.

Ben Nighthorse Campbell

Paid for by Committee to Elect J Paul Brown, Sandy Wallace Treasurer 759-4157
www.JPaulBrown.com

Re-Elect

J. Paul Brown

State Representative HD 59



Successful Rancher

- Knows water from the law to the ditch
- Always improving the land
- This year's lambs have gone to market
- Careful breeding program for excellent wool and lamb production
- generous to his community

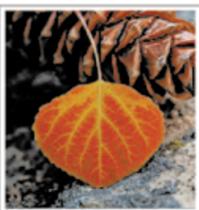
Successful Legislator

In 2012, J Paul Brown sponsored

- HB 1073 added a judge to 6th Judicial District at no cost to state. Signed into law.
- HB 1331 changed college name to Western State Colorado University. Signed into law.
- SB 116 banned synthetic drug bath salts. Signed into law.
- SB 057 makes it easier for schools to hire Native American speakers to teach those languages in schools. Signed into law.
- SJR 006 NO unfunded mandates! Passed both houses.
- SB 123 Enhance Secretary of State online filing system to streamline business process. Signed into law.



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Diabetes & Health Education Fall Health Series!



Shining Mountain Diabetes Program
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12 – 1 at Sky Ute Casino
Conference Room 2
(Bonnie Kent Room)

Thursdays
September 6-October 25

(Best parking near bowling entrance)

Classes are Free & Family Members
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You may attend any or all of the
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Refreshments will be served

October 25, 2012:
Kidney Health & Blood Pressure

(topics may be subject to change
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For questions, please contact:

Julie Olexa: 563-4741 jolexa@southern-ute.nsn.us

Dr. Larron Dolence: 563-0100 ext 2353

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Wednesday, October 24 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Gwen Lachelt
La Plata County Commissioner • Democratic Candidate

Paid for by Gwen Lachelt for La Plata County, Allison Morrissey, Treasurer, 970-375-2690





Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Director of Process Engineering

Closing 10/22/12 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing pipeline, compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling, troubleshooting, efficiency studies, project development and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Vice President of Engineering & Development

Closing 10/22/12 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing technical and strategic leadership and management related to planning, design, and construction of new facilities and the optimization of existing Company facilities for the gathering, treating, and processing of natural gas. Works closely with Operations staff to ensure existing facilities are safe, efficient, reliable, and in regulatory compliance. Works closely with the Business Development staff to identify, evaluate, and negotiate new business opportunities. Responsible for managing new construction consistent with corporate strategies. Assists with other leadership team duties and projects as required.

Senior Petroleum Engineer

Closing 10/23/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Leads and completes engineering evaluations, development of technical procedures, and project reporting to optimize reserve recovery and capital efficiency consistent with Growth Fund priorities and concerns. Assists Red Willow Production Company management, operations personnel, partners, and contractors as needed to implement and manage production projects. Reviews both operated and partner operated field operations, rig work, and well testing as needed.

Joint Interest Accountant III

Closing 10/26/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Preparing and supervising the preparation of joint interest billings for partners in an oil and gas exploration and production company.

Royalty Audit Technician

Closing 10/31/12 – Dept. of Energy
Ignacio, CO. Performs clerical and audit support work for the Royalty Audit Program.

PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer

Closing 10/31/12 – So. Ute Shared Services
Ignacio, CO. Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) and related modules providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation. This position will primarily focus on the technical view of the HCM application with emphasis on software development, but also includes functional responsibilities with respect to the Software Development Life cycle. The role entails the analysis of the impact, implications, and functional benefit to the production system including enhancements, configuration changes, and customizations.

PeopleSoft HCM Developer II

Closing 10/31/12 – So. Ute Shared Services
Ignacio, CO. Development and technical production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing enterprise wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. This position will focus on the technical view of the Human Capital Management applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the technical benefit of system enhancement as well as the implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

Business Objects and PeopleSoft Lead Architect

Closing 10/31/12 – So. Ute Shared Services
Ignacio, CO. Will develop and oversee the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Objects Data Services toolset and Microsoft's SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, maintains and develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning, and Consolidation (BPC) systems, along with other source systems, such as PeopleSoft. The Lead Architect supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Business Office Manager

Open until filled
Tribal Health Department 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 all third party resources across the THD department. Pay grade 19: \$42,932/annual.

Clinical Information Technologist - Chief Software Architect

Open until filled
Under general direction of the Tribal Health Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23: \$65,584/annual.

Internal Medicine Physician

Open until filled
Contract position, providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in internal medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 30: \$144,545/annual.

Apprentice General Accountant

Closes 10/29/12
Southern Ute tribal member only. Apprentice position open to Southern Ute Tribal members. Training will be supervised by the Finance Department's General Ledger/Fixed Assets Manager. The apprentice will be trained to assist with daily transactional processing of all aspects of the Tribal business. The position plays an integral part in the monthly and year-end closing and reporting processes. Responds to questions from General Ledger/Fixed Assets Manager, Controller, and tribal staff regarding general ledger entries or reports. Pay grade is 20% under pay grade 20 to start, or \$18.41/hour, eligible for 5% increments quarterly depending upon favorable evaluations.

Education Coordinator

Closes 10/24/12
Southern Ute tribal member only. Design and development of the cultural and language curriculum which shall be used in teaching and instruction to tribal members, staff, clients and community. Responsible for working with the Ute Language Teachers, Elders, and Southern Ute tribal members on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and culture. Assists tribal members, staff, clients and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Culture Department. Responsible for incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade 20: \$47,868/year.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Closes 10/22/12
Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Lifeguard (5 Positions)

Closes 10/23/12
Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12: \$10.82/hour.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor

Closes 10/30/12
Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. This position is at pay grade 22: \$59,512/year.

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

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2012-PR-127

NOTICE OF PROBATE

Melvin Cline Peabody, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on November 5, 2012 at 9:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer

said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 1st of October, 2012

Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-0141-CV-NC

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Isiah Athen Tucson, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Marquetta Howe for Isiah Athen Tucson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Isiah Andreas Valdez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 18, 2012 by 5:00 PM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2012.

Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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

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

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

Bowling

Bowling Lead Technician – FT, 10/22/12

Cage

Cage Staff (graveyard) – PT w/benefits, 10/19/12

Food & Beverage

Banquet Staff – Full-Time, 10/22/12

Banquet Staff – O/C, 10/22/12

Restaurant Supr.-Rolling Thunder – FT, 10/19/12

Wait Staff-Aspen – OC, 10/19/12

Table Games

Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 10/19/12

Poker Dealer – FT, 10/22/12

Ignacio School District – Job Announcements

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

Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

School office manager – closing 10/22/12

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM Board of Directors vacancy

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The Board meets the second

Wednesday of each month and later will meet quarterly. Please submit a letter of intent in person to SUCCM or by mail to P.O. Box 737, #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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1997 Chevy Tahoe, white in good condition. 4x4, 118,003 miles. Automatic transmission. \$6000.
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking one (1) Southern Ute tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. 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 letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Monday, Nov. 19, 2012. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS SECTION

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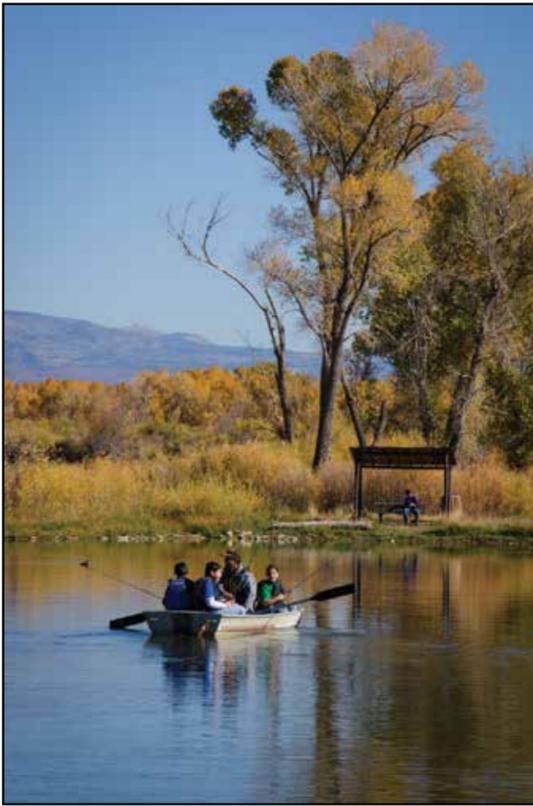


New dock at Scott's Pond



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A new dock at Scott's Pond in Ignacio gives young fisherman a new angle. Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy took a break from studies to cast their lines on Monday, Oct. 15.



The addition of the floating dock allows Southern Ute wildlife technician Jon Broholm to take students out on an aluminum boat as part of their Fish in the Classroom program.

MONEY MATTERS

Report: Tax-prep companies push high-cost loans against refunds

Staff report
FIRST NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

This past tax season, First Nations Development Institute carried out a "mystery shopper" study of for-profit tax preparation businesses serving Native American taxpayers.

The study culminated in a report, "More Tax Time Troubles," that identifies a number of issues encountered by Native American tax filers. Unfortunately, First Nations discovered that high-cost loans against tax refunds are still being aggressively marketed.

Furthermore, some tax preparers manipulate taxpayers into signing up for costly bank products, such as refund anticipation checks, in order to receive their tax refunds.

The 10 mystery shopper visits took place between Nov. 28, 2011, and April 17, 2012, in towns across New Mexico, including Gallup, Espanola, Bernalillo, Farmington, Milan,

Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

With support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the study assessed the quality of paid tax-preparation services to document whether these companies were steering individuals toward expensive products such as refund anticipation loans or refund anticipation checks. The research builds on previous work conducted by First Nations that evaluated paid tax-preparation companies during the 2011 tax season.

The most troublesome finding was that some tax preparers use misinformation to manipulate clients into signing up for costly products. Three of the 10 participants in the study were pushed to automatically sign up for a costly RAC to receive their refund.

Tax preparers used several tactics to encourage people to use the products. In one case, the bank product was presented

as the default option, and the taxpayer was told he could not receive direct deposit into his bank account without paying a fee. In another case, a taxpayer was automatically rolled into a RAC product when her application for a RAL was denied.

Seven of the 10 shoppers were verbally encouraged to take out a RAL, and nearly all of the participants were surrounded by Republic Bank posters advertising RALs. Five mystery shoppers applied for a loan against their tax refunds, and three received at least one loan.

Additionally, the research identified that loan companies often employ questionable or illegal practices when managing the loan process or completing the loan agreements. For example, First Nations documented two cases where birth certificates and/or Social Security cards were used as collateral for a loan, even though they have limited financial value.

In the digital age



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Inez Cloud utilizes an in-house computer at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building to fill out an online job application with the help of Gail Pena, employment assistant with the tribe's Human Resources Department, on Wednesday, Oct. 17. All the tribe's jobs are now posted online and accept online applications.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 19



Sunny 70°F

Saturday, Oct. 20



Sunny 69°F

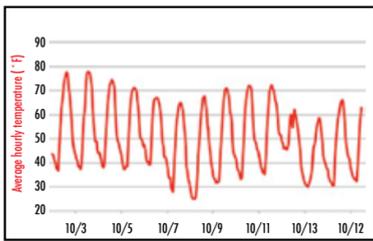
Sunday, Oct. 21



Mostly sunny 68°F

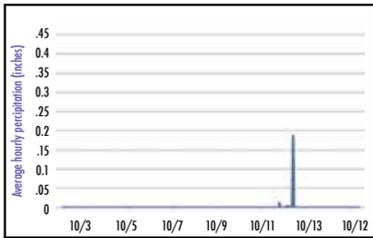


Weather data for Oct. 1 - 15



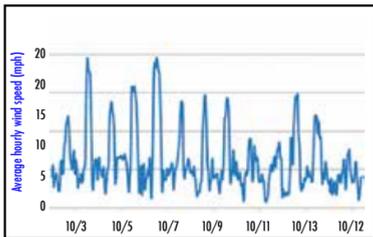
Temperature

High	77.7°
Low	25.1°
Average	50.5°
Average last year	47.9°



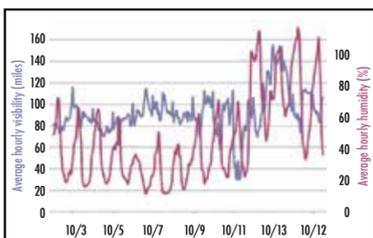
Precipitation

Total	0.22"
Total last year	1.67"



Wind speed

Average	6.1
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	19.5



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	92.1
Average humidity	33.9%

Air quality
Good



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAYS, 5 P.M.

Chess Night

Chess returns to the Ignacio Community Library every Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Call the library at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 10 A.M.

"Staying Safe & Secure"

The Ignacio Community Library is hosting a free computer class: "Staying Safe & Secure." The class is from 10 a.m. to noon. Space is limited, so call 970-563-9287 to sign up.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21, 9 A.M.

Celebrating Saint Tekakwitha

St. Ignatius will be celebrating the canonization of the first Native American saint, blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, on Sunday, Oct. 21. Several events are planned, including a procession through the Town of Ignacio, adoration of the newest saint with flowers, and a meal prepared by the Carmelitas following mass. The celebration will take place in conjunction with the Holy Catholic Church's canonization in Rome. For more info, call St. Ignatius at 970-563-4241 or visit www.stignatiuschurch-ignacio.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25, 5 P.M.

Family Literacy Adventure Night

The Ignacio Community Library hosts Family Literacy Adventure Night. Dinner will be provided, followed by stories in the reading loft. A family project will be the making of your very own terrarium. Space is limited, so call the library at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Pumpkin Splash 2012

At the SunUte Community Center. Cost: Regular \$4 daily fee; free for SunUte members and tribal members. We will have 100 pumpkins in the pool area for the children. When they're done swimming

with their pumpkin, they may decorate it with markers and stickers and take it home. Pumpkins are available while they last! One pumpkin per child.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27, 10 A.M.

"Purchasing a New Computer"

The Ignacio Community Library is hosting a free computer class: "Purchasing a New Computer." The class is from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 970-563-9287 to sign up.

MONDAY, OCT. 29, 10:30 A.M., 2 P.M., 5:30 P.M.

Community cinema

The Ignacio Community Library will be screening the PBS documentary "Goes Janesville." The film records 2 years in a midwestern town after the closure of a GM plant during America's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. The film will be shown at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 29, 5:30 P.M.

Indian Policies and Procedures meeting

Ignacio School District will hold its annual Indian Policies and Procedures meeting on Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ignacio High School cafeteria. A meal will be served at 5:30 with the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. All Native American parents, guardians and students are encouraged to attend. The agenda may be found at www.ignacioschools.org.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

Southern Ute Veterans Powwow

The date of the Southern Ute Veterans Powwow has been changed to Nov. 10 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11, 1 P.M.

Veterans Day Celebrations in Durango

Parade starts at 1 p.m. Floats available for those who need to ride. Volunteers needed for street crossings. Open house at VFW Post 4031, 1550 Main Ave., after the parade.