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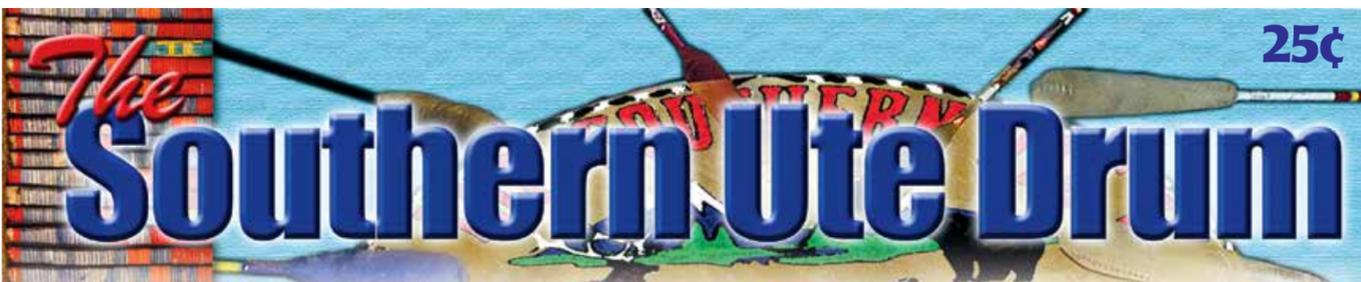
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**UTE HERITAGE**

# Tribal members tour Meeker historical sites

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Today, Milk Creek Battlefield Park overlooks a serene creek valley in northwest Colorado. Small barns and rural fence lines dot the landscape, and the trees have shed their leaves, their naked branches standing still in the crisp air of late fall.

To the casual observer, the rustic brown-and-gold scene recalls so many dozens of other similar vistas across this quiet corner of the state.

But the park's intricate iron gate tells a different story, one that's nearly a century and a half old but is still vivid in the stories of Utes elders, passed down through generations — a story of conflict, of warfare, of how the Northern Utes left their homeland and were relocated to Utah.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes pose for a photograph in front of the Ute memorial at Milk Creek Battlefield Park near Meeker, Colo. The group toured the site of the 1879 Battle of Milk Creek and several other historical sites on a tour guided by Joe Sullivan of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society (front center) and Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo (left of Sullivan) on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Looking in from the outside along a dusty county road, the left arm of the gate

depicts Ute warriors, many of them on horseback, some with guns, others with spears.

On the right side of the gate

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**NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS**

# Utes bless Christmas tree destined for U.S. Capitol



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Jimmy R. Newton Jr., chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, stands before the Capitol Christmas tree shortly before cutting on Friday, Nov. 2. The tree, a 73-foot-tall Engelmann spruce, which grew to maturity in the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest about 40 miles east of Meeker, Colo., will adorn the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol this December. The U.S. Forest Service invited elders from the three Ute tribes to offer a traditional blessing before it was cut.

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Meeker, Colo., is a town with strong historical associations for the Ute people — not all of them positive.

Named after a U.S. Indian agent whose role and ultimate death in the 1879 Battle of Milk Creek led the federal government to force the expulsion of the Northern Utes from Colorado, it's home to one of the darker and more mournful chapters of modern Ute history.

But on Friday, Nov. 2, delegations from each of the three Ute tribes returned to their ancestral home — and at the invitation of the federal gov-

ernment, no less, signaling what some said was a new chapter in the relationship between the two peoples.

The occasion was the cutting of the Capitol Christmas tree, a behemoth chosen annually to adorn the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Widely promoted as "the people's tree," this year's selection came from the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest about 40 miles east of Meeker.

At the request of the U.S. Forest Service, a group from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe met with others from its sister tribes — the Ute Mountain

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**IHS VOLLEYBALL**

# All is not lost for IHS Volleycats

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Screams emanating from Telluride's MinerDome Saturday, Nov. 3 could have fracked loose any wealth of minerals not yet found in hills around the cosmopolitan hub born as a Colorado boomtown.

In fact, it may have been hard to tell whether Telluride had just sewed up a berth into the Class 2A State Volleyball Championships or a present-day prospector had struck it rich.

This time, it was the former. Forcing Meeker into a tie-breaking Game 5 — the fifth straight match testing the Lady Cowboys' endurance — Telluride became the Region G Tournament champions after a rocky 25-6, 18-25, 25-17, 18-25, 15-12 victory.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Though the Volleycats didn't get into the 2012 Class 2A State Volleyball Championships after a solid season, four were selected to play in the Denver metro area the day after the tournament concluded. From left, senior Michelle Simmons, junior Cloe Seibel, junior Angela Herrera, and freshman Miel Diaz pose prior to Ignacio's Oct. 11 match at Dolores with a letter inviting each to the Biokats Sports Network's sixth annual Rocky Mountain Volleyball Showcase (sponsored by the National Volleyball Showcase) on Nov. 11 at Thornton High School. Information from the intensive skills-assessing and position-testing event was to be sent out to more than 1,600 college coaches nationwide.

# Veterans gather for powwow



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Flags representing the three Ute tribes were proudly carried into the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center during a grand entry ceremony at the annual Southern Ute Veterans Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 10.

For more coverage, see page 8.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL**

# Four to compete in Dec. 14 runoff election

Cloud, Richards, Red, Cuthair move on

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With no candidate having won a majority of votes in the Friday, Nov. 2 general election, four will advance to a runoff in December for the two open seats on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council: Alex S. Cloud, incumbent Howard D. Richards Sr., Adam Red and Delbert D. Cuthair Jr.

The council accepted on Monday, Nov. 5 the tribal Election Board's certification of results from the general election. Cloud was the top choice among candidates with 161 votes (appearing on 46 percent of ballots cast), but



Cloud



Richards



Red



Cuthair

fell just short of the 170 required to win a seat outright.

Richards, the lone incumbent running for re-election and a former Tribal Council chairman, placed second with 146 votes (42 percent). Rounding out the top four were Red with 123 votes (35 percent) and Cuthair with 112 votes (32 percent).

Erwin E. Taylor and Vince Mirabal, who garnered 23

percent and 17 percent of the vote, respectively, will not appear on the runoff ballot.

A total of 349 ballots representing 679 votes were cast. Each voter was asked to choose two candidates.

Per the Tribal Election Code, the runoff will take place on Friday, Dec. 14. Polls will be open at the SunUte Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### HOLIDAY TRANSIT SERVICE NOTICE

The holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. During Thanksgiving, Thursday pickups will be done on Friday and Friday pickups will be done on Saturday. On the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally, for New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

### MOTOR POOL TO HOST AUCTION

The Motor Pool will be hosting an open auction starting Nov. 26 and ending Nov. 30. This auction is open to the public. All bids are sealed by the bidder and will be opened on the following week of Dec. 3. All winners will be notified and will be responsible for payment and the pickup of the vehicle. Important reminder: the vehicles are sold as is. Please come by the front desk and pick up a bid sheet if you are interested.

### KSUT ASKING VETERANS TO CONTRIBUTE

KSUT would like to honor our Southern Ute veterans and extend a huge thank you for your service for our country and the time and energy you contributed. If you are interested in sharing your story with us and allowing us to create a 10-to-15 minute voice presentation to air on KSUT 91.3 FM throughout the month of November please contact Lorena Richards at 970-563-0255 or by email at lorena@ksut.org.

### 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](http://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.

## MANY MOONS AGO



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### 10 years ago

Construction on the Southern Ute Tribal Affairs Building and the Tribal Council Chambers (right) was underway on the tribal campus. This view looked northeast from the second floor of the Annex Building. The blessing of the grounds and groundbreaking ceremonies for the project took place June 12, 2002.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 15, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



A. Santistevan/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Vida B. Peabody congratulates Brandy Naranjo for her hard work as a member of the 1991-92 Southern Ute Royalty.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 13, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

The Southern Ute Veterans Powwow took place in conjunction with an honor dinner for Linda Baker. Getting ready to lead a special honor dance for the Southern Ute veterans were Fritz Box, Sunshine Smith, Leonard C. Burch and James Jefferson. Seated are Ronalynn Tiznado, attendant Little Miss Southern Ute, and Eddie Box Sr. The emcee for the powwow was Robert Bucksin.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 19, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Sunshine Smith Cloud Youth Advisory Committee

Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please write letter of intent  
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Ignacio, CO 81137  
Email: [sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov)

Any questions or concerns please contact  
Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355

## 14th Annual Ignacio Taste of Christmas

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ignacio Elementary School

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### Schedule of Events:

- 5:00 : Walk with Santa from the school to the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree
- 5:15 : Children's Readers Theatre at Town Tree
- 5:00 - 7:00 : Holiday Bazaar... crafts, food, music, and fun!
- Free photo with Santa
- Free cookies & hot chocolate
- Free Children books



During this event, children ages 4-11 may register to receive their "12 days of Christmas activity book". Visit participating businesses to receive a stamp, then return your completed storybook to the Ignacio Community Library or to your school's Secretary by December 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Grand Prize drawing is December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

For vendor information, please call Dixie at the Ignacio Community Library, 563-9287.



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## Youth Council wants you



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sky Dawn Sandoval (center), new coordinator of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, and young council members Brianna, Keiston and Keifer GoodTracks-Alires Met on Nov. 1 with Executive Officers Steve R. Herrera Sr. and Amy Barry to discuss the next year's outlook, recruitment of new youth council members, and expectations of the youth council.

## On a cultural hunt



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Richard B. Luarkie, governor of the New Mexico-based Pueblo of Laguna, stands with members of his pueblo and the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Friday, Nov. 2 following a meeting about cultural hunting practices on Ute land. Each year a few members of the pueblo request permission to hunt on Southern Ute lands for cultural purposes.

## UTES BLESS CHRISTMAS TREE • FROM PAGE 1

Ute in Towaoc, Colo., and the Northern Ute in Ft. Duchesne, Utah — to give the tree a traditional blessing before cutting. Tribal elder Alden Naranjo gave the blessing for the Southern Utes.

The 73-year-old, 74-foot-tall Engelmann spruce will travel more than 5,000 miles across the country, stopping at events in 30 cities on its way to Washington — including early hurrahs in Cortez and Durango on Friday, Nov. 9 and Pagosa Springs on Nov. 10. Driving the truck is none other than Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a former U.S. senator from Colorado and an Ignacio resident.

The tree is slated to arrive in Washington on Monday, Nov. 26. The official lighting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Chairman Jimmy R. Newton of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council made the trip to Meeker for the event. He said he felt honored that the Forest Service provided for the tribes to conduct a proper, private blessing ceremony before the tree was cut.

"It's an honor that Washington, D.C., acknowledged the Ute tribes in Colorado,

being that it's the original home to the Ute tribes. There's a lot of history with the state and the Ute tribes," he said. "It says a lot for Washington, D.C., in trying to build a relationship with Indian Country."

Newton said the drive through the forest to the tree site had a special feeling that stemmed from knowing Ute ancestors once lived there.

Elise Redd, director of the tribe's Cultural Preservation Department, said the invitation to participate in the tree blessing was just the beginning of the local hospitality. The group from Ignacio was surprised by the warm welcome they received everywhere they went, she said.

"The people were a lot friendlier than I thought they would be," she said, adding that an anonymous local paid for lunch for a group of elders at the Meeker Café. "That was really nice."

Following the blessing and cutting of the tree, visitors from the Ute tribes continued to play a role in local celebrations. Members of the Southern Ute Royalty and cultural dancers led dance demonstra-

tions during a town party the following night, culminating in a round dance open to spectators. Representatives from each tribe then addressed the crowd, many expressing feelings of gratitude for and fellowship with the locals. The festivities wrapped up later that night with a downtown parade featuring Ute floats.

"This was something that we all were able to participate and be in together," Redd said. "We were all united for one cause. ... I think it was meaningful because of the history there that the Utes have."

Immediately after the Capitol tree blessing, Naranjo also participated in the blessing of a companion tree in the White River National Forest headed for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington. Both trees, and about 100 smaller trees meant for offices around town, will be adorned with thousands of ornaments from around the state, including roughly 400 made by members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Redd said.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### UTE LANGUAGE 103

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum's large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givón and Alden Naranjo Jr.

### 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 bead makers and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

## THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̄ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

### 20. Pronouns and their use in discourse

By Tom Givón

UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

#### 20.1. REFERRING EXPRESSIONS

In several preceding columns, we saw that the basic unit of communication in human language is the **verbal clause**. Words by themselves may have **meaning**, but if we say "horse," "table," "child," "falling," "big" or "much," in isolation these words don't convey **information**. It is the verbal clause, combining several words, that **communicates** information.

At the core of the verbal sits a verb, which identifies the type of **event** or **state** that is being described. But in addition the clause also contains one or more **nouns** (or "noun phrases") that identify the **participants** in the events/state. Those participants ("referents") may be the subject, the object, or various indirect-objects that refer to location, instrument, co-participant, beneficiary or manner of the event/state.

We also noted earlier that **pronouns** are an alternative means of **referring** to the participants in events/states. And we saw that Ute has a much richer, more detailed system of pronouns as compared to English. But we left one important question wide open:

"Under what communicative conditions do we refer to a participant with a **noun** (or noun phrase), or an **independent pronoun**, or a **suffix pronoun**, or **zero expression**?"

All these are possible ways of referring to the very same event/state participant in both English and Ute. To drive our question home, compare seven ways both Ute and English can refer to the same participant (say "boy"):

#### (1) Alternative referring expressions in Ute:

- Definite noun-phrase:** *úniguni 'áapachi 'u kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
suddenly **boy/S** **the/S** house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Suddenly **the boy** entered the house'
- Indefinite noun-phrase:** *úniguni 'áapachi kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
suddenly **boy/S** house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Suddenly **a boy** entered the house'
- Personal name:** *úniguni Andrew kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
suddenly **A.** house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Suddenly **Andrew** entered the house'
- Demonstrative pronoun:** *úniguni máa kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
suddenly **that/S** house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Suddenly **that one** (vis.) entered the house'
- Independent pronoun:** *úniguni 'uwas kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
suddenly **s/he/S** house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Suddenly **s/he** (invis.) entered the house'
- Suffix pronoun:** *kh'ura kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha-'u*  
then house-in-to enter-ANT-s/he  
'Then **s/he** (invis.) entered the house'
- Zero expression:** *kh'ura [0] kani-naagha-tukhwa yuga-qha*  
then house-in-to enter-ANT  
'Then **[s/he/you/I]** entered the house'

How do we know which one of the referring expressions in (1a-g) should be used, given that they all refer to the same participant ("boy") in the same event ("entered the house")? The answer is that the isolated clause by itself does not give us enough information to motivate our choice. Rather, choosing the appropriate referring expression depends on the **communicative context** ("discourse context") within which the clause is embedded.

#### 10.2. CLAUSE-CHAINS, PARAGRAPHS AND COHERENT DISCOURSE

Human communication may on occasion appear to involve single clauses in isolation. In the appropriate context, one may utter one-clause bursts that seem to stand by themselves as coherent communications. For example:

- Mind passing the salt?
  - What's your name?
  - Have a nice day.
  - I gotta split.
  - Hey, did you see that?
  - Boy am I tired.

But such seemingly self-contained single-clause bursts are most often embedded in a larger communicative context. And more typically, humans communicate with much longer, **multi-clause stretches** of discourse, in which single clauses are related to each other in a coherent way. The communicative context may be either a **conversation** between two or more speakers, or a **narrative** produced by a single speaker. Thus, for example, the isolated one-clause chunks in (2) may have been part of the following conversation between A and B around a cafeteria table:

- A: **What's your name?**  
B: Myra.  
A: I'm Bill. **Mind passing the salt?**  
B: Sure.  
A: **Hey, did you see that?**  
B: I see nothing. **I'm kinda tired.**  
A: Never mind. **I gotta split.**  
B: Gee, **have a nice day.**

But the same clauses or their near equivalents could also be embedded in a narrative produced by a single speaker (with the referent-marking expressions put in square brackets):

- ...So [this guy] comes over and [0] sits across from [the girl] and [0] asks [her] **what [her] name is**. Well [she] tells him it's Myra. So [he] looks at [her] kinda funny and [0] keeps waiting and finally [0] says "I'm Bill" and [0] asks **if [she] could pass [him] the salt**. Well [she] is about to say "Sure," but then [he] looks up over [her] shoulder and [0] says "**Hey, did [you] see [that]?**" So [she] turns and [0] tries to see what it's all about, but [she] can't see a thing. So [she] tells [him] **[she] is kinda tired**, and [he] says **[he] has to split** and [0] then takes off. So **[she] wished [him] a nice day**...

A coherent narrative is composed, typically, of several **clause chains** ("sentences"). If the narrative is long, several chains combine into a **paragraph**, and paragraphs into **episodes**. Within the chain, at least one referent tends to be **recurring** or **continuous**; it is the more **important referent** in the discourse at that point. The most common place to change important referents is at the **boundary** between chains, paragraphs or episodes. In writing, chain boundaries are most commonly marked by **periods**, and paragraph boundaries by **indentation**. Given the structure of multi-clause chains and multi-chain paragraphs, the following generalizations can be made about the use of the most common referring expressions in English:

- Full nouns** (or noun phrases) such as "this guy," "a girl," "the salt," "her shoulder" are used to refer to participants when they are introduced into the discourse for the first time, or reintroduce after a considerable absence. That is, when the reference is most **discontinuous**.
- Stressed/independent pronouns** ("he," "she," "them") or **demonstratives** ("that," "this") are used to reintroduce important referents that have already been introduced before, but then lost their prominence temporarily when the speaker shifted to other referents.
- Unstressed pronouns** ("he," "him," "she," "her," "they," "them") are used to refer to participants that have already been introduced, and whose reference is **continuous** and **identifiable**.
- Zero expression** is used to mark referents that are **continuous** and **identifiable**, but in addition were the **subject** of the preceding clause without an intervening comma or period. In other words, when the referent is **maximally continuous**.

In the next columns we will see how such generalizations apply to the use of referring expressions in Ute.



## KIDNEY CORNER

# Chinese herb-associated kidney disease

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

In the last couple of issues of the Kidney Corner, we have been discussing the role of some natural treatments for some types of kidney disease: the use of cranberry extract for prevention of urinary tract infections, and the use of lemonade for prevention of kidney stones.

In this issue, we will discuss an example of a kidney problem caused by a type of natural remedy.

In 1992, two women in Belgium were found to have developed kidney failure after attending the same weight-loss clinic. Further investigation found another 46 cases of end-stage kidney disease in the same geographic area, all in patients who had ingested herbs for weight loss. As time went on, more than 100 patients on the same regimen of Chinese herbs were found to have kidney failure.

Analysis of the herbal regimen these patients were taking revealed that the herbal preparation did not, in fact, contain the exact herbs that the label said it did. The incorrect herbs contained



a toxin called aristocholic acid, which is thought to have been the cause of the kidney failure.

Subsequently, hundreds of additional cases have been reported in many countries, including the United States. The condition where kidney failure occurs as a result of this poisoning is now usually referred to as "Chinese herb nephropathy" (the term "nephropathy" means "disease of the kidney") or sometimes "aristocholic acid nephropathy."

Most people who have sustained severe kidney damage from this cause have ingested the herbs for a prolonged period of time. There is no known effective treatment for the condition once it is established. Unfortunately, it is also associated with cancers of the urinary tract.

Herbs containing aristocholic acid can no longer be sold in the United States, so most Chinese herbs now available are probably safe. However, as in the cases above, herbs can still be misidentified, so it's not impossible that we could see more cases here.

In addition, people obtain medicines over the Internet and from sources outside the country that could still contain the potentially harmful aristocholic acid.

A recent survey of the U.S. population shows that 42 percent of people use alternative (also called "natural" or "complementary") medicines, and as a nation we spend about \$5 billion on them. Herbal supplements comprise 12 percent of these alternative products.

Unlike conventional medicines, makers of herbal medicines are not required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to prove efficacy, safety, or quality of a product before marketing it.

Clearly, these natural products have potential to help patients, but like all medicines they also have the potential to cause complications, so they continue to require careful monitoring.

## YOUR HEALTH

# Protecting children in the car

By Don Folsom  
SU POLICE DEPT.

We have come a long way in knowing how to protect our children in vehicles.

Brake lights come on, tires squeal, metal crunches, fluids leak and our children usually live through their first crash. The technology behind car seats, seat belts and air bags has gotten so much better over the last few years.

But technology only works if it is used. What would it look like if a person had the latest iPhone, but they never ever turned it on? Protecting our children is the same. Children have to be in car seats, booster seats, or belted in every trip, according to their appropriate ages, or else we are leaving them in danger.

The Southern Ute Police Department stops people who have children in their cars, and we often see kids left unprotected. We can and will cite the parents or guardians for this dangerous situation. Parents are learning and most are spending the time to care for their children in vehicles so that fewer lives are lost.

How common is the problem here on the reservation?

*We found that one in seven of the children were not properly restrained in a seat, car seat or booster seat, the majority of the infants that were supposed to be in a rear-facing car seat because of their age or size were actually facing forward instead.*

Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc. and the Southern Ute Police Department recently teamed up to perform their annual survey of children in safety seats. We looked at a recent morning in the Head Start drop off zone and the surrounding streets.

We found that one in seven of the children were not prop-

erly restrained in a seat, car seat or booster seat. We also found that the majority of the infants that were supposed to be in a rear-facing car seat because of their age or size were actually facing forward instead. We found that 80 percent of all drivers were not restrained with a seat belt.

The technology is there. The cars usually have the right equipment in them for safety, but it's not often used or is used incorrectly. So we can protect the children on the reservation, SUPD and SUCAP will educate more, and SUPD will enforce the laws with citations.

We have certified child passenger safety technicians at both organizations that are willing to help. Call us. We do care about your safety.

When one driver was questioned about not wearing his seat belt, he said he didn't care. When it was pointed out that his boss might care because he was driving a company-owned vehicle against policy and he could be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, he said he didn't care. I believe that his child would care to protect his dad.

## Mobile Blood Drive, Nov. 19 – 24

**Monday, Nov. 19, 12 – 6 p.m.**  
Dolores Community Center  
400 Riverside Ave., Dolores, Colo.

Any donor that wishes to donate at any of the Colorado area drives please call to schedule an appointment or get more information at 970-385-4601. Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. or sign up online at [www.unitedbloodservices.org](http://www.unitedbloodservices.org)

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146 Sawyer Dr., Durango, Colo.

**Donors please have identification at time of donation.**

## Health Services notice

The Southern Ute Community Health Representative (CHR) program promotes, supports, and assists SUIT and the Tribal Health Department in delivering a total health care delivery program to tribal members and descendants. The program exists within the Health Services Division under the Tribal Health Department. The CHR's assist with the home health care, adult day care, dialysis transportation, and medication delivery. The CHR's perform their activities in the home, community, hospital and clinic settings.

Health Services & CHR's services are provided Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 970-563-4401. After 5 p.m. for emergencies and on call services call SUPD at 970-563-0154.



## November Senior Breakfast

You are cordially invited to join us for a healthy breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with other elders, while exercising with us.

### Menu:

- 23rd *\*NO Senior Breakfast\**
- 30th Oatmeal and Boiled Eggs

All served with coffee, juice and possibly fresh fruit

**Fridays from 9am-10:30am**  
**Capote Room in the SunUte Community Center**

If you need a ride, contact the Elders Services at (970) 563-0156

Hosted by the Multi-Purpose Facility Staff

For More Information Call: Multi-Purpose Facility (970) 563-4784 or SunUte Community Center (970) 563-0214

## SUNUTE UPDATE

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



### TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

### SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

**Thanksgiving**  
Nov. 21: 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., pool closing at 4:30 p.m.  
Nov. 22: CLOSED  
Nov. 23: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., pool closing at 2 p.m.

# WIN THE ULTIMATE AMERICAN DRIVING MACHINE



GRAND PRIZE GIVEAWAY  
DECEMBER 1, 2012



## Win This 2013 Shelby Cobra GT Limited Edition Mustang

WEEKLY FINALISTS

50 FINALISTS WILL HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING THE WINNING KEY TO START THE SHELBY COBRA GT

Bear Club members must visit the kiosks and play the Race Car Wheel game before you begin to accumulate entry tickets. Weekly finalist drawings. Grand Prize giveaway December 1, 2012.





## IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

### 1st quarter honor roll

#### SENIORS

**4.0:** Mary Kate Adams, Pamela Cotton, Kayla Knipp, Barbie Lujan, Courtney Valdez;  
**3.7:** David Storey, Breana Talamante-Benavidez  
**3.5:** Austin Haire, Jessica Kirsch, Alexandria Troup, Mariah Troup  
**3.3:** Samantha Brown  
**3.2:** Donald Clark, Jordan Cuthair, Angel Paul, Chris Russell, William Taylor, Isaiah Valdez, Tristany Valencia, Amanda Witcher  
**3.1:** Valerie Armstrong, Kiersten Raby  
**3.0:** Tracy Bean, Andy Guire, Seth Richards, Michelle Simmons, Celsa Velasquez, Nicole Williams

#### JUNIORS

**4.0:** David Baca, Jeannie Grossardt, Clayton Jefferson, Christian Knoll, Fabian Martinez, Kelton Richmond, Jayce Stricherz  
**3.9:** Gabriella Garcia  
**3.7:** Malli Benavidez, Cheyenne Cook, Shannon Mestas, Dylan Pearson, Cloe Seibel  
**3.6:** Jacob Candelaria  
**3.5:** Gabriella Bufanda, Buddy Perry, Antonio Silva De Torres, Raelynn Torres, Rebecca Ward  
**3.4:** John House  
**3.2:** Dakota Ballew, Justin Carver, Marysa Frost  
**3.1:** Jasmine Red  
**3.0:** Jason Taylor, Roshae Weaver

#### SOPHOMORES

**4.0:** Tyler Reipel  
**3.7:** Dylan Ballew, David Cooper, Bill Nguyen, July Stricherz  
**3.6:** Mitch Abendroth, Alicia Naranjo  
**3.5:** Dynesha Drake, Blaine Mickey, Cheyenne Zito  
**3.2:** Sarah Sitton  
**3.0:** Sky Cotton, Tanisha Coyote, Adison Jones, Alex Lopez, Xavier Reynolds

#### FRESHMEN

**4.0:** Cassandra Brown, Wyatt Hayes, Austin McCaw, Chrystianne Valdez  
**3.6:** Antonia Mejia  
**3.5:** Chasity James  
**3.4:** Jerica Jackson  
**3.2:** Ruth Hessler, Lillianna Romero, Gibran Silva  
**3.1:** Joseph Herrera, Sage Medicine Blanket, Charles Rohde, Ellie Seibel  
**3.0:** Merri Maddox, Rebekah Powell, Javan Webb

#### IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

**Seniors:** Barbie Lujan, Chris Russell  
**Juniors:** Jayce Stricherz, Jacob Candelaria  
**Sophomores:** Sierra Cuthair, Kyle Bailey  
**Freshmen:** Jerica Jackson, Wyatt Hayes  
**Teacher of the Quarter:** Dr. Pat Dobbs

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program 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 and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

#### GRACE GONZALES

**2nd grade, Ignacio Elementary School**  
**Parents/grandparents:** Amy Barry and Mario Gonzales, Marge and the late Ben Barry, Joe Sr. and Debbie Gonzales.  
**Subject(s) strengths in school?** Accelerated math and reading.  
**Hobbies/pastimes:** Enjoys spending time with brothers Tyler and Cristovan. Also enjoys reading and listening to music.  
**When I grow up, I want to be:** A police officer or a teacher.

#### KIERRA FOURNIER

**4th grade, Ignacio Intermediate School**  
**Parents/grandparents:** RoyInn Tizando, Nova Burch.  
**Subject(s) strengths in school?** Reading and art.  
**Hobbies/pastimes:** Swimming, going to the movies, and working out.  
**When you grow up, I want to be:** A singer.  
**Teacher's comment:** Kierra is such a hard worker and fabulous student to work with in class. She is very focused and will accomplish great things.

## Grandkids and robots



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

A team of students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Southern Ute Education Department competed in a LEGO League tournament at Sunnyside Elementary School south of Durango on Saturday, Nov. 10. The team, named "Grandkids and Robots," guided its preprogrammed robot through various tasks on an obstacle course-like tabletop setup.

Each team also gave a presentation introducing an invention to help the elderly. For "Grandkids and Robots," it was a device aimed at helping diabetic elders that detects the sugar content in various foods.



## Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5

### Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

**Are you a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>, and running on Thursdays through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Further information is available online at our website: [www.durangodiscovery.org](http://www.durangodiscovery.org). See you in the lab!

*spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration*



For further questions please contact:  
 Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager  
 Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • [jen@durangodiscovery.org](mailto:jen@durangodiscovery.org)

## EDUCATION UPDATE

#### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SURVEY WINNERS

The Education Department would like to thank all who turned in the educational surveys. The winners are as follows: Adrian Abeyta, \$100 gift certificate for Ore House; Joyce Delaware Ford, \$100 gift certificate for Francisco's; Danielle Romero, \$100 gift certificate for Zia Taqueria; Maria Archuleta, Blackberry Playbook; and Dustin Weaver, a Kindle Fire.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION CLASSES

##### November classes

• Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.  
 Christmas card class: make cards with stamp book materials. For interested tribal members. Class will be in the Higher Education Building. Call Luana Herrera to sign up at 970-563-0237.

#### GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Dec. 7, Jan. 11 and Feb. 1. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January

2014 date. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

#### 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 are 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.

#### 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.

## 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:

Mami Ruth Burch, CJ Francis, Andreas Gomez, Grace Gonzales, Marissa Olguin, Sierra Red and Adilyn Tallbird.





## RODEO ROUNDUP

# Barrel racers roll up 2012

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spanning about the same stretch of time as Major League Baseball's

recently completed campaign, from late Spring Training to post-World Series, the National Barrel Horse Association-Colorado District 8 slate con-

cluded with its Oct. 27-28 finals in Ignacio.

Breast cancer awareness was an underlying theme on Day 1, with competitors and specta-

tors encouraged to put on the pink. An added \$1,000 of prize money enhanced Day 2, the riders' 15th and final stop of 2012.

### National Barrel Horse Association - Colorado District 8 Results

(top five in each division, when applicable)

#### OCTOBER 27

##### OPEN:

- 1D**
- Melissa Trujillo 14.415
- Haley Hensley 14.671
- Jeannie Roberts 14.690
- Patti Carlile 14.717
- Falena Dale 14.744

##### 2D

- Julia Thomson 14.932
- Stormi Pitman 15.056
- Cayce Lockhart 15.075
- Bitsy Morgan 15.115
- Maddie Shaline 15.116

##### 3D

- Katie Hostetter 15.415
- Amber Moore 15.507
- Sadie Smith 15.520
- Joalice Belcher 15.543
- Rhianna Abendroth 15.571

##### 4D

- Ashley Bishop 16.551
- Jacque Bishop 16.787
- Kate Sharp 16.823
- Megan Cilvik 16.911
- Linda Leonard 17.174

##### YOUTH:

###### 1D

- Trujillo 14.415

###### 2D

- K.Hostetter 14.966
- Pitman 15.056
- Shaline 15.077
- Trujillo 15.084

- K.Hostetter 15.085

###### 3D

- Smith 16.078
- Lauren Kelsey 16.083
- Emma Reim 16.206
- Emma VanDyck 16.337
- Morgan 16.375

##### 4D

- Sharp 16.807
- VanDyck 16.889
- Trujillo 17.053
- Shaylah Lucero 17.122
- Karley Pollock 17.770

##### SENIORS:

###### 1D

- Jeannie Roberts 14.690

###### 2D

- Lorri Smith 15.323
- Steve Hostetter 15.476

###### 3D

- Kathy Hostetter 15.719
- J.Bishop 15.770

- J.Bishop 15.932

- L.Smith 16.034
- Joellen Turner 16.322

###### 4D

- Turner 17.024
- Turner 21.596

#### OCTOBER 28

##### OPEN:

- 1D**
- Meygan McMillan 14.720
- Hensley 14.733
- Trujillo 14.780
- Dale 14.806
- Roberts 14.817

##### 2D

- Moore 15.308
- S.Hostetter 15.309
- Katie Hostetter 15.366
- Shawnee Wattenpauh 15.367
- Moore 15.393

##### 3D

- Abendroth 15.733
- VanDyck 15.834
- Wendy Brandt 15.846
- Izzy Riley 15.859
- S.Smith 15.874

##### 4D

- Sharp 16.740
- Katie Taylor 17.035
- Carol Queen 17.169
- Taylor 17.313
- Queen 17.337

##### YOUTH:

###### 1D

- McMillan 14.572

###### 2D

- Trujillo 14.780
- Trujillo 14.846
- Morgan 15.002
- Morgan 15.004

###### 3D

- Katie Hostetter 15.096

- Shaline 15.275

- S.Smith 15.364

- Lucero 15.427

- Keli Baker 15.566

###### 3D

- Pitman 15.696

- VanDyck 15.834

- Riley 16.072

- Morgan 16.087

- VanDyck 16.359

##### 4D

- Pollock 16.641

- Diana Scott 17.021

- Sharp 17.206

- Lucero 17.263

- Mickey Canterbury 20.538

##### SENIORS:

###### 1D

- Roberts 14.817

- L.Smith 15.136

- Kathy Hostetter 15.156

- S.Hostetter 15.301

###### 2D

- J.Bishop 15.565

- L.Smith 15.695

###### 3D

- J.Bishop 16.311

# Youth bull riding finals come to Ignacio



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The action keeps rodeo clowns on their feet during Friday night's bull riding.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A young bronc rider keeps his cool as final touches are made to his riding attire.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A young girl takes her turn on the bull barrel, or bucking barrel, during one of the rodeo practice sessions at the fairgrounds.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Sky Ute Casino Resort helped bring this year's American Youth Bull Riding Association Finals to Ignacio.



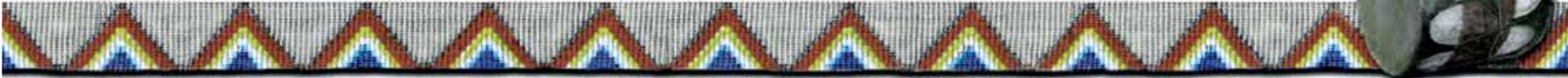
Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Professional bull rider Wiley Petersen coaches young rodeo enthusiasts on riding techniques at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds on Friday, Nov 2.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Royalty and Operations Manager Chuck Farago of the Southern Ute Growth Fund (back center) look on during the competition.



## Servicemen share stories



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association bore flags for the parade., including Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. (center, with Southern Ute flag).



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Rudley Weaver (left) and Southern Ute Veterans Service Officer Rod Grove (center) carry flags down Main Avenue in Durango.



Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

The chilly weather over Veterans Day weekend couldn't keep family or friends from showing up to the annual Veterans Day parade in downtown Durango. Many bundled up and showed their respect. The Boy Scouts of America were also in attendance this year.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Randy Baker shares stories about being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and what it was like before, during and after his service overseas. Baker and other members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association — including Tim Watts (left), Rod Grove and Howard D. Richards Sr. — spoke to students at the Ignacio Intermediate School on Tuesday, Nov. 13.



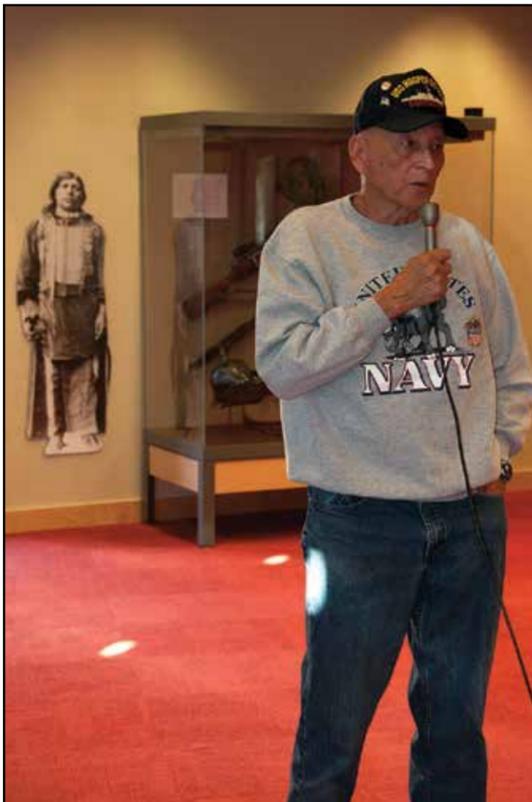
Christopher R. Rizzo/SU Drum

Robert Baker observed the Veterans Exhibits on display in the Southern Ute Cultural Center. The exhibits were on display to honor those of the tribe that served in wars to protect our country.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute tribal member and U.S. Army veteran Marlene Peabody discusses her duties as an intelligence assistant in Air Defense Artillery Operations and life while serving in the military.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Marvin Cook served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Era and spoke briefly of his service and of the veterans exhibit. Cook also served previously on the museum's board of directors.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum opened its "Reflections of Honor" exhibit, dedicated to the veterans of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in the museum's library on Saturday, Nov. 10.



Vietnam veteran Rod Grove addresses the attendees who traveled to Ignacio to help honor and celebrate military veterans and their families.



Colors are displayed in anticipation of a grand entry, with representation from across Indian Country.

## Powwow for our veterans

Photos by **Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
The Southern Ute Drum

**E**ach year the Southern Ute Veterans Association brings together tribal veterans of the U.S. armed forces for a powwow to honor their service and sacrifice. The powwow includes grand entries, gourd dancing, intertribal dancing, a two-step contest and hand drum competitions. This year's powwow took place on Saturday, Nov. 10 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.



Singers Sheila Nanaeto and Shyida Howe back up drum group Yellow Jacket during a powwow song.



Veteran Larry Tucker wraps a Pendleton blanket around the shoulders of Robert Lucero, veterans service officer for the Northern Ute Indian Tribe.



Eufemia Pardo and Alexandria Roubideaux make a team for the two-step contest.



A young powwow dancer finds comfort in family as the drum circle sings for the veterans.



Southern Ute elders and youth make their rounds to thank the veterans for their years of service.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Employees of Denver-based Tree Medicine Inc. work to secure the 73-foot-tall Engelmann spruce on the trailer of a truck provided by Mack Trucks Inc. for the cross-country trip, which will cover more than 5,000 miles and stop in 30 towns along the way.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

An employee of Denver-based Tree Medicine Inc. shaves the bark from the bottom of the Capitol Christmas tree shortly before cutting on Friday, Nov. 2. The shaving allows the tree to better absorb water to sustain it during its cross-country trip.

## Meeker Christmas tree to D.C.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Tara Vigil (center), special events coordinator for the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department, and department Director Elise Redd (right) showcase a few of the ornaments designed by tribal members with the help of a U.S. Forest Service employee (left). The ornaments will adorn the Capitol Christmas tree, another tree headed to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, and about 100 smaller trees meant for offices around Washington, D.C.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members Marquetta Howe (left) and Samantha Maez (center) demonstrate a women's dance during a celebration in downtown Meeker, Colo., on Saturday, Nov. 3.

## Durango welcomes tree



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



The Capitol Christmas tree (above) made its way to downtown Durango on Friday, Nov. 11 for a short stop along its journey to the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Santa and Mrs. Claus take a moment to hoist a bulldog into the air as a nod to the Mack truck hauling the tree across the country. Driving the truck is Ignacio resident Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a former U.S. senator for Colorado.

Jr. Miss Southern Ute Jazmin Carmenoros waves to spectators during a parade through downtown Meeker, Colo., on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 3.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Alden Naranjo discusses the history leading up to the 1879 Battle of Milk Creek near Meeker, Colo., with the battlefield in view behind him. Alden and Joe Sullivan of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society led a tour of historical sites to members of the three Ute tribes on Saturday, Nov. 3.

## MEMBERS TOUR MEEKER SITES • FROM PAGE 1

are cavalymen of the U.S. military, similarly armed.

It's the story of what's informally been called the "Meeker massacre," but is more properly known as the Battle of Milk Creek.

The details of the story vary depending on who's doing the telling, but the fundamentals are the same: The Utes and their ancestors had inhabited the territory for thousands of years. Westward expansion across the United States by European descendants brought competition and unease to the area, leading to the creation of the federal government's Ute Agency at White River in 1868.

Some 10 years later, a man named Nathaniel C. Meeker assumed the post of Indian agent. His singleminded policy of trying to force the Utes to adopt an agricultural lifestyle was strongly resisted, leading to escalating arguments. Meeker requested military assistance in September 1879.

When troops arrived and

crossed Milk Creek onto Ute land, tribal leaders viewed the act as a declaration of war. Fighting ensued, and over the course of several days in late September the casualties mounted. When the dust cleared on Oct. 5, estimates pegged the military deaths at 13 and Ute deaths somewhere in the mid-20s.

In the aftermath, the full force of the federal government was brought to bear on the Northern Utes, and they were ushered away from their ancestral homeland and onto the reservation they currently occupy in northeast Utah.

To a group of tribal members from the three Ute tribes, the story became more personal with a visit to the battlefield park on Saturday, Nov. 3. Led by Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo and Joe Sullivan of the Rio Blanco County Historical Society, the group toured the battle site and other important stops, including one to view pictograms of people and animals etched into a large sand-

stone spire by ancient Utes.

Elise Redd, director of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cultural Preservation Department, said standing on the same ground as Ute ancestors who fought in the battle — between two monuments, each roughly 12 feet tall, one for the fallen Ute warriors and one for the military — added an emotional element to the history she's long known.

"It was more of a feeling that you get when you're there," she said. "There's more emotion. You get more of a feeling from the things that had happened."

Ultimately, Redd said, that feeling was peace. It was reinforced when — after a blessing from Northern Ute tribal member Jerry Tapoose and song from Ute Mountain Ute tribal member Bradley Hight — a bald eagle was spotted soaring over the valley.

"When you see an eagle, it kind of tells you everything's good," Redd said. "It was a good thing we were there."



FLY-FISHING

Giving thanks for fly-fishing

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

During a lengthy road trip on my way home from a week of pheasant hunting, I was trying to come up with an idea for this month's column.

As I was exhausted from the hunt and travel, I wasn't having much luck. Since it's November, I was trying to think of a new Thanksgiving or political idea.

But giving thanks for fly rods, single malt scotch, and good cigars seemed sort of shallow. So, when I got home, I read parts of my fly-fishing journal and found many ways that fly-fishing allows me to give thanks.

For starters, I give thanks for medical science. I know you're wondering what medical science has to do with fly-fishing. Actually, a lot.

I am privileged to be associated with a group of fly-fishing guides that spend a fair amount of time volunteering their time and talents working with folks having special needs, such as breast cancer survivors, veterans without limbs or needing someone to just stand quietly beside them and let them know they're doing a great job of casting, an avid fly-fishermen dealing with the effects of a stroke, and someone with a major disability just wanting to hold the fly rod after a guide has caught a fish for him.

That's what medical sci-



ence has to do with fly-fishing. Without the benefits of medical science, there would be far fewer people for those guides to work with. Also, some of those guides wouldn't be able to wade in a river or cast a fly rod without the new shoulders, hips

I give thanks that the season of politics is over and I won't be fielding phone calls to vote from some pork-getter. However, I also give thanks that our political system allows me to vote and speak freely without fear for my life.

and knees they now have.

I give thanks that many of those same guides volunteer helping nonprofits raise funds by donating trips to be

auctioned off, with all the money going to the nonprofit. Sometimes it's done by greatly reducing their guide fees while guiding participants engaged in multi-day tournaments raising funds for nonprofits.

The best I saw was when a guide I know came up with an idea to teach youngsters how to fly-fish. These special youngsters are in need of a caring adult in their lives. The caring adults for this day were the guides.

The payoff came when one of the new fly-fishermen told me that this had been one of the "funnest" days he could remember. Man, do I ever give thanks for the above-mentioned group of guides.

I give thanks for being able to fly-fish in new locations and make new friends. I give even more thanks for being able to fly-fish in old locations and maintain old friendships. And, I want you to know, some of us are getting really old.

I give thanks that the season of politics is over and I won't be fielding phone calls to vote from some pork-getter. However, I also give thanks that our political system allows me to vote and speak freely without fear for my life. Remember the 14-year-old girl from Pakistan in a London hospital?

Wow, reading parts of my fly-fishing journal brought some reality back to me. It's now obvious to me there really are great reasons to give thanks for fly-fishing.

Have a great month giving thanks.

4 CORNERS NEWS

SUCAP receives CDOT Award to restore bus service

Staff report
SU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Southern Ute Community Action Programs Inc. has been awarded \$200,000 to restore bus transportation service connecting Durango and Grand Junction.

The route will serve passengers in Durango, Cortez, Dolores, Telluride, Ridgeway, Montrose, Delta and Grand Junction. The award was announced Wednesday, Oct. 31. It will operate as part of Road Runner Transit, a SUCAP program division, operating under the name Road Runner Stage Lines.

The Durango-Grand Junction

is a segment of the longer Salt Lake City-Albuquerque route that was discontinued by Greyhound in September 2011. The Colorado Department of Transportation solicited applications for transit services, including what are called Inter-City Bus services, in early 2011.

After consultations with stakeholders along the route, SUCAP's board of directors approved submission of an application in May 2012 for Federal Transit Administration funds managed by CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail. On Oct. 31, SUCAP received notification the application was successful.

Bus service is planned to

begin in early May 2013. There will be one round trip per day, seven days per week, originating in Durango about 6 a.m. and arriving in Grand Junction by noon, in time to connect with Greyhound and Amtrak services east and west. It would depart Grand Junction about 1:15 p.m., returning to Durango about 7:15 p.m.

Buses will be equipped with wheelchair lifts, restrooms, and storage compartments for luggage and freight. The intent is to provide the same level of service provided by Greyhound prior to September 2011, but limited to the Durango-Grand Junction segment of the original route.

ALL IS NOT LOST FOR CATS • FROM PAGE 1

One match earlier, the fourth full-pull in Meeker's streak officially ended Ignacio's outstanding 2012 with the distant Denver Coliseum close enough to envision.

"Congratulations to the Ignacio volleyball team for making it to regionals," said MHS head coach Christy Atwood, whose team had earned a long-sought trip themselves last season. "It's something special for those girls. And there's nothing that can really take the sting out of a loss that ends a season, but ... to be able to make it is special."

Playing their own sixth consecutive match of four or five games, the Volleys had been pressed into a must-win, help-required scenario after falling in four (23-25, 13-25, 25-22, 18-25) to the host Lady Miners. Senior Scout Franklin put down 17 kills for head coach Fawnda Rogers — opposing Thad Cano in a meeting of SJBL Coach-of-the-Year frontrunners — and junior Erin Kean had nine kills and eight digs.

Senior Sarah Wontrobski had 20 assists, splitting setting duties with junior Carson Brumley (13), and also nine digs — just behind senior Shelby Brier and sophomore Mikaela Balkind, who each had 10.

Their record finalized at 15-9 — after going 7-11 in

2011 — Ignacio recovered well against Meeker with hard-fought 25-22 wins in games 1 and 2. But as Meeker's defending improved, the Volleys' performance began to falter, starting with a 19-25 loss in Game 3.

"The thing we've been working on," Atwood said, "is not to look at the end result. We play to play. The first two didn't mean we were done by any means. ... We could still win if we put our minds to it."

Senior Jordan Brown led the Lady Cowboys' net patrol with four solo blocks and one assisted, and classmates Amanda Kendall and Kaysyn Chintala each registered five block assists. Chintala also came up with 17 digs defensively and 34 assists offensively, fueling Meeker's two-way work.

"Shortest girl on the team," Atwood said, "but can jump out of the gym. She's fun to watch."

Junior Aly Ridings posted a 21-dig, 14-kill double-double, senior Bailey Atwood had 19 digs and seven kills, and Brown booked five and seven as Meeker (18-8 overall) handled Ignacio 25-14 in Game 4 and maxed out the voltage of the shocker with a 15-6 Game 5 win.

"She's phenomenal," Atwood said of IHS senior Michelle Simmons, "but they're all scrappy play-

ers. There were these rallies where, you know, there were 16, 18 touches before anyone scored. We had a hard time getting balls down to the floor."

Volleycat stats had still not been reported by the Drum's deadline, and Cano could not be reached.

CHSAA's initial seedings and pairings for State had Telluride (18-6) receiving the unluckiest draw: the No. 12 out of the qualifying dozen and an 8 a.m. tilt Friday, Nov. 9 versus No. 8 Loveland Resurrection Christian (18-6) beginning Pool 1 play. Telluride's second match was to be against 1-seed Parker Lutheran (24-0), with only that trio's best reaching the Final Four.

Also from the SJBL, Dolores fell in 2A-Region C to Vail Mountain and to Paonia, and Gina Hollen's crew finished 17-9. Paonia then topped the Gore Rangers in a five-gamer to gain their State shot.

Norwood improved to 16-3 overall and qualified for Denver by going 2-0 at 1A-Region E and will find Dove Creek (16-8) joining them in contention. The Lady Bulldogs went 2-0 at Region A and first faced Eads (19-5) inside the Coliseum while the Lady Mavericks began against Kit Carson (14-10).

LEONARD C. BURCH MEMORIAL POKER RUN/WALK

(SPECIAL COURSE FOR ELDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

10 A.M.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

PLEASE LOOK TO THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DRUM FOR PRIZE DETAILS

Overdrive

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

November 30, 2012 @ SunUte Community Center

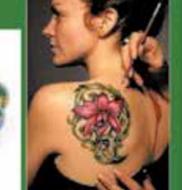
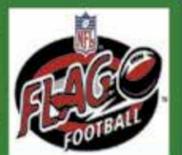
Location: SunUte Community Center

Activities & Times:

Family Dinner: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

OverDrive Activities: 9pm - 12midnight

For more information please contact: Eleanor Frost at elfrost@southernute-nsn.gov 970-563-4753 OR Zach B @ Teen Center: 563-4127



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Right In Your Backyard.





NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

# Giving Native-owned small businesses the tools they need

By Chris James  
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

National Native American Heritage Month gives us a chance to reflect on the importance to the national economy of American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

Growing up in a small family business in Cherokee, N.C., I know firsthand how essential Native-owned small businesses are to our tribes and communities. I have seen how small Native American-owned businesses can shape a community and how tribal citizen entrepreneurs flourish by creating sustainable and lasting jobs.

Today, there are nearly 240,000 Native American-owned small businesses in the United States, and the U.S. Small Business Administration is doing what it can to increase those numbers and encourage their growth. In just the last four years, the SBA supported more than \$400 million in lending to Native American-owned small businesses.

Emphasizing the importance of Native Americans

in helping to shape the nation's character and cultural heritage, President Obama has issued a proclamation on National Native American Heritage Month.

The President's proclamation said: "In collaboration with tribal nations, we are making critical investments to improve health and education services, create jobs, and strengthen tribal economies."

The SBA developed "The Native American Small Business Primer: Strategies for Success" to help Native American entrepreneurs prepare for business ownership. It's a free online business course that gives an overview of essential business principles and of the SBA's programs and services that help business owners get started. The course is an important tool for American Indians, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian business owners that can help in our nation's overall economic health by creating new businesses and creating jobs.

One such Native small business owner is Mark Masters, CEO of Choleta

Fire LLC, in Oklahoma City. Masters was the SBA's 2012 Young Entrepreneur of the Year winner. A tribal member of the Oklahoma Cherokee Nation, he launched Choleta Fire in 2009 at age 26. Within two years, the company had grown from one employee to 65.

We want to help create more success stories like Masters' so that Native American companies can thrive in business. And we expect to make additional tools available to help Native American companies start and grow, such as the SBA's Government Contracting Classroom, a series of online courses to help prospective and existing small businesses learn how to contract with federal agencies.

We also continue to work with our Native Community Development Financial Institutions and other community lenders to encourage them to make more small-dollar loans available in Native American and underserved communities with the SBA's Small Loan Advantage and Micro-loan programs.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

SOUTHERN UTE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
November 13, 2012

**WHEREAS,** as the first Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS,** today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society – from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield; and

**WHEREAS,** November has been recognized as Native American Heritage Month to celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council also recognizes Native American Heritage Month and wishes to honor its heritage, culture, and tradition and those of tribes across Indian Country.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of November 2012, and shall proclaim each year thereafter, as

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

For the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to learn about, respect, and honor the culture and traditions of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and all Indian Tribes.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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



### LEONARD C. BURCH

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE ART & LITERACY CONTEST

Open to all students in the Ignacio School District, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (Upper and Lower Elementary), and Southern Ute tribal students.

All entries must pertain to Leonard C. Burch's

- Dedication to leadership
- Personal accomplishments
- Respect for culture & tradition



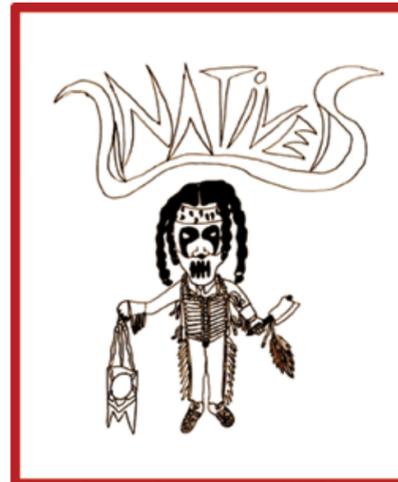
"I lead my Ute people into the future."

- **K-3rd:** Art contest – All forms of display art accepted; paintings & drawings must be 11"x14"
- **4th-5th:** Poetry contest
- **6th-8th:** Essay contest – Minimum of 500 words, up to 750 words
- **9th-12th:** Essay contest – Minimum of 750 words, up to 1,000 words

The deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. Dec. 3. Winners will be announced Dec. 7. Prizes will be awarded in all categories. Students outside the Ignacio School District should submit their essays and artwork to the Department of Education at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or fax 970-563-0382. For more info, call 970-563-0237 or email ltaylor@southernute-nsn.gov.

## American Indian Heritage Month

Southern Ute Culture Department



### CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN ART BY THE CHILDREN

Nov. 19, 1 – 5 p.m.

Come view the art of our children. The theme is "Native American artwork by the children of our community." In the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum multi-purpose room.

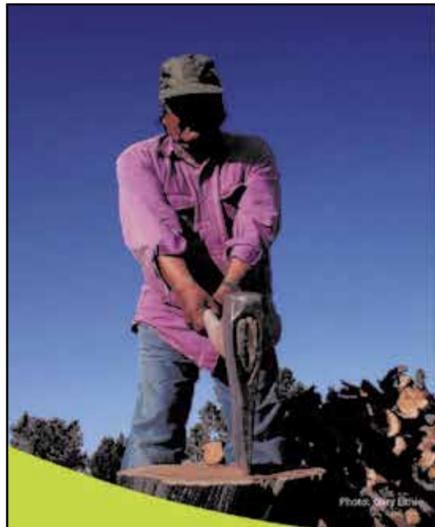


### TRADITIONAL FOODS, PLANTS AND MEDICINES

Nov. 28, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Presentations provided by American Indian students of Ft. Lewis College, Ignacio schhols and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy In the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum multi-purpose room.

For more information call Darlene Frost at 970-563-0100 ext. 2620.



### Wood Smoke and Your Health

Small particles and pollutants in wood smoke can trigger asthma attacks. Wood smoke has also been linked to heart attacks in people with heart disease.

Even occasional exposure to wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

## FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD



### STEP 1 SPLIT

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Split small pieces for kindling



### STEP 2 STACK

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground. Stack it on rails.
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down



### STEP 3 COVER

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood - don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack



### STEP 4 STORE

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Cracked ends on the wood typically means it is dry enough to burn

### Clean and Efficient Heating Checklist

Burning dry firewood can save money and protect you and your family's health. A properly installed and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

- Start a small fire with dry kindling then add a few pieces of wood.
- Give the fire plenty of air - fully open the air controls until the fire is roaring.
- Burn the fire to heat the chimney or flue before adding more wood.
- Keep space between the firewood as you add more to the fire.
- Check for local burn bans and avoid fireplace and wood stove use while in effect.
- Avoid burning garbage, treated lumber, or saltwater driftwood. Burning these items can damage your stove and cause serious health issues.
- Have your stove and chimney professionally inspected and serviced yearly if possible.
- If available, refer to your owner's manual for start-up guidelines.
- A smoldering fire, "dirty" glass doors, or smoke from the chimney are all signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.



### Is your wood dry? Take the moisture meter test.

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that allow you to test the moisture level in wood are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. Dry wood creates a hotter fire. Hotter fires save wood - ultimately saving you time and money.

Properly dried wood is lighter, has cracks in the grain on the end, and sounds hollow when knocked against another piece of wood.



WET WOOD IS A WASTE

## He shoots, he scores



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe break a sweat on Friday, Nov. 2 on a lunch break during Noon Ball, a series of soccer and basketball games at the SunUte Community Center.

## 4 CORNERS NEWS

# Christmas tree permits on sale

**Staff report**  
SAN JUAN PUBLIC LANDS CENTER

Christmas tree permits, which allow residents to cut their own holiday tree on U.S. National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands, are now on sale at San Juan Public Lands offices and selected retail outlets in southwestern Colorado.

A permit, which costs \$8, allows residents to cut one tree up to 20 feet tall for personal use. This year's permits expire Dec. 31. Permits come with a brochure explaining regulations and helpful tips. National Forest and BLM offices also sell maps and offer

free advice on the best areas for tree harvesting and the best species of tree to cut.

Offices in Bayfield, Dolores, Durango and Pagosa Springs will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through the holidays.

National Forest and BLM roads are not plowed for snow removal. Call the San Juan Public Lands Center at 970 247-4874 for up-to-date information on road conditions. More information and tips on how to cut a Christmas tree on public lands are available on the San Juan National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan).

**Permits are on sale at:**  
**Bayfield:** Columbine Ranger District, 367 Pearl St.  
**Cortez:** City Market, Cortez, 508 E. Main  
**Dolores:** Dolores Public Lands Office, 29211 Hwy. 184; Dolores Food Market, 400 Railroad Ave.  
**Durango:** San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct.; Kroeger's Ace Hardware, #8 Town Plaza  
**Mancos:** Cox Conoco, 201 E. Railroad Ave.  
**Pagosa Springs:** Pagosa Ranger District, 180 Pagosa St.

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

### DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your own business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

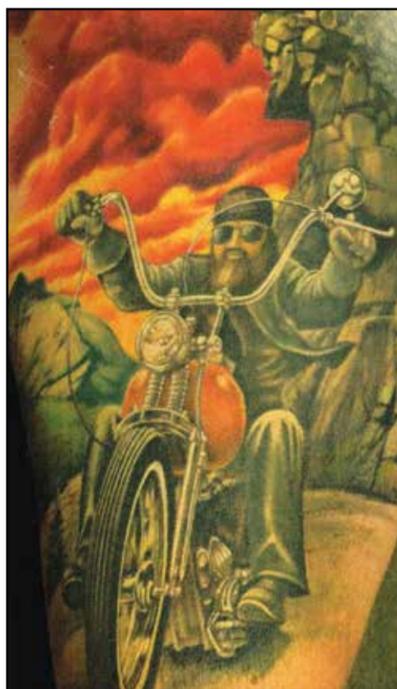
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful Strive to be happy.

- Found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; Dated 1692

*On behalf of Audrey Ray Frost Nissen  
Never hold your head down  
and don't forget who you are  
Thank you Mom & Aunt Inez Cloud  
Only Called Acceptance*



### TO THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

Thank-you creator for my life the essence of your love and boldness that you behold; Thank-you for the earth that you gave us as you watched your only son die for our souls. The connection of our spirits it's so close it's amazing that some of us just don't know. You watch; night and day so I thank you today for the connection that will lead us back home someday. Amen!

*Written and submitted by:  
Audrey Ray Frost Nissen*

### HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish my brother and uncle Shawn a happy belated birthday. His birthday was November 7, 2012. We hope that you had a great day and that you will enjoy more birthdays in the future. We love you.

*Becky and Mariah Thompson*

### BIG THANK YOU

I wish to thank each and every one that voted for me in the general election held on Nov. 2.

As we again go to the polls on Dec. 14 for the run-off election, I ask those of you that voted for me in the general election for your vote and continued support.

I also ask those that did not vote for me for your support and vote. I will be setting priorities for the next three years.

May the Creator watch over each of you, wherever you might be.

*Sincerely,  
Howard D. Richards Sr.*

### CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

The United States holds legal title to tribal lands "in trust" for the beneficial or actual owners of the land, i.e. the tribe and its members.

The Secretary of the Interior has primary responsibility for administering Indian tribal assets. Indian trust assets include the trust lands, natural resources found on these lands, and income derived from the land and natural resources, i.e., trust funds. However, in 1936, the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378) stated that responsibility was given to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to administer tribal affairs, to preserve and increase tribal resources.

It is therefore of key importance that the Tribal Council recognizes the importance of its fiduciary responsibilities to the membership. Certainly, the Tribal Council must understand the concepts of responsible leadership, responsive government, and oversight of tribal assets.

More importantly, there must be discernable difference between the candidates who must have financial strengths and management depth then previous Tribal Council members.

*Sincerely,  
Orville G. Hood  
Southern Ute tribal elder*

### VOTE FOR CUTHAIR

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.

It has come down to a run-off between four people that are here to work for the tribal membership. I am asking for your vote so that I may step in and help create change that has been needed for a long time. I am asking you to get out there and make your voice heard.

I am here to work for you, the tribal membership. I have

been working in the Permanent Fund organization for over six years and have seen a lot of things. Some of it is good and some change is needed to make sure we as a tribe keep flourishing into the future.

I have always heard that if it is not broke, do not fix it. Well, there are things that are broke and need to be fixed.

I started to think about running for council when I was much younger and sat in the back of the Council Chambers listening to different sessions when I had the time. I would sit there and listen carefully to the issues, and I would try to figure out what I would do and how I thought about some of the decisions that were made.

Not everyone will agree with all the decisions made, but I believe that if you make your decision based on the whole tribe you will make a good decision. It will be a fair, honest decision.

I am a hard worker and I will make sure I am always at every meeting that is required. I like to make sure I am prepared for every day by getting to work early.

I have been thinking about all the age groups of our tribe, and all are very important to me. I have been thinking about the youth and what we can do for them to make sure they are prepared for the future.

Education is at the top of the list, and we need to make sure our kids are getting the best. I also think they need a place to go after school or on the weekends and hang out, like a skate park or something else to keep them out of trouble. There could be a Friday night dance with a band or DJ at the casino, so that the youth 18 and over can go and hang out instead of going to parties and getting into trouble. I want us to figure out what they can do in our small town.

I know people with disabilities had asked for help and the chairman said he would look into it. I would like to make sure that request is completed. We need to take care of our own people.

I think one of the biggest issues for me that should be fixed is the communication between all entities of the tribe and the tribal membership. There are a lot of programs that no one knows about, that they could utilize.

One for example is that at the Permanent Fund, the Management Information Services Department will fix and help set up computers for the membership. The Growth Fund should be able to provide this type of service as well. They can set up or provide Microsoft classes or other computer classes so that the membership will be able to learn more about the technology that is out there.

I also think there is a way

to help the membership get wireless Internet set up in their houses. CenturyLink does not provide Internet service to all houses in our area. This service could be provided by getting other businesses to buy wireless from the tribe, then turn around and provide the membership with wireless Internet service at a minimal fee. I know the Growth Fund is all about making money, but there are things that they could provide us, the membership, and it will not cost that much.

I think that the Growth Fund should change the way they pay the bonuses. It has always been that they pay the bonuses first, then the bills, then the tribal membership. It needs to be that the bills are paid first, then pay the tribal membership, and then the bonuses.

I also think that the wages for the top are outrageous. I know that you have to spend a little money to get good people to work for you, but when the wages are double the amount for the same jobs at both the Permanent Fund and casino, it is not good. I have seen people working for the Permanent Fund leave to go and work for the Growth Fund because they are paying more and give bigger bonuses. I don't recall a tribal member moving from the Permanent Fund to the Growth Fund for higher pay or the bonuses, because they aren't given the same chance.

I also know that there aren't many tribal members working at the Growth Fund, and if they question things that they see, they are sent to work somewhere else or let go because their services are not needed. This is our tribe, and we need to fight for our rights.

To preserve our heritage and culture, we need to focus on the younger generation. To do this, we need to capture the voices of our elders when they tell stories or try to teach the younger generations how to speak Ute. I think audio and video would be the best way to keep our stories and language alive for a long time.

If our youth do not speak Ute every day and submerge themselves, it will be hard to keep any language alive. I hear it a lot that I don't speak Ute, but I think that if I had an audio program such as an application for my phone, or maybe a website with all of the Ute words spoken to me, it would be easier to have that submersion. I don't want to forget about the written word either, and it is a must to have books, but the future is audio and it could be played a lot more.

Thanks for your time, and I hope you give me a chance to work for you, the membership.

*Sincerely,  
Delbert D. Cuthair Jr.*

### SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Mique, (Hello)  
My name is Yllana -Chanelle Nanacivuchi Howe. I am the new Little Miss Southern Ute 2012-2013.

My parents are Walter and Marquetta Howe. My Grandparents are Cindy Gilbert, Stephen Valdez, Renee Cloud, and the late Don Howe. I also have two brothers, Isaiah Valdez and Sergio Howe. I have two Sisters, Izabella Howe and Ollyvia Howe.

Being an ambassador for the Southern Ute Tribe is such an honor and is a great learning experience.

Last year, I was Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2011-2012. It was scary for me representing for the first year but now it is not so bad, I'm getting used to it. I like representing with the other royalties because they are all nice.

*Thank you,  
Yllana Howe  
Little Miss Southern Ute 2012-2013*



## Thank you!

My deepest gratitude to all the tireless volunteers, generous contributors, and engaged citizens of La Plata County. Let's build a future for us all!



# Gwen Lachelt

La Plata County Commissioner • Democratic Candidate  
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## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### GREETINGS TO OUR SOUTHERN UTE PEOPLE

Editor's note: The following letter is being reproduced exactly as received at the request of the submitters. A response from the office of Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. follows.

Many tribal members have come to us young and old with their concerns, and as tribal elders and spiritual people we must listen and try to help. We try to call council people and ask for help and they treat us like we are crazy and disrespect us, we make meetings with the Chairman and he doesn't show up. Now it is time we say something because we feel the same way as the people who have come to us with their concerns. Since you won't meet with us, we chose to go the white man way and write in on paper for the world to see so our voice will be heard.

We have always been concerned when it comes to bettering our tribe and protecting that which our elders have left for us. We feel that our councils past and present have given away many protections that were set in place for us to protect our future generations and we want these protections back and demand that the council now and in the near future gets them back. So if you are running for council get with us and help us, and we will help you get elected, and help you to remove whom ever we don't want to work with and for our Southern Ute People.

1. Our tribal court system is an embarrassment, we must have our own Tribal Law and Order Code put in place now, we have been promised this for years and nothing, we pay our attorneys a lot of money but they do nothing, so if they cannot do the job fire them and hire someone that can and get the Southern Ute Law and Order Code in place within one month. We need Native American Attorneys that know Indian Law, the reason we are where we are is because the Attorneys we have now are NON-INDIAN and they want us to be like them. "White"

2. Our Court is to be a Southern Ute Traditional Tribal Court, which means we are a misdemeanor court, keep it that way and let the Feds take care of the 10 major crimes and quit warehousing people from all over the world here. This is our jail not a place for the detention center to make a profit off of other tribe's convicts. We built this for our people, not for the Non-Indian

employees to create job security for themselves by selling beds to other tribes. The way it is now we are a contract jail and the only ones making money off this are the detention staff, if this continues Detention should rent the building and pay the Southern Ute People instead of the Southern Ute Tribe putting money in to the jail each year.

3. We use State and Federal funding to operate our Court, Detention, Social Services and Police Department, we want a Federal Investigation done by the FBI to look into civil rights violations, such as excessive bonds, police brutality, equal protection of the law, due process, freedom of speech without recourse, and any civil rights violation the people may report. Also, a criminal investigation into each and every program that uses State and Federal funds to see if the funds are being used right or are the books being tampered with to justify the monies received. i.e. prove that these funds are helping The Southern Ute people and that they are needed, do an assessment on professional overhead verses tribal members being helped. We feel all this money is just being used for Job Security for the NON-INDIANS on our reservation.

4. We want to see all of our Judges, Prosecutors and defenders using tribal law and quit using state law to prosecute our people. If they fail, fire them and hire someone that qualifies. Stop our Tribal Prosecutor from handing out excessive bonds, criticizing our tribal members in court, handing out excessive sentences, and making a mockery out of our court, he is just down right embarrassing, he has no place in our court, he is to help our people and all he wants to do is send everyone to prison. We request that someone do a back ground check on this person to make sure he is not affiliated with the KKK or some sort of white supremacy group that thinks that, "the only good Indian, is a dead Indian". On that note, since the 2/28/2012 article came out in the Durango Herald about the KKK membership is booming in Colorado with 12 White Supremacist groups being in this area, we need to investigate all Non-Indian Employees to make sure we are not funding an Organization that is out to destroy all people of color, with the money they make from our Tribe.

5. We want our Sovereign Immunity back, whatever document or documents were used to give away our

Sovereign Immunity we want them rescinded and our Sovereign Immunity put back in place NOW TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

6. We want our Tribal Court to quit sharing all of our documents with the State, we are to be a Sovereign Tribe so let's take care of our own and quit giving our information away, what happens here stays here. That's the way it used to be. Our ancestors fought and died for Sovereign Immunity and here we are giving it away.

7. We have a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance that imposes fees on all Tribal entities, and TERO makes millions of dollars off our businesses. We want to know why these laws apply to us and do not apply to the NON-INDIAN businesses in Ignacio. 'THIS IS A VIOLATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES' AND OUR COUNCIL DOES WHAT? NOTHING.

8. When a tribal member gets into an altercation with a non-Indian, why does the tribal member go to jail and not the non-Indian? You say La Plata County will handle it, but we know of many cases where this does not work and our people continue to get punished but not the non-Indian. And the Non-Indian laughs and makes fun of us saying that they can get away with anything, they even lie to the court and our tribal members get punished. . "THIS IS ANOTHER VIOLATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES." AND OUR COUNCIL DOES WHAT? NOTHING.

9. We use to have rights on our reservation, "By Laws or Constitutional Rights" What do we have now? A bunch of professional Non-Indians that do not understand Indian people and writing down everything that can hurt us just to justify their jobs. WHERE ARE OUR CONSTRUCTIONAL RIGHTS? OUR COURT CLAIMS WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT AND THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE FEDERAL LAW SO WHAT DO WE THE PEOPLE USE TO PROTECT OUR SELF'S AGAINST THE NON-INDIANS THAT WANT TO SAVE US AND KNOW SO MUCH MORE THAN OUR

PEOPLE. IF WE WANT TO FILE A CASE IN TRIBAL COURT HOW DO WE DO SO WHEN WE HAVE NO LAWS TO DO SO. AS IT STANDS NOW THE ONLY PEOPLE ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION THAT HAVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY ARE THE COUNCIL AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, I.E. COURTS, COPS, DETENTION AND ALL OF THE NON-INDIANS. . 'THIS IS ANOTHER VIOLATION OF EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES' "ALL OF THE NON-INDIANS ARE PROTECTED BUT NOT THE INDIANS...."

10. **OUR CHAIRMAN TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE WITH A SACRED TOBACCO PIPE, AND TOLD EVERYONE HE WOULD PUT THE PEOPLE, TRADITION AND CULTURE FIRST. NOW IT IS TIME TO HOLD HIM TO IT, IF HE CONTINUES TO NOT PROTECT OUR PEOPLE WE WILL ALL BE PUNISHED AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE HARMED.**

We need to protect our tribe now and in the future and handle our own affairs with our own laws. We use to have a Tribal Law and Order Code, and Sovereign Immunity. These NON-INDIANS we have working for us now are moving things too far into the future to fast and complicating things, causing us to lose our tradition and culture. The NON-INDIAN does not care about The Southern Ute People they just want a good job with high pay and good insurance. **WE HAVE TO STOP IT NOW, IT IS HAPPENING RIGHT IN FRONT OF US AND OUR COUNCIL IS LETTING IT HAPPEN. THE DAYS OF ASSIMILATION ARE OVER WHY ARE WE CONTINUING TO LET THE NON-NATIVES CONTROL OF OUR COUNCIL, COURTS AND LIVES. WE ARE BILIONAIRES WHY DON'T WE LIVE LIKE THEM...**

Every NON-INDIAN working for our tribe has a beautiful home, good car and many things. Drive around our reservation and look at our homes, our cars and our poverty. We are one of the richest Tribes in the world and we live in poverty while the NON-INDIANS live a life of luxury at our cost. We need to take it back. How do we change all of the above?

1. Have a meeting.
2. Sign legal affidavits

and have them notarized as a legal document and hand deliver them to the Federal Bureau of Investigations and make them investigate.

3. Go to the News Media with our concerns to show the council we are serious.

4. File a complaint against any non-Indian that has violated us and file against them on the official and individual capacity.

5. The Southern Ute Business Council is to work for the people of the Southern Ute Tribe, we must make them listen and do so.

6. We must stick together and do this, follow through and make change now for us and our future generations. We need action.

*Thank you*

*Elwood Kent  
Southern Ute Elder  
Past Chief of Police*

*Sanjean Blue Bird Burch  
Southern Ute Elder  
Many years of Court  
Experience.*

### CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSE

Dear Tribal Members:

Recently, I have received a letter and met with tribal members regarding their concerns over tribal sovereignty, tribal law, and the Tribal Court. I am providing this letter both to respond to those concerns and inform the tribal membership.

The Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation was initially adopted in 1936 and is the guiding document for the Tribal Council. Because the Southern Ute Tribe is a sovereign nation the Constitution gives the Tribal Council the right to exercise certain authorities. One of these authorities is to establish a tribal court to administer justice on the Reservation. The Constitution also allows the Tribal Council to adopt tribal laws to govern its territory, including laws to protect the peace, safety, property, health and general welfare of the Tribal membership.

The Tribal Council has carried out these duties through the adoption of a Tribal Code and the establishment of the Tribal Court. Copies of the Tribal Code, which includes over 20 different articles on civil and criminal procedure, secured transactions, the conduct of tribal elections and other topics, can be obtained from the Tribe's Tribal Information Services Department. The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court assists in the

enforcement and protection of those tribal laws by hearing cases arising under the Tribe's jurisdiction. Because of Supreme Court decisions and other federal law, the Tribe's sovereign powers are not what they once were; for example, since a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision, tribes have lacked criminal authority over non-Indians. However, since the adoption of the Tribe's Constitution, the Tribal Council has been committed to ensuring that the Tribe's inherent sovereignty is exercised broadly and responsibly by an independent and strong Tribal Court. Today's Tribal Council continues that commitment.

As part of that commitment, we want to ensure the Tribe's laws are being followed and the rights of individual tribal members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction are protected. Although the Tribal Council strives to preserve judicial independence and does not get involved in Tribal Court matters, the Council is ultimately responsible for making sure our sovereignty is properly exercised under the law and through the Court. Therefore, we take seriously any legitimate allegation that our laws are inappropriate, are not being followed, or that our Court is insufficient. I am committed to ensuring that tribal members' needs are heard and met to the best of my ability. I have met with numerous tribal members including those who have used letter or word of mouth to share concerns with many other tribal members, and I have listened and responded to their questions and concerns. Through the leadership of the Chairman, the administration protects an independent judiciary but also seeks to ensure that tribal employees are following applicable laws and policies to meet Tribal Council priorities. The administration is currently looking into the concerns of the membership and I am confident that those issues will be resolved.

Written documentation of allegations are essential for the tribal administration to initiate any investigation of a tribal department operating under the Tribal Code. They will not act on hear say or third party information. You may submit any documentation to the Executive Office. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

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

## Casting ballot



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Roberta Scott casts her vote before the Election Board during the general election at the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Nov 2. A total of 349 ballots containing 679 votes were cast.

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Next issue

**Nov. 30**

Deadline

**Nov. 26**

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southernute-nsn.gov**

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## REQUEST FOR BID

### Southern Ute Housing Authority - House Renovation

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the Housing Renovation Project to renovate 1-3 bedroom, 2-bath home located on Shoshone Street on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO. A mandatory site visit for this

project is scheduled for November 27, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Bid deadline is December 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is December 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at said office privately opened. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for La Plata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected. Published: November 16, 2012.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Purchase of Manufactured Home

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses from Tribal members to the RFP for the purchase of a Manufactured Home. The home description consists of the following:

- Year & make: 2001 Schult manufactured home
- Square Footage: 28' x 66' (1848 sq. ft.)
- Size: Six bedrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry, two baths

The following criterion applies to sale of the home:

- The home will be sold as is with no implied warranties.
- The selected proposer will be responsible for complete teardown, removal, transport and re-set up of the home (approximate cost within

a 5-mile radius is \$10,000).

- The Tribe's preference is to have the home removed from the premises within (60) sixty days from the date of purchase, weather permitting.

An Open House will occur at 221 Capote Dr. on Nov., 28 2012 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012. For more information contact the Construction & Project Management Department at 970-563-0138.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Twyla L. Romme

**Job title:** Executive administrative assistant, Tribal Services  
**Hobbies:** Powwow, photography, workout, traveling, sports (volleyball), watching football, basketball, baseball, and Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Go KU.  
**Family:** Emma-Jean-Dog!  
**Tribe:** Southern Ute, Omaha  
**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.

### Snow Melody

#### Job title: Ranger

**Job duties:** Protect the people and natural resources of the Southern Ute Tribe.  
**Family:** Married with two children.



## Tribal member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive

### October winners



18 years and up  
 Jordon Rock



3rd grade – High School  
 Gibran Silva

Both participants won a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.

For information on how to win;  
 Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer's desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.

*Want to get involved in your Community?*

The Board of County Commissioners invites all members of the community to apply for vacancies on one of the boards or commissions listed below:

- Board of Adjustment
- Community Corrections Board
- Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances
- Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
- Extension Advisory Committee
- Fairgrounds Commission
- Fire Code Board of Appeals—Gen. Contractor, Design Professional, Industrial Safety Professional
- Historic Preservation Review Commission
- Ignacio, Allison, Oxford Cemetery District Committee
- Lake Durango Water Authority - (customer of Water Authority)
- Living with Wildlife Advisory Board
- Lodging Tax Panel
- Long Term Finance Committee
- Pine River Public Library District Board
- Planning Commission
- Regional Housing Alliance
- Senior Programs Advisory Committee
- Southwest Region 9 Workforce Board
- Undesirable Plant & Rodent Advisory Committee

*These positions are advisory only and are not monetarily compensated. Check the County website for specific board requirements. Applications and descriptions may be obtained online at [www.co.laplata.co.us](http://www.co.laplata.co.us) or from the La Plata County Courthouse Information Center, 1060 East Second Avenue, Durango, CO. Applications must be returned by December 15th. For additional information call 970-382-6219.*



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### OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION DECEMBER 14, 2012

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER

#### Notice - Vote for Two

- Delbert D. Cuthair, Jr.
- Howard D. Richards, Sr.
- Adam Red
- Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- \* \* \* \*
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 RUN-OFF ELECTION

Dec. 14, 2012

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

Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are:  
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**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE**  
 Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 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](mailto:election@southern-ute.nsn.us).

The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517  
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices. EOE

### Bus Monitor

Open until filled – Head Start/SUCAP  
Work with bus driver to ensure the safety of children to and from the center. Must work well with the public, parents, & staff. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid certification. Must pass background checks & TB test.

### Substitute bus driver

Open until filled – Head Start/SUCAP  
Ensure the safety of children to/from the center. Preference given to qualified, local applicants, familiar with the Southern Ute Reservation and surrounding area. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid. Current CDL required/will train. Subject to drug & alcohol testing, must pass background checks, medical exam & TB test.

### Intensive Residential Treatment Counselor

Open until filled – Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP  
Peaceful Spirit program has an opening for a counselor – responsible for individual and group client management from intake to follow-up and aftercare. Successful applicant must have

or be able to obtain CAC II Certification or CO Certification waiver; will accept CAC I with experience. Must have High School Diploma or GED; BA in related field preferred. Must have valid CO DL and be insurable by SUCAP. EOE.

### Residential Assistant

Open until filled – Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP  
Currently hiring one full-time RA. Must have High School Diploma/GED, 2 yrs of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Must pass criminal history background check.

### Driver

Open until filled – SUCAP Road Runner Transit  
Part-time in Ignacio, CO. High School Diploma/GED required. Transit or school bus experience preferred. Current CDL with passenger endorsement preferred. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must pass drug/alcohol test, background checks, and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/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.

### Tribal Health Department Director

Closes 11/24/12  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe operates the Tribal Health Services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and other HIS eligible members. The Health Services includes the health center that provides a range of services including medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral services, as well as numerous specialty services through surrounding local providers and the Tribal Health Department.

### Senior Detention Officer

Closes 11/26/12  
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18: \$18.62/hr.

### Social Services Division Head

Closes 11/26/12  
day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services to include child/adult welfare protective services, family and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance/Tribal Work Experience Program, Day Care Grant and Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Pay grade 23: \$65,584/yr.

### Tribal Services Director

Closes 11/26/12  
This is a professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of human service-related programs providing services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members, including Social Services, Elder Services, Emergency Family Services, Food Distribution, and Vocational Rehabilitation. Pay grade 24: \$74,667/yr.

### Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator

Closes 11/26/12  
Under direct supervision of the Program Manager for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, employee is responsible for assisting in the organization and facilitation of Vocational Rehabilitation services to clients/consumers within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe service delivery parameters and for providing data and office management for the department. Pay grade 15: \$13.89/hr.

### Chief Of Police

Closes 11/29/12  
Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade 24: \$74,667.00

### Business Office Manager

Open Until Filled  
Responsible for THD 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: \$42,932.00

### Internal Medicine Physician

Open Until Filled  
This is a contract position responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in internal medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 30: \$144,545.

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.

## 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](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

### Bowling

Bowling Lead Technician – FT, closes 11/16/12

### Table Games

Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, closes 11/16/12

Multi-Games Pit Boss – PT, closes 11/16/12

### Transportation

Shuttle Driver w/CDL – OC, closes 11/16/12

## SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

### Committee member 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 interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

## 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.

## 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.

### For Sale

1997 Chevy Tahoe, white in good condition. 4x4, 118,003 miles. Automatic transmission. \$6000.  
970-563-4021. Call early morning, no later than 9 p.m.



### For Sale

Must See! 2006 GMC Yukon Denali XL Well kept, Extra Set of Snow Tires 106K Miles. Asking \$18,500.00 O.B.O. 970-749-4339

### For Sale

2001 Pontiac Sunfire, 73,000 miles. two-door, with sunroof. Runs good. Call 970-563-3117

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacio.k12.co.us](http://www.ignacio.k12.co.us)  
Ignacio School District is accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year

### Assistant coaches

Closes 11/16/12 – Ignacio School District has positions open in Baseball, Track and Soccer.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-0150-CV-NC NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Trennie Risa Burch, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trennie Risa Collins. 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 December 2, 2012 by 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change. Dated this 29th day of October, 2012.  
BY THE COURT,  
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

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 December 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change. Dated this 6th day of November, 2012.  
BY THE COURT,  
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-152 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Caitlynn Marie Weaver, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Caitlynn Marie Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlynn Marie Schmeiser. 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 December 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change. Dated this 6th day of November, 2012.  
BY THE COURT,  
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2012-0107-CV-PR NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
**Barbara T Santistevan, Deceased**  
Notice: 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 December 17, 2012 at 3:00 PM. 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 2nd of November, 2012  
BY THE COURT,  
Milly Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk

### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-153 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**Brooklynn Weaver, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Brooklynn Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklynn Jade Schmeiser. Dated this 2nd of November, 2012  
BY THE COURT,  
Milly Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

# Assignment: Navajo code talkers

*A group of Upper Elementary students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy were assigned to read a book about Navajo code talkers. Here is a sampling of their reports.*

This is the book that I read: "America's Secret Weapon: The Navajo Talkers of WW2," by Howard Gutner. It was a good book because it was telling about the code and how they came up with plans, which I will talk about. Next I will tell you about where Navajo come from, how it started, and the postwar.

The Navajos came from Alaska and Canada, then they moved to Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Navajo had no leaders, so the Navajos moved a lot. The Navajos had made a last stand against the U.S. Cavalry Col. Kit Carson and his soldiers.

Navajo code talkers had an unbreakable code. The reason they had a good code was it was hard to crack and Navajo was an unwritten language.

The Japanese had cracked all of American codes in World War II. America had to find a code that the Japanese could not crack. America decided to use the Navajo language for the code. The reason America had to use Navajo for the code is the Japanese hadn't been studying it at the time, because the Navajo language had been an unwritten language.

The Navajo Code Talkers had 211 military terms to start off with. For example, the code word for America is "ne-he-mah," which means "our mother." The code word for grenades is "ni-ma-si," which means "potato"; those are some of examples of the codes. The Navajo language made a lot of codes that helped out in war zone. Navajo code talkers had to memorize the code at boot camp.

President Ronald Reagan had named Aug. 14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day.

*Randy Herrera*

In 1941, America joined World War II. The Navajos were a big part of World War II. I am going to tell you about where the Navajos came from, the Navajos and the government, and how the code started and life in the war.

The Navajos settled in three different places that were states like Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Navajos did not have a leader to rule the whole Navajo Nation. They did

not have a leader because they moved and were scattered over a wide area.

White settlers moved onto Navajo land. The U.S. government and the Navajos clashed because the Navajos didn't have control of their own land. The Navajos and the U.S. government fought for land for many years. Navajos had no choice but to follow U.S. rules because their crops, livestock and homes were destroyed. Even though the Navajos suffered, they still fought the U.S.

Philip Johnston had the idea of using the Navajo language as a code. Johnston talked to an officer named James Jones. Jones told him that idea would not work. The code of the Navajo code talkers was never broken by the Japanese, because the Navajos didn't have an alphabet.

The Navajos had to make up some military terms to describe weapons. The Navajos went to boot camp so they can train for World War II. Then the Navajos found out that the training camp was like a pleasant dream. The Navajos were used to the conditions, because they walked a day in the hot deserts and they were used to hard work.

I learned that the Navajo code talkers used their code. Navajo code talkers came up with the war terms like the fighter plane, "da-he-tih-hi" (hummingbird). Finally, the first 29 code talkers got gold medals and four or five code talkers got silver medals.

Now you know how the code started, the Navajos life in war, where the Navajos came from, and the Navajos' relationship with the government.

*Ocean Hunter*

I am going to tell you about the Navajo code talkers and how it started, according to the book "America's Secret Weapon" by Howard Gutner. The Navajos and what they did for the U.S. government will be my topic. Finally, I will talk about life in war. Here is what I learned about the Navajo code talkers.

The Navajos came from Alaska and Canada and moved down to Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and then they settled and started to make their home there. The Navajos were so huge in population they did not have a leader to the Navajo Nation.

Guadalcanal is close to New Guinea in the western Pacific. This is the first fight that the Navajo code talkers fought. The Navajos hunted for food in the thick grass and couldn't

scout for enemies because the grass was taller than a person. They didn't like the military provision; that's why they made traps to catch food. The code talkers wore heavy radio gear and did not complain about how it was or if they were tired, and they always kept going.

The code had 200 military words, and the Navajos had to change them into the Navajo code. There were 29 Navajo code talkers that made the code. First they started with the English alphabet and matched their words in Navajo, like "wol-la-chee" means "ant," and it stands for letter A. That's how they made the alphabet code. So they memorized the code then put it to the ultimate test: combat.

This is a phenomenal book because it tells all about the Navajo code talkers and what they did. I also like it because I got to learn new words like cipher, declassified, and provision. Next I found out about the code and some of the words in Navajo, like "ne-he-mah" means "our mother." In English it means America; that was my favorite about the code. This is a superior book and I learned a lot of things about the Navajo code talkers.

*Andrew Morgan*

I read the book "America's Secret Weapon: The Navajo Code Talkers of WWII" by Howard Gutner.

Here are my topics. First I am going to explain how the code started. Second I will talk about life in war. Also I will talk about post war. Last I will talk about recognition. Now I will talk about my topics.

Native American codes started in World War I. The first Native American code talkers were Choctaw code talkers. They have a different language, and the Germans did not know what they were saying.

After WWI, the Germans finally figured out the Choctaw language. Then Germany sent students in the 1920s and 1930s to study Native American languages. However, they did not learn Navajo. The reason they did not learn Navajo is because the Navajos do not have an alphabet.

When America entered World War II, a man named Phillip Johnston wanted to help the war effort, but was too old to fight, so instead he told the U.S. Marine Corps about his idea of the code talks. The marines did not like the idea at first, and then he had a demonstration that convinced them to use Navajos in the war. Next they had to come up with code words for military terms.

The Navajos soon figured out that their training back in California was like a dream compared to the humongous nightmare in the South Pacific. While on the front line of Japan, the Navajos did not live off just the food given to them by the Marines. They would hunt and skin their own food from out of the jungle.

One of the officers said that the Navajos were first-rate Marines. During the war the code talkers were given bodyguards to protect them from being taken by Japanese soldiers. Also they had the bodyguards to identify them if they were accidentally taken by American soldiers who mistook them as Japanese soldiers.

When the Navajos were in the war, they were treated equally by everyone in the army. But when they got home, the Navajos were still fighting the government. The voting rights were not granted for Navajos until the 1950s. It wasn't until the 1980s that the Navajos quit fighting the government. After the fight between the Navajos and the government, the Navajos went on living like before they fought the government.

After WWII ended in 1945, it wasn't until 2001 that the Navajos got recognition. The first 29 code talkers received one of the nation's highest awards: the Congressional Gold Medal. All of the code talkers that served later in the war got the Congressional Silver Medal. At the ceremony, President George W. Bush gave a speech about a code talker who lied about his age to join the war. The boy was 15 years old when he joined the war.

This has been one of the best books I have read. I learned so much about WWII with this book. I would recommend this book to someone who is interested in WWII.

*Dustin Sanchez*

The book I have read, "America's Secret Weapon: The Navajo Code Talkers of World War II," was written by Howard Gunter. Now I will give you some information about the Navajo code talkers. I am now going to talk about the Navajos and how they struggled with the government. Then I am going to talk about how the war started, and also about life in war against Japan.

I'm going to talk about how the Navajos struggled with the United States government. The Navajos were not strangers to war, but before the beginning of World War II, about 80 years before that, they were in a battle against the government and they lost the battle.

The Navajo people are a group that came from what is now Alaska and Canada. Hundreds of years ago, the group of Navajos moved south to where they would finally settle, where they would call their homeland, which eventually become the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. The Navajos spread all over the wide land that they had, and they had no Navajo leader to lead the entire Navajo Nation.

The government eventually would come over to move the Navajo from their homeland, but the Navajos would not let them take their homeland and so they went to war with the United States and won. Kit Carson came and destroyed their crops, livestock and their homes. Then the Navajo were forced to move to Fort Sumner near New Mexico.

How the code talkers started was back in World War I, when the Germans had a position in France and the U.S had a group of Choctaw language speakers. Once the Germans found out that the U.S was using the Choctaw language, the Germans were forced to retreat. The Germans did not want to be fooled again, so by the 1920s to 1930s the Germans sent students to study all the Native American languages.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor is what drew the United States into World War II. Philip Johnston, who lived among the Navajo people, was one of the non-Navajos to be able to speak the Navajo language. Philip Johnston went to a camp in San Diego, Calif., that was called Camp Elliot. Philip Johnston went there to present his idea to the U.S. Marines, and an officer named James Jones told Philip Johnston it would not work because the German students had studied all of the Native American languages.

Once the code talkers were finished with their training, they were sent to a boot camp in California. Once they got to California, they still had to prove themselves. The "First 29" was what the Navajos were sometimes called. They had to make Navajo terms for 200 words, and the Navajo terms would have to stand for the military words.

Here are some samples of the Navajo code words: The Navajo word for America is "ne-he-mah," which means "our mother," and the Navajo word for fighter plane is "da-he-tih-hi," which means "hummingbird." Philip Johnston came up with idea to use the Navajo language to win the war. Making the Navajo code was not easy.

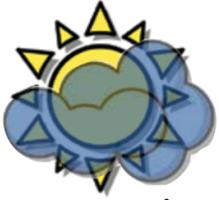
The Navajos and the soldiers fought in Saipan. The soldiers thought of the war as a dream. They encountered local wildlife; they knew how to hunt, skin and cook every animal they killed for their food; and they were grateful to serve their country. Navajo code talkers saved many lives with their code.

This book is a good book. I liked it because it gave me a lot of information on the Navajo code talkers of World War II. I think people should research the Navajo code talkers. I can take that education and tell my mom and my family about the Navajo code talkers. I think I will research the Navajo code talkers for knowledge night.

*Lakota Two Crow*

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Nov. 16



Partly sunny 52°F

Saturday, Nov. 17



Mostly sunny 53°F

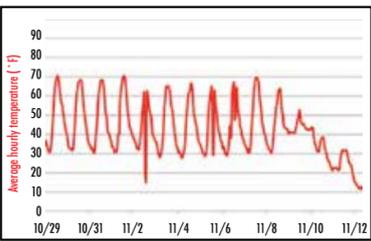
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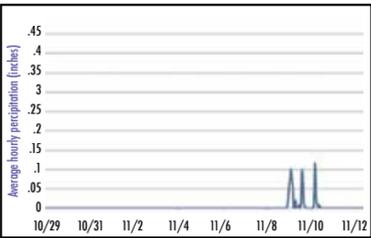


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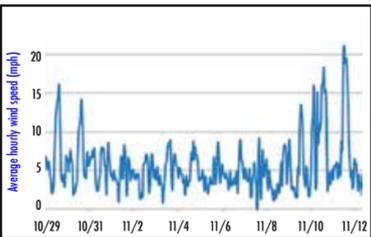
#### Temperature

High	70.3°
Low	11.5°
Average	41.3°
Average last year	37.2°



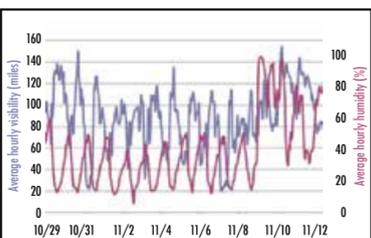
#### Precipitation

Total	0.81"
Total last year	0.70"



#### Wind speed

Average	5.4
Minimum	0.0
Maximum	21.1



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	88.7
Average humidity	38.9%

**Air quality**  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAYS, 5 P.M.

#### Chess Night

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

### FRIDAY, NOV. 16, 4 – 8 P.M.

#### Holiday Art Market opening

Dancing Spirit Community Center will be featuring unique handmade gifts for \$20 and under. Refreshments will be served. Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is a nonprofit organization located at 755 Goddard Ave. in Ignacio. Call 970-563-4600 for more information.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 11:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.

#### Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner

The Southern Ute Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner is open to Southern Ute tribal members and families along with Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute members. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. No tickets are required. Southern Ute tribal elders wishing to have their food delivered, call Gloria Frost at 970-563-0100 ext. 2323.