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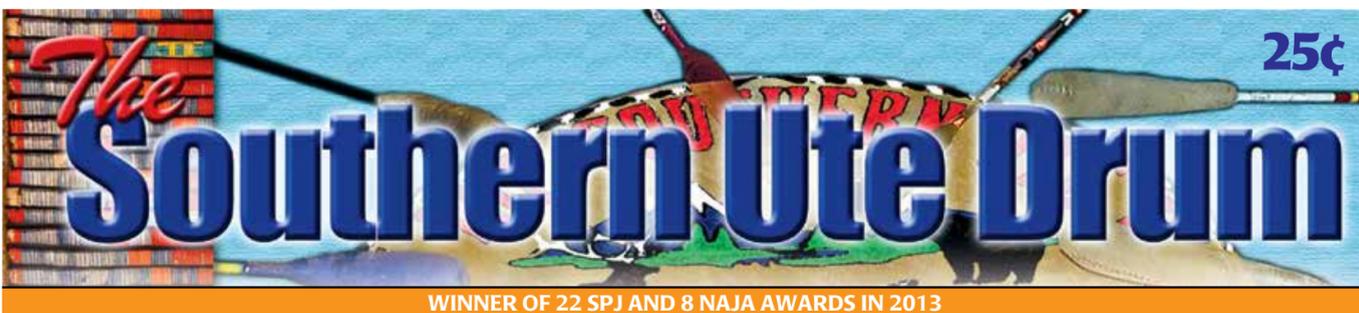
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Thinking pink



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students and faculty from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start sport their pink attire for breast cancer awareness on Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES

Young athletes: NAIG deadline fast approaching

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is urging young tribal members interested in competing in the North American Indigenous Games in Canada next summer to submit an athlete profile form before the Sunday, Nov. 10 deadline.

The games will take place July 20-27, 2014, in Regina, Saskatchewan. All male and female athletes who will be between 13 and 19 years old in 2014, and who have a certificate of Indian blood, are eligible to participate.

Kevin Winkler, recreation manager for the SunUte

Community Center, is coordinating athletes and coaches for Team Colorado. He said he hopes both Southern Ute tribal members and other local American Indians will consider participating.

"It's a chance to compete internationally against like-minded people, other Native Americans and First Nations people ... from all over the country," he said. "This is the first that these games have been held since 2008, so it really can be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Winkler said to participate, athletes must obtain a

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Candidates take questions on ethics, vision for future

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Six of the seven candidates for a seat on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in this year's Friday, Nov. 1 general election introduced their platforms and took questions from tribal members during Meet the Candidates Night on Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Among the candidates were four who have served on the council before: Erwin Edward Taylor, Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie, Melvin J. Baker, and incumbent Vice Chairman James M. Olguin. They were joined by new challengers Edward B. Box III and Estelle Monte Jimenez. Another candidate, Lena M. W. Atencio, was not present.

Each candidate began with a five-minute statement.

"I have started a lot of projects here that I have not completed," Olguin said to kick things off. "This tribe, our tribe, has come forward in a lot of leaps and bounds,

bringing us from a state of poverty to ... where we have a lot of opportunity, a lot of benefits. However, it doesn't stop here."

Olguin is running on a "Protect Our Future" platform, which he said involves looking generations ahead with respect to each Tribal Council decision.

Next up was Jimenez, who acknowledged her relatively little political experience but said she would bring valuable business and cultural background to the council.

"I've owned two businesses. I've served the tribal membership with my food, catering, whatnot," she said. "I know how to honor people, how to respect people. I also know how to take care. I'm a nurturer."

Jimenez said the council needs someone who is willing to work with tribal members as an equal, not a superior.

"I know how it feels to be not treated so well. I promised myself that I would not treat people in a bad way," she said.

Box then introduced his platform, saying the tribe must balance business interests and culture in every decision.

"I believe that business and culture, they do run side-by-side," he said. "My opinion right now doesn't really count, because the membership's opinion counts. I'm a portal their opinion and their concerns."

Dutchie said her past council terms have been focused on service to tribal members. She listed several areas of the tribal government in need of improvement, including the Tribal Court, Social Services and Human Resources.

"Do you guys have an individual that's going to speak for you?" she asked the crowd. "When I was there, I answered the phone."

Taylor said he's running out of concern over what he sees as diminishing tribal sovereignty.

"I am very worried about our sovereignty and the loss

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SUIMA

Students tour King Coal mine

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary class, guided by Mari Jo Owens, traveled Thursday, Oct. 24 to the King Coal II facility in Hesperus, Colo., to continue its lectures on energy.

King Coal II was established in 2007 and sits not far from the original King Coal mine, which started running in 1938 and closed in 2009. Its operators mine bituminous coal that's sold to cement companies stretching all the way to California.

Kurt Poulson, head manager of the mine, talked to the students about running the facility. First, he showed a fossilized dinosaur footprint, which dated to 300 million years ago, discovered at one of the previous mines in which he worked.

The kids studied the imprinted rock before Poulson began to discuss the mining process.

"In the coal mining industry, there's two different ways of mining coal," he said. "One is room-and-pillar and the other is long wall. ... We don't long wall



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary class at the King Coal II mining facility on Thursday, Oct. 24. The class is learning about different energy sources and how coal is distributed.

mine at our facility."

He explained to the kids the procedure of room-and-pillar mining.

"The first phase of the

room-and-pillar process: We do what we call developing," he said. "Entries are

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FOREST ROADS

Nearly all forest roads repaired to 'passable' condition

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Nearly all of the forest roads on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation damaged by heavy fall rains have been made passable and are reopened.

Operating under a plan by the Reservation Forest Roads Team, the Construction Services Division has done most of the physical work on the roads, with guidance from the Forestry Division, said Brian Gideon, division head.

The only section that remains closed is at the top of Seguro Canyon Road, Gide-

on said. The plan does not call for reopening the road this year, he said.

"It's pretty much unusable," he said.

In late September, the team assessed all forest roads and categorized them as passable, closed, or passable only with a 4x4 vehicle. As of Monday, Oct. 21, all roads but Seguro Canyon were considered passable.

Original plans had called for the cooperation of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs in repairing the roads, but the federal government shutdown furloughed most employees of the Southern Ute Agency. Those employ-

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Check out a map of all reopened forest roads on the reservation.

ees returned to work Thursday, Oct. 17 following a deal struck in Congress to reopen.

Gideon cautioned that while conditions on many roads have improved since Construction Services began work on Monday, Oct. 7, the types of repairs being made are primarily short-term – a "Band-Aid" – and many roads will eventually require more expensive and time-consuming long-term repairs.

Academy hosts triathlon



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's annual triathlon took place at the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Oct. 25, starting at the outside track for a bike ride and concluding in the swimming pool with the annual Pumpkin Splash. See page 6.



COURTS & CRIME

Wellness Court team attends national drug court conference

By **Tim Heydinger**
SU TRIBAL COURT

Members of the Southern Ute Wellness Court recently attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' annual conference in Washington, D.C.

In addition to providing substantive training on various topics, the conference provided the opportunity to meet, greet, and socialize with drug court professionals from around the country. More than 4,000 people attended the conference.

Drug courts (or wellness courts) are problem-solving courts. Drug courts are designed to help those with serious addiction issues to address those issues. They provide criminal offenders an alternative to incarceration if the offender is serious about addressing their addictions.

Four thousand people travelled to Washington to talk about drug courts for

one simple reason: They work.

The empirical evidence is overwhelming. Drug courts save money because allowing an individual to remain at liberty while addressing their addiction issues is far cheaper than incarcerating them.

By addressing their addiction issues, those who participate in and complete a drug court program are less likely to re-enter the criminal justice system for committing a new offense. Typical drug court programs do more than provide an alternative to incarceration and treatment, however; they also help participants find a job, find housing, obtain an education, and do what it takes to make real lifestyle changes.

The Southern Ute Wellness Court is patterned after the national drug court model because it works. It started out as, and remains, a collaborative effort between the Tribal Court, the

Probation Office, the Tribal Prosecutor, the Public Defender, the Southern Ute Police Department, Social Services, the Multi-Systemic Therapy program, Peaceful Spirit, Tribal Education, and various other treatment programs.

In addition, one at-large community member and one tribal elder also sit on the team. This group of dedicated individuals spends an enormous amount of time making the Southern Ute Wellness Court work.

The work and effectiveness of the court often goes unnoticed. Yet the team works tirelessly to better the lives of those who have elected to participate in the program.

The Southern Ute Wellness Court remains one of the most respected drug court programs in Indian Country, and the tribal membership should be proud it.

To learn more about drug courts, visit www.nadcp.org.



Better than big...



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member Duke Baker proudly holds up the antlers of the bull elk he harvested on Mesa Mountain Oct. 29, 2003. Baker had stopped by the Wildlife Resource Management Division to register his kill, take official measurements, and have the elk tested for chronic waste disease.

This photo first appeared in the October 31, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCORPIO! There's no point in shying away from the attention you'll be receiving. The mighty SUN shines brilliantly in your sign now putting the emphasis on your special ambitions. By all means seek out different ways to express your intentions. A Solar Eclipse in your very own sign on the 3rd, launches a life-changing cycle that's certain to have you eager to reclaim your personal power. Own it, and live it SCORPIO.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

As your Solar Year winds down, your best course of action is to complete unfinished business. There might be chores, or other projects you've been pushing aside that need to be resolved. Be brave Saggies, just tackle one venture at a time. In case you forgot... Sagittarians are the optimists of the Zodiac, and usually think positive thoughts. VENUS currently in a money zone, enters the sign of CAPRICORN on the 5th, and sends a clear message to be more practical, and diligent with finances.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

The main focus is on future plans. Be realistic CAPRICORN. Pie in the sky goals just won't fly. Stick to your practical, down to earth methods. The good news is that VENUS (the generous one) sashays into your sign on the 5th and with her comes opportunities for love, money, laughter, and good times. Circle the 8th, and 9th, on your calendar. They are good days to go out and enjoy yourself. Chances are your friends may be phoning you to come out and play. Get into sociable mode CAPRICORN, and enjoy.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Typically AQUARIAN'S aren't at the top of their game in early NOVEMBER. The SCORPIO Solar Eclipse might have you feeling restless, and ready to jump into anything new. With your ruling planet URANUS at odds with PLUTO on the 1st, you may act impulsively. Job related matters could be unsettled, or erratic. It's best to have a back-up plan. Your options improve after the 21st when the SUN rushes into adventurous Sagittarius a lighter outlook prevails. Try not to scatter your thoughts with too many projects at once.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

A powerful Solar Eclipse on the 3rd launches your month on a high note. The accent is on your education and exploration. Allow yourself to detach from old habits. Let a brighter perspective breeze into your thoughts. SATURN, the teacher of the Zodiac, is working with you this month, and is endowing you with practical solutions. As always Little Fishes, rely on your incredible inner vision before making any final decisions.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Keep your cool on the 1st ARIES! An explosive stand-off between URANUS and PLUTO might have you storming away from a restrictive situation. More than anything you want the freedom to do as you please without others telling you what to do. Issues involving love, money, taxes, loans, or income, might intensify after the 3rd. Impatience won't solve a thing RAMS. Slow down and think before you act. MARS teams with SATURN on the 9th and inspires you with productive ideas.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Yes, TAURUS ... this is the time of year when the SUN and several planets stand opposite your sign. It means that you need to be flexible. Partners or others in your family unit may not be as cooperative as you would like. Shift your attitude, a stubborn stance accomplishes nothing. Take a step beyond your fixed position and welcome change into your life. Adopt a more productive point of view. Your beautiful VENUS glides into friendly CAPRICORN on the 5th and clears a path to new possibilities.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

This month's planetary pattern is calling your attention to both health and work habits. Do what you can to change inefficient routines on the job, and at home. Start now before the holidays to make improvements in your choice of foods. Vegetables are not the bad guys twins. You'll have more clarity about it all after the NEW MOON (on the 3rd) activates a garden-fresh cycle. What's more, your little planet MERCURY does a turn around on the 10th, and prompts you into taking action.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

JUPITER'S enormous presence in your sign may be inspiring you to set GIANT plans into motion regarding Turkey Day. Keep it simple CANCER people. At the core of it all are the NEW MOON, MERCURY, SATURN, and THE SUN. Their main function this month is to power up the fun in your life. Gather the family together MOON KIDS there's plenty to do. You get a green light from MERCURY after the 10th when it signals that it's OK to move full speed ahead with your plans.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Pay attention LEO'S. The first half of NOVEMBER might be a little bumpy as you may have a tendency to dredge up bygone family issues. Keep a tight rein on your emotions Lions. A serious SCORPIO eclipse early in the month could trigger an uncomfortable matter with kinfolk. Settle your differences calmly. Be considerate, and tiptoe around the urge to boss everyone in the household. After the 21st your optimism kicks in and brightens your mood considerably. Happy Thanksgiving Lions and Lionesses!

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The planets have gathered in a communication zone. You might as well accept the fact that it's going to be a busy month. Meetings, short trips, and frequent conversations, may keep you on the go. Be decisive VIRGO, but wait until after the 10th to make important decisions. A favorable MARS/SATURN combination on the 8th, and 9th, sets your energy into motion, and spurs you into constructively finishing the projects you've started. MARS is still trekking through your sign and it's important to stay focused.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

MERCURY, THE SUN, AND SATURN, gather in the financial area of your chart, and spike up ample opportunities to improve your money skills. Frugal money management can lead to long term benefits. Be alert to potential job opportunities. There may be a chance to move into something new, and more exciting. The planets might have your head spinning with great ideas, and the urge to travel. Get your proper rest before you leap into action LIBRA.



Orion Box/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Jan Smith, along with other members of the Southern Ute Police Department, explains to Southern Ute Montessori Head Start children the safety precautions to take on Halloween night. Smith demonstrated how to use the light stick the kids were given by the Southern Ute Police Department.

This photo first appeared in the October 29, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Members of the Senior Citizens Group accept the awards they won at the 1983 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade (left to right): Jack Frost, Nettie Frost, Essie Kent, Emile Butler, Agnes Box (hidden in back), Sunshine Smith, Euterpe Taylor, Lucy Thompson (sitting), Anabelle Eagle, Ruby Garcia, Jane Newton (holding plaque), Edna Baker (hidden in back), Julius Cloud, Ida Williams and Belle Cuthair.

This photo first appeared in the November 4, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Dept. of Natural Resources
Open House November 13th
Multi-Purpose Center
Meal Provided 11:00 - 2:00

Mark Your Calendars & Please Join Us!

DNR is excited to announce we will be holding our 2nd Open House for Tribal Members to come meet with Department Representatives.

We will have tables set up for each DNR Division (Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Wildlife, Range, Water Resources & GIS) with information on programs, their availability & Special Projects including the La Plata West Water Authority & ALP Project/Association. We are happy to answer any questions or concerns & welcome your suggestions!



Elders eat together



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elders enjoyed a luncheon Friday, Oct. 18 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. The luncheon consisted of beef stew with green chili, beans, frybread, tortillas, salad, and peach cobbler and apple upside-down cake for dessert. The lunch was provided by the Southern Ute Culture Department.

Tribal elders San Jean Burch (left) and Salma Lang enjoy a luncheon and each others company. The next elder's luncheon will be on Friday, Nov. 15 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.



Museum receives moccasins



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Nathan Strong Elk (left), acting director of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, accepts a pair of 19th-century Ute moccasins donated by Mollie Graves of Denver on Friday, Oct. 18.

Memorial travels through SW



courtesy Rod Grove

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall visited the Rio Rancho Sports Complex near Albuquerque, N.M., on Oct. 18. Pictured (left to right) are the color guard from the Ute Mountain Casino, Hotel & Resort in the back row and Southern Ute veteran Rod Grove and Santa Domingo Pueblo veteran Avelino Calabaza in front.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural activities, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

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CULTURAL UPDATE

THIRD ANNUAL NATIVE CUISINE AND CULTURE EXPO

Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Gourmet food prepared with traditional Native American ingredients by chefs, Karlo Baca (SUIT) and Anthony Hamlin (Navajo) and an exhibition by the Southern Ute powwow dancers. Activities for all ages. Only 200 tickets available - purchase in advance at SUCCM front desk or by phone 970-563-9583. \$20 for adults \$10 ages 7-15, free for children under seven with a paid adult.

MUSEUM EXTENDS RAFFLE FOR ATV TO FEB 14

The board of directors of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has extended the drawing date for the Honda ATV raffle until noon, Feb. 14, 2014. Only 2,000 total tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at the museum front desk, from board members and staff, and by phone with a credit card by calling 970-563-9583.

INDIGENOUS TALKING CIRCLE TO BE HELD AT MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University is inviting interested tribal members, community members and tribal departments including the Boys and Girls club, Southern Ute Montessori Academy, Tribal Education, local schools, and the Cultural Department to attend an indigenous talking circle on Nov. 18, in the large classroom and around the sacred fire. The talking circle will be an approach to evaluate the ideas that have been developed through the "participatory

action research project" as well as for planning activities in the Black Forest involving Ute sacred prayer trees. Special projects at SUCCM may include how to involve the elders with the youth by hearing what collaborative ideas come up at the talking circle. Our hope is that SUCCM will become a "hub for holistic lifelong learning" that will involve local, state wide, national funding groups, private foundation and the tribal departments to meet the needs preserve and sustain Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Future planning may include have special classes at the Community Center, SUCCM, and in the local schools depending on what direction SUCCM receives during the talking circle(s). If you are interested in attending in person or call 970-563-9583 for any questions.

POWPOW DANCERS AND DRUM GROUP NEEDED

The Southern Ute Museum is looking for 20 powwow dancers and a drum group to perform at the "Taste of Native Cuisine & Artesian Market" on Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. A stipend plus a meal will be provided. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624, if you have any questions about the event itself please contact SUCCM at 970-563-9583.

DANCERS NEEDED TO PERFORM

The Ignacio Schools would like powwow dancers to perform on Nov. 26. K-5th grade will be from 9-10 a.m. which will be held at the Ignacio Jr. High old gym and 6-12th grade will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Ignacio High School gym. If you are interested please contact Tara Vigil at the Culture Department at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

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YOUR HEALTH

Building blocks of good health

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Contrary to what you might have heard, sugars and fats aren't all bad.

That was part of the message delivered by Kim Heintzman, a dietician with the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department's Patient Information and Prevention Services Division, during a noon-hour presentation Thursday, Oct. 24 at the SunUte Community Center.

"It's too much of a good thing" that's the problem, Heintzman said. Sugars, for example, have been part of the human diet for centuries, but traditionally the only source was fruit. Now there's soda, juices, and dozens of other food and drink items carrying far more than the body needs.

The same is true of fats, Heintzman said, praising the end of the "fat-free era" in dieting. If you're eating a salad, consider passing on the fat-free dressing in favor of something low in fat.

"Your body needs that fat to help metabolize those vitamins," she said. "Healthy fats are important."

But, again, moderation is key – and consuming the wrong kind of fats can be especially bad. Stick with unsaturated fats, Heintzman said: the ones that are liquid at room temperature,



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Kim Heintzman gives a nutrition talk at the SunUte Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 4. Her presentation included visuals breaking down the fat and sugar content of popular foods.

such as olive oil. Unhealthy saturated fats are solid at room temperature and include lard and butter, she said.

Regarding other foods, the best meat is lean and the best grain is whole, she said. Preparation is also key: There's a big difference between baked chicken and fried chicken, for example.

"Try to eat your food the closest to the way it was grown, and it's healthier," Heintzman said.

Other tips for overall health: Stay hydrated, learn to read food labels, and exercise.

"Exercise makes everything better," she said. "It manages stress. It increases circulation. It makes the world a better place."

To never feel alone



photos Robert L Ortiz/SU Drum

The PLUS (Peer Leaders Uniting Students) Program came to Ignacio on a mission: to make it a place "where inclusion is a reality for all young people." John Vandenburg (far right) of Marietta, Calif., demonstrates an ice breaker, a version of rock-paper-scissors called "bear-trap-hunter."

About 40 Ignacio Middle School students proved their worth by electing to step up and help fellow students in need. Program participants identify pressures in academics, sports, peer issues and other areas, and deal with them by creating a support network.



Casino hosts cancer benefit



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tasty goodies, from cupcakes to pink chocolate, filled the colorful Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center on Thursday, Oct. 24 during an American Cancer Society benefit. An assortment of prizes was also handed out to attendees through a raffle.

Scott Dishong and Jessica Blais of the American Cancer Society strike a pose at their booth, where attendees garnered information about the types of cancer and ways to treat them.



SunUte hosts Kids Health Fair



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

On Friday, Oct. 18, the SunUte Community Center hosted the Kids Health Fair in its gym, where Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students learned about being active, eating fresh and remaining healthy. Games and learning booths gave students the opportunity to study nutrition through hands-on demonstrations. Calorie counters were available, giving data about exactly how many calories and sugar is in common food.

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HEALTH UPDATE

CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS
Ignacio schools' Relay for Life teams are hosting a "Curing Cancer With Crafts" Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ignacio High School. There will be a Navajo taco and bake sale too. Our teams will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for

Life on June 27-28, 2014. Booth space will be available for \$10. One round table included, if needed. If you are interested in reserving a booth or for more information please contact Deb at 970-563-0661 or Kelly at 970-884-0247. Set up will begin at 8 a.m. with the doors opened from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Students get wildlife primer



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Aran Johnson, wildlife biologist, discussed with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy the tribe's Wildlife Resource Management Division on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Johnson specializes in game management for the division, where he studies harvest levels and migration patterns of hunted game. His presentation included hunting on the reservation and keeping animals preserved.



Students feel the furry surface of a bear pelt. Bears are a non-game species, meaning they cannot be hunted on the reservation.

Ebonee Gomez (right) is presented a badger pelt for examination. Skunk, fox and bear pelts were also included for the students.

Animas students study Vietnam



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Rod Grove speaks to a visiting class from Durango at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Stephen Sellers' class from Animas High School came to Ignacio, where Grove spoke of his experiences in the Vietnam War, serving his country, and his proudest and darkest moments.

Who knew pumpkins float?



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The 2013 Pumpkin Splash took place at the SunUte Community Center swimming pool on Friday, Oct. 25. Local children attended the event to pick and swim with their Halloween pumpkins.

Younger students loaded their pumpkins onto SunUte's floating pads to zip them through the wading pool.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

FFA flings fried oysters



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Future Farmers of America students served fried Rocky Mountain oysters and catfish Friday, Oct. 18 at Ignacio High School to earn money to travel to the annual FFA conference.



Parents volunteered on the food line to help the FFA students at Ignacio High School.

The Pena family enjoys their oysters and catfish with some home-made tortillas.

EDUCATION UPDATE

TURKEY MAKING AND STAMPING CLASSES

How to make a Holiday turkey and dressing on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Education Building beginning at 9 a.m. Stamping class will be for interested tribal members who want to make Thanksgiving Banners with Stamp Booking materials. The class will be held at the Education Building at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 right after the Turkey making class. Classes are for tribal members or other Native Americans. If interested in

classes or more information, please contact Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

EMILY GRIFFITH OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is taking applications for tribal members who are interested in enrolling in the Administrative Clerk/Receptionist class held at the Education Center. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 if you have any questions.

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MIS Microsoft classes

Southern Ute Management Information Systems is offering multiple sessions of classes in three Microsoft products. Space is limited. To enroll, send an email to Mary Monte at mmonte@southernute-nsn.gov with class or classes you would like to sign up for. All classes are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 2010
Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Nov. 27

Microsoft Outlook 2010
Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18

Southern Ute Education Dept. 2013/2014 Sudden Science and STEM schedules

Sudden Science (K-2)		Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)	
Nov. 6	Class	Feb. 5	Class
Nov. 13	Class	Feb. 12	Class
Nov. 20	Class	Feb. 19	Class
Nov. 27	(Thanksgiving Brk.)	March 5	Class
Dec. 4	Class	March 13	Class
Dec. 11	Class	March 19	Class
Dec. 18	Class	April 2	(Spring Break)
Dec. 25	(Winter Break)	April 9	Class
Jan. 1	(Winter Break)	April 16	Class
Jan. 8	Class	April 23	Class
Jan. 15	Class	May 7	Class
Jan. 22	Last class	May 14	Last class
STEM (Grades 3-5)		ALL CLASSES MEET ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY	
Oct. 30	Class		
Jan. 29	Class		
Feb. 26	Class		
March 26	Class		
April 30	Last class		

NOTE: Only STEM classes meet the last Wednesday of each month



STUDENTS VISIT COAL MINE • FROM PAGE 1

cut into the coal bed. We are mining at 8 feet high in the coal seam ... but it will vary depending on [the height of the seam].”

These entries then become connected by cross cuts, he said.

Mike McFarland, mine-worker and safety trainer, discussed how the mine progresses.

“We drive through the [entries] and we connect them every so many feet and build walls, push air in, and build conveyer belts in there so we could keep advancing,” he said. “And then eventually we go back and take it all out.”

Poulson said pillar recovery is the second phase.

“When development of a section is complete, coal is removed from the pillars to the extent necessary to create a cave-in,” he said. “That area of the mine is then permanently sealed.”

Safety at the mine is a major subject that McFarland addressed.

“What we have is a map of a mine area and we follow these maps,” he said. “When we go in, we have surveyors that survey exactly where we’re at.”

He displayed all of his work tools, including the ones that keep him and the workers safe. A cell phone with a Wi-Fi-enabled tracking system is one of these. Miners can be



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Mike McFarland (left) demonstrates one of his safety tools to Zechariah Red. The Wi-Fi-linked cell phone is scanned by a GPS unit within the mine that can detect anyone who is underground.

tracked via GPS throughout the area if there were to be an incident.

The kids made their way near the conveyers that deposit the coal. Delivery trucks came through for their deposits while McFarland showed the type of Jeeps in which the workers head to the tunnels. Every vehicle

seats eight miners.

The trip concluded after the bus took a loop around the mine where the kids peeked at the machinery and other utilities. The bus took a stop at the entryway for a quick glance.

“Unfortunately, you have to 18 or over to go in,” McFarland said.



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Mari Jo Owens and her class examine a dinosaur footprint imprinted on a rock piece. It was found at a mine where Kurt Poulson, mine manager, had worked previously.



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Out in the field, Mike McFarland takes a look under the hood of an eight-seater Jeep that carries the miners to the entries. Customer trucks drive through the mine to pick up their deposits.



The third annual triathlon comes to a close as all in attendance strike a pose at the finish line inside the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Oct. 25.

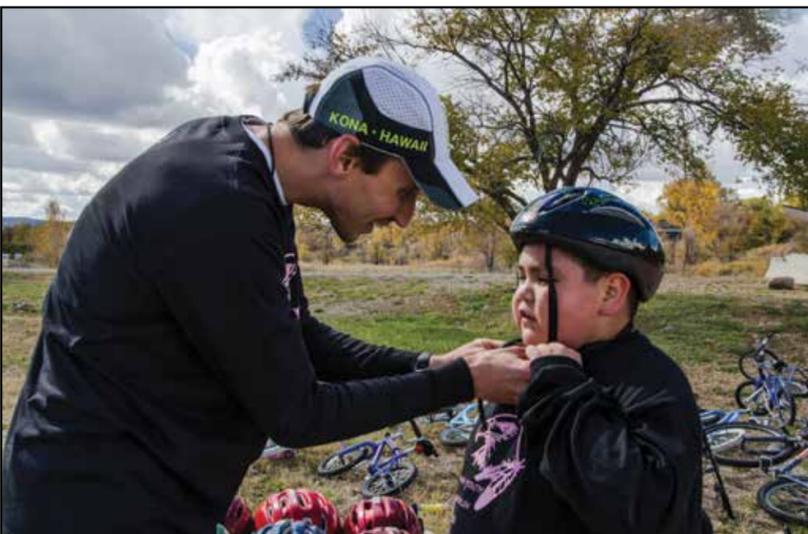


Jonas Nanaeto and Reynelda Martinez circle their last lap of the bike ride before heading into the SunUte swimming pool for the finish line.

Academy hosts fall triathlon

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted its annual triathlon for students at the SunUte Community Center on Friday, Oct. 25. The school hosts the event to encourage the kids to stay active and show sportsmanship while having fun.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Nathaniel Howe of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gets help in preparing his helmet for the triathlon bike ride.



Triathlon participants sport a smile with their selected Halloween pumpkins.



IHS FOOTBALL

Jones burns Dolores for 407 in finale

Despite 50-0 win, backdoor to playoffs closed on IHS

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Just when it appeared Dolores had nothing left to lose other than the football which, on Friday, Oct. 25, they'd already given away five times – they found something: their quarterback.

The fact that, after a few seconds prone on DHS Coliseum's muddied field, freshman Tristan Medina was able to wobble back to the home sideline on his own feet was worth the wave of applause Ignacio defensive lineman Alex Lopez's flattening had initially generated.

"It's a great feeling right there," said the big junior, of his third-quarter pop just three snaps after a 70-yard Adison Jones-to-Adam Herrera connection enacted the running-clock "mercy rule" scenario against the Bears.

Three plays later, Bobcat sophomore Wyatt Hayes booked the visitors' sixth takeaway with an interception of unprepared Jalen Balderrama, and the resulting eight-play drive – carrying over into the fourth quarter – yielded a 1-yard TD run by junior Blaine Mickey. Jones' 2-point toss to sophomore Nick Herrera then gave the Cats their targeted total of 50 as they sought to sneak into the Class 1A Playoffs.

"We knew coming in here we should have a good chance at dominating," Jones said. "But once we got that first touchdown, it just started rolling. Points piled up. Everything went right."

But when it appeared IHS had nothing to lose, except maybe a postseason spot, it was nearly lost.

Junior Dalton Madden, coach Chris Trusler's fourth player used under center, heaved a 26-yard jump-ball to the front corner of the end zone, and big senior Ethan Upton was awarded the shutout-breaking touchdown after having a more convincing hold on the ball than the much-smaller Hayes.

Not until after the official's arms shot up to signal the score (with 0:00 on the clock) did any Dolores head swivel backwards to see a yellow flag – an obvious holding infraction – in the backfield, permanently keeping the 50-0 margin intact.

Unfortunately it still ended up not being enough; Selection Sunday came and went two days later without CHSAA awarding IHS (6-3, 3-2 Southern Peaks Conference) a berth into the 16-team bracket.

"For me it's kind of a disappointment, because it's my last year," Adam Herrera said. "I'm going to miss playing with all these guys, especially my brother



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Ignacio's Adison Jones (8) fires a bullet downfield during the Bobcats' regular-season finale in Dolores, Friday, Oct. 25. The junior topped the 400-yard mark through the air against the Bears.

[Joseph Herrera]. But it was good; I had fun!"

Centauri (8-1, 5-0) received the 3-seed and will face No. 14 Wray (5-4 overall), and Monte Vista (7-2, 4-1) got the No. 5 and a first-round test with 12-seed defending state champions Cedaredge (6-3).

"We knew we had to get the score up on them, to even have a chance [at playoffs]," Jones said. "Our run game ... we were trying to get that going early. But the conditions ... everyone just slipping ... we just went to our pass game and that worked for us."

Still stoked by their Homecoming Week's 55-0 flogging of Del Norte, Ignacio went right to work after Nick Herrera recovered a DHS fumble on the opening kickoff. Starting at the enemy's 10-yard line, Mickey crashed in from two on the game's third run/play, and Jones then hit Nick Herrera for the 8-0 lead.

Behind Upton, classmate Rusher Ammon and junior Mikeal Ford, the Bears (1-7, 1-4) countered with what would be their finest work of the SPC clash, but Medina's first pass attempt of the night went incomplete and killed the 12-play, 66-yard march at the IHS 24.

Jones, however, lost his grip on the ball back at the 17 on first down. But after gaining eight yards on the ensuing first down, DHS's Deano Valdez also couldn't keep control through contact and Nick Herrera (again) recovered at the 9 with 4:05 still left in the first quarter.

Jones' first pass gained eight yards to Hayes, but a penalty then resituated the ball back at the 7. After an incompletion Jones then threw mid-range to Adam Herrera, whose speed then did the rest – stretching the play out for 93 yards and six points. The conversion toss failed, but the 14-0 lead was solid.

"Kind of a good thing," laughed the senior, "because I lost footing on a toss [on Ignacio's first second-quarter play] and missed the ball! It was hard, everyone slipping. ... We're all filthy now!"

With 6:10 remaining before halftime Ignacio re-found the end zone, with Jefferson taking a run-of-the-mill Jones throw and turning on his own jets for a 59-yard TD. Jones' conversion run was stopped, but he put up the two on his next attempt – after a four-yard touchdown to Hayes with 1:51 left.

The Cats then went 52 yards in four quick plays, using just over a minute, starting the second half with Hayes hauling in a 20-yard score. The conversion run again failed, but so did Dolores' reply – a seven-play (all runs), 35-yard surge down to Ignacio's 25 – when Mickey pounced upon a Medina fumble.

Jones then promptly found Adam Herrera on a short pass that rapidly became a 67-yard TD. Wiped out by a spot penalty, leaving the play officially standing as a two-yard gain out to the IHS 35, Jones went back to the well once again after a false-start penalty backed the offense up another five yards.

"We came prepared and ready to go! ... Went in and scored right off the bat," Herrera said. "And our team did good; defense did everything we needed to do, offense as well, and special teams came along too."

All told, Jones finished with an awesome 407 yards on 21-of-33 accuracy with no interceptions against five touchdowns. Herrera caught five passes for 193 yards (and gained 26 yards on five carries), Jefferson snagged four for 74, Hayes six for 76, and Nick Herrera six for 64.

Able to move the chains through the muck, the Bears mustered 192 yards rushing, led by Ford's 71 on 10 carries and Upton's 49 on eight. Medina finished 3-of-5 passing for just nine yards, and Ford's lone aerial attempt was intercepted by IHS senior Antonio Torres with 1:06 left in the second.

"It's good," Jefferson said of Bobcat Football's resurgence in 2013. "Turnaround this season and ... some revenge on some of the teams that have beaten us."

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Spikers' season ends a 'W' short

IHS finishes fourth at districts

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ignacio's Volleycats watched and waited for their fate Saturday, Oct. 26, to be determined through a tie-breaking fifth game.

One in which they weren't even involved.

They'd just fought through and lost a full pull against one of the on-court crews before their eyes, so the extra drama – as if postseason pressure wasn't enough – wasn't a total surprise. The surprise was that the team that had put the Cats on pins and needles at the Mancos-hosted 2A-District 3 Tournament then helped prolong their season at least one more match.

That would be the third-place tilt; Nucla freshman Carlie Wytulka's ace off Dolores junior Taylor Elder not only capped the Lady Mustangs' five-game thriller over DHS, but allowed IHS – which had also downed the stunned Lady Bears in pool play – to challenge Telluride for the final berth into regionals.

But after moving out of the now-junior high's gym and into the Mancos Performance Center, the Volleycats' hopes to see another weekend were shattered.

Outclassed in Game 1 since the Lady Miners went ahead at 7-6, fortunate to have nearly swiped Game 2 after trailing by as much as 20-12, and finally appearing back in form with a Game 3 win, Ignacio's time ran out on a soft kill into the middle of the floor by THS senior Carson Brumley – after teammate Karla Martinez had hit into the net, bringing IHS back to 24-23.

And by results of 15-25, 23-25, 25-17 and 23-25, Ignacio's 2013 went into history while Telluride (10-11 overall), NHS and D-3 victors Ridgway (18-3) all assured themselves another opportunity to create some.

The taxing day began for the Cats (7-15) with a net violation against DHS, but after falling behind at 3-2, Ignacio's climb to a 25-23 Game 1 win peaked with consecutive Chrystianne Valdez aces cutting the Lady Bears' lead to 15-14, and a Cheyenne Cook kill that gave IHS the lead for keeps at 19-18.

In very similar fashion,



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Ignacio's Angela Herrera (10) goes for a kill over Telluride's Mary Grace Green (3) during the third-place match at the 2A-District 3 Tournament, Oct. 26 in Mancos. The loss to the Lady Miners ended the Volleycats' season, and the prep-level careers of Herrera, Cheyenne Cook and Cloe Seibel.

Dolores turned the tables and evened the match with a 25-17 win in Game 2, overcoming Ignacio's 5-0 start to take a 15-12 lead on a Courtney Blackmer overpass-kill and two Bailey Boyd aces, and soon take the game on a Larissa Umberger ace off Angela Herrera.

Ignacio struck first again in Game 3, but DHS settled in to scrap evenly until another Umberger ace put them ahead 13-11. The advantage would remain theirs until Ellie Seibel blocked Elana Bernholtz to bring IHS level at 23-all, and Cloe Seibel then landed an ace out of the senior's reach. Dolores then tied, but after a Diaz kill Bernholtz nearly blew her stack after being called for a game-ending lift at the net.

Two more Bernholtz gaffes late in Game 4, following a Diaz ace tying it at 20-20 and preceding an Ellie Seibel cross-court kill, virtually spelled defeat for the Lady Bears (13-8) – which became a cold fact, 25-22 and 3 games to 1, when a Herrera smash proved too hot to handle.

Nucla found out in short order just how hot, falling behind by as much as 18-8 on a Diaz overpass-kill, and then 1 game to 0 on an Ellie

Seibel ace off Kenzee Irish. And IHS threatened to go up 2-zip when a Diaz kill gave them a 15-10 lead. Finally finding themselves though, the Lady Mustangs bounced back to steal the game 26-24 on an Irish tip and a lift whistled against Cook.

NHS (11-11) proved the aggressors in Game 3, hoping to show the Cats they hadn't been intimidated, but Ignacio ended up pushing the pace from 13-12 on to a 25-23 win after a lift against Nucla's Shalyn Steffan and a Diaz line kill.

Blocks by Ellie Seibel and Kelly Campbell helped get IHS off to a 3-0 start in Game 4, but the Lady Mustangs fought back to finally tie at 15-15 with a Macie Magallon kill off Cook's hands. Nucla then built a small lead, which was soon erased by two Cloe Seibel aces, tying the count at 22. But Ellie Seibel hit one wide to put NHS up, point-23, and Wytulka fired an ace to force Game 5.

To the Lady Mustangs, enough was enough.

Racing out to leads of 3-0, 7-1 and 11-3, Nucla ultimately conquered, 15-8 after emphatic spikes by Magallon, Makayla Sutherland and – before she later proved helpful – Wytulka on match point.

JV and C-team slugging it out



Ignacio's Lainey Espinosa (29) looks to score with this smack against 3A Pagosa Springs during the IHS C-team's 2013 season-finale, Oct. 22 inside IHS Gymnasium. The Volleycats pushed the Lady Pirates into a third-game tiebreaker, but lost the exciting match 12-25, 25-23, 10-15.



Ignacio JV player Krissy Velasquez (25) concentrates on her swing against 3A Pagosa Springs during the junior varsity's season-finale Oct. 22 at home. Looking to build on a 25-18, 25-16 road win over 2A Center three days earlier, first-year coach Melanie Seibel's Volleycats pressured the Lady Pirates but fell 23-25, 25-14, 17-25.

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Sports calendar: Nov. 1 – Nov. 14

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

Ignacio: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., M.S. Basketball (Away-Dolores)
Bayfield: Regional volleyball (Home)

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Ignacio: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., M.S. basketball (Away-Mancos)
Bayfield: State Volleyball (Denver)

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Durango: 4:30 p.m., Varsity football (Home)

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Ignacio: 4-7 p.m., M.S. basketball (Home)

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Ignacio: 4 p.m.-7 p.m., M.S. boys basketball (Home)

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Ignacio: 4-7 p.m., M.S. basketball (Home)

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Bayfield: State Volleyball (Denver)

H.S. (High School); M.S. (Middle School)
V (Varsity); JV (Junior Varsity); C (C-Team)
Home: (H); Away (A)



NAIG DEADLINE APPROACHING • FROM PAGE 1

book-style passport in time for the games, keep an academic GPA of at least 2.0 during the 2013-14 school year, and be willing to train.

"There's a bit of time commitment, but it's not something that's going to kill you," he said. "We recognize that kids of this age have school requirements, and we're going to do our very best to not interfere with that."

Tryouts will take place for those events in which more people apply than there are spots for, Winkler said. Those will take place between November and January.

Athletes may register an interest in, and try out for, more than one sport, but will ultimately have to decide on just one, he said. Each event is divided into boys' and girls' brackets and by age group, he said.

SunUte is also seeking team coaches and managers. The deadline to express interest is Wednesday, Nov. 27. Forms for both athletes

and coaches are available on SunUte's website at www.sunute.com/naig.

Winkler stressed that the deadlines are not flexible – because the host society has its own deadlines to meet, Team Colorado must have forms turned in on time.

Costs are still being finalized, but Winkler said the tribe may cover most costs for enrolled tribal members. For other athletes and parents, details on travel packages is forthcoming. Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 for more information.

For an athlete profile form, visit www.sunute.com/naig. The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 10. The deadline for team coaches and managers to express interest is Wednesday, Nov. 27. Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 for more information.

Events at NAIG

Planned events at NAIG 2014 include:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Canoeing
- Golf
- Kayaking
- Lacrosse
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

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LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION

The locker room renovation begins Friday, Nov. 1, starting in the men's locker room, then the ladies locker room. Estimated down time is one and a half weeks for each locker room. Please use family locker rooms #1 and #2 for showers (please note showers will be limited during this time). We will be addressing the locker room area floors and new lockers during this time. We appreciate your understanding during this

time. For more information contact Kristi Garnanez/SunUte director at 970-563-0214 ext. 2650.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month. 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.

Homecoming royalty honored



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Ignacio Football's senior class was recognized prior to the Bobcats' 55-0 defeat of Del Norte, Oct. 18 at IHS Field during Homecoming Week 2013. From left are Bo Ward, Rhemedio Lovato, Clayton Jefferson, Christian Knoll, Adam Herrera and Antonio Torres.

Ignacio senior wide receiver Clayton Jefferson (7) and senior Cloe Seibel (center) were announced as 2013 Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Bobcats' 55-0 hammering of Del Norte, Oct. 18 at IHS Field. First Attendants were senior offensive/defensive lineman Rhemedio Lovato and senior Shannon Mestas, and Second Attendants were senior basketball/track member Kelton Richmond and senior Becca Ward. Mestas and Ward worked as football managers this fall.



Torres joins Gaming Commission



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Vanessa Torres (right) is sworn in by Southern Ute Chief Judge Chantelle Cloud on Oct. 25 at the Tribal Court. Torres is the newest member of the tribe's Gaming Commission.

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ATHLETE PROFILE FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO SUNUTE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10th 2013

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If you or your child is interested in participating in the 2014 NAIG Games as part of Team Colorado please contact
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Pass the SUIT background check;
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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

TO ALL IGNACIO SCHOOL PARENTS

This could be your child

What's the first thought that comes to your mind when the phone rings and you look at the caller ID and it's your child's school?

You know your child gets good grades and participates in sports, Knowledge Bowl, Student Council, and many other activities. Are they sick? And then your heart starts to beat and your mind races and you can't answer it fast enough.

It's the school counselor: "Your child came to me because they are being bullied to the point that they expressed a desire to harm themselves."

My child has been being bullied for almost a year, and it has been getting worse and worse. The other parents are acting oblivious. My child has asked me repeatedly not to say anything for fear it will get worse.

I raised my children to stand up for the ones who get picked on; never did I think it would be them who would be getting bullied. The school has programs to teach leadership for anti-bullying, and the students doing the bullying are in these programs – so what are they learning?

How am I supposed to help my child? What can I do before it's too late? I've seen the signs in my child. I've seen the brightness diminish, and I refuse to let go! I refuse to let the bullies win!

Why don't the parents of these other children see what they are doing? I have been talking to other parents, and apparently this happens more often than the school wants us to know. A few years ago, a girl in the high school overdosed, was hospitalized for weeks, and had to have physical therapy before she was back to normal.

But are victims of bullies ever able to return to normal? In that case, her bullies never faced any punishment.

"Any time a child makes a threat or engages in talking about suicide, it should always be taken seriously," says Polly Gipson, a child psychologist at the University of Michigan's Center for the Child and the Family. "We shouldn't think that because a child is a child, there's no way [he or she] can act on those behaviors. ... We've had so many suicides that are related to digital harassment. But we also have free-speech laws in this country."

In a review of news articles, The Associated Press found about a dozen suicides in the United States since October 2010 that were attributed at least in part to cyber-bullying. In 2006, 13-year-old Megan Meier hanged herself in Missouri after she was dumped online by a fictitious teenage boy – created in part by an adult neighbor, Lori Drew, authorities said. A jury found Drew guilty of three federal misdemeanors, but a judge threw out the verdicts and acquitted her.

Florida's law, the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act, was named after a teenager who killed himself after being harassed by classmates. The law was amended July 1 to cover cyber-bullying.

David Tirella, a Florida attorney who lobbied for the law and has handled dozens of cyber-bullying cases, said law enforcement can also seek more traditional charges.

"The truth is, even without these school bullying laws, there's battery and stalking," he said. Up to 90 percent of people at risk for suicide show risk factors or warning signs, including the following:

- Depressed mood.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities.
- Change in appetite or weight.
- Change in sleeping patterns.
- Speaking and/or moving with unusual speed or slowness.
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities.
- Fatigue or loss of energy.
- Feelings of worthlessness, self-reproach or guilt.
- Diminished ability to think or concentrate, slowed thinking or indecisiveness.
- Thoughts of death, suicide, or wishes to be dead.

Help is available by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255).

Bullying trends

Bullying statistics for 2010 reveal that bullying is a crime that is not going away anytime soon. There are about 160,000 children that miss school every day out of fear of being bullied. The numbers also suggest an increase in cyber-bullying activities.

Bullying is still a problem among children and teens, but is taking a different shape with cyber-bullying becoming more rampant in and after school among teens and children. Social networking has provided an entirely new environment for bullying to take place.

According to statistics, there are about 2.7 million students being bullied each year, with about 2.1 million students taking on the role of the bully. About one in seven students in Kindergarten through 12th grade has been either a bully or a victim of bullying.

Sometimes a teen or child who has been bullied eventually becomes the bully as a way to retaliate. In fact, revenge for bullying is one of the strongest motivations for school shootings, according to recent statistics. A reported 61 percent of students said they believe students shoot others at school because they have been victims of physical violence at home or school.

This is a true indicator that bullying can occur in all forms by other students, children, teens and adults. According to various bullying studies, many teens and children act out violently on their peers through acts of bullying because they are abused at home.

Other bullying statistics:

- Approximately 56 percent of all students have witnessed a bullying crime take place at school.
- A reported 15 percent of all students who don't show up for school ascribe their absence to fear of being bullied.
- About 71 percent of students report bullying is an ongoing problem.
- In that same vein, about one in 10 students drops out or changes schools because of repeated bullying.
- One in 20 students has seen a student with a gun at school.
- The top years for bullying include fourth through eighth grades, in which 90 percent of students were reported as victims of some kind of bullying.
- 54 percent of students said they believe that witnessing physical abuse at home can lead to violence in school.
- Among students of all ages, homicide perpetrators were found to be twice as likely as homicide victims to have been bullied previously by their peers.
- There are about 282,000 students that are reportedly attacked in high schools throughout the nation each month.

Types of bullying

Emotional bullying occurs when rumors are started about a person or group of individuals. It also happens when malicious or defamatory statements are made about a person or group with the intent to hurt the feelings and emotional stability of the target.

Emotional bullying can occur in various forms, including face-to-face, behind one's back, or anonymously via the Internet or social networking sites.

Physical bullying is the most traditional form of bullying and occurs when the victim is injured physically with pushing, shoving, punching, kicking, burning, and so forth. It also occurs when the bully steals the victim's personal belongings or destroys personal belongings.

Cyber-bullying can occur in the form of emotional bullying, but takes place online via email, social networking sites, blogs and more. Often, cyber-bullying is done anonymously and may include the victim becoming ganged up on in a series of bashing and hurtful statements. Many of these rumors and offenses are lies or extensions of the truth, but are targeted at the victim because of jealousy or the intent to hurt.

Bullicide

Suicide continues to be one of the leading causes of death among children under 14. "Bullicide" is a term used to describe suicide as the result of bullying. A new study from the Yale School of Medicine suggests a strong

connection between bullying or being bullied and suicide. Suicide rates are continuing to grow among adolescents, and have grown more than 50 percent in the past 30 years.

Bullying can include various types of behavior, including physical attacks, destroying one's personal property or clothing, verbal abuse, starting rumors, name calling, verbal attacks online, and other forms of cyber-bullying.

For teens and children who feel they are being bullied, it's important to address the matter with a parent or teacher right away. It might feel like you're telling on someone for doing something wrong and that you might get in trouble with the bully later. But this is not the case.

In the majority of cases when a bully is reported, the bullying stops because the bully is faced with dire repercussions or they're sent away to a juvenile detention center. If you see bullying occur, it's important to tell a trusted adult about the situation. There are many ways to prevent bullying from getting worse, and by reporting incidents you can help cut down on future cases of bullying involving other victims.

Maintaining a strong sense of self and good overall self-esteem is another way to ensure you won't be victims of bullying attacks, since bullies generally only prey on those they feel are weaker than them. This is also why it's important to have a solid group of friends that will have your back if a bully does try to attack in some way.

Parents: Be sure to talk to your children and teens about bullying and how to prevent it from happening to them or their peers. Make sure they know the importance of reporting such incidents and ways to handle a bully.

How to handle bullies

There are different ways you can teach your child to handle bullies. If your child is a victim of bullying in school, at home or online, it can be a tough time for them. That's why it is important to teach them how to handle bullies as soon as possible.

There are different types of bullying that children, teens and adults face throughout the course of their lives. Unfortunately, bullying is becoming more of an issue as it expands into new areas. More and more unlikely suspects are also becoming bullies themselves.

That's why it's more important than ever to learn how to handle bullies by squashing their attempt at persecuting kids and teens before the situation gets out of control.

While taking preventative measures as parents and teachers to work with youth is the best option, it's not always possible. If you are a parent with a child or student who exhibits behavioral problems, such as anger management issues, troubles in school, difficulty in keeping friends, or exhibiting rude or disrespectful behavior, it's important for you to seek emotional support through counseling for your child.

If you are a teacher, it's important to recommend the student see the guidance counselor or have the child's parents take him or her to a counselor for help. In many cases, the child might have a difficult family or home life and might see domestic violence, emotional abuse, or other forms of abuse on a regular basis.

They might even be abused or bullied at home by a family member. Children like these need help as soon as possible before they perpetuate the violent cycle by becoming a bully themselves.

If your child is exhibiting signs and symptoms of being the victim of bullying, there are a few ways to teach them how to handle it.

One is to take the matter straight to the source: the bully's parents, or the teacher or authority figures at the school if the bullying is taking place at school. There is a misconception that if the child reports the incident to a teacher or parent, they will be at risk for retaliation and further bullying.

This is typically not the case. The risk is worth it when it comes to protecting your child against bullying.

Another way to teach your child how to handle bullies is to encourage them to travel in packs and maintain a solid group of friends. Having friends and a support group will make

your child less likely to be the recipient of bullying attacks. Children who play alone or find themselves with few friends are often the primary targets for bullies.

Lastly, encouraging and building your child's self-esteem is another one of the best ways to handle bullies. Children and teens with higher self-esteem are not at such a high risk of bullying attacks

If necessary, get your child counseling or emotional support to help them build self-esteem and to learn how to mentally and emotionally handle bullies.

As a parent, I want to do everything I can to protect my child. Each night when I see my child sleep, I wonder about those parents of the bullies who have pushed the children to the edge, the ones whose victims committed suicide. Do they feel remorse? Do they ask themselves, "Could I have prevented this?"

I hope in writing this and compiling this information, I can open some parents' eyes and invite them to take a minute to ask their own children, "Are you a bully? Or are you standing up for someone who is being bullied?"

If you see it, report it! For one child you could save a life!

Anonymous

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CECELIA FRANCES HUMPHY

Miles can never separate... You travel with the sun. "You're with us always!"

We'd like to take time to extend special thanks to:

- All our family for words of encouragement, guidance and advice.
- Departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for all their hard work.
- Staff of the Multi-purpose Facility and Memorial Chapel for allowing us to hold the farewell ceremony and meal.
- Sky Ute Casino Resort catering staff, especially Dustin Weaver for his long-distance assistance. It was a wonderful meal.
- Natalie at the front desk for her patience and kindness.
- Andrea Taylor for all her assistance and compassion during a difficult time.
- Deacon Larry Tucker for officiating the services.
- All the pallbearers, honorary and Lil Angels.
- Tyson Thompson, Jake Ryder and Sam Burch for the beautiful and strong songs.
- Georgia McKinley for the beautiful blessing of the meal.
- Michelle Thelen of All States Cremation for her assistance and yummy chocolate chip cookies.
- Amy Bonilla of Hood Mortuary.
- "The Chengs."
- All who came to give their respects and who gave encouragement no matter what. Thank you for the strength.
- All our friends in Denver, especially Cleo Douville and friends in Englewood, for support, sympathy, and lots of tissues and hugs.

We are so thankful to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for being such a strong people whom we are proud and honored to be a part of. Southern Ute Tribal Council: Words cannot express "thank you."

And last, but definitely not in any way the least, the Gunn family. Janis Peabody: Thank you for words of support, encouragement and love. It was much appreciated. Anthony and Joy for being by my side.

My best friend Marie and family: You're my pillar of stone. Without you, I'd be face down in the concrete. You picked and held me up and gave me the strength and love I needed to get through this. I can never thank you enough. "You're my other."

Thanks to the Great Spirit, our Creator, for giving us life. It's beautiful, but when he calls us home, it's truly when we begin. Love each day, live today, love each other.

*Much respect and appreciation,
Suzette and Melissa*

NEW EMPLOYEES



Yvonne Tree

Job title: Caseworker II

Description of duties: To improve the quality of life for elders, disabled adults, children and families of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Hobbies: Traveling, swimming, movies, avid church member of Ignacio Community Church.

Family: One sister, two brothers, two of whom live here.

Tribe: Southern Ute.

Additional comments: I am the daughter of Mabel Casias and Joseph Peter Tree. I have resided both on and off the reservation all my life. I look forward to serving you and its good to be home again.

Next issue

Nov. 15

Deadline

Nov. 8

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

**astryker@
southernute-nsn.gov**

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2013 NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Two (2) Council Member Seats

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2013 General Election, according to the Constitution and the Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION

Friday, November 1, 2013 – 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Constitution; Article IV, Section 1: There shall be annual elections on the first Friday in November.

Voter Registration Deadline

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.

Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.

Election Code 11-5-102 (2): The application, letter, or telephone call requesting an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

EMERGENCY BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE

Thursday, October 31, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.

Election Code 11-5-107 (1) (2) (3): A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if: (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests. The written request shall contain the following: (a) the voter's name and address; (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and (c) The voter's signature. The emergency ballot request must be made before the day of the election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency absentee ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact our office at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303, or 2305. Off-Reservation tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

TO MR. & MRS. RANDY DOYEBI SR.

Love is patient. Love is kind.
It is not jealous,
It does not rejoice in the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes all things. Love never fails.

From,
Beulah Kent & Frances Howell Families
We love you both



DEE

Here's wishing you a terrific November birthday full of happy memories and sweet dreams! You are a special part of our lives. Thank you for giving our family a beautiful, amazing little boy! You're a loving caring mother and a strong woman, remember that. May the Creator watch over you on your special day and all the years to come.

Love, Leonora, Natalie, Mavis & Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAMMA!

I love you lots, you're my Guardian Angel and you're all mine! May your birthday be beautiful just like you! XXO

Love always, Landyn

MARCH TO THE BEAT OF YOUR OWN DRUM.

The Drum is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to apprentice under the media manager.

If successful, the apprentice will take over the permanent position in **August 2014**.

We're looking for someone:

- smart,
- assertive,
- and dedicated to tribal news.

The successful candidate will have experience in management, journalism, or both. So if you know the difference between a burro and a burrow, we want to hear from you!

The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 18. Visit

www.southernute-nsn.gov/employment for more info.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 1, 2013

Candidates for two Tribal Council member seats are:
Notice: Vote for two

Lena M. W. Atencio · James M. Olguin · Edward B. Box III · Estelle Monte Jimenez
Erwin Edward Taylor · Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie · Melvin J. Baker

THE CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center. Voting is by secret ballot. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote. Election Board phone number: 970-563-0100, ext. 2303/2305 or 800-772-1236

Southern Ute Veterans Association meeting

The Southern Ute Veterans Association will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.

WE NEED A LOGO!

The Ignacio Senior Center needs a logo. Get a gift just for entering!

The Senior Center's mission is To provide services to the senior citizens of the Southern Ute Reservation, the town of Ignacio, and the surrounding area. The program will serve those with the greatest economic and social need, including those who are low-income, the frail and impaired, the geographically and socially isolated, and the non-English speaking, to improve their quality of life by fostering an environment of dignity and pride.

Contest rules:

- Must be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper—no lines
- Maximum of three colors (can be black and white)
- Include on back: Name, phone, mailing address
- Must include the words: "Ignacio Senior Center"
- **Deadline: November 22, 2013 @ 4 p.m.**

**You must meet all of these rules in order for your entry to be valid

Turn your submission in to the staff at the Ignacio Senior Center or SUCAP Central Administration.
Senior Center—563-4561 or Central Admin—563-4517

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

THE IGNACIO SENIOR CENTER IS A DIVISION OF SUCAP



Johnson O'Malley



Committee Vacancy

The JOM committee has two vacancies.

To be considered please submit a LETTER OF INTENT Eligibility:

1. You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield School Districts or the local Head Start.
2. Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descent.
3. Be 18 or older
4. Be able to commit to a two-year term. Meetings are held once a month.

The next meeting will meet Monday, November 4th, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Education building/S. Ute Education Dept.

To submit your letter of intent please contact Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0235 or esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov This committee oversees spending of federal JOM dollars in Ignacio, Bayfield, and Head Start. It's a great way to assist local Native American students. Please call Ellen for more information, or Naomi Russell @ 403-0613.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Assistant Controller – GF Real Estate Group

Closing date 11/1/13 – Durango, CO
Assisting the controller with accounting functions, to include supervision of assigned accounting staff, maintaining Growth Fund accounting principles, practices, policies, and procedures, managing the monthly preparation of financial statements for the GF Real Estate Group, providing financial analytical support, assisting in the annual budgeting and audit processes, researching complex accounting issues and making recommendations. Presents a positive and professional image to GF Real Estate Group, Growth Fund, Tribal employees, vendors, and the public.

Maintenance Technician – Red Cedar Gathering

Closing date 11/1/13 – Durango, CO
Operating and maintaining the equipment at all Red Cedar Plant and Field Compression facilities, including amine plant equipment, engine/compressor, generators, and dehydration. Performs work related to the repair and ongoing maintenance of equipment.

Senior Accountant – GF Real Estate Group

Closing date 11/1/13 – Durango, CO
Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Prepares monthly financial reporting packages. (analysis and presentation), provides annual audit support, and other duties, as needed. Presents a positive and professional image to the GF Real Estate Group, Growth Fund, Tribal employees, and to the public.

Maintenance Worker – Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Closing date 11/4/13 – Ignacio, CO
Performing registration functions; performs daily rounds, repair and maintenance of the Sky Ute Fairgrounds grounds and buildings providing a safe and pleasing environment for our customers and their animals.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist II – SECMG

Closing date 11/4/13 – Durango, CO
Develops, coordinates, and ensures compliance with Process Safety Management (PSM), Chemical Accident Prevention Programs (RMP), Pipeline and Motor Carrier Safety for Growth Fund (GF) business enterprises.

Land Records Supervisor – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 11/4/13 – Ignacio, CO
Establishes the Land Records procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with Red Willow land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use lease and contract records; coordinates communication of lease and contract changes to other Red Willow Departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary. Manages and supervises the day-to-day duties and activities of company Land Records Analysts and Lease Records Assistants.

Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 11/5/13 – Ignacio, CO
Analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, assignments and various documents to document and maintain orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, exploration agreements, joint operating agreements, and title opinions; maintains lease records database, including agreement stipulations for all operated and non-operated properties. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate lease and contract records. Assists with other land issues as needed; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

Land Records Analyst III – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 11/5/13 – Ignacio, CO
Analyzing and summarizing complex transactional documents including, but not limited to leases, joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, communitization agreements, and title opinions for all operated and non-operated properties in which Red Willow owns an economic interest. Works with Landmen to ensure accuracy/maintenance of both operated and non-operated contract summations, and works with other Land functions to ensure that all stipulations (i.e. turnkey, BPO/APO, BCP/ACP) involving interest changes are reflected correctly in database and other departments are notified in a timely manner. Monitors internal and external reports for lease and contract maintenance and to track well status and coordinate compliance of contract stipulations with Engineering, Accounting and Land.

Senior Division Order Analyst – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 11/5/13 – Ignacio, CO
Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including Divisions of Interest (DOI), and Title Opinions; advises Accounting Manager and others of changes in Divisions of Interest (DOI) and assists them in use of DOI data; works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain DOI records; assists with other land issues as needed; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

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Accounting Clerk – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 11/13/13 – Ignacio, CO
Providing office and clerical support to the Accounting Department.

Field Office Assistant I – Aka Energy, LLC

Closing date 11/9/13 – Pratt, Kansas
Provides clerical and administrative support for Kingman Plant. Maintains office systems to assure the efficient flow of data. Presents a positive and professional image.

Operations Tech I – Aka Energy, LLC

Closing date 11/9/13 – Maljamar, NM
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Operator III – Aka Energy, LLC

Closing date 11/9/13 – Maljamar, NM
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Treasury Analyst – GF Accounting/Finance

Closing date 11/12/13 – Durango, CO
Monitoring the Growth Fund's daily cash position, bank account administration, loan compliance calculations, and cash investments. A knowledge of fixed income securities, foreign currency transactions and accounting is expected.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

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

SunUte Community Center Maintenance Technician

Closing date 11/08/13
Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe buildings and building systems, including but not limited to maintenance support, preventative maintenance services, and equipment service and repairs for specialized equipment at the SunUte Community Center, including, but not limited to, chemical injection systems and water circulation/filtering systems. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

Receptionist/Mail Clerk

Closing date 11/5/2013
Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute Organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Service Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade 13: \$11.59/hour.

Detention Officers (2 positions)

Closing date 11/5/13
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 17: \$17.22/hour.

Air Quality Technician

Closing date 11/5/13
Operations and maintenance of all air quality

monitoring equipment, assuring that all quality assurance objectives are successfully met. This will include data management responsibilities to include, reducing data to its appropriate format, producing data reports and maintaining the data base system. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

Apprentice – Media Manager

Open Until Filled
Southern Ute tribal member only. This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the process involved with producing and editing a Tribal newspaper. The time frame for this program's completion in twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. Position pays \$20.51/hour (20% under the minimum of the pay grade of the position, eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to the minimum of Grade 21)

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled
Southern Ute tribal member only. This is a trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

Team Jobs Program

Continuously open
Southern Ute tribal member only. The Team Jobs positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$11/hour.

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

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Line Cook-Willows – FT

Closing Date 11/1/13
Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness. Ensure all guidelines followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Must be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have at 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant or 6 months In-House training.

Server-Willows – FT

Closing Date 11/1/13
Provides exceptional dining experience by delivering first class customer service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter exp and 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0090-CV-NC

Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks, NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kela Shirlyn Hernandez. As of October 21, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kela Shirlyn Hernandez.
Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0103-CV-NC

Sara Rae Jean Pena, Civil Subject NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Cera Jean Rock. As of November 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Cera Jean Rock.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.:2013-0101-CV-NC

Angel Santana Ortiz, NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Angel Santana Ortiz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angel Santana Burch.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one Powwow committee member vacancy. 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 Tribe

Pow Wow Committee is to nurture and promote a positive image of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All interested individuals are to submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration building. The deadline is October 31.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

TERO Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal members at large to serve on the TERO Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to Article 3 of the TERO Code:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not be currently employed by the Tribal government or the Growth Fund and who does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business;
- Must have the ability to observe restrictions

concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

Candidates can submit an application along with a letter of interest explaining why they wish to be appointed to the Commission. Applications may be obtained at the Tribal Employment Rights Office, 586 Ouray Drive, Ignacio CO. 81137. Applications and letters are required to be turned into TERO by 5 p.m. Nov. 22. Any questions can be answered by contacting the Tribal Employment Rights Office at 970-563-0111.

Attention Southern Ute tribal hunters

Are you interested in hunting elk on the Pueblo of Laguna reservation?

Contact the wildlife office: Annex Building, Room 125 or call 970-563-0130.



Southern Ute Youth Big Game Hunt

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is in the initial stages of planning a Youth/Mentor big game hunt on Tribal lands in late November 2103, exact dates to be determined. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation.

Youth Hunter Requirements:

- 12 to 17 years old
- Passed Hunter Education
- Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member hunters to serve as mentors for the youth hunters. Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130 for more information, to register, or volunteer.



FLY-FISHING

Vallecito offers a fall-time twofer

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

In my 20 years of living in Durango, I believe the word I hear mispronounced most often in all kinds of different ways is "Vallecito."

It's a beautiful-sounding Spanish word when pronounced correctly. For those of us who speak only English, trying to pronounce Vallecito can take on a less-than-harmonious quality.

It means "little valley." In this little valley sits one of the prettiest reservoirs you'll ever see: Vallecito Lake.

Vallecito is approximately 18 miles northeast of Durango. The dam and reservoir were completed in 1941. The reservoir has a surface area of 4.3 square miles. And it's a fantastic fishery.

Vallecito is one of the few lakes I know of with sustainable and catchable populations of brown trout, rainbow trout, northern pike, walleye pike, smallmouth bass and kokanee salmon. That should be enough variety to keep any fly-fisherman happy.

Typically, the pike are what most fly-fishermen go after in the spring. The warmth of summer has the bass and trout ready to eat all kind of flies. The coolness and colors of fall have the kokanee moving up Vallecito and Grimes creeks for spawning.

And hiding underneath the kokanee are big brown trout waiting for the eggs of the kokanee. As it is now fall, this is a great time to head to the lake for a twofer.

Since the kokanee have things on their minds other



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than eating, catching them can be challenging. I use a 5-weight rod with a Clouser minnow. As the creeks can be shallow, a heavily-weighted fly is not necessary.

Since eating is not paramount for the kokanee, enticing them to eat can take lots of patience. Stripping the fly slowly in front of their noses works best for me.

If the Clouser doesn't get them to eat, I'll go to an egg pattern. I will put a tiny split shot about four inches above the egg pattern. This allows the egg to imitate an egg floating just off the bottom.

If you happen to be fishing in a deeper pool, everything can change in a hurry. The big browns are cruising be-

neath the kokanee. They are hungry, and will eat Clousers, egg patterns, woolly buggers, or most anything you want to strip through the pools.

I have been slowly stripping a Clouser through a pool, right in front of a kokanee, only to have it devoured by a big brown seemingly from nowhere. For me, fly-fishing for one species only to have something else attack my fly makes for a great day.

While stalking the kokanee, be sure and take a camera - for taking pictures not of the fish, but of the bald eagles sitting in the trees. The eagles are also waiting for the kokanee and will pick them out of the shallow streams.

In fact, one way to find the kokanee is look for the eagles. They're sort of like bird dogs pointing the prey.

Even with the recent wonderful rains, a boat is not necessary when looking for the kokanee. Park in a public spot at the north end of the lake and walk to the creeks.

Be careful walking, as the ground is saturated and can be very soft. Sinking up to your knees is not unheard of.

If you're taking your boat up to the north end of the lake, be alert for floating debris and shallow water. Both of those can ruin your day.

Also, duck and goose season is open. These hunters are well camouflaged and hard to spot. You want to be careful and not run through their spread of decoys.

Get out and enjoy an opportunity for a twofer in the little valley. It's one of the reasons fly-fishing around here is so much fun.

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of our tribal culture. I have seen many changes," he said.

Taylor also pointed to the tribe's justice system and social services as problem areas.

In his introduction, Baker highlighted his successes as director of the Tribal Housing Department.

"When I first started, about four-and-a-half years ago, there was nothing there," he said. "We really have saved the tribe a ton of money."

One of the major issues facing the tribe, Baker said, is lack of funding. Because of its business success in recent years, the tribe and its member receives far less federal funding than they once did, he said.

Most of the evening was devoted to a question-and-answer format. Moderator Beth Santistevan took questions in writing from tribal members and read them aloud, giving each candidate two minutes to respond.

One question sought each candidate's vision for the future of the tribe. Box said as a council member, he would meet with members of the tribe to get a sense of their concerns first.

For her part, Jimenez said communication is key.

"The vision is we have to learn how to start talking to one another," she said. "Nobody wants to share any information. I want to be a tool. I want to be a resource to be

able to convey the messages."

Olguin said the council must increase its focus on efforts that will benefit the tribe over the long term.

"We have to be visionaries," he said. "In order to do that, there has to be collaboration amongst everyone."

Dutchie defined her vision in one word: "employment." "[We have] to have our tribal members in there," she said of the tribal government. "We spend a lot of money on education and educating our people, but we can't even get a job in there."

Taylor echoed the sentiment, saying tribal members are "the smarted people out here."

"We have young tribal members that are getting educated. I would like to see them move into the positions and take their responsibility in the tribal government."

Baker's vision involved honoring the history of the tribe even as it moves forward. "My vision is to maintain the integrity of the culture and the traditions of the tribe. We need to encourage people to partake in some of these things," he said.

When faced with a question about a hypothetical ethics violation, every candidate said they would expect to be held accountable if guilty.

"If I ever did make a mistake ... [I'd] step aside," Box said.

Jimenez agreed.

"Ethics is something you live by on an everyday basis," she said. "That is a given for me."

Another question asked each of the four candidates with prior council experience why they should be given another shot.

"Having the opportunity to serve around 2001 with some of the elder [council members] ... I learned a lot from them," Baker said. "We can do a better job for the people. My vision and hope if elected is to bring them together."

Taylor called on his experience in the 1970s working with past tribal leaders, including Leonard C. Burch.

"When you talk about leadership, when you talk about planning, these great people taught me a trained me," he said. "They said 'Do not forget your people. Put them first.' I'm going to do that."

Dutchie said in the past she fought for benefits to tribal members, such as bonuses, and would continue to do so.

"If I'm elected, I will be there for you people. I'm not there to be liked. I'm going to be there to do the job."

Olguin, the only current council member seeking to keep his seat, said the tribe needs his leadership to continue making progress.

"Change will not occur unless people make things happen," he said.

Wildlife offers survey for classes and trainings

The Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Committee invites you to participate in a survey that will help determine what types of classes to offer to the membership and what types of special clinics should be offered. We would also like to find out more about where you like to hunt and fish. To download the survey, visit www.sudrum.com/classifieds/wildlife-survey. There is no deadline to return the survey. To return the survey, email wildlife_info@southernute-nnsn.gov; mail it to the Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand deliver it to the Wildlife office in the Annex Building Room 125.

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Sunny 54°F

Saturday, Nov. 2



Sunny 58°F

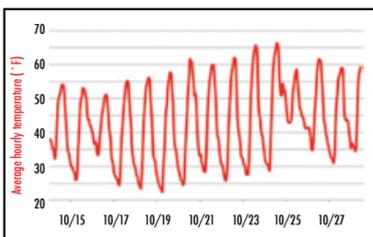
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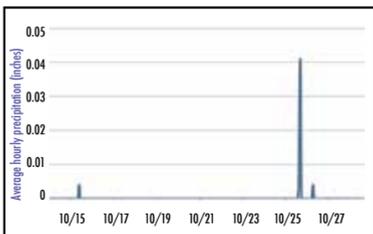


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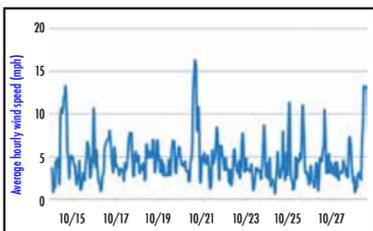
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Low	22.4°
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Average last year	38.6°



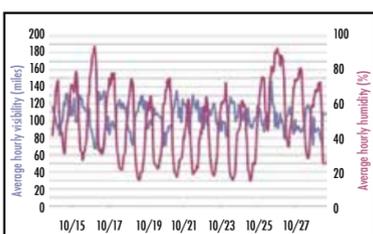
Precipitation

Total	0.084"
Total last year	0.000"



Wind speed

Average	4.5
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	16.3



Visibility & humidity

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