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Fort Lewis group honors Southern Ute elders

By Suzi Richards
The Southern Ute Drum

All People's Lodge, a Fort Lewis College student organization, hosted its first annual Elders Day on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the school's Native American Center.

The event was put together to honor local tribal and community elders, said Clarence Smith, a student organizer. Eight elders were honored, including five Southern Utes: Annabelle Eagle, Sage Remington, Alice Groves Neash, former Southern Ute Indian Tribal Vice Chairman and Council Lady Vida B. Peabody, and former Chairman, Council Lady and Chief Judge Pearl E. Casias.

"This day was held to build a community, [to] share and sit with our elders who are a great wealth of knowledge and wisdom and are here for a good reason," Smith said.

Many students from Fort Lewis stopped by to visit the elders and share in their knowledge, which in turn came from their parents and grandparents.

Students and elders talked and shared memories over a lunch buffet, discussing the good and bad of the old days when they were younger. Many activities



photo Suzi Richards/SU Drum

Numerous elders, from varied backgrounds, showed support at the first annual Elder's Day held at Fort Lewis College on Tuesday, Feb 21. Most of them were told to write a "I am from..." poem which includes details of their lives; how they grew up, where they are from, touching on their favorite hobbies and pastimes. Seen here Southern Ute elder Vida Peabody shares her "I am from..." poem in front of the class as spectators and friends listen, including former Chairman Pearl Casias. The event was held at the new Native American Center on campus.

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photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alex Pena grits his teeth and fends off a low shot attempt by Holly's Robert Darnell during the Class 2A 126-pound title match on Saturday, Feb. 18 inside Pepsi Center.

Pena undone in a historic outro

Wildcat denies Bobcat 4th title

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Alex Pena, a Southern Ute tribal member, saw his illustrious wrestling career draw to a close on Saturday, Feb. 25 with a rare loss, a somber end to a triumphant span in which he amassed three state titles and came within moments of a fourth.

Holly's Robert Darnell denied spectators a view of wrestling history by halting Pena's run during the Class 2A 126-pound crowning match and winning his second Colorado State Wrestling Championships title while denying Pena his fourth. All but the outcome of the match echoed a similar showdown in their freshman year, when the two faced off in the duel that won Pena his first title.

And in that there was no shame or defeat; climbing that podium even once can be enough for a prep wrestler. The Wildcat had to initially wait until his junior year,

after Pena had gained CHSAA Title No. 3.

"I knew there was pressure," Pena said of the expected senior-v-senior, champ-v-champ duel with Darnell, "but everything behind me didn't really matter until this point, you know?"

With a 55-second pin of Byers senior Edwards Galarza two nights before, it appeared Pena was primed to become the 17th wrestler in state annals to complete a four-peat, and even more so after the following afternoon's 10-3 decision over Paonia senior Cody Clawson.

Despite contesting just 14 previous varsity matches in 2011-12, Swink senior Andrew Valdez pushed Pena to the limit in the semifinals.

Darnell, meanwhile, had followed Pena's semi with a more convincing pin in 88 seconds of Hayden junior T-Lane Mazzola to bring about the expected clash of the classification's No. 1 and 2 for

all the marbles. And in this case, the No. 1 also happened to be listed among the nation's elite seniors (albeit at 120 pounds) in the February issue of Wrestling USA.

Darnell pushed it to 6-3 through two minutes, while making sure he was the one in the lead. Not allowing Pena much weakness to work with, he managed to ride out an 8-5 decision after the full six.

"Don't know," Pena said quietly, yet composed, after taking a runner-up medal in a surreal awards presentation. "It was just another match, I guess. Tried not to be too nervous about it."

Darnell finished his final campaign standing 28-1, while Pena went out 33-3 — and a stellar 133-8 in likely the most decorated four seasons Ignacio wrestling has ever known. Known for a signature thumb/pinky hand gesture flashed after victory upon victory, the "hang

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'Cabin Fever' awakens Ignacio



The Four Corners Gourd Society hosted the Cabin Fever Gourd Dance and Powwow at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio on Saturday, Feb. 18. The one-day event brought the community together, although small in numbers the festivities were geared towards getting people out of the house to join in song and dance.

Gourd dancers (above) honored on of its youngest members with an honor song. Southern Ute Royalty, Miss Southern Ute First Alternate Krista Richards, Little Miss Southern Ute Eufemia Pardo and her brothers, Braves Arnulfo and Amarante (left), led the grand entry behind Dr. Jim Jefferson to begin the powwow segment of the evenings event. Two-step, round dancing and cake walks were part of the social event.



photos Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM



News in brief

IGNACIO

Four Corners Safari Club banquet and auction

The Four Corners Safari Club is inviting everyone to the 12th annual banquet and auction, Saturday, March 3 at the Sky Ute Casino resort. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Appetisers and a dinner will be served and door prizes will be given away. The banquet and auction will feature great hunts, sporting arms, hunting accessories, framed and unframed art and sculptures. For tickets please contact Bob Peck 970-563-9567, Ross Mickey 970-759-4362, John Avery 970-759-9977, Hody Ewing 970-883-5401, Boyd Anderson 970-946-9299, Mike Gustafson 505-258-9430, Jim Williams 505-330-8211, Lyle Willmarth 970-884-9809, Ryan Howard 970-759-0295 or Cheri Eby 970-884-7097.

Seeking Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

DURANGO

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your Bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6-7 p.m., in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

NEW MEXICO

2012 Gathering of Nations dates announced

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 26 and 28. The Gathering of Nations will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") in Albuquerque and will begin on Thursday, April 26 with registration for singers and dancers. Miss Indian World competition begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel - Albuquerque. The crowning will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at "The Pit." The much-anticipated grand entry, begins at noon on Friday, April 27. For more information regarding purchasing tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations visit www.gatheringofnations.com.

SUIT Environmental Programs

is offering free home radon testing to Tribal Members.

Please call Peter Diethrich for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

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Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

As part of the Kids Fair held at the Rolling Thunder Hall on Feb. 14, Vince and Larry (the crash test dummies) took a break from the events there and strolled over to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy to pay a visit to the kids. Jessica Ross, Suzi Richards, and Kelsey Frost are seen posing here with Vince and Larry.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 22, 2002, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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20 Years Ago

Warren Harris hooked this monster trout on the Pine River last week. Warren said that it took him an hour and a half to land the German Brown.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 24, 1992, edition of *The Southern Ute Drum*.

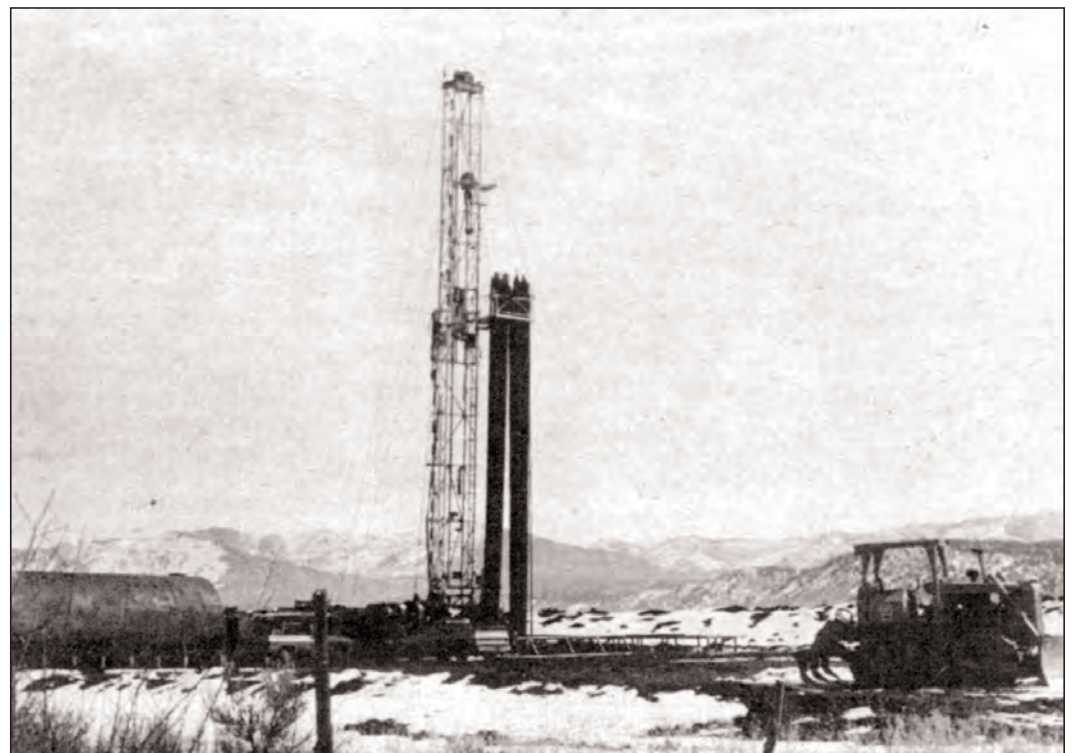


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30 Years Ago

Drilling North of Ignacio - Drilling their obligations to drill so many wells in a given companies are active on the reservation to fulfill time.

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Núu-'apaghapi 102 class notes: Ute pronouns

Speakers usually use pronouns when the noun in question has already been mentioned, or is considered known to the hearer. English pronouns are relatively simple, and are divided as follows:

(1) English pronouns:

role:	SUBJECT		OBJECT		POSSESSOR	
number	singular	plural	singular	plural	singular	plural
speaker	I	we	me	us	my	our
hearer	you	you	you	you	your	your
other(M)	he	they	him	them	his	their
other(F)	she	they	her	them	her	their
inanimate	it	they	it	them	its	their

Ute has a much richer system of pronouns, losing one distinction (gender) but gaining many more. First, for the four English **demonstrative pronouns** 'this,' 'that,' 'these' and 'those' Ute has the following array of 18 forms:

(2) Ute demonstrative pronouns:

	near-speaker		away-visible		away-invisible	
	subject	object	subject	object	subject	object
inanimate:	'í-chá	'i-cha-y	má-rē	ma-rē	'ú-ru	'u-ru
	'this'	'this'	'that'	'that'	'that'	'that'
animate-SG:	'í-na	'i-na-y	máa	máa-y	'ú	'u-wa-y
	'this'	'this'	'that'	'that'	'that'	'that'
animate-PL:	'í-mē	'i-mē	má-mē	ma-mē	'u-mē	'u-mē
	'these'	'these'	'those'	'those'	'those'	'those'

Ute personal pronouns show even more distinctions, and are divided into two sets. The first set is that of **independent pronouns**, which are full words that carry a word stress ('accent').

(3) Ute independent pronouns (SUBJECT)

person	singular	dual	plural
1st	né 'I'	támi 'we' (incl. you)	táwi 'we' (incl. you)
		némē 'we' (excl. you)	
2nd	'émē 'you'	mēni 'you-pl.'	
3rd-vis.	máa-s 's/he'	má-mē 'they'	
3rd-invis.	'uwa-sē 's/he'	'u-mē-sē 'they'	

(4) Ute independent pronouns (non-subject)

person	singular	dual	plural
1st	nēna-y 'me'	tami 'us/our' (incl. you)	tawi 'us/our' (incl. you)
		némē-y 'us/our' (excl. you)	
2nd	'émē-y 'you'	mēni 'you-pl/your'	
3rd-vis.	máa-y 'him/her'	ma-mē 'them'	
	máa-y-a-s 'his/hers'	ma-mē-a-s 'their'	
3rd-invis.	'uwa-y 'him/her'	'u-mē 'them'	
	'uwa-y-a-s 'his/hers'	'umē-a-s 'their'	

The second set is that of **clitic/suffix pronouns**, which are much shorter, carry no stress, and must be attached to the end of some other word. Further, they can indicate either subject, object or possessor without change of form.

(5) Ute clitic/suffix pronouns

person	singular	dual	plural
1st	-n 'I/me/my'	-rámi 'we/us/our' (incl. you)	-ráwi 'we/us/our' (incl. you)
		-nēmē 'we/us/our' (excl. you)	
2nd	-m 'you/your'	-amē 'you/your'	
3rd-vis.-AN	'-a 's/he/her/him/his'	-amē 'they/them/their'	
3rd-invis.-AN	'-u 's/he/her/him/his'	-amē 'they/them/their'	
3rd-INAN	-aqh 'it/its'	-aqh 'they/them/their'	
	-ukh/-ku 'it/its'	-ukh/-ku 'they/them/their'	

Some examples of the use of the clitic pronouns are:

Possessor:

múa-n 'my father', pía-n 'my mother', piwa-n 'my spouse', tuachi-n 'my child'
 múa-m 'your father', pía-m 'your mother', piwa-m 'your spouse', tuachi-m 'your child'
 múa-nēmē 'our father', pía-u 'his/her mother', kani-amē 'their house'

Subject:

toghoyi-n 'I am well' tēka-yi-n 'I am eating' págha-nhkwi-chaa-n 'I'm taking off'

Object:

magha-qha-n '(he/she) fed me' magha-qha-m '(he/she) fed you'
 magha-qha-amē '(he/she) fed them' táa-qhay-ku '(he/she) kicked it'

This is your language 'ícha-'ara mēni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

2. Written language

púupa-'uru

'apaghapi

'inia-sapa

pə'ə-ta-vaa-na

By Tom Givón

Ute Language Program

Most of the 6,000 or so languages of the world have never been written till recently, and have survived and thrived and been transmitted from one generation to the next in their natural spoken form. Writing systems were not invented before ca. 4,000 BC, and they were first invented independently in only five major centers of early agriculture – Mesopotamia (Iraq), Egypt, China, India, and Meso-America (Maya). These centers first developed complex, large-scale societies where the preservation of larger bodies of knowledge became a pressing issue, given the limitations of human memory. The types of cultural knowledge that prompted the development of these early writing systems involved business transactions, legal codes, religious knowledge, histories, or technology and science.

Until recently, the bulk of the population of most societies – even those where literacy had existed for millennia – were illiterate. It is only with the rise of modern universal education in the 20th century that literacy became more widespread. And even in a presumably literate societies like our own, most people spend the bulk of their lives speaking rather than writing. And while the human brain has already been configured by evolution over the past 1 million years to process spoken language, it is not likewise configured to process writing. Rather, portions of a brain center originally designed for **visual object recognition** are re-configured, through life-time experience, to process written language.

In adapting the Ute language to writing, our first task was to analyze the sound system of the language, a sound system that is rather different from that of

English. In then developing an alphabet that would reflect Ute sounds, we were guided by several principles:

- **Economy:** There shouldn't be more symbols than sounds.

- **Consistency:** The same spoken sound should always be rendered by the same letter.

- **Clarity:** Each sound should be rendered by only one letter, and each letter should correspond to only one sound.

- **Transfer:** If the learners are already literate in another language, their knowledge of writing in their first language should be capitalized on as much as possible, especially in areas where the sounds of the two languages are similar.

- **Distinctness:** If the learners are already literate in another language, the new writing system should also emphasize the differences between the two sound systems, wherever they are truly distinct.

- **Meaning-support:** In spoken language, it is useful that words with different meanings are coded by different sounds, minimally at least one different sound, as in the English words *pat/bat/rat/mat/chat/hat/sat/cat/ta t/fat/rat/vat* etc. A writing system should ideally strive for such differential treatment of words. But many languages have glaring examples of ambiguity, where words that may be distinguished in the writing system are pronounced the same in the spoken language, as in the English *write/wright/right/rite*. This is why when people tell me "Why don't you make Ute writing as simple and easy as that of English?" I chuckle. English is one of the most difficult writing systems on the planet, with massive violations of all the principles listed above. Still, we need to remember that these principles often conflict with each other, so that a good writing system is necessarily a **practical compromise**.

We also need to remember that **attitudes** matter. First, the attitude of the old speakers. When we started our work on Ute in the 1970s, many of the old speakers refused to join the Ute Language Committee. Their reason, in addition to mistrust of the stranger-linguist, was often given as: "Our

language has always been spoken. It should not be written down."

When the late Ralph Cloud finally decided to join the Ute Language Committee one year after its inception, his reasons were given in a speech to the committee: "Our children don't learn the language the old way at home anymore. If we don't put it into writing now, it will be lost to future generations."

Second, the attitude of the learner. It takes incredible motivation and heaps of hard work to learn a second language, especially in adulthood. It goes against the grain, both culturally and neurologically. This is especially true in the context of a small minority swamped by a dominant majority culture. So whether you are already a speaker of Ute and want to learn how to write it, or you want to learn the language from scratch, an enormous amount of commitment and hard work will be required.

Literacy is not just the rendering of spoken sounds into written symbols. As a culture develops writing, it also develops a new style of communication. Spoken language is marked by short chunks, less complex grammar, pauses, repetitions, loop-backs, and the occasional rule-breaking glitch. The time-pressure of oral communication is considerable, with both speaker and hearer having to cope with memory limitations, wandering attention and external noise – all at an average production speed of ca. 250 milliseconds per word and 1-2 seconds per 'thought'. Written language, on the other hand, allows correction, revision, editing and re-phrasing, with the reader privy only to the clean final draft, and then having ample time to re-read or pause and reflect.

The grammar and style of spoken language have been shaped, over millions of years of human evolution, to cope with the time-pressure and memory/attention limitations. When a language develops literacy, it also develops the grammar and style appropriate to the new communicative instrument. In effect, it develops a new **genre** of communication. Societies with a long tradition of literacy have done this long ago. For Ute, the immense task of coming up with the appropriate written genre is still ahead of us.

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The Kidney Corner:

Calcium's role in bone health

By Dr. Mark Saddler
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Calcium is important for many cell processes in our bodies, and the blood levels of calcium are kept within narrow limits.

Many enzyme-driven chemical reactions in our cells are dependant on this important electrolyte. Most of the calcium in our body is stored in bone, which acts as a reservoir for calcium. The strength of our bones is dependant on their calcium content.

Intake of sufficient calcium is important for healthy bones. Dairy products (milk, yogurt, cheese, etc.) are the main sources of dietary calcium. Eggs, meat and nuts are also good sources.

Many people have difficulty getting enough calcium in their diet. In particular, post-menopausal women should eat adequate amounts of calcium, because of the frequency of osteoporosis (a disease in which there is a decreased amount of calcium-rich bone, which can lead to fractures). Men can also get osteoporosis, though usually at a later age than women.

Patients who have been on steroid treatment (for example, prednisone) for prolonged periods are also at risk of osteoporosis. So for elderly patients, especially women, extra calcium is recommended.

mg of calcium (the rest is the carbonate part). A good general rule is to look at the nutrition panel on the side of the container, which will tell you exactly how much calcium is in any preparation.

Recent studies have raised concern about the risk of excess calcium intake contributing to blood vessel calcification. No doubt we will hear further about this as the research becomes clearer.

Vitamin D is equally important for bone health. This will be the subject of a future edition of the Kidney Corner. Recommended vitamin D intake may depend on a patient's vitamin D level, and is usually around 800 - 1,000 units per day.

In addition, weight-bearing exercise is vital for bone health. Bones require exercise to incorporate calcium from blood into bone. And avoidance of sodium intake helps prevent loss of calcium in the urine.

Since blood levels of calcium are kept within narrow limits, the body's total calcium stores can not be estimated by testing blood. A type of bone scanning called DEXA scanning is usually used to estimate bone calcium stores. DEXA scanning gives an accurate evaluation of bone health and risk for fracture and can be repeated to reassess progress after treatment for bone disease.

This is usually taken as calcium tablets. Calcium carbonate is the cheapest and is usually sufficient, though some patients (and physicians) prefer calcium citrate, which may be better absorbed, particularly in the fasting state.

In post-menopausal women, it is usually recommended that total calcium intake be 1200 to 1500 mg/day. This includes dietary plus supplemental intake. So the necessary amount of supplementation depends on how much calcium is in the diet.

A person who eats and drinks dairy products typically requires about 800 to 1000 mg per day. Confusingly, these recommendations apply to the elemental calcium in a tablet, not the total weight of the calcium salt.

For example, 1250 mg of calcium carbonate contains only 500

Nutrition bites: Combatting diabetes

By Wendy Rice
Shining Mountain Diabetes Program

What is diabetes, this disease the news says 50 percent of Native Americans and Hispanics will get?

It's when the body stops using its insulin properly or develops insulin resistance. The risk of developing diabetes increases with age, extra body weight and less physical activity. The typical adult with diabetes is older than 45, overweight, not physically active, has family history of diabetes, and often also has high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol.

We're also starting to see an increasing trend of diabetes in adolescents, particularly those who tend to be older than 10, experiencing puberty, with a strong family history of diabetes.

Diabetes is more common in Native Americans, African-Americans, and Hispanics. We also know that regular treatment is very effective!

Maintaining or decreasing body weight 10 - 15 pounds makes a significant improvement in quality of health. Good blood glucose control, as well as controlled cholesterol and blood pressure, are also important goals.

Physical activity on a regular basis, meaning exertion for at least 30 minutes a day, is recommended.

These factors, when controlled, reduce the risk of long-term complications of diabetes.

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The initial strategy for diabetes is to improve food choices and meal regularity. For starters, reducing fat intake overall, especially saturated fat, is highly recommended. The second goal is to eat meals regularly throughout the day to spread nutrient intake. Third goal is to increase vegetable and fruit intake of all varieties.

We know that mild-to-moderate weight loss improves control. Lifestyle changes to decrease calorie intake by a mere 200 a day while increasing energy expenditure make a huge difference over the long term.

Adding physical activity daily and eliminating 200 calories

from your intake creates big results over time. It's small changes you stick with — such as eliminating sweetened drinks and fruit juices, leaving four bites of your meal on your plate, and cutting out the sweets. They're hardly noticeable, but with every passing month they could amount to less belly fat and 2 pounds lost!

By summer, you will have achieved not only 10 pounds lost, but you'll be feeling better and have improved health. One small bite at a time.

Heart disease and stroke strikes people with diabetes more than twice as often as others. Diabetes itself is a strong independent risk factor for heart disease. The rate of heart disease has been decline over the years, but it is still the No. 1 killer, causing over 50 percent of deaths by disease.

Fats are important. The amount consumed as well as type make a significant difference. Two primary goals for fat consumption are to limit saturated fat and limit cholesterol intake.

Saturated fat is linked to low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels. This amounts to less fatty meats and less food cooked in solid fats. So cutting down your intake of bacon, lunch meats, sausage, ribs, and cream to half the amount and half as often would serve you well.

February is Heart Month

We can stop our No. 1 killer together by sharing the truth.

Do you know the warning signs of a heart attack?

Heart attack symptoms include:

- Chest pain or discomfort
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, shoulder, jaw, neck, back, or stomach
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling light-headed, queasy, or breaking out in a cold sweat

If you think you're having a heart attack, call 911 right away. Even if you're not sure, get checked anyway. Waiting can cause serious damage — or even death.

Facts

- Diseases of the heart and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 3 Killers of Women over the age of 25
- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States. In 2006, 315,706 men died from it.
- Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives over 460,000 women each year — about a death a minute that's more lives than are claimed by the next five causes of death combined and nearly twice as many as are claimed by all forms of cancer including breast cancer.
- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men of most racial/ethnic groups in the United States, including African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Hispanics, and whites. For Asian American men, heart disease is second only to cancer.



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Information Gathered from: www.edc.gov; and www.heart.org

Hunter Education Classes scheduled for March

Hunter education classes will be held in Ignacio, Colorado in the Buckskin Charlie Room, (2nd floor) in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Students must five (5) classes (must attend all classes): March 20, 22, 27, 28, and 29 (6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.) The minimum age limit is 12 years of age. Pre-registration is required by call ing the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management at 970-563-0130. The cost of the class is \$10.

Class Requirements: Must attend all classes,

pass written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms. The class is limited to 20 participants. Class restrictions: Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, items will be provided.

For other classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), please call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations 970-247-0855 or visit their website <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses/>.

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Training to save a life



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Potential life savers (left to right) Jeff Marquez, Mathew Box, Instructor Amanda Rockwell, Trennie Burch, and Victor Archuleta at CPR training class in the Buckskin Charley room second floor of the Leonard C. Burch building on Thursday, Feb. 23.

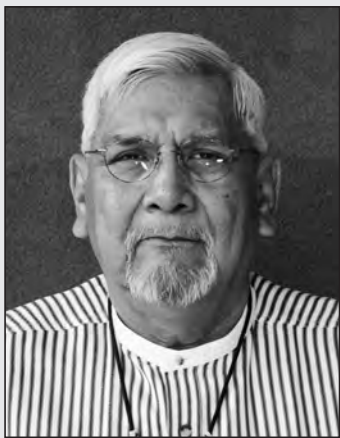
Making better choices



On Feb. 16, Southern Ute Police Officer Brad Jesmer (pictured) along with Chief of Police Zachary Rock and Resource Officer Don Folsom, spoke to each Ignacio High School class about the importance of making the best choices possible when dealing with bullying, drugs and gangs.

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SUIMA thanks board members



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January was school board recognition month and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy would like to recognize the board of directors, your Southern Ute Tribal Council.

"SUIMA staff, students and parents appreciate your support. Tribal Education could not happen without you!!"

From top left: Jim Newton Jr., Mike Olguin, Ramona Eagle, Joycelyn Dutchie, Pathimi GoodTracks, Aaron Torres and Howard Richards.

3rd Annual Ignacio Intermediate School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following students for making it to the next round in the spelling bee!

Sergio Salazar
Ian Weinreich
Sydnee Cruz
Payton Lyon
Chase Francis

Heather Kerrigan
Jesse Rubio
Keegan Richmond
Kayden Box

Our State Qualifying Bee is next Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. GOOD LUCK!

Thanks Mrs. Ballew, Mrs. Krispin and Mr. Cosio for all your help!

Our State qualifying spelling bee overall winner is 6th grader Kayden Box.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 2, April 6, and May 4th. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

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

Education Dept. Community Classes for February and April

- **Women's High-Top Moccasin Class: March 1, 8, 15, 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Get ready to Bear Dance! This is a 4 part class, participants must be dedicated to attend all four classes, and to finish their project. We will provide the leather, you will provide the beads and beading supplies. Space is limited, participants must be at least 15 years old. Participants will learn how to measure and make the pattern, cut out pattern develop and bead a design.

- **Dress and Ribbon Shirt Workshop: Saturday April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.

For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

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



DISCOVERY MUSEUM at the POWERHOUSE

After school Feb. 29 from 2:15-4:45 p.m. Similar open house STEM programs will run the last Wednesday of each month, same time, and same place:

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Believe it or not, Durango Discovery Museum after-school programs have taught students new science concepts and vocabulary, enhanced students' science skills and allowed them to have loads of fun! The tradition will continue, with **science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)** programs at the Southern Ute Education Department one Wednesday a month during Early Release. February's STEM program will explore engineering concepts as they create bridges, towers and roller coasters. They will make their own catapults, slingshots and trebuchets and have a group competition! Do-it-yourselfers, watch out – here comes the next generation of inventors!

Durango Discovery Museum's education staff will guide students through inquiry and hands-on activities. *Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the fun!* We'll meet at the Southern Ute Education Building the last Wednesday of every month from 2:15 – 4:45 p.m. Stop in, say hello, and stay as long (or as short) as you'd like! Discovery Museum classes have sparked students' interest in science, engineering, math and technology, and they have inspired students to notice, wonder and learn. Parents, asked in the past, have responded that their children enjoyed the experience and they were highly likely to bring their children to other programs offered by the Museum. Join us and have some fun!

For further questions please contact Sarah Margoles at the Discovery Museum 970-403-1863, sarah@durangodiscovery.org or Carrie Vogel at Southern Ute, 970-563-0235, cvogel@southern-ute.nsn.us

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Christmas cat



Angela Abeyta harvested her "Christmas cat" on Dec. 24, 2011. Family and friends were present for the hunt, which had them hiking across miles of the east side of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

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Vice-Chairman James M. Olguin (left) prepares to testify before the U.S. House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs regarding H.R. 3973, a bill "[t]o facilitate the development of energy on Indian lands by reducing Federal regulations that impede tribal development of Indian lands, and for other purposes." Also appearing with Vice-Chairman Olguin at the February 15th hearing in Washington, D.C., were (l-r) Chairwoman Irene Cuch, Ute Indian Tribal Business Council; Frederick Fox, Administrator, Tribal Energy Department, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; Tara Sweeney, Sr. Vice-President, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Randall King, Chairman, Shinnecock Nation Board of Trustees; and Wilson Groen, President and CEO, Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Company Exploration and Production.

Testing the sensors



Martin Valvur of Air Resource Specialists Inc. of Fort Collins, Colo., sets up a field test to compare the accuracy of the air monitoring equipment operated by the Southern Ute Air Quality Program on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Ute 1 site in Ignacio. It's critical that the AQP's instrumentation is within EPA parameters prior to submitting data to the EPA. Temperature sensors, one of many meteorological parameters measured at the Ute 1 station, are placed in an ice bath and heated water bath to measure the accuracy of the temperature sensor across a range representative of ambient conditions. A solar radiation sensor measures light intensity associated with direct sunlight. All factors have a direct influence on the immediate air quality. Calibrations are typically performed at the air monitoring station every three months.

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Ute leaders support Native American Energy Act

Media release
U.S. House of Representatives

The U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Indians and Alaska Native Affairs held a legislative hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 15 on the Native American Energy Act, which promotes energy production on tribal lands by reducing government barriers and streamlining procedures.

The Native American Energy Act addresses specific concerns from various Indian County leaders about getting approval from the Secretary of the Interior for energy development. Bureaucratic and legal barriers have limited the ability of tribal governments and Alaska Native corporations to promote job creation and economic growth by developing their own resources.

"For too long, the federal government has stood in the way of Native Americans looking to develop their lands for energy production," said subcommittee Chairman Don Young (AK-At-large). "My bill will give America's tribes and Alaska Natives what they are seek-

"For decades our tribal leaders have ... urged you to change existing laws so that tribes would have the legal power to use their lands as they see fit."

**James M. Olguin,
Vice chairman
So. Ute Tribe**

ing: more control over their own lands ... in order to be more self-sufficient."

At the hearing, Indian and Alaska Native leaders expressed

support for the Native American Energy Act. James M. Olguin, vice chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, called the bill a "positive step forward in our longstanding effort to level the playing field when it comes to Indian energy development."

"For decades our tribal leaders have ... urged you to change existing laws so that tribes would have the legal power to use their lands as they see fit, free from the bureaucratic delays and interference," he said, adding the bill would "help implement our longstanding goal of self determination, and we thank you for introducing it."

Irene C. Cuch, chairwoman of the Northern Ute Tribal Business Committee, also expressed support, saying that the Indian Energy Development Offices proposed in the bill would "bring all of the agencies into the same room and would streamline processing."

"The oil and gas permitting process is a bureaucratic maze of federal agencies, and that it takes 49 steps to obtain one permit," she said.

Oral statement of Vice Chairman James M. Olguin

Good afternoon Chairman Young, Ranking Member Boren, and members of the subcommittee. I am Mike Olguin, the vice chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

I am honored to appear before you today on behalf of my tribe and Tribal Council to provide testimony regarding H.R. 3973. I have submitted written testimony that covers all of our comments regarding that legislation, but I will focus my comments today to the areas of the bill that are most important in our view.

First, I commend you, Chairman Young, for introducing the Native American Energy Act, because the bill is a positive step forward for Indian energy development. At Southern Ute, we have a proven track record of successful and responsible energy development. Yet we still must rely on federal officials to tell us how to lease our own lands and minerals.

Our primary comments on the bill relate to its provisions regarding appraisals and environmental reviews. Additionally, we would like to suggest a new issue to be included in the legislation.

Appraisals

We strongly support Section 3 of H.R. 3973, which would provide greater flexibility in securing required appraisals for development of tribal trust lands. We often run into significant delays when trying to complete appraisals for various transactions.

For example, our tribe's consent was requested to grant a right-of-way for a fiber optic cable. In exchange for the right-of-way, the tribe asked for capacity in the cable for data transmis-

sion. Traditional appraisal methods could not effectively measure the value of that capacity, but our leaders knew that being connected would serve our government and businesses immensely.

After long and costly delays, we secured a waiver of the appraisal process for that transaction. Since then, we have demanded similar waivers for tribal trust land transactions.

Based on our experience and frustration, we strongly support the optional, alternative approach to appraisals suggested in Section 3.

NEPA reform

Section 5 of the proposed legislation would limit the categories of people who can comment, through the NEPA process, on projects proposed on tribal trust lands. Because many transactions taking place on these lands require federal approval, NEPA's requirements must be followed — meaning the transactions are often delayed.

As tribal leaders, we fully consider the environmental consequences of our actions. But it is unacceptable that, except for the federal government, we are the only landowners in the United States who are subject to NEPA with respect to our land use decisions. In fact, with regard to energy development, NEPA often means that other developers drain our resources from neighboring private land not subject to NEPA's requirements.

Therefore, we support the changes to the NEPA process proposed by Section 5 but we also hope that, someday, tribal trust lands are removed from the NEPA process altogether.

Proposed amendment on shared civil penalties

Lastly, we have recently learned of an issue that we believe would fit nicely into H.R. 3973. Under existing federal law, tribes can enter cooperative agreements with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue to assist with the audit of energy leases and royalty payments. ONRR can assess civil penalties against those who fail to make proper payments or file accurate reports under the applicable leases and regulations.

If the assessment of such civil penalties is the product of work performed by a tribal audit team, ONRR must share such civil penalty proceeds on 50/50 basis with the tribe; however, any civil penalty amounts shared by ONRR are then deducted from the amounts to be paid to the tribe under its cooperative agreement. This offset requirement unfairly punishes those tribes who work with the federal government to ensure responsible royalty reporting.

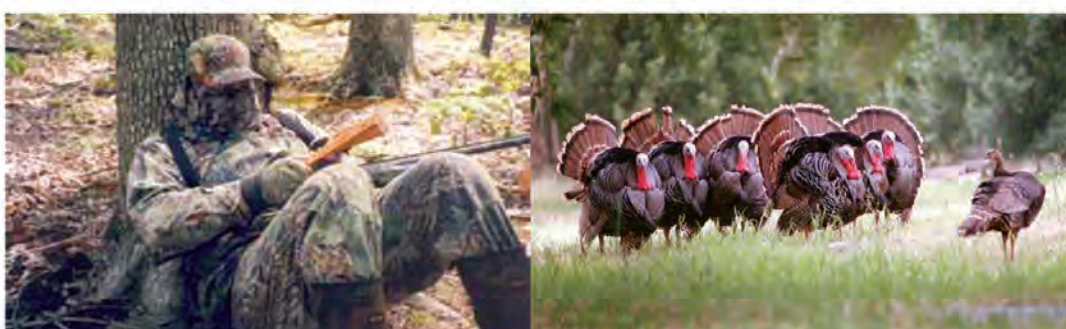
Therefore, we suggest amending existing federal law so that civil penalties recovered through the tribes' efforts are shared without deduction from the tribes' contract funding. The language we propose is reflected in our written comments, and I urge you to carefully review and consider our proposed addition to H.R. 3973 on this issue.

In conclusion, thank you again for this opportunity to appear before you today on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. It is an honor and a privilege, and we look forward to continuing our work with you on this important matter.



Southern Ute Youth Turkey Hunt April 28-29, 2012

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division and National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) are sponsoring a Youth Turkey Hunt on Tribal lands on April 28th and 29th, 2012. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation. The Hunt will be filmed and broadcast on NWTf's Turkey Call television show.



Requirements:

- ✓ 12 to 17 years old (after April 28th 1995 and before April 28th 2000)
- ✓ Passed Hunter Education
- ✓ Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member turkey 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.



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From left, seniors Jesse Vigil (35), Darrin Lagerstrom (25) and Shane Richmond (10), along with sophomore Clayton Jefferson (11), observe the Senior/Parent Appreciation Night festivities prior to Ignacio's regular-season finale on Valentine's Day against 3A Bayfield. With Richmond ravaging the Wolverines for 34 points, the Bobcats went into this weekend's 2A-District 3 Tournament with a 71-59 victory. Not pictured: Guards Xavier Watts and Matthew Silva also were saluted prior to their final action inside IHS Gymnasium.

Bobcat boys rule SJBL again!

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Even proverbial "trash" found its way into the basket as Shane Richmond cleaned house on Valentine's Day.

Which, in addition to being the Bobcats' regular-season finale, also tripled as Senior/Parent Appreciation Night; Richmond was not about to let Ignacio's local rival spoil the party for himself and classmates Xavier Watts, Matthew Silva, Jesse Vigil and Darrin Lagerstrom.

Having his first three-pointer rejected by Bayfield counterpart Derek Hillyer, Richmond's next attempt — from the same spot — was a no-doubter, putting IHS up 14-5 with 3:15 still left in the first quarter after two previous mid-range hoops. Though BHS rallied back to 16-11 at the period's end and later to 26-21 in the second, they'd never go ahead in a 71-59 loss.

Posting by-frame totals of 9, 6, 11 and 8, Richmond roared loudest with 34 points, besting the Wolverines' top three (Hillyer 12, Cody Rose 11, Tyler Kerr 10) combined. Freshman Adison Jones chipped in 13 points for IHS — which led 34-26 at halftime and 54-46 after three — as well, and more importantly helped Richmond with the defensive task of denying the 6-foot-9 Hillyer space near the rim.

Closing the 2011-12 predetermined slate with a 15-4 overall record and the No. 5 Denver Post/CHSCA ranking in Class 2A entering the postseason, as well as another San Juan Basin League championship, about the only thing that went wrong was the loss of sophomore post Justin Carver to injury with 2:09 left in the third quarter.

It was later determined to be a broken shinbone that will relegate him to morale-boost duty for as long as Ignacio remains in contention for this season's state championship. He finished with two points, while Watts notched nine, sophomore Clayton Jefferson eight, and soph Kelton



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Firing a fadeaway over Bayfield's Preston Hardy (50), Ignacio freshman Adison Jones (33) books two of his 13 points in the Bobcats' 71-59 non-league Valentine's Day win to close out the regular season.

Richmond five.

Completing an 11-0 pass through the SJBL, Shane Richmond booked 19 points in the Bobcats' 67-45 win over Telluride, but Jones did the most damage with 23. The duo combined to sink nine of IHS's 16-of-21 total at the foul line, as well (Ignacio was 7-of-7 versus Bayfield). Jefferson, confidently triggering the offense, contributed 11 points — a night after netting 20 versus Mancos in a 64-46 win.

Richmond led the way against the Blue Jays with 26 points, including all seven of Ignacio's first-quarter output (MHS managed just six) and 12 in a furious fourth. Watts dropped in eight, with Silva and Kelton Richmond each scoring four.

Tracking the enemies, guard Conner Courter led THS with 13 points — 10 coming in the Miners' first half, which ended with IHS ahead 34-28. Ignacio had led Mancos just 23-20 at intermission, with wing Jake Driver and guard Nigel Henry totaling 11 points apiece, and forward Trey Gordanier eight. Center Roger Liljegren and point guard Fischer Hazen each added nine points for Telluride.

Averaging 64.4 ppg so far in February, the Bobcats will be the undisputed 1-seed at this weekend's District 3 Tournament, held at Montezuma-Cortez HS. Their opening opponent, however, was yet to be finalized prior to deadline on Friday, Feb. 17; THS, MHS, Dolores and Ridgway were all in action late that night.

Girls' regular season ends even

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

With Telluride hosting Mancos and Ridgway welcoming Dolores, both games completed late last Friday night, Ignacio — with a 4-4 mark against that quartet — was the only of the San Juan Basin League's 2A sides with its business already concluded.

Fortunately the Valentine's Day defeat came against none of the four, and though it did finalize IHS's regular-season mark at a misleading .500, it reminded the team of where its intensity needs to be in the postseason (the D-3 Tournament is this weekend at Montezuma-Cortez HS). Because for 5:20 of the first, and all 8:00 of the second quarter against Bayfield, Ignacio had its home-court advantage protected.

Five points from junior Valerie Armstrong and two Michelle Simmons free throws had given the ladies a 7-6 lead, but the 3A Lady Wolverines — more apt to capitalize on turnovers than rely on half-court sets during the engagement — went on a 15-0 streak to finish the frame.

But Simmons scored immediately starting the second, and Armstrong followed with a three-point play. Two FT's by senior Kayla Strobel put BHS up 25-14, but IHS fought back to 25-19 via a Sky Cotton three-pointer and Mariah Vigil inside bucket before Strobel (game-high 26 points) booked two more freebies and consecutive transition layups.

The visitors' 31-19 lead grew to 40-25 at halftime — meaning the Lady Cats were outscored just 19-18 in the quarter — after six more Strobel points and a Keenan Moreta charity toss. Bayfield then separated for good with a 17-6 third quarter, en route



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Freshman Sky Cotton (24) rises and disposes of a shot by Bayfield's Taylor Harrison (2) during Ignacio's Valentine's Day non-league game. The Lady Bobcats clashed fairly evenly with the 3A Lady Wolverines for most of the first half, but took a 72-46 loss to end the regular season.

to a 72-46 win. Simmons and Vigil each scored 10 points for Ignacio (9-9, 7-5 SJBL), but Armstrong was blanked in the second half and finished with eight. Cotton finished with seven in her first Pine River Rivalry game, and sophomore Cloe Seibel added six.

Three days earlier, IHS had sewed up its circuit slate in convincing fashion, 41-21 inside IHS Gymnasium over Telluride. One scary thing to ponder: THS junior

Morgan Mackie registered 21 points in the Lady Miners' 42-41 JV victory, but did not play varsity until the rout's final minute.

Leading 9-4 after one quarter (THS's totals were 4-4-7-6), Armstrong staked IHS to a 17-8 halftime lead with five of her team-high 13 points coming in the half's last 90 seconds. Vigil and junior Pam Cotton then helped slam the door in the fourth with five points each towards the team's 16.

Vigil finished with nine and Cotton seven, while Simmons traded six-for-six with counterpart Emy Ludwig. Senior center Emily Langley led Telluride with eight points, and classmate Sonja Erickson netted five (both she and Ludwig were bageled in the first half, and fellow starter Jo Bush never scored).

Shooting a scorching 11-of-14 from the foul line, Ignacio opened on an 8-0 spree the afternoon before against Mancos, and never looked back in a 67-40 blowout. Lady Jay senior Erica Blackburn prevented a first-quarter shutout, but that 16-2 deficit reached 37-9 — inflated by another 8-0 opening stretch — at halftime (after which IHS's FT accuracy abruptly dipped to 4-of-11).

Ten Vigil points in the third quarter, for all practical purposes, turned out the lights on MHS — despite senior Jacey Cox's sudden eight — as the game went to the fourth standing 55-27.

Pam Cotton led one of the Lady Bobcats' most diverse scoring attacks yet this season with 13 points. Vigil finished with 12, Simmons 11, and Armstrong and Sky Cotton each with 10. Seibel had nine.

Freshman Andie Paschal led Mancos with ten, Cox stayed at eight, Kayla Goff had six and Blackburn five.



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The only 12th-grader on the Ignacio roster, Nicole Burch stands alongside junior Valerie Armstrong (33) during Senior/Parent Appreciation Night festivities on Valentine's Day. The Lady Bobcats battled non-league 3A Bayfield in their regular-season finale, but fell 72-46.

Pena outdone in historic outro • from page 1

loose" kid knew not his immediate, post-IHS athletic choices.

"Haven't talked to anyone about wrestling [in] college," said Pena, who didn't exactly rule out the option, nor a possible shift into the mixed-martial arts scene, but who appeared most ready to simply resume high school for a few more pre-diploma months.

Still among a group of three-time champs numbering less than 100 and able to stay driven just to reach a fourth grand finale, there's no reason Alex Pena or anyone near him should be disappointed.

Bobcats take 14th overall

Among Pena's teammates, an ironman-style season ended short of expectations for Teagan Overturf.

Few 42-match winners ever end on the outer edge of the Colorado State Wrestling Championships' podium, but after scrapping through his 54th match of 2011-12, the IHS senior was stopped for good in Denver in the fifth-place match at 160 pounds.

Burned by a controversial stall-point ruling after previously staving off elimination twice,

Overturf had a last chance to medal. But Custer County (Westcliffe) senior Jack Woods denied Overturf fifth place in a repeat of Overturf's undoing at the 2A-Region II Championships, though not before he earned IHS team points with a 32-second pin of Wray's Alex Merritt and a 4-3 win over Paonia's Tyler Bear leading to a disputed 6-5 loss to Rocky Ford's Chris Robinson. Akron's Jourdan Hottinger had first demoted Overturf from the winners' bracket via an 8-3 decision.

With seniors Colton Wyatt and

Pena also placing on Day 3, Ignacio finished in 14th place overall, matching Swink with 48 points. Paonia's Eagles flew away with top honors, racking up 179 points to blow away runner-up Baca County (Springfield/Vilas) by 63.5. RFHS (109.5), Fowler (99) and Burlington (84.5) rounded out the top five.

Wyatt's bid for a title at 195 was canceled in the quarterfinals, 12-9, by Byers' Jacob Linnebur, but Wyatt recovered with a 91-second pin of Wray's Matt Sullivan and followed by sticking

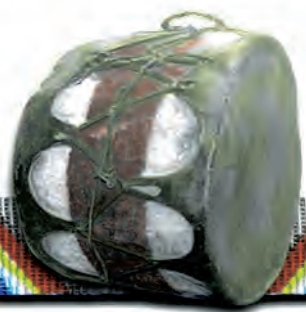
Holyoke's Jesus Hermsillo 35 seconds into the third period.

But his shot to make the third-place match disappeared underneath the torso of a familiar foe: Norwood senior Jaron Ragsdale, initially seeded at the top end of the bracket. Controlling Wyatt virtually from start to finish, Ragsdale went for the pin instead of a technical fall (he led 12-2 at the time), and stuck IHS' a senior 1:33 into the third.

Finishing his final year 29-7, Wyatt defeated Lutheran (Parker) senior Zach Parker for fifth.

Ignacio senior 132-pounder Jeff Herrera's final go-round unfortunately ended 21-17 after straight starts — pinned by Yuma's Alex Klopp in an elapsed 5:23, and then defeated 7-3 by Hayden's Journey Vreeman.

And at 170, freshman Blaine Mickey met a similar 0-2 fate — pinned in 26 seconds by eventual champ Brent Harris of Norwood, and eliminated by pin in 2:09 courtesy Peyton's Rich Lancaster — but should be able to use the experience of a 5-28 season to develop in 2012-13 as IHS' lone state returnee.



'Dunk Inventor' Dobbs wows Ignacio

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

As crazy as his life was becoming, the "Dunk Inventor" might have feared he was turning into a character from a 1994 movie: a flick, ironically, about a sport he'd not seriously undertaken but which would help save him from a visit to the undertaker.

In "Above the Rim," the late rapper Tupac Shakur jabs at his on-screen brother: "Not even Nutso ever got that high! Least not playin'."

"Nutso" appears as a plot har-binger; Shakur's sibling "Shep" hears the ribbing after being spotted practicing in the dark against his invisible, departed opponent and friend.

But apparently he must have had good game; real-life Kenny Dobbs, as a youth not yet realizing the potential inherent in a vertical leap exceeding 40 inches, was headed that same direc-

tion. Not to the jersey of the 4A Independence (Glendale, Ariz.) Patriots in the prep ranks — he was kicked out — but to, well, not even Dobbs really knew for sure, versed in many levels of drugs and crime that had his own family living in danger in the city northwest of Phoenix, and Dobbs living in his car on death's doorstep.

Youths in Ignacio heard the man's life story, one taking the rags-to-riches tale of Depression-era "Cinderella Man" boxer James Braddock (made into a biopic starring Russell Crowe) to a much higher — and lower — level, at an IHS assembly on Friday, Feb. 10 from Dobbs himself. And they saw for themselves talent almost squandered, talent that has earned him accolades (including from magazines SLAM and DIME) as street-ball's best slammer — a likely place he avoided through faith and by staying "above the rim."



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Kenny "The Dunk Inventor" Dobbs, stopped by the Southern Ute Reservation on Thursday Feb. 9 - Friday Feb. 10, to show his basketball skills and tell the story of how he struggled to grow up in a hard family situation. Many of Dobbs' stops included the SunUte Community Center, Ignacio High School and the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



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"Dunk Inventor" Kenny Dobbs sets the basketball atop the hands of Trae Seibel, in line with Lady Bobcat freshman Sky Cotton and senior Nicole Burch, in preparation for a trick dunk. Dobbs shared his story and demonstrated his high-flying skills at the Ignacio High gym on Friday, Feb. 10. He plans to compete in the NBA All-Star Weekend 2012 in Orlando, Fla., later this year.

At halftime of the boys' varsity game later that night, fans of both the Bobcats and visiting Mancos Blue Jays had to believe their own eyes as well. Once offered a chance to play at Glendale CC in the junior-college ranks after miraculously managing to graduate high school, now backed by Sprite and Nike, Dobbs gave

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He capped it off with what's known as one of his "signature" jams: As SunUte Community Center Recreation Manager McKean Walton helped hype the IHS Gymnasium atmosphere up via the microphone, Dobbs lined up three volunteers — Lady Bobcat guards Nicole Burch and Sky Cotton, and boys' assistant coach Trae Seibel — in a line down the

heart of the lane. Teeing the ball game later that night, fans of both the Bobcats and visiting Mancos Blue Jays had to believe their own eyes as well. Once offered a chance to play at Glendale CC in the junior-college ranks after miraculously managing to graduate high school, now backed by Sprite and Nike, Dobbs gave

home a wind-mill over all three to an eruption of applause. Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) ambassador, Nike N7 program promoter to Native American communities (he has Choctaw heritage through his father's side), founder of the AzUprise Youth Foundation, and with hoop skills to pay bills (he is a father), the lesson learned to all observers was Kenny Dobbs himself: an it's-never-too-late saga live and in the flesh, and clearly thankful to be so.



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A-Team remain unbeaten, concluding a successful basketball season



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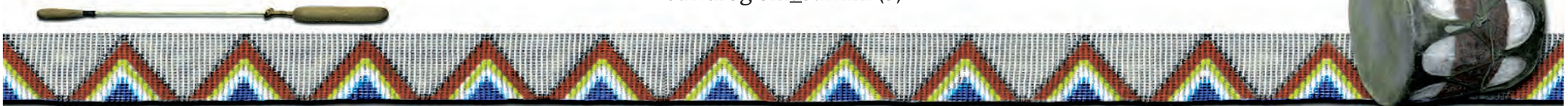
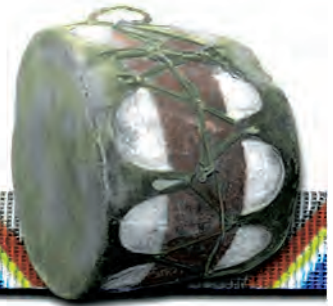
IJHS A-team standout Wyatt Hayes (11) draws all but one of Bayfield's boys on the court toward him, and alertly dishes out towards an incoming teammate during the Thursday, Feb. 9 clash between the local rival schools inside a capacity-packed IJHS Gymnasium. In their final home game this season, the Bobcats walloped the Wolverines 54-33 with Hayes' 17 points leading the way. The Bobcats' top team continued its unbeaten season with league wins Feb. 11 in Nucla — 41 to 27 over Dove Creek, and a thorough 51-10 thrashing of the host Mustang "Colts." The junior-high season concluded late Saturday, Feb. 18, at the SJBL Tournament in Ouray.



IJHS C-teamer (above left) Jagur Velasco (41) fires up a jumper against Bayfield on Thursday, Feb. 9 during the youngest junior-high Bobcats' final home game of 2012. IJHS fell 22-13 in the contest, but the program's evening would quickly improve. IJHS B-teamer (above right) John Valdez (21) splits



two Bayfield Wolverines for a tough shot during Ignacio's final home game of 2012 on Thursday, Feb. 9. In the second of three tilts with the local, albeit non-league rival, the Cats staged an exciting rally late but came up short, 35-30. The night's main event, however, would reverse IJHS' fortunes.



Cabin fever takes hold in Ignacio

Cabin fever was present within the Multi-Purpose Facility, Saturday, Feb. 18 in Ignacio ... well not exactly, but the Four Corners Gourd Society took advantage of the season's mild weather and held a one-day gourd dance and powwow. The social event began with a four-hour gourd dance and well into the evening with a social powwow. Approximately 60 people attended the event, and many took part in the specials, a two-step dance contest, round dancing and a cake walk.



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Who am I?

Nothing without genuine love

By Tim Yaw

Nauciu Bible Baptist Church

Over the last six issues, we have investigated the source of genuine love, gathering enough evidence to prove that genuine love is a sacrificial love that puts others feelings and needs ahead of our own.

Because of our self-centeredness, which puts our needs and feelings ahead of others, humans are incapable of expressing genuine love. While identifying God as a spirit with a personality, we found that his purpose for creating humans was with which to have a loving relationship.

Because all of God's personality traits are centered on love, a relationship is necessary so that his love can be expressed. From that evidence, we found God to be perfectly righteous and holy and found ourselves to be completely opposite. Our uncleanness separates us from God's desired loving relationship simply because God's perfection will not allow communion with imperfection.

We then uncovered evidence provided by God himself in his word, the Holy Bible, that this separation from him will be everlasting, even after our soul departs from its physical body. In other words, it takes a sinless human to have an everlasting relationship with God.

Here is where we found our solution to our sin problem. God came into his created realm as a man yet being completely God under the name of Jesus Christ. Being the God-man, Jesus was that sinless man who met the required criteria needed for an eternal relationship with God.

We were awed to find that Jesus took the sin of the world on himself and died in that sin, thus paying the penalty we were to pay. As if that was not awesome enough, we learned that if we believe in our hearts what Jesus did for us; God not only forgives us of our sin, he also forgets

about it! All we have to do is acknowledge that Jesus paid our debt, ask for that forgiveness and admit we cannot be perfect like God under our own effort.

When we do this and ask God to change our selfish desires, will and emotions (and be willing to allow it), God comes to live in us through his Holy Spirit. We saw in the last issue the righteous and holy fruit that his Spirit produces in us. Something we could never produce no matter how much self-effort, work, knowledge and understanding we put into it.

God shows us through the Bible the result of a self-effort attempt to gain righteousness: "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."

Previously in our investigation, after proving that our soul/spirit is the real person we are, we briefly discussed the reality of opposites. Everything has an opposite, so if there is a good spirit, then there has to be an evil spirit. Our pride that seeks its own pleasures and rebels against God is the evil spirit in us.

In the passage above, a person attempts to rid himself of the evil in him under his own effort. Although this effort is sometimes successful, it is only temporary. As seen, the evil spirit leaves but returns finding the house (spirit) clean and in order, yet empty and defenseless. The evil returns, bringing more evil with it, thus putting the temporarily clean spirit in worse condition than before!

You see, no matter how many rituals we perform, no matter how many self-help books we read, no matter how many secular programs we attend, our sin

cannot be permanently cleansed without the power of God. After a battle with this self-effort, a person usually just gives up trying and gives in to their sin.

You can relate to this, because you have probably tried some type of self-cleansing in the past, or maybe you are struggling with it as you read this. I surely can.

God changed me from a cocaine and alcohol abuser by taking away my desire for them. Everything I tried on my own failed, but when I conceded my pride and asked God to change me, within a month those desires were gone.

The fact is we cannot permanently overcome the power of sin on our own. Only through God's power can it be done. We have to recognize him as God and ask him to make the change in us. When we sincerely ask for forgiveness and are willing to let God heal us of our sin, he becomes our life and produces the righteous fruit we discussed earlier. If we could change ourselves, God would have not needed to die for humankind and pay our sin debt.

It all goes back to genuine love, and only God has this sacrificial love. But he is willing to share it with us if we will only lose our pride and ask him to do it! When you do this and see what God does in you, you will proclaim him as Lord of your life and glorify him to others.

Remember, we proved that this is the reason for our existence when we investigated our query: "What is my purpose in this existence?"

We have seen the son of God, Jesus Christ, as being the central person of God in bringing this genuine love to light. In the next issue we will investigate Jesus and discuss the controversial issue of Jesus being "the Way, the Truth and the Life" of our existence both now and forever. You won't want to miss this issue — it may just change your life!

NEW EMPLOYEES



Krista Richards

Job title: The Southern Ute Drum administrative assistant
Description of duties: File paper work, help with budgets, travel requests, advertising, etc.

Hobbies: Writing, drawing, photography (on my own), four-wheeling and archery.

Family: Howard Richards Sr. (Dad), the late Andrea B. Richards (Mom), four brothers and two sisters.

Tribe: Southern Ute, Southern Cheyenne and Pawnee.

SunUte Community Center



Hello.

My name is Lisa Allen and I am the aquatics coordinator for the SunUte Community Center.

I would like you to know that we will be closing the pool area on **March 5th, 2012 for maintenance repair.** I apologize for the inconvenience and we will do our best to speed the process up so we can see you back in the water.

Please call SunUte at 970-563-0214 or visit www.sunute.com for up to date information on the closure.

Thank you and have a wonderful day.

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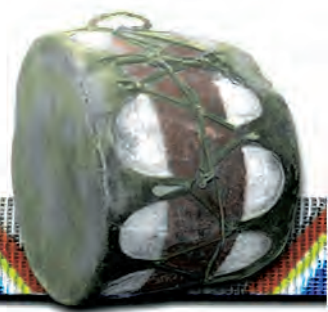
Saturday, March 10, 2012, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

Spend the day sampling various appetizers and wedding cakes, view an array of flower arrangements, find the perfect photographer, and see the new 2012 line of wedding gowns on the runway.

Enter to win prizes every hour, with one lucky couple walking away with a honeymoon package!

FREE vendor booth or general informaton, please call 970.563.1756



FLC group honors elders • from page 1



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Fort Lewis College held their first annual Elder's Day at the new Native American Center Tuesday, Feb. 21, Pearl Casias (top) is shown singing along with students from Fort Lewis College to "De Colores." Sage Remington (right) is seen here talking to Tony Boxer, who is another elder who got honored the same day. Native American singers from Fort Lewis (bottom) show they still got the spirit.

took place throughout the day, from socializing to honor songs performed by students to writing "I am from..." poetry, which sparked a lot of emotions.

President Dene Kay Thomas and Provost Barbara Morris also stopped by to pay respects.

"We have a lot of advice shared with our elders in a big community like this," Thomas said. "To understand this world ... we ask for our elders' help."



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Love is respect



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio High School students (left to right) Shailyn Olguin, Nicole Burch and Abriana Baker stand with a poster they created with their peers on Valentine's Day as part of the See It Stop It program. Sky Sandoval said the project was in support of a larger initiative, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Ready for the dance



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal elder Evelyn Russell works to put the finishing touches on a ribbon shirt at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, Feb. 16. Russell said she gets together with a few other community members each week to work on personal sewing projects, often preparing potluck meals to further the social experience. Quilts, shawls, and ribbon shirts were among the cultural items being crafted.



SunUte Community Center

Located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the SunUte Community Center provides awesome recreation, fitness and community service to Tribal and non-Tribal members and guests. This 50,000 square foot facility hosts a number of amenities from fitness and sports play to community events, educational services and a beautiful pool. Our main goal is to serve people of all ages that walk through our door by providing great customer service and a safe environment.

- Youth Sports
- Dive-In Movies
- Adult Leagues & Tournaments
- Swim Lessons
- Senior Breakfast
- Fitness Incentive Programs
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Public notice

Southern Ute Indian Tribe/Multi-Purpose Facility

The Multi-Purpose Staff would like to encourage the Southern Ute Tribal Membership to place their reservations for either the Multi-Purpose Facility or Memorial Chapel early. The Multi-Purpose staff will make every effort to accommodate the requests. All weekend events must be made by five pm on Friday. Please note the following policy when making a request: Tribal Members events only, no fees, cultural, traditional and social events, AV equipment (TV/DVD/VCR) available. No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed in facility or on grounds, user is responsible for all cleaning/setup, a refundable deposit may be required for large events and all events scheduled are on a first come/first serve basis.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: In the event of a Tribal Member's (or immediate family member) funeral all scheduled activities will be canceled or postponed to accommodate the funeral.

Multi-Purpose Facility and Memorial Chapel
258 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 81137
970-563-4784 (direct line) or 970-563-0100 ext. 2640 or 2641

IN OBSERVANCE NATIONAL DONOR DAY!

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH SERVICES PRESENTS!

Please listen in on KSUT with Sharon Wing
CHR for a live Radio interview
with Donor recipient Randy Baker
WHEN: February 29, 2012
TIME: 3:15 PM



DID YOU KNOW?

- ▶ 112,766 people are waiting for an organ
- ▶ 18 people will die each day waiting for an organ
- ▶ 1 organ donor can save up to 8 lives

QUESTION OF THE DAY

When does National Donor Sabbath take place?

Choose one:

- A. Third week of December
- B. First day of August
- C. All of April
- D. The weekend two weeks before Thanksgiving

The correct answer is: D National Donor Sabbath takes place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday two weekends before Thanksgiving. It takes course over three days in order to include the day of worship for most religions. But the need for organ, tissue and eye donors does not end with one long weekend. Faith communities can hold services or discussions focused upon donation any time of the year that suits their calendar.

StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

♋ PISCES (Feb. 20–March 20)
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS PISCES! Neptune, your personal planet inspires lofty ideas now that that it has taken up residence in your sign. However, the FULL MOON in your opposite sign of VIRGO on the 8th stimulates other possibilities. Relationships might be a bit shaky as hard-driving Mars demands your undivided attention on the 3rd. Later on the 13th and 14th VENUS, MARS, JUPITER, and PLUTO form a favorable connection ushering in a more caring planetary energy. Irish luck may come your way on the 17th Little Fishes.

♈ ARIES (March 21–April 20)
Quick thinking becomes second nature to you when MERCURY dashes into your sign on the 2nd. Complete the three B's (business, banking, and bills) before the 12th when tricky little MERCURY reverses its motion. Check paperwork for mistakes. MERCURY teams with URANUS on the 5th and tends to scatter your thoughts to the 4 winds. In fact, you might be tempted to seek new ventures when the SUN returns to your sign on the 19th and increases your longing to see faraway places.

♉ TAURUS (April 21–May 21)
Besides dazzling us with brilliance in the evening sky, VENUS and JUPITER are also illuminating your sign this month. There are certain times when you can't go wrong and the 13th is one of them. Include the 14th as well because four planets are linked in happy harmony. This in turn should make most TAURUS folks whistle a contented tune, and relate to others in a more cheerful way. You have nothing to lose this month by zoning in on your long term aspirations. Trust in your capabilities. They are awesome!

♊ GEMINI (May 21–June 21)
The current planetary positions favor recognition for your efforts. They may not come easily but never the less you might be reaping the rewards of your clever ideas this month. Make it a point to mix with influential people. As always your "talent for talk" has you expressing your views in a variety of ways. Domestic projects you have been putting off need your attention now TWINS. Don't procrastinate, the quicker you get them done, the more time you'll have to play.

♋ CANCER (June 22–July 22)
Celestially speaking, the month of MARCH is usually a friendly one for MOON KIDS. But with MERCURY entering ARIES on the 2nd you may tend to feel more pessimistic. The feeling continues into the 3rd when the SUN takes an opposing stance to MARS. Not to worry MOON KIDS ... you'll shake those blah days by the 5th, when VENUS enters the gentle sign of TAURUS and soothes your sensitive nature. On the 8th a FULL MOON encourages your desire to learn something new, or to travel. Be sure to finalize your plans before the 12th.

♌ LEO (July 23–Aug. 22)
Visions of exciting new places activate your roaming instincts LEO. With both MERCURY and URANUS moving through the travel section of your Solar Chart, stay at home projects just aren't the least bit appealing. Stay grounded LIONS. VENUS enters its own sign of TAURUS on the 5th and it may be worth your time and effort to concentrate on your job, or current projects. Adopt a resourceful and conservative attitude with finances after the 12th, it may help to develop a talent for growing money rather than spending it.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 23)
The FULL MOON coupled with MARS in VIRGO may have you running on nervous energy early this month. Keep a cool head on the 7th and 8th and resist the temptation to bite someone's head off over a trivial matter. Physical exercise, or other beneficial activities can help you calmly work through the MARCH MADNESS, and FULL MOON craziness. Don't take things for granted VIRGO! Your personal planet MERCURY will be doing a Moon dance on the 12th when it moves into backward motion. Be aware that misunderstandings may sometimes occur.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24–Oct. 23)
Current planetary focus centers in the work and health area of your SOLAR CHART. The month of MARCH may have you pondering career decisions, and a healthier way of life. But don't strain your brain too much LIBRA. The sizzling SUN enters hot and lively ARIES on the 19th, followed by a NEW MOON on the 22nd. This means you can initiate a fresh beginning for yourself. Your relationships are changing, and you are too. Utilize the planetary influences wisely, and adopt a more positive attitude. Go after what you want LIBRA!

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24–Nov. 22)
The winds of MARCH blow in happier times for SCORPIO folks as the SUN and NEPTUNE sail through the compatible sign of PISCES. Time spent with loved ones may be rewarding. Find some relaxing outlets to enjoy together. Be inventive. The 6th, 12th, and 14th may be mentally stimulating and creative as ideas flow in freely. Writing, artwork, beadwork, and quilting are a few ways to express your natural talents. Pluto (your ruler) has your back, and will do wonders for your confidence this month.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23–Dec. 21)
The planets have moved into a powerful formation that may amp up your finances. VENUS, JUPITER, MARS, and PLUTO are currently positioned in the work and money areas of your SOLAR CHART. Put your talents into motion Saggies. The time is right to lay a solid foundation for future objectives. Do what you can to get the ball rolling before the 12th. Later this month on the 19th when the SUN enters compatible ARIES, you'll see a more concise picture of how to achieve your intentions.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 20)
PLUTO'S current voyage through CAPRICORN adds a few perks now and then. This month opportunities abound when PLUTO enters a magic triangle with VENUS, JUPITER, and MARS. This is a prime time to pursue your objectives in spite of MERCURY'S retrograde. Just be sure to state your opinions clearly when communicating with others ... and be willing to listen their thoughts too. Short trips around town may occupy part of your daily routine. The outlook for MARCH is promising CAPRICORN.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21–Feb. 19)
MERCURY kicks off the month on a high note when it enters ambitious ARIES on the 2nd. Immediately on the 5th, this tiny planet links with your ruler URANUS and speeds up your daily routine. Many ideas come rapidly, and your ambition is likely to be rewarded. Keep an open mind AQUARIUS. Best to sidestep the old habits and fixed opinions. If needed, set finances on a stable course before the 12th, and put your credit cards in the deep freeze. Satisfaction can be yours after the 5th.

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CONFERENCE FOR RURAL ADULT LEARNING AND LITERACY

March 15-16, 2012; Ignacio, CO

Why is learning advancement so critical to the rural West? How will our local economies benefit from better trained, post-secondary level workers? Why are organizations competing or isolating when their uniqueness can actually enhance the other? How does our professional input itself matter for rural sustainability?

At this second annual event, community-based organizations from across the southwest will be sharing their experience and know-how for supporting and transforming rural lives. So, who's involved?

- Adult Educators
- Family Literacy programs
- Colorado WorkForce
- Public Libraries
- Regional Development councils
- Public Assistance agencies
- Immigrant Aid coalitions
- Conservancy education groups
- Health education networks
- Rural School associations
- College administrators
- Local Business associations
- County offices & Extensions

In bringing professionals from such diverse backgrounds to a common table, the Conference aims to deepen educational outcomes, clarify mutual goals and resources, and expand partnerships for broader public impact. We have so much to learn from each other: doing so means we can accomplish that much more.



SunUte Swim Club

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Train With Our Swim Club!

SunUte is fortunate to have coach Lin Eskridge back! She is coaching youth swimming for ages 8-18 every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 pm. This program is open to the public, however, we are looking for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and Descendants (ages 8-18) to participate in the games being held in July. The Tri-Ute Games are designed for all Utes to get to know their brothers and sisters through friendly competition. If you can

SunUte Pool

Tri-Ute Swimmers from 2009

swim one length in the pool we welcome you to come and learn to swim competitively. As the kids progress Lin will be teaching proper technique, flip turns and the rules and regulations involved in racing.

Our goal is to train swimmers to be competitive in the Tri-Ute games and future NAIG games. Swimmers can also train to compete as independents in the Western Slope League.

Special points of interest:
See schedule for details.

- Use swimming as a way of cross training for your other sports.
- We offer free swim lessons for Tribal Members.
- We offer water aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- We offer private swim lessons for \$15 per half hour for non-Tribal Members.
- We will make more swim club training times available for Tribal Members upon request.

Swim for Fitness, Swim for Life!

Swimming doesn't have to be about competing. It is an excellent form of exercise that can be used throughout your entire life. If you've tried swimming laps,

you know it's not easy in the beginning! With proper training and perseverance anyone can learn to become a good recreational swimmer. By learning a variety of

strokes and changing the work out you can get a full-body work out that is less stressful for your back, knees and hips.



Express Your Opinions

Tribal members must take a stand against power

Not to be overly dramatic about it: It is imperative to understand that the Growth Fund and attorneys have used their power to defraud the tribal membership.

They wield considerable day-to-day influence over the arrangement and disposition of tribal affairs. They are much closer to the tribe's assets than the tribal stockholders. They benefit themselves and their families at the expense of the ordinary stockholders.

It's often hard to shake the sense that the membership/stockholders must seize the opportunity to scrutinize all financial relationships that affect the fundshareholder experience, including management fees, the role of directors, and disclosure.

The Tribal Council must realize that the Growth Fund wields considerable influence by wiping out and rendering meaningless the financial oversight that the Tribal Constitution puts in place for checks and balances for rule and tribal government accountability.

If the tribal membership has learned anything from the past few years, they are at the mercy of "insiders" without adequate and reliable accounting practices and overall disclosure. The membership has lost faith in the ethical safeguards at the Growth Fund, which are diffused and invisible.

Of equal importance is the

assurance that the tribal government does not succumb to governmental negligence.

Ultimately, the fact remains that the governing powers should be returned to their moral and legal bounds. All power rests with the tribal membership.

*Orville G. Hood
Southern Ute tribal elder*

Making it clear

To those tribal members that have problems or concerns: In the first place, I was approached by some tribal elders that we needed to have some kind of informational meeting, inviting departments to come and speak about various topics and answer questions that elders had.

I went ahead and took the bull by the horns and set up the meetings. I asked council for the go-ahead, and they gave me the OK. They also went ahead and paid for the luncheon.

As for the second meeting, we did the same, only this time the Growth Fund paid for the lunch, and they also gave me some gifts to give out to those attending the meeting. The casino did the same. Everyone in attendance received something; no one walked out empty-handed.

Now those of you that have been asking, "I heard she got paid for these meetings?" I did not get paid for going ahead and getting the ball rolling.

If you have questions about

what your concern is about me going ahead and doing these kinds of things, please come and talk to me personally! I, for one, hate people starting rumors and not getting the facts straight! I cannot stop people who get their day going without hurting and saying bad things about other tribal members.

The two young ladies that are trying to help the interested tribal elders with an exercise program need to be given a chance to achieve what they want to do by helping the elders. It is not right to be told off by one of our tribal elders, making them feel bad. Instead, she should have given good advice, not put them down!

This also goes for those tribal members that made the statement: "We don't want to attend because it's a 'Frost exercise program!'"

Why do we continue to put down our own young tribal members? We need to help our young adults to have a good feeling about our elders and respect them in a good way.

I just need to make things clear on my part. We need to stop hurting one another, because it is said we will regret it later in life. One of the young adults happens to be my great-niece, and she just started helping out here on the reservation.

*Dixie Frost Naranjo
One of the young tribal elders*

2011-2012 Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Report

Miss Southern Ute 2011-12 Brianna GoodTracks-Alires



Mique; hello. My name is Brianna GoodTracks-Alires. As many of you may know by now, I was crowned on Oct. 29, 2011, as the new Miss Southern Ute 2011-12.

I am the daughter of Jennifer GoodTracks and Gary Alires. I have twin brothers, Keifer and Keiston. My grandmothers are Anna Mae Alires and the late Shirley GoodTracks. My great grandparents are William C. Monte, John Williams, Cora Burch and Ruth Archuleta. I attend Bayfield High school.

I am excited to share in representing the Southern Ute Tribe with my fellow royalty members who are Krista Richards, Miss Southern Ute alternate; Izabella Howe, Jr. Miss Southern Ute; Eufemia Pardo, Little Miss Southern Ute; Yllana Howe, Little Miss Southern Ute alternate; Arnulfo Pardo III, Southern Ute Brave; and Amarante Pardo, Southern Ute Brave alternate.

For the month of October 2011, I began my reign by supporting the Health and Wellness Powwow at the SunUte Community Center, and I served as the head girl dancer for this powwow. I want to say that taking care of how we eat and get-

ting exercise is important to our health as Native people.

On Oct. 28, I went to view a film at SunUte titled "Hearing Radmilla Cody" about Radmilla's experience with domestic violence. Miss Cody is a former Miss Navajo Nation, and I was honored to have met her. Hopefully, we will have future opportunities to attend more films in our community to raise our awareness about important issues that affect us.

The Southern Ute Royalty sponsored a Royal Fishing Pond at the Halloween carnival. We gave out goody bags to all the trick-or-treaters who stopped by to see us.

In November, I attended the sixth annual Southern Ute Veterans Powwow at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center, and I want to give my "thank you, tog'oiak" to all our veterans for their dedicated service to our country.

On Nov. 19, I attended the annual Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner and shook hands with tribal members. On Nov. 22, I participated in taking Ute heritage to the Ignacio schools in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. The Southern Ute Royalty participated in dance performances at the schools and gave our formal introductions.

The Southern Ute Royalty traveled to Ft. Duchesne, Utah, for the annual Northern Ute Thanksgiving powwow. This was a fun powwow, and I enjoyed being there with my family and saying hi to my Northern Ute friends.

Also, on Nov. 29, I attended the Durango School District's 9R Title VII fundraiser. The Parent Advisory Committee sponsored a Native American dinner, silent auction and cultural presentation

at Miller Middle School. I did a cultural presentation on traditional Ute cradleboards and made a small brochure for the guests. I want to thank my dad for being my helper at this event.

The Southern Ute Tribe hosted its annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 17 at the casino's Events Center. The Southern Ute Royalty was present and we provided the Lord's Prayer. The younger royalty helped Santa hand out goodie bags and toys to the children.

It was an honor to receive an invitation from the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty to attend their Towaoc Christmas Powwow on Dec. 23. It was a one-day powwow, and I enjoyed being there. I want to thank the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty for their invitation and hospitality.

For the month of January 2012, I traveled to Cochiti, N.M., and attended the powwow fundraiser for the eighth-grade Cochiti Pueblo students who were raising money to travel to Boston and New York. This was a fun powwow with lots of cakewalks and raffles. I provided an exhibition of women's northern traditional style dance. At this powwow I met Daisy Frost, who is a former Miss Southern Ute and she was very encouraging. Thank you Daisy!

Last but not least, the Southern Ute Royalty had a float in the Snowdown parade on Feb. 3. Wow, it was cold! The theme of our float was "Once upon a time: How the Nuche 'The Utes' came to be" and we used the Ute creation story with the coyote.

This ends my quarterly report for now. I would like to say that I am humbled and honored to have this opportunity to represent my Southern Ute people.

*Tog'oiak' and thank you,
Brianna GoodTracks-Alires
Miss Southern Ute 2011-12*

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Birthday wishes and congratulations



Wishing you a very Happy Birthday on the 19th

We are all very Honored to have you in our lives and to be able to call you, Son, Brother, Cousin and Uncle. Mom would be very proud of the handsome young man you are becoming. Always thinking of you, hope your day is blessed and filled with joy. May the Creator watch over you on your special day.

*Love,
Dad, Sue, Shiri, Joseph,
Grandma Sherri & Grandpa Bear*



Congratulations go out to 14 year old Jack Frost, III

He packed up his bowling equipment and skills and headed south to the 2012 Albuquerque, NM, Junior Bowlers Tour (JBT) youth bowling tournament held on February 12, 2012 at Silva Lanes. He entered the scratch division and bowled all day

through the qualifying rounds then moved onto the semi-final round and then qualifying for a grueling step ladder final round with some very close games and then eventually to the championship game where he won the title on the last frame of the game and his first tournament JBT title! His opponent had just won his 32nd tournament title the day before and was on a 2 tournament title streak! The level of bowling talent was evident at this tournament which made his title all the sweeter! There were 26 bowlers in his division. We are all very proud of you and you represented your tribe with pride! He would like to thank Mr. Vince Akin for setting up and fine tuning his MOTIV Thrash bowling ball and several other local long time bowlers for their advice.

His championship game can be seen on YouTube, JBT at Silva 2/12/12.

Article taken from JBT website

2012 Albuquerque, NM Junior Bowlers Tour, SILVA LANES, Youth bowling champs Jack Frost III (Scratch) & Derek Webster (Handicap).

On a chilly day in Albuquerque, Jack Frost III swept in and cooled off the scratch division, while Derek Webster joined him as first time JBT champs, in exciting NM-TX Conference action at Silva Lanes.

Frost had a memorable run up the scratch division stepladder, beginning with a 201 tie against Chris Brown in round one, which forced a roll-off that Jack won 10-8 to advance. Frost then rolled past early leader Roger Johnson 248-152, and stopped Nick Lee 216-212 in a tough semifinal to advance to the title game.

Top seed Cameron Smith is building an incredible season, and also came in on a two-event winning streak. The finals also saw the debut of the 'endless tenth frame' format, where if a bowler struck on their fill ball, they had the chance to continue adding 10 pins per additional strike until they stopped striking, making no lead a shutout. In the title game, Cameron's good look in the early frames turned ugly with short counts in his final three frames, finishing at 190. Frost got the strike on his fill ball to finish the 'usual' tenth at 181, meaning his 'endless 10th' boiled down to simply striking to win and anything else to lose. As he did the whole stepladder when he needed it, Frost fired the shot for the strike, a thrilling 191-190 win, and the first title of his JBT career!

Scratch High Games

Frost 258
Williams 258
J Gill 257
Lee 256
R Johnson 247

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Public notice

The Southern Ute Tribe's Department of Natural Resources, is in the process of putting address signs for Southern Ute Tribal members living within the boundaries of the Reservation. The long standing and growing concern is from emergency service providers and law enforcement regarding 911 addressing issues and response time. There are precious minutes lost when emergency response units are dispatched to the wrong address. The Department of Natural Resources reminds all; these signs are the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Please do not remove these sign, each sign has a purpose. For 911 emergency systems to dispatch emergency service providers to the proper physical address. If you have any questions, please contact Eddie Box, Jr., DNR Information Systems Manager at 970-563-0125 ext. 2232.

Public notice

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE/STATE OF COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission will meet on Thursday, March 1, 2012 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administrative Building, Buckskin Charlie Room in Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The agenda will include Election of Commission Chairperson, Agenda/Minutes Review and Approval, Introduction of New SUT/CO Environmental Commissioners, Part 70 Operating Permit Program, Minor Source Program, Commission Planning Period, Public Comment Period and Schedule Next Meeting. For more information please contact Ms. Brenda Jarrell, Air Quality Program Manager at 970-563-4705 ext. 2246.

Requests for Bids

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW COMMITTEE CATERING SERVICES FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW

The Health and Wellness Powwow committee is now accepting bids for catering for the upcoming Health and Wellness Powwow, taking place Oct. 20, 2012. All bids must be turned in, in writing, by July 1, to be considered. A menu must be planned, included with the specific recipes. Catering will be planned for 500 people, for the meal break at 5 p.m. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Preference will be given to caterers and their servers/helpers who have food handlers certificates, or able to obtain prior to the event. Each interested caterer will be asked to turn in two bids; 1 will include set-up and clean up of all meal related items; 2 the other bid should be for cooking and food preparation only (committee and volunteers can be responsible for set up and clean up). If interested in catering this event, please contact Robert Howe at 970-563-0100, ext. 2458 or call the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes program at 970-563-4741.

Invitation to Bid

SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO TO SOURCE MORE LOCALLY GROWN FOODS INTO SCHOOL PROGRAMS

School districts in Southwest Colorado are working together to source more locally grown foods into our school breakfast and lunch programs. For the purpose of this bid, locally grown fresh fruits and raw vegetables are defined as "unprocessed agricultural product that retains its inherent character" and originates from within a 250 mile radius of Durango, Colorado. All "locally grown" products will be harvested within one week of delivery and local products meeting these requirements must be documented in the awarded respondents subsequent purchase orders and invoicing. Sealed bids will be received at Durango School District on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 by 2:00 PM for the furnishing and delivery of locally grown fresh fruits and raw vegetables to participating school districts. All bids received after the time specified will not be opened or considered. The vendor assumes all risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of mail by employees of the district. The vendor assumes responsibility for having the bid in on time. Telephone amendments, faxed bids and emailed bids will not be accepted. If you are interested in placing a bid to provide locally grown foods to the Ignacio School District, please visit the district website at www.ignacioschools.org and review the Farm to School Bid packet for further information and deadlines.

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Time: 6:30pm-8pm
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Location: SunUte Community Center
Contact Information: Crystal Thompson
970-563-0246 ext. 3317 OR email cthompson@southern-ute.nsn.us
First Come First Serve - Max of 15 participants
End date will vary if any classes are to be cancelled. Age negotiable.

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March 8, 2012 - Self Defense Techniques, Dinner & Youth advocacy
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Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Geologist V

Closing date 2/27/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Planning and implementing technical evaluation of projects requiring the application of advanced geologic and geophysical interpretation skills. Responsible for working both independently and with teams and junior geologic staff to generate viable oil and gas exploration drilling prospects resulting in the discovery of new oil and gas reserves.

Landman IV

Closing date 2/28/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Obtains the legal licenses to drill and produce oil and gas, maintains orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records, negotiates and assists in the drafting of leases and partnership documents, and provides leadership to multi-function teams.

Senior Division Order Analyst

Closing date 2/28/12 – Red Willow Production Co. 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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Closing date 2/29/12 – Red Cedar Gathering Durango, CO. Responsible for operating and maintaining the field compressor stations and associated equipment safely and efficiently.

Application Developer I

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Lead Land Records Analyst

Closing date 3/9/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Establishes the procedures and protocol to maintain orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records for all operated and non-operated interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, and other various land documents.

Lead Division Order Analyst

Closing date 3/9/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Division Order 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 filing system.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs or at the Human Resources Department P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Tribal Ranger Trainee

Closing date 2/28/12
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.

Pharmacist

Closing Date 3/9/12
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Temp-Lake Capote Maint. Worker (2 positions)

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Temp-(YNR) Crew Members (4 positions)

Open until filled
Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental educational program provided by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR Program is to foster an interest in and sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education, and field trip opportunities. Pay grade 11.

Temp-(YNR) Crew Leader

Open until filled
May through September. Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental education program of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR is to foster an interest in and a sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education lessons, and field trip opportunities. Pay grade 14.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program
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Ignacio School District

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Job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Bus Monitor - Open until filled

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P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Powwow Committee vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

**OUR SISTER'S KEEPER COALITION
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/TERO**

Admin. Assistant/Victim's Advocate Coordinator Trainee

Closing date 2/24/12
Our Sister's Keeper Coalition and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO office are accepting applications for an individual interested in completing a training program within our organization. Our Sister's Keeper is a tribal coalition assisting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Applicants must be at least eighteen years old; have the desire to stop violence; have some computer knowledge; demonstrate a professional attitude; have some office management skills; and willingness to work various hours as needed.
Applicant must NOT have current crimes associated with violence or crimes against children. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must have a current drivers license and be able to transport clients. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation and drug testing. Please contact Our Sister's Keeper for the complete job announcement and qualifications at 970-259-2519. TERO Preference applies.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, SOCIAL SERVICES
Citizen Review Panel**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 ext. 2424.

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Horse problems in Southwest Colorado

By Suzi Richards
The Southern Ute Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council met with San Juan Forestry Crew members and members of the Jicarilla Apache Nation on Wednesday, Feb. 15 to talk about the feral horse problem facing local authorities.

The group discussed setting up further meetings and developing plans to address the issue.

Steve Whiteman, head of the tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management, said a helicopter count is the best way to put a number to it.

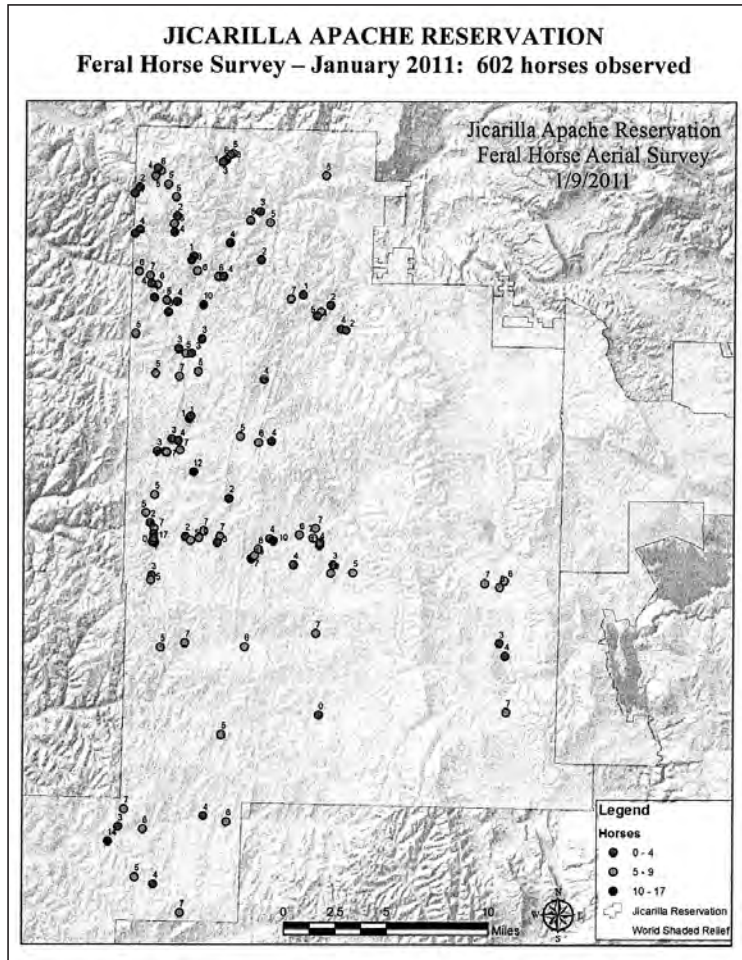
"It doesn't happen overnight," he said. "It will take some time."

Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. said it's important to involve tribal members in the process "so they know what the tribe is doing to help and solve this problem."

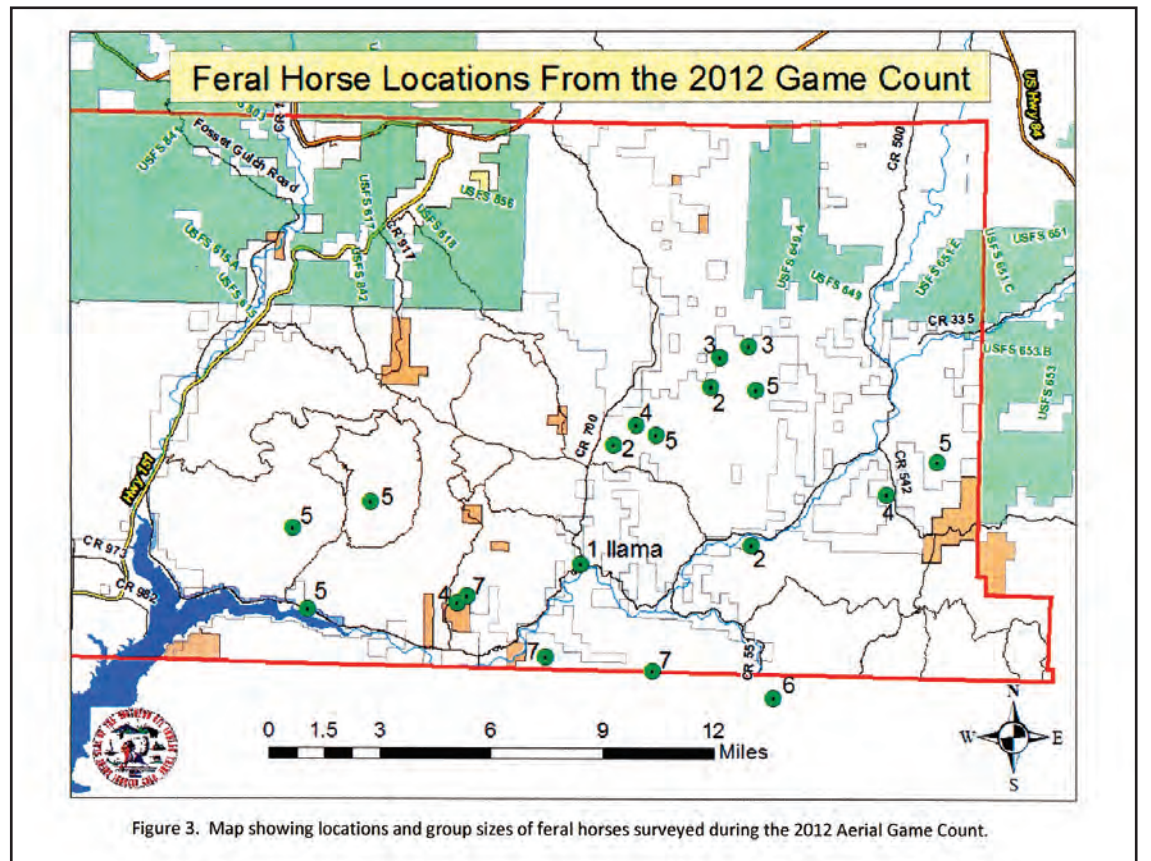


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Feral horses roam the Escondido area on Southern Ute Indian Reservation lands. Often turned loose by their owners, these animals pose a threat to native species and their habitat, and also compete for resources with tribal members' livestock.

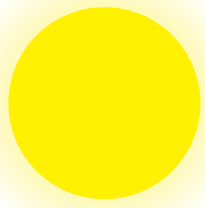


A survey map of the Jicarilla reservation and a game count map of an eastern portion of the Southern Ute reservation given by both tribes were made available at a meeting which held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Buckskin Charley room in the Leonard C. Burch Building.



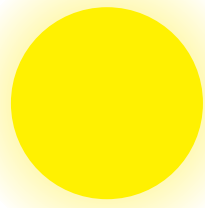
Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Feb. 24



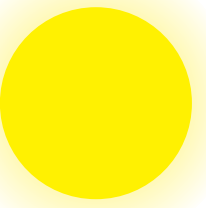
Sunny, High 42° F

Saturday, Feb. 25



Mostly sunny, High 47° F

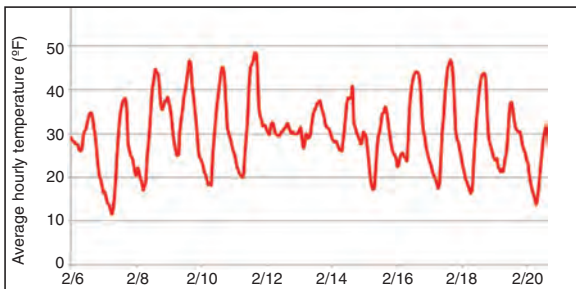
Sunday, Feb. 26



Mostly sunny, High 39° F

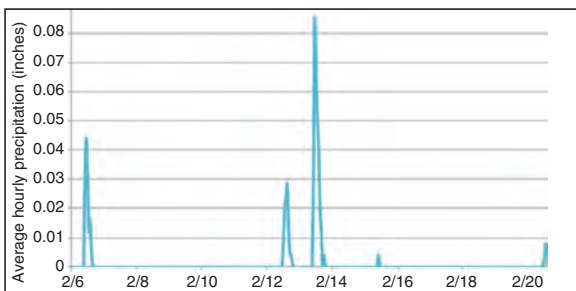


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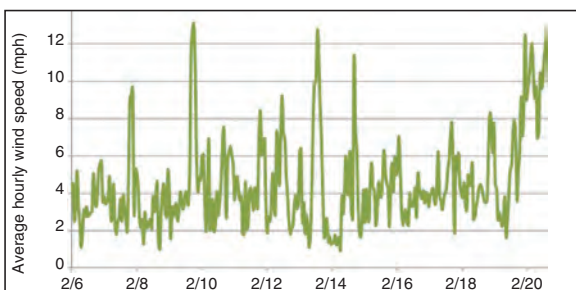
Temperature

High	48.5°F
Low	11.6°F
Average	29.3°F
Average last year	29.1°F



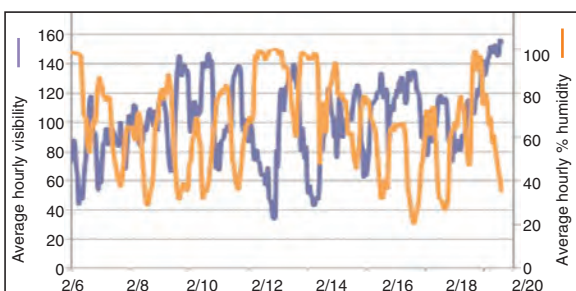
Precipitation

Total	0.56 inches
Total last year	0.15 inches



Wind speed

Average	4.5 mph
Minimum	1.0 mph
Maximum	13.0 mph



Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility	101.2
Avg. humidity	66.0%

Air quality
Good

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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