Another settlement in antiquities cases

Nick Sandberg is the new Public Lands Coordinator at Blanding. Sandberg began work on the job in September. He helps coordinate planning efforts for the county, with particular focus on public lands. Sandberg is the assistant field manager. He worked with the Bureau of Land Management for 36 years in the Monticello, CO. However, court documents were filed that indicated the charges will be settled before they are brought to trial.

The plea agreement is expected to include the forfeiture of personal antiquity items with federal pros-
tectors. The settlements have included the forfeiture of personal antiquity items. They are all Durango residents. The settlement, which includes Nick Sandberg as the assistant field manager, brings to trial.

Nick Sandberg has been busy since his retirement. He worked with the staff of Senator Robert Bennett to help develop a San Juan County Lands Bill. The bill has failed to ad-


ter. They are all Durango residents. More than two dozen people faced federal charges related to digging up, buying and selling Native American antiquities. The June 2009 raids trig-


ggered the suicides of three people, including two de-

fendants. In recent months, a host of the defendants have reached settlement agree-
ments with federal prosec-

utors. The settlements have included the forfeiture of personal antiquity collections, fines, restric-
tions from accessing pub-

lic lands and probation. Two of the one who faced antiquities charges has been sentenced to prison terms.

San Juan High School celebrates homecoming this week under the theme "A Gaia Live SJH".

Homecoming got an ear-

ly start when the home-

coming royalty was named at an assembly on Septem-

ber 23. Kelci Meyer is the Homecoming Queen, with Abby Bayles first attendant, Katie Hiatt second attendant, Keshia Remaly third attendant, and Erica Grover fourth attendant.

Activities before the San Juan Record was pub-

lished include the Mr. San Juan pageant on Septem-

ber 27, and hosting Monti-

cello for a volleyball game on September 28.

A powerhouse football game is Wednesday at 7 p.m. with a tailgate party and bonfire on Thursday. The Homecoming parade begins at noon on Friday, with the football game against the North Sum-

mit Bears set to begin at 7 p.m.

The Gunnison Sage-Grouse to be designated a candidate for Endangered Species Protection

The U.S. Fish and Wild-

life Service has deter-

mined that the Gunnison sage-grouse, a bird spe-

cies found only in south-
estern Utah and south-
western Colorado, war-

rents protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but that proposing the species for protection is precluded by the need to address other higher pri-

ority species.

A comprehensive status review conducted by the Service will add the Gunnison sage-grouse to its list of candidate species and review its status an-

tually. When a "warranted-

but precluded" finding is made for a species, the Service determines if it is a candidate for addition to the federal list of threat-

ened and endangered spe-

cies.

If the Service propos-

es the Gunnison sage-

grouse for protection un-

der the ESA in the future, the public will have an op-

portunity to comment. As a candidate species, the Gunnison sage-grouse would remain a state-managed species.

The Gunnison sage-

grouse currently exists in se-

ven populations, includ-

ing one in San Juan Coun-

ty near Monticello. Gun-

nison sage-grouse historic-

ally occurred in south-

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