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Looking for methane in real-time

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SPOTLIGHT ON...

Culture Preservation Dept.

Part 3 of 3: This issue will focus on the department's Ute classes that are provided for all tribal members, and the upcoming "All of Us Utes" Conference scheduled at the Multi-Purpose Facility on, May 27.

'All of Us Utes' Conference coming to Ignacio

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have joined together in bringing forth the "All of Us Utes" conference, an event that will include a variety of cultural activities ranging from Yucca soap making to Ute bingo. The conference is open to all Ute tribal members and will be held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, May 27 at 9 a.m. The conference is

established to encourage tribal members to learn about the Ute language and history while partaking in eventful activities. "We want to be able to share our culture with the youth so they can become empowering speakers," said Elise Redd, cultural preservations director. "The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Tribe came up with an agenda to put on a one day conference for the people. We are planning on having breakout ses-

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Henry Whiteskunk constructs a wooden tipi during a crafting class hosted by the Southern Ute Culture Center. The Culture Center provides a number of classes and history lessons for tribal members to attend.

Keeping culture alive

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Influencing tribal members on cultural awareness and Ute history has always been the main goal for the Southern Ute Culture Department. Every year, the department holds a number of activities for tribal members to partake in, including shawl making classes, tipi raising, beadwork, and sewing just to name a few.

The task for the department has been a significant one as modern times have turned towards the world of social media and pop culture. Awareness in history has decreased, and only a select number of tribal members can still speak their native language. The effort has been ongoing, and more youth have shown other interests. But with prop-

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Sacha Smith/SU Drum

U.S. Sen. Cory Gardner (R) shakes hands with Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost after both state governors visited the tribe Friday, May 1.

GOV'T TO GOV'T

U.S. Senators, tribe meet

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The tribe was paid a special visit Friday, May 1 by Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo., and Sen. Cory

Gardner, R-Colo. The main topics up for discussion were water rights and irrigation. Irrigation issues across the

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With everything he's got, Elco Garcia (right) follows through on a swinging right hand to Patrick Thompson's head during the "Boxing Is Back In The Rockies" main event.

BOXING

Split-decision unsatisfying to "The Animal" Garcia

Thompson tough in main event at Sky Ute Casino

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Lincoln, Nebraska's Patrick Thompson took bad news like someone who'd been there, done that before.

Because he is, and in both senses of the phrase considering his extensive fight record, and now having twice traveled to Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center after stepping inside the ropes Saturday night, May 9.

Ignacio, Colorado's Elco Garcia also manned up to the tell-all moment in veteran fashion, and after hearing the verdict wasted no time commandeering the public-address microphone to say to fans assembled at 'Boxing Is Back In The Rockies' something he sensed a majority was likely thinking:

The better fighter had lost.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Joe Gomez splits Terry Buterbaugh's mits and busts his nose with a straight right during the "Boxing Is Back In The Rockies" co-main event.

Awarded a 77-74, 75-76, 76-75 split-decision victory - he'd received a unanimous nod in the pair's first meeting back in 2011 - Garcia wrapped his right arm around Thompson's shocked shoulders and stated to the effect that things hadn't (and/or shouldn't have) gone his way.

"I respect him as a man," he said unambiguously, a

large lump prominent upon his left eyebrow as a result of a fifth-round haymaker right and knockdown which stunned his hometown faithful.

Later in the same frame referee Tony Zaino gave Garcia (28-9, 13 KO) a standing-eight after another potent Thompson attack,

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TRANSPORTATION

What you need to know about the two transportation plans

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, May 12 Tribal Planning held two kick-off meetings, one with multiple Southern Ute Departments, Growth Fund, town officials, CDOT; and one special meeting for the tribal membership.

The meetings were held to discuss the Tribal Transportation Safety Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

If you were unable to attend one the meetings here is what you need to know:

- The tribe has hired

WHPacific - a 100 percent Native American owned engineering, architecture, planning, and surveying firm - to complete a Long Range Transportation Plan Update and Tribal Traffic Safety Plan for the tribe.

- WHPacific will be on the reservation taking photos and traffic counts on various roadways around the reservation from late-May through mid-June.
- The plans play an integral role in the tribe receiving federal funding for roadway improvements.

TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN (TTSP)

- The tribe has received funds from the Federal Highways Administration and is working on developing a Tribal Transportation Safety Plan.
- The Tribal Traffic Safety Plan will be used to document safety concerns on Tribal, BIA, County and State-owned roads serving tribal lands.
- Tribal Planning has mailed out transportation safety questionnaires and comment forms to all Southern

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30 years of service on the force



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost (left) and Southern Ute Police Department Lieutenant Chris Naranjo present Julie Smith a Pendleton Blanket thanking her for her 30 years of service to law enforcement during Law Enforcement Week (May 11-15), recognized by the Southern Ute Law Enforcement departments and agencies. For more photos see page 9.



SENATORS AND TRIBE MEET • FROM PAGE 1



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet (D) takes a photo with the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council during the Senator's visit with the tribe Friday, May 1.

reservation are a big concern for the tribe, Councilman James M. Olguin said.

Due in large part to the lack of Bureau of Indian Affairs funding, ditch blow outs on tribal lands and are not being repaired because the BIA doesn't have the equipment or funding to fix the ditches.

"There is not sufficient funding, not even enough funding to do the maintenance ... we are running in the negative and will for awhile," Priscilla Bancroft, acting BIA superintendent for Southern Ute Agency, said.

"Because of the lack of water, a lot of the lands that are irrigable are not getting water. The BIA needs the equipment to maintain those ditches,"

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost said.

"The tribe had to help the BIA buy new equipment because equipment is outdated and some of it doesn't even work."

The Pine River Project serves 12,000 acres of Indian and non-Indian land. According to Jason Mietchen, Range division head; only 40 percent of that land is being irrigated.

"We do really need that funding to continue getting water to our tribal membership," Frost said.

Senator Bennet assured the tribe he heard their concerns.

"I will do everything I can to help get this through," Bennet said. "I appreciate the tribe's support of mine."

SCSYAC

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Councilmembers also attended the meeting and were able to ask the Senator's their own questions.

Youth Councilman Cameron Weaver asked Senator Gardner how he felt about the recent failure of the mascot bill.

Gardner responded that he wanted to know how it made the youth feel.

"I think they made the wrong decision," Weaver said.

"It goes beyond the mascot," Chairman Frost said.

"They're using war paint and war bonnets and other objects ... the name is part of it, but there are other things that are tied into it."

Financial Literacy Class offered

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit will be hosting its 3rd Financial Literacy Course. Class will take place May 21 and 28, June 4 and 11, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Any tribal member can call Tribal Credit to sign up at 970-563-4744.

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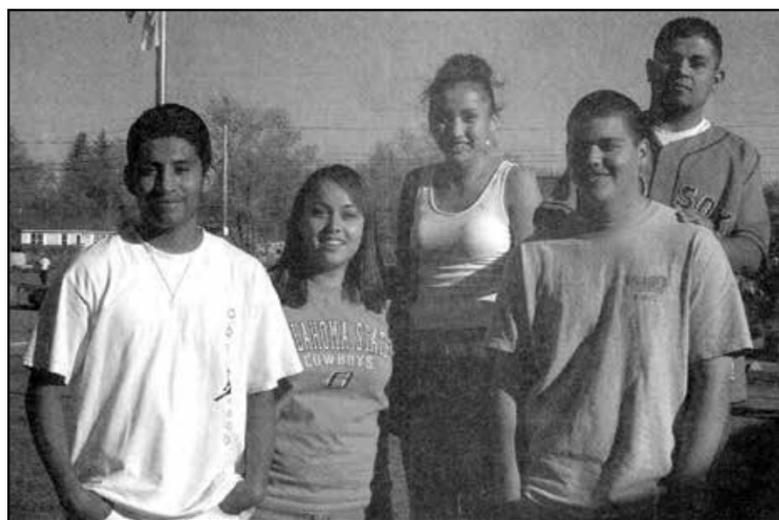
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If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.855.954.6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

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MANY MOONS AGO



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

These students' athletes represented the Southern Ute Tribe at Ignacio High School during the 2004-05 academic school year. Each student participated in one more sports and are members of the Southern Ute Tribe. Pictured from left to right are Anthony Ortiz (football and basketball), Lindsay Box (volleyball and cheerleading), Maria Rivera (basketball), Justin Gilbert (football and baseball) and Abel Romero (football, basketball and baseball) Not pictured are Shonda Abeyta (volleyball) and Nick Naranjo (football and wrestling).

This photo first appeared in the May 13, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Jeffrey Price and Jack Frost, head gourd dancer, participated the Gourd Dance session of the annual NAYO pow-wow held at the Head Start gym last Saturday, May 6. The pow-wow brought out most of the locals dressed in their fine regalia.

This photo first appeared in the May 12, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

LeAnn Baker daughter of Louisa Wilson and Wesley Baker, proudly receives her certificate of completion from Vice-Chairman, Clement Frost.

This photo first appeared in the May 17, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

LOCAL UPDATE

Bear Dance vending permits notice

It has been confirmed with the Southern Ute Indian Tribes Executive office that vendors will be able to set up in the south dirt lot and sell food or traditional crafts during the Southern Ute Bear Dance weekend May 23-25, 2015. All vendors must purchase their vending permits for the weekend from Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) by the close of business on Friday, May 22. SUPD Administration will not be open during the Bear Dance weekend and permits will not be available. Vendors may leave their stands set up during the weekend if properly permitted, but may do so at their own risk and responsibility. SUPD is not responsible for any thefts or vandalism due to the choices of any vendors.

Ute Vocational reunion planned

The annual vocational school reunion will be held on Saturday, May 23 at the Multi-Purpose Facility from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have had a tremendous turn out for past reunions and expect to see more classmates as the reunion will tie in with the Southern Ute Powwow and Bear Dance. This is a potluck and white elephant event. The potluck can be whatever food you wish to bring. The white elephant event is bringing a gift that was given to you that you don't really like or need. Now is the perfect opportunity to pass it on to someone else. Paperware will be provided. Please invite classmates and bring school yearbooks and other pictures to share with friends. We would like to see more local people in attendance. For more information contact Arlene Millich at 970-259-0582.



Ribbons of beauty & dance



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Cynthia Buckskin holds up her ribbon dress she is sewing at the elder's ribbon shirt/dress/shawl making class held on May 7 in the Large Classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center.

Bear Dance season is upon us



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box made his way to the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Wednesday, May 13 and provided an educational workshop on the Bear Dance to the club members.

Utes give EPR a blessing



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Royalty and elders paid a visit to the Double Tree Hotel on Tuesday, May 12 in Durango where they treated guests with a dance during an Emergency Preparedness & Response (EPR) meeting. Members from the Southern and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes all gave a rousing display of dances and drum beats for the attending guests. They finished their performance with a round dance that allowed everyone to participate. The meeting is held every season and gathers local EPR coordinators throughout the state to discuss preparedness for possible disasters, including natural events, diseases, and terroristic activities. The participating Ute Tribes gather outside the Double Tree Hotel for a group photo.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

A Bear Dance workshop was hosted at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, May 6. Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box, addressed the rules and guidelines for the dance while giving examples of proper etiquette. Box (above) also showed students how to use growlers.

Davian Richards (left) from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy uses a growler during the Bear Dance demonstration.

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sion's people can participate in, including a Ute history walk, storytelling contests, singing contests, and joke telling. Plenty of activities are involved, and we want the youth [and community] to learn more about their culture."

The conference originated as a planned Shoshone reunion hosted by the Ute Tribes. The reunion was planned a week after the Southern Ute Bear Dance and a week before the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, but wasn't able to become finalized due to some faults. After some time was spent with further planning, a

date was decided for the end of May. The Southern Ute Culture Center is the main sponsor of the event along with White Mesa Education and Ute Mountain Ute Culture and Language.

In addition to the activities, Marge Borst from the bison education program will be giving a lecture regarding the bison box and its contents. The bison box is mainly made out of raw, bison hide and contains a number of items associated with the bison that are used for resources. The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council will also be making an appearance as part of

the welcoming ceremony for all attending guests.

The conference will be holding a discussion regarding the thirteen bands of Utes and where they originated. Activities will also commence outside the multi-purpose center and into the field for a tipi-raising lecture. A special potluck will be provided for the guests before being treated with an enticing powwow.

"We are doing what we can to provide our community with the awareness of Ute culture," Redd said. "We hope people will come out and enjoy some of the activities we'll have for them."

CULTURAL UPDATE

Cultural classes in May

- **May 15:** Elder Lunch, Noon – 1:30 p.m.
- **May 19:** Finish projects, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- **May 18: Conversational Ute Classes:** Noon – 1 p.m.
- **Givon, Reading and Writing Ute:** Mondays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For more info on classes call the Southern Ute Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 2306 or 3620.

Bread makers wanted

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for fry bread makers for the Bear Dance Feast, which will be held on Monday, May 25. If

you are interested please contact Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624. All ingredients will be provided as well as a facility to cook.

Seeking Fair volunteers

The Southern Ute Culture Dept. is seeking volunteers to run the following events in the 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair: Duck Race; Pancake breakfast (non-profit organization); and Exhibit volunteers (needed to register pieces when they arrive). Categories include: Art, Crafts, Indian Crafts, Antique/Rare Arts, Photography, Clothing, Indian Clothing, Needlework, and Baking.

MUSEUM UPDATE

Attention local artisans

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!

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er lecture, the culture still has a chance to continue on successfully. It begins with a voice, and that voice delivers the history, stories, and language according to Marge Barry, cultural education coordinator.

"With our department, it's more about sharing the history," she said. "It's time for us to pick up on those stories and ask questions about those times. We have classes that teach everything about our culture ... we try to accommodate our tribal members at any time."

Twice a month, the Culture Department hosts conversational Ute classes. It's a class where new Ute speakers can learn the language from fluent speakers, often having common discussions in only the language. It's a good class for speakers of all ages to share an experience.

"There's a saying that things are lost in translation," Barry stated. "There are roughly thirty-five Ute language speakers left, and most of them are elders. That's why it's important to keep the language going. Picking up a language in-

volves repetition, and that's really what needs to be understood. We have different classes to provide for our Tribal Members, and we're always open for more people to attend."

The Culture Center often receives support from other Ute language speakers, particularly Tom Givon who teaches the Givon Reading & Writing Class. The class is provided for tribal members who wish to learn the language through writing with the aid of phonetic sounds. It involves a dedicated group of learners and speakers who have kept it going for a span of three years.

As the upcoming powwow season comes closer, the classes will soon take a different approach. For the Southern Ute Bear Dance, ribbon shirt and dress classes will be available for women and growler classes for men. Roach headdress classes are also provided along with cradleboard making.

"We have a goal to keep our young people up do date with these traditions," Barry added. "Making these items that were important to our

people is all part of what the [Culture Department] offers. We also provide the materials for these classes so our tribal members don't have to pay for anything. We want to be sure they're taken care of when they make these pieces."

The department offers classes to two groups: adults and elders. Classes for elders commence on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with adult classes continuing at 5 p.m. Additionally, the Culture Center is planning to host beaded moccasin classes to combine with the cradleboard lecture. Tribal members can sign up for any classes at the Southern Ute Cultural Center.

"As a department, we work hard in helping our community," Barry concluded. "We want to maintain a good relationship with the communities around us. If they want information, we can provide it. We all learn how to sew, make clothing, and at the same time, share things together in our Ute language. It is just a fun way to get our tribal members culturally involved."

Attention all Ute artists

This is a call to all enrolled Ute artists, to submit a bid for public art to be displayed at the Ute Museum in Montrose, Colo. We will consider any medium, the artwork must depict the Ute Culture, or the specific bands that compose the tribe you are enrolled. There will be three final pieces chosen one for each tribe. This is a small budget project, and bids must not exceed \$6,500. Deadline to submit is 5 p.m. on June 30.

Contacts for each tribe

Southern Ute: Elise Redd, 970-563-4788, eredd@southernute-nsn.gov.

Ute Mountain Ute: Regina Whiteskunk, 970-529-6695, rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org.

Ute Tribe: Betsy Chappoose, 435-725-4826, betsync@utetribes.com.

Friends of the Museum Reward Program

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- ❖ 3 punches Lip Balm with Museum Logo
- ❖ 6 punches Magnet and Stylus pen with Museum Logo
- ❖ 9 punches One FREE Workshop
- ❖ 12 punches (1) Entry for our ONE OF A KIND Pendleton Logo Blanket



TRIBAL HEALTH

Addressing mental health before Stage 4

By Dr. Mary Trujillo Young, Ph.D
SU HEALTH CENTER

When we think about cancer, heart disease, or diabetes, we don't wait years to treat them. We start before Stage 4 – we begin with prevention. When people are in the first stage of those diseases, and are beginning to show signs of symptoms like a persistent cough, high blood pressure, or high blood sugar, we try immediately to reverse these symptoms. We don't ignore them. In fact, we develop a plan of action to reverse and sometimes stop the progression of the disease.

So why aren't we doing the same for individuals who are dealing with potentially serious mental illness?

When you or someone close to you starts to experience the early warning signs of mental illness, knowing what the risk factors and symptoms are will help to catch them early. Often times, family and friends are the first to step in to support a person through these early stages. Experiencing symptoms such as loss of sleep, feeling tired for no reason, feeling low, feeling anxious, or hearing voices, shouldn't be ignored or brushed aside in the hopes that they go away. Like oth-

er diseases, we need to address these symptoms early, identify the underlying disease, and plan an appropriate course of action on a path towards overall health. Mental health conditions should be addressed long before they reach the most critical points in the disease process – before Stage 4.

Many people do not seek treatment in the early stages of mental illnesses because they don't recognize the symptoms. Up to 84 percent of the time between the first signs of mental illness and first treatment is spent not recognizing the symptoms.

Mental Health America's screening tools can help. Taken online at www.mhascreening.org, a screening is an anonymous, free and private way to learn about your mental health and see if you are showing warning signs of a mental illness. A screening only takes a few minutes, and after you are finished you will be given information about the next steps you should take based on the results. A screening is not a diagnosis, but it can be a helpful tool for starting a conversation with your doctor or a loved one about your mental health.

This May is Mental Health Month; The Southern Ute Health Center's Behavioral Health Program is raising awareness of the important role men-

tal health plays in our lives and encouraging members of the community to learn more about their own mental health and to take action immediately if they are experiencing symptoms of a mental illness.

Mental illnesses are not only common; they are treatable. There is a wide variety of treatment options for mental illnesses ranging from talk therapy to medication to peer support to traditional healing options, and it may take some time for a person to find the right treatment or combination of treatments that works best for them. But when they do, the results can be truly amazing and life changing. Jennifer GoodTracks and Mary Trujillo Young, Behavioral Health providers, want to help people learn what they can do both to protect their mental health and know the signs of mental illness #B4Stage4.

It's up to all of us to know the signs and take action so that mental illnesses can be caught early and treated, and we can live up to our full potential. We know that intervening effectively during early stages of mental illness can save lives and change the trajectories of people living with mental illnesses.

Be aware of your mental health and get screened #B4Stage4 today!

SUCAP

Ignacio Senior Center has health insurance counselors available to seniors

Staff Report
SU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

SUCAP's Ignacio Senior Center offers State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counseling. SHIP counselors help local

elders interpret and sign up for Medicare Part D.

The Ignacio Senior Center service area includes the Town of Ignacio, the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Arboles. The Center is located at 15345 State Highway 172 in Ignacio.

They serve hot meals at the center Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and offer Meals on Wheels five days a week.

The Ignacio Senior Center is a division of Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc.

Potawatami elders visit



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Elders of the Potawatami Tribe, from Dowagiac, MI visited the Four Corners region and made a special "secret" stop to the Southern Ute Reservation. The special tour and visit was kept a secret from the elders as they visited other tribes and regions of the Four Corners, including the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M. and Mesa Verde. Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost gave a welcome to the elders in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Thursday, April 30. Potawatami Elder Committee Chairman, Stanley Morsean (center) told the elders, "We have never been welcomed by any tribe we visited in the past as we have been today by the Southern Utes."



Culture Education Coordinator, Marge Barry of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. gave a tour of the Cultural Center & Museum to the visiting elders. Group Sale Coordinator, Jeff Lyman of the Sky Ute Casino Resort greeted the elders as they arrived.

Potawatami Tribal elders gaze to the top of the tipi in the museum. The visiting elders toured the museum and stayed at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, before the long journey back home to Michigan.

Stand down for falls



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Steve Williams, Properties and Facilities Management Director, explains to the attendees of the Stand Down training on May 7, just how important it is to have the proper equipment do to the job. Attendees consisted of employees from different entities around the area CrossFire LLC, Town of Ignacio, Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Tribal Housing were just some of the attendees.

SunUte Community Center's Tribal Member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive April winners



18 years and up
Ula Gregory



Third grade – high school
Joseph Vigil

The more you come in to SunUte, the better your chances are for winning!

Both winners earned a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.

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



Cinco de Mayo fiesta



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal employees were treated to a healthy happy hour on Tuesday, May 5, sponsored by the Shining Mountain Program in the Hall of Warriors. Participants were challenged to guess what secret healthy ingredients were used in each recipe.

Southern Ute office closures

- May 25: Memorial Day
- July 3: Independence Day (observed)
- July 13: Sun Dance Feast
- Sept. 7: Labor Day
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
- Nov. 26-27: Thanksgiving
- Dec. 10-11: Leonard C. Burch Day
- Dec. 25: Christmas

Closures can be found on the Tribe's website www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook at [facebook.com/southernute](https://www.facebook.com/southernute)

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING CLASSES 8 Weeks session May 26, 2015 • 2:00 – 4:00 Mouache-Capote Conference Room

- Positive Indian Parenting class topics include:
- Welcome and Orientation/Traditional Parenting
 - Lessons of the Storyteller
 - Lessons of the Cradleboard
 - Harmony is Child Rearing
 - Traditional Behavior management
 - Lessons of Mother Nature
 - Praise in Traditional Parenting
 - Choices in Parenting Graduation

Positive Indian Parenting is designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for Native parents. We will explore the values and attitudes of traditional native child parenting practices and apply those values to modern parenting. Class is limited. Early registration or information you may contact Southern Division of Social Services: Kathryn Jacket (970) 563-4735 or (970)442-1635.



Kinders transition into 1st



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The graduating Kindergarten classes sing songs that display their advancement into the 1st grade next year. Kindergarten Graduation was held in Cafe Lupé at the Ignacio Elementary School, Wednesday, May 13.



Kindergarten class of 2027 sits patiently as they await their graduation certificates. The class sang "I'm A Star" and said a graduation poem before Principal Karl Herr and teachers gave each class their diplomas.

Jaiden Werito receives his Kindergarten Diploma from his teacher, Mrs. Hillyer. And will be advancing into the 1st grade next year.

5th graders continue on



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Christopher Martinez and Samarah Olguin pose in front of the "Class of 2022" banner set up for Ignacio Elementary's 5th Grade Continuation Ceremony.



Rhianna Carel and her mother Marie Joy share a hug following the 5th Grade Continuation Ceremony.

Kalynn Weaver smiles as she walks across the stage at the Ignacio Elementary School 5th Grade Continuation Ceremony, Tuesday, May 12.

Bobcats of the month



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Quentin Baker, Julianna Candelaria, Marquise Cibirian, Gavin Chavez-Cloud, Nanas Fuller, Chris Hayes, Curtis White-Thunder Lucero, Damien Lucero, Christopher Martinez, Aspen Naranjo, Ryan Naranjo, Rebekah Silva, Vicente Talamonte, and Donovan Watts.

photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

BGC Jr. Youth of the month



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Zoe Velasquez (left) was chosen as the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Jr. Youth of the Month for April. Velasquez was awarded during the Ignacio Bobcat Assembly, Thursday, May 7, pictured with Lindsay Box of BGC.

College Scholarships are Available For the 2015-2016 Academic Year

Southern Ute Department of Education



- Deadline for completed applications for full time students is July 1st 2015
- Part time scholarships are also available
- Applications are available online or you can pick them up at the Education Department
- Scholarships for Certificate, Associates, Bachelors through Doctorate

For more information please contact Southern Ute Department of Education

Aria Duran Velasquez or Michael Kirsch (970) 563-0237

330 Burns Ave Ignacio, Co 81137 P.O. 737 #36

Orientations will be held May 28th, June 4th, & June 11th @5:30pm.

Location: Education Center 330 Burns Ave Ignacio, CO 81137



Need A Job For The Summer?

Limited employment slots, "first come-first serve" Youth Employment Program (YEP) is now accepting Southern Ute students ages 14-18 years of age for summer employment!

Contact Mary Guenther for info at 970-563-0237 (Education Dept.)

Empty bowls, to fill stomachs



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School held an Empty Bowls fundraising event Thursday, April 30 as a way to address hunger through art. The fundraiser included over 325 bowls hand crafted by students. All proceeds went to local and international families struggling with hunger.



Families got to choose from a variety of soups and breads at the Ignacio Elementary's Empty Bowl event.

Bowls were crafted by students in Lisa Brown's art class at Ignacio Elementary School.

Breakfast serves up smiles



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

A Guys and Kids Breakfast was held at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start on Tuesday, May 5. The breakfast gathered Head Start students and their families together for a morning meal consisting of biscuits, mixed fruit, milk, and coffee. Families spent the breakfast together beading necklaces and gluing shapes using material provided by Head Start. TJ Herrera (left) admires the artwork done by his daughter, Aubri Herrera.

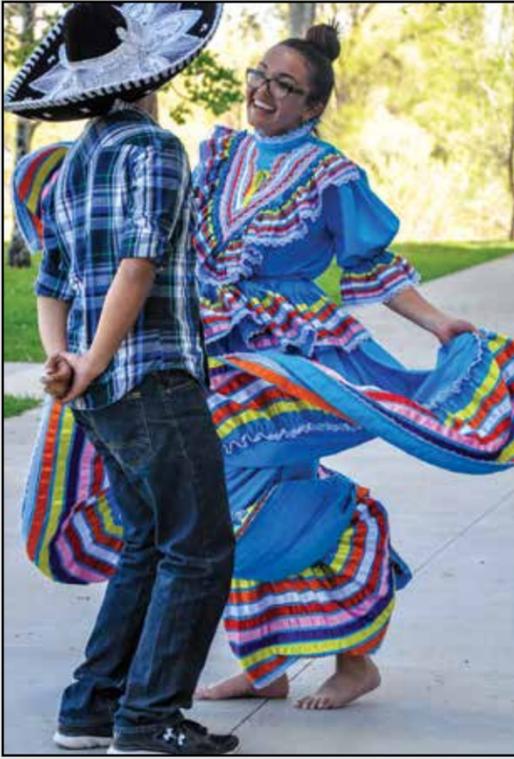
Knowledge is power



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Knowledge Night came in full swing at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIIMA). Parents and students gathered in the SUIIMA cafeteria on Thursday, April 30 where numerous displays of creative projects were showcased. Knowledge Night is an event where Academy students are given the freedom to study and discuss any topics of their choice. The projects ranged from studies about insects, basketball, video games, and animals just to name a few. Knowledge Night allowed students to share their interests with other classmates.

¡Viva Cinco de Mayo!



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jaylynn Herrera, Layla Cuthair, Justis Herrera and Cassandra Sanchez perform for the Boys and Girls Club on May 1, as a part of their Cinco de Mayo Celebration outside the SunUte Community Center. Justis (left) and sister Jaylynn Herrera enjoy performing in front of the kids at the Boys and Girls Club.

Carnival at Mid School



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kalia Anthony aims and fires at the balloons at the Ignacio School Carnival on May 11 at the Ignacio Middle School.



Zoe Velasquez was surprised when she caught an awesome prize from the fishing pond.

Amaya Bison and Ellie Siebel enjoy the music and fun as they do the cakewalk, one of many activities held at the Ignacio School Carnival on May 11.



New Payroll Deduction Option for PermanentFund and Growth Fund Employees

Boys & Girls Club Mission

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will provide a safe and nurturing environment that guides each young person on their path to developing good character, a respect of culture, diversity, academic excellence, and development of a healthy mind, body, and spirit.

Call Boys and Girls Club at (970) 563-4753

Support your local Boys & Girls Club!

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting donations through a standard payroll deduction system.

While we are generously supported by the Tribe, over half of our members are not of Southern Ute ancestry. In support of our non-tribal Club members, please consider donating in recommended amounts of \$5 or \$10 per pay period, although any dollar amount is appreciated.

Please contact Payroll Department for a Deduction form. Danielle Hight (970) 563-0100 ext. 2603

Local graduations and transitions

- **Bayfield High School:** Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m., Bayfield High School gym
- **Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy:** May 21, 10 a.m., SunUte
- **Ignacio High School:** Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m., Ignacio High School field
- **Southern Ute Head Start:** Friday, May 29, 10 a.m., Head Start gym
- **Durango High School:** Friday, May 29, 6 p.m., Durango High School stadium



YOUTH BOWLING

Rolling Thunder Youth League closes out season

Jack Frost III to be inducted into Hall of Fame



courtesy April Toledo

The 2014-2015 Rolling Thunder Youth League pose for a group photo at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, outside Rolling Thunder Lanes on April 18.

By April Toledo
ROLLING THUNDER
YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

The Rolling Thunder Youth Bowling league has just finished its 7th year at Rolling Thunder Lanes. The Youth Bowling league meets every Saturday morning at the bowling center and the kids bowl for three games, competing against a different youth team in the league each week. The league for the 2014-2015 year had 30 youth and was

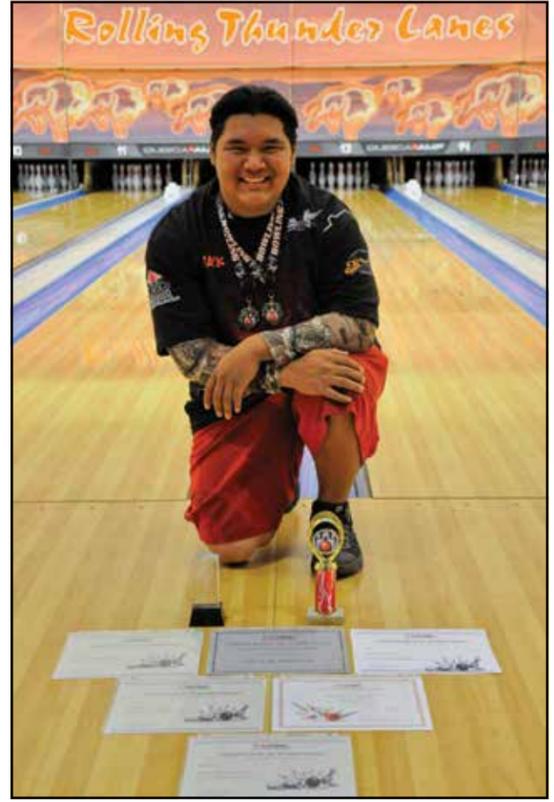
comprised of 10 teams of 3. The league ran for 22 weeks starting in October 2014 and finishing on April 25, 2015, making it one of the longest youth sports in the area. The bowlers are from Ignacio, Bayfield, Durango, and Farmington, and included nine tribal members and two tribal decedents. The ages of the youth ranged from 7-to-18-years old. The youth teams competed for a first-half winner, second-half winner, and overall winner for the

league. There were also individual achievements that were tallied, and awards given for the first, second, and third place. Some of these achievements included high average, high game and high series and most improved. The Youth League competes at the annual La Plata United States Bowling Congress (USBC) city tournament as a group, and various other tournaments held at the Rolling Thunder Lanes throughout the year. On May 9 and 10, 20 youth

bowlers traveled to Aurora, Colo., and competed in the Colorado Youth State Tournament against youth from all over the state.

This year the Youth League gave special recognition to the youth that were graduating, and will be transitioning from the youth to adult leagues in the next year. The graduates were: Tanner Lirot (Bayfield), Caleb Sapa (Bayfield), Keiston Good-Tracks-Alires (Bayfield), and Jack Frost III (Ignacio). These bowlers have all been great role models for the younger kids in the league and will be missed.

This year there were also two nominations for the Youth Hall of Fame for the La Plata County USBC Association. Previous to this year there is only one former youth bowler in the Hall of Fame. The nominations were made for Excellence on the Lanes. The Youth nominated have shown phenomenal bowling ability, and have participated in local, state, and even out of state tournaments. Caleb Sapa from Bayfield and Jack Frost III from Ignacio will be the inducted officially



courtesy Krista Richards

Jack Frost III of the Rolling Thunder Youth Bowling league will be inducted into the La Plata County USBC Youth Hall of Fame later this summer.

into the Hall of Fame later this summer. All of the youth involved in the bowling league have shown great commitment and improvement in this season

and would like to congratulate all of them on a great year. Next year's bowling league will start in October, any inquiries can be made to Rolling Thunder Lanes front desk.

Field of playful dreams



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

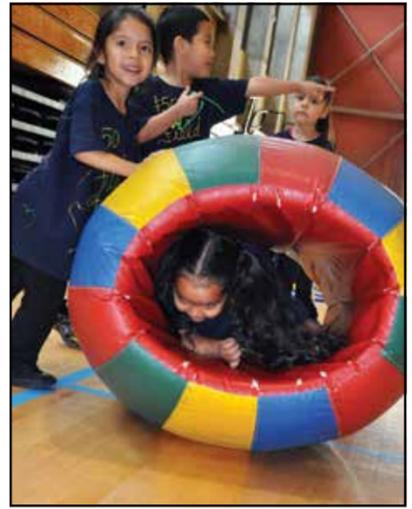
Ignacio Elementary School students walk while holding their torch and the American Flag from the elementary school to the middle school ready for the fierce competition their field day has to offer.

Kindergarten and 1st graders of the Ignacio Elementary School had a day of fun in the sun, during their end of year field day, at the Ignacio Middle School, Monday, May 11. Events included bouncy-ball, relay, three-legged, and sack races. A 50-yard dash, ball-toss, long jump, and ended with a class-vs-class tug-o-war. The Southern Ute Head Start also held their yearly field day indoors at SunUte this year, due to the rain, Thursday, May 14.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students try to catch as many fish in their nets as they can. During their field day outside of SunUte Community Center.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students take turns running an obstacle course, as well as many other events, during field day, inside SunUte Community Center.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mrs. Richmond's class tried their hardest to pull against Mrs. Kirkpatrick's class during the tug-o-war. Mrs. Hillyer's class, however won the tug-o-war in the Kindergarten class.



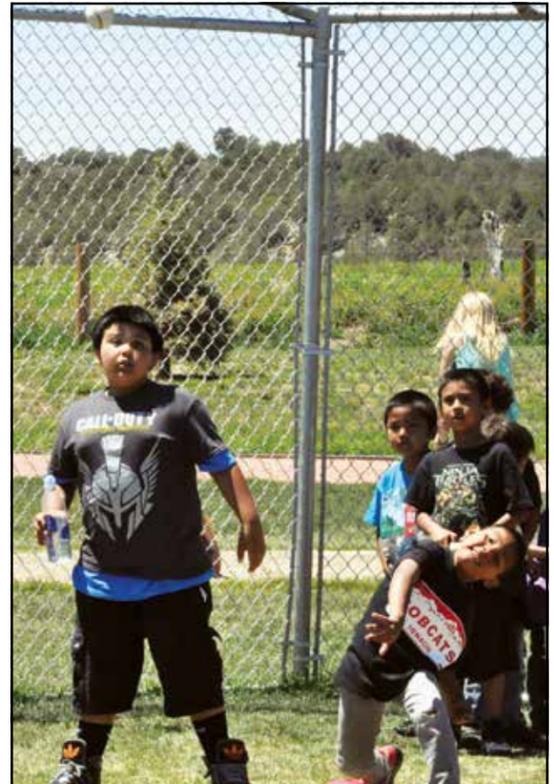
Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Donovan Watts flies high during the long jump competition at the Ignacio Elementary Field Day Monday, May 11.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Maleina Carel and Christopher Martinez race down the field as partners for the three-legged race.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Darius Aguilar, of Mrs. Hillyer's Kindergarten class, threw the baseball with all his might as other student's wait their turn.

Walking towards health



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

If walking 18 miles isn't hard enough, try doing it in the rain and against the wind. This year's Walking Together For Healthier Nations proved to be more challenging than previous years. Walkers came in from the four states that make up the Four Corners National Monument – Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.



Members from the Ignacio Community and Southern Ute Tribal employees walked together with Ute Mountain and Navajo communities towards the Four Corners from the Ute Mountain Ute Visitor's Center.

The color guard from the three tribes represented in the walk – Southern and Ute Mountain Ute and the Navajo Nation, along with flag bearers of the four states flags, converge at the monument.

KSUT

KSUT receives grants to support capital campaign

Staff Report
KSUT

KSUT Four Corners Radio is pleased to announce the receipt of two grants totaling \$55,000 from Colorado-based foundations in support of a capital campaign to build a new home for both Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio, on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus in Ignacio, Colo. KSUT is a community supported public broadcasting organization that has been serving the communities of the Four Corners for nearly 40 years, providing diverse and eclectic entertainment, education, news, and information while promoting multicultural awareness and understanding.

The Gates Family Foundation granted \$35,000 and El Pomar Foundation granted \$20,000 to support the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, which will house both stations. The Southern Ute Tribe has provided KSUT with a

30-year no-cost lease on a 5,000 square foot building, which previously served as the shipping and receiving building for the Sky Ute casino. For the past two years KSUT has been actively engaged in fundraising towards a goal of \$2,029,000 to support the complete renovation of the building as well as to purchase modern broadcast equipment for both stations.

"KSUT is honored to be supported by two of Colorado's finest philanthropic foundation's, as we move forward with this exciting project" Rich Hoehlein, KSUT Board President.

The Gates Family Foundation makes philanthropic investments statewide that contribute to the quality of life in Colorado, create opportunities for youth, and support stewardship of this extraordinary place, particularly the state's natural inheritance. At the end of 2014, the Foundation invested more than \$241 million across Colorado towards these ends. In car-

rying out its mission, the Foundation strives to maintain a long-term perspective and focus on the challenges and opportunities that will have the greatest impact over time on the people, communities and resources of the state.

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in the Rocky Mountain West, with assets totaling approximately \$450 million. El Pomar currently contributes approximately \$20 million annually through grants and programs. From its inception, El Pomar Foundation has provided more than \$400 million in capital, program, and general operating support through direct grant making and has invested more than \$47 million in various programs.

For more information on KSUT or to find out how you can support the capital campaign, go to www.ksut.org/capitalcampaign or call Bob Franklin, Executive Director, at 970-563-0255 or bob@ksut.org.

Upcoming Bear Dances & Powwows

Towaoc, Colo.

May 28 – June 1 • Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance
May 28 & 29 • Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow

White Mesa, Ariz.

August 28 – 31 • White Mesa Bear Dance

Southern Ute Bear Dance Events

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Bear Dance Corral Blessing & Opening • 10:30 a.m. • Bear Dance Corral
Ute Nations Day • "Honoring Tribal Royalty" • 9 a.m. • Bear Dance Grounds
Bear Dance Kick-off Lunch • 12 noon • Bear Dance Grounds (South of Corral)
Bear Dance Powwow • Grand Entry 7 p.m. Sky Ute Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Bear Dance • Bear Dance Corral
Historical Ute photo & Star Quilt display • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. • S.U. Cultural Center (Large classroom)
Bear Dance Powwow • Grand Entry, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Sky Ute Fairgrounds
Hand Game • Registration 1 p.m. • Sky Ute Fairgrounds (Exhibit Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Bear Dance • Bear Dance Corral

MONDAY, MAY 25

Bear Dance • Bear Dance Corral
Day of Remembrance • 10 a.m. • S.U. Veterans Memorial Park
Bear Dance Feast • 12 noon • Bear Dance Grounds (South of Corral)



Southern Ute BEAR DANCE POWWOW
May 22 & 23
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, Colo.

SOBEE DANCE
• Friday, May 22 - 8:00 a.m.
• Saturday, May 23 - 11 a.m. & 8 a.m.

GRAND ENTRY
• Friday, May 22 - 7:00 p.m.
• Saturday, May 23 - 7:00 p.m.

HEAD STAFF
• Emcee - Mike Shumaker
• Dance Director - Theresa Shumaker
• Northern Bear Dance - Don Dugan
• Southern Bear Dance - Southern Bearkeeper
• Grand Marshal - Bob Shumaker
• Head Ute - Andrew Shumaker
• Head Navajo - Glen Shumaker, Mike Southern Ute
• Head Hopi - Andy Shumaker
• Color Guard - Southern Ute Veterans

CONTEST CATEGORIES
• Ladies, 18 & older
• Men and Women
• Men's Contemporary, 18-24 yrs.
• Youth, 13-17 yrs.
• Youth, 18-24 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 25-34 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 35-44 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 45-54 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 55-64 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 65-74 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 75-84 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 85-94 yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 95+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 100+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 110+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 120+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 130+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 140+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 150+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 160+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 170+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 180+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 190+ yrs.
• Men's Contemporary, 200+ yrs.

POWOW CONTACTS
• Contact: Theresa Shumaker 970-563-0255
• Mike Shumaker 970-563-0255
• Glen Shumaker 970-563-0255

POWOW INFO
• All participants must be 18 years of age or older.
• All participants must be Ute, Navajo, Hopi, or Southern Ute.
• Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arena & facility rentals, outside arena, all food, drinks, alcoholic beverages, etc. are extra.
• All participants must bring their own chairs.
• All participants must bring their own water.
• All participants must bring their own sunscreen.
• All participants must bring their own hats.
• All participants must bring their own shoes.
• All participants must bring their own socks.
• All participants must bring their own underwear.
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REGISTRATION
• Starts Fri, May 22, 8:00 a.m. • Closes Sat, May 23, 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY 2015

Day of Remembrance



Presented by
The Southern Ute Veterans Association
in cooperation with
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Memorial Day: Monday, May 25, 2015
Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park- 10 AM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe BEAR DANCE



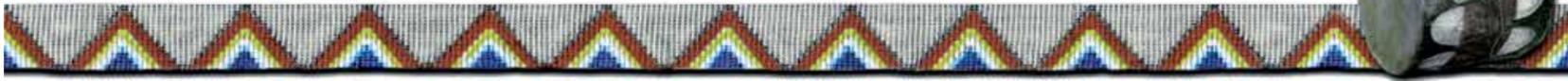
May 22-25, 2015 • Ignacio, Colo.

BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING • 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 22
BEAR DANCE FEAST • 12 p.m. Monday, May 25, Bear Dance Grounds

BEAR DANCE CHIEF – Matthew Box
2nd CHIEFS – Jake Ryder & Jon Chavarillo

No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.
Photography, video and audio recording is PROHIBITED, except by members of the Ute Tribes.
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
The Pine River is restricted.
For more Bear Dance information, call 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.



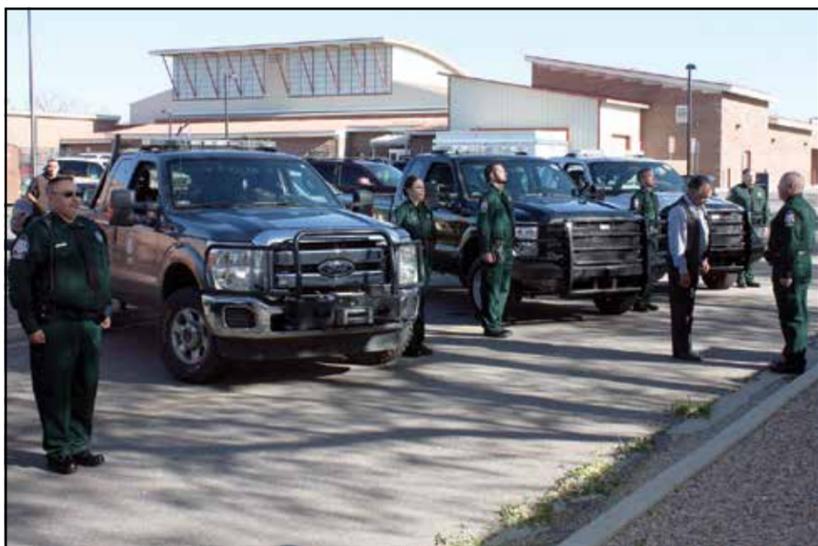


Trennie Collins/SU Drum

All of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's law enforcement gathered together in the front of the Justice Building on May 11, to celebrate the beginning of National Law Enforcement Week.

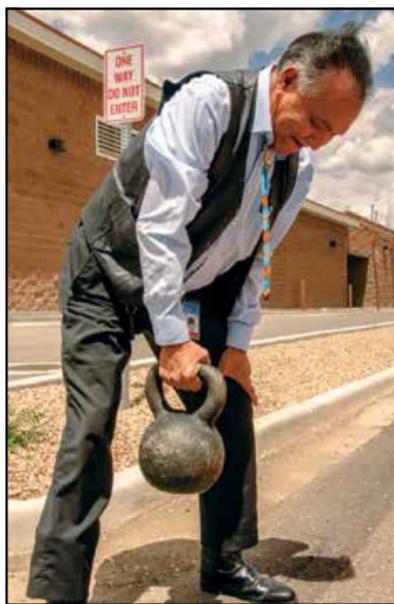
Honoring Law Enforcement Week

In honor of National Law Enforcement Week, justice & Regulatory Department held numerous events giving thanks to all the Southern Ute tribe's law enforcement. Events included an inspection by Chairman Clement J. Frost, three-gun shoot, horseshoes tournament, and an Iron Ranger challenge course, to name a few.



courtesy Don Folsom/SUPD

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement Frost inspects the Southern Ute Tribe's Law Enforcement vehicles during the opening day of Law Enforcement Week recognized by the Southern Ute law enforcement departments and agencies, May 11 through 25.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost tests his strength by picking up a 75 pound weight at the Law Enforcement obstacle course.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Jake Candelaria (left), Abel "Gus" Velasquez, and Charles Hamby enjoy some outdoor cooking during the SUPD barbeque. The department was served hamburgers and hot dogs.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Click It or Ticket: Enforcing the Law to Save Lives

By Chief of Police Raymond N. Coriz Jr.
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

If there is one thing I could urge all motorists – drivers, passengers, front seat, back seat, all ages – to do every time you get in a vehicle, it's buckle up. It is the single most effective way to avoid being killed in a crash. Would you ever ride a roller coaster without the harness down? Would you ever skydive without a parachute? When you ride in a motor vehicle without a seat belt, you are taking a huge risk. One you can't afford. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2013, there were 9,580 unbelted vehicle occupants killed in crashes on our nation's roads.

This May 18 to 31, the Southern Ute Police Department is joining NHTSA and law enforcement agencies nationwide for the 2015 Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization. We will be out in full force, cracking down on seat belt violations, issuing citations to anyone caught traveling without a buckled seat belt or transporting unrestrained children. We are determined to get the message across: Seat belts save lives. In fact, from 2008 to 2012, they saved nearly 63,000 lives. And in 2012, an additional 3,031 lives could have been saved if all unrestrained occupants involved in fatal crashes

had worn their seat belts. We've found in the past that May is a very effective time to ramp up seat belt enforcement efforts. Many motorists travel over Memorial Day weekend, which kicks off the busy summer travel season. It's the perfect time to remind everyone why seat belt use is required by law. And we want people to know: we're not cracking down to write tickets. We're doing it to save lives.

In addition to increased patrols and zero-tolerance enforcement, the Southern Ute Police Department will be conducting DUI saturation patrols and DUI Checkpoints.

We really want to get the right information out to motorists. There are too many false notions out there about seat belts. Young adults in particular seem to think they are invincible in vehicles. Unfortunately, they are dying at a disproportionate rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. Almost twice as many men are dying in vehicle crashes compared to women, and wearing their seat belts less than women. Pickup truck occupants think that they don't need to wear their seat belts because they believe their large vehicles will protect them in a crash. The numbers from NHTSA tell the truth: 63 percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed in crashes were not buckled up. That's compared to 43 percent of passenger

car occupants who were killed while not wearing their seat belts. During the Click It or Ticket enforcement period, an important part of our safety messaging to motorists includes the words "day and night" – and for good reason. In 2013, about 59 percent of passenger vehicle occupants were killed during the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. who were not wearing their seat belts. More people are being killed in nighttime crashes than ever before, and we are going to be targeting nighttime seat belt violators as a result.

Next time you head out on the road, make sure you and everyone in your vehicle are buckled up. Don't just do it to avoid a ticket, do it so you arrive at your destination safely. Since it's our job to help protect Southern Ute Indian Tribal Community motorists, we're taking Click It or Ticket seriously. Consider yourself warned: If police catch you not wearing your seat belt on the road, you will get a ticket. No excuses, no warnings. We're hoping you'll get the message and buckle up every trip, every time, even after the crackdown period is over. Wearing your seat belt is required by law 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

So please remember, day and night, Click It or Ticket. You can find out more about the Click It or Ticket mobilization at www.nhtsa.gov/ciot.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Sergeant Shane Clance from SUPD musters up all his strength during the obstacle course challenge. The obstacle course consisted of dragging a 300lb rope and chain across hard pavement, hauling a punching bag on top a flight of stairs, wheel barreling a set of weights down a straight line, and directing a pallet of crates through a set of cones. The obstacle course was put together as a training exercise in light of Law Enforcement Week. Recognition awards were handed out to all who completed the course.

Tribal member customer satisfaction survey extended to May 22

Southern Ute Tribal Members are invited to participate in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Membership Satisfaction Survey for 2015 between April 17 and May 22. It should take less than 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your participation in this survey is critical to our efforts to improve the quality of Tribal Member Services and set priorities for the community. The survey can be accessed on the Internet at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SuitMembership. If you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, please contact the Management Information Systems Department at 970-563-0128 or mis@southernute-nsn.gov and we will send a copy to you with a pre-stamped envelope. This survey is designed to provide a quantitative performance metric for Tribal Member satisfaction with the services the Tribe provides. Your survey responses will be confidential and data from this research will be reported only in the aggregate.

To complete the survey we ask:

1. Of those individuals living in your home, the adult 18 years or older who had the most recent birthday should fill out the survey.
2. Please fill out the survey completely. "Don't Know" is an acceptable response.
3. Only complete one survey per household.

Also, at the end of the survey, there are instructions for entering a drawing for an Android tablet computer. Results will be posted on the Permanent Fund's website as soon as we can get the results tabulated at www.southernute-nsn.gov. Thank you so much for your time, and for helping the Permanent Fund achieve the vision of maximizing prosperity, creating opportunities, and enhancing the self-sustainability of enrolled tribal members and the Tribe as a whole. Email MIS@southernute-nsn.gov if you have any questions.



AGRICULTURE

Dealing with prairie dogs

Staff Report
SU AGRICULTURE

Late February ear-ly March is best, stating



when prairie dogs first be-gin to emerge after spend-ing the winter under-ground. This eliminates adults before they are able to have pups and disrupts there breeding season.

In every case our first concern must be safety. Not only our own, but other peo-ple and property around us, and also other animals in the area; be it wildlife, pets, or livestock. When prairie dogs encroach close to homes there are fewer management options available to us.

Some common prairie dog control methods are: shooting, poisoning with toxic bait or fumigant, trapping, placing smoke bombs in borrows, and set-ting off explosions in there borrow systems.

Other home and folk reme-dies exists, however their effectiveness is unknown and may cause unintended results. All the above-men-tioned methods require caution when used. Espe-

cially toxic baits and fumi-gants, which are restricted use products regulated by the State of Colorado, and individuals must become li-censed in order to purchase and apply them. The process is fairly easy, requiring the applicant to pass a written test to show their under-standing of the basic knowl-edge needed to safely han-dle and use these products.

More information can be found on the Colorado De-partment of Agriculture's website www.colorado.gov/pacific/agplants/pesticides, or at 305 Interlocken Parkway, Broomfield, CO., 80021, 303-869-9050. Also there are certain lim-itations on what type of control methods can be used in subdivisions.

The task of eliminating or reducing prairie dog numbers to an acceptable level is a difficult, but can be achieved. With planning, proper timing, and the right control method (or more likely a combination of a several control methods) significant progress can be made. For the tribal mem-bership, the Southern Ute Agriculture Division is available to provide tech-nical information on prairie dog management issues, and assist with the licens-ing process to be able to use restricted baits and fu-migants. Tribal members, please feel free to give us a call at 970-563-0220 or come by our office.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Special to the Drum

Gabrielle Pétron, a climate scientist from the University of Colorado Boulder, working in NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory, uses equipment in NOAA's mobile lab to check area methane levels in real time.

ENVIRONMENT

Tracking down methane data in real time

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The large gray van pulled into the small gravel park-ing lot at Carbon Junction, adjacent to the highway leading into the town of Durango. Bearing almost no exterior markings, the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-tration) mobile laboratory was clearly recognizable by a large boom mounted to the top of the vehicle and reaching over the front.

This arm houses the sensitive air monitoring equipment, which collects air samples in the field, and more specifically – the monitoring of methane ac-tivity in real time.

“The mobile lab is such an invaluable tool for talking about climate change,” said Eryka Thorley, a climate sci-entist from the University of Colorado, Boulder, working in NOAA's Earth System Research Laboratory.

Within a few minutes of turning off the vehicles en-gine, built in data moni-tors were streaming new data, collecting and analyzing the air quality in real time, giving us a new band of data every two seconds. The source of methane was close at hand, and the read-ings were both strong and consistent, the data point-ing to a significant band of exposed coal along the ridgeline adjacent to the Animas River, known in the scientific community as the “Fruitland Outcrop.”

Gabrielle Pétron, a climate expert from the University of Colorado, Boulder, also working in NOAA's Earth System Research Labora-tory led us on a short hike up the arroyo, where the shale beneath our feet gave way to dark rich coal outcroppings. The morning sun had just begun to hit the ridgeline above us and the air was

cool and crisp. Pétron explained that depending on the geolog-ical layering of these coal seams, varying amounts of methane will be emitted into the atmosphere, or it will remain trapped under the Earth's surface.

The prevalent methane readings are clear evidence that natural sources are playing a key role in the regional methane levels, which have caught national attention in recent years. Yet natural sources alone cannot account for the “Methane Hotspot” now known to exist in the San Juan Basin.

Pétron produced a laptop used in her field studies to show us a computer render-ing of the San Juan Basin, a large swath of land extend-ing itself across the Four Corners Region of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. The rendering showed us basic topography, and a few key landmarks. With the click of a button, the map was overlaid with pin heads, each one represent-ing active well sites across the Four Corners, each one potentially adding to the re-gional methane levels – the map was covered.

Pétron added, that in addi-tion to the inventory of active sites, which are still being used to gather oil and natural gas, she estimates that an al-most equal number are listed as inactive, which also could potentially contribute to the regional methane levels – even though they have been decommissioned.

“The scale of it is really impressive,” said Eric Kort, a climate expert with the Uni-versity of Michigan, in terms of natural gas production.

“This is a really produc-tive basin,” said Kort.

The ultimate goal of the regional air quality study, known as The San Juan Field Campaign [Spring 2015], is to collect as much data as

possible in an effort to pin-point individual sources and see where the methane lev-els are most prevalent.

“It's tricky to really pull it all apart,” Kort said.

While scientists might detect a strong methane signal in a specific region, they must use data gathered in the field to determine the actual source of the methane, and then identify whether the source is natu-rally occurring, or a result of industry or agriculture. Often, it is a combination.

To make it more compli-cated, methane readings re-corded in this basin could be in part the results of strong winds depositing methane from other regions, ultimate-ly settling in the Four Cor-ners due to the topography.

Driving Northeast out of town, the NOAA lab was soon taking air samples along one of La Plata Coun-ty's rural roads along the West Fork of Texas Creek. The instrumentation was able to pick up the two-sec-ond readings while the van was in motion, methane levels clearly spiked as the team rolled past some of the natural gas wells located along rural routes.

“We are all trying to work together to get the best pic-ture,” Thorley said. “It's such a great experience to work with this group.”

While Pétron and Thor-ley collect regional air sam-ples from the ground, teams systematically collect data from the San Juan Basin by aircraft, basing their opera-tions out of the Durango-La Plata County Airport.

This [study] has gained a sustained interest from the local community,” Kort said.

“It's obvious they really care about air quality and what they can do about [im-proving] it,” Thorley said, regarding opportunities to collaborate with the South-ern Ute Indian Tribe.

TRANSPORTATION PLANS • FROM PAGE 1

Ute tribal members. The questionnaire addresses safety issues such as: road conditions, driver behavior, boating, pedestrians and other hazards.

- Tribal Planning is looking for insight from tribal members on hazardous roads that are cause for concern, for both vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- Areas of concern already pointed out by the tribal membership include: County Road 213, wildlife issues, La Boca bridge, Bear Dance Bridge, future housing infrastructure, oil and gas road and bike and pedestrian trails.
- The plan is a tool to identify and address risk factors that can lead to injuries and death.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (LRTP)

- The Long Range Trans-portionawtion Plan Update is used to clearly demon-strate the tribe's transpor-tation needs for the next 20 years.
- Strategies developed in the plan will address fu-ture land use, econom-ic development, traffic demand, public safety, health and social needs.
- LRTP looks at the short, mid, and long term needs. Such as safety hazards, signage, future develop-ments and pedestrian de-velopments.
- The plan ensures the tribe's development pri-orities are supported by

transportation infrastruc-ture.

- The draft of the plan is scheduled to be complet-ed by November 2015.
- The Long Range Trans-portionawtion Plan Update is eligible for Bureau of In-dian Affairs funding.
- Roads funded by the BIA cannot restrict public ac-cess.
- The Long Range Trans-portionawtion Plan was first completed in 2006 and the current plan being worked on is an update. New data will be com-pared to 2006 data to compare trends.

Any more questions con-cerning the plans can be ad-dressed to Tribal Planning at 970-563-4749.



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IHS GIRLS SOCCER

IHS relishes season's final

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Twenty years ago, while establishing herself to later be a two-time NSCAA/Umbro All-American – as a senior in 1997, her name was listed beneath future U.S. Women's National Team stars Alyson Wagner (San Jose, Calif./Presentation H.S.) and Mary Abigail 'Abby' Wambach (Pittsford, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy) – sophomore Player-of-the-Year Rachel Weber led now-4A Niwot to CHSAA's first Class 3A Girls' Soccer State Championship.

On an overcast, rainy May 1 in Telluride, Ignacio concluded its 2015 campaign with an effort which, while recorded as a loss, illustrated how badly the team wanted to be in the maiden Class 2A State Tournament.

In fact, while the Lady Bobcats massed together joyously for one last team photo, one of their heroes in the 6-2 loss grimaced due to a bad back and fought back tears on the bench.

"It all started with the corner kick," sophomore Tori Archuleta said of her 64th-minute score. "I couldn't have gotten it if Tristan [Boone] hadn't chipped it in like she did, and it just went right off my shin guard!"

"It's a feeling that you can't describe, especially playing with arthritis and never knowing if you're going to be able to play again. It's tough, but my team helped me through it and I love 'em!"

Boone, a junior, received more love from her teammates in the 74th. Whereas Archuleta's goal was shoved through a crowd within the Lady Miners' goal box, Boone buried hers on a breakaway in which THS keeper Kenzie Zaumseil – a second-half switch for regular Whitney Wells, put into the field in



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Ignacio Girls' Soccer 12th-graders Krissy Velasquez, left, and Sarina Vigil were honored at the team's April 28 home finale versus Bayfield under the IHS Field lights.

the hope she would get a goal (which happened in the 60th minute) – was left down on the grass.

The injury was serious enough that paramedics were called and an ambulance was backed onto Judy Long Memorial Field, with Zaumseil – also fighting back problems – at last removed twenty minutes after her failed try at dispossessing Boone. The teams' 3A/2A Southwestern League match was resumed another six minutes later and nine minutes after that, in the 109th on a running clock, full time was finally whistled.

"The goalie ... it sucks what happened; obviously nobody would wish for that," said Boone. "But it was a great play."

"Hilda [Garcia, freshman] set it up really well, got it up and I was able to move around the Telluride players. An incredible feeling when you're alone and are, like, watching the goal and the second you get that goal it's so exciting!"

In addition to Wells' second-half score, the Lady Miners (3-7-3, 3-6-3 SWL) also got third- and 62nd-minute goals from Ava Jodlowski, one in the 24th by Taylor Gumble, one in the 27th by Zaumseil and one in the 70th by Mikaela Balkind off a fine double give-and-go with Wells along the right sideline.

"Our whole team is so

excited about the two goals and how we played today. We were working together, which sometimes we struggle with, and I just think everyone was super-happy and pumped about how it ended up."

Fortunately for IHS (0-12, 0-12) only two players are part of the Class of 2015, but defender Sarina Vigil and goalie Krissy Velasquez will indeed be leaving large holes in the rear of skipper Oscar Cosio's formation.

"It's been an adventure for me and Sarina," Velasquez said. Following a 29-save Senior Night effort three days earlier (she made 27 stops at THS) in a 6-0 home loss to Bayfield.

"We've been together throughout volleyball and soccer, so it's a great privilege to play with her. It's a great honor that I could play with her, Velasquez said,

"We have a good connection with each other, and we know that we have each other's backs," Vigil said of her classmate. "We haven't always had a lot of girls, and that has actually helped us really challenge ourselves to continue to learn everything there is and always get better."

Looking to the program's future, Vigil said she was surprised by the number of girls who joined the program this year.

"They were really dedicated, learned really fast. That's all I can ask for."



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Ignacio's Tucker Ward flies over Hotchkiss' Mitch McCurdy while trying to bring down a high throw and make a heads-up (pun intended) tag during the Bobcats' season-ending loss at the 2A-District 2 Tournament Friday afternoon, May 8, in Delta.

IHS BASEBALL

Hotchkiss overpowers Cats

IHS downs Meeker before signing off

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Someone was bound to do it; Ignacio unfortunately were the ones having to 'hail Cesar.'

Facing Hotchkiss' dominant junior right-hander Cesar Gonzalez in the 2A-District 2 Tournament semifinals up at Delta Middle School, the Bobcats fell victim to an eight-run Bulldog breakout in the bottom of the third inning, and managed just one hit in seeing their emerging season reach its end, 14 to 0.

"Hotchkiss is a great team," said senior Alex Lopez, who was set to bat one last time as a high-schooler when young Ruger Valdez was unable to beat out third baseman Dominic Beck's throw to first for the final out.

"Even with the score I feel we did pretty good against them," Lopez said. "We could have fixed a few things, but really it was a solid game against just a real solid team."

"We ran into a pitcher," quipped IHS pitching coach Clay Miller. "And some hitters."

But only HHS centerfielder Devan Rupe – the winning pitcher in the teams' previous postseason clash, in 2013 at the site – managed anything offensively early, in the form of a two-out, two-run homer to the short left-field fence in the bottom of the first off Juanito Medina (L; 2.2 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, HB, 0 K).

Ignacio's Tucker Ward had been able to reach on a Beck error in the top half, and Timmy Plehinger drew Gonzalez's only base-on-balls in the visitors' second. Gonzalez (W; 4 IP, H, BB, HB, 10 K) managed to strand both, and after fanning Medina, leadoff 'Cat Tyler Beebe and Nathan Herrera to quickly complete the top of the third, set off a decisive six-run, two-out spree with an RBI-single in the home half.

Leftfielder Cole Carvill finished it with a two-RBI double off IHS senior Isaac Pena, initially brought in to spell Medina when the score was still moderately close at 6-0.

But after getting Rupe

(1-2, BB, 2R) to pop foul to Herrera, ending the inning, Pena (0.1 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 3 ER, BB, 0 K) was immediately tagged for the game's last four runs in Hotchkiss' fourth. Designated hitter Mitch McCurdy (2-2, 2 R, 3 RBI) cleared the bases with a long triple to left, then scored on a groundout to second by 9-man Chase Hiatt off new pitcher Zach Weinreich (IP, H, 0 R, 0 BB, 0 K).

Shortstop Tucker Ward, enjoying an outstanding morning/afternoon split doubleheader, denied Gonzalez a no-hitter with a fourth-inning single up the middle. Pena then wore the last of numerous bean balls pelting him throughout his prep career, putting Bobcats at first and second, but Gonzalez struck out Austin McCaw and Andrew Martinez to quash the uprising.

Both had been key to IHS' 6-2 defeat of Meeker in the tourney's rain-delayed opener, with McCaw scoring twice as well as crushing an RBI-double to plate Pena in the bottom of the fourth, and Martinez providing constant upbeat chatter while defending first base and in the dugout.

"I'm glad we came out with a good attitude, able to hit the ball and play great defense," Martinez said. "Attitude means a lot to us on this team – if we put a head down, one player ... we need 'em all! We needed a good attitude to win this game."

"Yeah we were pretty charged up," said McCaw (1-3, 2 R, RBI). "We haven't won a district game in ... years, so we wanted to come here and get a win and ... try to take it to the next game."

With HHS awaiting the Bobcats-Cowboys winner, Ignacio managed a Ward RBI-single, and a Medina run (he'd stolen third base, then dashed home when catcher Ty Gibson's throw went high and into left) in the third, before McCaw's knock and subsequent walk to Martinez brought about the end of MHS starting lefty Logan Hughes (L; 3+ IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 K).

Ward, meanwhile, did

not allow a hit until Matthew Frantz singled in the top of the sixth, and lost the shutout when Meeker courtesy runner Tony Collins (running for Gibson, who'd singled) and centerfielder Doak Mantle (who'd also singled) both scored with two outs.

But in closing out a complete-game win with style, Ward (7 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, HB, 11 K) retired Frantz (3 IP, H, 2 R, ER, 4 BB, 4 K) – who'd allowed McCaw and Martinez to reach and score in the bottom of the sixth – swinging with two Cowboys still aboard.

"Tucker did a great job today...went through all seven, pitched a hell of a good game," Martinez (0-1, 2 BB) said. "And we all backed him up – can't do much better! Glad we got the 'W.'"

"It's way easier to pitch when you know there's guys behind you that can make the play," agreed Ward, who ended his junior season with an impressive 21 K's in his last two starts for boss Bert Miller.

Pena, who started the game at shortstop, went 1-3 with a run and a ribbie, and Plehinger and Medina each drove in one run despite going a combined 0-3 with three walks (each also reached once on an error).

"We haven't been able to get a win here for a good while, and it feels pretty good," Lopez said. "For us it's a pretty big deal. We had tremendous growth [this season], went from making small mistakes to almost none, and...I don't know – just great improvements everywhere!"

"We're coming out with a new sense that we know we can win," said Ward (1-2, BB, 2B), eagerly anticipating the squad's mostly-intact 2016 return. "What we have now is how we're going to win games!"

Ignacio finished 6-13 overall, as did Meeker. Hotchkiss, meanwhile, improved to 19-2 after blanking IHS and then eliminating Delta County arch-rival Paonia (17-5) in the next morning's championship game to advance to the 2A State Championship Series.

IHS TRACK

State Track this weekend for IHS

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Taking a smaller squad than normal to the final track-and-field meet of the regular season on Saturday, May 9, Ignacio's boys' and girls' teams each placed 11th at the Intermountain League/Southern Peaks League Challenge in Monte Vista.

Led by senior Davey Cooper's winning 10'6" in the pole vault, the boys managed 26 team points, while junior Chrystianne Valdez's second-place 8'0" in the same discipline headed a 24-point performance.

Valdez lost in a jump-off to 3A Bayfield's Morgan Allred, while Cooper prevailed over 2A Del Norte's McKenzie Mondragon. Bobcat Tyler Riepel cleared 9'0" quicker than teammate Blaine Mickey in the battle for third, making for a high-scoring showing at the pit.

Senior Sky Cotton took third place (13.63) and teammate Azala Perez was fifth (13.86) in the girls' 100-meter dash, with both not far behind the winning 13.29 by DNHS' Josie Sanchez. Cotton and Perez also helped – with Isis Gonzales

and Jaylynn Herrera – the 4x100 relay take seventh in 54.28 seconds.

Senior Mike Perez was 16th in the boys' 100 (12.52), but teamed with Bryan Gram, Blaine Mickey and Lorenzo Pena to register a sixth-place 48.11 in the 4x1. Gram also flew 18 feet, seven inches to place seventh in the long jump, and Mickey heaved a ninth-place 36'10" in the shot put.

Gonzales took fifth in the girls' 400 (1:07.69), and Herrera was 13th in the long jump (13'9"). Natoni Cundiff also brought back

a 13th (104'4") best in the boys' discus.

BHS won the boys' team championship with 105 points, while Alamosa captured the girls' with 100.

Only the Class 2A State Championships remain for the Cats, completing the 94th boys'/48th girls' season of CHSAA-sanctioned interscholastic T&F competition, and taking place inside Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood. Action commenced Thursday, May 14, and concludes Saturday, May 16.

GIRLS' TEAM STANDINGS

1. Alamosa 100, 2. Pagosa Springs 89, 3. Bayfield 77, 4. Crested Butte Community 71, 5. Fairplay South Park 60, T-6. La Jara Centauri/Mosca Sangre de Cristo 57, T-8. Sargent/Del Norte 41, 10. Center 35, 11. **IGNACIO 24**, 12. Monte Vista 22, 13. Cotopaxi 14, T-14. Moffat/Lake City Community 9, 16. Blanca Sierra Grande 8, 17. Sanford 4, 18. Cripple Creek-Victor 3, 19. San Luis Centennial 2.

BOYS' TEAM STANDINGS

1. Bayfield 105, 2. Alamosa 90, 3. La Jara Centauri 61, 4. Monte Vista 60.5, 5. Sanford 54, 6. Del Norte 53, T-7. Crested Butte Community/Mosca Sangre de Cristo 40, 9. Pagosa Springs 36, 10. Center 29, 11. **IGNACIO 26**, 12. Antonito 21.5, 13. Lake City Community 21, 14. Fairplay South Park 17, 15. Blanca Sierra Grande 16, 16. Sargent 13, 17. Cotopaxi 6.5, T-18. Moffat/San Luis Centennial 5, 20. La Veta 2.5.

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BOXING

GB boxers get busy on amateur card

Hughes takes male 'Fight of Night'

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though definitely not the ideal way to start a long-awaited night of fights, the somber note upon which the amateur portion of the May 9 'Boxing Is Back In The Rockies' pro/am lineups began needed to be heard.

Before any punch was thrown, respect was shown in the form of an honorary ten-count tolling of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center bell for regional pugilist Joe Barela's parents, Al and Samantha, who were killed March 28 in a motorcycle collision in Scottsdale, Ariz., during a Special Olympics benefit Torch Ride.

"I was going to fight tonight, but I had to cancel for that reason," said Joe Barela (5-3, 2 KO), whose father and mother were ringside regulars at events in Ignacio. "But I'll be back! You'll see me in here again!"

Six amateur bouts – of eight originally scheduled – quickly helped pick up spirits inside Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center, with GB Boxing Club's Brandon Hughes awarded Male Fighter-of-the-Night for his triumph in Bout No. 5 and Leandra Toledo of Farmington, New Mexico-based 11th Street Gym Female Fighter-of-the-Night status for her win over GB's Dominika Joy in Bout No. 4.

"I think it's a start to a new era, New Year. Me and my ex-boxing coach, George Manzanera, got together and formed George & Brian's Boxing Club," Brian Frost said, "and we are trying to get a lot of youth involved, to instruct and teach boxing, leadership...to fight that inner



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Dominika Joy (in blue) of GB (Georgs & Brian's) Boxing, from Ignacio meets her opponent, Leandra Toledo during the fourth bout of the 'Boxing Is Back in the Rockies' amateur's card.

demon inside each of us ... it's a great feeling to have boxing back here in the Four Corners; I think a lot of people have been waiting for it to come back."

Farmington-based Martinez Boxing's Nicholas Backman got the long night underway with a win over GB's Lawrence Toledo after three one-minute rounds of action. Natalie Martinez then also did her crew proud by defeating Morris Boxing's Belicia Posey in a 4x2 Bout No. 2.

Utilizing an effective jab from start to finish, GB's Justin Alston was slated for three three-minute rounds with unattached opponent James Lammon and scored

his first-ever win inside the squared circle.

"To bring a 'w' to the city, it felt real good for my first, my debut fight!" he said. "It was pretty much a rumble, from first to third round! Everybody was landing punches; I just toughed it out, and at the end got the KO."

Toledo's effort for her four-rounder (two mins. per) against Joy was rooted in the sport's essentials.

"I don't know. Just worked hard, fought hard!" she said.

Connecting with multiple solid rights near the end of Round 1 against Club-mate Tyreik Posey, Hughes was able to set the tempo in his favor and curried the judges' favor after nine minutes of combat.

"In the first I tried to use my jab to set up the right hand, and the right hand, I saw, stunned him a little," said Hughes. "I was trying to time his left hand – he was dragging his hand a little bit. He's a real good kid, had a real good fight, but I kind of dictated the pace...seeing he got tired, kind of frustrated, so I just went from there."

Closing out the 'Boxing Is Back In The Rockies' amateur lineup, unattached fighter Kerwin Tom managed to land enough shots to require a late standing-eight to be given GB's Manny Wall.

Unfortunately for Tom, Wall's work during the first two rounds was just enough to receive the decision.

"It's a great opportunity to be out here in Ignacio at Sky Ute Casino," summarized Hughes. "You know, growing up I came here and they had great boxing at the [since demolished] Tecate Pavilion when I first came."

"And I've been with George for a long time ... just to see them get some new fighters in here ... we've got some pro fighters, but we've also got some amateurs coming up, so that's nice to see them coming out and giving it their all."

"They each showed us the drive that we're looking for in individuals that want to learn boxing. The leadership, the courage, the determination ... shows us that we're teaching properly to them," Frost said. "The love is there for our boxers, and the love is given back to us."



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

GB's Lawrence Toledo gets last-minute advice from GB coach, Brian Frost before his match against Nicholas Backman from Farmington-based Martinez Boxing.



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GB's Justin Alston lands a solid left and scored his first-ever win against unattached opponent James Lammon in his three-round bout.



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GB Boxing's Brandon Hughes is presented after his win over Club-mate Tyreik Posey in what was later named Male Amateur Fight-of-the-Night at "Boxing Is Back In The Rockies."

SPLIT-DECISION UNSATISFYING • FROM PAGE 1



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Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost gave the welcome address, after Shane and Melanie Seibel gave the blessing to begin the professional card of the nights boxing. Southern Ute Royalty, Miss Southern Ute, Ellie Seibel, Jr. Miss Southern Ute, D'Vondra Garcia and Little Miss Southern Ute, Tauri Raines also gave their introductions. Southern Ute Veteran, Elroy Vigil had the honors of carrying in the American Flag.

and onlookers assumed the main event was firmly in the visitor's control.

His own left eyelid also bulging when all was said and done, Thompson (18-19-1, 8 KO) lost a point for a low blow in Round 7, but regrouped to engage Garcia in a massive swap of punches ending the round akin to the display of flying fists which had punctuated Round 2, after Zaino had to separate the men from multiple clinches.

The eighth and final round was what one would expect with one boxer looking to maintain what he thought was an advantage on the judges' scorecards, the other putting forth everything he had left in hopes of convincing the ringside trio, and both battlers able to hit and be hit with relatively little slowing.

But after hearing the numbers announced and Garcia's subsequent speech, Thompson also spoke to the spectators and delivered a similar, respectful message – but minus an overt 'I won' he no doubt thought he'd earned.

"Thanks for coming out and supporting us," were his parting words, and those of the entire event.

"It's fun down here," said co-main competitor Terry Buterbaugh.

"Oh it was awesome. Everybody was loving, you know; they were open-arms," second-bout participant Shane Moore said.

"I'm happy at the result of ... the promoter who put this whole show together, Byron Frost," said Ignacio-based GB Boxing Club's Brian Frost, instrumental in organizing the itinerary's earlier amateur fights.

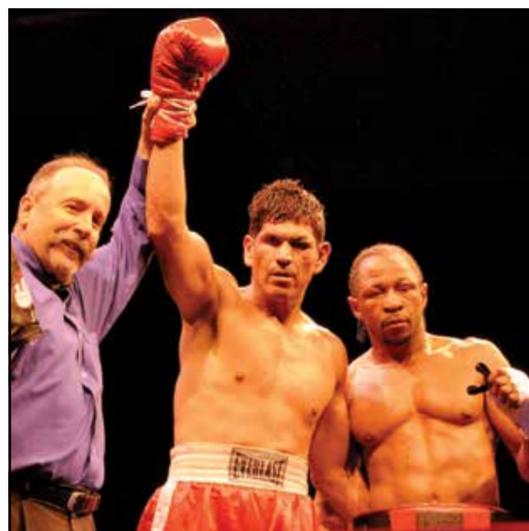
POGLINE BEATS DEADLINE

Dressed to the nines afterwards, Colorado Springs super welterweight Tyler Pogline had reason to celebrate after a technical knockout of Edgar Pedraza in the night's opening pro bout.

Well ahead in the judges' eyes after registering knock-downs of the well-traveled Mexico City veteran in the first and second, Pogline nailed down three finishing floorings in Round 4 with the match slated for five at 148 pounds. Pedraza dropped to 2-25-3 (1 KO) while Pogline climbed to 6-11 (5 KO).

MOORE THE MERRIER

Trapping Manuel Corona against the ropes, then dropping the Durango local to his knees for good after a flurry finished by a hard right hand, was somewhat of an ironic ending for



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Elco "The Animal" Garcia gets his hand raised in victory after his split-decision win against Patrick Thompson.

Denver, Colo., light heavy-weight Moore in the other pro undercard pairing.

Moore had actually helped hoist his opponent to his feet earlier in the decisive second round after a slip, with Corona (1-5-1) landing in Moore's corner – the fellows there verbally against their man lending a helping hand. But Moore soon finished what he'd started with a crowd rousing left in Round 1 and Corona, who'd left his corner without a mouthpiece to start the second (of five scheduled), was knocked out 1:46 into the frame.

"You know, I'd give myself maybe a 'C' on that fight, said Moore (3-1, 2 KO). "I was standing still, I was waiting on him a little bit, but I got the 'w' and that's what counts at the end of the day. I give him mad props, but I got the win and that's what it's about."

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

Only Buterbaugh knows for sure exactly what each punch-narrating utterance he blurts out really means. Cracking a smile at one point in the heat of the co-main event versus the plaid-clad enemy, Aztec, New Mexico's Joe Gomez certainly didn't.

But he knew what it was all about.

"His experience showed – him trying to get in my head," Gomez joked afterwards. "We were talking in the middle of the ring and stuff like that, but it was cool."

"The Ironman" certainly wasn't laughing, however, about his Colorado Springs foe's durability; Gomez's left hand, knuckles battered blue, was an unlucky trade-off for a 79-73, 79-73, 80-72 unanimous-decision victory.

"I really thought I was going to take the guy out," he said, in reference to numerous well-placed blows, "but his head is hard! It was

like hitting a rock – I think I might have fractured my hand or something! But he was tough, and I knew that after almost two years off I needed the eight full rounds."

"He was quick and he was busy," Buterbaugh (10-11-3, 4 KO) said, his left eyebrow also moderately swollen. "I stayed busy too – I think I hit him with the harder shots – but he was a little bit busier."

Reliant primarily upon his left jab during the first three stanzas, Buterbaugh – owner/product of Old School Boxing in the Springs – came alive with an aggressive right in the fourth, probably the one round awarded him by two of the three wise men, and did some damage.

But not to Gomez's patience, as Gomez often backed Buterbaugh into a corner or against the ropes, then tapped away with some light left-right combinations before firing in heavier through Buterbaugh's penetrated guard.

"One of my biggest problems is trying to throw hard shots, like, every time and tire myself out a little bit," Gomez (20-7-1, 9 KO) said. "So that was the game plan ... go in there, pat-pat and then BOOM! ... we threw over a hundred punches every round; that's what we were going for."

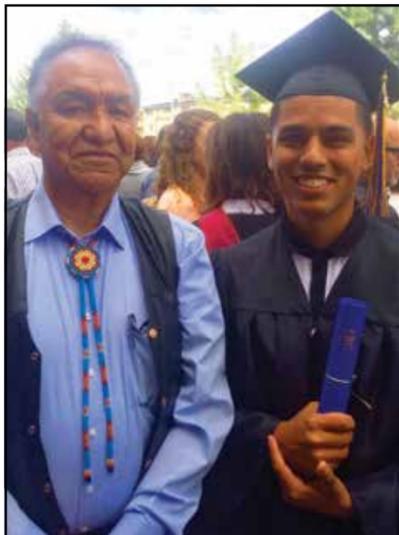
Pumping in a vicious right about one minute in, Gomez closed out Round 5 strong and also controlled Round 6. Buterbaugh battled back in the seventh and eighth, but was unable to do enough to sway the selectors.

"I was sick during two weeks of my fight preparation, missed two weeks of sparring. That kind of hurt," Buterbaugh said. "Those were my sparring weeks ... can't get those back."

"Trained super hard for this fight," Gomez said conversely. "It was exactly what we'd trained for ... he's a very tough fighter, and I'm looking to the next one. Hopefully we get the next one quick!"



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Prior to receiving my degree, I had experienced tough trials and tribulations, but among the difficulty, I was exposed to strong support and love. Preceding my graduation date, I specially took note of the individuals that offered support and powerful insight during my professional tenure at Fort Lewis College, who I believe deserve special recognition: my wife Jennifer Seibel, my parents Shane and Melanie, my in-laws Tom and Susie Ruybal, my grandpar-

ents Eddie and Betty Box and Harold and Lillian Seibel, Education Director Latitia Taylor, Education Past Employees Walter Howe, Louise Wilson and Luana Herrera, SunUte Fitness Manager Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Director Josh Batchelor, Councilwoman Amy Barry, Ignacio High School Present and Past Employees Melanie Taylor, Rocco Fuschetto, Beverly Lyons, Barbara Fjerstad, Chris DeKay, Mark Zaharko, Juvie Jones, Danny Jacques, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, and Christopher Dolan.

On the morning of my graduation, I walked into Whalen Gymnasium, listening to the traditional graduation commencement song, and as I took my seat, I looked to my right and I seen our Tribal Chairman standing in honor. I felt greatly appreciative and humble that he took his time out of his Saturday morning to come and show his support. For that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I will continue to show my undoubted support for your views and beliefs as our leader, Mr. Chairman.

To all of our tribal youth, I strongly urge you to take advantage of the opportunities that we have as tribal members. With open minds and receptive hearts, we can accomplish the strenuous feat of receiving a college education. With help from the devoted Education Staff, we can contribute to the cause of making our reservation and surrounding community a better place. Thank you to our past leadership for providing us with the opportunity to receive a college scholarship, and I hope to one day help this reservation and community in a positive and effective manner. Thank you.

*Best Regards,
Trae Lucas Seibel*

FAREWELL FROM MILLS

As many of you may know, I have decided to leave my position as Director of the Legal Department. This decision was neither easy nor without regret; however, I have decided to take on a new challenge. Contrary to any rumors you may have heard or may be thinking up to spread around, I am leaving my position of my own free will and, were it not for the attractiveness of my next challenge, would have been content to remain in my position well into the future. In other words, my departure should not be interpreted to reflect in any manner upon my position, the Tribe, its officials, staff, or members, as I hold all of them in very, very high regard. In fact, while excited for my next chapter, I will leave with a heavy heart as I dearly enjoy my work, my co-workers, and most everything else about working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

My last day of employment will be May 31, 2015. The Tribal Council and I have been discussing how best to ensure the continuation of the progress that we have made in the Legal Department and the Council has decided that Ms. Lorelyn Hall will assume the reins as Director of the Department, effective June 1, 2015. We have been working with Ms. Hall over the course of the last many months to prepare her for the transition and I have no doubt that the Legal Department will continue to flourish with her capable leadership and with the ongoing excellence of Tribal Attorney, Mr. James Washinawatok, and our

real all-star, Legal Assistant, Ms. Rebecca Rael. I would also expect that the assistance and support that all of you gave to me as I learned how best to handle the needs of this position and this Department will continue to be available to each of them as well.

In addition, we have recommended to the Tribal Council that new attorneys be hired into the Southern Ute In-House Attorney Training Program, with the ultimate goal that they eventually join the Legal Department as additional Tribal Attorneys. The Program has been a great success in preparing each of the current attorneys in the Legal Department for our work and, given the high quality slate of candidates whom we interviewed this time around, I have no doubt that the future of the Department remains bright as ever.

In conclusion, I'd only like to say "thank you." No matter how many times I may say it, I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude for the opportunity to work in such a great place, doing such great work, with and for such great people, and for everything I have gained from that opportunity. I will forever be indebted to the Tribe, the Tribal Council, Tribal members, and everyone else who helped me along the way, including those who took a chance on me in selecting me for this position. As many of you already know, although I may not be around after June 1, I will always be a phone call or email away if I can ever be of any assistance.

*All the best,
Monte Mills*

EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

RECLAMATION PROJECT

Solix BioSystems, Inc. is soliciting proposals for reclaiming a site of approximately 4.5 acres located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The scope of the project includes the removal of underground utilities, concrete structures, and aggregate. Following final demolition the site will be re-graded to approximate original contours and re-seeded in accordance with an approved Reclamation Plan. A full Scope of Work, along with necessary supporting documentation for the project, will be provided at the Mandatory Job Showing that will be held May 28, 2015 at the job site. We will meet qualified, interested contractors on May 28, 2015 at County Rd 2300 and Hwy 550 New Mexico, at 9:00am to lead attendees to the jobsite. Four wheel drive vehicles are required for access to the site. A valid 2015 Southern Ute Indian Tribe Crossing Permit is required to cross tribal lands to view the project. Contractors are responsible for their own permit. 30 Day Permits may be obtained by contacting the Permit and ROW Coordinator at (970) 563-0126 ext. 2236. Contractors planning to attend the job showing must contact David Acree, consultant for Solix BioSystems, by 5:00pm Tuesday, May 26th to confirm attendance. David Acree can be contacted at (970) 759-8796 with questions or to confirm attendance. Notice of a reschedule will be provided on May 27th should weather become an issue with respect to job site access for the job showing.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRANDMA COOKIE

I hope you have a wonderful day! Thank you for being YOU! I love you!

Love Landyn

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TAURUS PEOPLE! Celestial forces are at work this month re-charging your batteries, and fueling your brain with fresh ideas, and renewed determination. Harmonious VENUS slips into the sign of CANCER on the 7th, and enters the social section of your chart. As a result you might find yourself connecting with others in a more positive way. Pleasure filled outings may brighten your day to day activities. Visits to relatives, or friends are congenial and rewarding. No doubt you'll be welcomed with opened arms TAURUS.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

If it feels like you're stuck in a thick soupy fog on the 9th, it's all because of the stand-off between MERCURY and NEPTUNE. Try not to make any impulsive decisions GEMINI. Give some thought as to what your next move will be. This whole month may require careful navigating on your part. The SUN returns to your sign on the 21st, and may help to restore some type of clarity and confidence. Learn to read between the lines when dealing with old family grievances. It's all water under the bridge. Let it go.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

There are those who believe that if you hold the vision of a cherished goal, or dream, it may come true. This month you have the power of the planets on your side MOON KIDS. VENUS, the planetary Fairy Godmother (who has been known to grant wishes from time to time), enters your sign on the 7th. But wait, there's more. Add the bright shining SUN to the wish section of your chart, and you will have a better chance of success until the 20th. Another plus is lucky JUPITER drawing income your way.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

This month's lunation's might have you feeling as if you're trapped in a box. And all you want to do is to get out and run free. But you can't. It's ok LIONS, just be patient. There are some domestic duties that need your attention. Working LEO'S may find themselves in the spotlight, getting some well deserved recognition. MERCURY'S slowdown on the 18th might have you revising plans, and organizing new ones. Use this month to catch up with paperwork, do some spring chores, or make some changes in your financial habits. Important decisions should be put off until mid June.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Leave it to the Solar System to steer you towards exciting new adventures. All you are required to do is keep an open mind regarding travel to distant places. Some of your friends may have productive suggestions as to where to go, and what to see. No matter what your choices are VIRGO, be sure to plan ahead. NEPTUNE (currently in your opposite sign) has a tendency to muddle up things. With your ruler MERCURY going into backward motion on the 18th, it's best to give yourself plenty of time to make adjustments to your plans if necessary.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Shared finances, and property matters, might need closer attention as the SUN sheds light on inventive ways to improve your finances. A NEW MOON in the practical sign of TAURUS on the 17th inspires you to initiate a more productive method of money management. Later on the 21st, the SUN, MARS, and MERCURY gather together in idea boosting GEMINI, and shower you with an abundance of possibilities. Rest assured LIBRA, the latter part of the month is more compatible.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

A FULL MOON illuminating your sign on the 3rd sets the tone for the month. Through a series of mostly favorable events, some SCORPIO folks may opt to go on a shopping spree, for a Spring transformation. The 16th is a good day for beauty treatments, and makeovers. Employment prospects open up, and you might acquire some expanded interests that could have you traveling more often. Network with others, and show off your talents. You might be surprised at the results.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Until the 21st the SUN concentrates its power in the work and health area of your chart. Chances are you can already see where change may be a good thing. Do a little investigating SAGGIES, try something new. You're the adventurous type and become bored with too much routine. Just remember MERCURY will go into sleep mode on the 18th and put almost everything into slow motion. Be clear when conversing with partners. Be sure they fully understand your point of view.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Wild and crazy URANUS is still rocking and rolling around in your domestic area, shaking things up, and changing the status quo. But it's not all bad CAPRICORN. The SUN in relaxing TAURUS, and the NEW MOON in the same sign promote entertaining diversions. PLUTO continues to be an influence, and is slowly regenerating you, and your personal relationships. Fortunately the love planet VENUS is currently producing a sweet and loving aura. Be willing to listen to your main squeeze, and treat each other with respect. Make the most out of the close connection you have.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Domestic, and family interests take priority this month AQUARIUS. The NEW MOON in the sign of TAURUS might have you stressing over matters concerning parents, and elders. Be diplomatic. Arguing, or yelling won't work. Plan some creative, entertaining jaunts. Fresh air, Sunshine, and warm spring days are perfect for creating happy hours together. Kindness supersedes ego. As an added benefit, the SUN, MERCURY, and MARS stimulate the ENJOYMENT section of your MAY horoscope. So what are you waiting for AQUARIUS? Go out and find some!

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

An intense, emotional SCORPIO FULL MOON on the 3rd, ends a cycle that may have had you doubting a relationship, or second guessing your judgment. It may be a good idea to proceed slowly. On the 14th MARS takes an opposing stance to SATURN, and disrupts the harmony of the household. Later, on the 25th MARS squares off with your ruler, NEPTUNE, and stirs up a pot of confusion. Mind what you say to others, and be clear about what you sign Little Fishes. Take off the rose-colored glasses.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Start your engines ARIES people...and get ready to race into the month of MAY. Curb your impatience RAMS, there's a full agenda in the works and you will need to be somewhat organized to maintain the pace. Your reputation as a person of action is well known, and it's what keeps you motivated. Just be sure not to scatter all that energy in a million different directions. The NEW MOON on the 17th launches a financial cycle that might need some revision. MERCURY may add to that tweaking process on the 18th when it slows down, and draws your attention to the immediate matters at hand.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

Correction

In the May 1 issue of the Drum, Marge Borst was misidentified in photo accompanying the 'Days of Beauty' photo spread.

Drum Deadline

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May 29
Deadline:
May 21

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov

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NOTICE OF DRAFT

Title V Operating Permit and Request for Comment

Notice is hereby given that an operating permit application has been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo., 81137, for the following source of air pollution:

Applicant: Samson Resources Company

Facility: Spring Creek Compressor Station

Section 23, T33N, R7W, 3.5 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permit and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Mark Hutson, Acting Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, or emailed to mhutson@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice. Any interested person may contact Mark Hutson of the AQP at 970-563-4705 to obtain additional information.

PUBLIC NOTICE, TO GENERAL PUBLIC Unauthorized grazing on Tribal lands

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Indian tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern Ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **MAY 18, 2015** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Signed by Pearl E. Casias, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, June 9, 2011.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Royalty Committee Vacancy

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute / Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There is one position open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered; thereafter three-year terms will be served. The Committee is responsible to support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history; to promote and recruit applicants; to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner; other duties associated with the committee. The Committee will review / revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. The Committee meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building, in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137, or email your letter to ahiett@southernute-nsn.gov open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources. Open until filled. Duties of the Credit Committee listed below.

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

Garage Sale

555 Browning Ave., Ignacio, Colo., May 15 and 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

JOHNSON O'MALLEY/TITLE VII Committee Vacancies

There are three vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley/Title VII committee. If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department. This is a volunteered position and JOM/Title VII only meets once a month on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. If you need more information contact Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. To be eligible:

1. You must have a student(s) enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12
2. Your student(s) must be eligible for the program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department
3. Open to all Native American that is enrolled with the two school district's.

ETHICS OFFICE Alternate Member-at-Large Vacancy

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill a vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" position on the Ethics Committee. Qualifications are as follows:

- Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality
- Have a familiarity with tribal government
- Be of good character, active, conversant with proven responsibility in tribal community affairs.

The Ethics Committee meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice Center, 71 Mike Frost Way by May 29, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

PLAY 4 GAMES OF CHANCE TO WIN YOUR SHARE!

Earn entry tickets all month long and join us every Saturday in May for game show fun. Winners will be drawn every hour from 5PM-9PM. Each winner will play 3 games and then decide to walk away or risk it all for an envelope of cash up to \$1,000!

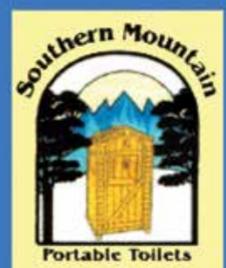


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Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/19/15
Assisting the (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining accounting principles, practices, and procedures, managing monthly accounting tasks including AR/AP, general ledger management, generation of financial statements, bank reconciliations and cash management, calculation and payment of taxes, establishing and maintaining credit records, assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required.

Business Systems Analyst I – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/20/15
Under general direction of the IT Manager, leads business system analysis, support, and use of Red Willow's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

Business Systems Analyst II – Red Willow Production Company (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/20/15
Under general direction of the IT Manager, leads business system analysis, support, and use of Red Willow's integrated oil and gas business software. Interface with users of software to evaluate needs and develop business solutions utilizing IT technology.

PeopleSoft Senior Project Manager – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/22/15
Leading the internal Shared Services projects. Creates and executes project work plans and revises plans as appropriate to meet changing business needs and priorities.

PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/22/15
Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation. Focus on the technical view of the North America Payroll application with emphasis on the impact, implications, and functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

PeopleSoft Senior FSCM Developer – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/22/15
Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft technical support and consultation. Focus on the technical view of the Finance and Supply Chain applications with emphasis on the impact, implications, and the functional/technical benefit of enhancements, as well as the design and implementation of customizations and fixes to the production system.

SAP Business Intelligence & PS Lead Architect – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/22/15
Under the general direction of the Application Development Manager, develops and oversees the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Intelligence suite and Microsoft's SQL Server database toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. Analyzes, develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Intelligence suite of tools with other source systems. Supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed within the SAP Business Intelligence suite. Oversees operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

Operator II – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, Colo.)

Close date 5/26/15
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Operator III – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, Colo.)

Close date 5/26/15
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner, responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Operations Tech I – Aka Energy Group (Platteville, Colo.)

Close date 5/26/15
Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner, responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Lease Operator I Trainee – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Close date 5/22/15
Trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to be trained under the general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen. The objective is for the trainee to acquire the proficiency and skill set necessary to assume the responsibilities of a Lease Operator I position. Please contact Snowbird Frost, Tribal Member Employment/HR Generalist Trainee, at 970-563-5067 or by email sfrost@sugf.com if you are interested in applying.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
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Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Kitchen Utility Steward – Full-Time

Closing Date 5/15/15
Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Washing dishes, cleaning facilities and cooking in a number of capacities. 18 years old+. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have 3 months of previous dishwashing experience.

*Room Inspector/ess – Full-Time

Closing Date 5/15/15
Inspects the performance of floor attendants to assigned rooms, while ensuring that all procedures are completed to the standards of the hotel. Assists where necessary to ensure optimum service to guests. 21 years old+. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 3-5 years experience as room attendant. Prior supervisor experience preferred.

*Security Officer – Full-Time

Closing Date 5/18/15
Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They are the first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be at least 21 years old.*

SAN JUAN BASIN HEALTH

SJBHD está contratando una persona bilingüe de Inglés/Español para nuestro programa de promotoras. Candidato servirá como un trabajador de salud comunitaria y ofrecerá exámenes de salud, educación de salud y bienestar y promoción y apoyo para los clientes. Se busca un miembro de la comunidad de confianza con compasión. BA preferido. Se proporcionará capacitación en el trabajo pero es preferido que candidatos tengan el conocimiento de los recursos de salud, bienestar y la comunidad. 20 horas/semana. \$15.31/hr además de beneficios. Se requiere licencia de conducir. Fecha de cierre el 29 de mayo o hasta que se alcanza el grupo adecuado. Para aplicar ir a www.sjbhd.org.

LAND FOR SALE

Attention tribal members/employees

Tribal members & employees! Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16 irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio off CR 514, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

Human Resources Department: P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Lawn Service Maintenance Laborer

Closing date 5/26/15
Performs lawn service and garden plots at their primary residence for Tribal Elders or physically disabled individuals who reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

Front Desk Attendant

Closing date 5/26/15
Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

Air Enforcement Coordinator

Closing date 5/28/15
Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager prepares, coordinates and tracks air quality enforcement order packages and provides subject matter expertise on technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Part 70 Operating Permit Program. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

High School Teacher

Closing date 6/1/15
Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Education Dept. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the High School during and after school throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

Director of Investment - Permanent Fund Endowment

Closing date 5/18/15
Plans and provides general direction to the conduct of the Permanent Fund Endowment which include the care and custody of funds and other financial assets, money manager selection and evaluation through consistent

communication and due diligence review. Management of the Permanent Fund Endowment Asset Allocation in collaboration with the Tribe's investment advisors. Management of investment staff. Pay grade 28; \$116,953/annual.

Plumbing Maintenance Technician

Closing date 5/19/15
Repair, maintenance, and installation of mechanical and plumbing equipment in Tribal Buildings and systems, to include correction of safety hazards. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Range Technician

Closing date 5/22/15
Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Closing date 5/29/15
Senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/annual.

Temporary TERO Boys & Girls Club Program Aide

Closing date 5/15/15
Open to Enrolled Native American Tribal Members. Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. These temporary positions (80 days) are for members of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

AP/AR Clerk

Closing date 5/27/15
Responsible for vendor setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

Facility Operations Manager Trainee

Closing date 5/25/15
Trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member. Position was developed in order to train a Southern Ute Tribal member to become fully competent in all the essential duties and responsibilities of the SunUte Facility Operations Manager. The length of the trainee program is two years with quarterly evaluations and merit increases based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade 18. Upon completion of the program, incumbent will be responsible for the management and completion of all the duties assigned as the responsibility of the SunUte Facility Operations Manager.

Air Quality Analyst 1 Position

Closing date 5/28/15
Under general supervision of the Air Quality

Program Manager. Performs administrative, technical and clerical support for the Tribal Air Quality Program and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission. Position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member Only. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled
The purpose of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) is to provide the Southern Ute Indian Tribe youth with employment in our community. The YEP provides employment for 50 Southern Ute Tribal members ages 14 -18 in 24 employment locations. During the program the YEP staff coordinates trips, workshops, and cultural activities that everyone in YEP can participate in.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Veronica June Box-Tibbetts, Deceased
Case No.: 2015-PR-012

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for

hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on May 26, 2015 at 4:00PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of May, 2015

Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Logo Contest

The Commission seeks entries from enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members who may wish to participate in assisting the Gaming Commission towards this much-needed logo project. The logo should encompass the integrity and commitment the Gaming Commission adheres to, in its function as a Tribal Regulatory Agency, while honoring the Southern Ute Tribal People. The Southern Ute Gaming Commission will choose the logo that best represents them and present it for approval before the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Participants may submit up to two logos, on an 8"x11" sheet of white paper and recognize after a logo has been chosen, it will become the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Participants should consider the logo will be reduced at times and should still remain visible with some clarity. The winner of the contest will receive public recognition and \$200 dollars. The deadline for submitted logos will be June 12, at 5 p.m. and may be submitted to the Southern Ute Division of Gaming office located in the Justice and Regulatory Building. Southern Ute Tribal employees of the Division of Gaming and members of the Gaming Commission are precluded from participation in the Logo Contest.



FLY-FISHING

Three stages of tying your own flies

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



Tying flies is one of the really fun aspects of fly-fishing. It is truly satisfying to catch fish on a fly you have tied, instead of one bought in a fly shop. Reflecting on how I got started tying flies, and where I am now with this hobby, I believe there are three stages a of tying one goes through.

Stage one is acquiring the basic tools needed, once the decision is made to start tying. This is usually done after you have been to a basic tying event at a fly shop, watched a video or DVD on tying, or simply read a book. In my case, it was at the urging of she who must be obeyed. She thought I needed an inside hobby.

So, I obtained a tying bench and accouterments needed to get started. I placed the bench beside the fireplace for warmth and light. I had the dog lying at my feet, and an adult beverage to warm my insides. It looked like a Norman Rockwell painting. Well, that's how I remember it. But the setting aside, I did start to tie. I followed the instructions that said, "Pick four or five of your favorite patterns. Learn to tie them, and buy all the rest of your flies." I have to say, that was good advice, then and now. I caught lots of fish on the patterns I tied. I also found I hesitated to use store bought flies, even when my hand tied flies weren't catching

many fish. This is where stage two came into play.

Stage two started out innocently. I was tying a fly and began to think a different color for its tail might make a difference. I decide on the color, looked all over my bench but couldn't find a suitable match, then spotted the perfect color lying at my feet. A few snipes here and there and my new tail color problem was solved.

However, after several tying sessions using my new color source, said source refused to lie at my feet. In fact, she was nowhere to be found when I pulled up to the bench. This created a huge problem because I had come up with even more creative color patterns. I thought, erroneously, no one would notice if I trimmed the carpet. When the carpet trimming was discovered I was given a stern warning and my bench was moved into the arts and craft room.

At first I was bummed by this relocation. Then I realized I had hit the mother

lode. Within the confines of the arts and craft room were, a sewing basket, a knitting basket, and paintbrushes. This is where I really got into stage two and began to modify and improve all sorts of flies. It was during this period of solitary confinement I discovered many well-known fly-tying experts will sometimes use a favorite pattern as a basis. They'll take it and change the hook, materials, and colors and come up with an improved pattern. My motivation for making changes in old patterns is Charlie Craven. For those of you not familiar with Charlie, he is probably the "preeminent tyer" in fly-fishing.

Charlie's latest addition to the fly bin is a combination of an elk hair caddis and a stimulator. In merging the flies Charlie thinned some materials, added materials not normally found on either fly, tied it on an emerger hook, and came up with the Clown Shoe Caddis. As with most of his patterns it is easy to tie and I am sure will catch fish. I'm tying his pattern as designed, and also with some changes of my own. I just can't help myself.

Stage three, please don't go there. Stage three is when you look at all the flies you are now tying and say to yourself, "I can make a living tying and selling my flies." If you get to this stage please call me. I have a bridge to nowhere I'd like to sell you.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 15



Mostly cloudy 72°F

Saturday, May 16



Mostly cloudy 52°F

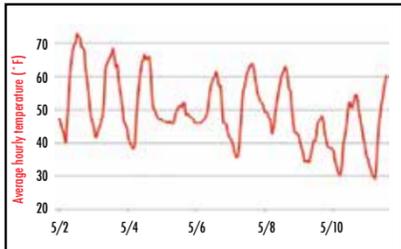
Sunday, May 17



Mostly sunny 60°F

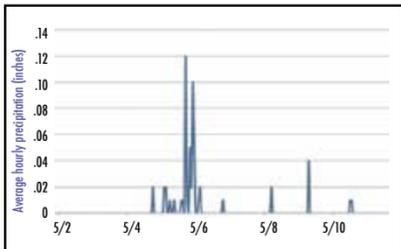


Weather data for May 2 – May 12



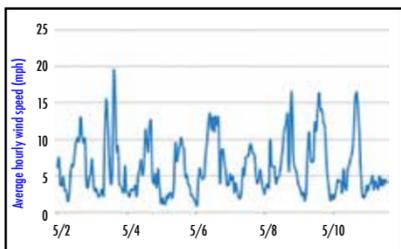
Temperature

High	72.9°
Low	29.3°
Average	449.5°
Average last year	51.3°



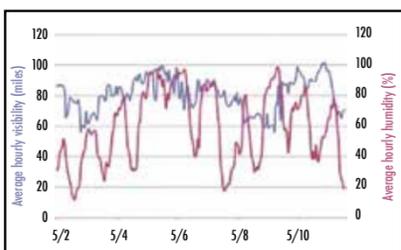
Precipitation

Total	0.570"
Total last year	0.030"



Wind speed

Average	6.2
Minimum	0.9
Maximum	19.2



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	80.6
Average humidity	59.6%

Air quality
Moderate
Air quality descriptor: 58



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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