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## Bear Dance: Dancing, singing & honoring



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### BEAR DANCE

Bear Dance goers fill the corral as the Southern Ute Bear Dance comes to an end, Monday, May 25.

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### POWWOW

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds was filled with singers, dancers and spectators during the two-day Bear Dance Powwow May 22 and 23.

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### REMEMBRANCE

The Southern Ute Veteran's Association hosted the annual Memorial Day ceremony, Day of Remembrance on Monday, May 25.

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Former royalty members from the three Ute tribes were recognized at the Ute Nations Day, Friday, May 22 at the Sky Ute Casino resort, Event Center. (Left to right) Northern Ute, Joan Hazel Wash; Southern Ute, Ernestine Burch (accepted by Cynthia Buckskin, pictured); and Ute Mountain Ute Honoree, Doris Heart.

### UTE NATIONS DAY

## Honoring tribal royalty

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

oldest living royalty from the three Ute tribes.

The annual Ute Nation Day kicked off Bear Dance festivities Friday, May 22 by honoring the

From Southern Ute, Ernestine Burch was recognized as the oldest living Royalty page 17

### TRIBAL AFFAIRS

## General meeting addresses constitution changes

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Discussions regarding proposed amendments to the Southern Ute Constitution was the heated topic at the special general meeting held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, May 14. Tribal members from the community gathered in the event center and were informed by Tribal Council about what the proposed changes entail and how they would benefit the tribe. However, responses were mixed with some tribal members declaring the changes as unnecessary. Tribal Council hopes to address any misunderstandings on the subject.

The proposed changes involve deleting provisions in the Constitution that require approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). For example, the Constitution currently requires approval by the BIA before a tribal code or ordinance can take effect. Tribal Council proposed the revisions to allow Tribal Council to make decisions more quickly and eliminate reliance on an outside authority.

"Tribal members need to understand that the changes aren't about getting rid of the BIA, it's about clarifying the responsibility of the BIA as far as approving issues and agreements the tribe has," Chairman Clement J. Frost said. "For example, we used to take our budgets to Albuquerque for review and approval. The change will remove the approval process from the Secretary of Interior. It gives us an effective process to ensure we strengthen our sovereignty."

"How much involvement do you want the federal government involved in your everyday business?" asked Councilman James M. Olguin to the room full of people. "The Tribe is exercising its sovereign rights

to govern themselves. The tribes are making decisions on their own with the skills involved ... Don't look at this constitution as a document you're going to read just once. We can manage all of these issues on our own and much better than the federal government. The proposed changes in the constitution simply implies taking the approval of BIA out of the [equation]."

"We want our community to know that we haven't voted on any of these [changes] yet," added Councilman Alex S. Cloud. "It's important that we hear about the concerns from the people before Council votes on them. We know there's a misunderstanding between Council and tribal members, and we want to be on the same page. It's good to hear these voices and have people on board."

The constitution was first passed in 1936 shortly after Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA). The IRA allowed tribes to adopt a constitution in order for tribal people to have authority over their own affairs. The Southern Ute Tribe's constitution has rarely amended since its origin. The Constitution can only be amended by a vote of the tribal membership at a special election conducted by the Secretary of Interior. In order to come into effect, thirty percent of the tribal member voters would need to vote in the election, and the majority of those voters would need to vote in favor of the amendments.

"We're simply aiming to fix the constitution so that things can go accordingly for our people," Frost added. "We're just trying to eliminate the excess baggage that's really not needed. The benefit of removing those approvals will speed up our action rather than have us wait."

### GOV'T TO GOV'T

## Congressman Tipton talks water rights with council

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Tuesday, May 26 to discuss with Tribal Council and the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council about the regulations of water rights within the reservation.

Tipton is hopeful in providing a bill that protects the water uses for tribal members, in addition to enhancing higher education

for the youth. "We're optimistic about building the momentum of a Fort Lewis College bill. It will create great opportunities to provide for our children to pursue higher education."

Tipton was given a decorative pin by Chairman Clement J. Frost as a token of appreciation.

"We appreciate the [congressman] for taking the time to come out and instill leadership in our youth and community," Frost said.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Chairman Clement J. Frost honors Congressman Tipton with a fashionable beaded pin.

## JNC: Building leaders



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Elaine Newton, mother of the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., presented Jerrika Valenzuela with a check for \$250 as one of three winners of the Emerging Leadership Awards.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Jimmy Newton Youth Leadership Conference logo was designed and drawn by Ian Thompson. He explained how Jimmy – a traditional man was the inspiration for the design.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

A Ute Mountain youth plays the hand game during a Hand Game presentation. Culture and tradition were key components in this year's leadership conference.

### Veteran's General Meeting

All Tribal Veterans are invited to attend an informal General Meeting Friday, June 5 in the Sky Ute Casino Resort, John S. Williams Banquet Room 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Lunch will be provided



## TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**EAGLE** – Annabelle W. Eagle, matriarch of the Eagle family of the Southern Ute Tribe, passes on to the Spirit World on May 14th at her home in Ignacio, Colorado. She was born in Ignacio November 22, 1924 to Olive Tyler and William H. William. For sixty-five years, she was married to Clifford House Eagle, who passed away ten years ago.

Annabelle was born to a traditional Sundance family and lived the tenets of the Sundance throughout her life. She

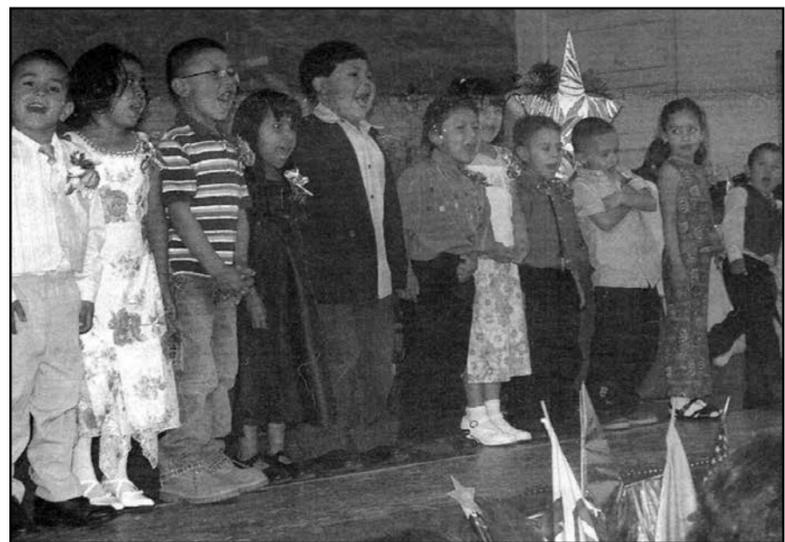
taught her children, grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren the importance of family, friendship, hospitality, generosity and respect, especially for tribal identity and community.

Annabelle was a teacher at the BIA schools on the Southern Ute and Navajo reservations. She was the first So. Ute woman to be appointed as Tribal Court judge, and worked on the development of the tribe's first law-and-order code. In the 1960's, she was one of the So. Ute elders who helped develop the template for the So. Ute Tribe's future financial and social transformation.

Annabelle served on many committees, ranging from housing, education, health, the elders committee, Animas-La Plata Project and Ute Language Committee. Among her many interests in the cultural development of the young tribal members were the Powwow and Miss Southern Ute committees. In 2013 she was honored for her long record of public service by having the national Christmas tree in Washington D.C. named after her.

Annabelle Eagle was preceded in death by her daughters: Beverly Harlan and Teresa Eagle; her sons: Clifton and James Dean Eagle. She is survived by her son: Sage Douglas Eagle Remington; daughters: Linda and Ramona Eagle; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

## MANY MOONS AGO



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Classroom 6 singers belt out a song in honor of their graduation from Head Start on May 12. The song was an original piece dedicating all their hard work. Pictured from left to right: Nathan Atencio, Lorraine Watts, Lakota TwoCrow, Destinee Taylor Aguliar, Kai Roubideaux, Issac Suina, Caitlin Garcia, Tauno Gallegos, Josiah Escojeda, Brooklyn Weaver and Joseph Atencio.

This photo first appeared in the May 27, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

### 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.

### SunUte's Summer Pool Hours

June, July, August

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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### 20 years ago

Austin Box, Lillie Frost and Alice Neash represented the Southern Ute Indian Tribe during dedication ceremonies at the new Garden of the Gods Visitor Center.

This photo first appeared in the May 26, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Southern Ute Youth Group performed for the Archuleta County Centennial Celebration reception at the Fairfield Lodge on Monday, May 20. Youth Group members who danced were Elberta Bison, Sadie Frost, Francis Bison, Jenny Frost and T. J. Frost.

This photo first appeared in the May 31, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## 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!

### Board Member vacancies

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. The deadline for applications to be received is June 15.



## 'It's a family thing'



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum staff invites all tribal members to witness the "It's A Family Thing" exhibit that features the artwork of Russell, Austin, and the late Orian L. Box.



The exhibit is displayed as a way of honoring tribal elders and artists.



The "It's A Family Thing" art exhibit will be featured at the Southern Ute Culture Center & Museum until July.

"It's a Family Thing" is an art exhibit showcasing the art work of Russell, Austin and the late Orian L. Box. The exhibit was the inspiration of a museum staff member who had to do an exhibit for a class through Institute of the American Indian Arts (IAIA). This was a way to showcase some of the art work that the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) has in storage and to convey a sense of family. This is also a way for SUCCM to honor a former Assistant Director, Orian L. Box.

"It's a Family Thing" is also a way to show that the museum is about family and that we take pride in honoring our elders. It is a way to give back to the community through our exhibits and what better way than to showcase a family of artists.

The staff here at SUCCM welcomes all visitors to come and enjoy these beautiful pieces of art that we are displaying. SUCCM will be running this exhibit for two months; during this time SUCCM will then switch out the art work to feature other artists.

## 'Manuni Tau Nuchiu'

An 'All of us Utes' gathering was held Wednesday, May 27 to bring together Utes of all ages from around Ute Country. The gathering was held at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility and offered educational workshops and a friendly environment for everyone to visit, share stories and jokes.



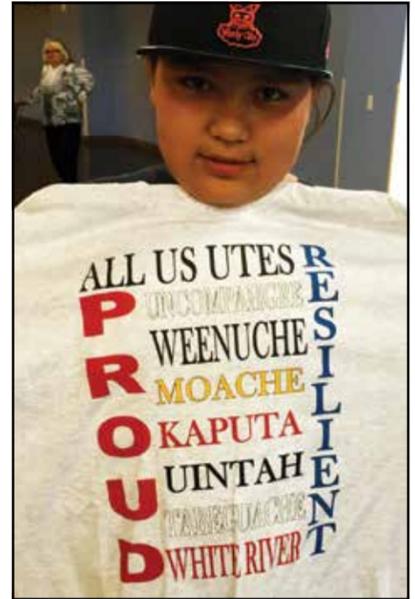
Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Bison Educator, Marge Borst talks with Nathaneal Hendren about the importance of bison in the Ute culture at the 'All of us Utes' event, Wednesday, May 27 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The event was put together by the Southern Ute Culture Department, Ute Mountain Culture Department and White Mesa Education Department.



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Anton Lopez holds up her completed tipi lamp at the 'All of us Utes' event.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Zachariah Red holds up the 'All of us Utes' T-shirts given out to all participants.

## Ute Bear Dance Exhibition

June 13 & 14, 2015  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Rio Grande Park, Aspen, Colorado  
Presented by the Aspen Historical Society  
and Memnosyne Institute  
Coordinated in partnership with Randlette Bear Dance  
Chief Skyler Lomahaftewa

Live Music Provided by Ute Tribal Members,  
Educational Booth, Native American Vendors  
More information at [Aspenhistory.org](http://Aspenhistory.org)  
(970) 925-3721

## Upcoming Bear Dances & Powwows

May 28 - June 1 • Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, Towaoc, Colo.  
May 28 & 29 • Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance Powwow, Towaoc, Colo.  
September 4-7 • White Mesa Bear Dance, White Mesa, Ariz.

## Southern Ute Tagu Wuni Sun Dance

July 9-13, 2015  
Ignacio, Colorado  
Chief: Hanley Frost



ALL DANCERS, SINGERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance the rules of good manners and decorum must be observed by all, at all times.

1. The entrance to the Medicine Lodge should have a clear passage at all times.
2. Children should not be allowed to play around the Medicine Lodge.
3. Women on their menstrual cycle, or pregnant are not permitted near the Medicine Lodge.
4. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
5. Cameras, tape/video recorders, food and water are not allowed in the Medicine Lodge area.
6. No metal chairs allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.
7. No cell phones!

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR LOSS OF PROPERTY.

For more information contact: Hanley Frost 970-442-0500

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### 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.

## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Pharmacy's new and improved services

Staff Report  
SU HEALTH CENTER

The Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy will be installing a new computer, robotics and phone system.

The new system is scheduled to be installed and activated on June 15, 2015. This new equipment will bring the pharmacy up to date with some of the newest technologies available in the pharmacy industry.

You will notice changes to the prescription labels on your bottles and the check-out system at prescription pick-up, designed to improve privacy and safety. Along with the technology being installed in the pharmacy, there will also be a web page that allows you to login, create an account, and manage your refills online, if you choose.

We will also be offering optional text reminders for refills and text notification when your prescriptions are ready for pick up. Automatic scheduled refills will be another option you may enroll in if you choose to participate.

There will be an IVR phone system (Interactive Voice Response System)



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

that will allow you to request prescription refills by phone using prescription numbers any time of the day or night without speaking to pharmacy personnel. This provides the convenience of placing your refill request any time you like, instead of trying to reach us during business hours, or leaving a voicemail. And, of course, you will still have the option to speak with one of your pharmacy staff during business hours of Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Most all of the new services will require enrollment with the pharmacy and we will have more information about that process available very soon. Remember, the pharmacy staff is here to serve your

health care and prescription needs. Your health and safety are our number one concerns.

Since the beginning of the year, Paige Kapp, our clinical pharmacist, has been reaching out to many of you interested in improving your diabetes control, quitting smoking, managing blood thinners, and simplifying complex medication regimens. Paige collaborates with the providers at the clinic to manage medications, and provide an additional point of contact for patients between provider visits.

If you are interested in quitting smoking, or you have questions/concerns about your medications, contact Paige by calling the pharmacy 970-563-4781 to set up an appointment.

## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Diagnosable mental health condition affects 1 in 5 adults

Lola Osawe  
SU TRIBAL HEALTH

### DID YOU KNOW

1 in 5 American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year.

50 percent of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life, and half of those people will develop conditions by the age of 14.

People who are exposed to adverse childhood events including abuse, neglect, divorce, witnessing domestic violence and having parents who have substance use issues, mental

illnesses or are in jail are:

- 2.6 times more likely to have depression
- 17 times more likely to have learning or behavioral problems
- 5 times more likely to have serious alcohol problems
- 3 times more likely to have serious job problems

Substance use can increase chances of develop-

ing a mental illness AND having a mental illness can increase risk of using substances. People with mental illness are:

- 2.3 times as likely to develop nicotine dependence
- 3 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence
- 30 times more likely to develop illicit drug dependence

Screening can help catch mental health problems early – B4Stage4: [www.mhascreening.org](http://www.mhascreening.org) – anonymous, free, and confidential screening  
For More Information: Mary Trujillo Young or Jennifer GoodTracks  
Southern Ute Health Center – Behavioral Health Department, 970-563-4581.  
Statewide Crisis Line, available 24/7: 844-493-8255

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

# Indians of Isolation

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For many people, beginning the day is as easy as brewing a cup of coffee, maybe even going for a morning run, or reading a good book to boost the brain. All the remedies are present, and there is certainty the day will be a positive one. For others however, waking up and beginning the day is where the difficulty starts.

Everyday, Yvonne Tree greets the morning with a blessing. She shows admiration in her life, her family, and her spirituality. More so, she shows full blessing and dedication in taking care of her older brother, Thomas Tree. Thomas, who is described as having a joyful personality, also suffers from schizophrenia. It is a crucial mental condition that causes him to experience auditory and visual hallucinations, something he has struggled with daily since he was 20-years-old. Yvonne has sworn to be by her brother's side whenever his condition calls for support, and has since put in an effort in spreading the word of mental health awareness. The only problem is no one seems to listen.

"We need to heal within ourselves, family, community, and society," Tree stated. "As native people, we continue to die young. We need to see everyone's potential. [My brother] takes life one-step at a time. I learned a lot from him about life and being appreciative with what you have. He has the right of his existence like everybody else on this planet. I have nothing but respect for him."

Yvonne personally understands the discomfort and pain resulted from mental illness as she herself has struggled with ADD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), one of the most common anxiety conditions that generally start during childhood.

"When I was little, I didn't do well in school," she addressed. "Alcoholism and violence went on at home. When I got stressed, I became depressed and thought everything was my fault. When a child lives in that environment, they don't get proper guidance. Their personalities get reformed and are carried throughout their life. Native Americans were never set up to succeed in this [civilization] because the western society taught us how to discriminate against

each other. Until we see the elephant in the room and address it, then we will never get better."

Within the past decade, a surging epidemic has engulfed the reservations across the U.S. It is an issue that has taken the lives of many native people, far more than any diseases in American history. The epidemic consuming the lives of native people every day is suicide. According to federal government figures, the number of Native American teens and young adults who have killed themselves is more than triple the rate compared to other young Americans. The high suicide rate has been linked to recurring instances on tribal reservations, including domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse, lack of awareness, and historical trauma.

To this day, approximately 26.2 percent of Americans age 18, and one in four adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year, which translates roughly to 57.7 million people. Depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder are just a few of the common illnesses people become diagnosed with. Moreover, they are the common conditions that cause many natives to take their own lives each year. With those statistics, mental health is something that should be taken into consideration within communities, according to tribal psychologist, Jennifer GoodTracks.

"When people try to understand illnesses', they don't separate the physical health from the emotional health," GoodTracks said. "We have medical people here who recognize mental health disorders and we collaborate on those. If there is a law set for physical disability in the workplace, then why isn't the same set for mental disabilities? What do we do for those who are internally suffering? They feel discriminated, and it adds on to everything."

People who struggle with mental illness live their daily lives in discomfort, irritability, and physical pain. It is one of the most misinterpreted conditions because of a lack of education. Telling someone who's struggling with a disorder that it's "all in your head" is the sole reason mental illness is misunderstood, because if untreated, unfortunate out-

comes may take effect in the future.

What could begin as stress/anxiety may eventually result with physical risks on the body, including high blood pressure, chest pains, upset stomach, substance abuse, diabetes, and insomnia. Common life threatening issues that could result from these risks may include ulcers, seizures, strokes, and psychosis.

"People don't have to be scared of getting treatments," GoodTracks added. "It's okay to ask questions about the issue and address it. It's important for them to take care of their problems, otherwise it consumes them. I think there are prominent leaders that need to speak to their people about mental health, because the tribal membership must be heard. We have a powerful voice, and we have the freedom to express it."

Lately, the Southern Ute Health Center has opened their doors with open arms for anyone who feels they are struggling with mental illness. As suicide rates in native communities continue to rise, it has become a goal for providers to ensure that the mind, body, and soul is all apart of a person's well being.

"One of the things with mental health is that it's important to identify the issue early before things get bad," said Dr. Mary Trujillo Young, behavioral health manager. "If someone doesn't feel right with themselves or a family member, then that's an important sign. Whether it's bags under the eyes or isolation in the bedroom, action should be taken. People will sweep it under the rug because it's seen as a character flaw, when that's absolutely not true. We really want people to see what can be provided for those who are struggling rather than alienate them."

Life has many crossroads, and sometimes they don't seem to end. It takes strength and effort to understand the stigma of mental illness, but every supportive voice is what could save someone's life in the end, according to Yvonne Tree.

"Lift each other up and advocate," Tree requested. "I live a spiritual life. I saw too many deaths from too many natives, and I even thought I'd die that way. I'm okay with who I am, where I've been, and where I'm going. I'm not hiding from it anymore, because all I am is me."

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL HONORARY PROCLAMATION

Mental Health Month – "B4Stage4"  
May 5, 2015

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all American can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing, the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe does hereby proclaim the month of May, as

#### MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and encourages all community members to recognize the resilience of those living with mental illness. Let us strengthen our commitment to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions before they reach stage 4.

This Proclamation was approved and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Seal to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

*Clement J. Frost*  
Clement J. Frost, Chairman  
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council



### 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](mailto:eredd@southernute-nsn.gov).

**Ute Mountain Ute:** Regina Whiteskunk, 970-529-6695, [rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org](mailto:rwhiteskunk@utemountain.org).

**Ute Tribe:** Betsy Chappoose, 435-725-4826, [betsyc@utetribe.com](mailto:betsyc@utetribe.com).

## Friends of the Museum Reward Program

Why not get rewarded twice for visiting the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, with our FREE rewards program Friends of the Museum, you can do just that! All you have to do is ask a visitor service representative to sign you up for the FREE Friends of the Museum Rewards Program. You will receive a gift bag with some FREE goodies, we will fill out a rewards card and put it in our card file for safe keeping. Then when you come back to the Museum tell the visitor service representative that you are a rewards member, he/she will get your card out and punch it for you. Remember to tell the visitor service representative each and every time you pay for a class and or visit the Museum because the more times you come in the more rewards you receive.

- ❖ 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



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal member Jack Frost III hugs Kathy Kent, of the Floyd family, after receiving the scholarship check that will go towards his college education Friday, May 15.

## EDUCATION

# Floyd Scholarship goes to Frost III

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member and 2015 Ignacio High School graduate, Jack Frost III, was awarded the Elbert J. Floyd Scholarship before Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in the Council Chambers Friday, May 15.

The Floyd family has been awarding the scholarship to a tribal member student annually since 1985. The scholarship is given out in honor of the late Elbert J. Floyd's longtime relationship with the tribe.

Jennifer Pearson, Frost's teacher, nominated him for the scholarship. Pearson submitted a letter of recommendation to the Southern Ute Education Department stating why he was a good candidate for the scholarship.

In the letter read out loud in Council Chambers Pearson compliments Frost III on his love for his brother, and how Jack is a wonderful advocate for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. "He is a hard worker with a fantastic smile," she said in the letter. The best thing about Jack, she said, was his sense of humor. Pearson also noted that Frost III aspires to be a Wildlife Officer for the tribe one day.

"I want to congratulate you ... as a young man you're starting off the right way," Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost said.

Councilman Alex S. Cloud said he sees leader-



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal member Jack Frost III was rewarded the Elbert J. Floyd Scholarship Friday, May 15 inside Tribal Council Chambers.

ship potential in Frost III.

"Very proud of you ... you're going to be a leader," Cloud said.

During the emotional presentation of the scholarship, Frost III embraced Kathy Kent, of the Floyd family, thanking her and her family for honoring him with the award.

"This won't be wasted. I will use all of it towards my education," Frost III said.

Councilman James M.

Olguin shared with Frost III his own regret with not going to college.

"I wish I would have gone to school," he said. "I encourage you to go to school ... I [have] high expectations for you."

Frost's father also took time to thank the Floyd family and congratulate his son.

"I love you very much, and I'm proud of what you have accomplished," Jack Frost Jr. said.

## Foreign students visit tribe



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was paid a special visit from the American Field Service (AFS) group. The program allows foreign exchange students to travel and visit various parts of the U.S. and share knowledge with modern cultures. The students came to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Tuesday, May 26 and were given historical lectures by veteran, Eddie Box III. Nationalities in the group included Japan, Yemen, Egypt, France, and Thailand.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



# Art Contest

Do you want to be a featured artist on the back of a national Magazine?

Alert Magazine is committed to reducing the abuse of drugs and alcohol through education efforts in high schools. This magazine is a bi-annually and distributed to high schools across the country. Please submit your artwork along with you slogan against the abuse of drugs and alcohol for a chance to win a Amazon Kindle Fire or a \$50 Sports Authority Gift Card!

Please turn in your artwork to Tribal Information Services by June 9th. Art Contest is available to Native American Youth.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Information Services  
Phone: (970)563-0100 Ext. 2308  
E-mail: amgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov



## TRI UTE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNE 21-25, 2015

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ages: 12 to 18 years old

Southern Ute Tribal/First Descendant/JOM living in Southern Ute Tribal Household

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015**



Contact: Southern Ute Education Department ask for Ellen S. Baker at (970) 563-0235 ext. 2793 for more information



# BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management will be

**accepting Brunot rare game applications through the month of May.**

The drawing will be held in June.

## Available Permits

**2 Bighorn Sheep**

**2 Mountain Goat**

**1 Moose**



Please contact SUIT Wildlife for more information or stop by the office to apply

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## Commendations to our 2015 graduates



**Aspen Baker**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Abrianna Baker-Silva**  
Ignacio High School,  
Ignacio, Colo.



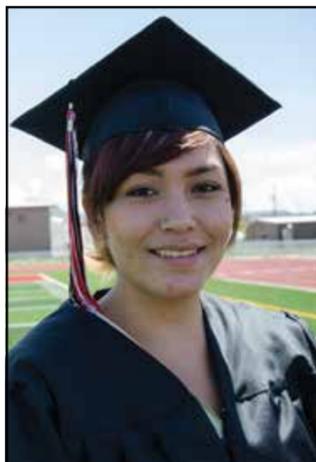
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Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Marille Cotton**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Tanisha Coyote**  
Farmington High School  
Farmington, N.M.



**Sierra Cuthair**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Jack Frost III**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Keiston GoodTracks-Alires**  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colo.



**Cheyene Howe**  
Pueblo County High School  
Pueblo, Colo.



**Adison Jones**  
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**Alicia Naranjo**  
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**Maylon Newton**  
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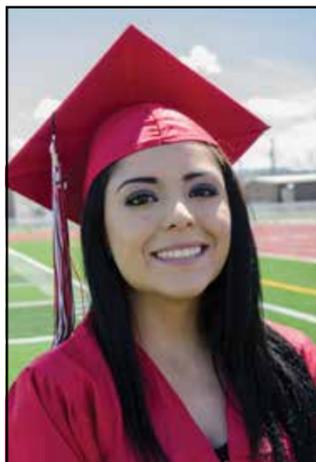
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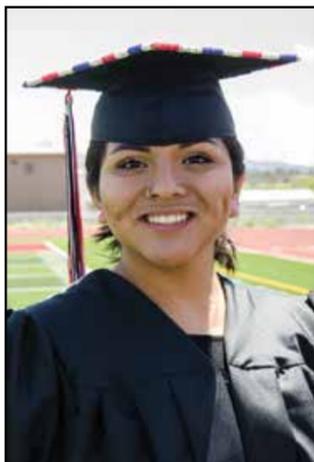
**Sydney Santistevan**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Klayson Smith**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Krislynn Thompson**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Kristean Velasquez-Baker**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Sarina Vigil**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



**Summer Youngman**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colo.



Graduate photo unavailable

**Kaitlyn Doughty**  
Durango, Colo.

**Grant Foster**  
Biloxi, Miss.

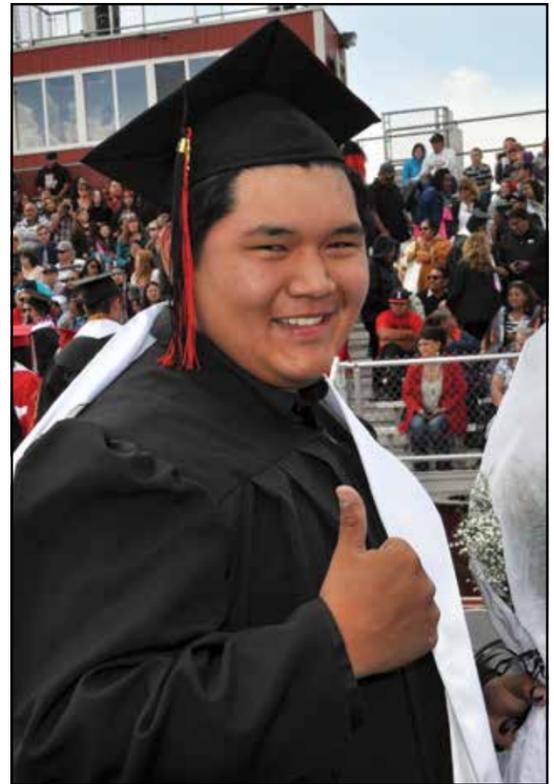
**Sabastian GoodTracks**  
Las Cruces, N.M.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

*from The Southern Ute Drum Staff*



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio High School graduating Class of 2015 tosses their caps in the air, traditionally done after successfully graduating from high school. \$136,000 in scholarships was awarded to the graduating class. There were 36 graduates from Ignacio – seven Honors graduates, two Magna Cum Laude (3.8 GPA) graduates, two Suma Cum Laude (4.0+ GPA), seven National Honor Society, five Gifted and Talented, four have donated blood at least three times to save lives, three have 100+ community service hours, and two are National Society of High School Scholars.

Southern Ute tribal member, Jack Frost III gives a thumbs-up as he and fellow graduates hand flowers to their parents and loved ones during the Parent Presentation.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member, Jennifer Olguin accepts her diploma during the Bayfield High School graduation on Sunday, May 17.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member, Keiston GoodTracks-Alires proudly accepts his diploma at the Bayfield High School graduation.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members, Amya Bison (left) and laasic Pena strike a pose as they top the graduates alter as part of the processional onto the newly constructed, Ignacio High School Field during the 2015 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 23.

## Congratulations graduates!



I'm very proud of my daughter Saniyya Valdez for her many accomplishments this school year. Your kindness and energy makes everyone that you meet smile.  
*Love you always,  
Angelo and Pam*



For Kimimila Redfeather. We are so proud of your graduation from Headstart its only the beginning. Keep in doing your best and achieving all that you can. We love you!

*Your Family*



Krislynn, I am very proud of you daughter. Not only because you graduated, but also because you do a lot for our family. You've done so much for everyone else, yet you managed to graduate. So please do us a favor and go "do" something for your own self, just don't go too far. I am always here for you and I love you.  
*Love dad*

Krislynn, I came into your life when you were six years old. I could already tell you had a big heart. I want to thank you for everything you have done for all of us. You are the one who would take what you have and give it to whomever in need. That is what makes you special. I am blessed to have someone like you in my life. Love you. KNK!  
*Valerie Eustace*



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students share a laugh as Kathy Herrera gave the Commencement Address, sharing stories of the descriptive language of her growing students, through their early school years to present, "like proper technique for picking up a 7-10 split."

### Local graduations

- **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

### Southern Ute office closures

- **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](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/southernute](https://facebook.com/southernute)

### 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





Transitioning student, (left to right) Camron Heintz, Nathaniel Howe, Jawadin Corona and Ebonee Gomez all stand proud in their final moments at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy before moving on into public school.



Ebonee Gomez hugs, Carol Baker Olguin in just one of the transition ceremonies heart felt moments. Gomez will now be headed to Ignacio Middle School.

## Students transition on

**Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy once again held its transition ceremony recognizing those students transitioning into the next grade level. Four students will be transitioning from the Academy to middle school starting in the fall.**



Avionne Gomez, guest speaker for this years SUIMA Transition Ceremony. Avionne was a former student of SUIMA and talked to the kids about how life has been since she left.



Tarah Baker, Leandra Litz and Aubree Lucero sing, 'Bear Went Over the Mountain', to the crowd packed full of parents, grandparents and family at SUIMA's Transition Ceremony held on Thursday, May 21.



Cristovan Gonzales shyly receives his transition certificate from Southern Ute Indian Montessori Director, Carol Baker Olguin.

**Photos by Trennie Collins**  
The Southern Ute Drum

## Bear Dance begins



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box gives last minute instructions to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) before they enter the Bear Dance corral. SUIMA traditionally open the Bear Dance, by singing and dancing the first dances.



Photographer/SU Drum

Last minute adjustments were made by both boys and girls before beginning the Bear Dance, Friday, May 22. Elliott and Nathaneal Hendren prepare to enter the corral.

**The Southern Ute Bear Dance Weekend started off with the blessing of the corral by Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box, followed by Southern Ute Indian Montessori students breaking in the grounds dancing the first song of the weekend.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students line up for a group photo prior to the Bear Dance grounds blessing offered by Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box.



## Academy Field Day fun, rain or shine

**T**he Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy was finally able to have their field day on Monday, May 18. After being rescheduled a couple different times due to weather the kids got to finally enjoy a little outdoor weather and fun activities.



Orion Watts tries to hand a slippery water balloon with shaving cream on it to his buddy and classmate Haiden Benally.



Too much fun can cause one to want to just relax, Kyle Rima and Chad Benally enjoy sun lounging in the kiddie pool.

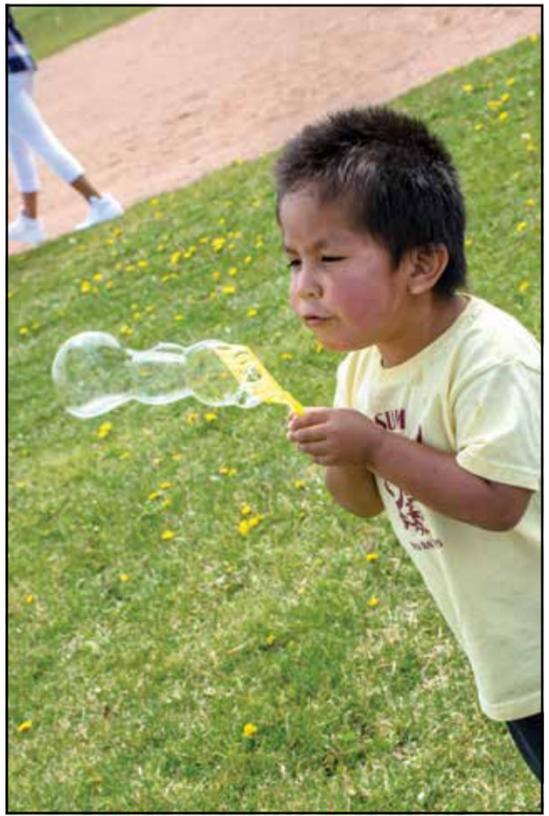
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Sassy Reynolds and Tatum Lang both smile and race to the finish line of the three-legged race.



Primary students pull with all their might as they try to win the tug-of-war against the other primary students.



Kaden Anthony has fun blowing bubbles as a part of this year's SUIMA Field Day.

### Final Bear Dance practice



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) students held their last Bear Dance practice before the big weekend Tuesday, May 19. SUIMA guides, Crystal Ivy (left) and Sarah Cuch teach the girls and boys how to line up.

### Making fry bread at SUIMA



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy (SUIMA) students, Dominique Rael, Katerie Lang and Autumn Sage all help their guide, Cheryl Ongtowsruk, make fry bread from her own personal recipe that comes from the Lakota people in the SUIMA Dining Hall on Wednesday, May 20.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Jake Ryder shows the academy boys proper growler technique and how to sing the Bear Dance songs during their last Bear Dance practice before the big weekend Tuesday, May 19



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Marcus Archuleta kneads his dough as his class gets the privilege to make fry bread.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Mark Archuleta makes fry bread with his Upper Elementary class

## No more pencils, no more books ...



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SunUte Lifeguard, Kayla Wing keeps a watchful eye as students take advantage of the floating alligator and hanging ladder.

**A**s summer approaches and the last days of school are celebrated, Ignacio Elementary School students took to the lanes and the pool. The students went bowling at the Rolling Thunder Lanes at the Sky Ute Casino Resort or swimming in the SunUte swimming pool on Wednesday, May 20. Either choice seemed like a fun alternative to school.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Students enjoyed the pool, making the most of their play time, splashing and tossing the beach balls.



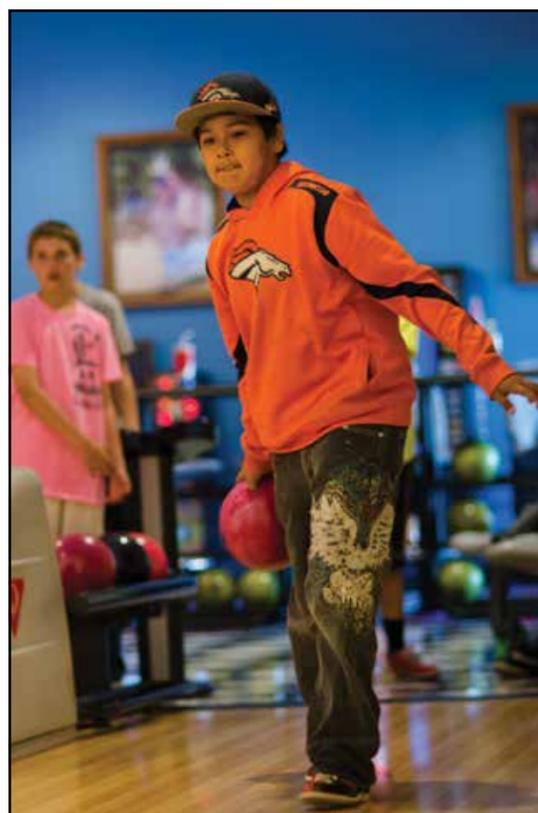
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Nathanael Hendren showcases his diving skills as he does a forward flip into the pool.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School student, David Tallbird, gets ready to bowl a strike at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Rolling Thunder Lanes.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Students from Ignacio Elementary School celebrated the end of the school year with a rousing game of bowling at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Rolling Thunder Lanes.

## Tug, hop and roll!



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The tug-of-war championship class hung tough as their opponents tried to pull off the win! during the 2nd-5th Grade Field Day, Monday, May 18.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Eufemia Pardo hops her way to the finish line at the Elementary School Field Day.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Damitire Burch pushes a tire as a part of the obstacle course.

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JUNE 19TH-21ST, 2015  
Ignacio, CO

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**FRIDAY JUNE 19TH-** 6-8PM BBQ Meet & Greet, Ute Park

**SATURDAY JUNE 20TH-** 8-10AM Breakfast, Multi-Purpose Facility  
(Located by the Ute Park)

12-1:30PM Lunch, Multi-Purpose Facility

6-8PM Dinner, Multi-Purpose Facility

**SUNDAY JUNE 21ST-** Sunrise Ceremony TBD Followed by breakfast

**CLOSING-** 11AM

Rooms have been reserved at the Sky Ute Casino under:

"Frost Family Reunion" 970-563-3000

Camping will also be available, contact the individuals listed below.

**For more information contact:** Byron Frost, 970-946-4061

Dixie Naranjo 970-779-8541, Darlene Frost 970-759-3400

RSVP by June 10, 2015 to: P.O. 256, Ignacio, CO 81137,

Please include number of guests.

*Individuals were not intentionally left out as current addresses were not available.*

**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED!!**

## What do you got going on?

Do you have an event you want people to know about?  
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courtesy/SU Water Quality Programs

Southern Ute Water Quality Technician, Staff Audrey Harvey collects a water sample on August 23, 2014.

## TRIBAL WATERS

# Water Quality program to protect and restore tribal waters

*Plan to benefit tribal membership*

### Staff Report

SU WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Quality Program (WQP) is directed by Tribal Council to Protect and Restore Tribal Waters for the benefit of Tribal Membership. To meet this goal, WQP, an office of the Environmental Program Division, engages in several activities on the Reservation's lakes, streams and groundwater resources.

There are two main objectives for the Water Quality Program: Protection of current high quality waters and restoration of degraded waters and to bring degraded waters back to high quality. Working with SUIT Wildlife, Range and Agricultural Divisions and other SUIT agencies, the WQP strives to ensure water is suitable for cultural, drinking water, aquatic life, and agricultural uses.

To protect water quality, and to understand the health of the aquatic resource, the WQP routinely collects metals and nutrient water samples and macroinvertebrate (stream insects). Major surface waters assessed are the La Plata, Animas, Los Pinos, Piedra, Navajo, San Juan Rivers and many smaller streams that feed them.

The WQP also monitors Capote Reservoir and Scotts Pond. Using some new technology, probes are deployed in several rivers 24/7 for 8 months of the year. These probes sample and store data on temperature, oxygen levels and pH that is critical for fish and other aquatic life. Additionally, the WQP tests tribal member drinking water wells for any kind of groundwater contamination like bacteria or seleni-

um. This service is free of charge for tribal members on the reservation, contact Kirk Lashmett 563-0135, klash@southernute-nsn.gov for more information. The data collected by the WQP is used to develop Water Quality Standards (WQS). WQS specify the level of quality each river and lake should meet to not become "polluted" and also describes how to keep them at that quality. Presently, about forty tribes (Including the Ute Mtn. Ute) and all 50 States have WQS approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

One of the tools included in WQS to protect water quality is the ability to comment on permits and other land use activities on the reservation that may impact Tribal Waters. The WQP does not issue permits, but may provide comments and conditions to protect water quality. An example of this is when WQS are used to set discharge limits for waste water treatment plants. The WQS can also influence activities outside of the reservation, as any upstream discharger is legally obliged to protect Tribal downstream waters.

The most common water quality issue on the reservation is sedimentation from degraded stream banks and excessive nutrients. Sediment can smother streambeds and kill the insects fish like to eat. Nutrients are an essential part of river and lake ecosystems, but when they are in excess, they cause prolific aquatic plant life. This plant life can cause changes to oxygen and pH levels, which results in stress to fish and other aquatic life, sometimes leading to death.

If waters are not at a

good quality, the WQP's Non-Point Source Program works to help correct the problem. The WQP works with farmers and ranchers within the exterior boundary of the reservation to improve irrigation through our Cost Share Program. This program improves the effectiveness of irrigation by supplying gated pipe to producers on the reservation. The program also assists in the planting of field filter strips and buffers, and other measures to reduce runoff from irrigated lands. The non-point source program also is willing to provide any technical assistance to local farmers and ranchers to improve water quality.

The Non-Point Source program also reduces sediment pollution by stabilizing stream banks that are eroding due to instability. The program uses native materials and natural channel design techniques to prevent excess sediment from fouling fish habitat and damaging infrastructure. The program also revitalizes and protects the riparian zone, the areas around the rivers, by planting native riparian plants that benefit water quality, wildlife and all tribal members. Contact Pete Nylander pnylan@southernute-nsn.gov for more information to how to become involved in any Non-Point Source programs.

The WQP seeks tribal member assistance in the development of the Water Quality Standards and other programs that protect Tribal Resources. Please see the advertisement for vacancy on page 22 of the Drum or contact WQP Program Manager Curtis Hartenstine 563-0135 charten@southernute-nsn.gov for more information.

## TRIBAL SAFETY

# Stand-down for falls

By Teresa Chee  
SU RISK MANAGEMENT

In 2014 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) kicked off the first annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. The purpose of the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction.

Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 291 of the 828 construction fatalities recorded in 2013. Those deaths were preventable ([www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html)).

This year the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Permanent Fund participated by hosting their own Stand-Down event on Thursday, May 7. This event included not only Tribal Departments such as Construction Services, Tribal Housing, Property & Facilities, Construction and Project Management and the Southern Ute Growth Fund, but also was an outreach to the local community businesses that also work at heights. These entities included



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archives

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.

the Town of Ignacio, Ignacio School District and Cross-fire, LLC. Short "tool-box" talks covered safety issues on scaffold use and ladders. In addition, six employees representing Construction Services, Building Maintenance and Risk Management from the Tribe attended another Stand-Down event put on by Shur Sales & Marketing called Big Screen Safety in Littleton, Colo., on May 12, 2015.

This one day event allowed for free Fall Protection and Ladder Equipment, Objects at Heights: Installer Level 1/Basic Awareness, Certified Flame Resistant Clothing Specialist and

Level 1 Sling Inspector certifications.

As well as the opportunity to attend educational sessions on New Development in Safety Equipment, Reimagining the Potential for Hands at Work (Hand Protection) and 365 Day Hydration/Managing Heat and Cold Stress.

On behalf of Risk Management, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Tribal Stand-Down events, particularly Steve Williams, Building Maintenance, Construction Services, Grounds Maintenance, Councilman James "Mike" Olguin and Mr. Trae Seibel.

## Los Pinos winners



courtesy SunUte Recreation Dept.

UNC, of Ignacio, were the winners of the annual Los Pinos Softball Tournament, held at the Patrick Silva fields on Saturday, May 23. The softball tournament had eight teams. SunUte Recreation Department hosted the one-day tourney. Orion Watts won the Home Run Derby. he won a bat presented to him by Kevin Winkler.

## Superheroes: Just Move It



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

'Super Mom,' Agatha Bison and 'Super Son,' Kris White round the last corner before the finish line Saturday, May 16.



Shining Mountain Diabetes staff Abel Velasquez, Kim Heintzman and Shaw Tso strike a super hero pose, during the 'Just Move It' walk and run Saturday, May 16.

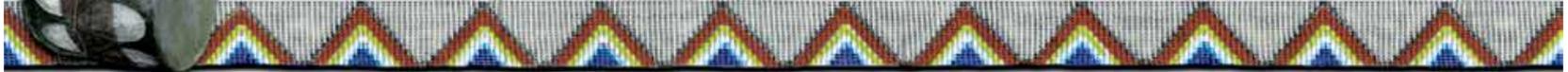
Robert and Evalyn Burch and their little four-legged friend 'BB', braved the rain clouds and participated in the walk.



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If interested contact the following companies for details or contact the Southern Ute Tribe's Division of Wildlife and ask for Josh at 970-563-0100, ext. 2412.

- Mild To Wild: 970-247-4789
- Mountain Waters: 1-800-748-2507
- Outlaw River & Jeep Tours: 970-259-1800
- Durango RiverTrippers: 970-259-0289
- Duranglers (fly-fishing guides): 970-385-4081
- Animas River Company: 970-729-0147



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jerrika Valenzuela (left) presents her board dedicated to the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. as a part of the student panel along with Lakota TwoCrow, Abrianna Baker-Silva and Youth Employment Program Aide, Natelle Thompson.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Kalynn Weaver guesses where the other team is hiding the bones during a hand game presentation taught by Kathryn Jacket and Marge Barry.

**The Jimmy R. Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, May 16 at Ignacio Middle School. The conference was created by the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Council and was designed to help the youth develop team building and leadership skills, while still learning about Ute culture.**

## A conference of leaders



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The SunUte Fitness Department gave demonstrations on various activities to stay fit. Tyson and Ian Thompson talked about strength training, and Daniel Rhode spoke about core strength. The overall emphasis being strong body, strong mind builds leaders. Southern Ute Tribal Council members, Amy Barry and Alex Cloud both spoke of their own personal struggles and how physical activity, healthy eating and sports helped them overcome their own physical challenges.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Yellow Jacket performs a song in remembrance of Jimmy R. Newton Jr. as attending guests participate in a round dance 'Friendship Dance' to close out the conference.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

In addition to team-building activities, a Hand Game class was hosted at the conference by Ute Mountain Ute tribal elder Kathryn Jacket.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mary Guenther poses with Tre' (D'Shon Lloyd), and Dreezy (D'mitri Reynolds) of Y.E.T. (Young Entertainment Team) gave a presentation on how they write and compose songs.



Southern Ute tribal elder, Effie Monte admires the display of historic Ute photos at the Southern Ute Culture Center & Museum.

## Taking a trip back in time

**Historical Ute photos were put on display at the Southern Ute Culture Center & Museum in light of the Bear Dance celebration. Additionally, Tribal elders showcased their handcrafted quilts. The event took place on Saturday, May 23. The historic Ute photos pre-date back to the late 1800's and featured many ancestors of today's Utes.**



Southern Ute tribal elder, Evalyn Russell looks through a pile of historic Ute photos, pointing out the ancestors of tribal members.

Photos by Damon Toledo  
The Southern Ute Drum



Sherry Monte Salazar poses with her colorful Bird Star Quilt that took her months of hard work.



Effie Monte poses proudly beside her handcrafted star quilt.

# 2015 Southern Ute Bear Dance SPECIAL EDITION



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Dominick Howe GoodTracks revs his growler in synchronization with the other singers during the Southern Ute Bear Dance.



# Bear Dance

tog'omsuwiini-wachuku-chipikwag'atü (14)

May 29, 2015



The dancers stay in tempo with the rhythm of the growlers.



Morgann Box stays in tempo with her dance partner.



The Cat Man's (Shane Seibel) main duty is to keep the dancers in line.



Leora Lucero (left) and Lisa Burch Frost share a dance partner.

## Dance of the bear

**The annual Southern Ute Bear Dance made its return to Ignacio during Memorial Day weekend from May 22-26 and was once again met with a large crowd of dancers who showed their celebration of the spring season.**



Through many generations, the Bear Dance has stood by the foundation of gathering Tribal Members together for the celebration of life.

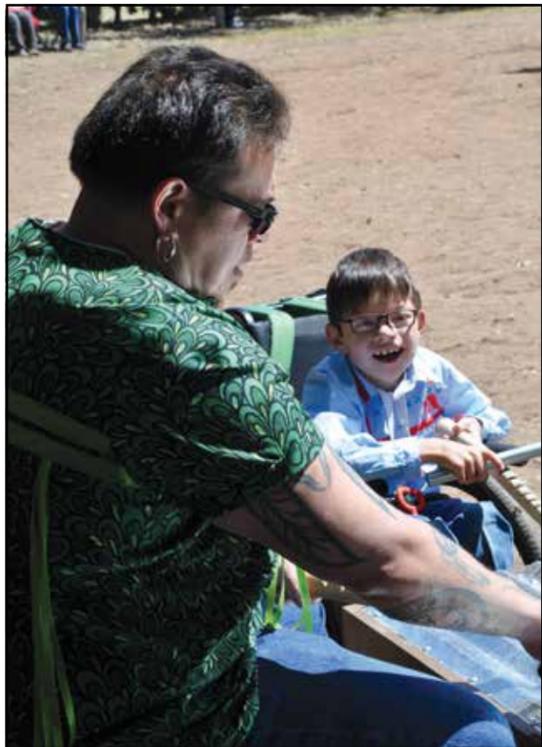


The Bear Dance invites dancers of all ages to enjoy the experience. The Bear Dance is one of the oldest recorded dances in American history, pre-dating back hundreds of years.

**Photos by Damon Toledo**  
The Southern Ute Drum

## As Bear Dance begins

**The official first songs and first dance of the 2015 Southern Ute Bear Dance began on Friday, May 22 with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students. The students traditionally begin the Bear Dance every year as they walk from the Academy to the Bear Dance Grounds. Bear Dance began after a blessing of the Bear Dance Grounds by Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box.**



Fellow growlers, Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson and second-year Lower Elementary student Jeremy Reynolds growl and sing on a beautiful day to begin the Bear Dance.



The Bear Dance is a woman's choice dance – as indicated by the 'flicking' of the shawl fringes to the prospected dance partner.

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The Southern Ute Drum



After weeks of practice, with growlers in hand, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy boys ready themselves, along with Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box and other 'growlers' to officially kickoff the weekend with the first song.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The flags honor the many who have fallen, but those who will never be forgotten.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

US Veterans carry the colors into the arena at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Friday, May 22.

## Powwow time

**The Southern Ute Bear Dance compliments the Bear Dance every year, and this year wasn't any different. Dancers, singers and spectators from across Indian Country made their way to the Sky Ute Fairgrounds May 22 and 23 to enjoy some powwow and Hand Game.**



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Grand Entry ceremony commences with an energetic display of dancers from throughout Indian Country. Head Woman Dancer, Miss Southern Ute, Ellie Seibel (left) and Head Man Dancer, Adrian Stevens.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Faces of all ages made their way to the Southern Ute Fairgrounds during the Memorial Day Weekend in celebration of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Leonora Burch (left) and Karen Washington dance during one of the many intertribal's held opening night of the Bear Dance Powwow Friday, May 22.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Dr. Jim Jefferson gives the opening prayer following the powwow's grand entry ceremony.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Alex Cloud welcomed those in attendance to Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow during the Saturday evening Grand Entry on May 23.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Marge Borst enters the arena during the Friday May, 22 Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow Grand Entry.



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum

First place winners in the Southern Drum Contest, Yellow Jacket – during one of the many contests held throughout the night, Saturday, May 23.



Southern Ute Veteran, Rod Grove (U.S. Army) and Vietnam combat veteran, and other service men and women bow their heads out or respect during the honor song by Yellow Jacket.

## Honoring all who served



Southern Ute Veterans and other veterans hoist the colors to half-mast during the 'Day of Remembrance' Memorial Day services in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement Frost (U.S. Army) gave the welcome address.



Rod Grove was honored by the Box family for all his hard work over the years, organizing the event.

**The annual Memorial Day services, 'Day of Remembrance' was presented by the Southern Ute Veterans Association on Monday, May 25 in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. The event began with an invocation from Ute Mountain Ute elder, Terry Knight Sr. (U.S. Air Force) and Master of Ceremonies Howard Richards (U.S. Army) kept the ceremony tight. Speakers included Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement Frost (U.S. Army), and Bill Morris (U.S. Marine Corp.) A Procession from the park to Ouray Cemetery proceeded the ceremony at the park. A special recognition was made to Rod Grove (U.S. Army) by the Box family, honoring him for all his hard work in putting together the annual ceremony.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



A procession of many colors proceeded to the Bear Dance bridge after the opening ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Park.



Southern Ute elder, Russell Box (U.S. Navy) gave a blessing and tossed a wreath in honor of the men and women lost at sea into the Pine River, from the Bear Dance bridge.



Veterans from various branches of service and various tribes carried their respective tribal flags and staffs to Ouray Cemetery. The closing ceremony was marked by a 21 gun-salute, a presentation of wreaths by Chairmen, Clement Frost - Southern Ute and Manuel Heart - Ute Mountain Ute and songs by drum group, Red Spirit from Ft. Duchesne, Utah.



Bill Morris (U.S. Marine Corp.) played 'Taps' on his trumpet and Jim Lynch performed 'Amazing Grace' on the bagpipes. Bill Morris also received a pendelton vest from the Southern Ute Veterans.



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past royalty. Burch was the Southern Ute Fair and Rodeo Queen when she was eighteen-years-old. Burch's sister, Cynthia Buckskin accepted the award on her sister's behalf.

"She is honored to receive this award," Buckskin said.

Southern Ute Royalty has been traditionally given out during the Tribal Fair in September and in the early 1900's there were fair queens who were judged on who wore the best buckskin dress in the parade.

Over time, the selection of Southern Ute royalty has evolved into a pageant. Now days, a 'Miss Southern Ute' is selected on her speaking abilities, knowledge of Southern Ute culture, and her dancing, Elise Redd Culture Director said.

Also selected along with Miss Southern Ute are Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Little Miss Southern Ute, a Southern Ute Brave and alternates for the titles.

Ute Mountain Ute Honoree, Doris Heart was recognized for being named the first Miss Ute Mountain Ute Princess in 1960. Heart is also the mother of current Ute Mountain Chairman Manuel Heart.

"Thank you for recognizing me, I'm glad I'm here with my grandkids today," Heart said.

Heart has 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

From Northern Ute, Joan Hazel Wash was recognized for being selected the first Miss Ute Tribe in 1954.

"I'm very honored to be here ... you're my people too," Wash said.

Wash spent her younger years in boarding schools, she said. She also attended beauty school and worked for her tribe as a secretary.

"We're walking amongst each other everyday and sometimes we forget about those who represented us. These are our ambassadors that represented the tribe for us and they should be honored," Redd said.

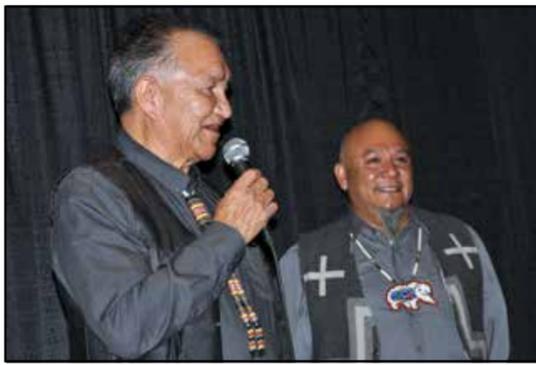


Former royalty members from the three Ute tribes were recognized at this year's Ute Nation Day. Pictured, front row, left to right: Northern Ute, Joan Hazel Wash; Southern Ute, Ernestine Burch (accepted by Cynthia Buckskin, pictured); and Ute Mountain Ute Honoree, Doris Heart. Back row, left to right: Little Miss Southern Ute, Taurie Raines; Jr. Miss Southern Ute D'Vondra Garcia; Miss Southern Ute, Ellie Seibel, Jr. Miss Ute Mountain, Anna Dale and Little Miss Ute Mountain, Clara Lopez.

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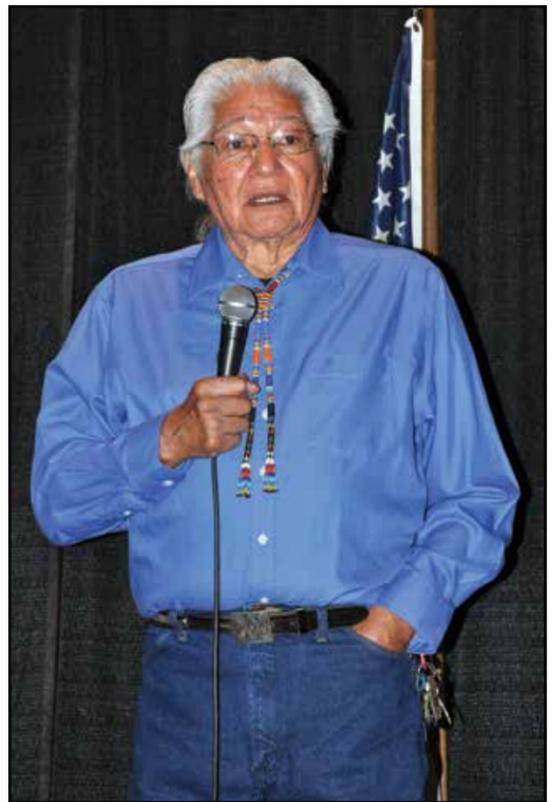
Northern Ute, Joan Hazel Wash (left) said she was very proud to have been honored by the Southern Utes, and accepted her honor from Miss Southern Ute, Ellie Seibel.



Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Clement Frost (left), welcomed those in attendance alongside, Master of Ceremonies, Edward Box III.



Trae Seibel (center), with friends and family members, sang a Blessing Song for all the royalty being honored.



Southern Ute tribal elder, Alden Naranjo gave the Invocation to begin the Ute Nation Day. Naranjo is also the Southern Ute Native American Graves and Repatriation Act Coordinator.

## Slight of hand, wins the stick



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Team 'Betty' from Towaoc, Colo. won first place and the \$2,500 payout in the annual Southern Ute Bear Dance Hand Game Tournament, hosted by Mike Santistevan, at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on Saturday, May 23.



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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Participants gathered for an exciting round of one of the oldest games in Indian Country.

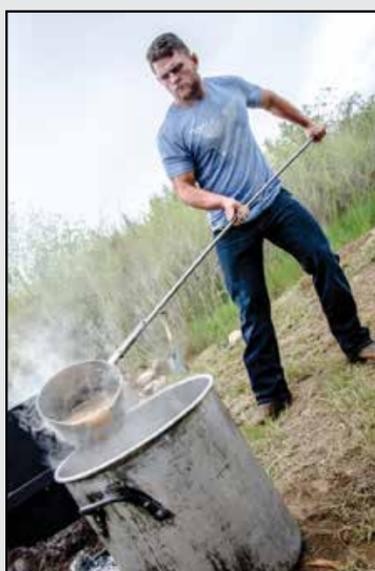
Competition was heavy as team 'Donna' from Ft. Duchesne, UT (left) were one of eight teams competing for cash prizes. First place went to, Betty; Second place, Soph; Third place, Gilbert; Fourth place Yolanda; and fifth place to B&Y.

## A festive meal for all



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, helps serve guests during the annual Bear Dance Feast on Monday, May 25. The Bear Dance Feast consisted of corn, fry bread, beef & vegetable stew, watermelon, and an assortment of drinks.



A Bear Dance lunch was provided at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Friday, May 22 its kick-off the Bear Dance. Tribal members and employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe gathered for a filling lunch that consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and macaroni.

The stew is prepared in a large iron pot over an open fire and served fresh to hungry guests.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With head coach Cody Haga at left, the IHS wrestling team is presented to the crowd.

## IHS SPORTS

# Banquet ends season with a bang

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If there was one phrase more valued by Ignacio High's athletic faculty than "weight room" at IHS' 2015 Athletic Awards Banquet, it had to have been "Academic All-State."

Presented by Athletic Director Rocky Cundiff to all gathered within the Ignacio Middle School cafeteria Monday night, May 18, eight IHS student-athletes – with many suiting up for at least two different teams during the year – received First Team Academic All-State honors from the Colorado High School Activities Association for maintaining a grade-point average exceeding 3.7 while participating in CHSAA-sanctioned athletics.

Those recognized were: Austin McCaw (football, basketball, baseball), Chrystianne Valdez (volleyball, fall cheerleading, basketball, track), Tyler Riepel (track), Davey Cooper (wrestling, track), Wyatt Hayes (football, basketball), Dynesha Drake (fall cheerleading), July Stricherz (winter cheerleading) and Jerica Jackson (fall/winter cheerleading).

Senior Adison Jones, a rock for Bobcat Football and Basketball during the 2014-15 year – now preparing to study and hoop at Otero Junior College this fall – swept the scholarships awarded during the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Girls' Basketball Coaches' Award winner Cortney Baker gets a congratulatory hug from assistant coach Dylaina Morelli.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Tori Archuleta and Azala Perez look at awards received during the evening.

event in receiving the San Juan Basin League Scholarship, the IHS Booster Club Scholarship and the Butch Melton Scholarship.

Senior Blaine Mickey (football, wrestling, track) was saluted for his dedication to the Red-and-White as IHS' only three-sport, four-year participant set to graduate, while a team's worth of student-athletes were noted for three-sport work in '14-15: Tori Archuleta, Tyler Beebe,

Marcus Chapman, Rachel Cooper, Sky Cotton, Alex Lopez, Austin McCaw, Cole McCaw, Mickey, Lea Monroe, Lucas Monroe, Lorenzo Pena, Mike Perez, Timmy Plehinger, Ellie Seibel and Chrystianne Valdez.

After the celebration began with Booster Club President Janet Reinhardt's speech stressing the importance of self-motivation and perseverance – the

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Adison Jones smiles with his family, LaTitia Taylor and Greg Jones. Adison was selected for an academic scholarship to play basketball for two years at Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colo.

## IHS BASKETBALL

# Rattlers reel in Ignacio's Jones

Bobcat post bound for Otero JC

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Players who produce when the chips are down are said to have "ice water in their veins."

Bitten by the chance to achieve a "lifelong dream," Adison Jones could now be said to be sustained by chilled venom in his – as a recruited walk-on of Otero Junior College Rattler Basketball.

"It's just a thrill, a happy moment for me ... exciting," he said after revealing his decision Monday, May 18, alongside family, Ignacio High School coaches and officials inside the Ignacio School District 11-JT Administration Building. "To get to move on ... play college basketball, it's something I've always wanted to do."

"A deserving moment is what I'd call it," IHS head coach Chris Valdez said. "Adison started since his freshman year as a basketball player, and as a football quarterback ... I mean, you talk about an outstanding athlete and a great young man! Three-point-six grade-point average ... that's the epitome of a student-athlete."

Heading his post-Bobcat life towards La Junta, Colo.,

and Region IX of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I hardwood world, the four-year forward/center will be part of a large-scale rebuilding effort at OJC for tenth-year skipper Houston Reed. Numerous individuals from his 2014-15 roster will be continuing their careers at the four-year level, including guards Drew Matsushima (undecided; older sister Stephani played NCAA D-I volleyball at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.) and Kain Lucero (NCAA Div. II Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.).

"He comes from a great program ran by Coach Valdez and is a high-character kid that comes from a great family," Reed said via e-mail. "We have offered him a walk-on position. We think his best basketball is still in front of him ... are excited to see what type of player he can develop into."

Last winter's Rattlers included eight listed at a Jones-like 6'3" or better, but fortunately for Reed & Co. only three were sophomores. However, only Lucero (3A Pagosa Springs), Matsushima (3A Gilcrest Valley) and guard Brandon Book (2A Swink) were Rattlers coming from CHSAA's

smaller-school ranks.

But Valdez was confident that Jones' progression during Ignacio's long-running Class 2A dominance will be a help, not a hindrance in his future development.

"It absolutely will," he stated. "And with Coach Timmy [Velasquez] going to Lamar [Community College] ... helping him understand what he's up against and what he'll see when he gets there, I think he's got all the angles covered from that aspect, and the aspect of playing with a competitive team that's been to the State Tournament five out of the last seven years."

"They'll probably put him in a position of a 3-guard, and what that will entail is guarding six-four, six-five, six-six kids," Valdez continued. "Which is of his caliber; he's always had to do that as a forward. But he's a great shooter, he's a great defender ... he's probably one of my best all-around players that I've ever coached, inside and outside. And that's pretty impressive – with 21 years of coaching – to say that about a kid."

"It's a very accomplished thing ... to play here," Jones

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## Shooting Stars



photos courtesy Erika Atencio

Shooting Stars 6th grade traveling girls basketball team took third in the MAYB Rio Grande Shootout this last weekend May 15-May 17, 2015. Top row (left to right), Coach Adam Tucson, Monika Lucero, Cienna Harrison, Schelcie Gosney, Avaleena Nanaeto, Jayden Brunson, Alancia Herrera, and Coach Travis Nanaeto. Bottom row (left to right), Charlyze Valdez, Laci Brunson, and Ebonee Gomez.

The Shooting Stars 6th Grade Girls traveling team took 1st place winning the MAYB Durango Tournament April 25 and 26 in Durango. Top row (left to right), Coach Adam Tucson, Monika Lucero, Schelcie Gosney, Cienna Harrison, Charlyze Valdez, and Coach Travis Nanaeto. Bottom row (left to right), Avaleena Nanaeto, Laci Brunson, Ebonee Gomez, Jayden Brunson, and Alancia Herrera.



## IHS TRACK

# Valdez leads Track at State

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Six Bobcats qualified for the 2015 CHSAA Class 2A State Track-and-Field Championships, held May 14-16 at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood, and three-left town with top-ten finishes.

Not a bad percentage at all. By placing fifth in the girls' pole vault competition on Day 2, junior Chrystianne Valdez recorded the contingent's top individual finish, and helped the Lady Cats tie Ordway Crowley County with 4.5 points and share 35th place out of 41 scoring squads.

Ignacio scored three points in the boys' chase for the crown – via senior Kyle Bailey's seventh-place high jump on Day 3 – and officially landed in a tie for 36th (out of 40 scoring teams) with, ironically, 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals Dolores.

Lyons won the title with 111.5 points, and Cedaredge was second with 100. Loveland Resurrection Christian took third with 61 points, and Telluride (44) and Rye (28) rounded out the fellows' top five. The 2A girls' champion-

ship went to Paonia, which racked up 132 points. LHS followed with 73.5, and Ault Highland took third with 65. On the strength of two Championships record-setting relays, CHS ended up fourth (52 points) and Wray was fifth (50).

Valdez cleared 8'1" with her best attempt, and booked 3.5 team points as she matched Kremmling West Grand freshman Ralin Corrales, Yuma sophomore Ashley Stegman and Julesburg-Ovid Sedgwick County senior Marin Olson, but all would have needed to summit another six vertical inches to crack the discipline's top five (headed by LHS sophomore Brenna Kuskie's winning 10'0").

YHS junior Monica Drury also cleared 8'1" but in more attempts, netting her team one point in the process, while WGHS sophomore Gabby Willson also cleared 8'1" but in even more tries and went scoreless.

Bailey, meanwhile, flew over a bar set five feet, eleven inches high, but was well short of the leading 6'5" achieved – quicker than THS senior John Broadhead – by Rye senior Ty Zupancic.

Senior Sky Cotton soared to ninth in the girls' long jump with a leap of 15 feet, six inches, earning IHS its last team point by almost two inches over tenth-place HHS freshman Maisson Tolle (15'4.25"). PHS sophomore Brianna VanVleet was first at 17'9.5", CHS junior Kenzie Henderson was eight inches behind in second and HHS senior Jamie Clawson took third at 16'10.75".

Senior Mike Perez unfortunately did not qualify for the boys' 400-meter finale, but placed 13th in the preliminaries with a 52.73-second dash. Wiggins sophomore Shane Finegan, fourth in the prelims with a 51.24, ended up taking first in the final with a faster 49.32 – making a legitimate run (pun intended) at the 2A Championships' meet-record 49.09 (set by LHS' Ryan Boucher in 2013).

Additionally for Ignacio, senior Tyler Riepel ended up 16th in the boys' pole vault at 9'9", with classmate Davey Cooper (unable to register a height) following in the standings paced by the 14'0" of Edwards Vail Christian junior Cooper Daniels.



## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### Individual Responsibility

You the individual were given two things from your Creator  
Your Birth and Your Death

You the individual are responsible for the life in between  
You the individual are given birth parents who have responsibilities to this life  
You the individual are responsible to feed, cloth and shelter this life.  
You are responsible to do the same for all lives you bring into this life  
You the individual are responsible to build a good human being out of this life  
You the individual are responsible for all the good and troubles that touch this life  
You the individual are responsible for the voice heard throughout this life  
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You the individual are responsible for your lessons learned on this path of life  
You the individual are responsible to listen and learn from life stories that surround this life  
You the individual are responsible to pass on all life stories,  
so that future generations can learn about life  
You the individual are responsible for the life given to you and now its your  
responsibility to give this life back to your creator.

By Ula Gregory



### Happy Belated 11th Birthday Ez!

We are a lot late, but we haven't missed a shout out yet! Happy belated birthday son! We just want you to know that we are very proud of your accomplishments that you make in school, sports and your everyday life. We have been blessed with such an amazing young man and for that we are forever grateful. Your heart has endured more than any lil heart should and still you are fighting every day to be the best you can. And don't forget you have a huge family to support you, so don't ever feel alone. You are loved by many, especially mama;) These past 11 years with you have been the best years spent and I wouldn't trade them for anything! Hope you had a great time in Vegas and hold onto and cherish those memories (my favorite son, the only one that went to Vegas) because it was a special time, I will forever remember.

Love Always,  
Mom, Dad & Your Brothers

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Natelle Thompson

**Job title:** Youth employment program aide  
**Description of duties:** Supervise activities and participants in the Education Youth Employment Program. Assist in the planning, implementation, and administration of programs, services, and activities for participants, parents, and worksites.  
**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family, playing video games, reading books, and hanging out with friends.  
**Family:** Shawn Thompson, Krislynn Thompson, Kyle Thompson, Valerie Eustace, Sophia Wilson, Jared Ruybal and Seraya Ruybal.  
**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
**Comments:** I am very excited to be working for the Youth Employment this summer, and for the Tribe!



### Carol Lee Bahe

**Job title:** Home health care aide  
**Description of duties:** Provides homemaking, personal care, and the transportation of clients to appointments and activities.



### Carol Lynn Schmiedel

**Job title:** Nurse  
**Description of duties:** Skilled nursing care, drawing blood, measuring vital signs, assisting provider in providing care.  
**Hobbies:** Sewing, knitting, crocheting, horseback riding, hiking, playing piano, skiing  
**Family:** Four children – two girls and two boys, two grandchildren, and husband.



### Lyn R. Jahnke

**Job title:** IT Support Specialist  
**Description of duties:** Responsible for troubleshooting and providing solutions to PC, LAN, and software problems for approximately 600 desktop and laptop computers.  
**Hobbies:** Outdoor activities  
**Family:** Lived in the area for over 15 years. Originally from Wisconsin.

## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

Cheerful birthday wishes to you GEMINI! The planets are promising a lively month filled with bountiful activity. Seek out fun things to do. Your little power planet MERCURY awakens from its nap on the 11th, and refuels your ambitions. Feisty MARS will stay in your sign until the 23rd, and it won't promote compromise. Particularly on the 2nd when the FULL MOON in Sagittarius tests your patience with a spouse, or close kin. The NEW MOON on the 16th launches a cycle that's more to your liking. Celebrate, your fresh solar year, is here!

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Hold it moon kids ... before you make your "Grand Debut" on the 21st, VENUS has a few more days to shine in your sign (1st -5th). Your reputation for being sensitive, or even at times shy, is on hold for the moment because VENUS inspires confidence, and people will see just how daring you can be. Later in the month you'll have a chance to put that confidence into motion. Launch a fresh course of action after the 16th. Your month ends on a financial high when VENUS and JUPITER invigorate money matters.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Hey Lions, comb that gorgeous mane of yours, and step into the spotlight. It's your party this month. VENUS and JUPITER in your sign boost chances to increase your income. Friends and close associates are willing to help you promote your projects. This is the time to utilize your creative LEO talents. The FULL MOON in SAGITTARIUS on the 2nd stimulates an abundance of ideas to consider. Family relations are harmonious now. Teach the children something they will always remember.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Your drive, and abundant energy usually has you running at 90 miles an hour. In fact you always seem to buzz past the stopping point. Rest and relaxation moments are important for you VIRGO. Small amounts of "getting away from it all" periods can be restful, and rejuvenating. But somehow you can't just stop and relax. You're caught between JUNE'S lunation's this month, and feel pulled between work and family commitments. Try to create a balance that satisfies both areas.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Wake up LIBRA! The planets are in tune with your sign this month and they encourage a very social agenda. The SUN, MERCURY, and MARS rock in the sign of GEMINI, and will have you enjoying every minute. They may even inspire you to set long range travel plans into motion. VENUS enters showy LEO on the 5th and immediately begins to spin its magic around you. Friends and associates want to hang out with you. Near month's end VENUS and URANUS encourage lucky changes.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

You might have heard people say that money makes the world turn around. But this month, the planets are shaking up your finances. SATURN slips back into your sign on the 14th. Be clever and resourceful SCORPIO. This is not the time to be lending, or borrowing money. The bottom line is to think twice before giving your money away. The planetary focus is about spending, and the 8th, 9th, and 10th are advantageous for acquiring extra income. As is the 22nd when JUPITER and URANUS connect, and enhance your job, or money affairs. Good things can happen quickly SCORPIO. Be ready to swing into action. Do what you can to pay off debts, and set yourself up with a practical money saving plan.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

June begins with you navigating a balancing act regarding close relationships. The FULL MOON in your sign on the 2nd is urging you to pull everything your way. But that's not how you create a harmonious balance. Meanwhile MERCURY, the SUN, and MARS are in the opposing sign of GEMINI, and may have your partner pulling against you. As always ... cooperation is the key. URANIAN "lightning" can strike in a flash, presenting you with an unexpected and lucky opportunity to try something new.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

It's time to take time out of your taxing schedule CAPRICORN! With the SUN, MERCURY, and MARS all congregating in the Health and Work section, make the most of your quiet hours in between job commitments. Find calming, relaxing interests. MERCURY'S direct motion on the 11th might relieve some of the stress by helping you to straighten out the mix ups of the past month. Take it slowly, and rethink some of your decisions. Greatly improved plans for health, and work surface by month's end

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

Good News AQUARIANS! VENUS and JUPITER will have you singing, and dancing to a happy song all month. Love surrounds you with an aura of peace and harmony. Use this golden opportunity to strengthen the ties between you and those who are nearest and dearest to your heart. Chances like this are few and far between. Just so you know, there's a highly creative cycle at work that is sure to add a variety of pleasurable activities to your daily routine. You'll quickly be drawn to the most exciting one.

### ♓ 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)

A vigorous daily schedule may have you dashing here and there during the month. Part of the reason is because the SUN, MERCURY, and MARS have assembled in the communication area of your horoscope. Keep track of your objectives Rams, make a list. Short trips, conversations, and paperwork could demand more of your time. VENUS and JUPITER will frolic in a playful zone this JUNE and ramp up Super-Sized opportunities related to entertainment, adventure, and travel.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

Once again money is attracted to you like a magnet TAURUS. And the momentum increases on the 16th when the NEW MOON joins the SUN, MERCURY, and MARS in your finance section. MERCURY'S forward movement on the 11th powers you with greater insight, making your choices wiser. Current planetary positions are setting up rewarding opportunities that may be beneficial to your home, and domestic situation. Smile, VENUS and JUPITER are surrounding you with loving, and happy vibes.

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## 51st annual Native American Bowling results Albuquerque, NM • April 24, 25, 26 2015

### Team (84 entries)

- "Colorado Thunder" Skyler Mirabal, Roger Sage, Erica Howe, Claudette Casaus, 13th pl.
- "Intertribal" Vince Mirabal, Julia Mirabal, Terence Whyte, Sunshine Whyte, 44th pl.

### King and Queen

- Roger Sage and Erica Howe: (165) 9th place, \$80

### Women Masters – No Tap

- Sunshine Whyte: (231) 2nd pl., \$70
- Claudette Casaus: (187) 6th pl., \$25

### Womens – Singles (80 entries)

- Erica Howe: (665) 4th pl., \$165

### Women – All Events (35 entries)

- Erica Howe: (1952) 3rd pl., \$50

### Men – All Events (45 entries)

- Terence Whyte: (1965) 5th pl., \$30

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
June 12  
Deadline:  
June 8

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

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## 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.

## NOTICE Water service to your residence

The Southern Ute Utilities Division recently completed waterline projects on CR 516, CR 518 and CR 321. The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to remind customers within these projects to contact our office during regular business hours if you should have any issues regarding the water service to your residence. Thank you for your attention regarding this important matter. Contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Cathy Seibel

James Brown  
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This year's theme is "Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." The online registration form will be available on the ICC website beginning Wednesday, May 13th. Click on the link at: [www.ignaciocommunitychurch.com](http://www.ignaciocommunitychurch.com)



## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

Dated this 4th of May, 2015  
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Danielle Felicita Romero, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2015-0032-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Danielle Felicita Romero has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Danielle Felicita Monte. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than June 12, 2015. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2015.  
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Jusuita Pauline Green, Deceased**  
Case No.: 2015-0044-PR

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, Colo.: 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 July 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM. 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 20th of May, 2015  
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,  
Trinidad Martinez, Civil Subject**  
Case No.: 2015-NC-029

Notice is hereby given that Trinidad Martinez filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trinidad Maria Herrera. As of May 5, 2015 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Trinidad Martinez name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Trinidad Maria Herrera.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2015.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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**To Native American Farmers or Ranchers**  
**or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan**  
**or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999**

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

**Who is included?**

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

**Proposed use of the Funds**

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

*First*, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

*Second*, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

*Third*, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

*Fourth*, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

**How can I share my views?**

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see**  
**[www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**

## 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, Colorado 81137, for the following source of air pollution:

**Applicant: ConocoPhillips Company; Facility: Ute Compressor Station; Sections 14 and 15, T32N, R11W, 22.5 miles southwest 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](mailto: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 by June 14, 2015. Any interested person may contact Mark Hutson of the AQP at 970-563-4705 to obtain additional information.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Climate Adaptation, Mitigation, and/or Ocean and Coastal Management Planning

**Funding Opportunity:** Rapidly changing climatic conditions are already impacting tribes and the challenges of planning for and adapting to future climate impacts span the entire range of tribal government functions and traditional use. Ocean and coastal management challenges also create unprecedented challenges. Tribal capacity to address climate change, and ocean and coastal planning is a long term need. Youth engagement and practical work experience will increase tribal capacity now and in the future. This support will focus on youth internships and research internships: **Category 1. Management Internships:** Employment opportunities working with tribal or BIA trust resources managers, tribal programs, or tribal organizations to support integration of climate mitigation or adaptation planning into programs for the benefit of tribes or tribal resources; **Category 2. Research Internships:** Employment opportunities working with tribal or BIA programs or colleges to advance research to identify climate vulnerabilities, inform or perform data analysis, or address ocean and coastal management challenges; **Category 3. Youth Engagement.** Employment opportunities working with tribes, tribal colleges, or tribal organizations to support existing primary or secondary school age engagement in science, technology, engineering or traditional ecological knowledge education or engagement with a significant integrated component on climate adaptation, mitigation, or ocean and coastal management challenges for tribes and tribal values.

**Requests for Proposals:** Proposals should address the elements in the enclosed application kit. It is recommended that proposals include specific details regarding the work or research plan's climate or ocean and coastal planning relevance, opportunities to build marketable skills for the intern, and benefits for tribes or other practitioners. Proposals must be supported by tribal resolution of the relevant tribe(s). Funding for successful proposals is available pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination Act (ISDA), 25 U.S.C. Section 450 et seq. Likewise, tribes that seek for BIA to employ the intern in support of a BIA direct service function or office should contact their BIA Regional Director for additional information. Because limited funding is available, no more than \$75,000 is available for any one proposal regardless of the number of individual internships supported. Additional details, including evaluation criteria, are enclosed in the application kit. Proposals may be sent electronically (preferred) or by mail. The proposal deadline is June 22, 2015. Questions on the process should be directed to your BIA Regional Climate Change point of contact, or Mr. Sean J. Hart, Climate Change Coordinator, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs at [climate.funding@bia.gov](mailto:climate.funding@bia.gov) or by calling 202-513-0337.

## Public Notice: Request For Comments

### Proposed Air Quality Permit to Construct Crossfire Aggregate Services, LLC Crossfire Bonds Gravel Pit

Notice issued: May 6, 2015

Written comments due:  
5 p.m., June 5, 2015

**Where is the proposed facility location?**  
Southern Ute Indian Reservation  
Crossfire Bonds Gravel Pit  
~ 3.5 miles north of the Colorado/New Mexico border near the intersection of Hwy 550 and County Road 213  
Latitude 37.054362N  
Longitude -107.88974W

**What is being proposed?**

The proposed facility would consist of a new stone quarrying, crushing, and screening operation co-located with a concrete batch production plant. Records of potential air emissions indicate the facility is a true minor source (as defined at 40 CFR 49.152) of particulate matter (PM), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), with respect to the Federal Tribal Minor New Source Review (MNSR) Permit Program at 40 CFR Part 49.

This MNSR permit action authorizes the construction of new emission sources, specifically a portable rock crusher driven by a diesel-fired compression ignition reciprocating internal combustion engine, with a site rating of 1,200 horsepower (hp), several mined and crushed material drop points and storage piles, crushed rock screening operations, several aggregate and sand hoppers, weigh, and loading points, a cement silo, a fly ash silo, mined material and cement truck loading and unloading points, and a propane-fired water heater.

**Proposed Permit Requirements:**  
This permit proposes to establish limits on visible emissions (opacity) for the PM-generating emissions units and activities, including, but not limited to rock crushing, stockpiles, drop points, mixers, storage silos, weigh hoppers, auxiliary storage bin, conveyor, material handling, and roadways. This permit proposes specific control devices/systems to

achieve the emissions limits, including, wet suppression misting systems, silo filling alarms/shutoff systems, fabric or cartridge filter systems, and suction shroud or other pickup devices. This permit also proposes daily and annual concrete production limits.

**What are the effects on air quality?**  
The impacts to local air quality from the proposed project are not expected to be significant and should not have an adverse impact on attainment of the NAAQS. We have determined that an AQIA modeling analysis is not required for this permit action.

**Where can I send comments?**  
EPA accepts comments by mail, fax and e-mail.

US EPA Region 8 Air Program, SP-AR  
Attn: Federal Minor NSR Coordinator  
1595 Wynkoop Street,  
Denver, CO 80202  
[RSAirPermitting@epa.gov](mailto:RSAirPermitting@epa.gov)  
Fax: 303-312-6664

**How can I review documents?**  
You can review an electronic copy of the proposed permits and related documents at the following locations:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Environmental Programs Division  
Air Quality Program  
71 Mike Frost Way  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
Attn: Mark Hutson, Acting Air Quality Program Manager

US EPA Region 8 Office:  
1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202  
(Please call Claudia Smith at 303-312-6520 in advance of your visit.)

US EPA Region 8 Website:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/air-permit-public-comment-opportunities>

**Permit number:**  
Crossfire Bonds Gravel Pit:  
SMNSR-SU-000412-2015.001

**What happens next?**  
EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permit as proposed, issue a modified permit based on comments, or deny the permit.

Tribal Minor New Source  
Review in Indian Country



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Phone 800-227-8917

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Water Quality Standards Review Team vacancy

The Southern Ute Water Quality Program has two (2) openings for Tribal Member Team Members to serve on the Water Quality Standards (WQS) Review Team. Tribal Members will serve alongside SUIT Staff from other agencies to help protect water quality on the Reservation by developing water quality science and policy. Members must be 18 years old, and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe, Tribal Youth are encouraged to apply. Individuals seeking to serve on the Team must demonstrate knowledge and/or personal interest in water quality, fisheries/natural resource management or related field. Team members will serve a one-year term and are compensated for meeting attendance at a rate of \$20 per hour. Please submit all letters of interest to the Water Quality Program, PO Box 737 MS#81 Ignacio, Colo or in person at the Justice Center, 71 Mike Frost Way by June 15, 2015. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and Team Member selection. Contact Curtis Hartenstine 970-563-0135 [charten@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:charten@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions.

## Farmer's Fresh Market seeking employees

We can feel the excitement and anticipation of the new grocery store coming to Ignacio. Are you ready to join our team? We are currently seeking employees in all positions – full time and part time. If you are ambitious and enjoy serving others, consider joining our team. Applications are available at the Farmer's Fresh temporary office, next door to KD's Caffe' Latte' on Goddard Ave.

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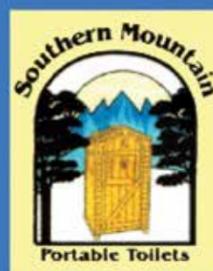
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Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization.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

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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

#### Geologic Manager – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, Colo.)

Closing date 6/2/15

Under the general direction of the VP of Engineering and Development, supporting and evaluating exploration and development drilling projects including obtaining data and resources, completing technical evaluations; and communicating with management, partners, and others as required. Supervises geoscience staff in supporting both exploration and production projects. Provides technical expertise to projects as required.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

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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.

#### Banquet Staff (On-call)

Closing Date 6/1/15

Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. 18 years old+. Preference will be given to those over 21 years of age for alcohol laws. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food service experience. Work experience in all areas of Banquet Events and Catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures and bartending preferred.

#### Kitchen Utility Steward (Full-time)

Closing Date 6/1/15

Performs multiple tasks and duties within the entire kitchen as instructed by Food and Beverage Management and/or Supervisor. Duties include 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.

#### \*Restaurant Manager (Full-time)

Closing Date 6/2/15

Oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, ensuring high quality service and resolving guest issues for Rolling Thunder Grill, Seven Rivers Steakhouse and Willows Bistro. High School Diploma/equivalency and a minimum of 5 years professional restaurant/hospitality management experience in a multi-unit high volume Casino/Resort is required. Must have a minimum of 3 years management experience in a diverse multi-outlet operation. Must have a minimum of 3 years previous experience and understanding of Specialty Restaurant, Casino Beverage and Banquet management experience in a Casino Resort environment. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in a fine dining establishment, with the ability to teach restaurant employees fine dining skills. Course work and/or degree from an accredited Restaurant/Hospitality program are highly desirable. Must be able to obtain and maintain Serv-Safe and Tips certifications.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

### ADULT EDUCATION OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING CDOT – Automatic Mechanic Industry

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working in the automotive mechanic industry. Through a partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), an internship opportunity is available to work in a heavy equipment repair facility. Will assist ASE certified mechanics in variety of repairs. Requires heavy lifting and attention to detail. Because this position is an internship, no previous experience is required.

#### Major duties and responsibilities:

Tire and wheel maintenance; Component inspection; Shop maintenance and work area organization; Vehicle and Equipment operation and maintenance; and Paperwork and record keeping.

If you are interested in this six month opportunity to gain valuable experience, please contact Dr. Hunstiger from the Education Department at 970-563-0237. Applicants must meet qualifying selection criteria as set by the Education Department.

### Crane Hoist Removal/Replacement Certified Technicians

Certified technicians for crane hoist removal and replacement at an industrial compressor station near Ignacio, Colo. Industrial site safety and equipment operator certification required, minimum insurance requirements must be met, field testing and certification of the replacement hoist required. Expected duration 1.5 – 2 days. Contact: GMustachia at [info@USSI.com](mailto:info@USSI.com)

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Ethics Committee Committee 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:

Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty.

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, Colo., or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by July 10, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### 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](mailto: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. 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. Must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. 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 Human Resources. Open until filled.

#### Duties of the Credit Committee:

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; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the HR website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://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.

#### 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.

#### Crisis Caseworker

Closing date 5/29/15

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

#### Detention Sergeant

Closing date 6/1/15

Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour.

#### High School Teacher

Closing date 6/1/15

Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Education Dept. A teacher in this position 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. 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.

#### Receptionist Mail Clerk

Closing date 6/2/15

Performs reception duties for the Southern Ute

Tribal organization, including, but not limited to, operation of the telephone switchboard, greeting visitors, providing information about the Tribal government, and referring callers or visitors to the appropriate office for assistance. Performs clerical duties for the Tribal Information Services Director and other Departmental Divisions as needed, including mail processing and distribution. Pay grade 13; \$11.59/hour.

#### Detective

Closing date 6/5/15

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assist department patrol officers with all misdemeanor crime investigations. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal Court. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

#### Tribal Housing Department Director

Closing date 6/5/15

Professional position, management, supervision, and development of Southern Ute Indian Tribal member housing programs. Ensuring the provision of Tribal member education, guidance, and support, necessary to achieve housing goals. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/annual.

#### Police Sergeant

Closing date 6/5/15

Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Dept. and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Dept. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

#### Swimming Instructor (5 Positions)

Open until filled

Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.63/hour.

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

#### 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.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Deputy Coroner Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy Coroner.

#### Qualifications are:

Must be at least twenty-one years of age; Must have law enforcement experience; Must be EMT certified or possess other similar medical training; Must have a valid Drivers License for state of residency; and Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes.

The position is compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment. Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, P.O. Box 737 – MS#10, Ignacio, Colo. 81137 OR in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by July 31, 2015. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration.

### SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CENTER & MUSEUM Board Member Vacancies

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. The deadline for applications to be received is June 15.

### 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](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov).

#### To be eligible:

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

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 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:

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

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## BANQUET ENDS WITH A BANG • FROM PAGE 18

backside of the night's program aptly summarized it, saying, "No matter how you feel ... get up, dress up, show up, and never give up. Because YOU are a Bobcat!" – each IHS team was brought up near the podium in full view of all, and its individual standouts announced.

Jones and Hayes were revealed as Co-Most Valuable Players for boys' basketball by head coach Chris Valdez after the Cats captured third place at the 2A State Championships in Pueblo. Senior Iaasic Pena and junior Tucker Ward were then declared Co-MVP's for baseball by head coach Bert Miller.

Jones, IHS Football's quarterback (and a defensive back and linebacker) for four years, was named gridiron MVP by assistant coach Anthony Archuleta, with Mickey receiving the Coaches' Award for his overall impact.

Riepel earned the Coach-

es' Award for boys' track, with Lillianna Romero given the girls' equivalent, while Cotton was named Girls' Most Valuable Athlete by coach Dylaina Morrelli and Perez the Boys' Most Valuable by coach Tony Kimball.

Volleyball boss Thad Cano bestowed upon Valdez both the team's MVP and Coaches' Award, and Oscar Cosio gave the girls' soccer MVP to senior goalie Krissy Velasquez and the Coaches' Award to senior defender Sarina Vigil.

The girls' basketball MVP left little in the way of suspense; skipper Shane Seibel proudly presented it to Cotton, possibly the SIBL's most energetic player and catalyst of the Lady Bobcats' awesome nine-win turnaround and 17-5 overall record this winter. Courtney Baker, her braces-free smile well noted, received the Coaches' Award.

Cheer Squad coach Jessica Musch presented Coaches' Awards to fall-season cheerleaders Vigil and Da'Shonetta Lloyd, and to Sage Medicine Blanket off her winter roster, with Jackson named Most Valuable overall.

Wrestling head coach Cody Haga then stepped behind the microphone and delivered probably the most forceful address – a tough act for Cundiff to then follow – in presenting his hard-working crew.

Pena, having overcome multiple serious injuries during his four seasons on the mat to place sixth (at 152 pounds) in his final trip to Pepsi Center, was named Most Valuable, sophomore 138-pounder Ethan Appenzeller received the Coaches' Award, and in a singlet-singular moment accompanied by extra applause, senior 106-pounder Wyatt Mickas stepped forward to receive his varsity 'I' letter.

## RATTLER'S REEL IN JONES • FROM PAGE 18

said, who helped the Cats go 85-15 during his time. "I have a lot of respect for this program, and it feels good to be one of the top players that came through."

After losing by six points at North Platte, Neb., CC in the Region IX Tournament's first round, Otero finished 16-14 overall last season, and went 6-10 (matching McCook, Neb., CC) in the region's South Division prior to the playoffs. Sterling, Colorado's Northeastern JC led the South with a 12-4 mark, while a 13-1 figure easily won Northwest (Powell, Wyo.) College the North Division.

"They e-mailed me and had me come out for a tryout," said Jones, son of Greg Jones and Latitia Taylor. "And I liked the way they ran their program and everything. Just after the tryout he told me, like, that they're offering me a three-thousand-dollar scholarship a year."

"It is possible ... receiving aid through our financial aid department not tied to athletic funds," Reed said.

"I think I just need ... [to be] a little more athletic, faster, and be able to handle the ball a little bit better," noted Jones. "And just play defense on quicker guys; down here

I had to play against mostly big guys, and playing up there I'll have to play against guards now and have to be quick on my feet!"

"I'm excited for the adventures ahead of him," Valdez said, "and I think he'll go a long way. I really do."

Simply choosing a sport, however, seemed to be the only obstacle left in Jones' prep-level path.

"It was hard," he said, of foregoing football. "But basketball's always been my love; I've been playing since, probably, kindergarten. I started playing football, but basketball stuck and it's something I enjoy doing."

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 29



Mostly sunny 75°F

Saturday, May 30



Mostly sunny 74°F

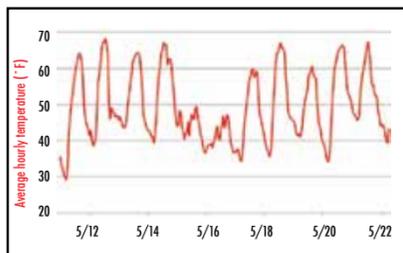
Sunday, May 31



Mostly sunny 73°F

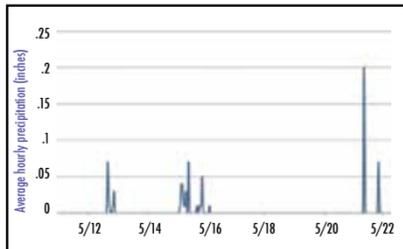


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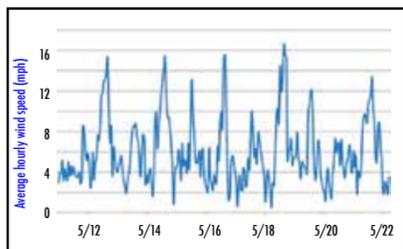
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 Low 29.3°  
 Average 49.4°  
 Average last year 52.6°



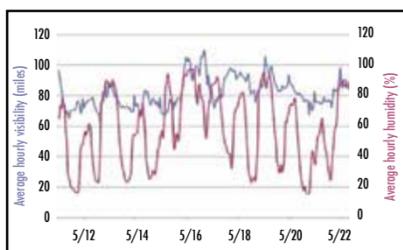
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Total 0.700"  
 Total last year 0.020"



#### Wind speed

Average 5.9  
 Minimum 0.5  
 Maximum 16.6



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility 81.9  
 Average humidity 59.1%

Air quality Moderate  
 Air quality descriptor: 77

Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

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