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**2016**



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**TRI-UTE GAMES**

All three Ute tribes competed against the clock in the Ute Warrior Challenge.

The three Ute tribes took to the courts and competed in two days of basketball.

Archers from the three Ute tribes took their best shots on the 3D archery course.

More Tri-Ute photos on pages 9-11, and online at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com).

## COLORADO LAW

### Claiming your tax exemption in Ignacio

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Under longstanding principles of federal Indian law, a state's power to tax tribes or tribal members in Indian Country is very limited. Two years ago, Colorado law incorporated the federal law sales tax exemption into Colorado state law (C.R.S. § 39-26-727). Under federal law and the 2014 Colorado state law, on-Reservation sales to Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members are exempt from State and local sales tax. Under the State law, "Reservation" means either the Southern Ute Indian Reservation or the Reservation of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and includes the Town of Ignacio.

It seems that tribal members may have either not always known of the exemption or not always claimed the exemption when making purchases from Town of Ignacio vendors and

Town vendors have either not always known of or been willing to honor the exemption. The Tribe has been busy reaching out to Ignacio businesses to ensure that they are honoring the exemption. Ignacio businesses must comply with Colorado Department of Revenue recordkeeping requirements including a requirement to document exempt sales.

Recently, the Department of Revenue suggested that having tribal members present their tribal identification cards and sign a Statement of Exemption from Colorado Sales and Use Tax will be sufficient for its recordkeeping purposes. The Tribe supports those suggestions as a workable method for tribal members to claim the sales tax exemption and for local businesses to document the sales.

The Tribe is asking for tribal members' assistance on this issue. Repurchases from Town of Ignacio vendors and

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## ENVIRONMENTAL

### EPD hosts Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting

*By Marlene Scott-Jewett*  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION

The Environmental Programs Division (EPD) hosted the summer meeting of the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC), June 14 – 16 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. The RTOC is a working committee of environmental directors from the 27 tribal nations in EPA Region 8 and EPA Region 8 representatives that help to build environmental capacity and support implementation of ongoing tribal environmental programs. The RTOC promotes tribal environmental priorities and funding in EPA regional priorities and budget decision-making. The RTOC members take turns in hosting the meetings to allow participants to experience the environmental issues of concern in Indian Country. The theme of this meeting was: Emergency Preparedness.

The opening ceremony included welcoming remarks from Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson,

presentation of the flags by the Southern Ute Veterans Association, an invocation from Tribal elder Alden Naranjo, and flag and honor songs from the Yellow Jacket drum group.

The meeting also included the recognition of the late Michael Frost and his work and vision for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division. Many of the RTOC representatives worked with the late Mr. Frost and addressed the Frost family in attendance.

The first day of the Emergency Preparedness Conference consisted of a keynote presentation by Peter Butler, of the Animas Stakeholders Group, on the existing environmental conditions of the Silverton Mining District and how we came to a Superfund decision.

Tom Johnson, EPD Division Head, presented the Tribe's response to the Gold King Mine Spill and

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division Head, Tom Johnson presents a plaque to Stanley Frost and family in honor of his son Mike "Fire" Frost, for his contributions to the Environmental Program. Family members of Mike Frost were present at the Regional Meeting at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Tuesday, June 14.

## UTE NATION

### Tri-Ute Council passes resolution supporting Bears Ears

*By Sacha Smith*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

At the last Tri-Ute Council meeting the council passed a resolution supporting presidential designation of a Bears Ears National Monument in Southeast Utah. Bears Ears region is a 1.9 million acre landscape that is sacred to many Southwest Native American tribes. The region is also believed to be home to more than 100,000 archeological sites.

On Tuesday, June 14 in

*Tri-Ute page 13*



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost signs a Tri-Ute Council resolution of support for presidential designation of the Bears Ears National Monument, Tuesday, June 14 at Ute Mountain Ute Casino. Left to right: Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee member, Cummings Vanderhoop and Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairwoman Juanita Plentyholes.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Re-establishing the forest along Stollsteimer

*By Robert L. Ortiz*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division (EPD) is working hard at re-establishing tree growth downstream from Lake Capote. The riparian enhancement project included the planting of approximately 1,100 plants 1.7 miles along Stollsteimer Creek totaling 9.7 acres of planted ground.

Southern Ute EPD Senior Water Quality Specialist, Pete Nylander and

*Stollsteimer page 8*



Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division planted over 1000 trees along Stollsteimer Creek running downstream from Lake Capote. The two-week riparian enhancement project covered 1.7 miles and 9.7 acres. A process called long-stem planting was utilized to drill down to the watertable, giving the newly planted trees an advantage so watering needs to be less frequently.



## SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

# Casino hosts Indian Motorcycle bikers

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Rocky Mountain Indian Motorcycle Riding Group (IMRG) met up on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation for the 2016 Durango Rendezvous June 10-11. The rendezvous was held to give Indian Motorcycle riders a place to meet fellow riders and to enjoy the scenic rides Southwest Colorado has to offer.

It all started with the Rocky Mountain IMRG planned to meet fellow chapters in the Four Corners region to enjoy some rides. The meet and greet started out at about 30 to 40 bikers and blew up to a couple hundred, Rocky Mountain Indian Motorcycle Riding Group President, Terry Connett said.

Connett said he looked all over the area for places to host the meet up and soon enough began working with casino staff on making the event happen.

"This is an upscale event and we wanted to have it at a nice place," Connett said about picking the casino as the place to host the event. "Everyone has been so cooperative and so nice and friendly; it has been a great experience."

The two-day event kicked off with a meet greet banquet at the Sky Ute Casino Events



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Vice Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Indian Motorcycle Riding Group (IMRG) Dennis Campbell presented Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with an honorary membership to the riding group during the Durango Rendezvous, Friday, June 10.

Center, Friday, June 10. Connett said many of the riders keep in touch on Facebook and have never met in person; so bringing them all together in one location was a special thing. He also made it a point to connect with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and wanted the riders to experience the culture of the Southern Ute people.

To show appreciation, President and Vice president of IMGR recognized Chairman Clement J. Frost as an honorary member of the group, and named the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as an honorary chapter.

Frost thanked the riders for the recognition and for visiting the reservation. He told them he values the friendship that has been made.

Also helping Connett

display the Southern Ute culture were the Southern Ute Heritage Dancers, Yellow Jacket drum group, and tribal elder, Alden Naranjo. Naranjo spoke about the Southern Ute culture and the heritage dancers showcased their dancing skills to the tentative audience.

Connett also said they made it a point to have half of all the vendors be Native Americans. The brand and its riders share a special connection with the Native Americans and they aim to honor the history of all Native American peoples, he said.

For next year, Connett said he hopes to host it at the casino again, and plans to make it a longer event; giving riders a chance to ride and see everything the area has to offer.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

In Council Chambers the Elbert J. Floyd award was presented to a former employee of the Southern Ute Drum. Oolcu Buckskin-Valdez was awarded the educational award, which was given to her for her pursuing her education in English with Communication options.

This photo first appeared in the June 23, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## SUPD

# Being alert while you drive

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

Driving takes great concentration. Focusing on the road, other drivers, objects in the roadway and wildlife takes a lot of energy. There are times when we go driving brainlessly down the road as a part of our routine. Maybe we were just tired, but we get to our destination and can't really remember the drive. How do you keep driving while being alert?

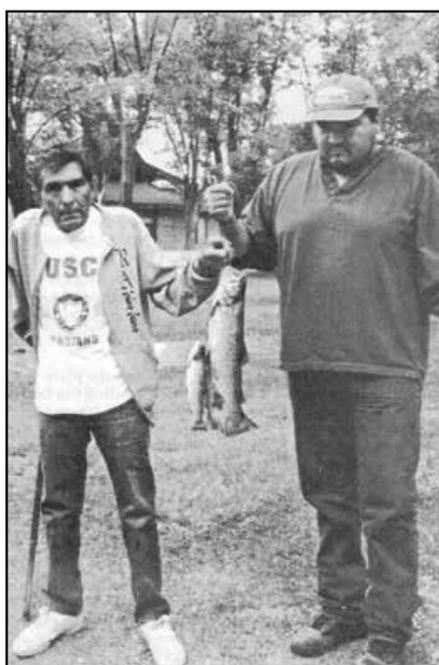
As police officers, we are taught to drive with "keeping your head on a swivel" looking all around. Expecting the unexpected, we look at everything around us continuously with an expectation that something is going to be different. We

look for differences in color, contrast and movement. We let our eyes search for those differences and we begin to spot the driver who rolls through the stop sign (before he hits us). We see the color of the small license tags that have been out of date for over a year. We see the bright face of a child as they bounce up and down on the back seat without wearing the proper safety seat. Officers are taught to be alert while driving.

One of the questions that get asked frequently during defensive driving classes is "how do I keep from being tired during a boring drive?" Playing the "What If? Game" is a large part of staying focused and alert. Seeing a situation ahead and asking yourself what would

happen if ... happens? Seeing a deer ahead on the side of the road, you would ask yourself "What if the deer jumped over to the middle of my lane; what action would I take? You ask yourself, "What would happen if that driver starts to swerve over into my lane?" By constantly asking and answering the situations around you, you stay alert and ready for anything that comes your way. If you need to stop and pull over, take a few minutes to get outside the vehicle and stretch.

Alertness is one driving skill that we have to practice constantly to make our driving safer, saving time and money in the process. The Southern Ute Police Department wishes you to have a safer time on the road.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Fernando Rael and Davis Wing show their Trophy catch a 20" rainbow trout. The fish was caught on the Pine River just south of Bayfield. Rael was using night crawlers as bait.

This photo first appeared in the June 21, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Mary Sage and Stella Santistevan, the tireless cleaning team of the Tribal Annex Building. Thank you for a spotless building. Smile ladies!

This photo first appeared in the June 27, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## TAX EXEMPTION • FROM PAGE 1

member that this exemption applies only to state and local sales tax. It is not an exemption from tribal sales tax.

When claiming exemption from state and local sales and use taxes on the Reservation, tribal mem-

bers should be prepared to:  
• Let the vendor know that you wish to claim the exemption;  
• Show your tribal identification card;  
• If asked to do so, fill out and sign a Statement of Exemption from Color-

do Sales and Use Tax or similar form.

By taking these steps, tribal members can claim the exemption and help make compliance with the law easier on local businesses, which will likely result in higher rates of compliance.

## LOCAL UPDATE

### Southern Ute Veterans meeting rescheduled

The Southern Ute Veterans Association hold regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month. The meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 6 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 13 at the Multi-Purpose Facility at 5:30 – 7 p.m.

### Veterans offer outreach

The first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., appointments in

Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome. The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.



### Ignacio Senior Center

ADDRESS: 15345 HWY 172, Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
PHONE: (970) 563-4561 FAX: (970) 563-3166



Upcoming Events		
Dessert Social 6.30		
 28 Orange Chicken Wild Rice Roasted Veggies Spice Cake	29 Pasole w/Pork G. Chili Tortilla Green Beans Mixed Fruit	30 Hamburger Gravy Over Rice Cream Peas/Rolls Plums

Ignacio Senior Center provides Meals On Wheels to the elderly and disabled 5 times a week. We also have congregate meals Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays which includes a Salad Bar. A \$4 donation is what we ask for the meals, and Wednesdays are free.

The Senior Center also provides transports for the elderly and disabled. Please call 24 hours in advance if you're wanting a ride for doctor appointments, prescription pickups or shopping. Please call the Senior Center with any questions you may have.



## New Ute dictionary introduced



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal elder Pearl Casias met with Tom Givon, writer of the Ute Dictionary at the Ignacio Community Library on Thursday, June 13 to discuss the development process of the textbooks, while providing insight on how the Ute language is spoken. Casias opened the discussion with an opening prayer while Givon pointed out the various dialects in the Ute language. The Ute Dictionary features approximately 3,000 Ute words, and can be purchased online from the John Benjamin's Publishing Company. Additional commercial release is yet to be determined.

## Learning language and culture



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students who attended the Ute Language class on June 16 at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center were taught how to play Hand Game by tribal elder, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf.

Renee Sage guesses as Lakota TwoCrow hides his "bones" during a Hand Game lesson at the Ute Language Class taught by Lynda Grove-D'Wolf. Grove-D'Wolf hosts Ute Language classes every Thursday evening from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. at the Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center's Craft Room.



## Elders meet for lunch



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Culture Department held it's monthly Elder Luncheon in the Southern Ute Museum & Culture Center Friday, June 17. The menu included grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, potato salad and chips.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

### Culture Classes

**June 30 (every Thursday):** Ute Language by Lynda D'Wolf from 5-7 in the SUMACc craft room.

**July 19 & 21:** Hand Drum making

**July 26 & 28:** Makeup session/hand drum

**Aug. 2 & 4:** Bustle making

**Aug. 9 & 11:** Makeup session/Bustle

**Aug. 16 & 18:** Cedar bag making

**Aug. 23 & 25:** Makeup session/Cedar bag

Classes open to Southern Ute tribal members from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Classes will be in the SUMACc large classroom, limited to 20 participants.

### Elder Luncheon

The upcoming monthly elder luncheons will be held on July 29 and Aug. 12 in the SUMACc large classroom.

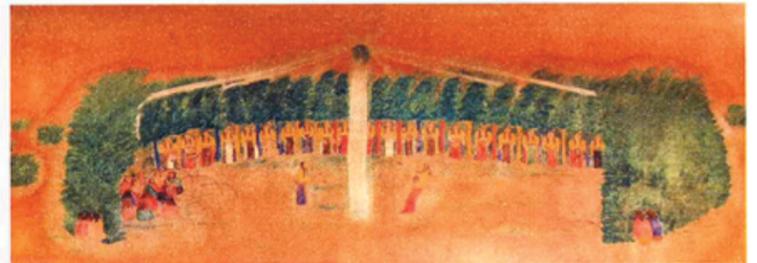
### Sun Dance grounds now open

The Sun Dance grounds are open for all who need to clean up and/or work on their campsite. Any Southern Ute elder or handicapped member who needs shade can contact Construction Services to get a ribbon at 970-563-0260. Questions, contact Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost at 970-442-0500 or Culture Dept. at 970-563-0400.

## Southern Ute Tagu Wuni – Sun Dance

July 7 – 11, 2016  
Ignacio, Colorado

Chief: Hanley Frost Sr.



### All DANCER, 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 ground.
5. Cameras, Tape/Video recorders, Food and Water are not allowed in are Near the Medicine Lodge.
6. No Metal Chairs are allowed inside the Medicine Lodge.
7. NO CELL PHONES!

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE

ACCIDENTS OR LOSS OF PROPERTY

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

## 8TH ANNUAL COLORADO SPRINGS NATIVE AMERICAN INTERTRIBAL POWWOW

Saturday, July 16, 2016  
10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Doors open at 9:30 A.M.  
Gourd Dance at 10:00 A.M.  
Grand Entry at 11:00 A.M.  
Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave.  
General Admission is \$4.00  
Dancers & Children 12 and under free.



### CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

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- Spiritual Advisor Lee Plenty Wolf
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Facebook.com/ColoradoSpringsNativeAmericanIntertribalPowwow



## 2016 NORTHERN UTE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

JUNE 30, JULY 1, 2, 3, 2016

**NORTHERN HOST DRUM:**  
BATTLE HILL  
BATTELFORD, SASKATCHEWAN

**SOUTHERN HOST DRUM:**  
PAWNEE, OK  
SOUTHERN THUNDER

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:**  
BOYE LADD, SR. HOCHUNK NATION  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:**  
BART POWAUKEE, UTE/NEZ PERCE  
ROOSEVELT, UT.

**ARENA DIRECTOR:**  
YASHTI PERKINSKILLER, BIRNEY, MT.

**ARENA DIRECTOR:**  
BART STEVENS, FT. DUCHESNE, UT.

**HEAD DRUM JUDGE:**  
JOHNNY SMITH, RED LAKE, MN.  
WILLEY STRONG, RED LAKE, MN.

**DRUM CONTEST & DANCE CATEGORY MONEY GUARANTEED**  
Grand Entry Thursday 7:00 pm, Friday 7:00 pm Grand Entry Points System in effect Fort Duchesne Pow-wow Grounds

**Northern/Southern Drum Contest**  
1st place: \$10,000  
2nd place: \$8,000  
3rd place: \$6,000  
4th place: \$4,000

**SPECIALS:**  
\*Full Regalia Tidy for Girls Special Sponsored by Siouxskora Shoottheenemy, \$100 Fancy, \$100 Jingle, \$100 Traditional Ages 3-5  
\*2015-2016 Jr. Miss Ute Tribe, Lottie Gardner, Women's Fancy Shawl- Winner take all \$1,000  
\*2015-2016 Little Miss Ute, Summerlain Evensing Star James, Senior Women's Bustle \$4 Winner take all \$1,500  
\*Ute Tribe Business Committee Special Men's & Women's - Winner take all \$1,000 and  
\*Ute Tribe Pow-wow Committee Special Men's Chicken Winner take all \$1,000 and Women's Jingle - Winner take all \$1,200

**4th of July Hand Game Tournament**  
July 1, 2, 3, 2016  
Contact: Renee Sage 970-442-0500 or Angie Luvato 970-7957

**Jr. Categories**  
7-12 yrs of age  
1st Place: \$400  
2nd Place: \$300  
3rd Place: \$200  
4th Place: \$100

**Teen Categories**  
13-17 yrs of age  
1st Place: \$500  
2nd Place: \$400  
3rd Place: \$300  
4th Place: \$200

**Jr. Adults/Seniors/Golden Age**  
18-40 41-59 60+ yrs of age  
1st Place: \$1,500  
2nd Place: \$1,200  
3rd Place: \$800  
4th Place: \$500

For More Information contact:  
Bruce Pappert, Chairman 435-828-7832; Leroy Cesspach, Vice Chairman 435-828-7044  
Judy Pappert, Treasurer 435-725-4899; Amber Redfoot, Secretary 435-725-4055  
Ronnie K Wossock, Vendor Booths 435-823-1239; Buffy Arrowchis, Vendor Booths 435-823-4073



courtesy Kathleen McInnis/SWCAHEC

Students met with Easton LaChappelle, a 20-year old prodigy pioneering prosthetics using 3D printing on a tour at the Durango Tech Center.

## SWCAHEC

# Health Camp inspires students to explore careers in healthcare

### Staff report

SW COLO. AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER

Southwestern Colorado Area Health Education Center (SWCAHEC) hosted the Health Careers Camp for area teens last week. The camp held on the campus of Fort Lewis College on June 7, 8, 9 and 10th drew twenty-seven 8th, 9th and 10th grade students from the eight counties: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan and San Miguel. With support from The Colorado AHEC Program, The Telluride Foundation, and Alpine Bank, among other sponsors, 44% of students were able to attend the camp with a scholarship.

Students had the opportunity to explore various fields within the healthcare industry from learning hands-on medical activities such as application of sutures, checking for vital signs and being a first re-

sponder from Durango Fire and Rescue, to shadowing professionals in their medical facilities.

One of the highlights included a tour at the Durango Tech Center with Easton LaChappelle, a 20-year old prodigy pioneering prosthetics using 3D printing. As owner of Unlimited Tomorrow, LaChappelle's mission is to make technology accessible to those who need it most. Students were able to touch the 3D objects and see a robotic limb fully operational. They learned that through web research, a bit of genius and hard work, one could achieve the unthinkable.

The Health Careers Camp founded 3 years ago by Kathleen McInnis, Executive Director of the Southwestern Colorado Area Health Education Center, has continued to grow the camp each year, expanding their reach to engage a diverse group of students.

"In 2015, 30% of campers reported that the camp

helped them decide on a health career," said McInnis, SWCAHEC's Executive Director. "By using an interactive approach to learning about health careers, we hope to inspire students to pursue a career in the healthcare industry," said McInnis. On June 27th, McInnis will travel to Washington, DC to speak on the importance of Summer Health Career Camps at the National AHEC Organization Conference, the AHEC national leadership and networking organization.

SWCAHEC is a regional non-profit organization in Southwestern Colorado that broadly focuses on improving access to quality healthcare in eight counties; Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Montezuma, Ouray, San Juan and San Miguel. SWCAHEC provides support and coordinates programs for the community, health professionals and students interested in advancing health.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The spiral herb garden, located outside the Southern Ute Health Center, is one of four that will be developed around the Town of Ignacio.

## TRIBAL HEALTH

# A garden of good health

Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program has unveiled their latest concept with the hopes of encouraging healthy eating and lifestyles across the reservation.

On Monday, June 20, the

program introduced a spiral herb garden outside of the Southern Ute Health Center that will be used to plant an assortment of herbs and natural foods.

Deanna Frost, Shining Mountain Director Apprentice, and Namichen Oberly constructed the garden out of brick, whereas Trib-

al Council and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory members handled the duty of adding the soil and potted foods.

The program plans to add three additional spirals to several locations in Ignacio – Southern Ute

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## HEALTH

# Funding for health coverage assistance continues in Colo.

By Lauren Patterson  
LA PLATA FAMILY CENTERS

The La Plata Family Centers Coalition is pleased to announce it has received continuation funding from the Colorado Health Foundation to conduct health coverage outreach and enrollment activities in Archuleta and La Plata counties. The \$293,096 award will extend current funding from the Foundation through July 2017 to increase health literacy and further reduce the number of uninsured individuals and families in Southwest Colorado.

The Foundation funding supports outreach and enrollment activities of the fol-

lowing Medical Coverage Collaborative partners: Axis Health System, Archuleta County Department of Human Services, La Plata County Department of Human Services and the La Plata Family Centers Coalition. All partners provide trained enrollment specialists at their sites to assist individuals and families in obtaining health insurance during open enrollment season, November – January, and throughout the year for those with a qualifying life event or who need assistance with applying for the state's Medicaid program, Health First Colorado, or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+).

The La Plata Family Cen-

ters Coalition has helped hundreds of individuals and families learn about and apply for health coverage. "This program has been essential for me to find affordable health insurance. I'm deeply grateful!" – Family Center Client

Individuals who qualify for free or low-cost adult or child health insurance plans are encouraged to schedule a free consultation at one of the following locations: Durango 970-385-4747 (Bilingual assistance available in Spanish), Bayfield 970-884-4747; or Pagosa Springs 970-264-5627, ext. 2. To learn more about the La Plata Family Centers Coalition, please visit [www.lpfcc.org](http://www.lpfcc.org).

**This SEAL OF APPROVAL endorses events that are fun for youth and families, low cost and alcohol free!**



We're celebrating alcohol-free events because they:

- Provide an opportunity for positive adult role modeling
- Strengthen adult - youth relationships
- Normalize healthy choices for all ages.

Anyone can nominate an event for the Seal of Approval. Email [cschultz@sjbhd.org](mailto:cschultz@sjbhd.org) or call Cindy at 970-264-2409 Ext. 204 to learn more.

## Congratulations to Past Winners

Community Dinner, Pine River Shares • Apple Days, Growing Partners of SW Colorado • Serengeti Wipeout, Animas High School's Peers Owning Wellness Snowdown event and numerous other Snowdown events • Around the World Children's Festival, Del Alma of the Durango Education Center • Junior DEVO Fun Race • Pies in the Garden, Garden Project of SW Colorado • Outdoor Movie Night, Three Springs • Fall Festival, Three Springs • Butterflies and Blooms Walk, San Juan Mountains Association • Walk for Wilderness and Family Fun Fair, San Juan Mountains Association • Halloween Carnival, Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club • Old Fashioned Christmas, First Assembly of God, Pagosa Springs • Teen Night, Southern Ute Boys and Girls Club • Teen Night, La Plata County Boys and Girls Club • Spring Festival, Town of Bayfield, Parks and Recreation • Outdoor Movie Night, Pine River Library • Star Spangled Shuffle, GECKO • Creativity Festivity: Everyday Magic Opening Reception, Durango Arts Center • Creativity Festivity: High School Poetry Slam, Durango Arts Center • Tear It Up For Tyler, Durango Parks and Rec, Boarding Haus, Family of Tyler Valencia • Party in the Park, Stillwater Foundation • Retro Metro Kids Bike Rodeo and BBQ • Halloween Carnival, Town of Pagosa Springs • Cyclocross Series, GECKO • Old Fashioned Christmas, Town of Bayfield • Mutton Harvest and Easter Egg Hunt, Dine Club of FLC's Native American Center • Community Poetry Slam, Healing Spirits, Peaceful Spirit • Children's Pow Wow, Healing Spirits, Peaceful Spirit • Journey to Healing Dinner and Panel, Healing Spirits, Peaceful Spirit • Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Compañeros Immigrant Resource Center



## Fathers walk the walk



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Healing Spirits aftercare program held a Responsible Fatherhood Walk Saturday, June 18. The walk began in Veterans Memorial Park with a song by Daymien Aguilar. A potluck lunch was served in Ute Park following the walk.



The 2-mile fatherhood walk had about 20 participants, who walked along the Silva fields, along the Pine River briefly before heading back to Peaceful Spirit.

Nathan Strong Elk reads a proclamation signed by the Southern Ute Tribe recognizing Saturday, June 18 as Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day.



SUCAP

## Curiosity Afterschool Program seeking students

**Damon Toledo**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Since 2012, the Curiosity Afterschool Program has been collaborating with Ignacio Middle School by supplementing school day curriculum with after school activities that reinforce and compliment regular academic programs, but do not replicate the classroom day. The program's central goals are to positively impact student achievement, increase academic growth, and increase the number of developmental assets among students.

The Curiosity Afterschool Program is operated by the Southern Ute Community Action Program, and has served approximately 90 Ignacio Middle School students per year since 2012, with nearly 360 middle school students to date.

A number of activities are available for students to participate in, which in-

clude theater, service learning/volunteerism, overnight field trips, book clubs, and a number of others.

From 2015-2016, curiosity participants produced three plays that were met with success: "Cafe Murder", a comedy mystery, "Grease", a scaled-down version of the classical musical, and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," an adaptation of the Washington Irving classic.

Additionally, students learned more about the history of Colorado during an overnight stay in the San Juan Mountains, where they explored early mining at the Old Hundred Mine in Silverton, hiked the waterfalls near Ouray, soaked in the hot springs, and took a jeep tour of the high country.

After an evaluation in 2014, the students' reception to these activities were met with praise, claiming they had fun, made lots of friends, and learned how to be social. Responses on the

Developmental Assets Profile showed that Curiosity participants improved on eight developmental assets correlated with positive behavior. For four of these variables (Social Competencies, Constructive Use of Time, Social Context, Community Context) the improvements were statistically significant.

The Curiosity Program will be entering its 5th year in the fall and encourages Ignacio Middle School students to join. Funding for the program will continue through 2017 when the next five-year grant application will be made to the Colorado Department of Education. In preparation, stakeholders will be assembled to provide guidance and feedback for how to improve Curiosity's reach and effectiveness in the Ignacio Schools.

Those interested in attending the program may contact the SUCAP Youth Services at 970-563-4127.

## BGC celebrates summer



photos Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

The San Juan Basin Heath Department presented six adult role model awards to Tava Willson, Julie Stone, Shasta Pontine, Nyla Abaroa, Stephen Morris, David Quiroz at the Boys and Girls Club BBQ on Friday, June 17 at Shoshone Park.



BGC Club members pile on the merry-go-round waiting to be sent spinning!

BGC Club member Gracelynn Thompson plays on the park equipment during the BGC BBQ.

### POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

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If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at 970-563-0237.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting

The next scheduled JOM committee meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Department. Committee member needed if you are interested please write a letter of intent and submit it to Ellen S. Baker at the Education Department Office at 970-563-0235.

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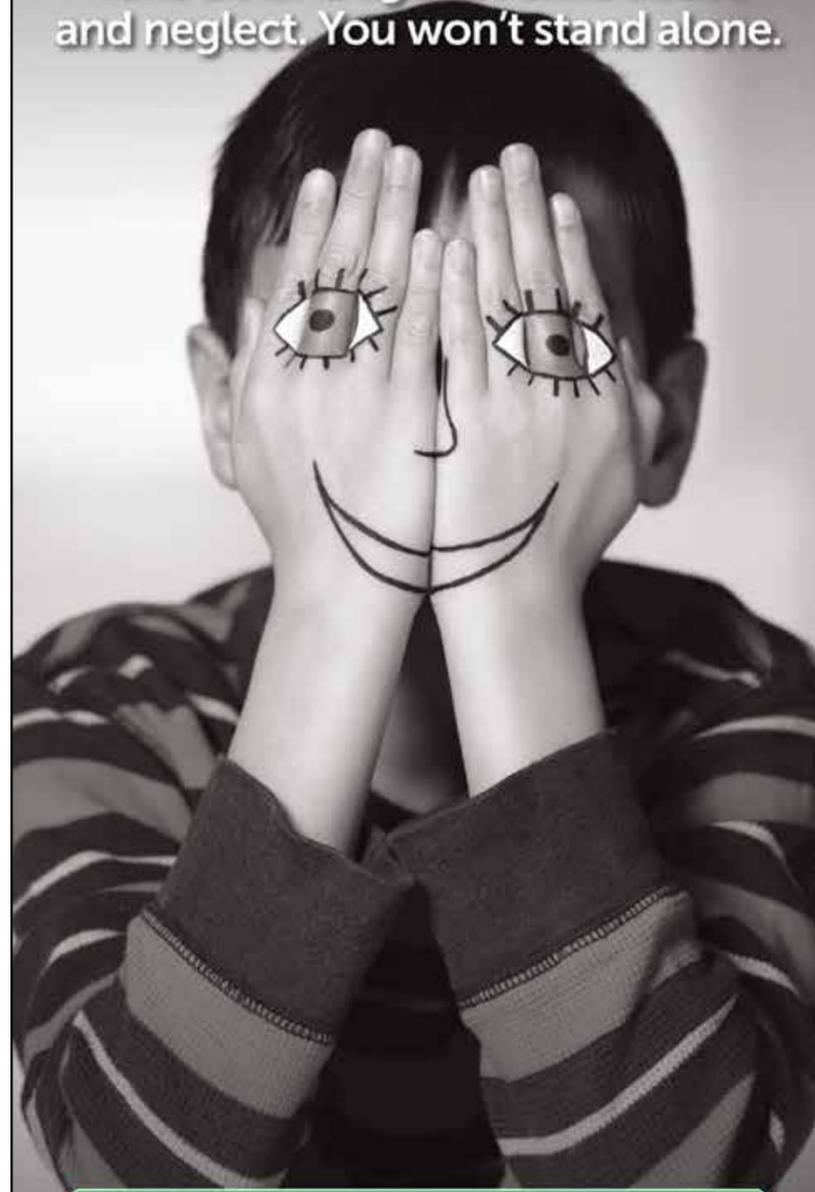
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## Youth employees learn CPR



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SunUte Fitness Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth instructs Youth Employee Program worker Lorraine Watts as she practices CPR on the infant training doll



The Youth Employee Program's CPR baby training dolls silently await their trainers.

Youth Employee Workers Anthony Suina, Lonicia O'John, Lakota TwoCrow and Christina Herrera get together to practice CPR on the CPR training dolls.

## YEP: Understanding Ute



photos Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

Youth Employment Program (YEP) workers Kruz Pardo, Gibran Silva, Woody Pena, Alana Watts and Daniel Weaver look over an Ute Language handout during the YEP Ute Language class Thursday, June 16 hosted by Hanley Frost, Culture Education Coordinator.

Thursday, June 16 The Youth Employee Program (YEP) gets together to learn the Ute Language hosted by Hanley Frost



## Youth go to work



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Members of the Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar (ELKS) gave a presentation to the Youth Employment Program (YEP) workers Thursday, June 9 at their orientation. The ELKS Program was set up through the tribe's Environmental Programs Division (EPD) to help educate tribal youth on the importance of the environment and what EPD does to protect it.



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Natelle Thompson, Charise Hunter, Jacob Garlick, and Executive Officer Michelle Taylor-Cruz talk with YEP workers during the Youth Employment Program orientation on Friday, June 10.

Youth Employee Program summer worker Jacob Box lends a hand to the BGC members to help set up an Xbox.

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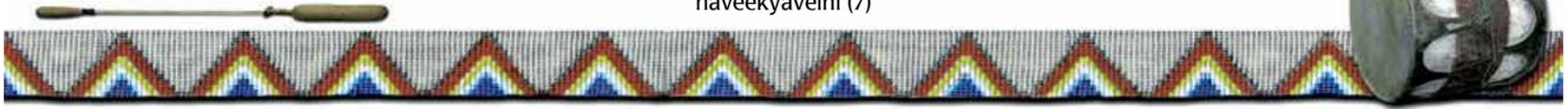
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# TODAY'S SUPER HEROES

## CONGRATULATIONS, ADULT ROLE MODELS!

Having an adult role model who exhibits positive, responsible behavior is one of the 40 Developmental Assets – building blocks that help young people grow up to be healthy, caring, and responsible.

The more Developmental Assets young people acquire, the better their chances of succeeding in school and becoming happy, healthy, and contributing members of their communities and society.



**Michelle Wennerstrom**  
Bayfield Winner

"I feel beyond honored to have been identified as an adult role model. There have been so many role models in my life that have not only guided my choices in which paths to take, but have also inspired me to become the person who possessed the qualities that I admired in them. I would like to take this rare opportunity to celebrate a few of those phenomenal people as well. Thank you Dana Henson, Claire May, Alicejean Smith, Tom Kuhn, Dorothy Rubner, as well as a beyond blessed number of students, both present and past, for being the inspiring catalysts they are and have been.



**Sarah Wright**  
Durango Winner

"I am humbled and honored to be selected as a winner of the adult role model campaign award. The students that I have worked with inspire me to make a difference in our community. Teens today have many more challenges and stressors than most of us ever had to deal with - it is hard for some of them to realize the opportunities that lie before them. I try to connect with them by sharing experiences and stories from my own life and hope that they develop healthy strategies to cope with the frustrations that they encounter. We laugh a lot together - we both end up empowered to be more engaged and thoughtful citizens."



**Stephen Morris**  
Ignacio Winner

"The impact of just how special this award is hit me after seeing the names of the runner-ups. I greatly admire both Ms. Hedrick and Ms. Stone for the special contributions that they are and have been making long before I got here. To be chosen by a group of young men and women that make you earn their respect makes me feel very proud. I will continue to work everyday to earn their trust and respect with the hope that they will continue to allow me to affect positive change in their lives."



**Tava Wilson**

Native American Winner

"I am extremely honored to be recognized as a Native American Community Role Model and truly grateful to be a part of this community. Thank you to those who nominated me and supported my nomination. To work with youth is a privilege and I don't take my role as community role model lightly. I only hope I can continue to inspire youth and serve as a positive influence in their lives."

**Did you nominate a role model in your life?**

The first 50 who nominated an Adult Role Model can head to Maria's Bookshop in downtown Durango and claim a free \$12 gift card to the shop!



**David Quiroz**

Hispanic Winner

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## EPD HOSTS REGIONAL MEETING • FROM PAGE 1



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Environmental Programs Division Head, Tom Johnson (right) talks with RTOC attendees about a Ferricrete rock outcrop exposure during a site tour in Silverton, Colo. Thursday, June 16.

lessons learned for environmental directors. Curtis Hartenstine, Water Quality Program Manager, presented a discussion on tribal water quality standards and results of the tribe's Water Quality Program sampling on the Animas River.

The second day, the Tribe's Air Quality Program presented information on the tribe's Environmental Leadership Knowledge Seminar (E.L.K.S.) that is open to tribal youth. Also, featured was a presentation and group discussion from Lanny Holms, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a virtual tour of the Gladstone interim water treatment plant by Laura Jenkins, EPA Region 8 Media Officer, and an oil pipeline spill tabletop exercise and group discussion with Craig Myers, EPA Region 8 – Myers was the incident commander on the Gold King Release.

The RTOC membership presented Alfreda Mitre, retiring EPA Region 8 Tribal Assistance Program Director, appreciation gifts and words of thanks for the years Mitre dedicated to the Region 8 tribes and Indian Country.

"Ms. Mitre advocated for [Tribal Nations], our needs, how we live can't be taught. A lot of us would not be where we are without Alfreda. We wish you the very best on retirement and on your trail," Michael Durglo, Jr., CSKT member



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Members of the Regional Tribal Operations Committee gave introductions and brief summaries of the Environmental operations on their respective reservations and homelands.

and RTOC Chairman said. Mitre, a Las Vegas Paiute replied, "I am a federal employee right now, but I am Indian forever. We have the connection to the land."

The final day of the conference included a site tour in Silverton, Colorado with EPA Superfund staff. Remediation of the environmental damage due to the Gold King Mine spill in August 2015 was the main focus of the tour. Road stops on the tour included, a Ferricrete rock outcrop exposure, an abandoned mill tailing pile, a roadside tour of the Gladstone water treatment plant and the Red & Bonita Mine. The tour allowed for an active question & answer session for the RTOC attendees and EPA staff.

The RTOC attendees and their tribal nations face similar environmental issues, whether it be housing remediation due to meth produc-

tion, lack of grant funding or water contamination due to oil and gas production or transport.

Allyson Two Bears, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, voiced her concern and frustration of the proposed construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline a/k/a Bakken Pipeline that will carry oil under the Missouri River. The proposed pipeline is less than one fourth mile from the Standing Rock Reservation boundary. The Standing Rock Nation was never consulted or given the opportunity to comment on the initial Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the pipeline. The proposed pipeline has the potential for leaks and spills, which may have an impact on the native riparian plant habitat used for ceremonial purposes, food harvests, and the drinking water for all stakeholders downstream.

## RE-ESTABLISHING STOLLSTEIMER • FROM PAGE 1



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Southwest Conservation Corps workers Eagle Bear Williams, Austin Roll and Micah Bevore pound in the T-posts for the caging enclosures for the tree saplings.

a 10-person crew, along with assistance from other Southern Ute tribal departments planted the trees from June 13 through June 16.

"The area we are replanting was overgrazed, right up to the creek, with bad land use practices – we want to reestablish the forestation so the wildlife can enjoy the vegetation," Nylander said.

The area south of Lake Capote is established as a conservation area. Archeologists have already done surveys to the land prior to the Wildlife Divisions tree planting five years ago.

EPD Recycling Technician, Phillip Martinez also assisted during the week with planting and watering, two additional EPD interns also watered the trees.

Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) crewmembers constructed the caging and provided additional labor. SCC also operates conservation service programs across Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

Chokecherry, Golden Current, Woods Rose, Redosier Dogwood, Narrow leaf Cottonwood, Rio Grande Cottonwood, Three Leaf Sumac and Silver Buffaloberry were planted and all had to be caged to protect them from being damaged by elk and beavers.

The purpose of the project is to improve water quality along Stollsteimer Creek, but there are other benefits to wildlife and the land by having a healthy riparian area.



Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

EPD Senior Water Quality Specialist, Pete Nylander and Phillip Martinez, EPD recycling technician get together to plant a tree sapling.

The project was funded through EPA grant funds. The project was successful due to the Southern Ute Range and Wildlife Divisions assistance with labor and use of their equipment. The Agriculture Division also helped unload caging materials with their forklift.

"There is no way I could handle this project by myself, it's great to get the support from different departments," Nylander said.

The project complemented previous work to Stollsteimer Creek done by the Bureau of Indian

Affairs (BIA) Forestry Division. The division provided hand augers for the project use of their shade house to store the plants, and technical assistance on the plants as well.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division planted the larger existing trees along the creek.

"It's nice to rebuild and have a riparian forest along the creek and in 20 years to see the lands growing for the better," Nylander said. "We are continuing the work the Wildlife [Division] has already done 5 years ago."

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## Ute youth compete in Towaoc



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Lorraine Watts leads Jazmin Carmenoros and Tamarius Roland through the mud pit.

### UTE WARRIOR CHALLENGE



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John Whyte, 13, of Ute Mountain was the first to cross the finish line at the Strong Warrior Challenge course Wednesday, June 15. He finished the course in 34:50.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

"Ute Warriors" scale the 8-foot wall obstacle during the Ute Warrior Challenge.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Ute Warrior Challenge – a trial of physical obstacles that put everyone's endurance to the test. Over 60 athletes participated in the final challenge.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Jade Richards braves the slippery mud pit while her teammates Allisianna Baker, Avionne Gomez and Sharmaine Price shy away from messy pit.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Dewayne Hendren and Avionne Gomez quickly move there feet through the tires

**The 2016 Tri-Ute Games came to a close on Wednesday, June 15 – finishing off the athletic events with the ultimate finale. The Ute Warrior Challenge brought all the tribes together in one last endurance test with a number of obstades.**



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Toqua Ticeahkia from the Strong Warriors Program lifts Ula Gregory as the Tri-Ute Games come to a close.



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Franklin Thompson passes the finish line completing the grueling 5k Strong Warrior Course on his birthday.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Elliott Hendren makes his way around the Strong Warrior course.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Team Southern Ute athlete Tatum Lang sprints to the finish line.



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Richard Joseph from Team Southern Ute makes a big splash in the mud pool.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Charise Hunter treads through the mud pool during the Ute Warrior Challenge.



## Youth face off on the court

### BASKETBALL BOYS/GIRLS



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Allsianna Baker drives past a Team Ute Mountain player on her way to the basket.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Julian White looks to inbound the ball during a 9-11 year-old boys' game versus Ute Tribe.



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Ocean Hunter splits two defenders as he goes up to score for Team Southern Ute.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jawadin Corona, heavily guarded, goes up for a layup as the Southern Ute boys basketball team plays Ute Indian Tribe from Fort Dushesne, UT.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Eboney Gomez and Lexy Young battle against Ute Tribe player for a loose ball Monday, June 13 inside the Ute Mountain Recreation Center.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Lakota TwoCrow takes the jump shot while teammate Larenz Wilbourn gets ready for the rebound.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Silas Wilbourn takes the jumper as team Southern Ute plays Ute Mountain Ute.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Nate Hendren gets fouled on the release as team Southern Ute plays the Ute Indian Tribe.

**B**asketball proved to be the favorite at this year's Tri-Ute Games in Towaoc, Colo. June 13-15. Games were played from early morning till well into the evening. Each tribe had boys and girls teams competing in the three age divisions.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Alana Watts puts up a jumper during the 16-18 year-old girls play.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Kai Roubideaux finishes an easy bucket against Team Ute Mountain.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Christen Whiteskunk-Heart goes up for a layup during a 9-11 year-old girls game.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Dustin Weaver goes up for a layup versus Ute Tribe.



## More than a competition



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Brave, Dewayne Hendren represents team Southern Ute at the 2016 Tri-Ute Games.

### SPORTS & MUCH MORE



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Brianna Olguin gets help from her uncle Franklin Thompson while bowling for the Tri-Ute Games.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Crow Dancer and Rapper "Supaman", spoke to the Tri-Ute Games' athletes about respect and honoring yourself.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Each of the Ute teams walked in to the Ute Mountain Recreation Center's gym on June 13 to kick-off this year's Tri-Ute Games hosted by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. There were a total of 410 athletes and coaches participating this year. The games were held in Towaoc, Colo. June 13-15.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Lorraine Watts prepares to take aim at her target during the 3D archery shoot.

**The 2016 Tri-Ute games was in Towaoc, CO, from June 13 - June 15 and featured a number of activities for the young Ute participants, including 3D archery, golf, basketball, volleyball, cross-country, and fitness challenges. Native American comedians James & Ernie and "Supaman" made appearances to entertain and motivate the athletes.**



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Toph Pinnecoose (right) swims for the wall alongside her sister TyLee during a friendly race.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Issac Suina drives for the green at the South Forty Golf Course & Driving Range.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ute Indian Tribe youngsters take on Team Ute Mountain in a friendly Hand Game tourney.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Jade Richards reaches to block a Ute Tribe spike.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Calvin Levato (right) and Cadell Thompson test their endurance during the fitness challenge.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Lexy Young from team Southern Ute goes the distance during the cross-country event.

## IHS/FLC VOLLEYBALL

# Valdez ready to reinforce Skyhawks

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It's ironic that in such a high-flying sport as volleyball, one of the most vital players on a team often stays completely grounded, lucky to even attempt takeoff if given the opportunity to serve.

That was Chrystianne Valdez at Ignacio High School, particularly in her junior 2014 and senior 2015 seasons in which she dwelled mainly in the Lady Bobcats' back row, known for both her leaping jump-serves as well as down-to-earth defense as the team's libero.

And for the very near future that doesn't seem likely to change – pretty much the way Fort Lewis College head coach Kelley Rifilato had envisioned it when pursuing the Class 2A local, a four-year starter.

"I went up there, tried out with the team," Valdez said during an interview late in the '15-16 basketball season. "It was the best experience I've ever had playing volleyball, with such amazing athletes. And the next week, like four days later, I had a meeting with her and she said, 'How would you [like] to play for my team?'"

"I was thrilled," Valdez said.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Graduated Ignacio senior Chrystianne Valdez leaps to launch a serve during Fall 2015 action inside IHS Gymnasium. Valdez will be taking her game to NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College.

Count proud parents Chris and Cindy in there as well, when their daughter made her decision to continue her student-athlete career as near to Ignacio as possible, at the NCAA Division II level for the Skyhawks as part of a recruiting Class of 2016.

"I told her I'd talk to my parents ... and a few weeks

ago I verbally committed! So that's where I'll be next year ... playing volleyball for Kelley Rifilato; that's a great honor."

"Chrystianne is a local multisport athlete that will come in and bring excellent foot speed to the defensive specialist position," said Rifilato. "She possesses a

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## IHS BASEBALL

# Ward among 2A's best

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though the 2016 baseball season ended earlier than the Bobcats had planned, one regular's name again popped up on the statewide radar long after it was all said and done.

Owner of a .536 batting average (37-for-69) and 6-0 win-loss record on the mound (with a 2.12 ERA and scorching 55:5 strike-out-to-walk ratio) during Ignacio's 14-5 resurgence this spring, since-graduated senior Tucker Ward was well feared in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League and a deserving Honorable Mention All-2A recipient.

Officially released June 9, the 2016 All-State Baseball Teams, presented by CHSAANow.com, ColoradoPreps.com and MaxPreps.com, were created following a lengthy process including nominations from leagues, and then a vote of head coaches.

Earning the classification's Player-of-the-Year honor and a First Team All-2A nod was Lafayette-based Dawson School senior P/3B Luke Feigal, with skipper Joe McKenzie named Coach-of-the-Year after



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Graduated Ignacio senior Tucker Ward envisions his next at-bat during road action at Nucla during the 2016 season. Ward was recently named Honorable Mention All-2A for his work at the plate and in the field (as a pitcher and infielder).

the Mustangs learned from two season-opening losses against California teams (at a tournament in San Diego) and finished with the State Championship after ripping Limon 13-4 in Pueblo.

Dawson, the 11-seed in the tell-all 16-team bracket, finished the season 18-4 overall. Counting a road-doubleheader sweep – achieved after 17 total innings, with each game exceeding regulation length – of Eastern Plains rival Burlington amongst their own highlights, the beaten Badgers (the bracket's initial No. 13) ended up 19-5.

Very familiar to Ward and IHS, and his own team up-

set and eliminated in extra innings by LHS in the quarterfinals, Hotchkiss senior P/INF Cesar Gonzales was also a First Team selection, with fellow senior Dom Beck and junior Eli Kirk receiving Honorable Mention after helping the Bulldogs finish their abbreviated campaign 18-3.

Having also seen action against the Bobcats in 2016, Center senior Walter Martinez also received Honorable Mention distinction despite the Vikings' atrocious 2-18 (six losses, by an aggregate 90-11 margin, came against

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## IHS BASKETBALL

# Hayes, Seibel go out winners at All-State

By Joel Priest  
with Michael Skinner,  
ASU Sports Information

On the second of two competition days in Alamosa, graduated Ignacio guard Wyatt Hayes drained one final three-pointer and totaled nine points to help the Black Team easily defeat Red 78-61 in the 2016 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Boys' Basketball Championship Game last Saturday.

2A Sanford's deadly duo of guard Miles Caldon (19 points, five 3-pointers) and forward/center Chance Canty (13 points) also performed pretty much as expected, and helped the victorious squad—coached by IHS' elated Chris Val-

dez and 1A Blanca Sierra Grande's Matt Lucero—mount an imposing 35-19 lead after the first of two college-style halves inside Adams State University's Plachy Hall and overcome the game-best 28 points put up by 4A Colorado Springs Mitchell's Quincy Bryant, Jr.

Sinking three threes himself, 4A Fort Lupton's Patrick Vasquez netted 13 in defeat for coaches Terry Dunn (4A Colorado Springs Sierra) and Scott Parker (3A Parachute Grand Valley), but 1A Dove Creek's Jordan Ernst and local Clayton Brubacher of 3A AHS went scoreless while every Black member scored at least four.

Additionally, IHS' graduated Ellie Seibel also ended

her prep career on a high note, booking one three-pointer and five points total to help the All-State Girls' Blue Team down the Red 82-68 in the day's first finale.

Coached by 4A Longmont's Mike Knaus and Bob Wiley, the Blues entered intermission leading 44-28, and would get a team-best 20 from 4A Highlands Ranch Valor Christian's Heidi Hammond. 5A Highlands Ranch High School's Symone Starks contributed 16 and 1A Akron's Alexandria 'A.J.' Miller netted 14.

1A Mosca Sangre de Cristo's Jenna McKinley pumped in 20 to pace the Reds, while 3A Sterling's Jenna Knudson scored 15 and 2A Burlington's Cheylin Corman 13.

## Wildcats end as champs!



courtesy Naomi Russell

June 11-12 the 8th Grade Wildcats competed in their last tournament of their traveling season. This was the last time our 8th grade boys would play together and they went out like rock stars! For some, this ended four years of traveling, playing and growing together. Wildcat coaches are proud of you all and want to extend a big thank you to our parents for all your support and travel! (Left-right): Coach Travis Nanaeto, Elco Garcia, Bird Red, Jawadin Corona, Jonas Nanaeto (named All-Tourney), Keegan Schurman, and kneeling is Ocean Hunter (named MVP).

### Inaugural Wabnum Memorial TOURNAMENT Natives Bowling for the Cure

This is a USBC Mixed Certified Tournament  
Open to all USBC Members

Host Center  
Texas Station  
2101 Texas Star Ln  
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Dates  
8/11/2016 - 8/14/2016

Times will be assigned on a first come first served basis.  
Please send your completed entry forms with Money order or cashiers check payable to:  
Wabnum Memorial Natives Bowl for a Cure  
1701 Inez Dr., NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
email: kenpaulos@yahoo.com

Reserved entries close midnight August 1st, 2016  
(postmarked by 8/1/16)

Onsite entries close 1 hour before squad time unless squad is full.

Please direct any questions to Ken Paulos @ 760-995-7818  
Or email: kenpaulos@yahoo.com

Entry fees are \$30.00 Per Bowler Per Event.  
Optional All Events: \$6.00 Scratch/\$6.00 Handicap.  
Adult/Jr Tournament Saturday 9am: \$25.00 per adult/jr entry.  
All prize fund money returned 100%  
\$1.00 from each "All Events Entry" will be donated to Bowl for a Cure  
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## 2nd Annual Boys & Girls Club of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe MEN'S Softball Tournament

San Ignacio Fiesta  
(Last weekend in July)

\$200 Entry Fee

Home Run Derby  
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1st-3rd Place-MVP-All Tourney

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## GARDEN OF GOOD HEALTH • FROM PAGE 4

Indian Montessori Academy, Ignacio Senior Center, and Peaceful Spirits Center. Additionally, there are plans on bringing a gardening program to the Southern Ute Detention Center.

"This is an opportunity to share with our membership, because gardening is what we did as tribal people," stated Tribal Councilwoman Amy J. Barry at the garden's launch. "It's a historical achievement for our diabetes program and the [Southern Ute Health Department]. As long as we support this initiative, we will see federal funding to support more of these."

In 2015, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was awarded the Good Health & Wellness for Indians Grant from the Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board. The grant allows the health department to choose three health initiatives that would be funded – traditional foods,



Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

Youth Employee Program summer worker, Namichen Oberly places bricks on the outer spiral wall.

breastfeeding, and physical activities.

The idea of constructing a spiral garden came from its unique design. Plants that need the least water are rooted at the top the ones that need more are placed below. When watered, the stream will seep down to the bottom herbs with just enough moisture for it to grow.

"Namichen Oberly and I were able to build the brick

walling in just a day, about four to five hours," stated Frost. "I really like the design because it could be put in smaller areas. The Academy will be building their own spiral next, and then we development in the other locations. We hope these spirals will encourage people to build their own once they see them. If someone wants to build their own, we can provide the resources for them."

## TRI-UTE SUPPORTS BEARS EARS • FROM PAGE 1

Towaoc, Colo. Ute Mountain Ute Councilman Malcolm Lehi gave a history of the Inter-Tribal Coalition – Ute Mountain Ute, Ute Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and the Pueblo of Zuni – that was formed in the effort to conserve the Bears Ears cultural landscape. Structures and sites in the region have been vandalized, looted and desecrated over the years and with a designation the coalition hopes the region will be better protected.

Lehi asked Southern Ute to join the sister tribes and support the coalition's mission to preserve Bears Ears.

"We are asking Southern Ute [Indian Tribe] to support us and other tribes that are asking President Obama to turn this into a National Monument," Lehi said.

The coalition has been working on getting support from as many tribes as they can and requested the Tri-Ute Council's support.

"It's important that we do show support for Bears Ears," Southern Ute Chairman, Clement J. Frost said. "Look at the ties that band us together as Native Americans; it's important we continue to support things like this."

The Tri-Ute Council took a vote and passed the resolution of support making it the first joint resolution passed by the Tri-Ute Council.

"History was made with this," Lehi said. "Not just for us, it is for all tribal nations."

The Tri-Ute Council also used the time to discuss the ongoing issue of providing services to Ute tribal members that reside on sister tribes' reservations. The topic has been talked about but has had trouble catching on due to the changing Exec-

utive Offices of each tribe. The Tri-Ute Council heard from the Executive Offices of the three sister tribes for the first time last week.

"We got quite a bit of work to do yet," Ute Mountain Executive Director Kermit Palmer said.

The Executives Officers must figure out how a budget will work; who will be in charge of the services on each reservation; and what the guidelines and protocols will be.

"We've heard it through the years; here are their needs. [Tribal members] would greatly appreciate if we came together as leaders to help them," Ute Mountain Councilwoman, Priscilla Blackhawk-Rentz said.

Frost agreed stating, "It's a good start ... My focus is to be focused on the people. Focus on our peoples' needs. What are the terms when they live away from their own people?"

Southern Ute Councilwoman, Amy J. Barry asked the Executive team to get the demographics of each reservation to see how many tribal members live on a fellow sister reservation. Doing so will help with the budgeting process, she said.

The Council also discussed the \$75,000 collective commitment that History Colorado is requesting from the three Ute tribes to support the exhibits at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colo. – a \$25,000 commitment from each tribe.

Chairman Frost, said the Southern Ute Indian Tribe needs more information from the Ute Museum on the expenditures before the tribe can agree to move forward with the commitment. The Tri-Ute Council agreed with

Frost, and no decisions were made pending more information from History Colorado.

Also present at the meeting were tribal elders from the three Ute Tribes. The elders listened in on the meeting and used the meeting as a platform to provide some guidance to the council.

Ute Mountain Ute elder, Betty Howe, talked about language and urged the Tri-Ute Council to keep the youth and culture in mind when making decisions.

Ute Indian Tribe elder, Jonas Grant and his wife Joy, also gave a presentation to the Tri-Ute Council asking them to support the Shoshonean-Numic Language Reunion. The reunion is held annually and was formed when questions arose of tradition and origins of the Shoshone Tribes and the Comanche, and also the relationship of the Ute and Paiute Tribes.

"That's part of our language," Grant said. "That's why we came to Tri-Ute to encourage you to send people to the reunion."

Grant also said he would like to see a "Ute Nation" color guard come together. Grant talked passionately about the sister tribes supporting one another and would like to see more "Ute Nation" rather than the three tribes being separated.

Southern Ute elder, Judy Lansing also sat in on the meeting and said she feels leadership needs to include all the elders more.

"Get the elders involved," she said. "They want to be involved to help and tell stories and feel good about themselves and the community."

The next Tri-Ute Council meeting is scheduled to take place in Ignacio, Colo. during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

## COMMUNITY VOICES

### VETERANS HONOR BREAKFAST THANKS

Thank you to all the veterans and families who attended the Veterans Honor Breakfast on May 29, 2016.

Thank you to the families who donated food and drink items. Thanks, Randy Baker, Sr. and Marlene, Madalena and Byron Chavarillo, Benda Watts, Tim Watts, Councilwoman Amy Barry, Joycelyn Dutchie and family, Connie and Brian from Sky Ute Casino.

Also, thanks to Mr. Begay and family for the Iwo Jima caps given to all veterans who were attendance.

Special thanks to Jontique Velasco and the other staff members from the Multi-purpose center. You all made it possible to make sure the event went smoothly.

If there is anyone else I failed to mention, it was not intentional.

*Thank you all,  
Dona Frost*

## Veterans present colors for EPA



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association Bruce LeClaire, Rudley Weaver and Rod Grove, bring in the colors to begin the Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting. Drum group Yellow Jacket sang the honor song, and Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo Jr., gave the invocation.

**Three // Springs**

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

# outdoor SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT

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If you are interested in helping BGCSU run the concession for the Three Spring's Plaza Pics (outdoor movie nights) we would LOVE your support! You can bring your kiddos to watch the FREE movie!

We are asking for a two volunteers for the following nights:

- Friday, June 10th from 7PM-End *Inside Out*
- Friday, July 8th from 7 PM-End *Hotel Transylvania Two*
- Friday, August 26th from 7-End *The Good Dinosaur*

Please contact Lindsay Box for further information at ext. 2666 or [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov)

## Correction

In a photo published in the June 10 issue of the Drum, 2016 Bayfield graduate, Aspen Pinnecoose was misidentified as Aspen Smith.

### Save the date for Wellbriety!

A Recovery Workshop is being planned at Peaceful Spirit on Tuesday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be following the Wellbriety Community Re-Entry Program.

### In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2016-NC-0053  
**Lloyd James Lucero Jr., Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Lloyd James Lucero Jr. filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as YESENIA NATALIYA BRICENO. As of June 13, 2016 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Lloyd James Lucero Jr. name shall be and is hereby legally changed to YESENIA NATALIYA BRICENO.  
Dated this 14th day of June, 2016.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
Case No.: 2016-NC-0061  
**Marietta Ann Watts, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Marietta Watts-Soto. As of June 20, 2016 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Marietta Ann Watts name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Marietta Watts-Soto.  
Dated this 20th day of June, 2016.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

## Drum Deadline

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**July 8**

Deadline:  
**July 1**

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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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan

**OWNER**  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Department of Planning  
P. O. Box 737  
116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-4749

Separate sealed bids to provide land use planning services and assistance for updating the Southern Ute Tribe's Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A mandatory site visit meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 2 p.m. To receive a copy of the RFP and/or for information on the site visit contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number indicated above. Proposals will only be accepted by interested parties who have attended the site meeting mentioned above. The Southern Ute Tribe's Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan is a planning document used to identify land use designation in a pre-determined area surrounding the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Campus in Southwestern

Colorado. The consultant will perform a number of duties to help identify future land use designation, Tribal Campus expansion, assessed parking needs and much more. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more information, consultants should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970-563-0117. For the purposes of this RFP, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe's TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor will be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## PUBLIC NOTICE U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announcement of Proposed Groundwater Permit Action

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) intends to issue an Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit-related action, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC Program regulations, for the Soute 32-11 #10-5 well operated by Red Willow Production Co, EPA Permit No. CO20460-01919, in La Plata County, CO. The proposed action would authorize underground injection of fluids for the purpose of disposal. The EPA will be giving public notice of the action and requesting comment on its website at <https://www2.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-8-co-mt-nd-sd-ut-and-wy>, for a minimum of 30 days. Notification of any extension of the public comment period will appear at the web address only and will not appear in this newspaper. Alternatively, the public may contact Wendy Cheung at [cheung.wendy@epa.gov](mailto:cheung.wendy@epa.gov), 800-227-8917 extension 312-6242 or 303-312-6242, to obtain information about the proposed action, including copies of associated documentation, or to be added to the notification list for any extension of the public comment period and any final EPA decision.

### Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member? 18 or older and registered to VOTE?

**The Southern Ute Election Board is searching for  
ONE (1) Alternate Board Member!**  
Tribal appointed and paid position.

If you are interested, please submit a Letter of Intent with a phone number to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building by **5 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016.**

The Election Board is located on the second floor (east wing), in the Leonard C. Burch Building. If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.

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Southern Ute Election Board  
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### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

**WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY**  
The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to fill TWO 3-year seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, July 29, 2016.

**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 are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. 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. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with 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 Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

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Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view full job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

### Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 6/27/16

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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 6/24/16

Assists in serving, set-up and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 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.

### \*Beverage Server (Full-time)

Closing date 6/24/16

Prepares beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash and complimentary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Related work experience and/or training preferred. Must have great guest service skills.

### Fine Dining Bussier-Seven Rivers (Full-time)

Closing date 6/24/16

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by performing multiple duties to maintain cleanliness, orderliness and sanitation of dining room and/or other related dining areas. Bussier job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Bussier will help cooks, servers, dishwashers and bartenders perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must have a minimum of 1 year experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call/Full-time)

Closing date 7/5/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 7/5/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 6/24/16

Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. They must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a high School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

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

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

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

### Animal Control Officer

Closing date 6/28/16

Under the general supervision of the Animal Control Senior officer, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Deputy Court Clerk

Closing date 6/27/16

Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Dispatcher

Closing date 6/30/16

Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Police Sergeant

Closing date 6/27/16

Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objective of the Police Department and in the absences of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Recruitment Specialist (Temporary)

Closing date 7/4/16

Under the general supervision of the Human Resources Dept. Director, will facilitate and coordinate for all internal and external recruitment activities. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Ute Language Teacher

Closing date 7/4/16

Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum & Design.

### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Dental Assistant

Open until filled

Under dentist supervision, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions.

### Dentist

Open Until Filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental

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### Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### Nurse Practitioner

Open until filled

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical Supervisory will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

### Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled

Southern Ute tribal members only – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2016, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

### Tribal Health Department Director

Open until filled

Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Responsible leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures.

### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open until filled

Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the Sun Ute Recreation Department. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/hour.

## SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

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# Mountain Lion!

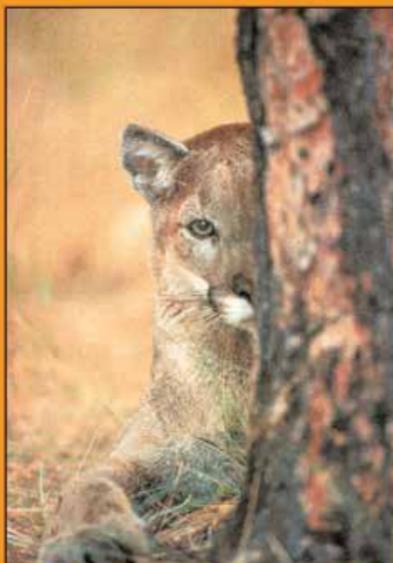


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## FLY-FISHING

# Lunches: Nothing over-the-top

**Don Oliver**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



*“What should you, as a customer, expect your guide to provide in the way of food and beverage?” The simple answer is don't expect anything.*

Lunch, dinner in the southeast, is a very important time of the day. It's especially important after a fun-filled, active morning of fly-fishing. It's what is needed to recharge your batteries. If you're fishing by yourself it's easy to have a well-balanced noon meal. If you are fly fishing with a guide it can be a very different experience.

I have been fortunate to have had guided trips in locations that include, Argentina, the Bahamas, and the majority of the states in the U.S. Having been guided in all those places I have seen everything from nothing to over-the-top, in lunches. That brings me to what a paying fly fisher might expect a guide to provide for lunch.

Let's start with over-the-top lunches. That award goes to Argentina. A typical stream-side lunch begins with hors d'oeuvres. That is followed with an appetizer, then a salad. Next is a hot entree, cooked on site. This meal is washed down with a very good Malbec. There is also desert, not just a cookie either. I did have to bring my own cigar. This is a normal lunch for Argentina. Every lodge I have fished with had similar lunches. It's great, but a nap is needed before the afternoon fishing begins.

In the Bahamas and U.S. all the guides have provided a good lunch.

Not the affair as in South America, but a good lunch similar to what I packed for my clients or myself. I said all guides, that is not entirely correct. The one state where guides didn't provide lunch, and in some cases even water, is Florida, in particular the saltwater guides. Of all the saltwater guides I have used in Florida, not one has provided food. A few brought water. I've even had Florida guides ask if they could have part of the lunch I brought for

me. I have to assume they think their sole job is to put you on fish, therefore, sustenance and water is up to you.

Those two extremes bring me to the question, “What should you, as a customer, expect your guide to provide in the way of food and beverage?” The simple answer is don't expect anything; ask what is provided, and no one will be unhappy. Trust me, a guide does not want an unhappy client. It's not good for business.

When booking a guide, if you want a lunch provided, let him know. Don't go crazy and ask for fried chicken when a long hike is needed to get to your spot. Fried chicken is heavy to carry, and bears can smell it. Have a conversation with the guide about your likes, dislikes, special diet issues, and food allergies. I have shown up with food not suitable for the special needs of some of my past clients. Also, water is a must. Be sure and take a camelback (hydration pack) if water is not provided. If it is, offer to carry what you'll be consuming. A guide doesn't need to be carrying water for two. Once a menu has been agreed to, clean your plate. Lunches are a big expense for guides, and having food go to waste is just not necessary.

Last but not least. If your guide has exceeded your lunch expectations be sure and thank them with a tip. It does help cover the cost of meals.

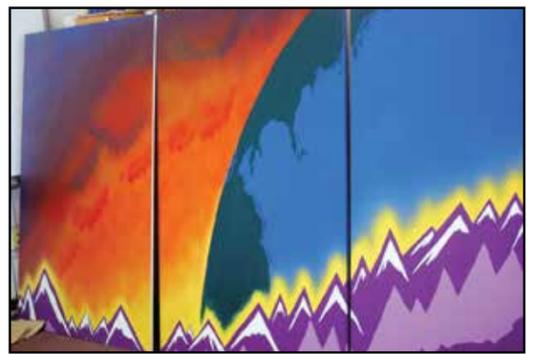
## Choose the right path



photos Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

Local artists Michael Garcia (left) and Tim Murphy work on a mural titled, “Own Your Path”, on Thursday, June 16 at the ELHI Community Center. The mural will be placed on the south wall of the Ignacio Floral and Gifts.

A sneak peek of the mural shows the Earth with purple mountains beneath it. Concept of the mural: Young people stand at the junction of two paths, one dead-ends at the couch while another leads to a successful life represented by graduation, college, family, sports and money!



## VALDEZ TO REINFORCE 'HAWKS • FROM PAGE 1

strong serve and serve-reception game.”

Defensively for Rifilato in '15, junior DS/L Ally Dell'Amico led FLC in digs with 429 (4.47 per game), with freshman OH and team MVP Matisse Monty following with 302 (3.15 per). Redshirt-freshman DS Clara Salopek saw plenty of action, coming up with 87 digs in 17 match appearances, and now-graduated senior DS Lindley Gallegos finished her career with 436 in 81.

“Libero ... that's where I'm going to be,” said Valdez, who came up with 262 reported digs and 568 receptions (against just 46 errors) as a senior, helping IHS go 15-9 in '15. “They have two senior liberos, so they haven't decided if they're going to redshirt me yet or not, but I'm excited whether or not I do!”

Looking to improve upon a 5-21 (2-16 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) season ended by seven consecutive losses, FLC's 2016 will begin with a trip to San Marcos, Calif., to face Denver-based Johnson & Wales University on Sept. 2, beginning the CSU-San Marcos Invitational.

The 'Hawks will also face Santa Barbara, Calif.-based NAIA Westmont College later in the day, then do a double on the 3rd against Sonoma State (Rohnert Park, Calif.) University



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Graduated Ignacio senior Chrystianne Valdez goes low along IHS Gymnasium's floor to come up with a ball during the Fall 2015 season. Valdez will be taking her game to NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College.

and the tournament-hosting Cougars.

A trip to Wichita Falls, Tex., then follows for the Sept. 9-10 Midwestern State University Hampton Inn-vitational, at which Fort Lewis will again face four opponents including the hosting Mustangs on Day 1 at 11:30 a.m. Southeastern Oklahoma (Durant, Okla.) State University then awaits at 4:30 p.m., and Day 2 opposition will be Southern Nazarene (Bethany, Okla.) University and Emporia (Kan.) State University.

RMAC action then gets underway in South Dakota with FLC visiting South Dakota M&T in Rapid City on the 16th, then Black Hills State in Spearfish on the 17th. And finally, Fort Lewis' home opener is slated for Sept. 23 against UC-Colorado Springs (16-

12, 11-7 RMAC in 2015) at 7:00 p.m., with NCAA Tournament-qualifying MSU-Denver (20-12, 14-4) coming to Whalen Gymnasium for a 7 p.m. start the next night.

### MANIAC BRAINIACS

Having earned multiple Superintendent's Awards at Ignacio for her academic efforts and resulting grade-point average, Valdez – a four-sport prep – will be joining an athletic department whose 14 varsity programs (and cycling club team) combined for an impressive 3.05 GPA during the 2015-16 year.

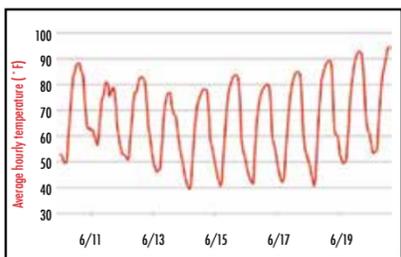
That mark was .02 points higher than in '14-15 and the fifth time since 2006-07 that the Skyhawks registered a 3.00 or better collectively.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

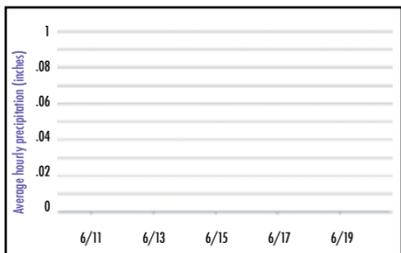
<p><b>Friday, June 24</b></p> <p>90°F mostly sunny</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 25</b></p> <p>89°F sunny</p>	<p><b>Sunday, June 26</b></p> <p>89°F sunny</p>
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### Weather data for June 9 – June 20

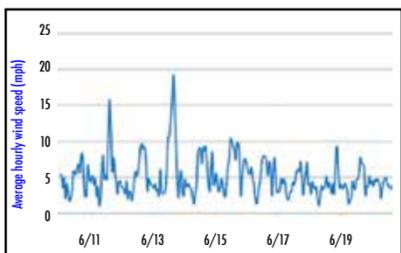


Temperatures	
High	94.5°
Low	39.3°
Average	66.0°
Average last year	63.1°



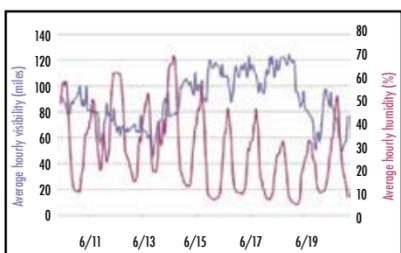
Precipitation	
Total	0.000"
Total last year	0.000"

Total (5/27 – 6/7) 0.000"



Wind speed	
Average	5.1
Minimum	1.1
Maximum	19.2

Avg. (5/27 – 6/7) 5.2  
Min. (5/27 – 6/7) 0.8  
Max. (5/27 – 6/7) 13.4



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	88.7
Average humidity	28.3%

**Air quality**  
Moderate  
Air quality descriptor: 74

## WARD AMONG 2A'S BEST • FROM PAGE 12

State Championships-bound squads) record. Also chosen were:

Caleb Andersen (Haxtun, jr.); Layne Andrews (Yuma, sr.); Tristen Cesko (Limon, sr.); Jett County (Burlington, jr.); Christian Dellamaestra (Wiley-McClave County Line, jr.); Ryan Drury (Rye, jr.); Jason Dutton (Wray, sr.); Nolan Grenard (Swink, sr.); Darrien Guy (Akron, jr.); Cordell Hensley (Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County, sr.); Trent Hill (Akron, sr.); Derek

Jung (Littleton Front Range Christian, fr.); Spencer Kelly (Calhan, sr.); Jacob Kohl (Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian, sr.); Pete Lanting (Denver Christian, sr.); Chipper Lloyd (Littleton Front Range Christian, sr.); Kasey Nusbaum (Kiowa-Simla, sr.); Slater Podgorny (Paonia, soph.); Brian Preston (Rocky Ford, jr.); Ricardo Ramirez (Ault Highland, soph.); Trey Redner (Swink, soph.); Brent Ritter (Swink, sr.); Emmitt White (Sargent, sr.); Wyatt Workman (Haxtun, sr.).

### LOOKING INSIDE THE LEAGUE

Dove Creek senior Jordan Ernst was named First Team All-1A, despite DCHS not defending the State Championship it had won last spring.

With no Second Team chosen, Bulldog senior Case Baughman and sophomore Derek Kibel were awarded Honorable Mention, along with Nucla juniors Trenton Armintrout and Devyn Rummel.