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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Chairman swears in youth council

By Ace Stryker

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

There are seven new council members on the Southern Ute Reservation, and none is old enough to vote.

No, it wasn't a youth insurrection within the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council that took place Friday, Feb. 28 in Council Chambers in Ignacio – it was the dawn of a new counterpart, the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.

Its purpose is twofold: to develop leadership in tribal members between 12 and 18 years old and to provide the Tribal Council with regular feedback on the concerns of tribal youth, said Education Department Director La Titia Taylor.

Joining the youth council were David Boyd, Randy Herrera, Autumn Medicine Blanket, Lonicia O'John, Issac Suina, and Cameron and Elijah Weaver. The youth council has not yet selected its officers, Herrera told the Drum.

The youth council members' terms are staggered to promote continuity. By



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council share a smile with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Friday, Feb. 28 after being honored with a welcoming ceremony inside the Council Chambers. Youth Council members include left to right: Issac Suina, Elijah Weaver, David Boyd, Autumn Medicine Blanket, Cameron Weaver, Randy Herrera, and Lonicia O'John.

random draw, the members who initially will serve two-year terms are Herrera, O'John and Cameron Weaver. The others will serve a one-year term.

Youth council members said they were motivated to apply out of a desire to make meaningful change within the tribe. Mary Guenther of the Education Department coordinated the

recruiting process, and the Tribal Council selected the final seven in February.

"I want to learn more about my culture, and I want to be a part of something and make a change in the world," O'John said, adding that she wants to explore how tribal students can learn more about Ute language and culture.

For his part, Cameron

Weaver said he aims to promote proper care for tribal elders.

"Since they're older, we should make them more comfortable," he said. "[I applied because] I wanted to learn how to be a leader more and speak out."

The Tribal Council approved the creation of the

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COUNCIL CORNER

Colo. House supports bill clarifying tax law

By Beth Santistevan

SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

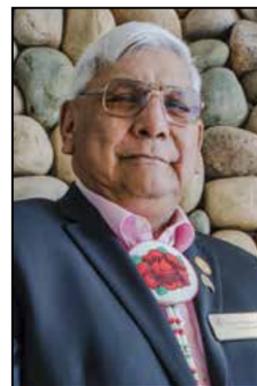
Colorado's tax law with respect to members of the Ute tribes could soon become a little bit clearer.

The state House of Representatives approved on Tuesday, Feb. 18 House Bill 14-1080, Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Ute Indians, which "codifies the Department of Revenue's current practice under federal law of exempting from sales and use tax on-reservation sales of goods and services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, or an enrolled member of the tribes," according to the bill summary.

The bill also makes exempt from sales and use tax all sales of motor vehicles to tribes or tribal members, even if such vehicles are not delivered to a reservation address.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. gave a statement before the House Finance Committee prior to the bill's approval.

"We have gone to great



SU Tribal Councilman Howard D. Richards

lengths to consult with affected parties, including state and local government entities and local automobile dealers," Richards said. He said there was widespread support from many of the parties seeking clarity in the application of sales tax exemptions to specific transactions.

The bill was sponsored in the House by Reps. Mike McLachlan, D-Durango, and Don Coram, R-Montrose, and in the Senate by Sen. Ellen Roberts, R-Durango.

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

The Ignacio Bobcats bring it in around the 2A-District 3 Tournament's first-place plaque for the masses on Saturday, March 1, in Cortez after defeating the Telluride Miners 66-36 in the championship game. Up next, IHS will host Region III action March 7-8 in Durango at Fort Lewis College.

IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Bobcats stay undefeated at Cortez districts

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Since the heyday of his Mike Matthews-led teams not so long ago, Telluride High's Mike Hughes had awaited a first half against San Juan Basin League barometer Ignacio like what he witnessed Saturday, March 1.

"When we came out of the locker room, first quarter," said senior forward Brooks Rogers, "we were like, 'Let's do this!' First quarter went well, second quarter started going well..."

Even when it appeared the Bobcats were about to pull away, the Miners calmly shot their way back into contending for the 2A-District 3 Tournament's championship with consecutive three-balls by senior Tristan Purdy and junior Wilder Hanley, and re-took the lead at 18-17 on a Rogers breakaway layup.

But as he'd seen many times in more recent, tor-

ture memory, the young men in white jerseys were unfazed, and a Clayton Jefferson free throw sparked a 17-3 run into halftime from which Telluride never recovered, ultimately losing 66-36 inside Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium.

"It was basically the same script as down there," said Hughes, referring to Telluride's 66-45 regular season-ending loss Saturday, Feb. 22 inside IHS Gymnasium. "Last three minutes of the first half, they get a sizable lead. Then they hit the first shot of the second half ... and we're back to playing 'chase.'"

Sophomore guard Wyatt Hayes began the third quarter with a trey, but the real psychological nails were driven home by junior forward Adison Jones. First came an in-your-face triple over springy John Broadhead late in Ignacio's scoring sprint ending the second. Ignacio led 34-21 at

intermission.

"Oh, it's good," Hayes said about his knack to pick up his team with a key basket. "You always have to have confidence, because if you don't ... you're probably not going to make it. So I have confidence it's going to go in. That's how our whole team is."

Jones's second dagger in Telluride's collective heart came when he brushed off a hard Max Bailis foul from behind to sink an "and-one" free throw, and then zipped a slick pass to senior Kelton Richmond (10 points) for a lay-in which increased the Bobcats' lead to 46-28 entering the fourth frame.

"I just felt like we were in a slump for offense," Jones said. "I just tried to get stuff going for the team ... to create and get my teammates open. And stuff just opened up for me; I just took advantage."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Native stories featured at Durango Film Festival

By Damon Toledo

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

It was no Hollywood red carpet, but that didn't stop the ninth annual Durango Independent Film Festival from drawing moviegoers for the five-day extravaganza.

From Wednesday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 2, film lovers of all ages flocked to downtown Durango to view a selection of independent movies, including an array of Native-themed films.

Special guests were in attendance promoting their features. Wes Studi, veteran Native actor who has achieved a steady career with roles in "Dances With Wolves," "Avatar" and "The Last of the Mohicans," spoke at an open discussion in the Durango Arts Center on Saturday, March 1. Studi described the process of preparing for roles and searching for the right ones. He was accompanied by actors John Rubano and Maggie Maddock, both who have a profession in independent films.

"It's up to you as an actor to build a backstory," Studi said. "There's hardly rehearsal time on television and very little on film. You need to know what your part does, and that will depend on the director."

Rubano said acting is mostly about rejection and failure.

"If you can accept those, then you'll do great. You just know a role when you really connect with it. It clicks," he said.

"The Only Good Indian," a 2009 film starring Studi, had a special screening at



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Animas City Theatre was one of the hosting venues for the ninth annual Durango Independent Film Festival. Various film categories showcased the artistic efforts of foreign, documentary, feature, and Native films. The festival is committed to developing film literacy and connecting independent filmmakers with a larger and more diverse audience.

the festival. Studi plays a bounty hunter of Cherokee descent named Sam Franklin who has renounced his Native American heritage, believing that adherence to the morals of the Anglo lifestyle is the only way for Natives to survive. He begins a search to return a Native American boy who escaped from an Indian boarding school after being taken from his family and forced to assimilate in a white society.

Studi is no stranger when it comes to Native roles. He

has portrayed a Native character in more than 20 films.

"I was able to cross over," he said. "I was able to jump into parts that weren't ethnic specific, parts that didn't call for the Native look. The nature of the business is built towards types and they look for ones that fit into the story ... [specifically], Western- and Native-themed films is where you can get a start to prove yourself."

Included in the festival was a showcase that put a

Film festival page 12



Membership memories



courtesy Stanley Frost

Old friends get together. When tribal members Ben P. Watts Sr. visited Ignacio, he had two things in mind. One was to take part in the Bear Dance; the other to say hello to an old friend, officer Stanley Frost of the Southern Ute Police Department. Why are they photographed in front of the tribal seal? Because in a contest to select a design, they came up with two the council like so much they joined them to produce the winning design.

New Ute Park sign installed



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance Division crew pose with a new sign they installed at Ute Park in Ignacio to honor past Ute chiefs. The division designed and created the sign to replace one that had been there for several decades.

CLARIFYING TAX LAW • FROM PAGE 1

"This is current practice within the Department of Revenue, but it's never been in a statute before," McLachlan said in a release. "This bill clarifies and streamlines the process. Rep Coram and I are the only two legislators representing the Colorado Ute Indian reservations and I am glad this bill received such widespread support."

Under the proposed law, the buyer of a good or service must be a Colorado Ute tribe or tribal member – and if the purchaser is a tribal member, the tribal member must reside on one of Colorado's Ute Indian reservations, and the product must

be delivered there. The exception is for motor vehicles, which enjoy the tax exemption regardless of where they're received so long as they're registered to a reservation address.

Richards said in his statement the tribe has had to remind vendors, tribal members and even state and local officials of the rules.

"Even though it has long been established under United States Supreme Court case law that on-reservation sales to tribes and tribal members are exempt from state and local tax, there continues to be periodic confusion regarding the applicable rules," he said.

Richards said many of the automobile dealers the tribe consulted with supported removing the delivery requirement for motor vehicles, because it is an administrative burden and inconsistently applied.

"There will be little, if any, fiscal impact on the county or state, because this bill as proposed is consistent with the state Department of Revenue and La Plata County's practices regarding application of the sales tax exemption to sales of motor vehicles," Richards said.

The bill's final vote was unanimous. It will now be reviewed in the Senate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LIONS CLUB PRIME RIB DINNER

The Bayfield Lions Club Foundation is holding a Prime Rib Dinner at the Lions Hall on Church St. in Bayfield on Saturday, March 22. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. Through the generous support of the community the Lions have purchased the Hall. Now its time to make renovations. This dinner is a fund-raiser to restore the building. Foundations will match monies raised. The dinner will include complimentary beer and wine; there will be raffles and an auction. The cost is \$20 per person. Please, make sure that you get your tickets early, the last 2 years were sell-outs and people had to be turned away. For ticket, contact Dennis Baxter at 970-259-1595 or Ken Gaherty at 970-884-2054.

HUNTER EDUCATION INTERNET-BASED CLASS

A one-day internet-based Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 29, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. The course fee is \$10

(payable to the instructor on the first day of class). Class size is limited to 20 students. Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child. Pre-registration is required, register online at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/Pages/EventsCalendar.aspx>.

2014 BOWL FOR KID'S SAKE

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Rolling Thunder Lanes in the Sky Ute Casino. Come help us celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters 30th Anniversary at this year's event. Ignacio High School Service Learning class is having a friendly competition to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters. We have broken the class into 4 Teams and each team has a fundraising goal of \$300! If each team at least reaches \$150 by April we get to participate in the Bowl for Kids' Sake "thank you" event. Students are working hard to get the word out and raise money. Each team has a donation page, please forward this email or feel free to follow the link and make a donation.

MANY MOONS AGO



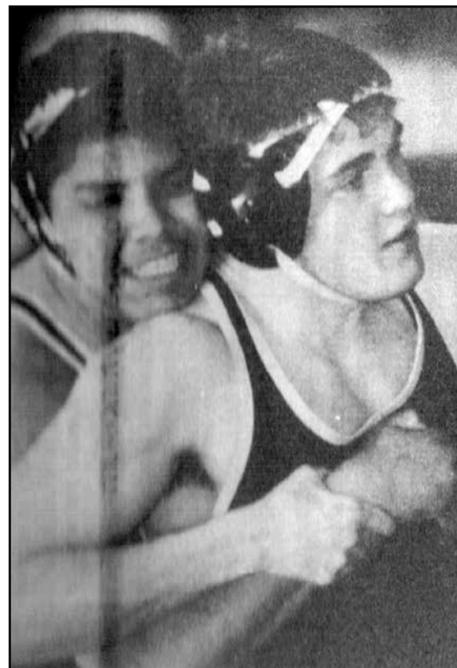
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10 years ago

Tribal member Kenny Frost teaches the students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy about respecting wildlife in Indian Country. The main focus of Frost's presentation was the importance of the bald eagle to Native American culture. Frost discussed the uses Native Americans have for the bird and its feathers. He explained to the students that Native Americans are the only people in the United States that are legally allowed to possess bald eagle feathers. The assembly was held at the school's dining hall on Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

This photo first appeared in the March 5, 2004, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

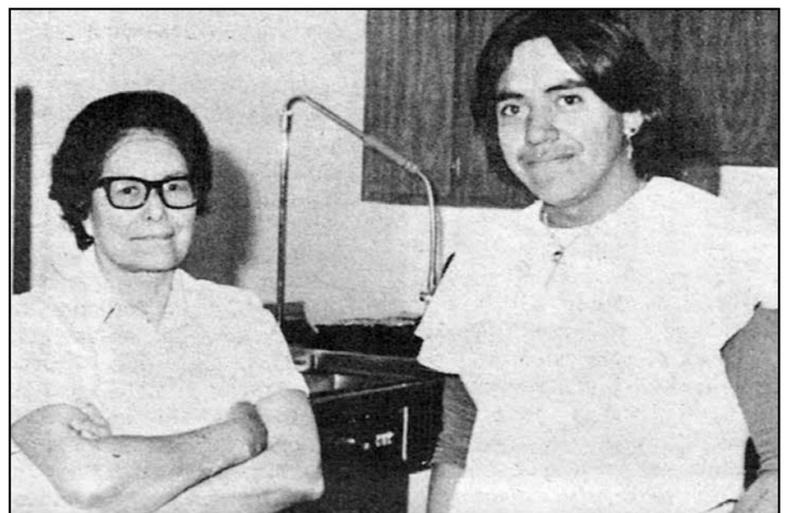
20 years ago



Cassandra Naranjo/SU Drum archive

Wilford Weaver tries to steer-wrestle his opponent.

This photo first appeared in the March 4, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

New cook at the Senior Center with helper is Mabel Tree Munoz and Rusty Box.

This photo first appeared in the March 9, 1984, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

United Blood Services mobile drives March 11 – 16

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Durango Community, Old United Blood Services Office
1 – 6 p.m.
146 Sawyer Dr., Durango

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Durango Community, Old United Blood Services Office
1 – 6 p.m.
146 Sawyer Dr., Durango

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Fort Lewis College, Vallecito Room
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
1000 Rim Dr., Durango

St. Columba Catholic Church, Parish Center
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.
1830 E 2nd St., Durango

Any donor that wishes to donate at Colorado/Utah drives please call 877-UBS-HERO to schedule an appointment, or go to www.UnitedBloodServices.org. To get more information, you may also call 888-804-9913, ext 1000. Donors please have identification at time of donation.



UTE STORIES

The beginning of North American agriculture

By Joseph Rael Jr.

Of the 10 historically recognized independent centers of plant domestication worldwide, five were in the Americas.

Three of these occurred in South America, where chile peppers, squash, beans, yuca, yams and white and sweet potatoes were grown. North America's contributions included squash, maize (corn) and beans—the trifecta of New World foods—as well as other species such as chile peppers and sunflowers, the seeds of which were consumed.

Until the last few decades, some researchers thought that North American agriculture developed in Mexico approximately 5,000 years ago, whereas wheat and barley were domesticated in the Near East around 10,000 years ago. Recent discoveries, however, have dramatically changed the North

American dates while identifying new regions where early domestication took place.

The transition from nomadic hunting-and-foraging cultures to settled societies occurred in different places around the world at different times, but researchers now agree that New World agriculture started 10,000 years ago. Dolores Piperno of the Smithsonian Institution says that agriculture began in southwest Mexico.

Around 8,000 B.C., the cold, arid climate became warmer and wetter as atmospheric carbon dioxide levels rose. In Mesoamerica, lowlands and tropical forests expanded, lakes filled with water, and new plant and animal species replaced old ones. People planted on these lake shores.

In 1997, Smithsonian archaeologist Bruce Smith dated the seeds of a domesticated pepo (pumpkin) squash found in a cave in Oaxaca, Mexico,

to nearly 10,000 B.C., which to date is North America's oldest known domesticated plant.

Phytoliths – fossilized mineral particles left by plants – from squash and arrow root indicate that these plants were being grown in Panama 9,000 years ago.

Maize was one of the New World's earliest crops, as well as one of its most important. A domesticated form of the wild grass teosinte maize is rich in carbohydrates. It's easy to store and can be ground into flour to make different foods.

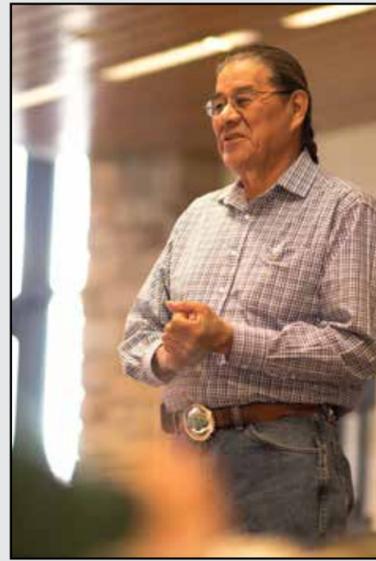
Maize remained in dry caves in the semi-arid highland dating to 5,000 years ago. They assumed that was the beginning of maize or corn domestication. In fact, farmers were planting maize earlier elsewhere. Mary Pohl and Kevin Pope discovered evidence that farmers cleared forests, most likely for fields, 7,000 years ago.

Museum broadens experience



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tallas Cantsee (left) and Michelle Salazar (right) go through a training exercise at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. The museum plans to continue conducting these sessions throughout the year in hopes of expanding the experience to visitors.



Clyde Benally, Navajo historian and longtime interpretive ranger for Mesa Verde National Park, touches base with Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum members during a training seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Professionals from the National Park Service, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Durango Discovery Museum and the Institute of American Indian Arts provided training in cultural interpretation, customer service and continuing education certifications.

YOUTH COUNCIL SWORN IN • FROM PAGE 1

youth council in 2003 and signed off on its bylaws in 2005, but it had been largely dormant until this year. There was an attempt in October 2011 to get it off the ground with six members that ultimately didn't last.

"It's been over a decade in the works," said tribal Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. "It takes a lot of courage and a lot of dedication to step up to the plate."

Newton acknowledged the youth council's namesake, a "great Ute woman" remembered for her tireless work

with young tribal members. Following the swearing in of each of the youth council members, which he performed, Newton presented the group with a gavel for use in its meetings.

Council Lady Pathimi GoodTracks urged the youth council members to draw on both cultural and modern wisdom in performing its duties.

"Hopefully in this council, you'll learn both. You'll see how you would use both in order to be a balanced leader," she said, adding that the youth council members could have

future opportunities to travel with the Tribal Council to places such as Denver and Washington, D.C., on business.

After taking the oath of office, Suina introduced himself as the great-great-grandson of the late Julius Cloud, brother of Sunshine Cloud Smith.

"I am very humbled and honored to be here," he told the assembly of Tribal Council members, parents, Education Department staffers and others, "and very grateful to the council for picking me to be on this council."

Culture Department March Classes



Conversational Ute with Alden
March 6, 13, & 27
Potluck on the 27th
5:30-7:30PM

Family Ute Class—youth activity
March 9 & 30
11:00-2:00PM

Givon Ute Language Classes: Reading and Writing
Wednesday evenings
5:30-7:30 pm

Adult Classes

5:30-7:30 PM Cultural Center small classroom

March 3—Finish Spot Belt (no new students)

March 4—Dress making /repair class

March 18—finish dressmaking (no new students)

March 25—Beading (hats)
Sign-up by 3/21

Classes fill-up quickly, all classes & activities are subject to change

Elder Luncheon
Friday March 14—noon-2:00pm
Movie: "Smoke Signals"

Spring Blessing
March 20, 2014
Old Casino Parking lot
South of Mouache Building

Fair Meeting
March 27, 2014
Open to all tribal members
6:00 PM Large Classroom of the Cultural Center

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE DEPT. MARCH EVENTS

Adult Classes: 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the cultural center, small classroom. Classes fill-up quickly, all classes & activities are subject to change.

- March 3: Finish Spot Belt (no new students)
- March 4: Dress making /repair class
- March 18: finish dressmaking (no new students)
- March 25: Beading (hats) sign-up by 3/21

Ute Language:

- Thursdays, March 6, 13 and 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Conversational Ute with Alden Naranjo, potluck on the March 27
- Sundays, March 9 and 30, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Family Ute Class – youth activity
- Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Givon Ute Language Classes: Reading and Writing

Other Culture Department events:

- Elder Luncheon: Friday, March 14, noon – 2 p.m. Movie: "Smoke Signals"

SPRING BLESSING, MARCH 20

Spring Blessing will be held on March 20 South of the Mouache Building in the old Casino parking lot. This will begin with four (4) Sunrise songs, after the songs the blessings will begin. This will include all Tribal Buildings, if you would like more information please contact, Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624

TRIBAL FAIR OPEN MEETING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be having its first open meeting to the General Tribal Membership for the upcoming 2014 94th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair on March 27 at 6 p.m., to be held in the big classroom at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested in volunteering for exhibits entries or to coordinate a Fair event please come! We are always striving

to make the Fair a successful event! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

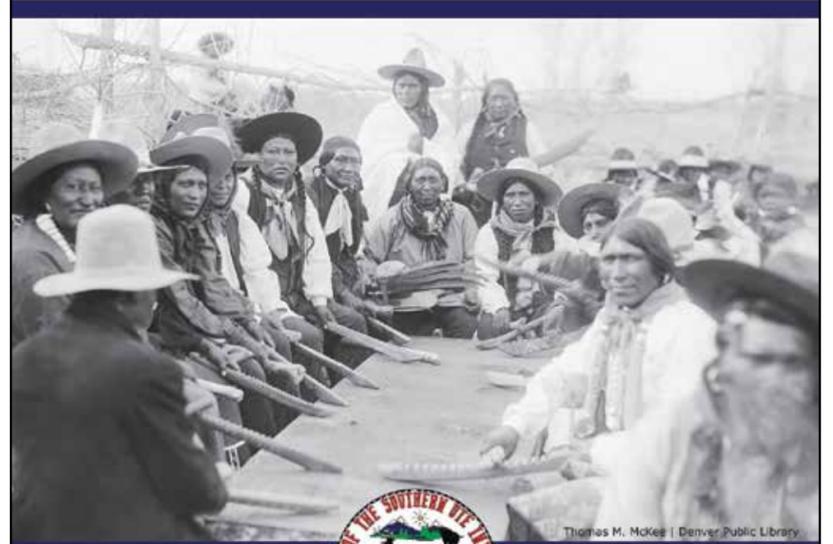
BEAR DANCE HEAD COOK WANTED

The Bear Dance Chief is looking for a head cook for the 2014 Southern Ute Bear Dance Feast. All supplies and food will be provided. Head cook will need to prepare: Stew, Corn, Fry Bread, Watermelon, and serve. A stipend will be provided. Southern Ute Tribal Member preference will be given for the head cook. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

BEAR DANCERS NEEDED TO PERFORM IN DENVER

The Southern Ute Culture Department is looking for Southern Ute Bear Dancers; 1 singer and a Cat Man to perform in Denver on April 28, 2014 at the Denver Coliseum. This event will be televised and also seen in front of thousands of people all across the world during the RIMS Conference. The criteria is as follows: Southern Utes Only; 4 Women 18 and Over; 4 Men 18 and Over; 1 Singer; and 1 Cat Man. Must be able to climb stairs and walk at least 2 football fields long. Must be able to transport self to and from Denver. Must be able to rehearse the day before for 2 hours and be available on time and ready to go! Must have FULL Bear Dance regalia, the more beadwork the better for both men and women. Singer also must be able to sing from a hand drum to lead the dancers in a procession after the performance. Travel accommodations will be provided as well as a stipend for your participation. In all fairness participants names will be drawn on March 28, 2014. Although we understand that emergencies arise we ask that you must be in absolute COMMITMENT to this event. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE



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2ND CHIEFS – JAKE RYDER AND JOHN CHAVARILLO

BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING
10:30 A.M., FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014

BEAR DANCE FEAST
12 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014
BEAR DANCE GROUNDS

NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING. PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED, EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES. THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES OR THEFT. THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 970-563-0100 EXT 3624.



YOUR HEALTH

Native veterans may now use Southern Ute Health Center for primary care

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe finalized an agreement in December 2013 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to allow the Southern Ute Health Center to provide primary services to native veterans.

It's the first memorandum of understanding signed with the VA and the U.S. Indian Health Service under a general agreement, signed in August 2010, to increase collaboration between the departments.

Eligible for care in Ignacio

are those veterans who have applied and been enrolled in the VA and are eligible for medical services under the VA. They will no longer need to drive to Albuquerque or Grand Junction for primary care services.

To access VA benefits, veterans should, at the time of registration, provide the registration staff with a Veterans Identification Card. That will provide to staff the information needed to confirm one's VA benefits.

Veterans who don't have a card may contact the VA to enroll or go to the La Plata

County Veterans' Services Office at 1970 E. Third Ave., Ste. 102 in Durango to speak with a VA representative regarding the enrollment process.

Veterans can use the Health Center as a primary care center, but for more specialized care provided under VA benefits, they will need to go to a VA services center. The Southern Ute Health Center can assist in referrals for those eligible for services.

For more information regarding the access or use of benefits under the VA, contact the Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742.

YOUR HEALTH

Health care updates: Dental, vision coming April 1

By Kaylor E. Shemberger
SU TRIBAL
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The following is an update on the progress of the Tribal Member Benefits plan as we continue in our second quarter.

We now have claims routinely paid within 30 days, with the tribe now getting significant discounts on the payment for services. A few things we want to share with the membership are as follows.

Tribal members must remember to utilize the Member Benefit Card whenever they go for services, in addition to providing any primary insurance such as Medicare, Medicaid or tribal insurance.

Referrals have been clarified regarding what is required and what is not. Primary care physicians do not need a referral from the Health Center. Referrals outside provider or to specialists must still be referred by their primary physicians for care and follow-up.

Chiropractic, acupuncture and massage visits combined are limited to 20 per year, unless there is an evaluation of medical necessity for additional visits.

The non-network copay will begin Tuesday, April 1. Please be aware that you should consider using in-network providers.

New services to begin April 1 include tribal member dental coverage under Delta Dental and vision coverage under VSP, in both cases the same as the tribal employee plan.

We are working to make additional information available on the tribe's website, including forms and policies. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742.

SUNUTE UPDATE

"To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities."



INTERESTED IN COACHING SOCCER TEAMS

If you are interested in coaching soccer, please contact SunUte ASAP at 970-563-0214. Register for Bayfield Parks and Recreation youth soccer for ages 3 years old to 8th grade. Registration deadline is March 14, there will be absolutely no late registration. There will be a coaches meeting in Ignacio, March 17 for draft teams, at the SunUte Community Center and in Bayfield, March 20 for all teams at the old middle school cafeteria. Practices begin March 24 and games will be played March 29 through May 10. No practice or games week of Spring Break, March 31 through April 5. No Games on April 19, Town of Bayfield Spring Festival.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

League play will be held Wednesday evenings at Ignacio Middle School Gymnasium. League begins March 26. 6 weeks of play guaranteed! Entry fee is \$225. Registration final deadline is

March 19 at 5 p.m. An early bird special, if registered before March 14 at 5 p.m. Prizes awarded to League Champions, Tournament Champions & Runner up. Sign up with SunUte Front Desk at 970-563-0214. For more information contact the Recreation Department. Visit our web site for rules and schedule.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Starting March 17. Entry fee is \$250, entry fee must be paid before the first game, no exceptions. Registration deadline is March 14 at 5 p.m. An early bird entry will save \$25 on entry fee if you sign up by March 7. For information call 970-563-0214.

TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers' desk.

Mother-daughter time



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Southern Ute Culture Department hosted a Mother-daughter Conference at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. The conference focused on Ute girls coming of age, self-worth, self-respect, cultural values, and behavior. Joycelyn Dutchie, education director for the Culture Department, would like to thank all of the participants who attended.

HEALTH UPDATE

ELDERS SERVICES MARCH ACTIVITIES

- March 6: Farmington Shopping Trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- March 13: Towaoc Casino Trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- March 18: Scenic Ride. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
- March 21-24: Denver March Powwow
- March 26: Durango shopping trip. Van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.

All trips need to have 3 or more elder,

handicapped or disabled tribal members. Trips are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions please call the office at 970-563-0156

UPDATE FROM PEACEFUL SPIRIT

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Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper signs a bill permitting community colleges to offer four-year degrees as others involved in the effort look on.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Community colleges may now offer four-year degrees

Staff report

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper signed legislation on Thursday, Feb. 27 authorizing community colleges to offer four-year degrees in career and technical fields.

The legislation, Senate Bill 14-004, sponsored by Sen. Nancy Todd, D-Aurora, Rep. Jim Wilson, R-Salida, and Rep. Jenise May, D-Aurora, authorizes community colleges to offer four-year bachelor of applied science degrees. Such degrees cover an array of fields including dental hygiene, culinary arts, and water quality management. Twenty-one other states now offer similar four-year degrees at community colleges.

The legislation was initiated by the Colorado Community College System to address the gap in Colorado higher education in which students who want to pursue career and technical studies do not have access to a four-year degree in their field.

Many specialized technical jobs increasingly require bachelor's degrees for career advancement. But most career and technical courses are not offered at, or do not transfer to, four-year institutions. That creates situations in which students need to take six years of higher education to earn a bachelor's degree.

"This is an important piece of legislation for students and our state," said Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System. "We are filling a gap in Colorado higher education system. These degrees will allow students more opportunities when they graduate to go into the workforce and earn a higher standard of living. We are seeing more and more industries require some form of further education in a specialized technical field."

By allowing community colleges to offer bachelor of applied science degrees, the cost and time of achieving a four-year degree is significantly lowered. By offering students opportunities at community colleges, students can stay in their communities and get the education employers are now demanding.

"Just as important is that these degrees will allow students to stay in their communities where they live and work," McCallin said. "This ability is especially critical in the rural communities, where it is next to impossible for students to leave to pursue an education and where there are not any four-year degree granting institutions. This legislation will help resolve the significant gap in higher education attainment between the rural and urban areas in Colorado,

which is one of the highest in the nation."

According to a survey of more than 1,300 community college students in career and technical education fields, 84 percent want community colleges to offer the four-year degree.

The legislation also offers affordable access to a four-year degree. Community colleges intentionally keep their tuition low so their students have access to a higher education opportunity without incurring large amounts of debt.

The business community also stands to benefit. The law gives them the ability to find and hire well-qualified employees, which allows them to grow their businesses. If a community has a need for a specialized trained worker in a field such as agriculture, degrees can be developed that are tailored to meet that need.

Among businesses surveyed, 94 percent indicated a need for workers with the skills taught through a bachelor of applied science degree.

The Colorado Community College System is the state's largest system of higher education, serving more than 159,000 students annually. It oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and six other post-secondary institutions.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

MAMIE-RUTH BURCH

I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a second grader. My favorite subject in school is math.

My parent is Steve Burch. I like participating in school and I want to be a police officer when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute tribal student of the month for the month of February because I am an outstanding student.

SHARLENA MARIE WHYTE

I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a fourth grader. My favorite subjects in school are math, core reading, art and P.E. My parent is Sharleen Whyte. I like participating in all activities. In addition, I want to work for my tribe, finish school. When I grow up I want to college study for being an artist.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because Sharlena is a hard worker, always is doing her best, and is a great citizen to fellow classmates.

Mid-school says 'no' to bullying



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

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STEM (Grades 3-5)

March 26 Class

April 30 Last class

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Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)

March 13 Class

March 19 Class

April 2 (Spring Break)

April 9 Class

April 16 Class

April 23 Class

May 7 Class

May 14 Last class

ALL CLASSES MEET ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY.

"Mystery Word"

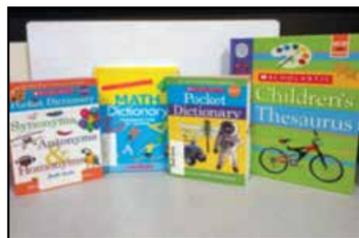
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Recently, Ms. Carol Olguin presented a set of reference materials to each SUIMA family for use at home. These reference materials included: Pocket Dictionary, Math Dictionary, Children's Thesaurus, and Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms.

Mari Jo Owen's Upper Elementary classroom of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-year students did a dictionary lesson which included finding a "Mystery Word" for families to figure out at home using the dictionary sets.

THE CLUES FOR TODAY'S MYSTERY WORD ARE:

1. Use the Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms.
2. Go to page 100.
3. This word means "honorable and conscientious."



(Clues by Lonica O'John, sixth year)
Here is the SCRAMBLED answer. (onhest)
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Students visit museum, A-LP

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students went on a field trip to the Durango Discovery Museum and to visit Lake Nighthorse on Tuesday, Feb. 25. The day consisted of learning about levers and enjoying all the different activities the Durango Discovery Museum has to offer. In the afternoon, the group loaded up on a bus to visit the beautiful lake, the product of the Animas-La Plata Project.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum

The academy's Lower Elementary students, along with their teachers and some parents, smile in the sunshine while getting a chance to visit Lake Nighthorse as a part of their Animas La-Plata Project field trip.



Tatum Lang adjusts the mirror while trying to get more light for her solar project she built at the Durango Discovery Museum.



Building pressure to launch water bottles was one of many activities at the Durango Discovery Museum.



Friends Dominique Rael and Harmony Reynolds have fun while at the Durango Discover Museum as a part of SUIMA's Upper Elementary field trip.

Students visit Los Alamos lab



courtesy LaTitia Taylor/SU Education Dept.

On Feb. 19 The Southern Ute Education Department took eight students to Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico on Wednesday, Feb. 19. The students visited some of the working sites and listened to the scientists that ran the experiments and research. They also had an opportunity to hear about internships and career opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.



Blowing up balloons was all part of the fun. Derek Sage shows his skills as a part of the project all the students had a chance to take part in.

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 • 1st Grand Entry 1pm
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Free wills for Southern Ute tribal members

Staff report
US BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Twenty-two law students from the Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver are coming to Ignacio to prepare wills for Southern Ute tribal members and other Native Americans.

They will arrive on Thursday, March 13 and will be open for business at the Sky Ute Casino Resort from Friday, March 14 through Monday, March 17, closed on Sunday, March 16. The tribe has agreed to host the students at the casino.

There will be no charge for

the wills. Each tribal member who participates will be interviewed by a law student under the supervision of an attorney. The student will then draft the will and present it to the supervising attorney for review.

The student will review it with the client, make any necessary connections, and oversee the signing and witnessing of the will. It's important have the will properly signed and witnessed, because it will be accepted by a probate judge only if it's properly completed.

The law school requires that each law student complete 50 hours of community

service prior to graduation. Denver University law students traditionally spend one of their spring breaks performing community service to satisfy this requirement.

Last year was the first year that the law students visited Ignacio to draft wills, and the response was positive. This year, the number of students participating has doubled, so everyone who wishes to have a will drafted should be able to have one done.

For more information, call John Roach, fiduciary trust officer, at 970-563-1013, or visit him at the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency in Ignacio.

WHY WILL WRITING IS IMPORTANT FOR ALLOTMENT OWNERS

If you die without a will, it is called dying "intestate." For intestate decedents who own Individual Indian Money accounts or interests in allotments, Congress has determined how their allotments and IIM accounts will be passed on to their heirs. This law is called the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004.

If you die intestate, AIPRA determines who receives your property, what amount they will receive, and whether your allotment interests will be subject to a forced sale at probate.

WITHOUT A WILL

Without a will, your allotment interests of 5 percent or more will go to:

1. A life estate to your spouse who will receive the income from the allotment for life;
2. After the spouse passes (or if there is no spouse) the interest will pass to all of your eligible children equally;
3. If no children survive you, then to your eligible grandchildren who survive you;
4. If none, to your parents, if they survive you;
5. If none, then to your brothers and sisters who survive you;
6. If none, then to the tribe.

For allotment interests less than 5 percent, the rules are different:

1. A life estate to your spouse ONLY if the spouse lives on the parcel;
2. All other allotments of less than 5 percent go to your oldest living eligible child (this is called the "single heir rule");
3. If none, then to your oldest living eligible grandchild;
4. If none, then to your oldest living eligible great grandchild;
5. If none, then to the tribe.

WHAT A WILL ALLOWS YOU DO

A valid will allows you to, among other things:

1. Choose the family members and friends you wish to receive your allotment interests and IIM account balance;
2. Leave your allotment interests in trust status to any or all of your lineal descendants (your children, grandchildren or great grandchildren), whether or not they are tribal members;
3. Leave a life estate in an allotment to a non-Indian spouse, family member, or friend;
4. Prevent any forced sale of your allotments by the Probate Court.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WRITING A WILL

Allotments and tribal assignments are treated differently. An allotment is an interest in Indian Trust lands held by the government in trust for individual beneficiaries. The allotment itself is usually not divided, but the ownership interest is divided among the various owners (beneficiaries). This results in most allotments having many owners.

Allotments and IIM accounts are probated by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which gathers the necessary information for the probate and prepares a probate package, and the Office of Hearings and Appeals, which will hold a hearing at which an administrative law judge will decide how the estate will be distributed according to law. The judge will follow the provisions of a valid will in distributing the estate.

Assignments are grants by the tribe of tribal lands to individual tribal members. The tribal member who receives the assignment is asked to name a beneficiary. The named beneficiary is then given a preferential right to receive the assignment upon the death of the assignee; however, the Tribal Council must approve the actual assignment to the beneficiary.

You only need one will. It can be probated by OHA to distribute your allotment interest and IIM account balance, and by the Tribal Court to distribute all your non-trust assets. You do not need an attorney to help you prepare a will. However, the provisions of a will can be complicated, and the signing of the will must be done properly for it to be accepted by the Probate Court. The will must comply with the provisions of the Colorado Probate Code, AIPRA, and the rules of common law. Therefore, wills should only be prepared by someone who is knowledgeable about the law. After all, there is little anyone can do to "fix" a will after the testator's death.

For attorneys, will preparation is the practice of law. Therefore, law students are required to prepare wills under the supervision of licensed attorneys.

A will does not need to be notarized to be effective, as long as it is witnessed according to state law. However, the witnesses, if they are available, will be called to testify about the will-signing when the will is probated. Attaching a sworn (notarized) affidavit to the will, sworn to by the witnesses, stating that the will was properly executed, takes the place of the witnesses' testimony at the probate hearing. The witnesses' testimony is not required unless there is a court challenge to the execution of the will.

It is possible for a mentally incapacitated person to write a will. The threshold for testators is much lower than the threshold for appointing a guardian, generally only requiring that testators be reasonably aware of the contents of their estate, and that they are aware of the "objects of their bounty," generally all their family members. Colorado has a specific statute to cover the proof of capacity of the testator in these situations, which allows a court to determine the competency of a testator at the time the will is signed.

There is no requirement that a will be filed anywhere, but it is good practice to file it with the Tribal Court so everyone knows where it is and it does not get misplaced when it is needed.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Paul J. Colombe

Job title: Criminal Investigator
Description of duties: Investigate major crimes on the Southern Ute Reservation.
Family: Four sons
Tribe: Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Wynenna Smith

Job title: Case Worker II
Description of duties: Provide social service to tribal children and families.
Hobbies: Listen to music, walk 2-3 times a week.
Tribe: Cherokee



Thomas Muriel

Job title: Detention Officer
Description of duties: Detention officer at SUDC.
Hobbies: Spending time with kids. Walking with kids at park.
Family: 3 kids, 2 boys and 1 girl. Great wife.
Tribe: I am Hispanic, wife and kids Navajo.
Additional comments: I have lived in the area since 03, and have work in this field 14 yrs. Like helping my community.



Paige M. Kapp

Job title: Pharmacist
Description of duties: I fill your prescriptions and research information about medications. I counsel patient on how to use medications and what they do.
Hobbies: Gardening, cooking, playing with my two children.
Family: Husband, Jake and two children Cecilia (2) and Harrison (1 month).



Owen Tallmadge

Job title: Range Tech.
Description of duties: Help to manage Tribe Rangelands.
Hobbies: Kayaking, biking, gardening.
Family: Wife Elsa

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IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Cats survive into regionals

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Against a physical and prepared Ridgway team, the Lady Bobcats fell behind by seven after one quarter of the 2A-District 3 Tournament's championship and ultimately trailed by 17 after four.

Unfortunately, that was just one more than Ignacio's number of misses from point-blank range.

"We missed 16 layups. ... That adds up to a lot of points real quick," said head coach Shane Seibel. "We wanted to ... really play a better ball game than what we did. That was our expectation."

But with Seibel having edged Kelly Arnold in the previous evening's "Sharp-dressed Showdown," his bolo bettering the Nucla boss' more conventional simple-knot tie, Ignacio still left Montezuma-Cortez's Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium able to see one more weekend, at least, of basketball.

"We lived to fight another day. ... There's a lot of teams that are not going to be able to practice next week, so we'll count our blessings and move forward," Seibel said. "Really work our tails off to improve our deficiencies."

Senior Gabriela Garcia's

start (seven first-quarter points, 11 total) and classmate Cloe Seibel's finish (13 second-half points, 15 total) helped mask as many of those as possible against Nucla, but Lady Mustang posts Macie Magallon and Erin Staats were able to outsize their way to 10 combined first-half points, helping Nucla stay within 24-22 at halftime on day one.

Staats tied the score at 26 early in the third quarter, but Ignacio sophomore Ellie Seibel (11 points) answered with a basket and Cloe Seibel knocked down a three-pointer soon after for a 32-26 lead that wouldn't be compromised the rest of the way in a 46-38 victory.

Guard Charlie Wytulka led Nucla with 11 points, while Staats, Magallon and guard Shalyn Steffan each finished with eight as the game stayed close for several reasons. The Lady Cats won the low-visibility bench-scoring battle, four points to one, and neither side was decidedly strong at the free-throw line. Ignacio was just 10 of 20, Nucla nine of 19.

Ignacio's figure improved to 15 of 23 against Ridgway, but Ignacio was unable to sustain the potential momentum gained when senior Roshae Weaver beat the first quarter's buzzer



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum
Ignacio's Angela Herrera (25) tries getting a shot up and under the forearm shiver of Ridgway's Haley Crozier (3) during 2A-District 3 Tournament action in Cortez on Saturday, March 1. The Lady Bobcats lost to the Lady Demons in the championship game, 50-33, but will play at the March 7-8 Region III Tournament in Durango at Fort Lewis College.

with a layup. With the Lady Demons leading 11-4, the second quarter began just as devoid of flow until consecutive Grace Benasutti

jumpers gave Steve Hill's team its first double-digit advantage at 17-7.

Lady Cats page 10

BOBCATS HOT • FROM PAGE 1

Jones finished with a team-high 14 points in the win – polished off by senior reserve guard Sam Corrado hitting two of three at the foul line after drawing Bailis's fifth foul (Hanley had fouled out 5:20 earlier) with only 0:06 remaining.

"It was loud and crazy," Hayes (10 points) said, "but a good environment to get us ready for later on in regionals. Any one of us can step up anytime. Adi stepped up today big. He had a big game."

Jefferson finished with eight points, senior center Justin Carver six, and Corrado and Anthony Manzanera five points each as Ignacio improved to 21-0 overall with its seventh straight district-level title.

Rogers paced all players with his 16, but Purdy's six was the closest to a balance Telluride would find. Senior shooting guard Conner Courter was limited to just two points, and Hanley managed but three.

"We lacked on our shooting for sure. ... No one could really get it in the basket. That was definitely our problem," Rogers said. "But

we played hard and gave it our all, so hopefully we'll come out firing next weekend at regionals."

The previous evening, Richmond's first eight points helped the Cats take a 17-9 lead through eight minutes against Mancos, and Ignacio never looked back in a 55-29 rout. Hayes led all players with 14 points, Richmond totaled 11, Jones had eight and Jefferson seven as 10 Bobcats scored at least one.

Junior guard Jayden Peacock and junior forward Daniel Christensen led the Blue Jays with seven points apiece, and sophomore guard Adrian Hernandez scored six on two high-arcing threes.

"This year we think we can beat everybody. That's pretty much our mindset," said Hayes, alluding to this weekend's Region III Tournament at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Ignacio will begin regional action against Del Norte (8-14), the fourth-place team in D-1, with the winner facing either D-1 runners-up Mosca Sangre de Cristo (14-8) or D-5 fourth-placers Rangely (15-7).

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IHS FOOTBALL

Jones named First Team All-1A

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As determined by nominations and votes of coaches statewide, CHSAA, Max-Preps and Colorado Preps recently announced the All-1A Football Team for the completed 2013 season, and Ignacio was represented on the First Team by junior quarterback/defensive back Adison Jones.

The Southern Peaks Conference was also represented by juniors Jareb Aziz and K.C. Jarvis and seniors Jason Buhr and Clay McCarroll of state runner-up Centauri, and senior Luis Mariscal of Center.

Beaten early on in the campaign by CHS – their only loss in finishing 12-1 overall – state champion Paonia was represented by seniors Will Austin and Tony

Darling, juniors Josh Kimball and Dylan Geisler, and sophomore Taylor Walters.

The Eagles' 32-24 defeat of Centauri (11-2) gained the school its first title since 1959. The last time Paonia reached the grand finale came with a 49-7 loss to Yuma in '62.

Kansas State University commit Dalton Risner of Wiggins was named the 1A player of the year. A coach of the year was not specifically mentioned, though Brent McRae would be the likely candidate for turning around a PHS program which had gone just 4-5 in 2012.

Rest of the best

Jacob Baca, senior, Westminster Cornerstone Christian; Jordan Bobian, senior, Walsenburg John Mall; Trevor Close, junior, Andy McFarland, senior, and Keegan Wentz, senior, Buena Vista; Alec Coscarella, senior, and Tony Gentile, senior, Salida; Jacob Crist, junior, and JaVonte Stewart, senior, Ellicott; Jonas Cure, junior, Wray; Jaden Koening, senior, Yuma. Christian Krautschun, senior, and T.J. Stockton, senior, Colorado Springs Christian; Ryan Krogmeier, senior, Holyoke; Gavin Liggett, senior, and Blake Paintin, senior, Limon; Corey Reynolds, junior, Cedaredge; Corey Ritchey, senior, Wiggins; Michael Stevensen, freshman, and Cole Watson, senior, Loveland Resurrection Christian; Joseph Storrer, senior, Ordway Crowley County; Eloy Sandoval, junior, Burlington.

IHS WRESTLING

Two Cats climb Pepsi Center podium

Robbins' second helps IHS into 17th

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

About the only person who would have anything down to say about Stocker Robbins's work at the 2014 CHSAA Class 2A State Wrestling Championships would be the young man himself.

And that's if he ever chooses to exercise his right to be his own worst critic; the rest of the Ignacio wrestling family couldn't have been more stoked to see the 106-pounder go toe to toe with top-ranked Jonathan Andreatta of Walsenburg John Mall for all the marbles Saturday night, Feb. 22, in Denver.

Down just 2-0 after the first two-minute period, with the usual near-capacity Pepsi Center crowd looking down upon him and his opponent, Robbins's freshman season came to an end underneath the Panther's pin at the 1:41 mark of the second.

But his 3-1 run through the bracket – including a pin of Sedgwick County-Fleming's Levi Muller, a 15-4 rout of Peyton's Taylor Claman, and an 8-3 defeat of Akron's Tanner Watson – helped Ignacio finish in a tie for 17th place with San Juan Basin League rivals Dove Creek.

Also finishing on the podium after the three-day spectacle was junior Blaine Mickey at 170.

Fighting for a 3-3 event record, Mickey placed sixth after ultimately losing by pin to Norwood's Kolby Starks and then 7-5 to Sedgwick County-Fleming's Brandon Anderson. He had

begun his run with a quick pin of John Mall's Lawrence Martinez, but was bumped into the consolation bracket by a pin courtesy Lyons' Jon Hickman.

At 126 pounds, Ethan Appenzeller was the only other of Cody Haga's eight qualifiers to compete on Day 3 inside the Can, but his hopes of placing were ended one stage away. Going 2-2 at the event to end his first prep season, Appenzeller was eliminated 9-7 in triple-overtime by Rocky Ford's Michael Estrada.

Appenzeller had begun on day one with a second-period pin of Fowler's Sean Graham, but was then forced to the lengthy left side of the ladder when he was edged 4-2 by Swink's Austin Coy – whose only loss this season would come in the championship match, 6-4 to Paonia's three-time champ Jesse Reed.

Hickman went for the title at 170, but was pinned in the third period by Meeker's T.J. Shelton.

Ignacio senior Chris-

tian Knoll went 1-2 at 182 pounds, picking up a win over Calhan's Aaron vonZoreon, but losing to Stratton's M.C. Griffin – the eventual champ – and Ault Highland's Sean Belfrage. At 220 pounds, Josh Gallegos also went 1-2, with a consolation-bracket win over Del Norte's Dakota Fowler sandwiched between losses to Sedgwick County-Fleming's Levi Davis and Paonia's Joel Simianer.

Keeping the Pena family name alive in the Mile High City, freshman Lorenzo Pena went 1-2 at 138 pounds – pinning Rye's Jake Shaffer, but then losing by technical fall to Sedgwick County-Fleming's Seth Harrington and then by first-period pin to Baca County's Dax Doyle.

At 120 pounds, freshman Dalton Mickey went 0-2, losing by pin to Yuma senior Hayden Holtorf and then by pin to Rye frosh Payton Camper. And junior Miguel Perez was also left wanting for a win at 152, defeated 9-5 by Center's Salomon Chavez and pinned in the second period by Eads' Blaine Winder.

Class 2A team scores

1. Paonia 180, 2. Baca County 112.5, 3. Meeker 98.5, 4. Sedgwick County-Fleming 88.5, T-5. Norwood/Rocky Ford 84, 7. Swink 78, 8. Center 69, 9. Ordway Crowley County 67.5, 10. Ault Highland 67, 11. Wray 66, 12. Yuma 57.5, T-13. Burlington/Holly 56, 15. Merino 52.5, 16. Stratton 46, T-17. IGNACIO/Dove Creek 45, 19. Walsenburg John Mall 37, 20. Dolores 35.5, 21. Lyons 35, 22. Wiggins 31, T-23. Eads/Hayden 25, 25. Fowler 24, 26. Oak Creek Soroco 22, 27. Akron 20, 28. Limon 18, 29. Calhan 15, 30. Del Norte 14, T-31. Nucla/Walden North Park 13, T-33. Cheyenne Wells/Blanca Sierra Grande 9, T-35. Byers/Rangely 7, T-37. Holyoke/Rye 4, T-39. Denver Lutheran/Hanover/McClave/Peyton/Sargent 3.

JV ballers in action



Ignacio JV guard Joaquin King (11) soars to shoot over 1A Monticello, Utah's Jens Brewer (33) during a late-season road loss on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Unable to face JV-less Norwood on the road three nights later in San Juan Basin League play, the season for Tim Velasquez's Bobcats came to an end inside IHS Gymnasium against Telluride on Saturday, Feb. 22.



Ignacio JV forward Jade Richards (44) brings the ball toward the three-point arc against Norwood during a late-season San Juan Basin League road loss on Friday, Feb. 21. The team did not play at 1A Monticello, Utah, as the boys' JV did. The Lady Bobcats wrapped up Dylaina Morelli's first year as coach with a thorough win inside IHS Gymnasium the next day over Telluride.

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LITTLE FISH, JACK FROST III

He will be 17 years young on March 4. It truly is hard to believe that time would pass so quickly and you are almost an adult. All the wonderful memories that we have of you when you were a little boy. Your love for the outdoors, football and bowling and especially your love for hunting and fishing and being out on the reservation that started when you were barely able to walk! We have seen many things together and we will continue to experience many more. You have the love and joy and pride of all of your aunts and uncles and grandpas and grandmas and your brothers and sisters and even more from mom and dad for all that you have accomplished in your life to this point. You also have your nephew who really looks up to you. So as we look upon you and your big day we stand and salute you son, HAPPY BIRTHDAY with much love from your family!

We love you so much

TO THE VIGILS, WENDELL (3/3), TARA (3/11) AND JOE (3/22)

I would like to wish each of you a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY in the month of March. Don't fret on getting older, it comes with the territory, sorry. If you all need a shoulder to cry on, just pull off to the side of the road. (JK). Happy Birthday, my grown up children. May the Creator give you more days to celebrate. Have fun, and be careful.

*I love you all,
Mom-Darlene*

TO JOSEPH ANTHONY VIGIL (3/22)

Here's wishing you my wonderful Grandson, a Happy Birthday, same day as your dad's birthday which is so great! My wish for you is that you have a wonderful day filled with lots of love, laughter and happiness. May the Creator keep you safe from all harm wherever you go and whatever you do. I love you very much and keep up the humor side of you. Laughter is always good medicine. May God bless you grandson.

*Love Always,
Grams Darlene*

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY TO THE LOVE OF MY LIFE, ZECHARIAH RED

I hope your day was the most awesome and thank you for picking me to be your Mama Bear! Love you my Sonny!

Happy Birthday to my Aunt Peb, who is more like my sister! Love you lots and we need an Auntie/Niece trip soon!

Shelly

GREETINGS FROM BOWDEE

Have the happiest Spring Aunt Gala and Aunt Pearl and Auntie Ulah and Lillie.

Take care and God bless you cousin Jake and Sheila.

I wish you the very best cousin Vince and Julia and champ Skyler, and uncle Shane and aunt Melonie.

God bless you cousin Preston B. and to our mom.

Bowdee love's you Cloe, Rub and Clay.

Take care Corleen and Geri I love you so much.

To Estell and Lorie and Trinny and son and hubby. I love you all.

Take care Miska and family.

*From,
Bowdee*

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF BRIAN L. WEAVER

It's hard to believe you have been gone a year and when it hits me that you are gone. Then it's hard not to cry. I keep thinking one day you're going to call me out of the blue. I miss talking to you about the good ol' times we had with "the bros". The times we all rode around in my red Camero and jamming out to music. I miss the times we just sat around and terrorizing one another and laugh. I miss listening to you tell me about your kids and how proud you were of them. I miss giving you advice and encouragement when you needed it. I just miss you, my friend. It's hard to lose a friend you've known all your life. You always think that the friends you have all your life will be there with you, you don't ever think you will lose them. You are missed and one day we will be able to talk again.

*Your Friend,
Faren Burch*

FOLSOM GRADUATES FROM INDIAN POLICE ACADEMY



Courtesy Chris Naranjo/SUPD

Southern Ute Police Department Community Resource Officer Don Folsom and his father during the Indian Police Academy graduation ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in Artesia, N.M. Folsom's father is pinning his badge on him.

Southern Ute Police Department Community Resource Officer Don Folsom graduated Tuesday, Feb. 26 from the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M. He was one of nine graduates from around the country. The class originally began with 21 students. The class started its training on Nov. 4, 2013. Students were required to stay on base for the duration. The training is a demanding, semi-military type of training.

Students must pass several tests, both written and practical, in order to graduate. Folsom maintained a high grade-point average throughout his time at the academy. Other students often sought out Folsom's help.

The students are also required to do organized physical training throughout the academy. Folsom finished what is called the "Rattlesnake Run" in just over an hour. The run is more than seven miles long and was completed just before graduation. Chief Ray Coriz and I attended the graduation. We are having a welcome-home luncheon on Wednesday, March 5 here at SUPD. Folsom has been with SUPD for approximately 10 years. He is now a certified police officer.

Folsom will continue working with the schools and at times be called on to do patrol shifts. We here at SUPD are very proud of Officer Don Folsom. Congratulations!

*Lt. Chris Naranjo
Southern Ute Police Department*

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

NATIVE SWEETS THANK YOU

Hello. I'm taking a moment here to say thank you to my customers here on the Southern Ute Reservation.

Native Sweets Catering used proceeds from last week's sales to assemble 26 sweet treat bags to send to military troops overseas. I feel it is important to share when we can in spite of my not knowing a single soldier there.

In a huge way, as a consensus, we contributed a significant amount to those who will be receiving the packages that Native Sweets put together. I feel excited about mailing this box today, because we did something positive and I am happy to be part of the smiles we will share.

It was great to see returning customers each morning, and establishing myself as an entrepreneur was not an easy thing to do. I felt nervous, particularly about sharing and distributing my creativity. Researching different healthier ways to cook and creating and maintaining a desirable pallet of flavors has been a challenge.

Thank you, Hito, for all the words of encouragement and physical support. Thank you to my son-in-law Brandon and family for helping, testing food, etc. My family has been supportive in numerous ways, and I can never show enough gratitude.

Thank you to my mom and to Dave for the tools. Sonny, my deepest gratitude is within you. You asked me to get out there and feed my community, and so I have done just that. I will look for you all within another breakfast, another smile.

Thank you all. Every one of you helped, and in so many ways. Please feel free to comment or request a special order from me at nativesweetscatering@gmail.com.

Native Sweets Catering

THANKS TO CABIN FEVER SUPPORTERS

On behalf of the leadership and members of the Four Corners Gourd Society, we would like to show our appreciation to everyone, and to send out a "thank you" to the following: Johnson Taylor and Yellow Jacket, our host Southern Drum; Twelve Gauge and Northern Style.

Thank you to those who donated for spe-

cial and the cake walk: Sheila Nanaeto, specials and cake walk; Jennifer and Breanna Goodtracks; Twyla Blackbird; April Toledo; and Lisa Burch Frost.

I would like to thank the following people and groups who helped make the 2014 Cabin Fever Gourd Dance a success: Tom Alires, head gourd; Bruce LeClaire, master of ceremonies; Jim Jefferson for the eagle staff; Laurence Tucker, treasurer; Therese Lynston and Yvonne Tree, cooks; Sunshine Perry and the Fort Lewis College Dine' Club for making the frybread; visiting gourd societies White Eagle Gourd Society, White Shield Gourd Society, Black Creek Gourd Society, Tai-Piah (Skunk Berry), All Nations Gourd Clan and the host Four Corners Gourd Society.

Individually and collectively: Bruce Valdez; Travis Garlick; Kristi Garnanez, Arla Duran, SunUte Community Center and Multi-purpose Facility staff for use of the facility; Ramona and Linda Eagle for cash donations; Pearl Casias for cash donations; Andrea Taylor, Tribal Information Services; Robert Ortiz of The Southern Ute Drum for our flyer; Lovvis Downs-Glass and Chris Olguin of the Department of Natural Resources for the donation of bison meat; and Randall Litz, Priscella and Gerald Schrock, Verna Nez, and all invited vendors.

Local businesses who allowed me to post flyers: Ignacio Shur Valu, also for the donation of beef roast and groceries; The Patio; Auto Pros; Julie's El Amigo; El Dorado; Marcella Gifts; 7-11; Ignacio Laundromat; Ignacio Library; Waci-ci' Trading; Ignacio Floral and Gifts; Tax Masters; Ina Millich; Roots Natural Foods; Ignacio Post Office; Walkers True Valu; Southern Ute Growth Fund; Sky Ute Casino Resort; Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum; various tribal offices; U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency; Fort Lewis College Student Union; KSUT for the PSA and FB; KDUR for the PSA on campus; and Ignacio Elementary, Middle and High schools.

Thank you to any I may have missed; we appreciate you all. With your help, we are able to make the cabin fever celebration a successful annual event.

*Andrew Frost
Four Corners Gourd Society*

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Tribe welcomes new C.I.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Paul Colombe smiles in the Southern Ute Tribal Court courtroom on Tuesday, March 4 after being sworn in as the Southern Ute Police Department's new criminal investigator.

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Correction

In a cutline in the Feb. 21 issue of the Drum, Veronica Gallegos was misidentified as the Alaskan Native lady, who goes by Grandma Kay of the Alaskan Malemuit tribe.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Grazing Permits on Tribal Units for the 2014 Grazing Season

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is accepting applications for grazing permits on available Tribal Range units for the 2014-2017 grazing cycle. The application deadline is 5pm Friday, March 7, 2014. Initial stocking rates are illustrated in the table below:

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| Archuleta Mesa 180 Head | Kearns 20 Head | Cat Creek 57 Head | Vega 180 Head |
| Archuleta Creek 133 Head | Trail Canyon 114 Head | Pump Canyon 46 Head | Beef Canyon 29 Head |
| Picnic Flats 86 Head | Soda Springs 32 Head | | |

It is very important to understand that adjustments in the length of the grazing season will be made every year in response to environmental conditions. Due to the drought conditions we have been experiencing the last few years, we will evaluate range conditions on a monthly basis to make a determination on the length of the grazing year. This means the grazing season may be shorter than 4 months. The usual grazing permit season begins June 1st of the calendar year and ends September 30th of the calendar year. To obtain an application please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Range Division at (970) 563-4780 or come by the office at 575 CR 516, Ignacio.

CATS SURVIVE INTO REGIONALS • FROM PAGE 8

Seven-of-10 accuracy at the charity stripe was the lone reason the Lady Cats, who made but nine shots total from the field, trailed by just 12 points, 25-13, at halftime. Ridgway's Haley Crozier scored seven points in the first 16 minutes and finished with a game-best 18. Benasutti totaled 10, as did reserve Brynne Skalla, and center Rane Dickerson notched seven in Ridgway's 50-33 triumph.

"I think they just got us on the press," Cloe Seibel said. "We weren't really ready on breaking the press, and it

kind of killed us. That's what we're working on this next week, so we can make it to state. ... We are experienced, and we know how it feels to be up there and what it takes. Hopefully we just keep on remembering how it felt and what it takes to get up there."

Garcia paced Ignacio in the loss with 15 points, 14 of which came in the second half, including eight of Ignacio's nine in the third quarter. Cloe Seibel finished with eight, but Ellie Seibel was blanked. Angela Herrera chipped in five, while Weaver was held to just

three in each contest.

"I think we left things on the table," Shane Seibel said, "but hats off to Ridgway. They had a good game plan, they executed well, and rightfully so they deserve the district championship."

Now 8-13 overall, up next for the Lady Cats will be a Region III semifinals battle this weekend against D-5 runners-up Paonia (18-5) inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium, with the winner advancing to face either Ridgway or D-1 fourth-placers Sargent (12-9).

KSUT Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT is seeking one Southern Ute tribal member to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings

as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer

recruitment skills. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted in person to SUCCM or by mail at PO Box 737 #95 Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older, have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection, have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim, is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years, is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Seeking Foster Care families who are interested in providing a home for Southern Ute Tribal children that are in need of placement

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116 Capote Drive
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Kathryn Jackett, Foster Care Coordinator
(970) 563-0209 ext. 2328

CALLING ALL DJ'S

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe along with the Growth Fund and Sky Ute Casino Resort would like to invite you to DJ for our Annual Employee Appreciation Day, which will be held in June. We will be holding auditions in April. If you are interested please contact Trennie Collins at (970)563-0118 or tcollins@southernute-nsn.gov by March 14.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Summer Intern Engineer – Red Cedar Gathering Co.

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A short-term training position to give college level engineering students work experience in the oil and gas industry. Work experience to be appropriate to the intern's skill and knowledge level. Position is compatible with 4 year engineering degrees in the fields of Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, or Electrical Engineering. Interns work, usually during the summer months, under the direct supervision of Engineering and Construction staff to complete duties in support of the safe, reliable, and efficient construction and operation of oil and gas exploration, production, and midstream facilities. Interns shall provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment.

Gas Volume Analyst I – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 3/7/14 – Ignacio, CO.

Under the direction of the Gas Control Supervisor, monitors natural gas production volumes, nominates natural gas to gas gathering and transportation pipelines, reconciles gathering and transportation invoices/statements, enters daily gas sales and production data, maintains gathering and transportation contracts, controls wellhead and pipeline imbalances, works with the Marketing Specialist to forecast natural gas sales volumes.

Exploration and Production Manager – GF Department of Energy

Closing date 3/10/14 – Ignacio, CO.

Provides administrative and supervisory oversight of employees and project activities for energy exploration and production for the Department of Energy. Assists with evaluation of tribal energy resources for production activities, revenue forecasts and calculations of remaining reserves. Monitors applicable environmental regulations and assists with maintenance of an energy department information management system. Identifies and evaluates tribal minerals that are subject to waste and formulates methods to mitigate.

Director of Construction – Red Willow Production Co.

Closing date 3/10/14 – Ignacio, CO.

Providing safe execution/construction management on new and existing well site construction, compression, salt water disposal facilities including, pipeline installation in multiple basins throughout the country. Development and implementation of RWPC construction standards, documents, contracts, cost tracking tools, and work orders.

Construction Manager – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/10/14 – Durango, CO.

Managing construction projects for natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and gas plants.

Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/10/14 – Durango, CO.

Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

Manager of Engineering – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/10/14 – Durango, CO.

Performing engineering duties and overseeing Engineering personnel, in support of the safe, reliable and efficient operation and construction of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations and gas plants.

Project Design Coordinator – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/10/14 – Durango, CO.

Creating and implementing CAD/design standards, managing detailed project design with engineering firms, and coordinating design changes with construction personnel. The Project Design Coordinator will also be responsible for filing, recall, maintenance, correction, and updating of drawings related to Aka facilities including process flow diagrams, piping and instrument drawings and site layout, pipeline, mechanical drawings, civil and electrical drawings and other third party drawings. Interacts with both office and field staff as needed at all levels. Contributes to detailed CAD design work as required.

Wastewater Plant Lead Operator – SUGF (Utilities)

Closing date 3/10/14 – Ignacio, CO.

Oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System.

Senior PeopleSoft Payroll Developer – SU Shared Services

Closing date 3/14/14 – Ignacio, CO.

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

Pipeline Systems Operator II – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Safe completion of all pipeline repair and maintenance, as well as pipeline installation, operation, and maintenance.

Pipeline Systems Operator III – Aka Energy Group, LLC

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Safe completion of all pipeline repair and maintenance, as well as pipeline installation, operation, and maintenance. Understanding the pipeline system and valves to operate the gathering system in the most efficient manner possible.

Instrumentation & Electrical Technician I – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Maintaining the plant control system, analytical equipment, and instrumentation. Performs work related to the repair and maintenance of instrumentation and electrical equipment. Assists operations by maintaining the plant control system, analytical equipment, electrical equipment, and instrumentation. Works closely with the operators and mechanics to ensure that the controls yield the desired operational results.

Instrumentation & Electrical Technician II – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Maintaining the plant control system, analytical equipment, and instrumentation. Performs work related to the repair and maintenance of instrumentation and electrical equipment. Programs and tunes plant PLC's and distributive control system. Assists operations by maintaining and tuning the plant control system, analytical equipment, electrical equipment, and instrumentation. Works closely with the operators and mechanics to ensure that the controls yield the desired operational results.

Pipeline Tech I – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Completing, or supervising the completion by contractors, of all pipeline repair, maintenance and new pipeline installation.

Measurement Tech I – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement equipment and facilities.

Measurement III – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Maljamar, NM.

Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement equipment and facilities.

Operator III – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Artesia or Maljamar, NM.

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

Operations Tech I – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Artesia or Maljamar, NM.

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

Mechanic II – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Artesia or Maljamar, NM.

Operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Mechanic III – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Artesia or Maljamar, NM.

Operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Maintenance Tech I – Aka Energy Group

Closing date 3/19/14 – Artesia or Maljamar, NM.

Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and the field compressor stations safely and efficiently. Performs work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment, including processing plant equipment, pumps, gas and refrigeration compressors, coolers, electric generation, dehydration equipment, and control systems.

Computer Technical Support Administrator II – GF Information Technology

Closing date 3/19/14 – Durango, CO.

Working with computers in a distributed WAN environment to provide hardware and software support for computer end users, to include performing tasks in Windows XP, Windows 7 and Active Directory Domain environments at remote locations, will also be involved with the maintenance, installation and expansion of software and hardware procedures.

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. 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.

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

Senior Probation Officer

Closing date 3/11/14

Under direct supervision of Chief Probation Officer & Court Administrator represents the Tribal Court in a positive and professional manner in the provision of probation counseling to Tribal Members and serves as Wellness Court Case Manager. Pay grade 18, \$18.80/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Closing date 3/12/14

Supervision and management of non-clinical functions within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records and the coordination of essential administrative and support functions within the Health Center. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Pay grade 20, \$47,868/year.

Public Health Nurse

Closing date 3/12/14

A Registered Nurse position providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21, \$25.66 hour.

Benefits Coordinator

Closing date 3/14/14

Conducts Tribal Member Health Benefits Department (TMHBD) patient/client health benefit and resource eligibility screening and provides and explains information regarding health benefit/resource programs available such as Medicare, Medicaid, Department of Veterans Affairs, Bureau of Employment Compensation, and Third Party Liability. Pay grade 18, \$18.80 hour.

Custodian

Closing date 3/14/14

Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12, \$11/hour.

Lake Capote Seasonal Maintenance Workers

Closing date 3/14/14

Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager and the Parks & Recreation Manager, the maintenance worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions, provide grounds & facility maintenance, clean and repair grounds and buildings, and assist in continued site developments. Seasonal/full time, working from April 3, 2014 to on or about October 12, 2014. Pay grade 13, \$11.59/hour.

Elders Driver

Closing date 3/17/14

Provides transportation and services for Southern

Ute Indian Tribal elders and handicapped/disabled individuals. Provides transportation to the Committee of Elders and handicapped/disabled. Pay grade 13, \$11.59/hour.

Clinical Information Technologist

Closes 3/18/2014

Under general direction of the Management Information Systems Director serves as the clinical information technologist and chief software architect for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/year.

Behavioral Health Manager

Open until filled

Developing, coordinating and managing the behavioral health program for the Southern Ute Health Center. In addition, the incumbent oversees the program contract requirements, program development, resource management, employee supervision and training and provides direct clinical client services to eligible members in the community. Serves as the Supervisor for mental health services provided to children, adolescents, adults, couples, families and groups. Pay grade 24, 74,667/year.

Chief Medical Officer – Tribal Health Clinic

Open until filled

Full-time position, organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Will provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. Will require providing both direct patient care services as well as all required administrative services within the department with a split of approximately half of the time being allotted to each clinical and administrative duties.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled

Position may be filled as a full time, or a part time position, depending upon the availability of the successful applicant. This is a senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Pay grade 22: \$60,320/year for full time and requires a current Colorado LCSW or LPC license.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY JOB POSITIONS

Trainee Natural Resources Assistant

Closing date 3/11/14

Provides an opportunity for a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member to become proficient in a support role in field work and clerical services for Natural Resources divisions. Pay grade 13, \$11.59/hour. Eligible for quarterly increases based upon satisfactory evaluations up to final pay rate of grade 14, \$13/hour.

Receptionist/Mail Clerk

Closing date 3/14/14

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

Multi-Purpose/Chapel Facilities Operations Manager

Closing date 3/17/14

Directs operations and internal coordination of Multi-Purpose Facility, Memorial Chapel, and Ute Park activities. Provides a central contact in coordinating activities occurring in the facilities from various departments, developing marketing, special events, special

projects and public relations. Formulates and oversees operational procedures, scheduling of activities and inventory management. Pay grade 19, 42,932/year.

Trainee Records Clerk

Closing date 3/18/14

This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with management of Tribal records and provide professional, technical, clerical and program support to the Records Retention Division and the Department of Tribal Information Services. The objective of Trainee Records Clerk position is to offer a Southern Ute Tribal Member hands-on experience, training, and education as a as a records clerk and/or improve on existing experience and abilities. The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. Pay grade 12, \$11/hour. Eligible for quarterly increases upon satisfactory evaluations, up to the regular rate of pay of \$11.59 hour.

Team Jobs Program

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The Team Jobs positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$11/hour.

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Craps Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 3/7/14

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Facilities Staff (Temporary)

Closing date 3/7/14

Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must have a HS Diploma/GED. Prior exp in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts, weekends, and holidays when needed. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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NATIVE STORIES FEATURED • FROM PAGE 1

spotlight on Native American-themed features, shorts and documentaries.

“Sigo: A Hunter’s Story” is a documentary short that follows the adventures of David and Ryan Sigo, hunters of the Suquamish Tribe from Washington, who learn about the world while maintaining their cultures and traditions. In the film, the grandfather and grandson explain the importance of hunting and its prominence within the Suquamish heritage.

“Winter in the Blood” is a 2013 film starring Chaske Spencer, most famous for his portrayal as Sam Uley in the “Twilight” series. Spencer plays the role of Virgil First Raise, an alcoholic farm boy raised on the reservations of Montana. Plagued by visions of his deceased father, he sets out on a journey of discovery in hopes of grasping the truth of his origins while



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Wes Studi (center) sits at a question-and-answer panel with actors John Rubano (left) and Maggie Maddock (right) at the Durango Independent Film Festival on Saturday, March 1. Studi spoke about his featured film, “The Only Good Indian,” giving details involving the work life of an actor and his process of choosing film roles.

dealing with his darkest demons. The film features many Native subjects, including the contrast between Natives and non-Natives in a single community.

“Storytelling is the oldest profession in the world. That’s how we communi-

cate as human beings,” Studi said. “You can talk to someone about how your day is and put it on a script, painting, or any kind of art. If I believe what I say when I’m in front of the camera, then you as an audience can believe too.”

FLC BASKETBALL

FLC’s Herrera tops 1,000-point mark

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Former Ignacio Bobcat Alex Herrera helped Fort Lewis College gain the No. 4 seed into the postseason Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Shootout after netting 22 points in an 84-80 defeat of Colorado Mesa University on Saturday, March 1.

Coming on the heels of a 14-point, 12-rebound effort the night before in a win – also inside FLC’s Whalen Gymnasium – over Western

State Colorado University, a career-high 33 points up in a road win at Regis in Denver, and an 18-point, 11-board output the night before in a loss at No. 1-ranked Metro State, the big junior easily eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for his Skyhawk career.

Herrera stood at 1,037 prior to FLC hosting No. 5 CSU-Pueblo on Tuesday, March 4, but results were unavailable by press time. Also, he has already swatted away 202 shots in his career – 92 coming so far

this season, a new FLC best – leaving him six shy of Rich Hillyer’s Skyhawk standard.

Fort Lewis finished the regular season 17-9 overall, 14-8 in the RMAC.

Herrera’s 33-point outburst against Regis’ Rangers was accomplished by outstanding 13-of-16 accuracy from the field, and 6-of-9 from the foul line. And in addition to snaring 12 caroms, his lone rejection against RU was his 85th this season, re-setting the single-season record he’d set as a sophomore.

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WHERE: Sky Ute Casino
Ignacio, Colorado

WHEN: Thursday, April 3, 2014
10:00 am

Towaoc, Colorado

WHERE: Ute Mountain Casino
Towaoc, Colorado

WHEN: Thursday, April 3, 2014
4:00 pm

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Past exploration activities
- Allottee pooling success
- 1280 super extended laterals
- Current exploration priorities
- Community service
- Question and answer session

For more information call Elton Blackhair (435) 823-2075 or Travis Lindsey (303) 513-3691.

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, March 7



Chance of rain/snow 51°F

Saturday, March 8



Chance of snow 47°F

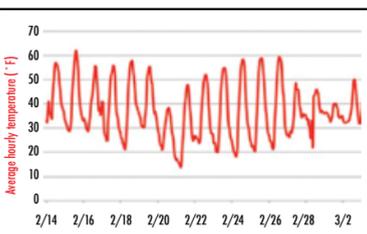
Sunday, March 9



Sunny 57°F

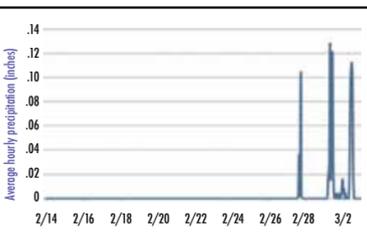


Weather data for February 14 – March 3



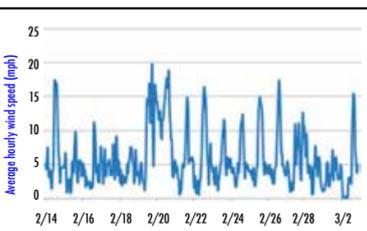
Temperature

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| High | 61.9° |
| Low | 13.9° |
| Average | 36.9° |
| Average last year | 26.1° |



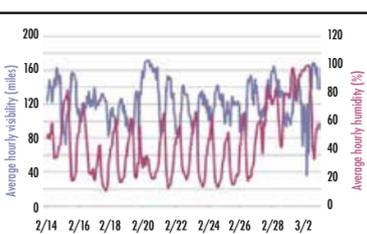
Precipitation

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| Total | 1.084" |
| Total last year | 0.400" |



Wind speed

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| Average | 5.7 |
| Minimum | 0.1 |
| Maximum | 19.7 |



Visibility & humidity

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| Average visibility | 122.8 |
| Average humidity | 45.8% |

Air quality

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