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SUPD

## Vandals hit SU Rifle Range

Staff Report  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Police Department is looking for the community's help tracking down the individuals responsible for the vandalizing the Southern Ute Rifle Range.



A metal canopy at the Southern Ute Rifle Range is riddled with bullet holes after recent act of vandalism.

On Friday, Feb. 10 Southern Ute Police Department Officer Richard Herrera said he received a call from Southern Ute Ranger Sgt. Andrew Beck about vandalism at the range.

There are two sides of the rifle range, a civilian side and a law enforcement side.

According to Herrera, the civilian side is where the vandalism occurred.

"The civilian side was ridiculed with trash, destroyed pieces of wood, broken glass, trash lying throughout the area," Herrera said. "The canopy had numerous bullet holes in it, as well as being tagged with spray paint."

After a closer look at the spray paint tag it appears to say, "RAX".

Herrera said the vandalism shows complete lack of respect.

"I felt the Southern Ute tribal membership should be aware of the damage caused and the trash left behind by those who have failed to clean up after themselves ... and the lack of respect given to the Southern Ute Tribe,

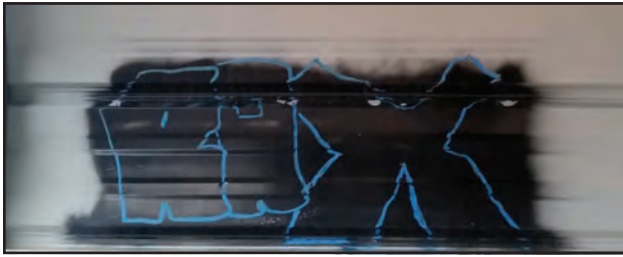


courtesy/SUPD

Multiple shotgun and bullet casings litter the Southern Ute Rifle Range. Other items that were used for target practice were left on the grounds as well.

the membership and the others who use the range," Herrera said.

The Southern Ute Police Dept. is asking if anyone has any information on those responsible for the damage to call 970-563-4401.



courtesy/SUPD

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

## Tribal Council receives Petition for Referendum

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, Feb. 14 the Southern Ute Election Board presented a petition for referendum to the Southern Ute Tribal Council. The Election Board received the petition, organized by a group of tribal members, on Monday, Feb. 13. The Petition requests that the "remaining of the Sisseton Settlement Funds ... be 100% dispersed tax-free immediately to the enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe" and that

"the remaining of the Sisseton Settlement Funds ... retained in a restricted account will not be utilized or dispersed on any specific programs in both the Permanent and Growth Fund."

The Election Board reviewed the petition for referendum verifying and certifying it as a valid petition. The petitioners needed to garner signatures from 20 percent (185) of registered tribal voters. The Election Board confirmed that the petition contained a total of 218 valid signatures, surpassing the 185 needed for

a petition for referendum.

Tribal Council received the petition on Tuesday, setting a date for an election on the referendum to take place on Thursday, March 16 – within the 30-day time frame in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Constitution.

Upon receiving the petition for referendum, Tribal Council has from the date of acceptance until the election date to review the petition for constitutional validity.

If the petition is found to be invalid, the election will not take place.

IHS WRESTLING

## Elite wrestling trio to rep IHS at State

Pepsi Center vets return one last time



Ignacio senior Stocker Robbins will return to the venue the weekend of Feb. 16-18, 2017, after missing last year's event due to injury. Robbins will compete at 132 pounds.



Ignacio senior Lorenzo Pena (right) and head coach Jordan Larsen will return again the weekend of Feb. 16-18, 2017, to seek a State Championship. Pena will compete at 160 pounds.



Ignacio senior Ethan Appenzeller will return the weekend of Feb. 16-18, 2017, on a mission to better last year's second-place result. Appenzeller will compete at 145 pounds.

photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last February, Stocker Robbins was seen inside Colorado Mesa University's Brownson Arena giving hugs and high-fives to teammates as a spectator with a battered knee on the mend.

One year later and an incredible three weights higher, the revamped Robbins returned to the venue with one objective for the two-day Class 2A-Region I Championships: Return to where he'd first opened eyes statewide.

And despite a loss to Hotchkiss' now-three-time State Championships qualifier Colton Hall at 132 pounds, Ignacio's senior will travel to Denver for a third time himself as one of three Bobcats placing in the top four of their respective weights, Feb. 10-11 up in Grand Junction.

"It's not often that you have the opportunity to coach three boys that have

the potential to be state champions," head coach Jordan Larsen said, speaking of Robbins, senior 145-pounder Ethan Appenzeller and senior 160-pounder Lorenzo Pena. "For them to still be in the hunt at this point is a pretty good feeling for us as coaches."

"All three of those boys, they ... want to go for the title. None of them are looking to just place." Meeting Hall after going 2-0 in the bracket after a first-round 'bye,' Robbins was able to build a 4-1 lead through two periods. But after starting the third in the bottom position, Hall (39-5) first managed a reversal, then later a three-point near-fall to gain a slim 5-4 win and the regional's best possible State seeding.

Still, Robbins (20-6) will be in the mix for one last Pepsi Center podium after placing fourth at 113 (following a Region I title at CMU) as a sophomore in 2015 and second at 106 as a

breakout freshman. Walsenburg John Mall senior Jonathan Andreatta, Robbins' opponent that year, will also be in the Mile High City once more, coming in 33-0 after winning the Region II title at 126 pounds.

"After jumping up ... three weight classes, and still competing with the best, he's pretty excited," Larsen said. "And we're excited for him, obviously, especially after all that."

Robbins' Day 1 opponent at State was to be Peyton sophomore J.D. Hart (24-13), but a rematch with Hall could only happen if both survived unbeaten to Day 3's first/second-place match.

"Stocker and Woody, you know, they both got that loss at regionals to kids that potentially will be their State Finals matches if they're fortunate enough to get there. They're all just hungry."

Elite trio page 8

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
REFERENDUM ELECTION  
March 16, 2017

Should the remaining of the  
Sisseton Settlement Funds  
\$45,515,000 be 100% dispersed  
tax free immediately to the  
enrolled members of the Southern  
Ute Indian Tribe?

YES☐

NO☐

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
2017 SPECIAL ELECTION "REFERENDUM"

The Tribal Council and Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2017 Special Election "Referendum" according to the Constitution and Election Code.

Special Election – Thur., March 16, 2017 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline – Tue., March 7, 2017 by 5 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline – Tue., March 7, 2017, by 5 p.m.

Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline – Wed., March 15, 2017, by 5 p.m.

Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

THE 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION "REFERENDUM"  
WILL BE HELD AT SUN UTE COMMUNITY CENTER.





## COUNCIL CORNER

# Red and Thompson mix-it-up with SUIMA students

By Lindsay Box  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE

Every month the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students invite tribal departments as well as Tribal Council to partake in a social luncheon called, "Mix It Up".

This month the Tribal Rangers and Councilmen Adam Red and Tyson Thompson enjoyed lunch with both the Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary students.

"The goal is to bring a different aspect of socialization to students," Ms. Mari Jo Owens, SUIMA

guide, hyped. The luncheon was relaxed and fun-filled with cooperative activities at each table. Councilman Red enjoyed meeting the younger membership stating, "These interactions are great. I hope that by coming today and attending in the future, I can develop positive relationships with the youth now with the hopes those relationships carry over into adulthood."

The Lower Elementary students enjoyed having pizza with their guests, then round dancing as a large group. Next, Councilmen Red and Thomp-

son partnered with an Upper Elementary students through a process of matching the Ute word given to each attendee. The pair worked on their creative writing skills, naming and describing a new candy.

"I look forward to attending future Mix-it-Ups with the Academy students. My goal is to engage with the Upper Elementary students. It was also great to see the Rangers really enjoying the experience, sharing what their job entails with the youth," expressed Thompson.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson chats with Upper and Lower Elementary students of the Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy during the "Mix It Up" luncheon .



Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Adam Red enjoys the "Mix It Up" luncheon with Kaycee Jefferson and Miguel Red and other students of the Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy.

courtesy Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Office

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## Financial Literacy Course Series



The **Small Business Development Center** will be offering **FREE** financial literacy courses to Southern Ute Tribal Members

Courses begin in the spring, 25 spots available per course, RSVP required.

All Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the Financial Literacy Course Series. This series is brought to the reservation by Small Business Development Center and Dr. Liz Ross. Space is limited, so interested tribal members will need to register and may only register for one course at a time.

There will be two sessions. The first course for Young Adults (ages 16-21) and second for Adults & Elders (ages 22+). All information shared will be the same.

Participants will be entered into a raffle at the completion of each course.

Course Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – Basics of Money Bank Services

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – Money Management Tools and Tips

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Using Credit to Your Advantage/Planning for the Future

Time:

Young Adult – 5:30-6:30 PM

Adult & Elders – 7:00-8:00 PM

Location:

Buckskin Charlie Room,

Leonard C. Burch Building

TO RSVP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

Lindsay Box, Communications Specialist – 970.563.0100

Tribal Member Website registration page – <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/members/financial-literacy-course/>

This series does not replace or fulfill the Financial Literacy course required for Tribal Credit and Tribal Education Programs. This financial literacy course does not constitute financial advice and is not a substitute for advice from a Certified Financial Planner or Financial Adviser.

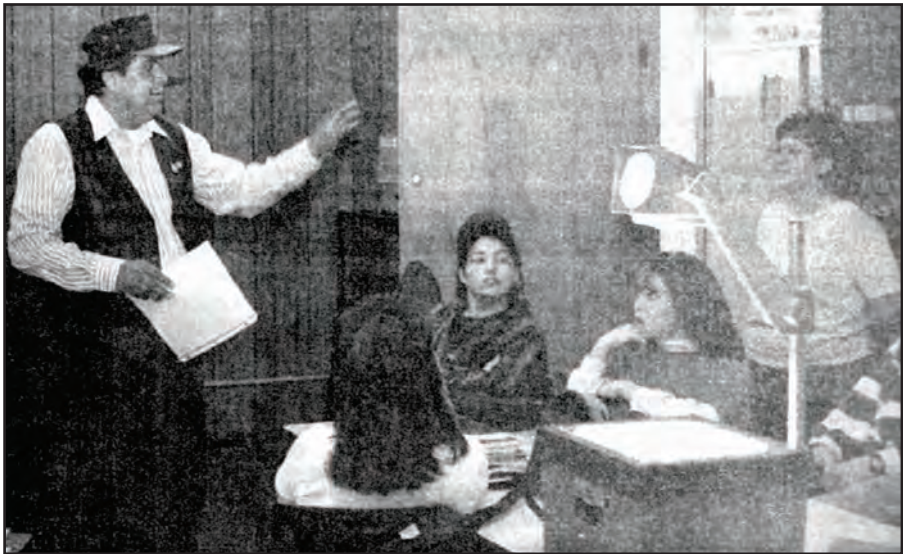
## Many Moons Ago



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## 10 years ago

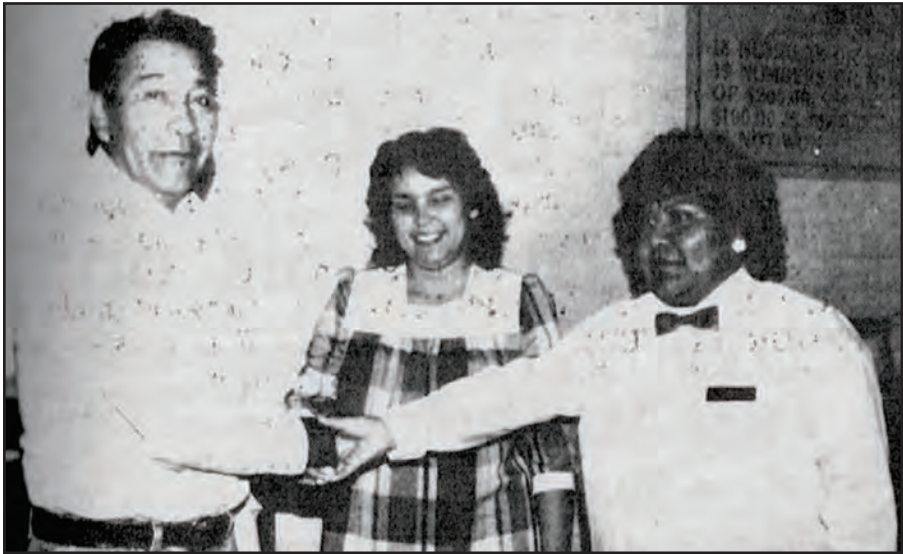
Neida Ray with Sarafina Chackee and Vernon Chackee with Sei Chackee and Vernest Chackee take lessons from pro, Muz Pinnecoose. This photo first appeared in the Feb. 16, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Dewitt Baker, who recently graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice, gave a presentation to a group of junior high students last week. He reviewed all the judicial branches that these students, interested in careers in law enforcement, could pursue. This photo first appeared in the Feb. 14, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Lala Cox from Durango was the winner of the big screen T.V. and VCR given away at the Extravaganza held Friday, February 13 at the Sky Ute Casino Community Center. Councilman Guy Pinnecoose and Debra Richards congratulate Ms. Cox. This photo first appeared in the Feb. 20, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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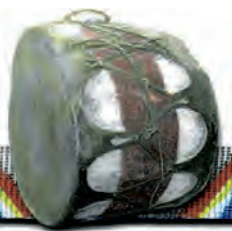
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# Valentine's Gourd Dance & Powwow



Co-Head Gourd Dancers Tom Alires (second from left) and Lyndreth Wall (second from right) along with other gourd dancers, dance during the Valentine's Gourd Dance & Social Powwow hosted by the Four Corners Gourd Dance Society, Saturday, Feb. 11 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Ramon Yazzie was the Host Gourd Drum.

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



Jimmy Washington Jr., gourd dances during the afternoon session of songs in the Multi-Purpose Facility, prior to supper break and the social powwow.



Flanked by Co-Head Gourd Dancer Tom Alires and son Kiefer, Co-Head Gourd Dancer Lyndreth Wall dance together during the afternoon gourd dance session.



courtesy Tom Alires

Jr. Miss Southern Alexandria Roubideaux and Southern Ute Brave Dominick Howe GoodTracks make their introductions during the social powwow.



Many participated in the back-to-back round dances during the social powwow. Dance specials and raffles were part of the evenings events.



The youth took to the Multi-Purpose floor during one of many inter-tribal dances held throughout the evening.

## CULTURE UPDATE

### 105 UTE LANGUAGE CLASSES

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30, to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

• Feb. 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27

### TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Craft room. Classes start at 1, to 3 p.m. Mon. and Tues.

• Feb. 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Cloth Dress – Woman/Girls  
• March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28: Ribbon Shirt – Men/Boys

Class is limited to the first (20) participants who Sign up, Early sign-up is recommend that we can plan for class materials. (All classes dates may be changed or canceled.)

### Tribal Elder Department events

For more information contact Tribal Elder Services at 970-563-0156.

### Southern Ute Cultural Department

Contact Hanley Frost Sr., Cultural Education Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 2306 or 970-563-2306. Email: hfrost@southernute-nsn.gov.

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Director Mark D. Williams in attendance

**You are invited to a Free Screening of**  
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**"Power Lines" directed by Klee Benally**

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## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Women's Wellness & Cancer Prevention luncheon

*Luncheon set for Feb. 28*

**By Susan Turner**  
SU HEALTH DEPT.

The second of a four class series of women's wellness/cancer prevention luncheons will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Sun Ute Community Center from noon to 1 p.m.

This class will again focus on the importance of preventive breast and cervical screenings. Since our physical, spiritual, and mental well-being contributes to the prevention of disease, we have invited an honorary guest and speaker, Elaine Newton. She will be addressing aroma-

therapy and how this can contribute to relaxation and wellness.

This will be a hands-on class and fun for all! Please join us for a healthy lunch and informative hour!

Also, please don't forget to schedule your Pap smear and mammogram! Please ask your provider about these screenings when you see them. Gift certificates are being given to women aged 21 to 65 who get their pap smears at Southern Ute Health Center. Rewards for completing your mammograms are being given for those women 40 to 65 years of

age. Mammogram parties are also being offered to women who would like to go in a small group for a mammogram and lunch.

REMEMBER, THE KEY TO PREVENTION IS SCREENING!

If you have questions or would like assistance in scheduling a screening or signing up for a mammogram party don't hesitate to call Susan Turner at 970-563-2363 or Devon Davalos at 970-563-2347. We can also help refer you if you do not have insurance to cover these screenings. Please join us on Tuesday, Feb. 28!

## TRIBAL HEALTH

# February is American Heart Month

**By Paige Kapp**  
SU HEALTH DEPT.

Many of us celebrated love on Valentine's Day this week, and to keep the love strong, here are some tips to keep your ticker healthy.

Keep your heart busy. Being active and raising your heart rate as part of your daily routine helps to keep your heart strong. Just like any other muscle, the more you use it the stronger it gets.

Taste a rainbow. Eat a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables of all colors. Fruits and

vegetables are full of heart healthy fiber. When choosing vegetables, fresh or frozen are best. If you have canned vegetables, rinsing them in cold water can help cut back on the salt. Once vegetables or fruits are processed and canned, they lose some of their nutritional value.

Steer clear of processed and prepared foods. This includes frozen dinners, canned soups, and baked goods. These tend to have a large amount of salt (sodium), trans fats (hydrogenated oils), and refined sugars.

Try to avoid ingredients you can't pronounce.

Be wise about salt. A high salt diet can increase blood pressure and cause you to retain water. The recommended amount of salt is less than 1 teaspoonful per day, or 2,300 mg. Most Americans get much more than this, even without adding salt to food. Packaged foods and restaurant meals tend to have more salt than you would add to a home-cooked meal. Don't hesitate to ask the chef to "hold the salt" when dining out.

## Women's wellness

# CANCER AWARENESS Luncheon

February 28, 2017

**Capote Rm  
In SunUte Rec Center  
From Noon to 1p**

Brought to you by the Women's Wellness Connection Grant, the Southern Ute Tribal Health and Southern Ute CHR Dept. With aroma therapy activity by Elaine Newton. Please RSVP with Devon Davalos at 970-563-0154 as space will be limited.




WOMEN'S WELLNESS

### CLINIC, PHARMACY AND DENTAL CLOSURE

## SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

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**Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

For President's Day



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Sources: \*National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2005). Your guide to a healthy heart. \*Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group (2002). Reduction in the incidence of type 2 diabetes with lifestyle intervention or metformin. New England Journal of Medicine, (346):6, 593-603.

### Prize winners for the 2017 Master Land Use Plan Surveys

- Clifton Baker – \$100, Ignacio Floral
- Angela Abeyta – \$100, Sky Ute Lodge & Casino
- Trennie Collins – \$100, Roots Natural Foods
- Brandon Johnson – \$200, Waci-Ci Trading

### OFFICE CLOSURES

Southern Ute Tribal offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day

### EXPANDED HOURS AT SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

In an effort to meet the growing needs of the Southern Ute Tribal Community the Southern Ute Health Center and Pharmacy has expanded its hours of service. The new daily schedule is:

**Monday –Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
(open through lunch)  
\*Closing at noon the 1st Thursday of every month\*

- Please arrive 15 minutes before scheduled appointments.
- Bringing all medications and glucometer to every appointment helps your provider give good care.
- To avoid conflicts with another patient appointment patients more than 10 minutes late will be asked to re-schedule.
- Please call 970-563-4581 if you have any questions OR if you need to cancel an appointment.

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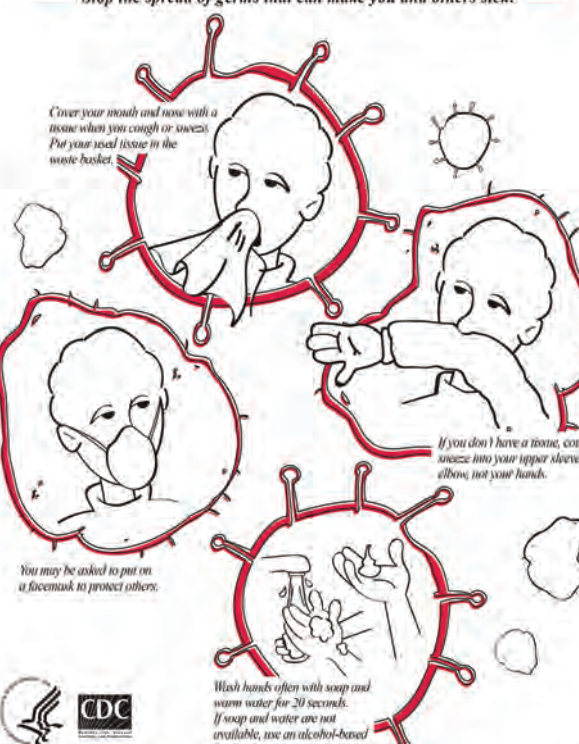
### SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

\*Clinic, Pharmacy and Dental Closure the first Thursday of each month, from 12 to 5 p.m. for Clinic Staff Meetings and Education to improve the Care we give to you.

If you have any questions, please call 970-563-4581.

## Cover your Cough

Stop the spread of germs that can make you and others sick!



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the waste basket.

If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

You may be asked to put on a facemask to protect others.

Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

CDC

## GERM-FREE ZONE

STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK!!

WASH	DISINFECT	PROTECT
Wash hands thoroughly and often!	Clean and wipe down shared surfaces	Get a flu shot if possible

### AVOID THE BUG

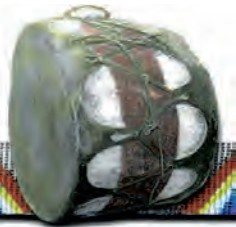
BE HEALTHY	HYDRATE	REST
Eat healthy foods and exercise moderately	Drink plenty of water	Get lots of rest

**Sharing Isn't always nice**

Stay home (especially if you have a fever)  
Cover your nose & mouth when you sneeze or cough  
Use tissues when you sneeze  
Sneeze into your sleeve if tissues aren't handy

**26.3%** Percent of adults 18-49 years who received an influenza vaccination during the past 12 months. Source: CDC.gov





Gals & kids share breakfast



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Julianna Barry and mom, LeNora Martinez work on her Valentine's Day art work at the Gals and Kids Valentine's Day themed breakfast held at the Southern Ute Head Start on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Creating sweet treats at IES



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Tribal member Brett Martinez is the Owner/Executive Chef of B'z&C'z catering company. He stopped by Ms. Schweiger's third grade Ignacio Elementary class, on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14 to demonstrate how to make tasty chocolate strawberries. Martinez has recently opened his own catering company. Martinez' skill set and experience include culinary instructor with "Cooking Matters," a No Kid Hungry volunteer. For more information about his business check online at [www.bzandczcatering.com](http://www.bzandczcatering.com).

Families celebrate love



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Nate Hendren dances with cousin Jada Cloud during the two-step competition at the Southern Ute Head Start Family Valentine's Day Dance held Friday, Feb. 10.

Kindergarten family night



courtesy Jackie Candelaria/PRCLC

Adam Red and Lynelle Scott assisting their little Bobcats in activities for Kindergarten Family Night. Families ate a dinner of mac and cheese. Then read Jan Brett's "The Mitten" and did some fun and educational activities around the book. Upcoming Families In School activities at Ignacio Elementary: \*Every Wednesday during your child's lunch hour – Reading Wednesday. Come to school, eat lunch and then spend time reading to your child (or let 4th & 5th graders read to you!). Family Night's are as follows: 1st Grade – Thurs. Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.; 2nd Grade – Thurs. March 16 – 6 p.m.; 3rd Grade – Thurs. April 6 – 5:30 p.m. Questions call Jackie Candelaria at: 970-563-0681, ext. 112 at Pine River Community Learning Center.

Tribal Students of the Month

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff have developed a special recognition program, 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 Trennie Collins/SU Drum

AUQ-UWEY O'JOHN

My name is Auq-Uwey O'John. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a third grader. My favorite subjects in school are Science and Computer.

My parents/ guardians are Kati and Amos O'John. I like participating in Boy Scouts, tutoring and Coding Club.

In addition, I want to be a soldier that protects the world from enemies when I grow up. I want to go into the Army or Marines after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of January because I try hard, listen, complete my homework, get along with my classmates and teachers and want to be a better reader.

Comments: Ms. Vogel says Auq-Uwey has truly grown up in all areas of academics this year!

And the word is...



courtesy LeNora Martinez

Tribal member Ethan Barry, 9, fourth grader at Ignacio Elementary School, competed in the Annual Spelling Bee hosted by the Ignacio School District on Thursday, Feb. 9. There were about 50 competitors from the fourth to eighth grades, and Ethan made it to the 6th round with only ten students left. "We are so proud of Ethan, we hope he continues to do well at school," said Marge Barry. Ethan is the son of Preston Barry and LeNora Martinez.



courtesy Jennifer Boniface

Top three winners of the multi-school spelling bee held at Ignacio High School on Thursday, Feb. 9: Matthew Belleau, right, of Ignacio took home first place followed by second place winner Alex Sears of Bayfield, middle, and third place winner Trinity Strohl of Ignacio.



courtesy Jennifer Boniface

Amanda Henderson (middle) who is a 7th grader took first place in the Ignacio Spelling Bee – qualifying for state. Jackie Carrillo (right) 7th grader took second, and Abbi Barthel (left) took third. Jeffrey Brittain on the far right took first in the vocabulary round. State qualifier, Henderson, will travel to Denver on March 11 for the State Spelling Bee.

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# 2017 SunUte Youth Basketball League



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8-9 Year: Sixers, coach Velma Armijo



8-9 Year: Spurs, coach Eppie Quintana



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10-11 Year: Bulls, coach Blaine House



10-11 Year: Clippers, coach Leland Larson



10-11 Year: Nuggets, coach Dmitri Reynolds



10-11 Year: Suns, coach Shalaunda Roan

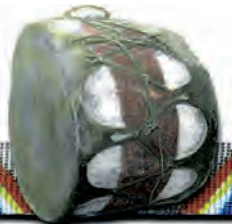


10-11 Year: Thunder, coach Gina Cosio



10-11 Year: Warriors, coach James Cundiff





IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Girls drop T-ride, Ridgway at home

*Lady Cats improve to 11-5 overall*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to weather visiting Ridgway's 9-0 run during the last 3:18 of the second quarter and opening seconds of the third, bringing the Lady Demons as close as 24-18, Ignacio rebuilt its lead to 33-21 going into the fourth and pulled away to a 53-33 win Feb. 11 inside SunUte Community Center.

"We were all off a little. We weren't really clicking," senior Alejandra Lujan noted, alluding to fatigue initially lingering from the previous evening's 47-23 win over Telluride inside IHS Gymnasium. "And we just started playing; we kept going and going, didn't give up, and that's just all we needed – all our team playing together. Then we were good."

With freshman posts Larissa Gallegos (five points) and Morgan Herrera (four) combining for nine of the Lady Bobcats' 12 first-quarter points, IHS led by seven after eight regulation minutes as only senior stand-out Ara Norwood, booking four points of RHS' five, seemed relatively fresh after her team's 64-35 rout of Dolores at home Friday evening, Feb. 10, then early Saturday morning departure for the Pine River Valley.

Stemming from effective full-court pressure, a Herrera steal and layup forced Ridgway head coach Nate Firkins into a timeout with his crew down 18-5 with 6:10 left in the first half. But things would get worse before appearing to improve; Lujan somehow blindly banked in



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Makayla Howell (1) measures perfectly a block of Ridgway's Anza Connaughton (12) during SJBL action inside SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 11.

a four-foot, two-handed toss over her head to increase the locals' lead to 24-9 before Norwood registered the half's last seven points.

"Well I knew Morgan was there for the rebound if I missed," Lujan laughed afterwards.

"The vibes were kind of weird," agreed grinning freshman Makayla Howell, "but we still came out and showed our all as a team. It's not a one-person show; it's everyone, and that's what we've been playing like lately."

"Their defense was real-

ly great; they were wanting it more than we were," she continued, discussing the Lady Demons' comeback bid, "and we had to pick it up. Defense wins games."

For the Lady Cats (11-5, 10-1 2A/1A San Juan Basin League), however, that 'defense' looked more like an aggressive offense; Ridgway (6-10, 6-5) committed seven fouls during the third quarter alone, with the last being senior Emma Copp's fourth – yielding two (fortunately)

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcats devastate Demons by 64 points

*14 threes fall in IHS' 88-24 conquest*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to soak up some knowledge from Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez during halftime of the preceding girls' varsity contest, young Ridgway boss Jake Coulter seemed to have utilized whatever it was quite well as the Feb. 11 boys' feature inside SunUte Community Center began taking shape.

Opening the game with a 5-0 burst, including an unexpected initial three-pointer by freshman reserve Andrew Winkelmann – given a start with backcourt regulars Jimmy Saville and Colin Kraft unavailable – the Demons also managed to hold a later 9-7 lead before IHS ended the frame with junior Kai Roubideaux's lay-in of an inbounds pass, and sophomore Lawrence Valdez's breakaway layup with 0:10 left.

That was enough drama for the Bobcats.

"We kind of had a little letdown from last night's big game; it took us a while to get our feet under us," admitted Chris Valdez, alluding to the previous night's 58-42 defeat of Telluride inside IHS Gymnasium (used for the next afternoon's 2017 "Guns 'N' Hoses" Basketball Challenge fundraiser, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, thus relocating RHS-at-IHS).

"We just started off flat the first half," agreed junior Cole McCaw, "and we needed to make a statement."

Valdez took a Roubideaux pass and promptly sank a three beginning the second quarter, and after Ridgway soph Jon Bustos scored inside, Ignacio responded with a 10-0 run finished by triples from Valdez



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kai Roubideaux (44) catches Ridgway's Jon Bustos by surprise with his speed along the baseline during SJBL action Saturday, Feb. 11, inside SunUte Community Center.

and McCaw.

Winkelmann (8 points) then knocked down another unexpected trey, but the Cats closed out the first half with layups by Lawrence and junior Johnny Valdez, and freshman Ocean Hunter preserved the 32-14 advantage by rejecting Demon Ty Kraft's three-point heave from just inside mid-court at the buzzer.

Still, the locals were far from content.

"The first half, it was kind of flat. Like, thirty points in a half is not great," Lawrence Valdez said. "We came in the third quarter... and it got us going. Everyone was getting the ball; we were all playing together."

Kraft and freshman Byrd

Williams managed four points for RHS early in the third, before Ignacio subjected the guests to every 2A/1A San Juan Basin League squad's worst nightmare.

"One guy hit one, then another guy hit one," said Chris Valdez, when told his team had finished the game having made 14 three-pointers. "Everybody started stepping up, it becomes contagious, and it just flowed for us."

"It was gangbusters, you know?"

Sinking a trey to save a broken play, Johnny Valdez put IHS up 44-18. McCaw then followed with a long-range make, 47-18. Senior

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## JV boys avenge earlier loss



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV regular Daniel Weaver (33) blasts off towards the basket around a Ridgway defender during SJBL action Feb. 11 inside SunUte Community Center. Avenging a 46-54 loss to Telluride the previous afternoon inside IHS Gymnasium, the Bobcats dumped the Demons 44-32 inside the alternate in-town venue.

Ignacio JV regular Bird Red (3) snags an off-balance rebound over Norwood's Calder Hughes (5) during SJBL road action Feb. 4 inside Maverick Gymnasium. The Bobcats pulled out a 38-21 victory over NHS, and more recently avenged a 46-54 collapse Feb. 10 at home versus Telluride with a 44-32 win on Saturday, Feb. 11 over Ridgway inside SunUte Community Center.

## Mid school, home court action



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Ignacio Middle School Bobcats saw home court action during the Ignacio boy's basketball trio. Dove Creek, Ouray and Ignacio competed in an all day tournament, Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Ignacio Middle School gym. Nakai Lovato sprints to the loose ball during action against the Dove Creek Bullpups. The Ignacio Middle School A-Team will be competing on home court again as Ignacio hosts the League Basketball Tournament, Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.



Joseph Garcia (center) and fellow Bobcat teammate scramble for the ball against the Dove creek Bullpup opponent.

Mia TallBird and Alexis Ortiz and the Ignacio cheerleading squad were on hand to lend support with the perfect cheer during the middle school boy's basketball trio.

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# BGC hosts Guns N' Hoses



The start of a very intense, fun, fast paced game was won by the Los Pinos Fire Department at the "Guns N' Hoses" event put on by the Southern Ute Tribe's Boys and Girls Club. Los Pinos Fire ended up winning the game in a close battle 43-38.

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



The Southern Ute Police Department and Los Pinos Fire Department faced off on Saturday, Feb. 11 to help out the kids in our community by playing to fundraise for our local Boys and Girls Club.



Jazmin Carmenoros (right) tries to shoot the basketball in fire fighter gear, one of the activities done by BGC between quarters of the basketball game.



A Los Pinos Fire Department player goes up for a layup as he is defended by SUPD players at the "Guns N' Hoses" basketball game.

## GIRLS DROP T-RIDE • FROM PAGE 7

missed Herrera free throws.

RHS sophomore Caitlin Sanchez then fouled out eight seconds into the final frame, and as Ignacio junior Avionne Gomez helped seal the deal with six fourth-quarter points – giving her a team-best 11 – Copp would foul out with 3:23 remaining.

Lujan's cleanup of a Gomez miss put IHS up by 20, 47-27, for the first time in the game, and Shane Seibel's reserves would effectively polish off the invaders. Senior Jade Richards scored three points, senior Rachel Cooper two and sophomore Heile Pearson one while sharing minutes with senior Sharmaine Price, fresh-

man Bella Pena and freshman Elizabeth Valdez.

"It feels really good to be this high again. Especially since we lost all our seniors last year, it's really good to be back up here," said Lujan (ten points), of Ignacio's present SJBL eminence. "What we need to keep doing is just keep taking it to them, playing harder together, and just raising our expectations for everybody and playing to that level."

Herrera finished with ten points, Howell nine and Gallegos seven in the victory. Norwood led all players with her 16, Copp booked six, and freshman Ashley Medi-

na eight (six in the fourth) in defeat. The Lady 'Cats finished 16-of-29 from the charity stripe while the Lady Demons were just 3-of-7.

Up next, IHS travels to Ouray on Saturday, Feb. 18. Results from the team's 2/16 visit from Mancos and Valentine's Day trip to Pagosa Springs (then 14-3, 8-2 3A Intermountain) were unavailable at press time.

"We just kind of slowed down, thinking that we were ahead we could just take our time," Lujan said, again lamenting RHS' ability to rally. "We've got to figure out how to keep going ... and don't stop."

## ELITE TRIO TO REP IHS • FROM PAGE 1

Known in Ignacio Athletics circles by his nickname, 'Woody' Pena – a State qualifier in '14 (did not place at 138) and '16 (third at 160) – found himself ultimately squaring off with HHS senior Wade Katzdorn for Region I supremacy, but came up a point short after six furious minutes, 8-7.

"We're peaking at the right time of year, as far as I can see in their wrestling. They just lost to some tough opponents," Larsen said, of Pena and Robbins. "Just hoping that'll give us a little extra fire for when it counts!"

His Denver-bound record dinged slightly to 33-4 (Katzdorn improved to a comparable 34-5), Pena drew Sedgwick County [Julesburg/Ovid Revere] – Fleming senior Cade Rober (22-12) for first-day work in Denver.

An interesting third at 160, via a 9-5 win over Cedaredge's Zach Anderson, at Region I was Norwood-Nucla junior Aidan Dabal – who, for one reason or another, was kept from facing Pena at the previous Thursday's San Juan Basin League Duals held at Nucla High School.

Unable to hide at Colorado Mesa, and defeated 5-4 by Pena in the Region I semifinals, Dabal (22-11) and Pena – who went 2-1 in Grand Junction – could clash

again in one semi at State.

Finally, after pinning Oak Creek Soroco senior Lane Martindale (35-8) in 3:41 elapsed to cap a 3-0 regional-title run, Appenzeller (35-4) was to start his fourth State Championships – and pursuit of PHS senior Britton Holmes, his undoing in last season's 138-pound grand finale – against Wray freshman Emmanuel Huerta (15-10).

Holmes (37-2), who topped Region IV with a 7-0 defeat of Baca County's Bowman Ellis (25-8), drew Pueblo Dolores Huerta Prep's Joaquin Martinez (7-16) in the first round, and could see Martindale in the subsequent quarterfinals. Seeded #2 in the bracket with Holmes the #1 (as they

were in 2016), Appenzeller – who also qualified for State in '15 at 138 and in '14 at 126, but did not place either year – could meet Ellis in the semis.

"Ethan, obviously, he's feeling good but he's also looking for a rematch with the returning state champ that he lost to last year," said Larsen. "So he knows that he's not going to win it in some kind of glorious fashion."

"Having those three seniors representing myself and Coach Haga – we've been with them since they were freshmen – I don't know ... It's just good to see their hard work and determination, their battling in the room paying off in the form of an opportunity," he stated. "We're just excited!"

### 2A-REGION I STANDINGS

1. Paonia 201, 2. Meeker 200, 3. Hotchkiss 198.5, 4. Cedaredge 196, 5. Norwood-Nucla 148, 6. Oak Creek Soroco 82, **7. IGNACIO 79**, 8. Mancos 64, 9. Kremmling West Grand 44, 10. Dolores 39, 11. Hayden 29, 12. Walden North Park 16, 13. Rangely 9, 14. Dove Creek 0.

### 2A-REGION I CHAMPIONS

106 – Zeb Etter, Paonia; 113 – Sergio Campos, Hotchkiss; 120 – Richard Martinez, Mancos; 126 – Eli Etter, Paonia; 132 – Colton Hall, Hotchkiss; 138 – Sheridan Harvey, Meeker; **145 – ETHAN APPENZELLER, IGNACIO**; 152 – Jace Logan, Oak Creek Soroco; 160 – Wade Katzdorn, Hotchkiss; 170 – Trenton Armintrout, Norwood-Nucla; 182 – Chase Rule, Meeker; 195 – Sky Carlson, Oak Creek Soroco; 220 – Ethan Barnes, Norwood-Nucla; Hwt – Trevor Smith, Paonia.

## The Guns N' Hoses blitz is on



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Dept. Lt., Juan Martinez, fellow officers and members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe gather to support and sell tickets to the "Guns N' Hoses" basketball game. The game pitted the SUPD against the Los Pinos Fire Dept., both of Ignacio, in a basketball game in the Ignacio gymnasium, Saturday, Feb. 11.

## BOBCATS DEVASTATE DEMONS • FROM PAGE 7

Joaquin King (6 points) then buried still another, 50-18. Products of Ridgway turnovers, two Lawrence Valdez breakaways then followed, 54-18. After two Lawrence Valdez free throws went down, sophomore Clay Seibel drilled his second triple of the quarter, boosting the lead to 59-18.

Lawrence Valdez then sped away for another easy layup, Roubideaux followed with a mid-range jumper, and McCaw converted a breakaway shortly before the buzzer – finishing off a 33-point quarter, and putting the 'Cats (12-4, 10-0 SJBL) up 65-18 with eight regulation minutes still remaining.

And no real relief in sight for the shell-shocked Demons.

"We just needed to kick up the gear a little bit in the second half," said McCaw, who kept the pain train rolling into the final frame with another three. "We tried to play some 'team' ball today, not be selfish at all."

To that effect, five different Cats would sink a long ball down the home stretch, and RHS (2-15, 2-9) could

not manage a point until a Bustos bucket made the score 81-20. Still not satisfied, Ignacio junior reserve Daniel Weaver (5 points) countered with a layup and Seibel drained what would be the blowout's last three.

Bustos (8 points) then worked inside for his final hoop and Demon reserve Kaden Forrest made two free throws, but IHS would polish off a resounding 88-24 win with reserve Jonas Nanaeto catching a long Hunter pass and dropping in the penultimate two points.

"Our Telluride game, it was a 'statement' game; we needed to make that," said Lawrence Valdez, whose 18 points led all players. "And if we didn't come out and play hard [versus Ridgway] then it was going to look bad on our RPI system; we just had to play hard."

McCaw finished with 17 points, Johnny Valdez and Roubideaux each logged 12, and Seibel finished with nine by matching McCaw's team-high three treys. King, Johnny Valdez and Lawrence Valdez each hit two from deep, and Weaver and

freshman reserve Keegan Schurman each canned one.

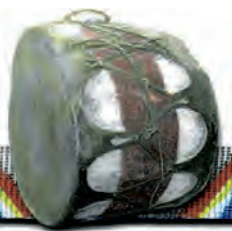
"We've got two more league games – the Mancos game, Ouray game away – and if we win those, of course we win the league outright," Chris Valdez said. "We're looking for our tenth district championship in a row; if that can happen, knock on wood, we're going to try to do that!"

"But those are all things that are in the back of my mind, as a program."

"Individually our kids are playing better – we're playing without our point guard [junior Kruz Pardo] right now and without Calvin [sophomore Levato], a couple very explosive players – and I'm proud of their efforts. We got those younger guys in, got them the ball to score, so the team is starting to come together as a team. That's what's most important to me right now."

As the longtime skipper mentioned, Ignacio wraps up the regular season Saturday, Feb. 18, at Ouray. Results from the Bobcats' 2/16 home finale versus Mancos were unavailable at press time.





## SUCAP

# Weaver, first recipient of the SUCAP ABCD Award

*Staff report*

SU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Barbara Weaver wears many hats for SUCAP's Road Runner Transportation Division, including Clerical Support, Dispatch and a Driver. Weaver is the first recipient of the SUCAP ABCD Award for employee outstanding performance.

In early 2016, Road Runner was impacted by the nearly simultaneous loss of the Division Director and the Lead Driver.

Weaver stepped up, accepting other duties and monitoring tasks assigned to other employees to ensure that critical functions in the division did not get dropped.

She recognized the gaps in knowledge that were created when the division lost the individuals holding its two key positions and provided information to new staff and temporary staff so that correct and timely actions were taken.

Weaver assumed the mantle of the "go-to" person in the division; when she didn't know the answer to a question, she took it upon herself to find out.

In doing so, Barbara provided a sense of confidence and dedication to other staff in the division that inspired



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From left to right: Matt Nesbitt, Road Runner Transportation Director; Barbara Weaver, Road Runner Transportation Administrative Support/SUCAP ABCD Award Winner; and Eileen Wasserbach, Executive Director.

them to step up as well.

The result was that the division remained stable during several months when the loss of leadership could have caused major problems.

SUCAP is proud to have dedicated employees like

Barbara and they invite you to join with them in congratulating Barbara for a job "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty".

Weaver received her award at the SUCAP Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2.

## SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

## Casino offers free coaching clinics to youth bowlers

*Staff report*

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Rolling Thunder Lanes offers an awesome Youth Program. The Saturday Rolling Thunder Youth Bowling League has 25 bowlers that are faithful and come every Saturday at 10 a.m. usually finishing up around noon. Casey Whitaker is our USBC youth coordinator; she is dedicated person and does a great job with our area youth. The youth league is adult supervised by Casey and USBC registered adult volunteers.

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The Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who supported the First Annual Guns N' Hoses Event held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

This event was successful in raising \$2,000 for the BGCSU of the SUIT. This money will be instrumental in bringing quality programs to the members of BGCSU here on the Southern Ute Reservation.

A special thanks to those helped with the event include, SUPD Chief Raymond Coriz, Los Pinos Chief

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Southern Ute Police Officers that made up the roster. Special recognition to Family Dollar, Sky Ute Casino, Ring Home Security and Ignacio High School.

We would like to especially thank the community for coming out to support this fundraiser as we had a full gym for the event and we hope this annual event will be even bigger next year. Congratulations to the Los Pinos Fire Department on their close win!!

*Respectfully,  
Boys and Girls Club of the  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
and Board of Directors*

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**In the Estate Of,**

**Case No.: 2016-PR-0147**

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Dated this 8th of February, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**

**Case No.: 2016-NC-0158**

**Krista Waukene Red, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as KRISTA WAUKENE RED-GARCIA. As of February 7, 2017 no person filed an objection to the

request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Krista Waukene Red name shall be and is hereby legally changed to KRISTA WAUKENE RED-GARCIA.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2017.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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**In the Legal Name Change of,**

**Case No.: 2017-NC-0021**

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Dated this 10th day of February, 2017.  
Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

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**Case No.: 2017-NC-0010**

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Professional Design & Construction Services for Cedar Point – Residential Home Construction

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737, 116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for professional design and construction services for residential homes (built on-site) at the Cedar Point Subdivision in Ignacio, Colo. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colo., 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, on March 13,

2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo, Project Manager, for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### SunUte Swimming Pool Improvement Project

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
SunUte Dept.  
P.O. Box 737, 390 Mouache Circle  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
ATTN: Ian Thompson  
970-563-2657**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte swimming pool improvement project. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Dept. located at 290 Mouache Circle in Ignacio, CO 81137 until April 3, 2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be

returned unopened. Contact Ian Thompson for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-2657 or ithompson@southernute-nsn.gov. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on March 6, 2017 at 9 am at 290 Mouache Circle, Ignacio CO, 81137. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### Cedar Point Housing Initiative Professional Civil Construction Services Phase 1B

Request for bids for all trades for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative Professional Civil Construction Services Phase 1B in Ignacio, CO. Notice is hereby given that proposals from qualified firms shall be received by FCI Constructors, Inc. at 186 Moose Lane, Durango, CO 81303, emailed to babbott@fcicol.com, or by fax at 970-259-8633 until 2 pm (MDT)

on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017. Bid evaluations will comply with SUIT TERO Code for Native American Preference. Bid requirements and information may be obtained by contacting Boden Abbott at 970-259-8644. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to see that any submitted bids are delivered to FCI prior to the closing date and time.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Plan Review and Inspection Services for Multi-Family Rental Units

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Construction & Project Management Dept.  
P.O. Box 737  
116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-0138**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP from a nationally certified building inspector to provide Plan Review and Inspection Services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative's Multi-Family Rental Units. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ig-

nacio, Colo., 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, March 14, 2017. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.us. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## Divorce Care Group for adults/kids

This 13-week Christ-based group will meet from Feb. 24 – May 19 at the First United Methodist Church in Durango from 6 – 8:30 pm.

Participants will find hope, support, and healing from the emotional stress and pain of divorce and separation.

Cost for the adult program is \$25 to register (scholarships are available). If needed, a companion program for Kids (DC4K) and/or childcare are also available for free.

For more information please call FUMC  
Durango 970-247-4213  
www.divorcecare.org

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### ELECTION BOARD

Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one full-time board member. Closing date: March 3, 2017. Qualifications 11-2-102; (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter; Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; Shall not have been convicted of a felony. Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board Members are compensated; IRS Guidelines. A Criminal Background Check is required. Southern Ute Employee Benefits is offered. You will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Submit Letter of Intent to: Election Board. P.O. Box 737 #32. Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 356 Ouray Drive/LCB 2nd Floor East Wing, 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305, email: election@southernute-nsn.gov.

### GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Southern Ute Tribal Member Seat on KSUT Board of Directors. KSUT is seeking an individual to fill the "Southern Ute tribal member at large" seat on the KSUT Board of Directors. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled.

### TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in helping other tribal members fulfill their dream of home ownership, the Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for you. If selected to serve on the Committee, your service will be needed for a three (3) year period. In turn, you will be compensated for your time. Per new IRS guidelines, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe. There are some requirements: committee members must be 18 years old; have personal integrity; be reliable; honest; and more importantly, have the ability to always try to make decisions that are non-biased. Keeping information confidential is most important, as is, being fair to others as you would hope others would be to you. A willingness to become familiar with the objectives of the Committee is important and you should make the effort to maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. A reference check and a background check will be necessary. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold bi-weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested tribal members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you should have any questions, please speak with Dan Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

### WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW TEAM

Team Member Vacancy. The Southern Ute Water Quality Program has one (1) opening for Tribal Member Team Members to serve on the Water Quality Standards (WQS) Review Team. Tribal Members will serve alongside SUIT Staff from other agencies to help protect water quality on the Reservation by developing water quality science and policy. Members must be 18 years old, and be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Tribe, Tribal Youth are encouraged to apply. Individuals seeking to serve on the Team must demonstrate knowledge and/or personal interest in water quality, fisheries/natural resource management or related field. Team members will serve a one year term and are compensated for meeting attendance at a rate of \$20 per hour and requires about 4 hours a month. Please submit all letters of interest to the Water Quality Program, PO Box 737 #81 Ignacio or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by June 15. All letters of interest will be presented to Tribal Council for their consideration and Team Member selection. Contact Curtis Hartenstine 970-563-0135 charten@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions.

## Southern Ute Veterans Annual Association Meeting

All honorably discharged Southern Ute Veterans are invited to participate in the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 25 in the Animas Room at the Double Tree in Durango. Agenda includes a review of the by-laws and election of officers. The meeting begins at 0900 hours with a light breakfast, lunch from 1200-1300 hours, and adjournment at 1500 hours. RSVP Bruce LeClaire by Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 970-764-7891 or via email at bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov.

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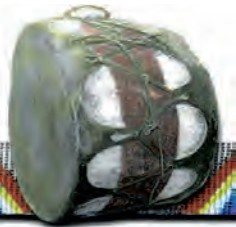
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Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Operations Engineering Manager – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/27/17  
Leads and manages a team, independently completes projects and provides engineering support for operations consistent with RWPC and Growth Fund priorities and concerns. Develops and supervises the implementation of a maintenance program for the SJB CBM field that addresses the mechanical integrity of RW Pipeline system, well sites, compressors, and SWD facilities. Interface daily with Operations to optimize field performance and profitability. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Mechanical or Petroleum Engineering and ten years work experience as a Facility Engineer is required. Must have substantial experience with EPC management in oil and gas industry. Must have experience with pipeline and compressor engineering, procurement, and construction practices, procedures, and equipment installation. Must have experience with developing a Maintenance Program that addresses Mechanical Integrity concerns. Must have experience with PSM facilities. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the RWPC vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Geologic Technician III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 3/3/17  
This position provides technical and clerical support to Red Willow geologic staff. Works closely with geoscientists to provide maps and database maintenance for projects. Works routinely within geographic database programs, such as ArcGIS and other oil and gas specific mapping platforms. Works with Engineering, Land, and Operations staff as needed. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Geology or a related science field and four years relevant work experience; OR, a two-three Technical Diploma and six years of relevant work experience; OR, a High School Diploma or equivalent and eight years of relevant work experience is required. Must have a strong computer based data management, manipulation, analysis skills, including the ability to make maps or other output using digital databases. Must have an intermediate level understanding of Petra and Kingdom software suites, or comparable industry- standard software. Must have strong ArcGIS skills. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Willow vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – Air Quality – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/26/17  
Providing technical and regulatory support toward achieving air quality compliance throughout the Growth Fund and its business enterprises. Works independently to perform broad air quality tasks of a complex scope including rule interpretation, permitting, and auditing. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in environmental science with an emphasis in air quality, or in a relevant and appropriate biological science, physical science or engineering-related discipline, and seven years' work experience in an air quality regulatory compliance related area; OR a Master's degree in environmental science or related discipline, and five years of work experience in an air quality regulatory compliance related area is required. Must have at least 3 years work experience in the oil and gas industry. Must have a thorough understanding of federal and state air quality laws, rules and regulations as they apply to the oil and gas industry. Must have the ability to develop and establish air quality data management systems for tracking compliance related permits, emission inventories, documents, monitoring reports, environmental audits and status of abatement procedures. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Assess, PowerPoint and Project. Must have the ability to develop effective working relationships with co-workers and customers. Participation in a positive

and productive team-oriented environment is required. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist III – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/26/17  
Works with limited supervision or independently to perform broad safety tasks of a complex scope within multiple safety areas (field, policies, auditing, culture), including writing safety policies and specifications. Develops, implements and/or maintains various safety and health programs to manage compliance with an emphasis in Process Safety Management (PSM), Chemical Accident Prevention Programs (RMP), and Pipeline and Motor Carrier safety for Growth Fund business enterprises. Minimum qualifications include: A Master's degree in safety, engineering, science or related field and five years of experience in PSM, RMP, Pipeline Safety and/or Motor Carrier Safety; OR a a Bachelor's degree in safety, engineering, science or related field and ten years of experience in PSM, RMP, Pipeline Safety and/or Motor Carrier Safety. Must have five years working experience in the oil and gas industry. Must hold the Certified Safety Professional credential or be able to obtain the Certified Safety Professional within 2 years of employment. Consideration will be given to Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) in lieu of a CSP. Must have working knowledge of PSM, RMP, Pipeline Safety, and Motor Carrier related laws and regulations. Must have proficiency in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including but not limited to Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Must have ability to develop and establish database systems for tracking safety metrics, related tasks, documents, audits, and the status of corrective action procedures. Must participate in a positive and productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Environmental Compliance Specialist – SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/26/17  
Responsible for working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines (water, reclamation, or National Environmental Policy Act). This would include permit submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing and field work. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, Biological Science, Physical Science or Engineering and five years' work experience performing environmental compliance related tasks; OR a Master's degree in environmental science, physical science, life science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline, and three years' work experience in an EHS or closely related capacity is required. Must have two years' experience in oil and gas industry. Understands and can interpret major regulatory programs and explain their purpose (i.e., Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, NEPA, RCRA) and impact to the Growth Fund and Growth Fund Companies. Must have computer-based data management and analysis skills in order to assist in developing and establishing EHS database systems for tracking environmental data, compliance related permits, documents, monitoring reports, audits. Must have experience in using AutoCAD and/or GIS systems for developing project site plans, drawings and maps. Must have good organizational skills and be capable of maintaining data in hard files and digitally. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have working knowledge of federal and state environmental rules and regulations. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

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TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117  
Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.  
All applicants must be able to pass a background check, drug test and be insurable under the appropriate companies insurance. Applications and Information is available at the Tribal Employment Rights Office, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Co. 81137, 970-563-2294.

Archeology Technician

Work is located in and around the four corners area. Applicant must be willing to travel and have some archeologic experience. College students studying archeology are encouraged to apply. Pay is DOE.

Custodian (3 positions)

Cleaning of office buildings. 24 hours per

week for 6 months. Wage is \$10.91/hour.

Operator Trainee

Work is located in Bloomfield N.M. Preference will be given to a TERO qualified applicants living within a 30-minute commuting distance. Must have a valid driver's license, dependable and willing to work long hours. Pay is DOE

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.  
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE  
Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Boys & Girls Club Program Coordinator

Closing date 2/20/17  
Coordinates the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) programs. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Closing date 2/23/17  
Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or SunUte Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Loan Specialist

Closing date 3/1/17  
Provides clerical, secretarial, and client support to the Tribal Credit Division as needed. Presents positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

After-School Guide (Part-time)

Open until filled  
Provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 – 11 years enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide – 3 positions (Part-time)

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

Chief Medical Officer

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. 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. 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.

Registered Dietitian

Open until filled  
Providing nutrition care and education to individuals, families, and the community.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

\*Bell Person (Full-time)

Closing date 2/20/17  
Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport and assisting with phones as needed. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have at least 3 months of prior customer service. 6 months of prior hotel/motel (front of house) operations preferred. Must have valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

\*Craps Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 2/24/17  
Deals all craps games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. 1 year experience as a craps dealer with Dealer School Certification OR 3 years experience dealing craps OR Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in craps.

\*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 2/20/17  
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required.

Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 2/24/17  
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Closing date 2/20/17  
Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. The duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. You will be cleaning an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business. Must be able to perform repetitive physically demanding routine tasks. Must demonstrate willingness to learn and the ability to pay close attention to details.

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

SUCAP – Job announcements

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Program Coordinator

Closing date 2/14/17  
Ignacio Senior Center/SUCAP: Coordinate and keep records for services rendered to local elderly and disabled. General office duties, deliver Meals on Wheels, and other related duties as assigned. High School/GED required. Self-directed; work with minimal supervision. Skills in communications, writing, extensive computer knowledge in publisher. 2 years experience supervising a facility with a kitchen complying food services. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid Colo. driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Forestry Aid (Fire), GS-0462-3, Bureau Of Indian Affairs

Southwest Region, Southern Ute Agency, Office of Deputy Trust Services, Division of Forestry, Branch of Fire Management, Ignacio, CO. GS-3: \$26,150 - \$33,999/per year; Full-time - temporary, not to exceed 6 months. Close: 3/8/17; Indian Preference eligibles/current status employees or former employees with reinstatement eligibility/VRA eligibles. Job Summary: The Bureau of Indian Affairs is the lead agency for the United States in carrying on a government-to-government relationship with the tribal nations. A challenging and dynamic place to work, it enhances the quality of life, promotes economic opportunity, and carries out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. Duties: Perform Wildland fire related duties involve fire prevention, patrol, detection or prescribed burning. Performs assignments as a wildland firefighter in developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose layouts using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustments in the effective use of water and additives, working in and around aircraft such as helicopters, safety rules and basic fire behavior. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump, etc. Chops brushes, fells small trees moves dirt to construct fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, McLeods and may use power tools including chainsaws and portable pumps to control spreading of wildland fire and/or to prepare control lines prior to burning. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish embers, flareups and hotspot fires that may threaten developed firelines. Cleans, reconditions and stores fire tools and equipment. Participates in fire and safety training in the techniques, practices and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment and vehicles used in fireline activities.





Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ellie Seibel and her all-girls-team the “Double Shot Baliens” competed in the tournament, but failed to make it to the finals.

# Ignacio lands at Snowdown



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

As Snowdown themes change, one thing that remains constant is SUCAP's Dodgeball Tournament. On Thursday, Feb. 2, Intergalactic dodge ball teams took to the Durango Recreation Center to battle it out for top prize.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was on hand during Durango's annual Snowdown winter celebration. BGC constructed a darkened alien tunnel that kids had to navigate through during the ‘Intergalactic Wipeout’ obstacle course on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Buckley Park.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Children of all ages navigated a darkened alien tunnel as part of the “Intergalactic Wipeout” obstacle course hosted by the Celebrating Healthy Communities Coalition of Durango.

**DIVE-IN-MOVIE**

SunUte Community Center Pool

**When: Friday February 24th**  
**Time: 6pm-8pm**  
**Where: Pool area**  
**Cost: No additional cost**  
**\*Regular daily fee or membership required**  
**RATED PG**

We will have fresh popcorn in a designated eating area.

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**LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER**

**Your weekend forecast!**

**Friday, Feb. 17**

**49°F partly cloudy**  
Slight chance of showers 20%

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

**49°F mostly cloudy**  
Chance of rain/snow 30%

**Sunday, Feb. 19**

**47°F mostly cloudy**  
Chance of rain/snow 50%

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

**Ambient Monitoring:**  
Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Precipitation can be found on the Southern Ute's Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmentalprograms/air-quality/ambient-monitoring).

**Air quality: As of 2/1**  
AQI – Ignacio: unavailable ☐  
AQI – Bondad: 31 ☒

**Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer Use**  
at Home, at Play, and Out and About

Germes are everywhere! They can get onto hands and items we touch during daily activities and make you sick. Cleaning hands at key times with soap and water or hand sanitizer is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to those around you.

There are important differences between washing hands with soap and water and cleaning them with hand sanitizer. For example, alcohol-based hand sanitizers don't kill ALL types of germs, such as a stomach bug called norovirus, some parasites, and *Clostridium difficile*, which causes severe diarrhea. Hand sanitizers also may not remove harmful chemicals, such as pesticides and heavy metals like lead. Handwashing reduces the amounts of all types of germs, pesticides, and metals on hands. Knowing when to clean your hands and which method to use will give you the best chance of preventing sickness.

**When should I use?**

**Soap and Water**

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal waste
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

**Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer**

- Before and after visiting a friend or a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, unless the person is sick with *Clostridium difficile* (if so, use soap and water to wash hands).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and wash with soap and water as soon as you can.

\* Do NOT use hand sanitizer if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy: for example, after gardening, playing outdoors, or after fishing or camping (unless a handwashing station is not available). Wash your hands with soap and water instead.

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