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### TRIBAL YOUTH

## Young motocrossers shift into high gear



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The young motocross riders with their bikes and awards, (left to right) Zackariah Loudenburg, Stephen Romero, Nakai Box, and Shyla Cloud.

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A team of local motocross riders, comprised of Southern Ute tribal members, started out riding just for fun, but quickly advanced to competing in motocross races all across the Southwest. The young riders, ages five to seven, include: Zackariah Loudenburg, Stephen Romero, Nakai Box, and Shyla Cloud.

“We are hoping to get more kids involved,” said Dawnnet Naranjo, mother of Stephen Romero, “We are like a big motocross family.” The young athletes ride

smaller 50cc class bikes, brands ranging from Cobra, KTM and Yamaha. In their competitions, they race in the age class of 4-6, Outlaw or Open class age 4-9 years old.

The kids are learning skills, which include basic mechanics and operation of their bikes.

Nakai Box, is the only one in the group who rides a Quad in the Mini-quad 4-6 age group. This is Nakai’s first year racing.

Like any other sport, these young riders look up to professional riders of this generation, such names as Ken Roczen from Germany, Geoff Gaskin from Canada,

and Eli Tomac, who hails from Cortez, Colo.

The parents see this as an opportunity to get kids into other sports, expanding beyond the traditional school related team sport. It’s also a year around activity, since the young riders can ride and compete in Arenacross during the winter months.

“Their ultimate goal for this year is to be one of the top 40 riders in each of their classes to qualify and attend the Loretta Lynn’s Amateur National in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. July 31- Aug. 5,” said Mandy Naranjo, mother of

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### EDUCATION

## Prepping Native students for college, workforce

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Wednesday, March 15 a community outreach event was held at the Ignacio High School to introduce the American Indian Measureable Success (AIMS) initiative. The initiative is focused on improving college and workforce readiness of Native American students in Southwest Colorado.

Community members, local colleges, educators and representatives from the tribe were in attendance at the outreach meeting to listen in on how they can play a role in helping the AIMS initiative be successful.

Last year, the Colorado Department of Higher Education invested \$300,000 in the AIMS initiative from Sept. 2016-Sept. 2018, contingent upon the successful acquisition of a \$100,000 match. The partnership work is focused on Native American students, and their families, in three high schools in Southwest Colorado including: Montezuma-Cortez, Durango and Ignacio. The partnership has been working with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes to help engage students and families.

According to AIMS initiative research, numerous Native American students often graduate from high school unprepared for post-secondary education or



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Students from six area high schools came together for the American Indian Measureable Success (AIMS) Leadership Workshop at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, March 15. Students worked together in groups to solve problems as leaders.

workforce life. AIMS’ goal is to prep students while they’re in high school so they are ready for college and once they are in college to keep them going.

Data collected shows the discrepancy in the number of Native students enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP) classes compared to other students. Getting Native students enrolled in AP classes is one step to getting students ready for college, Teri Nuhn, Native American Educator for 9-R Durango School District said.

Nuhn has been working on getting more Native students enrolled in AP courses in Durango and said it takes building the students’ confidence and reassuring them they can succeed in higher level classes.

“It’s about putting belief in them,” she said. “Going

out and asking them to join these classes and supporting them to stay with it.”

Supporting students will be key to getting them into college and retaining them, she said.

Mike Hudson, Community Outreach Coordinator for AIMS said the goal of the outreach meetings are to make the community aware of the program and to get them engaged so they can help assist in getting more Native students to succeed. The partnership is working with many entities including Fort Lewis College and Southwest Community College to help promote concurrent enrollment and potential scholarship and internship opportunities.

In addition to the community outreach meeting,

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### TRIBAL WATERS

## So. Ute tribal water rights: A long but successful effort

By Staff Report  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

The Water Resources Division staff of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Department of Natural Resources recently enjoyed the opportunity and privilege of interviewing Chairman Clement Frost about the Tribe’s historic struggle for recognition of its water rights.

Chairman Frost learned the importance of water as a young boy of ten when he began helping his father irrigate the family’s allotment. The Frosts grew alfalfa, wheat, and oats on fields irrigated by the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP). The grain from their wheat and oats was processed at Graden’s Mill in Durango at the site of the current Albertson’s grocery store. Sales of these crops as well as hay and alfalfa provided the family’s main source of income. In those days, in contrast to current times, the PRIIP was well maintained, ensuring the delivery of irrigation water to Tribal lands along the Pine River corridor.

“I remember we had good crop production back then, and the BIA took good care of the ditches,” the Chairman said.

“The fight to have the Southern Ute’s water rights recognized goes way back before my time on Tribal Council – goes back to all the chairmen that I know of who have gone to the hills, so to speak. When they put us on this reservation, there was a promise that we would be provided water to our lands, Frost said. “When I got involved in the 1980s, we started work to have our water rights confirmed by the United States government. We hired specialists to determine how much land the Tribe had that could be productive if water were delivered. A



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

study of irrigable acreage as well as water available from the seven rivers on the reservation resulted from this work. The late Leonard C. Burch and the late Chairman Chris A. Baker spearheaded the fight to have the Tribe’s water rights confirmed. Mr. Burch made many trips to the Hill and presented the information developed from the study to Congress. By working with the local community and other water users, the Tribe gained the support of then-Governor Romer.”

The Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 was signed in Denver by Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Chris Baker and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman Ernest House, Sr. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law after it passed the House and Senate on November 3, 1988.

Current and past Southern Ute Tribal leaders fought hard to have the Tribe’s water rights legally settled and quantified because they knew, as Chairman Frost says, “land without water is just dirt and dust.”

The Chairman stated that it is very important that younger tribal members understand that their elders did not receive per-capita checks when they were growing up, and that they had to survive by helping each other. Hay was cut and raked with horse and mule teams, loaded onto wagons with

pitchforks, and piled using derricks. This much labor required neighbors to work together to secure their harvests, and he recalls his father working from dawn to dusk on the farm. His father’s generation was dedicated to caring for the land, and many elders viewed water as the most important resource the Tribe possessed, as life is not possible without water. “Sometimes we take water for granted, but from now on water is going to become more important to the Tribe as well as the rest of the people on Earth” said Frost.

It is essential to care for Tribal lands for future generations, and this goal is not possible without a fully functioning PRIIP capable of properly delivering water to Tribal lands. Chairman Frost has witnessed the PRIIP slowly descend into disrepair since the last major rehabilitation projects were completed in the early 1960s. He has also seen operation and maintenance fees collected by the BIA increase even as water delivery to Tribal lands has decreased.

“Young people need an incentive to become involved in farming and return idle lands to production. My motivation was raising horses,” the Chairman recounted with a smile.

His father had a prized thoroughbred stud, Ginger,

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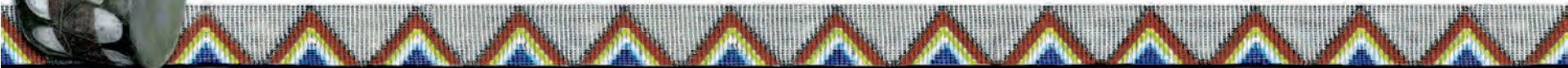
## Get your morning coffee!



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Executive Officer, Andrew Frost pays for coffee and a muffin at The Kapi Naruwag’ani (SUIMA Coffee shop) on Friday, March 10.





COUNCIL CORNER

Council brings ‘Council Connect’ show to KSUT

By Lindsay Box  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE

As a means to communicate to membership, Tribal Council has solidified an on-air time through KSUT Tribal Radio. Council Connect first aired on Monday, Feb. 27 and most recently Monday, March 13. The show will air every other Monday from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Council Connect will feature the upcoming regular meeting agenda as well as providing an update on Tribal Council’s calendar. Upcoming tribal and community events will be shared and promoted. Most importantly, Council will utilize this time to share the tribal business with the membership to include new initiatives and membership meetings.

Throughout the year and depending on the show’s items, particular Tribal Council members will be guests on the show to provide more detailed comments on the show’s



courtesy/KSUT Tribal Radio

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson at the KSUT studios.

topics.

The upcoming show’s agenda will be posted on the Tribal Member website and on the Tribal Facebook.

Please tune in on Monday, March 27 to KSUT Tribal Radio in Ignacio at 91.3 FM and KUUT in Farmington at 89.7 FM.

JUSTICE & REGULATORY

Tribe names new head of Detention

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, March 7 Mark A. Cordova was introduced to Tribal Council as the new Southern Ute Detention Center Division Head. In addition to overseeing the daily operations of the detention center, Cordova will also manage inmate programs, budgets, and the training of detention officers.

Cordova comes to the tribe after retiring with honors from Homeland Security in December 2016. He has an extensive military background serving in the active-duty military for 23 years including time in the United States Marine Corps, Army Guard, Air Guard and active Air Force – Cordova retired with honors in 2007.

Cordova feels his past experience in the military and



in Homeland Security has prepped him to take on his new role.

“I feel blessed to be selected,” Cordova said. “I want to do an excellent job here by treating everyone with dignity.”

While serving in his previous capacities Cordova has traveled the world and has experience working with numerous ethnicities and cultures, including

Native American cultures. Cordova is a descendant of the Chickasaw Nation, and grew up in Arizona where he recalls being surrounded by Native cultures since a young age. Over the years, Cordova has experience working with a number of tribes including Southern Ute, Navajo, Apache and Pima.

Cordova prides himself on his work ethic and experience. Going forward with his new position he plans to continue working hard while treating everyone with respect.

“If you do your job and do it right, and treat people right; you should succeed,” he said. “I’m very proud to have this privilege to work for the Southern Ute Tribe.”

Cordova’s family includes his wife of 29 years and their three children – two daughters and one son.

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whose descendants still are to be found on the reservation. Mr. Frost broke his own horses as a young man and still enjoys riding. He understands that for tribal youth to become interested in agriculture, there must be an economic return.

Frost cited the example of the neighboring Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

“They’re using their water wisely and developing their land,” he commented.

He believes the Southern Utes could do the same with support from the mem-

bership and Tribal Council. The Chairman said he would enjoy hearing from tribal youth and other members who would like to rehabilitate the PRIIP and do their part in caring for the land and water for the benefit of generations to come.

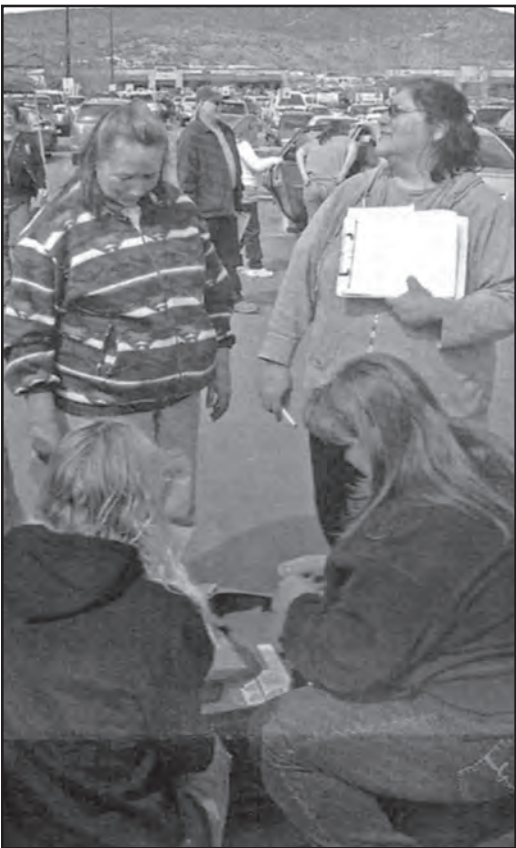
Many Moons Ago



10 years ago

Deb Herrera and Elise Redd consult on carseats for recall information.

This photo first appeared in the March 16, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



courtesy Don Folsom/SU Drum archive



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Arlene Millich speaks to seventh graders about alcohol and its effects on the body at this year’s Nutrition Fair.

This photo first appeared in the March 14, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

L-R, Belle Cuthair, Ruby Garcia and Euterpe Taylor at the Senior Center “Get Together.”

This photo first appeared in the March 20, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

**SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE**

**May 26-29, 2017**

**Bear Dance Chief • Matthew Box**

**Bear Dance Corral Blessing • Fri., May 26 • 10:30 am**

**Bear Dance Feast • Mon., May 29 • 12 pm**

**Information/Vending • 970-563-2985**

**Bear Dance grounds are located between Ute Road and HWY 524 in Ignacio, CO**

- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.
- Photography, video & audio recording is prohibited, except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- The Pine River is restricted.

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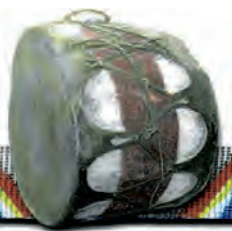
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258 Ute Road, Ignacio, CO 81137

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## Filmmaker tours museum



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Mark D. Williams of Digital Feather Media tours the exhibits at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Thursday, March 2. Williams is the director of the film "Shiloh" which was recently featured by the Durango Independent Film Festival.

## Indian Motorcycles visits



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Indian Motorcycle Riders Group visited the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Thursday, March 2. The group is making preparations for a multiday riders retreat to be held in Ignacio later this year.

## Oral history training



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Renee Morgan, Art Coordinator/Service Desk Manager for the Ignacio Community Library holds a workshop on documenting oral histories on Thursday, March 9. Morgan began an in depth oral history project in November of 2015. Southern Ute Museum staff attending the workshop included; Cheyenne Caraway, Jed Smith and Daniel Rohde.

### TRIBAL STORIES

## ‘Mouse Colored Horse’

*Editors note: "Mouse Colored Horse" by Ronald YellowBird has been divided into two parts; this is part 1 of 2. Part 2 will be published in the March 31 issue of the Drum.*

"I am the oldest son of the late John S. Williams (Mouache Capote) and Wanda Accutroop American Horse (Uncompahgre). My beginnings start at Little Chicago in Ft Duchesne, UT. I lived there with all my Ute grandmothers & aunts, all the grandfathers & uncles, and through their teachings have I realized how much we have lost."

*By Ronald YellowBird*

### PART 1 OF 2

Waking up in the valley of the Three Kings, where the trail follows through the red book cliffs, that overlooks the Utes winter grounds in eastern Utah, we must push to the south and keeping the sound of rushing water to our right. In the canyons opens a canopy of cottonwood trees, there we find relatives as we stop for food, water and rest. Crossing the muddy river at the low point, in the month of the popping pine nuts, we hear the sounds of the living air, the water always traveling and the horses blowing their noses from inhaling rabbitbrush.

I can remember growing up with the Creator's most beautiful animal and its appearance into Ute lives. It was announced by magpie. Actually, it was the raven, One Who Boasts and his relatives the magpies. Sometimes, if you're quiet you could hear their conversation as they gather in trees, enveloped by the scent of pinon pine and a taste of black jack gum. Can you see them hopping about with a kind of skip, as they share a moment on the shaded ground. Rasping their words and the response from One Who Boasts, they clearly sounded concerned of the trespassers from the south. They were warning all those who lived in the area, to watch for men who are newcomers. With them

was a strange creature who is as big as the bull elk and of a different smell. He let man sit on his back and he rode him over the ground. It is a sight to see.

One Who Boasts and the relatives have been watching over them, when they entered the lands of the Deer Dance People. They also landed next to them and warned them of their trespass. They did not listen and still they looked towards the land of the Utes. It is the stare from their greed and it followed them here. Whatever their purpose was of little concern to One Who Boasts and his relatives however, the four-legged animal was the most curious to see. One Who Boasts could tell you stories of their camping skills and every time, the magpies would bust out in laughter.

Early in the morning, before they flew off to ridicule the new travelers, One Who Boasts, said, "Hear the sound of hooves and clinging of metals upon men who face uncertainty. Far ahead of these explorers were the hunters and sometimes the hunters would leave behind the best pieces for us. We eat good and eat until full, better not tell the Spirit of the Mountain, of our findings. He would claim all to himself and leave us tidbits. Come on relatives, I'm going back for seconds and will spend a night in the cottonwood trees by the stoned house. We will not be the only ones there, a family of blackbirds are roosting there also. They are singing the evening song, the day is done and they ask the spirits of night to protect us in our sleep. In the morning they are the first ones up and the oldest with the youngest, sing to the sun. They share their morning prayers and song of a new day. Bless us all who live here in the land of the Utes. Watch over all of the living and provide them with the elements to continue their quest.

Abruptly, the service is over and all listen for hooves upon the living ground. There, the clinking of metal on man is new. "Can you

see the sun in their metal, hear their heavy breathing, hear their language and the look of their eyes, as they continued beneath the cottonwood trees," resounded One Who Boasts.

Looking north to the Shiny Mountains and home of the Nuchu (Utes). One Who Boast is still sitting there with his relatives as the men and horses travel in a line beneath. "We must tell the nuchu of the trespassers and of the Creator's most beautiful creature, that allows man to sit on their backs. The creature does not complain and obeys simple movements from the man. Going up and down the trails, stopping and turning for the man. If we tell the nuchu of this new animal, we must have a name for them. The next time we are close, listen to them, I have heard them call them "caballero". "It is hard for me to say, maybe we should shorten it to ca-va," said one of the magpies. "Okay, that is what we are going to say when we meet our relatives the Nuchu.

The raven known as One Who Boasts and his relatives didn't have to fly far. There is a place where the mountains turn into bottom lands and there on top of the mesa one sees the Nuchu. This is where other Utes spend the winter and always someone is there watching.

The Ute man called Red Moon (acca-comat-owit) who lives there with his family and they are busy gathering foods for the winter. In the sandstone the wind has carved out places where Red Moon's family cache dried foods. In one of the canyons a spring called Big Water that flows endlessly. A river bubbles from the ground and along the banks the elements of life continue. The Nuchu have said that the Creator put them there, generations upon generations ago. Throughout their lives they had their belief of co-existing with all of the life and rhythm to the earth mother. With all the time of the seasons, they endured in living a peaceful existence and they knew their pristine lands would out live

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## CULTURE UPDATE

### 2017 SPRING BLESSING, MARCH 20

The 2017 Blessing of the buildings, tribal vehicles, staff and Southern Ute community will be held, Monday, March 20. The ceremony will begin at sunrise south of KSUT. Sun Dance Chief, Hanley Frost, asks that all staff respect the ways of the Southern Ute people and have all offices and busilndings open and available to be blessed. All Southern Ute tribal vehicles will need to be driven to the firepit south of KSUT, unless you have arrangements with the Sun Dance Chief for your vehicle to be blessed. If your department would like a certain Sun Dancer to bless your building, office or cubicle please contact the Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 563-2985 or Sun Dance Chief, hanley Frost at 563-2306. Southern Ute community members and tribal staff who would like an individual blessing, can come to the fire pit.

### BEAR DANCE FEAST HEAD COOK

Date needed, Monday May 29, 2017. Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box is seeking a head cook for the Bear Dance Feast. The head cook will be responsible for preparing the stew and corn at the bear dance grounds and making frybread at the Multi-Purpose Facility (kitchen is reserved) as well as finding volunteers to serve and clean up. All the ingredients will be provided. The Head Cook is open to Tribal Members first. Must have a current food handler's certificate for yourself and help-

ers who will be preparing food. A monetary stipend will be given to the head cook. If interested please contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.

### 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.

- March 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.

- Ribbon Shirt – Men/Boy: March 20, 21, 27, 28.

Classes are limited to the first (20) participants who sign up, early sign up is recommend that we can plan for class materials.

### 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.

# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

# BEAR DANCE

# POW WOW

## MAY 26 & 27, 2017

## SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, IGNACIO, CO

### POWWOW HEAD STAFF

<b>Juaquin Hamilton - MC</b> Shawnee, Oklahoma	<b>Afrem Wall - Drum Judge</b> Towaoc, CO
<b>Bart Powaukee - AD</b> Fort Duchesne, Utah	<b>Terry Knight - Head Gourd Dancer</b> Towaoc, CO
<b>Jakey Sky - Head Man</b> Albuquerque, NM	<b>Red Sky Singers - Host Northern Drum</b> Fort Duchesne, Utah
<b>Michelle Ware - Head Lady</b> Towaoc, CO	<b>Cedardale Singers - Host Southern/Gourd Drum</b> Carnegie, Oklahoma

**Color Guard - Southern Ute Veterans Association**  
Ignacio, CO

### GOURD DANCE

- Friday, May 26 - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27 - 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

### GRAND ENTRY

- Friday, May 26 - 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27 - 1 & 7 p.m.

### REGISTRATION

- Opens: Friday, May 26, 5 p.m.
- Closes: Saturday, May 27, 2 p.m.

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

- Golden Age: 55 & older
- Men and Women
- Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.  
Fancy, Grass, No & So, Traditional
- Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.  
Fancy Shawl, Jingle, No & So Traditional
- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs  
Fancy, Grass, Combined Traditional
- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs. & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs.  
Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional
- Tiny Tots: 6 yrs & younger Exhibition, each session
- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

### POWWOW CONTACTS

- Corliss Taylor, Chairperson: 970-799-3149
- Joyce Delaware, Vice Chairperson: 970-563-5541
- Cindy Winder, Secretary: 970-563-2301

### POWWOW INFO

- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846
- \$50 each day (10'x10') inside booth rates.
- Food Vendors: Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541
- Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

### MISC. INFO

- Admission is free
- Camping is free
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- No drugs or alcohol allowed

Revised Bell by Lyle Emily Williams Taylor



## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Raining Bird joins SunUte, Shining Mountain Wellness

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Fitness Program Specialist, Todd Raining Bird started his new position with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Raining Bird, Northern Cheyenne, hails from Busby, Mont.

"I have experience working with Native Americans and diabetes," Raining Bird said. "Along with personal training experience."

This unique skill set lends itself to a brand new program, split 50/50 between SunUte Community Center and the Shining Mountain Wellness Program.

"I would encourage my patients to do their own research, and find what type of exercise they like and enjoy," he said. "It leads to a lifestyle change."

"Exercise might be a different road for patients," said Raining Bird. "They might see a difference."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fitness Program Specialist Todd Raining Bird will be splitting his time with the SunUte Community Center and Shining Mountain Wellness Program.

Raining Bird said he would like to see more people be open to working out. His job will be to help tailor exercises to each individual's personal needs, he said.

Raining Bird encourages people to come to the trainer's desk at SunUte, or speak to the Shining Mountain Wellness Program if they are interested in the program.

"Type 2 Diabetes is pre-

ventable," he said. "I would like to live in a world where no one gets Type 2 Diabetes."

Raining Bird is a Certified Fitness Trainer who has experience working with athletes, youth and elders. He has worked with programs in Montana and Colorado, earning his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. Raining Bird graduated this past December from Fort Lewis College.

## Dental Clinic Hours

Monday – Thursday, 7:15 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Fridays, 7:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Open through lunch, Mon. – Thurs. • Lunch break (Friday only) 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dr. Brian Talley, the pediatric dentist, will be back in the clinic March 27, 28, 29 and 30, for any and all pediatric dental needs.

## 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. New schedule:

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.

## 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.

## Do you have a photo opportunity for the Drum?

Call the Southern Ute Drum at 970-563-0118

Or come visit us in the Leonard C. Burch (LCB) Tribal Admin. Bldg., 356 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137

You can email us at sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov



## MOUSE COLORED HORSE • FROM PAGE 3

them. They will return to the earth and be reborn in another time. The Nuchu know the paths as they move about in their place among the mountains and their belief of coexistence with all life. They had time on their side and lived well into a hundred years. The Nuchu are

clean people who live by the hot springs and are watched over by the Creator. This was told to us and in the summer months they were to visited all the relatives who lived over there. Since, we lived as equals to all, and those who knew us of walking everywhere. The easiest and

most worn paths into the Ute homeland was the continued passage of long forgotten values, they were like a feeling of unknown presence watching over our unsure surroundings. Caution is a feeling that all the Nuchu are taught and they live well with it into the future.

## HEALING SPIRIT

Community Walk



SATURDAY  
MARCH 18  
2017  
10 A.M.

For information about the Community Wellness Movement call 970-563-4555 or 970-749-7030

## Got Drugs?



Turn in your unused or expired household prescription/over-the-counter medication for safe disposal

Saturday– April 29, 2017

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Southern Ute Police Department  
149 CR 517  
Ignacio, CO 81137

The following items WILL NOT be accepted:  
Needles & Sharps, Mercury (thermometers), Oxygen Containers, Chemotherapy/ Radioactive Substances, Pressurized Canisters, Illicit Drugs



COLORADO CONSORTIUM  
for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

# 2017 Cancer Awareness RECEPTION

John S. Williams RM



Questions about Breast and Cervical Cancer? Remember the key to prevention is screening. Please drop by for apperizers and conversation. Raffles throughout the day.



MAR 21  
Sky Ute Casino  
11:00-4:30pm

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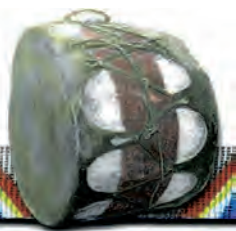


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## Bobcats of the month

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for demonstrating the six pillars of 'Character Counts' at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil' Cats!



Kindergarten  
**Zackariah Loudenburg**



First Grade  
**Laila Charlie**



First Grade  
**Riley Lang**



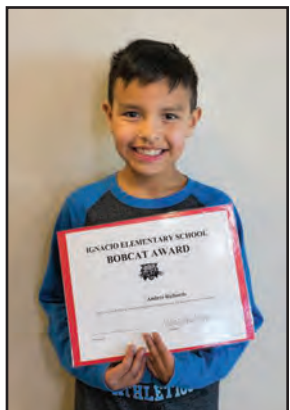
First Grade  
**Elias Pena**



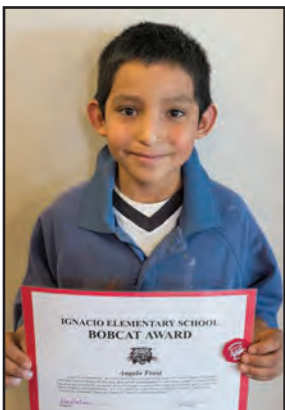
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**Briel Cruz**



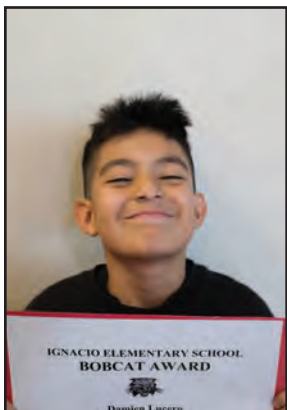
Third Grade  
**Christopher Hayes**



Third Grade  
**Andreas Richards**



Fourth Grade  
**Angelo Frost**



Fourth Grade  
**Damien Lucero**



Fourth Grade  
**Marissa Olguin**



Fourth Grade  
**T'liela Tallbird**



Fifth Grade  
**Mami-Ruth Burch**

Not pictured: First Grade, Craig Hight Jr.; Fourth Grade, Ethan Barry.

## 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.



**MARCUS A. ARCHULETA**

I attend Ignacio Middle School where I am a 7th Grader. My favorite subjects in school are math & science.

My parent is Jasmine M. Weaver.

I like taking piano lessons and playing board game competitions like chess and checkers. I want to go to college where I can learn how to be a mechanical engineer.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because I am respectful and I try hard and I get along with almost anyone.

Teacher Comments: Marcus is a true example of character counts. He is kind, respectful, caring and always tries his best. Marcus is a pleasure to have in our classes at school. We just know he will be a very successful young adult!



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

**LORENZO PENA**

I attend Ignacio High School, where I am a Senior. My favorite subjects in school are English and Welding.

My parents are Shasta and Kenneth Pena. I like participating in wrestling, rodeo, football and almost anything active. In addition, I want to move to Arizona and participate in rodeo. I want to become a game warden for the tribe after high school.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of February because of good grades, attendance and being respected and admired by staff and students.

Comments: All students and staff who know Lorenzo have all had positive comments about his character. Lorenzo has integrity and is a very respectful young man. He is a hard worker.

## The little academy coffee shop



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Students supporting one another: Dominique Rael and Autumn Sage pay for their goodies, while Harmony Reynolds, Krystyn Weaver and Vicent Naranjo man the coffee shop on Friday, March 10 at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

## Fathers join tots for breakfast



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start hosts their monthly Guys and Kids Breakfast in the school's gymnasium. Family Advocate Michael Tom speaks with one of the parents during the informal brunch on Thursday, March 2.

### POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

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Ashley wanted to earn her GED® credential not just for herself, but to show her daughter the importance of education. Currently a medical assistant, she loves working in the medical field and wanted to further her career. She depended on the online resources and study books she purchased to help her pass the test. Now that she's earned her GED® credential, she plans to go to college and realize her dream of becoming a physician's assistant. Ashley encourages others to go for their dreams, too.



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Sundae school



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Dubbed by the students as a 'Herrera Split and a Mach Sundae' – School Principal Kathy Herrera and Assistant Principal Will Machallister brace themselves as the school kids douse them with confetti and syrup on Monday, March 13.



Students from Ignacio Elementary School with excellent marks in academics, attendance and behavior are rewarded with an opportunity to decorate their School principal and assistant principal with a host of ice cream toppings.

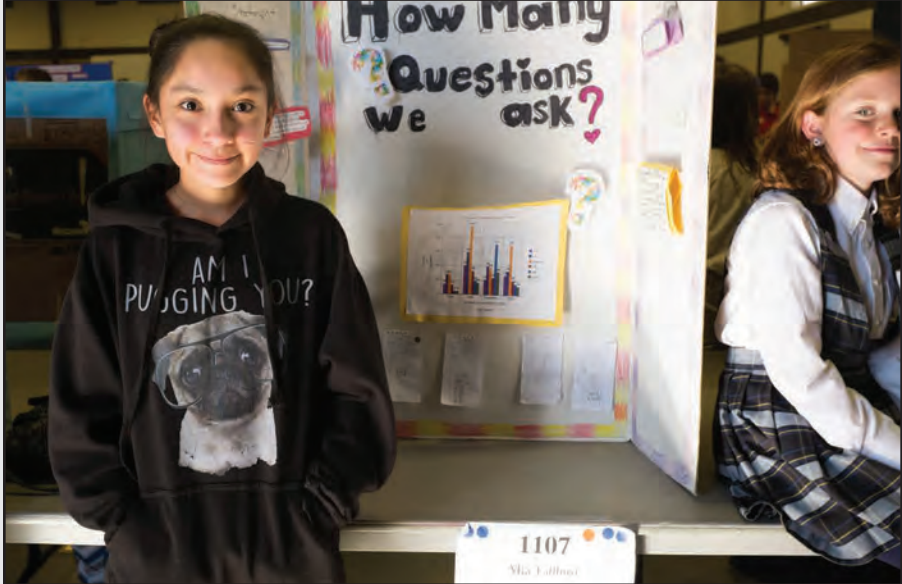
PREPPING NATIVE STUDENTS • FROM PAGE 1

AIMS hosted a student leadership workshop in Ignacio on March 15 to develop student leadership skills.

Students from six local high schools: Ignacio, Bayfield, Pagosa, Durango, Montezuma-Cortez and Animas High

School worked together to solve problems including how to improve and redesign the education system.

Students represent science



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Mia Tallbird's science fair project titled "How Many Questions We Ask" sets out to ascertain which gender is prone to asking the most questions on an average day.



Avaleena Nanaeto (above) of Ignacio shows off her Regional Science Fair entry titled "Dissolving Candy". Nanaeto took home a third place ribbon at the Regional Science Fair.

Tribal member, Lauryn Hastings (left) of St. Columba School stands with her science fair entry at the Regional Science Fair held in Durango, Colo. on Thursday, March 2. Hastings won 2nd place in the 6th grade St. Columba Science Fair advancing her to regional.

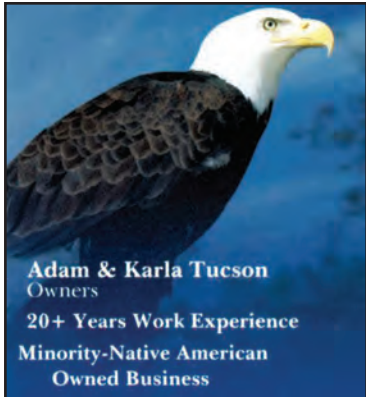
2017 SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS

- Abbi B : Third place and STATE
- Matthew B: 2nd place and STATE
- Arielle B: 2nd place
- Jeffrey B: Regional Champ and STATE
- Ashely FM: Regional Champ
- Bella L: 2nd place
- Keaton M: HM
- Avaleena N: 3rd place
- Zane O: HM
- Karely P: Special award \$50. 2nd place. (2nd STATE alternate)
- Alexis P: HM
- Eppie Q: 2nd place
- John R: HM
- Teagan R: 3rd place and STATE
- Trinity S: HM
- Chayton W: Regional Champ
- Keona W: Regional Champ
- Noel S: HM (4th STATE alternate)
- James M: Air Force award, Math award, Regional Champ, STATE

Craft sale & swap

Spring Craft Sale and Supply Swap on Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the ELHI Community Center in Ignacio. We are featuring hand made items, baked goods and gently used second hand items. Craft supply sale/swap will be held following the sale. Vendor applications can be obtained by emailing oct2447@yahoo.com. The sale is sponsored by Skills for Living and Learning, a 501(c)(3) not for profit.

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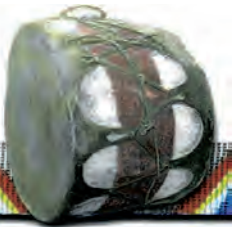
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YOUNG MOTORCROSSERS • FROM PAGE 1

Zackariah Loudenburg. “The kids are motivating us,” said Dawnnet Naranjo. The young group practices every Wednesday after school.

Jared Carel, stepfather of Shyla Cloud, explained that it would be easier for the kids to all get together and practice if there was a dirt track closer to Ignacio. The nearest racetrack for regular practices is in Aztec, N.M., nearly an hour’s drive south of Ignacio. “I’m trying to get a track built ... we have tons of support, but nowhere to ride,” said Carel.

To help out the kids Darren Loudenburg, Zachariah’s father, has been maintaining a small dirt track near his home off of County Road 521 where the kids regularly meet to ride their bikes.

The motocross families travel together in a convoy; each with their own trucks and bikes, hotel rooms and fuel costs being the most expensive aspect of the sport.

“In the near future we will be looking for sponsors to help get these little racers to attend their qualifying regionals,” Mandy Naranjo said.

Races and events in the past year have taken them to Loveland, Denver, Albuquerque, N.M., and Amarillo, Texas.

“Plans are to qualify and attend three of the eight Regionals held in the United States: The Northwest Regional in Washougal, Wash. May 26-28; The Midwest Regional in Rancho Cordova, Calif. June 2-4 and Southwest Regional in Pala, Calif. June 9-11,” said Mandy Naranjo.

Their next race will be held in Moriarty, N.M. on



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Shyla Cloud shreds the dirt track on her 50cc motorcycle.



courtesy Mandy Naranjo

The young kids compete in Arenacross, an indoor race circuit.

March 18-19.

“We would like to invite anyone who is interested in getting into the sport of motocross racing or free riding that have any questions to feel free to talk to any of

us parents,” said Mandy Naranjo. “We would love to see more kids and adults enjoying this wonderful sport whether it be racing or recreational; there is a place for everyone.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The young riders come together for practice every Wednesday after school.

Newspaper staff visits Drum



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jicarilla Chieftain staffers met with The Southern Ute Drum during a visit to the newspaper on Tuesday, March 7. (left to right) Jicarilla Chieftain Managing Editor Michael Salazar, Jicarilla Chieftain Editor Claudette Torivio, The Southern Ute Drum Media Manager Sacha Smith, PR Coordinator Trennie Collins, and Composition Tech Robert Ortiz.

The Jicarilla Chieftain newspaper out of Dulce, N.M. visited The Southern Ute Drum staff to exchange ideas on how to revitalize their tribal newspaper.



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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Hard way out: Lady Cats go 0-2 at State

*IHS strong early in each Loveland contest*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Whether they know it or not, every basketball coach has a little Gene Hackman inside.

And after his players got their first look at the spacious (capacity 7,200) Budweiser Events Center, its temporary court constructed atop the minor-league Colorado Eagles’ covered hockey ice, Shane Seibel jumped at the chance to let his out.

For both the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships’ eighth-seeded Lady Bobcats as well as himself.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever been in here, and it’s like, ‘Yes! Beautiful!’ And they got to watch ‘Hoosiers,’” he said, referring to the iconic movie featuring the aforementioned star portraying a

fictitious team’s head coach. “So I got to talk about bringing the tape measure: ‘It’s still ten foot ... We’ve still got the same three-point line, the free-throw line is the same distance ...”

“They were a little intimidated – just like us coaches – in a way, just to appreciate the arena,” Seibel continued. “But they tried ... they really did. I was excited for them.”

“We talked to each other, said like, ‘This is our house. No matter what people say ... we’re coming to dominate here,’” said freshman center Morgan Herrera. “And we were trying our hardest.”

And against both top-seeded Yuma, last season’s State Champion and participant in the last four grand finales, on Thursday, Mar. 9, and No. 5 Simla the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Avionne Gomez struggles to find a passing lane around Simla’s Chloe Duffy (25) during the 2A consolation-semifinal round in Loveland.

next day, Ignacio brought underdog energy and threatened to make school history – IHS Girls’ Basketball had never won a game in a season’s final phase – at the expense of both.

Having trailed by two points on two occasions during the tournament’s very

first quarter, YHS found itself even with IHS after eight minutes, 7-7, and led by a shaky 13-8 margin at half-time. With most of its players somewhat familiar with the Lady ‘Cats from volleyball season, SHS led by only two

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

## Bobcats stopped one win short of State

*Del Norte drubs Cats in regional finale*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Draining two of his team’s five three-pointers, junior guard Johnny Valdez led Ignacio with 11 points, but it wasn’t enough to help IHS advance to the Class 2A State Championships as the Bobcats fell 55-34 to hot-shooting Del Norte in the Western Regional, Pod ‘G’ finale, March 4 in Gunnison.

Tiger junior forward Carlos Parra pumped in eight field goals – including four threes – and eight free throws in eight attempts, torching a depleted Ignacio roster for 28 points inside Western State Colorado University’s Paul Wright Gymnasium as DNHS forcefully clinched a spot in the ‘Great Eight.’

Sophomore guard Kade Glover logged nine points in support and senior reserve forward Hafen Campbell chipped in six, but with Parra surprising Ignacio for two triples and ten of DNHS’ 15 first-quarter points, IHS (15-7 overall) was forced to play from behind and never came any closer than 32-25 during the third quarter after back-to-back breakaway baskets by sophomore guard Lawrence Valdez.

He would total eight points, equaling junior center/forward Kai Roubideaux. Junior guard Cole McCaw booked five and freshman forward Ocean Hunter chipped in two. Well-watched around the three-point arc, lone senior Joaquin King was held scoreless and joined Mc-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Lawrence Valdez feels the sting of an early end to the 2016-17 season late in the Bobcats’ Western Regional loss to Del Norte in Gunnison.

Caw and Roubideaux in finishing with four personal fouls.

Senior Zach Leckler contributed five points to Del Norte’s cause, classmate Jeff Stevenson scored three, and senior Charlie Hayes and sophomore Andy Diaz

each recorded two.

At the free-throw line, the Tigers were 18-of-25 (9-10 in the fourth quarter) while the ‘Cats were 3-of-5.

IHS finished the season 15-7 overall, while DNHS

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IHS TRACK

## Perez, Cundiff post season-opening track bests

*IHS joins 12 squads at PV Invite in Farmington*

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Traveling down to Hutchison Stadium in Farmington, N.M., to begin the spring season, Ignacio Track-and-Field competed at the Piedra Vista Invitational on Saturday, March 11. And while missing several prospective team members due to the lengthy basketball season, the squad still left with some promising results.

Senior Azala Perez led the way on the girls’ side of the 13-team gathering with a share of fourth place in the 100-meter dash, her 13.86-second effort equaling that of 5A Kirtland (N.M.) Central’s Danielle Dryden. She also took ninth in the pole vault, clearing six feet even, and finished 13th in the 200 meters (30.16 seconds).

Jaylynn Herrera was 11th in the 100 with a 14.60-second clocking, and ended up 22nd in the 200 (31.41).

Briana Duran had the team’s lone throwing result with a 23rd-place best of 23’4” in the shot put.

Expected to lead the Bobcat boys’ throwers this season, Natoni Cundiff recorded the gents’ best result with a sixth-place discus throw of 117 feet, seven inches. He also took 22nd in the shot put, maxing out at 33’7”. Teammate Mitchell Neil was close behind in 24th with a best of 32’11”, and Pablo Garcia was 38th (21’10”).

Senior Colten Smithson took ninth in the high jump, clearing 8’0”, and Esteban Romero was 20th in the long jump (17’0”). Neil was 41st in the 100

(13.87) and Romero 44th (13.97), with Smithson (46th, 14.10), Cundiff (52nd, 15.34) and Chaston Cundiff (53rd, 17.70) also competing in the shortest sprint.

Up next for IHS will be the Bloomfield, N.M., Quad on Friday, Mar. 17, beginning at 3 p.m.

OTHER OPENERS

Ignacio Baseball (14-5 overall last season) will get 2017 underway hosting the March 17-18 Bobcat Invitational, with 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rival Dolores (winless in ’16), 2A Sargent (17-3), 3A Salida (9-11), 3A Pagosa Springs (2-16) and 3A Buena Vista (9-11) all scheduled to attend as of Monday, Mar. 13.

Sargent enjoyed the longest spring of all last year, having qualified for the 2A State Championships. But as the 16-team, single-elimination bracket’s #16 seed, the Farmers left Pueblo quickly after a first-round, 11-1 loss to 1-seed and eventual State semifinalist Paonia.

IHS Girls’ Soccer was to get underway Thursday, Mar. 16, at Montezuma-Cortez, but results were unavailable at press time. The Lady Bobcats’ next scheduled match was a trip to Pagosa Springs on the 21st.

Competing in the 3A/2A Intermountain (formerly, and often still interchangeably called Southwestern) League – comprised of teams from 2A-Region 4 (Ignacio, Telluride, Ridgway, Center, plus

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IHS WRESTLING

## IHS senior grappler named All-State

**By Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Demoted to the left side of the bracket in the quarterfinals, but having indicated a future presence at the Class 2A State Championships by winning his first-ever Pepsi Center match as well as his first consolation-round match, Ethan Appenzeller followed up his first February trip to the Mile High City in 2014 with three more.

And though the ultimate prize and podium position eluded him as many more times, the current Ignacio senior was always proud to wear a red-and-white singlet (sometimes black-and-red) in Denver on each of his four wrestling seasons’ final weekends.

March 1, 2017, it was announced Appenzeller, in no small part due to his second straight Championships runner-up result – to the same opponent, no less – had received a statewide salute in the form of a Second Team All-2A nod after a selection process shared by CHSAANow.com, ColoradoPreps.com and MaxPreps.com.

After a loss to Peyton senior Britton Holmes – a First Team choice – in this season’s 145-pound grand finale, Appenzeller finished his final



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Choosing not to stare down his opponent, but rather seek out a point of attack, Ignacio’s Ethan Appenzeller – recently named Second Team All-2A – stands in against Merino’s Remington Canfield during the 2017 Class 2A State Championships in Denver.

prep season 38-5, thus upping his career varsity mark to an outstanding 134-30.

Also named Second Teamers were:

Walsenburg John Mall’s Chris McKenna at 106, Hotchkiss’ Sergio Campos at 113, Holly’s Brendyn Nordyke at 120, Burlington’s Cody Jacobsen at 126, JMHS’ Marshal Ross at 132, Paonia’s Sackett Chesnik at 138, Oak Creek Soroco’s Jace Logan at 152, HHS’ Wade Katzdorn at 160, Meeker’s Casey Turner at 170 and Chase Rule at 182, Hayden’s Christian Carson at 195, Norwood-Nucla’s Ethan Barnes at 220, and MHS’ Tyler Ilgen at heavyweight.

Rocky Ford senior 106-pounder Jacob Rodri-

guez headed up the First Team as Wrestler-of-the-Year, and longtime Meloneer skipper Mike Jurney was named Coach-of-the-Year after RFHS piled up a State-winning 188.5 points – 28.5 more than second-place Meeker and 54.5 more than third-place John Mall.

Rodriguez teammates Dillon Jaramillo (113) and Cody Venem (132) were also named First Team All-2A, as Rocky Ford matched Norwood-Nucla (Hayden Harris at 152, Aidan Dabal at 160, Trenton Armintrout at 170) and JMHS (Wesley Van Matre at 120, Jonathan Andreatta at 126, Jason Murphy at 195) for the most First Team honorees.

## Youth wrestlers begin season



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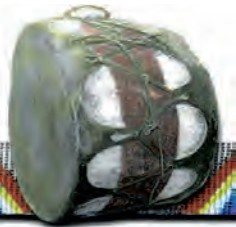
The Ignacio “Mini-Cats” Division 1 and 2 (4-7 years old) youth wrestlers pose before officially beginning their season in Bloomfield, N.M. for the Bloomfield Youth Wrestling Invitational, Saturday, March 4. The AAU Youth wrestlers competed in Dove Creek, last Saturday, March 11 and will be competing in Durango on Saturday, March 18.



Osias GoodTracks (5) wrestles his opponent earning points for the win in the 50 lb. weight class in the Bloomfield Youth Wrestling Invitational, Saturday, March 4. GoodTracks placed 3rd.

D.J. “Chubs” Valencia (8) works on the pin against his opponent in the 85 lbs., 3, 4 and 5 (8-14 years old) divisions, Saturday, March 4 in Bloomfield, NM. Valencia placed 3rd in the tournament.





UTILITIES

SU Utilities: Solid Waste Program reminders



Staff report  
SU UTILITIES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Utilities Division Solid Waste Program provides a reliable and convenient way for Southern Ute Tribal customers to dispose of their trash. This is a wonderful program that is **FREE** of charge to Southern Ute Tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments. Here are some friendly reminders to follow at the Transfer Station:

This is the list of items that are acceptable to take to the Transfer Station and there are specific places for you to put them. This will help to ensure proper disposal of all items.

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- Car batteries

As always, there is help available to anyone that needs assistance. If the Solid Waste Monitor is not available, you can either call the office at 970-563-5500 for assistance or simply go inside the office building and they will get someone to help you.

**The following items are NOT allowed:**

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- Dead animals
- Stumps or logs that are greater than 6 inches in diameter
- Vehicles and trailers
- Tires – except during the Spring and Fall Clean Up events
- Poisons

If you have a question on whether or not an item is acceptable to take to the Transfer Station, please call Utilities at 970-563-5500.

Every Tribal member that would like to utilize the Transfer Station is required to register annually at the Utilities Office Building (right next to the Transfer Station) to receive a vehicle pass that will allow access to the Station. Please understand that Utilities will issue vehicle passes to ensure that only Tribal member trash is accepted. This will help guarantee continued free service to all customers.

When taking items to the Transfer Station, customers are allowed to dump no more than 5 cubic yards of personal trash per week. That's quite a bit of trash, it is just about 8 feet long by 4 feet wide by 4 feet deep, which is the size of a heaping full size truck bed. Out of consideration for other tribal members, if you have more personal trash than the allocated amount of 5 cubic yards per week, the Bondad landfill will accept 3 cubic yards per month for Southern Ute tribal members and tribal employees. The Bondad landfill requires that you bring your tribal identification card.

Trash pickup can be a little confusing sometimes, so here is some clarification. Residents have to have their polycarts at the side of the road by 6:30 am of their scheduled pickup day. If you do not have your cart out by 6:30 am then you are taking the chance of your trash not getting picked up that day. If you had your polycart out in the right place by the right time and it still was not collected, you will need to notify Utilities within 24 hours to obtain a special pickup. However, if you did not have your polycart out in the right place by the right time and therefore missed your pickup, you will have to wait until the following week's regular pickup. Or, if you simply cannot wait until the next week, you can request a special pickup but please understand that you will be charged a fee of \$30 each time.

Elders and handicapped customers may have their polycarts picked up at their home, instead of the road. You will have to contact the Utilities office to make arrangements. The trash contractor will place blue stakes at the entrance of the customer's driveway indicating the need for this service.

Last, the Transfer Station hours of operation are posted at the front gates. However, please keep in mind that the Station is closed on holidays and may close when administrative leave is granted or if there is inclement weather without prior notice. If you have any questions regarding service that the Utilities Division provides, please contact us at 970-563-5500 and we will be happy to help you.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Congrats Fabian & Raelynn

Congratulations to Fabian Martinez and Raelynn Torres on making the Dean's List!



Dear Veteran,  
Thank you for your service to our country. Thank you for your courage to fight for liberty and freedom. My family and I will forever be in debt for all that you and your families have sacrificed. May god bless you now and forever and your service will never be forgotten! Heres a littl hug and a from our family to you for all that you have done. Thank you!

From,  
The Rogers family –  
Jace and Macie Rogers  
Fruita, Colorado



courtesy Tim Watts/SU Veteran

Note: The letter was presented to Tim Watts, Southern Ute Veteran and read aloud by Jace Rogers to the veterans in attendance at the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Western Slope Memorial Veterans Park during Nov. 11, 2016 in Fruita, Colo.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Concerts series grant application now open

Staff report

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The application for the Community Concerts Series in the Secret Garden has opened for its third year. The deadline to apply is March 22, 2017.

Community Concerts benefits the La Plata County nonprofit community and promotes Southwest Colorado's music scene by featuring a different nonprofit and music talent on Wednesday evenings June 28 through August 30.

The cover charge is a \$10 donation to support the 10 nonprofits selected for the 2017 concert series. At the end of the series, all proceeds will be pooled and distributed equally to the ten featured organizations.

In 2016, \$1,500 each was awarded to the ten featured nonprofits.

The application can be accessed under the "Grant Seekers" tab on the Community Foundation's website (www.swcommunityfoundation.org). The final organizations to benefit from the series will be announced the week of April 10.

In order to assist with the grant review and planning process, the Rochester Hotel has partnered with the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation

serving Southwest Colorado works to increase sustainability and success for nonprofits and maximize effective grant-making for philanthropists to make Southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

Bands scheduled are

- 6/28 – Jeff Solon
- 7/5 – Better Knot
- 7/12 – The Badly Bent
- 7/19 – Dustin Burley
- 7/26 – The Assortment
- 8/2 – Lawn Chair Kings
- 8/9 – Hello Dollface
- 8/16 – Black Velvet
- 8/23 – The Pete Giuliani Band
- 8/30 – Six Dollar String Band

Baker wins Drum equipment



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Robert Baker next to a vintage Beseler negative enlarger on Monday, March 13. The film enlarger is just one of the items awarded in The Southern Ute Drum 'Darkroom Equipment' raffle, which Baker won. Baker is a former employee of The Southern Ute Drum newspaper and still works with traditional film processes in his art and photography.

Educational Meeting for Membership

Re: Sisseton Settlement

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:30 – 4:30 PM  
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Off Reservation Members can stream the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Website. Additional information will be available soon. For access to the website, please contact Lindsay Box.

Agenda

- I. Sisseton Settlement
- II. Constitution
- III. Petition & Referendum
- IV. Past & Future Lawsuits
- V. Impacts

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

Lindsay Box, Communications Specialist – 970.563.0100  
Tribal Member Website page – <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/members/>

This is a closed informational meeting for Membership ONLY, all visitors will be asked to leave immediately.

Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
Mar. 31  
Deadline:  
Mar. 27

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

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Public Notice  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado  
Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 2:30 – 5 p.m., at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building – EPD Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, CO 81137. The agenda will include: Call to Order/Introductions, Commission Procedural Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Commission Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Schedule Next Commission Meeting. For more information or a copy of the meeting agenda, please contact Ms. Marlene Scott-Jewett, Air Quality Analyst at 970-563-4705 or visit the Commission website at: <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission/>

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court  
Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2017-PR-0025**  
**Michael Spencer Williams, Deceased**  
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **April 10, 2017 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of March, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2017-NC-0010**  
**Shawnda Chipeta Baker-Diaz, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Shawnda Chipeta Baker-Diaz filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Shawnda Chipeta Baker Garcia. As of March 6, 2017 at 10 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Shawnda Chipeta Baker-Diaz name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Shawnda Chipeta Baker Garcia.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2017.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2017-NC-0029**  
**Kayla Lynn Ward, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Kayla Lynn Ward has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kayla Lynn Wing. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **May 5, 2017 at 5 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

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

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Gabrielle Elora Baker, Civil Subject**  
**Case No.: 2017-NC-0028**  
Notice is hereby given that Gabrielle Elora Baker has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Gabrielle Elora Velasquez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **April 24, 2017 at 5 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2017.  
Lester Valenzuela, 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

Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit  
And Request For Comment

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

**Applicant: Williams Four Corners, LLC**  
**Facility: Ignacio Gas Plant**

**SE 1/4 Section 35, SW 1/4 Section 36, T34N, R9W, 8.6 miles west northwest of Ignacio, CO**  
The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft operating permit based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permit and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Daniel Powers, Air Quality Technical Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice. Any interested person may contact Daniel Powers of the AQP at 970-563-2265 to obtain additional information.

Invitation for Sealed Bid on School District Property

Ignacio School District is accepting sealed bids for the following:

**1999 Blue Bird 72 Passenger Bus (1)**

5.9 24 Valve, Cummins Engine, Drive Line Retarder, Approximately 160,000 miles, Under Storage and Racks Inside, Good Tires, Good Strong Runner

**2002 Blue Bird 65 Passenger Bus (2)**

DT466E Motor, Drive Line Retarder, Approximately 175,000 miles, Good Tires

**2006 Blue Bird 27 Passenger Bus (3)**

Flat Floor, Ford 6.0 Diesel, E450 Chassis, 168,619 Miles, Good Tires, Seats in Good Shape

**ALL ITEMS ARE BID "AS IS"**

All bids must be received at 455 Becker Street prior to 3 p.m. on April 17, 2017. Bids may be mailed to Ignacio School District, BUS BID 1999, 2002 or 2006 (depending on the bus you are bidding on) PO Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand delivered. *Sealed bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2017 in the Administration Building at 455 Becker Street, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. Call 970-563-0510 for more information. The Ignacio Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and will approve or deny the highest bid during the April 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m.*

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards And Committees Vacancies

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](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for eligible Tribal Member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Credit Committee will submit approved applicant recommendation to Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. 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 weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and 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 have any questions, please speak with Daniel 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](mailto:charten@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions.

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IN MARCH.

\$40,000  
CASH GIVEAWAY

20 drawing winners  
will instantly win  
\$500 in cash every  
Saturday in March.  
Earn entry tickets by  
playing the slots with  
your Bear Club Card!

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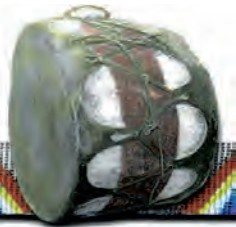
On Tuesdays, hop off the bench and get out on the gaming floor. When you play the slots with your Bear Club Card inserted, you'll earn 5X entries for the Saturday drawings!

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Money Madness in March Giveaway: Promotional period February 26-March 25, 2017. Drawings every half hour on Saturdays March 4-25, 2017 from NOON-9:30PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.  
5X Tuesdays: Promotional period February 28-March 21, 2017. Tuesdays only from 6AM-MIDNIGHT. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.





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.

Maintenance Specialist – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)  
Closing date 3/27/17

Coordination of maintenance activities between Red Willow operations and maintenance vendors, to include assisting in providing oversight to vendors. Support the needs of Operations and monitor projects/ progress to assure schedule coordination with Operations. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent and four years’ experience as a lease operator of natural gas wells, pipeline gathering, and/or compression facilities is required. Must have knowledge and skill using computer spreadsheets, word processing software, and e-mail. Must have ability to become familiar with generally accepted gas industry maintenance practices. Must be able to acquire a working knowledge of specific industry codes and regulations. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under RWPC’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check

Operations Foreman – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)  
Closing date 3/27/17

Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Superintendent and Senior Operations Foreman, the Operations Foreman supervises, mentors, and assists Lease Operators to ensure that oil and gas production is produced safely and efficiently, in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with RWPC priorities and concerns. Minimum qualifications include: A High School Diploma or equivalent is required. Twelve years oil and gas experience in a relevant position; OR, a two year Technical Degree in oil and gas industry trade school and 10 years oil and gas operations experience is required. Must have in-depth knowledge of production facilities, work independently and demonstrate good judgment. Must be able to gather and analyze data. Must have knowledge of the various types of artificial lift methods. Must be able to act as lead person and direct contractors and operations personnel. Must have intermediate computer skills with the ability to convert data into charts. Must be able to work with and take directions from others. Must have encouraging, patient, and mentoring personality to train less experienced operators. Must be able to learn and operate different or new types of equipment and in different areas, and attend job-related training sessions as requested. Must be able to work in a team environment and to share responsibility and accountability. Must have a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through Red Willow vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and a pre-employment drug test.

Land Assistant – GF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)  
Closing date 3/31/17

Assisting with office and clerical duties for staff of the Energy Land Department as well as the entire Department from time to time. Maintains a positive and effective working relationship with coworkers, supervisors and the general public.

Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant I – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)  
Closing date 3/31/17

Under direct supervision of the Joint Interest Billing Supervisor, this position performs basic assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger for outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow’s oil and gas exploration operations.

Health & Safety Compliance Specialist III – GF Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group (Durango, CO)  
Closing date 4/3/17

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 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.

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.

Busser-Willows (Full-time)  
Closing date 3/20/17

Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Busser job duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware and napkins. Busser will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed. Must be at least 14 years old. Preferably 16 years of age. Must have reliable transportation. Must have a minimum of an 8th grade education, able read and write at an 8th grade level.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)  
Closing date 3/20/17

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

\*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)  
Closing date 3/20/17

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.

Server-Willows (Full-time)  
Closing date 3/20/17

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashiering and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come 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 Aide  
Closing date 3/20/17

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

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time)  
Closing date 3/20/17

Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour

Stock Clerk  
Closing date 3/20/17

Provides assistance to the Program Manager in identifying, stocking and unloading shipments; cleaning of overall program building; maintaining adequate inventories; assisting in issuing, loading, distribution and transporting commodities to eligible recipients, and provides clerical support. Pay grade 11; \$9.92/hour.

Administrative Assistant  
Closing date 3/21/17

Performs administrative, clerical, and information system support for the Environmental Programs Division. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Patrol Officer – Trainee  
Closing date 3/21/17

Trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Detention Officer  
Closing date 3/23/17

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Range Technician  
Closing date 3/23/17

Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Water Resource Division Head  
Closing date 3/23/17

Works under the direction of the Director, Department of Natural Resources, and is responsible for management/oversight of all Water Resource Division operations including water resource planning, irrigation activities, soil conservation activities, and the Tribe’s Weed Management Program. The program promotes the appropriate use, development, and conservation of the Tribe’s water and soil resources in accordance with all Tribal policies and any applicable State, Federal, or other regulations. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

FLC – Summer Work Program  
Closing date 4/14/17

Summer work position for an enrolled local Native American. The length of the summer work program is two months. This program involves working within the Air and Water disciplines within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Division. Technical aspects include working with and performing various tasks within ambient air monitoring, air permitting and compliance, stream monitoring and riparian restoration resulting is a well-rounded, technical understanding of a Tribal environmental program. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

After School Guide (Part-time)  
Open until filled

Regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Chief Medical Officer  
Open until filled

Full-time position responsible for 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.

Payroll Manager  
Open until filled

Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annual.

Scorekeeper (Part-time)  
Open until filled

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)  
Open until filled

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

Sky Ute Casino Resort  
Full-Time Director of Marketing

Open until filled – The Director of Marketing reports to the General Manager and is responsible for the overall operations of the Marketing Department including but not limited to: promotions, sales, entertainment, advertising and the Player Development program. The Director carries out responsibilities in accordance with the organization’s policies and procedures. The Director of Marketing manages all areas of data base analysis in order to target the areas of player data to enhance and retain the gaming market. Responsible for all marketing expenses. The Director of Marketing supervises the Player Development Manager and Marketing Coordinator.  
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SUCAP – Job announcements

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Southern Ute Community Action Program  
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Head Start Teacher  
Closing date 3/24/17

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for someone who wants to make a difference! Exceptional health care benefits! Full-time position. High School diploma; AA or BA required preferred in Early Childhood. Must have at least one year of experience in early childcare in a provider setting. Must pass background checks.

Kitchen Manager  
Closing date 3/24/17

Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP. Full-time, 6 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2 years experience cooking for large groups of 15-25 people for a year. Restaurant exp. preferred. High school diploma or GED required. Applicants in recovery must have no

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Program Coordinator  
Closing date 3/24/17

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 CO driver’s license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Table Games Dealer Training

March 20 – April 24, 2017

Sky Ute Casino Resort in the Table Games Training Room

Monday thru Friday, 1 – 5 p.m., and 6 – 10 p.m.

All participants must be twenty-one (21) years of age and have a valid photo ID. Please give us a call at 970-563-1872 to sign up.

Thank you,  
Table Games Dept., Sky Ute Casino Resort



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points (12-10) after one quarter, three (26-23) after two and five (34-29) after three. “It was exciting,” Herrera said. “Our team was hungry, we were all clicking.”

Unfortunately, victory in either the initial ‘Great Eight’ or subsequent consolation-bracket semifinals was not to be had. Junior Avery Whitehead cashed two three-pointers for Yuma during a strong third quarter – won 17-4 by the Lady Indians – and, highlighted by a trey concluding the third, sophomore star Cody Robinson netted 14 of her game-high 19 points after intermission to power YHS to a 43-18 win.

Benefiting from foul after foul – resulting in senior guard/forward Alejandra Lujan (2:13 left in the third quarter), junior guard Avionne Gomez (4:36 left in the fourth) and Herrera (2:27 left in the fourth) all fouling out – the Lady Cubs pulled away via 7-of-14 work at the charity stripe during the final frame and prevailed 47-34.

Able to drain three triples and four FT’s in six tries, Gomez bounced back from a scoreless showing against Yuma to lead all players with her 13 points versus Simla. Freshman forward Makayla Howell, also blanked by the Lady Indians’ physical posts, got SHS for nine points in the second quarter and totaled 11.

Herrera logged seven points on Day 1 and four

on Day 2, but was just 5-of-12 accurate at the foul line. Lujan registered a team-best eight points against YHS before fouling out with 2:31 remaining, and then fought for three against SHS – which got 12 from junior guard/forward Jerraldawn Rector (4-4 FT), ten from sophomore guard Kegan Hamacher (6-8 FT) and nine from freshman forward/guard Taylor Warnecke (1-7 FT).

Sophomore reserve guard Heile Pearson, however, punctuated IHS’ special season with a confident three-pointer and the squad – set to lose Lujan, injured guard Tori Archuleta, and varsity/JV swing players Rachel Cooper, Sharmaine Price and Jade Richards to graduation – began focusing on a return in 2018.

“It made us hungry to play [Yuma],” said Herrera. “Being the number-eight team playing the number-one, we wanted to make them sore if we didn’t win. We ... didn’t want them to be able to pass a ball the next day!”

“It’s a learning experience, and it’s very exciting – my nerves are still, like ... I can’t explain it! But it’s making me feel so good; I’m just really happy to be here.”

“Scrapped, scratched and clawed ... We just didn’t get our offense going,” Seibel said. “It’s not life-or-death, it’s a basketball game. You lose to a better team? You shake their hand and shake

it off. Cry if you’ve got to cry ... but you let it out and then you move on.”

“Get your mind clear, your body right and your spirit right to get your focus,” he continued. “We’re going to learn from this. We’ll pick ourselves up and get after it with the idea that we’re going to make history by being the first team to win a game up here! That’s our goal! Let’s not let it slip away.”

“I’m so proud of the girls.”

Or as Hackman said in the famous flick, ‘I love you guys.’

AFTERMATH

Yuma’s bid for a fifth consecutive State Championship appearance was denied on Day 2. Facing 4-seed Wray for a fifth time this winter, the Lady Indians fell 46-44 but regrouped to save third place the next afternoon with a 46-40 win over No. 3 Del Norte and finish – like the defeated Lady Tigers – with a 22-4 record.

WHS, meanwhile, would place second after falling 59-42 to undefeated 2-seed Paonia (25-0) in the title game – leaving them 19-7 overall for the 2016-17 campaign.

Simla would finish 20-6 after losing 59-43 to No. 6 Haxtun (21-5) in the consolation championship, leaving Ignacio (16-8) and 7-seed Swink (20-4) as the two crews not officially placing.

Youth ballers end season



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Youth basketball teams from 8 and 9-year old, and 10 and 11-year old divisions competed in an all-day tournament which was hosted by SunUte in the final basketball games of the SunUte Youth Basketball league, on Saturday, March 11. The Bulls (above) from Towaoc, Colo. took the championship in the 8 and 9-year old bracket.



Sixers’ Ryan Naranjo reaches for the ball as Nuggets’ Caleb LeMasters dribbles down court in early morning Youth Basketball tourney action.

The Thunder’s Shay Vigil (8) dribbles past Warriors’ Alyssa Atencio (9) on her way to the basket in 8 and 9-year old play at tournament at SunUte.

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newcomers Del Norte and Crested Butte) and 3A-Region 5 (Bayfield, Alamosa, M-CHS, PSHS) – the ever-developing Lady Bobcat program will be led by new head coach Daniel Sanchez.

No stranger to working with and molding raw tal-

ent, Sanchez was named the New Mexico Activities Association District 1-5A Coach-of-the-Year just over a decade ago, after changing the culture surrounding the sport at Albuquerque West Mesa – which made the 2006 NMAA/Cross Coun-

try Auto Sales 5A State Championships.

“Remarkably turned program participation and level of play around,” read the anonymous distinction beneath his name on the All-District Team listing, online at nmsoccer.com.

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finished 21-6 after a 45-37 loss to Paonia, a 61-38 win over Fowler, and ultimately a 47-46 loss to Akron (20-6) in the Championships’ fifth-place contest.

Holyoke (22-4) edged

Lower Platte Activities Association archrival Sedgwick County (24-2) 44-41 for first place inside the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, while Ault Highland (25-1) downed

PHS (22-4) 60-53 for third. Winners of the previous three Class 2A titles, Sanford (16-9) went 0-2 at the tournament and joined FHS (20-5) in not scoring top-six placing status.

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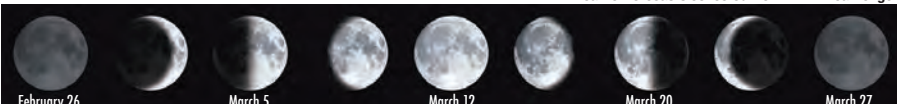
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