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CCIA/TRI-UTE

Utes return to Denver for CCIA, Tri-Ute

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Steeped in regional culture and vivid imagery, the History Colorado museum in downtown Denver proved to be an ideal location to host the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes for a series of meetings held from Wednesday, March 22 – Friday, March 24.

TRIBAL ENERGY

Chris Deschene, Director Office of Indian Energy, US Dept. of Energy called the Colo. Ute tribes together to discuss the potential of an Intertribal Energy Association on Wednesday, March 22.

“Today’s energy includes renewable sources,” said Deschene, “we want to focus on clean energy stakeholders.”

“I wanted to speak to tribal leadership and see if this is even possible,” said Deschene, “we are looking for entities with a broader perspective.”

“Not all tribes have oil, or natural resources,” said Deschene, “this would help tribes become for proficient if they work together.”

CCIA

The upcoming opening of the Ute Museum in Montrose was a key topic for the Denver meetings. Representatives from History Colorado, working directly on exhibits in the new cultural center were on hand fielding questions and giving some behind the scenes updates for the project.

“[We are hoping] this museum will symbolize tribal sovereignty,” said Shannon Voirol, Senior Exhibit Developer with History Colorado.

Items to be included in the newly renovated exhibits will include Chief Ignacio’s headdress, clothing items from Chipeta and Chief Ouray and a never before seen deer hide painting.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilman Adam Red (center), sits along side Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost and Councilwoman Juanita Plentyholes of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe during the Tri-Ute meeting hosted in Denver, Colo. at the Grand Hyatt, on Thursday, March 23.

The opening is set for Friday, June 9; this will be exclusively for members of the Ute tribes, followed by a public opening on Saturday, June 10.

“The museum building is doubled in size, the exhibits are doubled in size,” said Voirol, “We are thrilled by the donation of buffalo and fry bread by both of the Colorado Ute Tribes.”

The museum will host a traditional Native American feast for the opening in June.

Turning the conversation towards political affairs, Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost gave an update for the Southern Ute Tribe.

“We have to march to The Hill to get recognition for the needs of the tribes,” said Frost in his opening remarks to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. “The State and the Ute Tribes working together, I think that is what it’s all about.”

Frost then gave a brief update on the status of Lake Nighthorse.

“We are working with the City of Durango and Bureau of Reclamation to determine recreational use,” said Frost.

Recreational use of the reservoir, which sits just southwest of Durango, has been a hot topic of discussion ever since it was filled to capacity in 2011.

“We are also taking into account the Brunot Agreement in regards to hunting

and fishing in that area,” Frost said.

Councilwoman Amy J. Barry updated the Commission on educational programs in Colorado looking to incorporate Ute culture and history into the school curriculum.

“Thank you to the State for the conversation of bringing our culture into schools,” Barry said.

“We are currently working with hashtag initiatives to empower our youth,” she said – elaborating on the importance of youth and education to the tribe.

Health Care, Education, Broadband Infrastructure and Energy were among the topics of discussion for Denver’s CCIA meeting.

Southern Ute Councilman Adam Red closed his thoughts by saying; “Energy is key to moving forward – with the environment in mind.”

TRI-UTE

Ute language was the leading topic going into the March Tri-Ute meeting. The meeting was held in downtown Denver at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Thursday, March 23.

“Once the elders that spoke that language are gone you can’t go back,” said Northern Ute Chairman Shaun Chapoose. “We have to preserve what we can now.”

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Awareness, prevention key to breaking child abuse cycle

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In April, the tribe will join many all across the country in advocating for the health and safety of children. April is recognized annually as Child Abuse Prevention Month; Tribal Services and fellow tribal departments will be teaming up to educate the community on child abuse and the services the tribe provides.

“Our goal is to have healthy members of the community and we have to work together to make that happen,” Loren Sekayumptewa Tribal Services director, said. “To serve and protect the vulnerable of the community

and tribes ... our wishes are we will realize children and people are important and invaluable; no one needs to go through abuse at any age.”

Sekayumptewa added that abuse and neglect is not only happening here in the local community, but it plagues many tribes across the country.

“Its not just Southern Ute it’s an commonality with Indian tribes,” he said. “We have a frequency of abuse, neglect and trauma.”

According to Mary Carter, Division of Social Services clinical supervisor, statistics show that incidents of child abuse are 2 to 5 times higher in the Native population. Which is an alarming statistic the tribe is trying to combat in its com-

munity of local natives.

The goal is always prevention, Carter said. And a big part of preventing abuse and trauma is education.

“It’s not always intentional, we do it because we don’t know any better,” Carter said about abuse. “As a community we all need to be educated.”

To help with education, the tribe and community, will be hosting the 2nd Annual Child Abuse Prevention Color Run. The run is focused on bringing awareness and sending a message of support. The run is open to the community and will start at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at the Ignacio Middle School.

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COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Membership can livestream educational meeting

By Lindsay Box
TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Tribal Council would like to reach as many people as possible for the Educational Meeting for Membership regarding Sisseton Settlement, which will be held on Monday, April 10 at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Historically, membership would have been required to either attend the meetings in person or to follow-up with Council Members after meetings were held. Unfortunately that isn’t always an option for the entire membership. Tribal Council, with the help of Southern Ute Shared Services, has been working to find ways to make it easier for all tribal members to receive the information from these meetings.

The Educational Meeting for Membership will be streamed via Web-Ex, which is similar to a webinar. This meeting will

be for tribal membership only, and to ensure this information is only shared with the appropriate individuals, members must register for the Web-Ex Event (Educational Meeting for Membership). You can register for the Web-Ex Event by following links on one of these locations: the Tribal Member website, Tribal Facebook, and in The Southern Ute Drum and on the Drum’s website. Registration is required; if you want to gain access to the Web-Ex Event, please follow the link below to register. The password to register is “sumembr”. You will only be allowed to register once and you will only be granted access from a single source, so please do not share your registration information with anyone.

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email which will include the link to access the Web-Ex Event on Monday, April 10 from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Reminder emails will be sent on Friday, April 7 as well as Monday morning. Members will be able to log-in as early as 10 minutes prior or at any time during the event.

To log-on to the Web-Ex Event, you must return to your email inbox and follow the link from the confirmation email. This automatically brings up a window where you will be required to input the code included in the confirmation email.

If you have questions, comments, or technical difficulties, please contact Lindsay Box at 970-563-2313 or lbox@southernute-nsn.gov. For technical difficulties, you may also contact Landri Wauneka at 970-563-5055 or lwauneka@southernute.com.

<https://sugf.webex.com/sugf/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1e40e34f18acaf4974a63717313c460b>

Revered elder walks on



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Flags fly at half-staff in Veterans Memorial Park on Wednesday, March 29 honoring the passing of tribal elder, Neil Buck Cloud. The Tribe remembers Cloud for the many contributions he made to his tribe and his people. Cloud, Korean War Veteran, served the Tribe as Sun Dance Chief, Tribal Councilman and longtime NAGPRA Coordinator. Our sincere condolences go out to the Cloud family and all his relations.

Denver March fills coliseum



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The drum group, “The Crew,” comprised of singers from Aneth, Utah, help bring in dancers during Grand Entry at the 43rd Denver March Powwow on Friday, March 24, this cultural celebration is held annually in the Denver Coliseum.

See more Denver March Powwow photos on page 9.



WILDLIFE

Ospreys livestreamed from Lake Capote

Wildlife Division installs webcam at nest

Staff report
SU DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

For the past nine years, a pair of ospreys has made its seasonal home at the Tribe's Lake Capote, and given visitors spectacular displays of nesting, fishing, and fledging young. Ospreys are a type of raptor related to hawks and eagles and feed exclusively on live fish. They spend their winters in South and Central America, and return north for the breeding season. Beginning this spring, viewers can get a much closer view of the birds' activities, via a webcam installed at their nest.

The Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management initially installed the nest platform at the Lake in 2005, and only two years later the platform had already been spotted and put to use by the ospreys. With the many subsequent years of successful nesting, and improvements in web video-streaming technology, the Division decided to take advantage of a great educational opportunity.

Working with View Into The Blue, a Boulder-based company specializing in outdoor webcams, experts designed a webcam and livestreaming system for the Lake Capote nest site. Installation was done in February, before the ospreys' return migration, and involved using an aerial lift



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jon Broholm, Wildlife Technician for the Southern Ute Wildlife Division monitors the Lake Capote osprey nest from his office on Tribal Campus on Tuesday, March 28. Broholm has the ability to change the video camera's focal length, the camera's direction and even capture high quality still frames from the live feed.

to safely reach the top of the nest platform near the lake. A mounting system was attached to the pole, and includes a lightning rod to divert any strikes away from the camera and the nest.

The high-definition 1080p camera has pan, tilt, and zoom capabilities - allowing it to capture not just what's happening on the nest, but also video of the lake or Chimney Rock for example. The camera data is transmitted wirelessly from the webcam to a communications tower near the campground. Live video can be viewed at <http://www.lake-capote.com/osprey-cam/> and accessed using a link on the Tribe's homepage.

Jon Broholm, a Wildlife Technician with the Division, called this a challenging but exciting project. "The project has both con-

struction and technology components, but with the help of several other tribal divisions, we got all the pieces put together," he said.

Wildlife Division Head, Steve Whiteman spoke about the educational and promotional opportunities the webcam will provide.

"We're excited to give the Tribe and the public an opportunity to learn more about and appreciate these fascinating birds by viewing them up close. We think this will draw visitors to Lake Capote, who will look forward to seeing the ospreys while fishing or camping," Whiteman said.

The Division anticipates a lot of interest in the project and recommends that any inquiries be directed to the Tribal Wildlife office in Ignacio.

Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Dignitaries from the three Ute Tribes were invited to attend the Legislative Breakfast at the office of the Colorado Lt. Governor-Barbara O'Brien on March 23, 2007, representatives of the Northern Ute, Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Indian Tribes separated into two groups, each in either the Colorado Senate Chambers or House Chambers. L-R: SU Chairman Clement Frost, SU Councilwoman Michelle Olguin, Miss Southern Ute Jalisa Paul, Lt. Governor Barbara O'Brien, Miss Southern Ute First-Alternate Trinity Taylor, SU Councilwoman Ramona Eagle.

This photo first appeared in the March 30, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Effie Monte and her "babies" soak in the spring sunshine in front of her grandfather, Peter Eaton's old farmhouse just north of Ignacio on Rainbow Road. Raised in the traditional way, Mrs. Monte said she didn't learn English until she was 7. Her brother taught her.

This photo first appeared in the March 28, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Lee Briggs-Education Director, Stacey Rivera, Mandy Peacock and Buelah Kent, Johnson O'Malley Committee member.

This photo first appeared in the April 3, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Educational Meeting for Membership

Re: Sisseton Settlement

Monday, April 10th, 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.

P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, Colo. 81137 • 970.563.0100 • www.southernute-nsn.gov

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 Dances grounds are located between Ute Road and HWY 521 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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9TH ANNUAL COLORADO SPRINGS POWWOW

Saturday, June 10, 2017

10:00am to 6:00pm Doors open at 9:30am

Grand Entry at 11:00am

Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center, 3650 N. Nevada Ave.

General Admission is \$4.00

Dancers & Children 12 and under free.

Contact Al & Rhett Walter at 719-559-0525 or 703-798-4320 (please leave a message if no answer)

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HISTORY COLORADO

Ute Indian Museum to host Ute STEM project

Staff report
HISTORY COLORADO

With the grand re-opening of the expanded and renovated Ute Indian Museum months away, History Colorado will continue consultations with representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe – Uintah and Ouray Reservation when they gather in Montrose next month.

Consultations are not open to the public, however the public is invited to attend a free evening presentation on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. located at the Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Road. The presentation will be provided by History Colorado on the

National Science Foundation’s Advancing Informational STEM Learning program grant awarded to History Colorado.

In September 2016, History Colorado was awarded a five-year \$2.2 million grant for the “Ute STEM” project to explore the integration of Western science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and Native American Knowledge bases. Ute STEM expands on established, successful collaborations between History Colorado, the three Ute Tribes, and scientist partners.

Ute STEM programs are designed to provide rural residents with increased engagement with relevant STEM experiences and opportunities to develop 21st

century skills. This project will highlight Ute peoples’ systematic knowledge of plant use, engineering of wood shelters, mathematical patterns in beadwork, and sound amplification for music and dance.

The History Colorado team along with representatives from the three tribes will continue private consultations in Montrose until April 12. They will review the new exhibits, planning for the grand re-opening and discussions on the programming for Ute STEM.

For more information on the public Ute STEM presentation, please contact 970-249-3098. The renovated and expanded Ute Indian Museum will be open to the public in June.

STORYTELLING

‘Mouse Colored Horse’

Editor’s note: “Mouse Colored Horse” by Ronald YellowBird has been divided into two parts; this is part 2 of 2.

“I am the oldest son of the late John S. Williams (Mouache Capote) and Wanda Accuttroop 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 2 OF 2

As the procession continues they see a white cone of snow looking past the mesa in a deep blue of sky. One Who Boasts and the magpies have been watching the mouse colored horse and know of her reason for walking slow. Eventually, the mare falls back and is forgotten, except, for One Who Boasts, who is now on his way to tell the Ute People. He cawed to all who could hear, to watch over her and protect the mare with her unborn. “Tell the mothers of all the children and relatives to show the mare where shade, grass and water is found.”

Big Raven easily

climbs into the wind and without effort, he glides into the southern borders, landing on the shade house and with excitement in his voice. “There is a great beginning that is occurring in the valley of the pinon trees. My relatives and I have witnessed a great find”. “You are boasting again”, said grandma Black Otter (pat-suk). “Please, come down here and sit in the shade, a drink of water could I offer? Now, tell me why you are without your group of juveniles. Sometimes, it’s hard for me to believe your stories.” So, One Who Boasts told the story to those who listened of fortune-hunters. They came into the land of the Deer Dance people. “Men have come here before what makes these wanderers any different?” said Black Otter. “They ride on the four-legged creature from a land far away,” said Big Raven. “They are coming this way and we have been following them. One of the four-legged is with baby inside and soon will be given birth.” These drifters have left her behind and my relatives have taken her to a safe place. Come let us go and see this miracle from the Creator. We must be careful to avoid the mercenaries for they have

weapons and have enslaved the Deer Dance People.”

With the breath of life from the Creator, was born a black filly from the mouse colored horse and getting close to her was almost impossible. The newborn was on her feet and aware of her surroundings. She could smell the humans walking around her. She felt strange hands on the body with the feeling of curiosity and the smell. There was a most powerful scent and that is remembered to this very day.

The black filly came from the first horses to enter the homeland of the Utes. From this single birth bequeathed the Utes as “First Horse Nation.” From this beginning, the Ute People seized upon every opportunity to bring new horses into a vast herd. The introduction of the mouse colored horse changed the lives of everyone around her. Being natural conservationist the people raised the horses on good water, high country grass, clean air and revered this creature as the most beautiful of the Creator’s creation. Two centuries passed and during this time, the Ute horses swelled to thousands. This powerful animal propelled

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Tribal Elders hold the history and culture of the Southern Utes in their lives and heart.

Tribal Elders: Pearl Casias, Vida Peabody, and Sage Remington invite all Tribal Elders and interested Tribal Members to meet the new Culture Director, Edward Box III.

Thursday, April 6th
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Southern Ute Museum Classroom

For more information, call Culture Department at 563-2984

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CULTURE UPDATE

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 helpers 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.

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.

TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST

97th annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair theme, logo contest

Staff report
SU CULTURE DEPT.

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2017 Logo and Theme Contest for the 97th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This Contest is open to ALL UTE MEMBERS.

All art media will be accepted until May 30, 2017 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme

to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists.

Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 97th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Department with the Fair Logo

and Theme.

Winner will do a short interview & picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2017 Fair Premium Book.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES!

Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737, #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or call 970-563-2985 if you any questions.

STORYTELLING

Where does food come from? (The origins of food)

By Joseph Rael Jr.

The avocado this fruit originated in Mexico and Central America. There are 3 primitive’s grown for food. Pineapple this fruit originated in the Amazon Jungle of South America.


Apples were originally grown in Central Asia.

Banana’s originated in New Guinea. Grape’s wild grape’s were domesticated only once. Oranges and Tangerines evolved from primitive mandarins and pomelo’s in East Asia. The strawberries, the modern berry is a hybrid of two varieties one from each of the American’s. Eggplant, two varieties were

domesticated in India and Southern China one spread east the other west.

Sunflowers – this plant is on of North Americas few native crops seeds are used for oil. Coffee, Ethiopia cultivated coffee bean’s first. Then it traveled to Asia then Europe and then to South America where most is grown now.

Growth Fund get new mount



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

On Thursday, March 23 a buffalo mount was installed into the Southern Ute Growth Fund Building’s Executive Conference Room. “Mike”, the name of the 6-year-old bull, was harvested in February 2015. Mike was apart of the Division of Wildlife’s Bison Distribution Program. The meat from the bull was distributed to tribal members and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE BEAR DANCE POW WOW

MAY 26 & 27, 2017
SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, IGNACIO, CO

POWOW HEAD STAFF

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

POWOW CONTACTS

- Corliss Taylor, Chairperson: 970-799-3149
- Joyce Delaware, Vice Chairperson: 775-671-5426
- Cindy Winder, Secretary: 970-563-2301

GRAND ENTRY

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

POWOW 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.

REGISTRATION

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

POWOW 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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Food safety classes to be held at La Plata County Fairgrounds

Staff report
LA PLATA COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

FOOD SAFETY
TRAINING

Food safety training required for Colorado Cottage food producers and egg producers. Classes to be held at La Plata County Extension Office. Colorado State University and La Plata County Extension Office in cooperation with Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment for Food Safety will sponsor a one-day course required for certification for cottage food producers & egg producers that will cover the requirements for cottage food as a business including topics such as: food safety, safe food handling, cross contamination and cross contact of food allergens; temperature control for safe food preparation, storage, transport and sales, ingredient labeling and disclaimer requirements. The business specifics and current expectations for selling specific food items produced in your home kitchen and for the selling of backyard eggs. The course will be on Wednesday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., in Durango, Colo. Each class costs \$30.00 per person. Attendees will receive a Food Certificate for display. Preregistration is required no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. For more information please contact: Wendy Rice, R.D.

at 970-382-6461, or wendy.rice@co.laplata.co.us. To Pre-Register please contact: Angela Fountain at 970-382-6465, or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us.

RESTAURANT FOOD
SAFETY CLASS

Restaurant Food Safety Class to be held at La Plata County Fairgrounds. A poor review from the health inspector published in the newspaper can easily cost negative publicity for a food service operation. Let us help train your staff to improve the quality and safety of your food service facility/restaurant. La Plata County Extension Office fulfills Colorado Department of Health Requirements and needs with 4-hour course for restaurant food service workers that covers the basic requirements for safe food handling and can fulfill requirements for Cottage Food Tier 1 producers as well. Class available for non-English speakers. We will be offering 2 classes on Tuesday, April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by April 4. The class will be held at the Fairgrounds Extension Building, 2500 Main Avenue, in Durango, Colo. Cost is \$35 per person. After successful completion of exam, attendees receive a Food Safety Works Wallet Card good for 1 year. Please contact Wendy Rice at the Extension Office at 970-382-6461 for more information.

SERVSAFE FOOD
PROTECTION
MANAGER
CERTIFICATION
TRAINING

ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Training to be held at La Plata County Fairgrounds. Training sponsored by Colorado State University and La Plata County Extension Office. ServSafe is a nationally recognized comprehensive food safety training developed by the National Restaurant Assoc. Food service managers and cottage foods producers will benefit from this highest level of food safety training. After completing the test with 75% or higher, participants will receive a ServSafe certificate, valid for five years. The training will be Monday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Extension Bldg. in the Florida Room, 2500 Main Avenue, Durango, Colo. The cost is \$120 per person. Attendees receive a course textbook & final exam along with the training. Each additional business associate (from the same site & employer) costs \$75 (share book). If participant wishes to take the final exam online there is an additional fee of \$35 (please provide your own laptop). To register contact Angela Fountain at 970-382-6465 or in person at the Extension Office. Pre-registration and payment in full is due no later than Monday, April 24.

Walking for wellness



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Young participants keep each other company on the first wellness walk of the season in Ignacio, Colo. Participants started at Ute Park and made a circuit through Tribal Campus under blue spring skies.

Councilwoman Amy J. Barry gives opening remarks and words of encouragement to the participants at Ute Park who joined the Healing Spirit's wellness walk on Saturday, March 18.




BREAKING CHILD ABUSE CYCLE • FROM PAGE 1


In addition to the walk, Tribal Services will be hosting assemblies at the local schools to talk to the children about abuse. Hosting these annual and monthly events are a great way to get the community involved, Sekayumtewa said. But he wants the community to know the services they provide exist year round. Recently, the tribe has taken a big step in getting more funds to help with abuse and trauma. According to Carter, Chairman Clement J. Frost signed a contract with the State Department of Human Services to receive recurring funds that will go towards strengthening families and preventing abuse. Funding will go towards many things including: expediting the process of moving foster children back home, therapeutic daycare and cultural classes for families and foster children, Carter said.

"We need the help of the families to help the kids ... the kids need their family," she said. Sekayumtewa agreed with Carter about the importance of family. Preventing abuse and neglect comes down to the family, he said. "It comes down to how children are raised and brought up," he said. "Getting parents to understand their roles and responsibilities ... and to know that abuse is not acceptable." The tribe's Family Group Decision Making program is set up to help the family members gain responsibility of their own issues, Sekayumtewa said. Giving the family a chance figure out the best way to address their issues without having to go to court. Multiple departments within the tribe provide services to Native Americans of all tribes. Tribal Services is one of those departments, providing core family support



to a wide variety of people from the youth to the elderly. Services include emergency family services, elder services, social services, transportation, food distribution and vocational rehab. "We're looking to plan expansion to bring more services to the Southern Ute Reservation and to others who receive services here," Sekayumtewa said. "It seems like we have a more comprehensive approach and I'm feeling good about that." "We get great support from tribal leadership ... I'm thankful for the sincere support and scrutiny they give us," Sekayumtewa said. "I'm very appreciative of the staff and service providers." If you have more questions about abuse or questions about programs provided you can contact Mary Carter at 970-563-0209. You can also call 1-844-CO-4-Kids to report child abuse or neglect.



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Child Abuse Prevention Month

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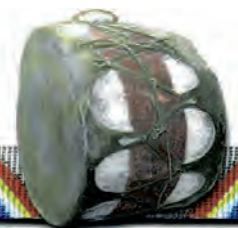
Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Department of Tribal Services
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Academy's annual book fair



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted their annual book fair on Thursday, March 16. Southern Ute elder Georgia McKinley waits to checkout with her selection of books, McKinley is the Academy's former Ute language instructor – now retired.

Young tribal member, Kandin Johnson explores the myriad collection of colorful books the fair has to offer its students and their families.



IMS students awarded



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle School honored students for displaying good character and work ethic at the school's Character Counts Assembly on Thursday, March 23.



Sixth graders, Alexis Ortiz (left) and Grace Gonzales receive Character Counts awards for their outstanding work in math.

SUIMA

Academy students prepare to transfer

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Every year the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has students who transition from the Academy into the public school system. This year, four SUIMA students will be taking the next step in their education, transitioning to Ignacio Middle School. Dominique Rael, Harmony Reynolds, Ethan Rock and Autumn Sage along with their families were invited to an annual transition luncheon on Tuesday, March 22 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

The luncheon gives the students the opportunity to hear from the Ignacio School District and from fellow SUIMA students who've already made the transition.

Last year's SUIMA transition students took to the podium presenting a slide-show presentation showing the differences between SUIMA and the public school system; from a student's view.

They talked about the change of schedule, testing, technology use, bullying and even the differences in



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Four Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students will be transitioning into the public school system come next fall: Harmony Reynolds, Ethan Rock, Autumn Sage, and Dominique Rael. A transition luncheon was held for the students and their families on Tuesday, March 22; giving them a chance to meet and interact with Ignacio School District representatives and past SUIMA students who have already transitioned to the public school system.

the cafeteria food.

Superintendent of Ignacio Schools, Rocco Fuschetto was also in attendance to greet the incoming students. Fuschetto talked about the importance of attendance and let students and their families know that the school district "offers plenty of support to any kids that need help."

Ignacio Middle School Principal, Chris deKay welcomed the incoming students and stressed the importance of the partner-

ship between school and the parents.

"When the school and parents are together on the same page it's better for the kids," he said.

Council lady, Lorelei Cloud provided some words of encouragement to the transitioning students.

"Be proud of yourself," she said. "You're going to do well ... we all believe in you."

SUIMA's official transition ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 25.

Tribal Student 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.

NATHANIEL BAKER-VALDEZ

My name is Nathaniel RoyJohn Baker-Valdez. I attend Ignacio Elementary school, where I am in second grade. My favorite subjects in school are math and reading.

My parents are Amber Baker Valdez and Omar Valdez. I like participating in after school activities at High Ed. In addition I want to be in the Army when I grow up.

I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of March because I have improved and been more focused on my school subjects.

Comments: Thank you to my teachers and Ms. Vogel for choosing me for this award.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

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

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Office of Special Counsel apologizes to Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Editor's note: The following is a letter submitted to Chairman Clement J. Frost from the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

DEAR CHAIRMAN FROST:

February 27, 2017
Thank you for meeting with my staff and me on February 15, 2017. We appreciated hearing your thoughts and concerns with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel's (OSC) findings in a whistleblower retaliation complaint (File No. MA-13-0754). The meeting was constructive, and I believe we all have a better understanding of how this investigation proceeded and how it impacted the Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe).

As we discussed, OSC only has jurisdiction to investigate federal agencies (like the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)), and we thus lack jurisdiction over the Tribe. And we did not inter-

view Tribe members or otherwise request information from the Tribe as part of our whistle blower retaliation investigation of BIA. On that point, I want to be clear that we did not investigate the Tribe about any potential violation of law; nor did we find that the Tribe violated any law (including the Whistleblower Protection Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969). Instead, we focused on whether BIA retaliated against the Complainant because he blew the whistle on an issue he reasonably believed may be a violation of law, rule, or regulation. After OSC released the Prohibited Personnel Practice (PPP) report, the Tribe contacted us, because it believed the PPP report and accompanying press release unfairly implied that OSC found that the Tribe engaged in illegal or improper conduct. During our meeting, I noted that this was the first PPP case I was aware of at OSC that

involved a non-governmental entity. OSC therefore did not have a standard practice for notifying the third party-here, the Tribe-about our investigation and its results. Based on the Tribe's legitimate concerns, we took steps to clarify the Tribe's limited role in this case. For example, we redacted the Tribe's name from the PPP report and removed its name from the accompanying press release. Further, as stated, we did not investigate the Tribe and thus could not, and did not, find that the Tribe engaged in any unlawful conduct. On behalf of OSC, I apologize for any implication otherwise, and appreciate your raising these concerns with me. We welcomed the opportunity to meet with you and hear your concerns. Please let me know if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,
Carolyn N. Lerner

GROWTH FUND

Smoke reported in Growth Fund Building

Staff report
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Southern Ute Indian Reservation – The Los Piños Fire Department, Upper Pine River Fire Protection District, Durango Fire and Rescue and the Southern Ute Police Department responded to a report of smoke inside Red Willow Production Company's office building in Ignacio on Friday evening, March 24.

Employees from the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Red Willow Production Company and two members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council also immediately responded

to the incident. Custodians working in the building notified emergency responders after seeing smoke in the 1st floor conference room around 6 p.m., Friday. Emergency responders evacuated the building. They then determined that a failed electric motor had caused a fan coil unit to overheat that in turn caused some connecting wires to melt and smoke. No flames were seen by any of the responders and the electric motor was taken out of service. By approximately 8 p.m., Los Piños Fire Department Chief, Tom Aurnhamer, issued an "all clear"

statement allowing for safe re-entry into the building. The Southern Ute Growth Fund is conducting an investigation into what caused the electric motor to fail. The Southern Ute Growth Fund and Red Willow Production Company would like to thank the alert custodians at La Plata Cleaning, Los Piños Fire Department, Upper Pine River Protection District, Durango Fire and Rescue, and the Southern Ute Police Department for their quick response. The Southern Ute Growth Fund is conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the failed electric motor.

BIA

Prescribed ditch burns near Ignacio

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

Between April 4 and April 7, 2017 the BIA Southern Ute Agency, Fire Management Office is planning to conduct two prescribed ditch burns on the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) near Ignacio, Colorado. Both sites are located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The first burn will

take place on a 2000' long section of the Dry Creek Lateral Ditch – near the intersection of County Roads 314 and 316, north-northwest of Ignacio. The second burn will take place on a 1,700' long section of the Nannice Ditch – along the southern end of CR 518, northeast of Ignacio. The purpose of the burning is to clear dead grass, cattails, and other vegetation from the ditch channels

in order to improve ditch capacity and water delivery. Smoke may be visible in the Pine River Valley. The exact day and time of each burn is dependent on weather and burning conditions yet both are expected to be completed by Friday, April 7. For more information regarding the project, please contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fire Management Office at 970-563-4571.

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April 11, 2017

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6:00pm - 8:30pm

Ignacio High School
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Please join us for the first community workshop - snacks & drinks provided!!

Keep up-to-date on the Branding, Marketing & Plan & **take the community survey (open till April 3 at midnight):**

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SU WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for calendar year 2016

Public Water System ID: 080890001
Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500 with any questions about the Drinking Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR), for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality or for information on the Source Water Assessment Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production,

mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our Water Source	
Source	Source Type
Los Pinos River	Surface Water

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River. At the time of this publication, Vallecito Lake is expected to stay full throughout the coming irrigation season, leaving us with excellent quality water that we have been used to in years past. The higher quality river water, together with a modern water treatment plant, will assure even higher quality to all of our customers.

VOLUNTARY FLUORIDE PROGRAM

Not only is the water safe, but it also has a measured amount of Fluoride added to it to reduce Dental Carries (cavities) in any users who drink the water. Fluoride acts on teeth much like Calcium in bones to make them stronger, especially in young children. This is an added cost of about \$4,500 per year to the Tribe.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The Southern Ute Water Treatment System routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal Law. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31,

2016 unless otherwise noted. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

Note: If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

Terms and Abbreviations

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Violation (No Abbreviation):** Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation):** Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- Variance and Exemptions (V/E):** Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation):** Gross

alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.

- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- Compliance Value (No Abbreviation):** Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- Average (x-bar):** Typical value.
- Range (R):** Lowest value to the highest value.
- Sample Size (n):** Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L):** One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L):** One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per trillion = Nanograms per liter (ppt = ng/L):** One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Parts per quadrillion = Picograms per liter (ppq = pg/L):** One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- Not Applicable (N/A):** Does not apply or not available.

Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MRDL	MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2016	0.16 - 0.81	ppm	4.0	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System				
Contaminant Name	Results	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	For any two consecutive months, At least 95% of samples (per month) must be detectable	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	7/21/2015	0.277	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion
Lead	7/21/2015	0.8	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2016	38.8	38.8	ppb	60	N/A	38.8	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2016	36.1	36.1	ppb	80	N/A	36.1	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2016	0.038	0 - 0.309	ppm	1.0	0.8	0.309	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Disinfectants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	TT/MRDL Requirement	TT/MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2016	1.02	0.54 - 1.52	ppm	TT = No more than 72 hours with a residual below .2 mg/L	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide	2016	0.047	0 - 0.166	ppm	MRDL = 0.8	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Continuous	Highest single measurement: 0.186 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Continuous	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100%	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Antimony	2013	0.9	0.9	ppb	6	6	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium	2013	0.0273	0.0273	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2016	0.67	0.54 – 0.72	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2016	<0.020	<0.020	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	2016	< 0.020	< 0.020	ppm	1	1	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated or Secondary Contaminants**					
**Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.					
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	Secondary Standard
Sodium	2016	2.98	2.98	ppm	N/A
Nickel	2013	.0008	.0008	ppm	N/A

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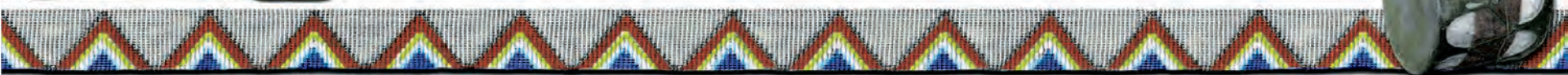
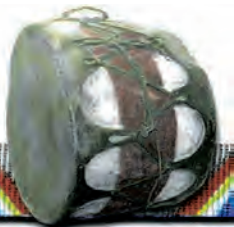


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Powwow brings singers, dancers to Denver



Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association stand together with Southern Ute Royalty at the Denver March Powwow.



Jr. Miss Southern Ute Alexandria Roubideaux greets spectators ahead of the Grand Entry in Denver, Colo.



Brianna Goodtracks-Alires (in blue) enters the arena as Grand Entry fills the Denver Coliseum.

The 43rd Annual Denver March Powwow held, Friday, March 24 – Sunday, March 26, fills the Denver Coliseum with Native American dancers, vendors and spectators from across North America. This event is considered the second largest powwow in North America, and the largest cultural gathering in the State of Colorado.



Sisters Susan Reeves (left) and Debra Box from Colorado Springs, Colo. enjoy the Denver March Powwow.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Michela Alire of the Sister Nations Color Guard greets other members of the Color Guard following the Flag Song presentation.



Jarod Figueroa, Assiniboine Sioux from Fort Peck, Mont. receives the final touches to his face paint ahead of Grand Entry.

Save The Date

Saturday, May 6th 2017
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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A traditional dancer takes pause following a Intertribal dance on Saturday, March 24.



Ute leaders stand together with Colorado Lt. Gov. Donna Lynne (center) following the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs meeting at History Colorado on Friday, March 24.



Members of the House and Senate honor the Ute Tribes and visit with Miss Southern Ute, Lorraine Watts during Ute Day in the State Capitol.

Tribes tour Western complex



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes toured the sites along the South Platte River, which will be home to the future National Western Center. The tour was led by Kelly Leid, Denver Mayor's Office and Darius Lee Smith with the City of Denver on Tuesday, March 22. The existing National Western Complex and Denver Coliseum will undergo a full redesign and expansion in partnership with Colorado State University, the City of Denver and The Western Stock Show Association.

UTES RETURN TO DENVER • FROM PAGE 1

“It’s important to identify that the old Ute is different then that which is spoken today,” said Ute Mountain Ute Councilwoman DeAnne House.


“We all spoke Ute,” said Chairman Frost, referring to the old Tri-Ute councils, “We lost a lot of the power behind our words [when we lost the language].”

“It’s important that we help one another and bring that strength back,” Frost said.

The Bears Ears Monument was also of concern to each of the Ute Tribes.

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet sent a letter to the President and his administration in support of the Bears Ears National Monument and its importance to regional tribes. The following is a statement Bennet released to the Trump Administration.

“For years, the tribes and communities in the Four Corners region worked to-



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Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost voices his thoughts regarding energy policies during the Tribal Energy meeting held at History Colorado.

gether to protect Bears Ears National Monument for future generations,” Bennet said. “The ancestral lands and cultural sites at Bears Ears are sacred to this region, including to the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian tribes of Colorado, both of whom strongly support this designation. Even to contemplate abolishing this new Monument before formally meeting with tribal leadership dis-

spects those who have had a deep connection with this land for centuries.”

“I encourage you to be proactive,” said Northern Ute Chairman Shaun Chapoose. “Tribes need to capitalize on the momentum.”

“Southern Ute supports Bears Ears,” said Frost. “The beliefs we hold on these sacred sites – those belong to us. These beliefs cannot be taken away from us by the non-Indian.”



Ute Mountain Ute Elder Terry Knight prepares to give the morning's invocation in the Ute language.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Tribal Councilmembers Adam Red and Amy J. Barry represent the tribe in the State Capitol.

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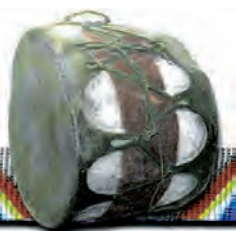


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INFORMATION TO MEMBERSHIP

Vallecito Reservoir planning ‘Spring Flush/ of Pine River

Staff report
SU INDIAN TRIBE

The Pine River Irrigation District (PRID), the operator of Vallecito Reservoir, is again planning to do a “Spring Flush” of the Pine River. This is planned for the week of April 3, with a target peak flow of 1800 cubic feet per second.

The purpose of this flush is to help move debris off of ditch head gates in preparation for irrigation season. Normally, they begin the flush on Monday, gradually ramping up dam releases

until they hit the target flow on Wednesday. They will hold that rate for about a day, then start reducing flows back down over Thursday and Friday.

Since these are planned, coordinated events, the past Spring Flush operations have not caused any significant concerns and the plan does provide enough notice to allow for monitoring of potential problem areas.

With the large amount of snowpack in the mountains and the unseasonably warm weather this spring, there may be a need to keep flows

in the Pine River higher than normal – either before or after the Spring Flush.

Southern Ute Water Resources Division staff will be in regular communication with PRID and the Pine River Commissioner and we will forward any updated river information along to the rest of the Tribal organization.

Kathi Gurule, the Tribe’s Emergency & Risk Manager will be the emergency point of contact for any flooding concerns. She can be reached at 970-563-2449, or via email at kgurule@southernute-nsn.gov.

AGRICULTURE

Pest and Weed Management for tribal members

By Jeff McDonald
SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

The Southern Ute Tribe’s Agriculture Division is preparing for the 2017 growing season and would like to highlight Tribal member weed and pest management assistance programs for those involved in agricultural production and Tribal residents. These programs are prairie dog and gopher management around Tribal homes and weed management on agricultural cropland.

Prairie dog and gophers cause significant damage around homes. Their burrowing destroys landscapes but other issues can be more serious. Prairie dogs are a host for the flea that is the vector for bubonic plague. Although, plague has not been prevalent in the past few years it is always a concern when prairie dogs are present. The Agriculture Division provides control services

for prairie dogs and gophers. Division staff will treat prairie dog and gopher burrows at home sites within 100ft. of the house. This is to reduce the chance of exposure to disease and to reduce the physical dangers presented by the prairie dog burrows.

To combat these critters more effectively we have added a new machine to our arsenal. This machine is called P.E.R.C. (Pressurized Exhaust Rodent Control) system. The machine will help us to gain the upper hand on the ongoing problems these pests impose on Tribal residences. Benefits are that use of this machine will be much safer than chemical applications and more effective than smoke bombs. This unit can be utilized for prairie dogs and gophers.

Noxious weeds are prevalent on Southern Ute Tribal agricultural lands. Weeds rob nutrients and water from agricultural

crops, which reduces total production. Weeds also reduce the quality of hay, which lowers its value. The Agriculture Division provides weed control on Tribal member cropland only. Upon request Division staff will evaluate your crop land to identify weed species and determine the best means of control. A weed management plan will be completed for each site. The Tribal member is responsible for half the cost of the chemical used and Agriculture Division will apply the herbicide at no cost. Our department has recently upgraded our spray vehicle to better serve our members. We look forward to assisting you in controlling invasive weeds and improving crop production. If we can help please call and we will set up a time to evaluate your cropland weeds. Please feel free to give us a call at 970-563-2903 to schedule a treatment.

MOUSE COLORED HORSE • FROM PAGE 3

the Ute People to visit their domain in quick order. The Ute People could travel further from home and even ventured outside their boundaries. This inquisitive nature of the horse led them to spy on those who came into their country. Always watching from far away and keeping to themselves, the Utes and the horse thrived in this new relationship.

The Ute man, Red Moon begins his story, long before the ca-va appeared, we Utes walked everywhere. We followed the seasons and knew our relatives. One day there was a great commotion in the air. The Big Raven or One Who Boasts and Magpie from the desert country, made it known early that morning that the stories, of strangely dressed men, were making their way through Ute land. They spoke a different language and they were always looking. One Who Boasts and the juvenile magpies saw them there. “They bring many men and a few of them travel ahead of the line.” Big Raven and magpies have flown far ahead to warn everyone.

They are no different from the humans from afar, as they drink water and eat

when hungry. A most curious sight though, some of the humans are sitting atop an animal with four legs. It is unbelievable that such a beautiful creature would allow a human to sit on its back. All of the birds have said the strangers do not understand our language when we ask them questions? We would fly right over them like this and even hurled a dropping their way. Their faces would get all twisted, you could hear them snarl. There are many of them and they take a path well worn by many. All of the birds say that they smell of campfire and sweat. That they are careless with a determination to conquer and the old blind man could hear them walking through the land. In motionlessness, sat the Ute people there in the shadow of the pinon pine. They were listening for you and when the time was right, we would have a closer look.

One Who Boasts began his testimony and family members gathered to decide of the truthfulness of his story. It was worth the time to see the mouse colored ca-va, a word used by the birds. He began, “Those

of you who can travel fast can come and we must blend in with our earth mother. Men have come into our lands and we will watch them, but we look for the four-legged called ca-va. Do not touch the mercenaries or their long knives. Do not take any of their possessions; they sleep hard from a long walk and full belly. They will be camped on the path with little room to go around. We must walk directly through the camp with the light from moon and keep going to the forest of pinon trees. There is word from the family of birds that the mouse colored mare has given birth. We move light and fast “vu-doom,” says uncle. Along the way One Who Boasts and the magpies told the nuchu about the strangers. There are others with them and they hunted humans what they left behind are the empty villages, pueblos and those who refused to follow were hanging on sharpen sticks. The great family of birds have witnessed many deaths at their hands and the destruction of the earth while looking for their Eldorado.

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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– Southern Ute Tribal Council

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APRIL 15, 2017
10 AM
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IHS BASEBALL

Bobcats’ first win comes in dramatic fashion

Late double leads to 6-5 win at Sargent

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

On a typical San Luis Valley day (meaning windy), Timmy Plehinger-Williams likely would have seen his seventh-inning shot sail over Farmer Field’s boundary in left and onto bordering Eight Mile Road.

“I just saw a pitch for me to take. Took it as best as I could, and it turned out great! I’d been looking for one all game,” he said afterwards, noting the other ‘hits’ he’d gotten in the March 25 non-leaguer came from two misplaced Sargent deliveries.

“Timmy ... I thought it was gone,” said Ignacio teammate Juanito Medina. “But maybe next time! I hope to get there one of these days hopefully.”

With the possible go-ahead run aboard at second, SHS skipper Terry VanBibber instructed junior Ryan Davis – who’d two-hit the Bobcats at IHS Field a week before – to intentionally walk senior Zach Weinreich, who’d already ripped two two-baggers, scored twice and collected two RBI.

“It was just something I’d been working on all week...trying to get my hands through the ball,” Weinreich said. “As big as I am, I should be able to hit something pretty hard. It’s starting to come around, I guess!”

But with one out, Van-Bibber’s plan threatened to backfire when junior Kai Roubideaux – who’d struck out each of his previous three AB’s – worked for an unintentional walk to load the bases for Rendon Mes-tas, whose first-inning single plated both Plehinger-Wil-liams and Weinreich for an early 2-0 advantage.

But Davis, into his fourth frame relieving starter Trev-or Milne (ND; 3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, HB, 5 K), managed to freeze the soph-omore for his ninth strike-out, bringing Medina up with two away.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Juanito Medina (5) fires a pitch against Sargent en route to earning the win (March 25) in relief. Medina struck out six Farmers and walked none in his three innings of work.

Bidding for another single to center, Medina cracked a hard but playable ground-er to the Farmer shortstop’s left. Hoping for a quick flip to second, the fielder forgot to first secure the ball, al-lowing Roubideaux to hustle safely to the bag. Option No. 2 was a longer throw to get Medina at first, but the senior sped up the line in time.

Meanwhile, Plehinger-Williams (1-1, BB, 2 HBP, 3 R) raced across the plate with the go-ahead run. And though Weinreich (2-3, 2 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI), hoping to sneak in an insurance scratch, was retired in a ral-ly-killing rundown between third and home, the reinvig-orated visitors had the nec-essary momentum.

“The top of the seventh... Kind of gave me the mo-mentum to ... shut down the game,” said Medina, who – working his third frame in relief of Weinreich (ND; 4 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 2 HB, 4 K) – would face Sar-gent’s 9-1-2 batters in the

inning’s deciding half.

Up first was the game’s surprise, sophomore catcher Eddie Gonzales, who’d unexpectedly singled and doubled to right off Weinreich, but fanned his first time against Medina in the bot-tom of the fifth – when the home side tied the contest at 5-5 via Milne’s two-out sin-gle scoring Davis.

“I basically just relaxed and stayed to myself. Took out the negativity in my head of what was happening next,” said Medina, “and thought to myself, ‘Just change up the pitches every now and then.’”

“It was keeping us on pins and needles for sure,” Plehinger-Williams said, of the game’s overall intensity. “We were having a rough start at the beginning, but we got into it after our first couple hits.”

But Gonzales went down swinging, and after Davis did likewise, Medina got

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IHS SOCCER

Soccer faces fierce resistance

THS, RHS exit Ignacio with shutout wins

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Following the March 16 season-opener at Monte-zuma-Cortez, which end-ed early with squad new-comer Santana Edd being wheeled off Johnson Field with extra care focused on her head/neck region after an unfortunate 70th-min-ute collision, new Ignacio head coach Daniel Sanchez was still upbeat about his team’s effort.

“I was really happy with the heart they showed; they really tried their hard-est and gave it their best,” he’d said following the 5-0 loss, which could have been much more severe. “I was really happy that they kept them down for most of the game, and so I expect better things as the year goes on.”

And even in a 9-nil loss at precise-passing Pagosa Springs five days later, there was still optimism – stem-ming from the fact that with-out a few players, injured both before and during the action, IHS again avoided a mercy-rule fate – present within the team’s bench area and post-match huddle.

“We’ve got a lot of things to clean up, but I’m really happy with what I see so far,” said Sanchez. “We’ve got to create some more scoring opportunities. And learn how to score; that’s the next step.”

In that regard, an uphill stride which may require ropes and crampons.

Eager to welcome Tel-luride to IHS Field for the Lady Bobcats’ March 24 home unveiling, it didn’t take Sanchez long to size up the likelihood of even getting near the visitors’ net.

“I saw them warming up, and I was like, ‘Uh-oh,’” Sanchez quipped af-terwards, quickly running



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Chamisa Edd blocks the pass of Pagosa Springs’ Halle Severs (23) during the Lady Bobcats’ March 21 trip to Golden Peaks Stadium.

out of words to assess a 10-nil loss to the 3A/2A In-termountain League’s lone rep in last spring’s Class 2A State Playoffs.

Eight different Lady Miners scored one goal including freshman Sa-mantha Morrell, whose first-minute marker held up as the match-winner.

Senior standout Ken-zie Zaumseil netted in the 32nd for a 6-0 lead at half-time, then struck again in the 55th to increase the lead to 8-nil, and sophomore Rubie deLuca converted classmate Claudia Betz’s 62nd-minute pass to bring about an early end to the af-ternoon with neither senior Whitney Wells (first half) nor freshman Claire Shaver (second half) having faced an Ignacio shot.

Sophomore Lanie Webb, who’d robbed PSHS senior star Hayley Mitchell on a 35th-minute penalty kick, made 15 total saves for IHS in defeat, as THS put 29 of their 48 total tries on frame.

Known for firing shots in bunches, Ridgway visited the Pine River Valley the next morning and prevailed 7-0. Senior Emma Gould

and junior Emma Haaland each scored twice, and sophomores Caitlin San-chez, Faith Kinne and Finn Doherty each booked one as the Lady Demons im-proved to 3-2 overall, 3-1 versus the full league.

The Lady Cats (0-4, 0-4) will next travel east on April 4 to face a brand-new IML member: Del Norte. The Lady Tigers were off to an 0-3, 0-1 start prior to hosting Leadville Lake County on March 31 in their last outing before hosting IHS.

Ignacio will then return to the San Luis Valley on April 7 to meet fellow circuit new-comer Crested Butte Com-munity School – winless as of Monday, Mar. 27, after by all accounts going 6-3-2 overall (including a home/away sweep of RHS) in their 2016 ‘preview’ campaign – in Center at 4 p.m., then remain in the area to battle longtime nemesis CHS at 11 the next morning.

SCHEDULE CHECK

Ignacio’s 4/26 home match versus Bayfield has been re-set for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

IHS TRACK

Gram, Perez pace Ignacio in Bloomfield

Cundiff also scores big at Quad in discus

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Still accelerating halfway through his 400-meter dash while numerous compet-itors who’d joined him in running the 200 were vir-tually red-lining, Ignacio senior Bryan Gram raced around Curtis Clement Me-morial Track to place sec-ond in 54.57 seconds – the Bobcats’ best individual re-sult at the 2017 Bloomfield, N.M., Quad.

After finishing a decent 11th (25.26) in the afore-mentioned half-sized sprint, Gram’s go, earning IHS five of its 14 boys’ team points at the March 17 gather-ing, ranked behind only the 54.39 – achieved in the preceding heat – of 4A Farmington (N.M.) Navajo Prep’s Seneca Martin.

Natoni Cundiff placed a non-scoring ninth in the shot put (38’8”), but secured four team points in the dis-cus with his third-place max

of 122’4”.

Also a near miss in the 300-meter hurdles with his ninth-fastest 50.08, Jonas Nanaeto ran a leg on the Bobcats’ sixth-place 4x100 relay (50.46). That earned Ignacio one point, and the 4x2 (also including Nanae-to) would score four with a fourth-place 1:53.80.

On the girls’ side, senior Azala Perez earned Igna-cio’s lone team point with her sixth-place 13.69 in the 100. But a few other efforts inside Bobcat Stadium came close, including senior Lea Mon-roe’s 6’0” pole vault which

tied her for seventh and trailed the scoring 6’6” of 3A Bayfield’s Miranda Talbot.

Perez finished eighth in the 200 (28.92) and Jaylynn Herrera was tenth (29.65) after placing 23rd in the 100 (14.52). Herrera also placed tenth in the long jump (13’5.75”), and in a special-ty officially featured in New Mexico T&F action but not yet in Colorado, took eighth in the javelin with a 70-foot, six-inch throw.

Up next on Ignacio’s schedule will be its Abel Velasquez Invitational on Saturday, April 8.

Ignacio Bobcats Track Standings

2017 BLOOMFIELD QUAD BOYS' STANDINGS

1. Kirtland (N.M.) Central 119.5, 2. Bayfield 117.5, 3. Bloomfield 78, 4. Shiprock (N.M.) 58, 5. Pojoaque (N.M.) Valley 44, T-6. Farmington (N.M.) Navajo Prep & IGNACIO 14.

2017 BLOOMFIELD QUAD GIRLS' STANDINGS

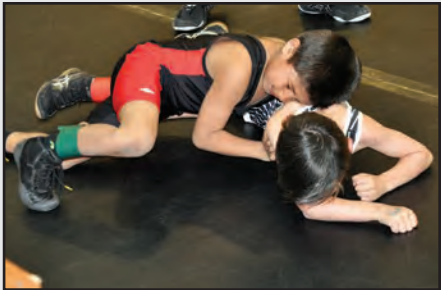
T-1. Kirtland Central & Bloomfield 95, 3. Bayfield 92.75, 4. Shiprock 91.25, 5. Pojoaque Valley 51, 6. Farmington Navajo Prep 18, 7. IGNACIO 1.

Wrestlers in Durango, Cortez



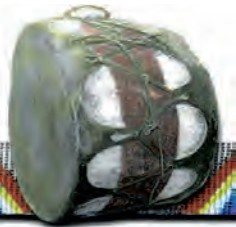
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Ignacio youth wrestlers made their stand in Cortez, Saturday, March 18 after last weekends action in Durango, March 11. Coaches and wrestlers pose during introductions by the Cortez Wrestling Team of divisions 1 and 2, to begin the days wrestling event. The wrestlers will be at the Farmington Invitational, 8 a.m., Saturday, April 1, hosted at the Kirtland High School, in Kirtland, NM. The wrestlers will be in Bayfield, Saturday, April 8 at the Bayfield High School and finish the season on Saturday, April 15 at Piedra Vista, NM beginning at 8 a.m. for divisions 1 and 2.



Tyler Naranjo attempts to overturn his opponent at the Cortez Invitational in division 1 and 2 action.

Elliot Hendren, wrestling his first match placed second at the Cortez Invitational.



STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Hi ARIES people. There are a few important factors in the works for your spring forecast. You have work to do before the EASTER BUNNY comes hopping in on the 16th. Personal goals, family commitments, job related matters, and plans with partners, and spouses are all a part of APRIL’S spring forecast. Most all will be activated and will require your input. URANUS in your sign all month is the anti-boredom pill that you don’t have to swallow. It just sits there and stirs up lots of excitement.

♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

MERCURY takes a stand on the 9th and slips into its retrograde back pedal for the rest of the month. It won’t be a dormant period TAURUS. MARS spurs your motivation as it moves through your sign. No doubt you will want to get things done, and the sooner the better. Explore all your options before making any decisions. Hasty actions will only slow you down. VENUS your lucky planetary ruler shines its light early in the morning sky through the 7th. The NEW MOON on the 26th triggers a fresh cycle.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

You may have noticed things always seem to slow down when MERCURY begins its retrograde motion, which it will do on the 9th. It doesn’t mean your month will be a total frustration. There will still be opportunities to get something completed. A FULL MOON in LIBRA on the 10th, shines in your favor GEMINI. Spending time with loved ones is always high on your list, and currently JUPITER supports your favorite activities. There’s a good chance finances may see some improvement this month.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

JUPITER in the home and family section promotes abundant events to keep you happily entertained starting in APRIL. An array of fun activities may line up during spring, and summer. A MOON KID like you can’t help but smile as you write them all on your calendar. Fresh opportunities arise as prosperous planets improve your spending power. Just be sure to keep track. Job related interests, could also be an area of advancement. Beginning on the 19th, a more favorable atmosphere develops.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Surprises of the enjoyable type might have you planning the summer vacation of your dreams. A brilliant SUN currently in compatible ARIES brightens the travel zone of your chart, and heartens your desire to get away. Keep in mind this is still the planning stage LIONS. Later on the 28th when VENUS enters ARIES a much stronger energy will reign, and you may crave a more sociable agenda. No need for friends to use heavy persuasion to get you out of the house, you’ll be waiting by the door.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

NEPTUNE continues to throw its opposing weight around through the whole month. It’s in your best interest to maintain a clear head regarding legal matters. Partnership ties require honesty, and well thought out communications. MARS in like-minded TAURUS until the 20th inspires you to put your travel ideas at the very top of your list of wishes. Late in the month after the 18th, your intentions are more likely to be successful. A neutral, unbiased, attitude is best when dealing with family matters.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

APRIL 10th’s FULL MOON in LIBRA enables you to see where certain relationships are headed. At first it may appear as though there is one huge obstacle after another. But by taking a second look you might discover there are beneficial conditions at work that would be helpful to your cause. Agreements can be made, and your conversations may yield informative results. It’s all because of your persuasive LIBRAN skills. Your insightful vision has always served you well LIBRA, particularly with community affairs.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

A little light-hearted humor will go a long way on the 1st when the MOON slips into GEMINI. Pranksters everywhere will liberate their own brand of APRIL FOOLS JOKES on unsuspecting victims. With NEPTUNE in the jokester segment of your Horoscope, you might be one of those pranksters yourself. Don’t be mean SCORPIO, the funnier the better. Gag gifts, weird thrift store outfits, or a chocolate bunny without ears might be some crazy options. Put your imagination to work SCORPIO.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

Cosmic Forces involve your sign in promising creative potential. SATURN’S slow progress through SAGITTARIUS continues to work its teaching magic in your Horoscope. This month it has endowed you with an excellent opportunity to be more helpful to family members. They look to you as a wise and fair leader. One who can be a trusted advisor. Be mindful of your counsel Saggies, after the 9th MERCURY slips into retrograde and you don’t want to create any family dramas by saying the wrong thing.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Yes there may be challenges to be dealt with in APRIL but your disciplined nature will see you through any obstacles that should arise. The SOLAR SYSTEM might have you feeling a little off kilter from the 11th through 15th. During that period it emits an unsettling aura. This is a test. Stay the course. By month’s end your practicality is revived, as well as your momentum. This may give you a chance to complete some unfinished chores. Your best days include the 11th, 12th, and 13th, and the 21st, and 22nd.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

If there is one thing on earth you can’t resist AQUARIUS ... it’s an opportunity to travel. APRIL’S planetary pattern should suit you well. Luck and possibly a few surprising developments clear the way for a fresh adventure. A short trip locally may yield stimulating new information. Keep the lines of communication open. But of course you always do that anyway. A SUN/URANUS connection on the 13th provides you with a multiple of options to pursue. Careful ... your creativity is showing.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

This month’s planetary pattern offers up a mixture of love, money, and Spiritual Quests. With both VENUS and NEPTUNE in your sign anything is possible. There’s an idealistic aura taking hold after the 15th when VENUS awakens from its celestial nap. Single PISCESAN’S may find that a more loving, and gentle energy prevails within relationships. Chances are you might be more willing to sweep prior disagreements under the rug, and just move forward. Let it go Little Fishes.

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This opinion is my own, it is my perception, my account, my words without fear of retaliation or the loss of employment by our tribal leaders. It is my understanding that in a country where freedom reigns and that freedom is applicable to the citizens of this Great Nation in which I as a Southern Ute am one, I need not fear to use my voice.

Tribal members, I am writing you this letter to let you know what has happened since the onset of our petition for the remaining Sisseton Settlement funds.

On February 14, our first petition was presented to tribal council by the Election Board whereby, it was accepted by council and a date was set for special election by March 16, 2017.

On February 21, the petition was found by council to be unconstitutional and the scheduled vote date for March 16, 2017 was quashed.

We were told that our petition contained items on it that did not pertain to an explicit up or down vote. The following items were said to cause confusion and deception to the membership and therefore, should be removed. The following had to be either stated within the question or deleted altogether.

Restricted settlement funds should not be utilized by either the permanent or the growth fund

Council will refrain from retaliation toward members for signing this petition

Therefore, currently we have submitted a second petition whereby, we removed all confusion and created the present petition with the up/down question “Should the remaining Sisseton Settlement in a restricted account be immediately 100% dispersed to the membership tax free?”. This was per the specifications put forth by tribal council. They even expressed interest in having our petition attached to an “enacted” resolution therefore, we complied

with this request as well.

We the petitioners took out the offensive, confusing language of:

There will be no retaliation, harassment or threats of termination from employment by Council toward those who sign this petition

As of March 8, we submitted our present petition to the Election Board who verified, validated and found the petition to be in accordance with the Constitution and Approved Codes of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

On March 21, the Election Board presented to Tribal Council our revised version of the petition for a vote for the remainder of the Sisseton Settlement funds.

During this day in the morning the Election Board was not placed on the calendar to accept the referendum. The council affirmed they would have a full quorum in the afternoon at which time they would receive the referendum. As it turned out, a full quorum was unavailable, per Vice Chairman Cloud. The petitioners were informed that Council would review the petition by email and that they can receive and check email throughout their absence.

April 4, Tribal Council will address the issue of our improved version of the petition or referendum to vote for the distribution of funds. However, The Code 11-9-103. Referendum. states that “Upon receipt of the verified referendum petition, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council shall set a date for the referendum pursuant to the Constitution. This date, as specified in the Constitution, shall be within thirty (30) days following receipt of a valid referendum petition by the Tribal Council or adoption of a Tribal Council resolution authorizing the referendum unless a different date is adopted through amendment of the Constitution.”

The wording Tribal Council “Shall” does not leave room for choice other than to follow through with picking

a date for vote. The Election Board’s responsibility per Code 11-2-106, Duties (3) is to, Verify all petitions for referendum and recall elections. This verification process of the petition or referendum was accomplished by the Election Board for our petition and presented to Council. Per the Constitution and the Election Code only the Election Board has the authority to void a special election. If it were the case that Council had the authority to void a special election such as this referendum than it would be unethical because a conflict of interest would occur. For example, if one put forth a petition for recall and Council were to void such a petition than no one would be at risk for recall yet, recall of elected officials does exist per the Code. The voiding of the initial vote date of March 16, 2017 is questionable at best. The current petition that was presented to Council should have been set for vote upon receipt which occurred on March 21, 2017

At this point members, this petition to vote is incredibly important because it will set a precedence for future avenues and possibilities of change. When a petition or referendum can go to vote it then becomes the peoples voice which is heard through majority vote and thereby, changes the outcome of an otherwise elected body. Tribal Council was elected by the people for the interest of the people. We are not down playing their role as elected officials however, change with them is slow to occur with employment, service provisions, policy, a just and equitable system and the like. If we as a people can use our voice through majority vote and a democratic process by aiding Council where complacency is a deterrent to change then we have established a win/win situation through our vote. Thus, hearing and utilizing the voice of the people.

Respectfully,
Yvonne Davis

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Lightning Bolts take 2nd

The Ignacio Lightning Bolts 8th Grade Boys took 2nd Place at the Southern Colorado March Madness Championships in Pueblo, CO on March 17-19, 2017. Congratulations! (Left-right) Coach Adam Tucson, Brady McCaw, Adam House, Triston Thompson, Gabe Tucson, Dillon LaBarthe, Bryce Finn, Nakai Lovato and Dru Martinez. Thank you.



Drum Deadline

Next issue:
April 14
Deadline:
April 10

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OBITUARIES



In memory of Elbert F. Floyd (Bert)

Bert was born September 5, 1923 on a ranch near the Ute Mountain Indian Reservation agency at Towaoe, Colo., near Cortez Colo., and died February 25, 2017 in Steamboat Springs, Colo.. His parents were Elbert J. Floyd and Frances Olivia Henry Floyd. Elbert F. was reared at the Southern Ute Indian Reservation near Ignacio, Colo. He graduated from Ignacio High School, the University of Oregon, and from Strum College of Law, University of Denver. Bert was admitted to practice in Colorado State and United States courts including the United States Supreme Court.

Bert served as a United States Marine in the Solomon Islands during World War II. He also served a year during the Korean War in the Third Infantry Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California. Bert held life memberships in the Disabled American Veterans, First Marine Division Association, Marine Corps League and the Guadalcanal Campaign Association. He was a charter member of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. and of the Marine Corps Heritage Museum Foundation at Quantico, Virginia.

During Bert’s civilian work life he was a sheep herder, forest fire lookout, Lincoln historian and author, Freemason and a Protestant. He was forever mindful of his life with the Southern Ute Indians and the residents of the Ignacio, Colorado community.

Bert and his widow, Marie Campbell Floyd, were married in May, 1945.

He is survived by Marie, daughters Sue Ley, Sun City, Arizona and Nancy Wilson, Steamboat Springs, Colorado and son John, also of Steamboat Springs. Bert is survived by his sister Elizabeth Mabie and predeceased by his parents, two brothers Edward and William Floyd and sister Rose Marie Marsh. He is also survived by many grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

There was a cremation. A celebration of life will be held later in July in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Those wishing to give a gift may do so to their favorite charity.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF

Case No: 2017-PY-0004

Shoshoni Rain Blackwood, Child

Notice of Hearing

Concerning: Ceriss Blackwood, Petitioner v. Gideon Two Crow, Respondent

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for PATERNITY before the above named Court on **May 16, 2017 at 2 PM**.

Kara Cuthair, Southern Ute Tribal Court
Dated: March 27, 2017

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SunUte Main Entrance Door Replacement Project

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
SunUte Department
P.O. Box 737, 290 Mouache Circle
Ignacio, CO 81137
ATTN: Ian Thompson
970-563-0214*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Construction Services for the SunUte main entrance door replacement project. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Department located at 290 Mouache Circle in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until May 8, 2017. Proposals received

after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Ian Thompson for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0214 or ithompson@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Mary Rose Silas

Job title: Home Health Care Aide

Description of duties: Care for clients by monitoring their health and wellbeing. Make sure clients get to appointments and activities.

Hobbies: Listen to music, swimming, being with my children.

Family: Partner John Bitsie Sr., 3 boys DaVonte, Silas, Ouray and 1 girl Legatee.

Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Additional comments: Hope to make a positive difference in client's lives.

Jolette Peabody Dutchie

Job title: Stock Clerk

Description of duties: To maintain, assist and held with all orders.

Hobbies: Read, write, workout and play with my daughter

Family: Joyce Dutchie (mom), Gilbert Dutchie (dad), JadaRae Paseiro-Lopez (daughter).

Tribe: Ute Mountain Ute



Eli V. Sam

Job title: Detention Officer

Description of duties: Monitors, screen and secures all activities with the detention center from the control room and maintains key control of facility.

Hobbies: Backpacking, hiking, fishing and traveling.

Tribe: Navajo

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 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 with any questions.

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Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at 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.

Senior Foreman - Production – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/5/17
Daily operation of Red Willow’s San Juan basin gas and water production and associated equipment and facilities. Directs and ensures that daily operations are run in a safe and efficient manner and while maintaining compliance with Red Willow standard operating procedures, environmental, health, and safety standards.

Wells Team Manager – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/5/17
Leads, manages, and independently completes projects and provides subsurface engineering support for operations consistent with RWPC and Growth Fund priorities and concerns. Develops and supervises specific technical procedures for the service rig work and well maintenance management. Reviews and works closely with RWPC Operations to optimize field performance and profitability. Oversees planning, budgeting, authorization, and post-appraisal of projects. Maintain accurate well files and reports. Manage the daily activities of Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) personnel and contractors.

Division Order Analyst II– Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/10/17
Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Division Order Analysts.

Division Order Analyst III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/10/17
Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and division order records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Works independently, follows existing processes with minimum supervision. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level staff.

Land Records Analyst II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/10/17
Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level Land Records Analysts.

Land Records Analyst III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/10/17
Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land and lease records, including all related documents and contracts, for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated. Advises all other departments of changes related to Red Willow holdings. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain accurate records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Works independently, follows existing processes with minimum supervision. Provides a wider scope of support to more senior level staff.

Land Administration Manager– Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 4/10/17
Establish practices and processes to ensure that all necessary documents and instruments supporting the title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate filing and electronic system. Works with Red Willow staff and partners to obtain, maintain, and access land and division order records. Works with central land administration to ensure electronic and physical records are maintained, accurate, and comply with Red Willow policy and practice. Minimum qualifications include: Must have a Bachelor’s degree in Business, Accounting or closely related discipline and ten years progressive experience in land property records, division orders or oil and gas contracts; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and fifteen years progressive experience in land property records, division orders or oil and gas contracts. Must be a proven manager of people and demonstrate the ability to develop technical and team work skills in staff. Must have an understanding of general legal terminology and concepts relevant to land title work. Must be able to determine and compute ownership interests from analysis of instruments of conveyance. Must have a background in, and strong understanding of, state title standards, revised state statutes, and other venues for reviewing “marketable” ownership and interest conveyance. Supervisory experience is required. Must have advanced computer skills in a Windows environment with word processing. Must have very strong skills using spreadsheets. Must have significant demonstrated skill in identifying and resolving database and arithmetic errors. Must have extensive knowledge of leases, joint operating agreements, communitization/unit agreements, farm-ins, farm-outs and other land related documents. Experience working with title documents including division order title opinions and all forms of curative documents is required. Must have strong organizational skills. Must have mentoring skills, a willingness to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the RWPC vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Senior Accountant – GF Properties (Durango, CO)
Closing date 4/17/17
Ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, general ledger adjustments and account reconciliations are made on an accurate and timely basis. Preparing monthly financial reporting packages, (analysis and presentation) and provides annual audit support. Presents a positive and professional image. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance, or closely related field and five years full time experience in accounting is required, one of which must be in a real estate investment or property management related area. Must have a good understanding of a cost accounting system and the effect that transactions have on financial reporting. Must have computer knowledge at an intermediate level in Microsoft Windows, Word and Excel. Must have a valid drivers’ license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

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

Closing date 4/21/17
Provides technical and clerical support to Red Willow geologic staff. Works closely with geoscientists to provide maps and database maintenance for projects. Works routinely within geographic database programs, such as ArcGIS and other oil and gas specific mapping platforms. Works with Engineering, Land, and Operations staff as needed. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor’s degree in Geology or a related science field and four years relevant work experience; OR, a two-three Technical Diploma and six Years of relevant work experience; OR, a High School Diploma or equivalent and eight years of relevant work experience is required. Must have a strong computer based data management, manipulation, analysis skills, including the ability to make maps or other output using digital databases. Must have an intermediate level understanding of Petra and Kingdom software suites, or comparable industry- standard software. Must have strong ArcGIS skills. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Willow vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
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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

Electrician

Closing date 4/3/17
Repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

Admin. Assistant – Boys & Girls Club

Closing date 4/5/17
Assists Boys & Girls Club management with administrative needs of the organization. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time)

Closing date 4/6/17
Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Forestry Crew Member

Closing date 4/6/17
Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Dept. of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the tribal membership. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Closing date 4/6/17
Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Patrol Officer – Trainee

Closing date 4/6/17
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.

Education Floater

Closing date 4/7/17
Supporting the SUIMA through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Closing date 4/10/17
Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Water Resource Division Head

Closing date 4/10/17

The Division Head works under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources Director, 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
A summer work position for an enrolled local Native American. Summer work program is two months. Program involves working within the Air and Water disciplines within the So. 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.

Chief Medical Officer

Open until filled
Full-time, 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.

Detention Transport Officer

Open until filled
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Pay Roll 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.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Cook, Temporary Receptionist (April-Sept.). For 2017-18 school year: Secondary PE/Health Teacher; Southwest/Native Studies Teacher; Family Consumer Science Teacher; Secondary Gifted Teacher; Special Ed Paraprofessional, Girl’s Basketball Coach.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at 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-Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 4/3/17
Performs multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Duties include clearing off and sanitizing tables for next group 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 16 years old. Must have reliable transportation.

*Front Desk Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 3/31/17
Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests may include; but not limited to: luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver’s license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time/Grave shift)

Closing date 3/31/17
Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/equivalency preferred.

Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 4/3/17
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Closing date 4/3/17
Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Duties are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning will include an average of 12 guest rooms and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift. Must be at least 18 years old. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. 1 year previous experience preferred in hotel or hospitality business. Must be able to perform repetitive physically demanding routine tasks.
**Must be at least 21 years old.*



BOBCATS' FIRST WIN • FROM PAGE 12

Hunter Younkerman to pop foul to first baseman Marcus Chapman – clinching a 6-5 road win and avenging the previous Saturday's 14-0 loss to the then- No. 10 [CHSAANow.com Class 2A preseason poll, 3/6] Farmers.

"I threw a curve ... the last pitch," Medina (W; 3 IP, 3 H, R, 0 BB, 0 HB, 6 K) said, "and got him."

Davis (4 IP, H, R, 4 BB, HB) took the loss for SHS, which left 12 total runners on base offensively – nine at second and/or third base – and left the sacks packed in the first and fourth innings.

"We didn't hit the ball as good as we did the first time we played. Twice we had the bases loaded and just didn't get the big hits we needed – throughout the whole game," Sargent outfielder Ivan Jimenez (2-3, BB, RBI) said. "I'd say that would be

the biggest factor; you don't win a lot of ballgames leaving the bases loaded."

"When we won fourteen to nothing ... When you don't have errors and don't walk people, things usually turn out pretty good," said Milne (2-4). "Today we did o.k.; we can play a lot better."

Gonzales and Younkerman each finished 2-for-4 for the Farmers (2-5 overall), and Christian Schaller was 1-4 with a run and RBI-double, which had initially evened the game at 2-2 after one inning.

Mestas and Medina each finished 1-for-4 as Ignacio improved to 1-3 (0-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League), and Chapman was 0-2 but drew two walks and scored once.

"It'll set us off pretty good," said Mestas, looking ahead to IHS' upcoming outings. "We didn't play the best we could play, but...we're

getting there. We should be good by next game."

"Got the 'W' and that's all that matters," Weinreich said. "Just got to keep working hard!"

"Focus more towards basehits," added Medina, "and get on base, get the runs scored – more than [focusing on] the bigger hits that might come every now and then."

Up next, the Bobcats will play a difficult split-site doubleheader on Saturday, April 1. Up first will be a trip to Hotchkiss to face the Bulldogs at noon at HMS, and after the contest concludes Ignacio will pack up for a quick drive to Paonia for a scheduled 3 p.m. start against the Eagles at Volunteer Park.

HHS stood eighth in the updated [March 27] rankings, while PHS still held down the #1 spot.

Winterguard prepares for NM



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts' Winterguard Junior Cadets, Addison Baker (left) and Briel Cruz practice for their competition at the La Cueva Winterguard Invitation, Saturday, April 1 at La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, NM. The LPCIYPA's 'Spring Showcase' will feature the winterguard, ensembles and solo performances will have their Friday, April 21 at the Ignacio High School at 7 p.m.



Winterguard Cadets Dewayne (left) and Nathaniel Hendren practice their gun handling skills Tuesday, March 28 in the ELHI gymnasium.

Winterguard Junior Cadets Adarenee Cruz (foreground) and Layla Gosney practice their flag work for the La Cueva Winterguard Invitational, Saturday, April 1.

Correction

In a photo published in the March 3 issue of The Southern Ute Drum, Reggie Howe, the son of Jake Ryder and Shyida Howe was misidentified.

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