

The Southern Ute Drum

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TRIBAL ELECTION

Tribe preps for May election

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

As April winds down, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its members are gearing up for the May 4 Referendum Election set forth by Tribal Council. Next week, tribal members will be heading to the polls to vote to approve or disapprove the proposed resolution distributing the entire remaining balance of the Sisseton Settlement Funds to the tribal membership.

Tribal Council will be hosting an educational meeting for tribal members on Monday, May 1, to discuss with the membership their plans for the remaining funds if the referendum does not pass. In addition, a group of tribal members will be hosting their own meeting regarding the election the following day on

Tuesday, May 2.

There has also been a rallying of tribal members on social media, using Facebook to promote the election encouraging fellow tribal members to show up to vote, regardless of what side they are voting for.

Due to the heighten interest in the election, the Southern Ute Election Board has also seen a sharp increase in the number of tribal members registering to vote. As of April 25 – the deadline to register to vote in this election – there were 978 registered tribal voters. That is compared to just 921 in the December 19, 2016 Tribal Council Runoff Election.

In a matter of four months there have been 57 tribal members who have registered to vote, compared to just 10 over the past three years.

To give the membership an idea of the voting population, there are 1,164 tribal members who are of age to be a registered tribal voter. Of the 1,164 that fall in that category, a total of 978, or 84 percent, of them are registered voters.

So what does that mean for the election?

Having such a high rate of registered voters is always a good thing; however, this election, like all the others, will come down to actual voter turnout.

Per the Election Board, in order for the election results to be valid at least 50 percent of all registered tribal voters must participate in the election; meaning at least 489 valid ballots must be cast as of 7 p.m. on May 4. Thereafter, the highest vote wins

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BONITA PEAK

EPA updates tribal staff on mining district

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Wednesday, April 26 a staff level briefing was held for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, outlining the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed activities for the Bonita Peak Mining District (BPMD) National Priority List Site.

The EPA has been holding regular meetings with the tribe regarding the mining district following the Gold King Mine spill in 2015. The BPMD National Priority List Site consists of a total of 48 mines that make up the site. The EPA has identified these 48 sites as the most significant sources of contamination.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Environmental Protection Agency met with Southern Ute tribal staff on Wednesday, April 26 to provide current status updates and plans for the Bonita Peak Mining District. Culture Department Director, Edward Box III (left) and Environmental Programs Division Head Tom Johnson discuss the tribe’s involvement in helping identify cultural sites and plants within the mining district.

Over the past year, the Culture Department’s members of the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have been working with NAGPRA representatives to identify potential Ute

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TRIBAL PLANNING

County Road 517 construction to begin in June

By Jody Rosier
TRIBAL PLANNING

Construction should begin on County Road 517 in June. This is the main road that divides Tribal Court, SUPD and the Casino from the Tribal main campus. The project will add a center turn lane, sidewalks and bike lanes on both side of the street from 172 and CR 517 intersection to the Police Department. There will also be islands for the pedestrians at the intersection and marked crossing areas to safely cross the street throughout the project.

After the Police Department, there will be bike lanes on both sides and a sidewalk along the housing developments.

This project will provide for safer travel for pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars. Many people have mentioned that there is someone walking on this road at nighttime mak-

ing it very difficult to see them. Overall this project should increase the safety of County Road 517.

The project may last 150 days and construction will not occur during Bear Dance weekend and Sun Dance. Construction may run into November or December.

To help with making the construction go quicker, the Tribe requests that people try to avoid County Road 517 and identify other areas to park. By having less people drive on CR 517, the construction crew should be able to work faster and not have to slow down allowing cars to drive through on CR 517. This should decrease the number of days it will take for the project.

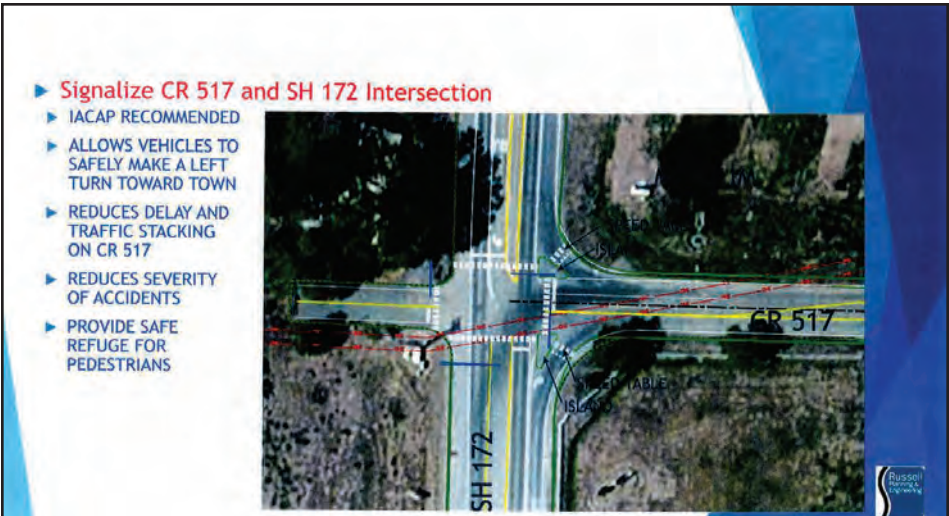
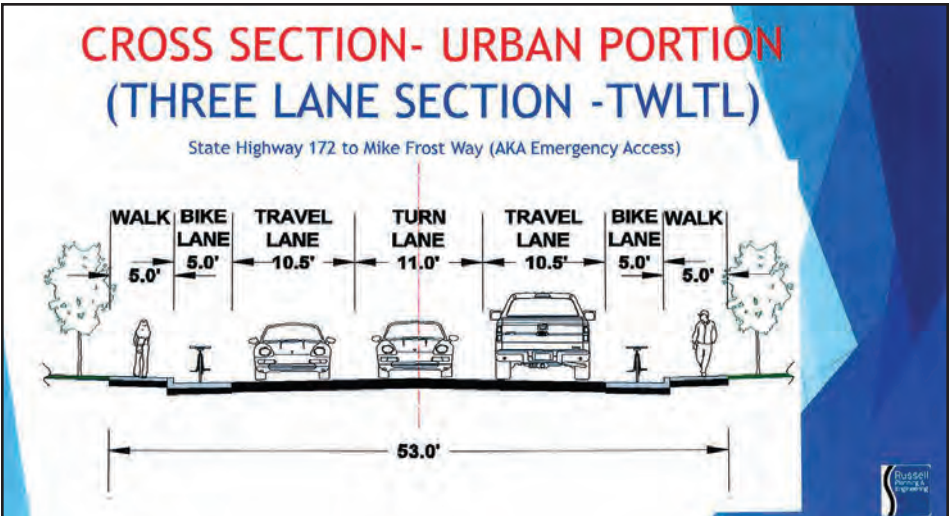
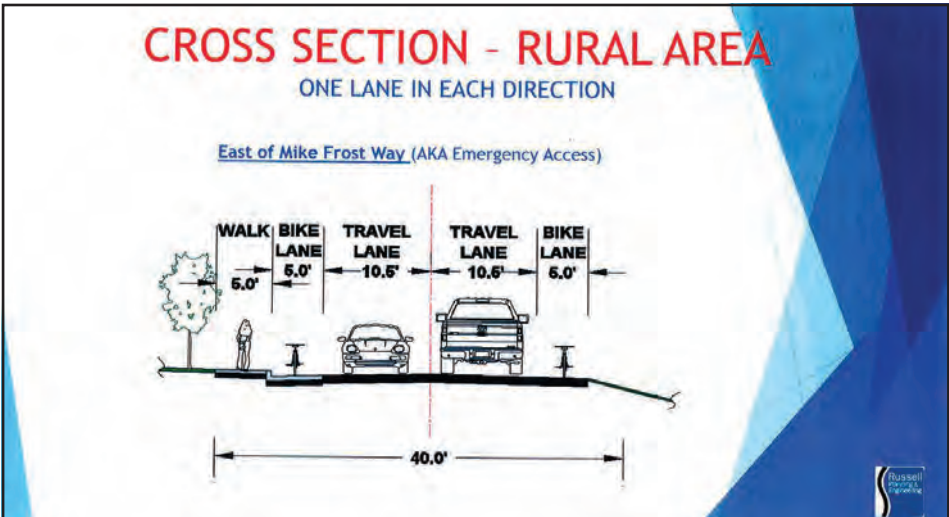
Although the staging area for the equipment and construction materials will be at the entrance to Scott’s Pond, the contractor will ensure that there is still access to this great fishing site. With everyone’s coop-

eration we hope this project is completed quicker than the 150 days.

The project is funded with grants from the La Plata County, Colorado Department

of Transportation, a Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and BIA.

For additional information, call the Southern Ute Tribal Planning at 970-563-2272.



Coloring the world with love



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Students express themselves as they make their way through the color run ‘coloring’ stations. The Color Run was organized to bring awareness to child abuse in our communities. Various coloring stations were set up throughout the Candelaria Heights community, beginning and ending at the Ignacio Middle School, Wednesday, April 26.

More color run photos on page 8.

Hozhoni Days returns to FLC



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Rudley Weaver of the Southern Ute Veterans Association helped to bring in the colors during the powwow’s Grand Entry. The annual cultural gathering brought singers, dancers and spectators together from Friday, April 14 — Saturday April 15, 2017.

More powwow photos on page 9.



SAMPLE

No. 0000

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE REFERENDUM ELECTION Thursday, May 4, 2017

Do you approve or disapprove of this proposed resolution?

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

April ____, 2017

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”) by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (“Tribe”) and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975 and August 21, 1991, to act for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(h) of said Constitution, the Tribal Council has the authority to manage all funds within the control of the Tribe, and may appropriate available tribal money for public, business, governmental or investment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the United States as trustee has had and continues to have obligations to administer and manage the Tribe’s accounts, funds, and non-monetary assets or resources that are held in trust by the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-219, adopted on November 19, 2013, the Tribe retained the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) to represent it in the assertion of its claims against the United States for historical accountings and other equitable relief regarding the Tribe’s accounts, funds, and non-monetary assets or resources that are held in trust by the United States, in the case entitled Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, et al. v. Jewell, et al., No. 13-601, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as “Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate case”); and

WHEREAS, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in June 2016, and

WHEREAS, in discussing settlement with the United States, the Tribe emphasized the United States’ failure to honor its trust responsibility to maintain the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project, failure to protect the Tribe’s historic trust records housed at the Southern Ute Agency, and failure to require oil and gas operators to remediate abandoned well pads; and

WHEREAS, at the close of the settlement negotiations the United States offered the Tribe a settlement award of \$126,000,000.00 in recognition of the damages suffered by the Tribe for the United States’ failure to uphold its trust responsibility; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2016-157, Tribal Council accepted the United States’ offer of settlement for \$126,000,000.00 (“Settlement Funds”) in the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate case to settle the Tribe’s claims related to trust accounts, trust funds, and non-monetary trust assets and resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its contract with NARF, the Tribe was obligated to contribute to NARF ten percent of the overall amount of any settlement reached in the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate case; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its contract with NARF, the Tribe was responsible for payment of any experts or consultants retained by NARF and utilized by the Tribe to assist in calculating and supporting the Tribe’s claims; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council solicited and received comments from the tribal membership concerning how to distribute the remaining Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the comments it received from the tribal membership, and in consideration of the well-being of the tribal membership, both present and future, the Tribal Council determined to make a one-time distribution of \$45,000.00 to each enrolled tribal member; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council decided to deposit the remaining balance of the Settlement Funds, which is approximately \$45,473,430.00, into a restricted fund for future use as determined in the sole discretion of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. 2016-203, Tribal Council 1) approved the payment of \$12,600,000.00 to the Native American Rights Fund; 2) approved the payment of \$21,570.00 to Rocky Hill Advisors, the consultants who helped develop the Tribe’s claims; 3) authorized the one-time distribution of \$45,000.00 to each tribal member enrolled as of 11:59 p.m. on December 6, 2016; and 4) authorized the remaining balance to be deposited into a restricted fund for future use as determined in the sole discretion of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe circulated two separate petitions for referendum to direct the disbursement of the entire remaining Settlement Funds to the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council determined both petitions to be unconstitutional because the petitions did not ask the registered voters of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to vote upon any enacted or proposed ordinance or resolution, but instead sought to direct an appropriation of tribal funds in derogation of the Tribal Council’s exclusive authority to make such appropriations; and

WHEREAS, no elections were held because Tribal Council determined the petitions to be invalid; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has authority to itself submit an issue for referendum pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution, upon the adoption of a resolution of the Tribal Council supported by no less than four members thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2017-49, the Tribal Council directed the Election Board to hold an election whereupon the registered voters of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe could vote upon a proposed resolution to approve or disapprove distributing the entire remaining balance of the Settlement Funds to duly enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council shall distribute the remaining deposited Settlement Funds within 45 days of the date of certification by the Election Board and formal acceptance by the Tribal Council of the certified referendum election results affirming the adoption of the proposed resolution, in equal amounts to the duly enrolled members of the Tribe as of 11:59 p.m. on the date of said certification and acceptance, to be distributed as more fully set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Finance Department will make the afore-mentioned distribution to adults in a lump sum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for tribal members under the age of eighteen as of 11:59 p.m. on the date of said certification and acceptance, the Finance Department will deposit sixty percent of the distribution into the tribal member’s minors’ trust account and will distribute the remaining forty percent to the minor through a parent or legal guardian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such distributions to tribal members under the age of eighteen will be otherwise consistent with the direction contained in Res. No. 2016-212.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, or in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, a duly appointed Acting Chairman, is authorized to execute the necessary documents and take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

This resolution was duly adopted on the ___ day of April, 2017.

Mr. Clement J. Frost, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that there were () of the regularly elected Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members present at the above meeting at which () voted for, and () against, it being a quorum and the above resolution was passed, the Chairman not being permitted to vote in this instance due to a Constitutional provision.

_____, Recording Secretary
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

Approve _____
Disapprove _____

NOTE: The decision of the tribal electoral shall be final, PROVIDED, that not less than fifty percent (50%) of the registered voters of the Southern Ute Indian tribe Vote in such referendum. Article VI – Referendum Section 1.

Many Moons Ago



Amy Barry/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students participated in the Kidney and Diabetes Week, April 16-20, 2007 that was sponsored by the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program and the CHR Division. All students began at the Academy and ended at SunUte’s multi-purpose field for health snacks.

This photo first appeared in the April 27, 2007, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Earth Day “97” was honored by Ignacio Intermediate students by picking up trash along Highway 172, two miles south of Ignacio. The students have been participating in this activity for over 5 years as a part the Adopt a Highway Program. Buddy Taylor, Lucas Atson and Brandon Lucero (l-r) along with other students fro Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Valdez’s fifth grade classes enjoyed Tuesday afternoon helping the environment.

This photo first appeared in the April 25, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute Indian High School seniors back row, l-r: David Rael, Tommy Weaver, Bernard Cuthair, McKean Walton. Front row, l-r: Kenneth Richards, Stacey Rivera, Bill Weaver, Leora Burch and Vanessa Pinecoose.

This photo first appeared in the May 1, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

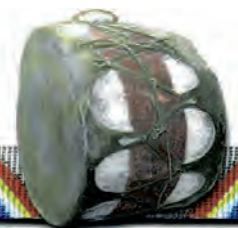
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION

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

- **Special Election: Thurs., May 4, 2017 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
- **Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline: Wed., May 3, 2017 by 5 p.m.**

**THE 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Contact Election Board at 970-563-0100, ext. 2303 or 2305
Direct phone at 970-563-4789
Off-Reservation tribal members call 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303
Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov



TRIBAL STUDENTS

Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Staff report
SU EDUCATION DEPT.

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education

- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to El-

len S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 26 and shall state the basis for the nomination.

For information call Ellen at 970-563-0235, ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Locals launch literary journal



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ronald Yellowbird signs a copy of one of his stories that is included in the Cedar Moon Literary Journal. Yellowbird is a part of The Ignacio Writer's Group who along with the Ignacio Community Library hosted a launch party on Friday, April 21 for the first issue of the journal. The journal features poetry, essays, short stories, art and photography collected from local contributors.

Ute Indian Museum Grand Opening Celebrations



June 9th, 2017 – Tribal Dedication & Grand Opening
June 10th, 2017 – Public Dedication & Grand Opening
In Montrose, CO

Agenda of Events soon to be released



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

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

Southern Ute Bear Dance

May 26,27,28,29, 2017



105 Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes are held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. They start at 5:30 p.m. till 7 p.m.

- **April - 6,13,20,27
- **May - 1,8,15,22
- **June - 5,12,19,26

(All Classes Dates ** may be "Changed or Canceled")

Tribal Membership Classes

Are held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) in the Large room. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Monday & Tuesday

- **April** - 3,4,10,11,17,18,24,25; Finish - Ribbon Shirts & Dresses
- **May** - 1,2,8,9,15,16,22,23; Growlers & Girls Shawls
- **June** - 5,6,12,13,19,20; Cedar Bags & Drumsticks

Class is Limited to the first (20) participants who Sign up. Early sign-up is recommend that we can plan for class materials

(All Classes or Subject To Change)



Growler - Murachi

Tribal Elder Department Events

Contact Tribal Elder Service

(970) 563 0156

For more Information



Contact

Hanley Frost Sr.

Cultural Education Coordinator
Southern Ute Cultural Department

(970) 563-0100 ext. 2306
(970) 563-2306
hfrost@southernute-nsn.gov

97th ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

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

All art media will be accepted until May 30, 2017 at 5PM. 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 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.

PRIIP BILLING TIME

For your convenience, here is some basic PRIIP (Pine River Indian Irrigation Project) information.

- As the operator of the PRIIP, the BIA is responsible for water **delivery** to all lands within the PRIIP (Tribal Assignments, Allotments, and Fee lands). The BIA is also responsible for **ALL** PRIIP billing for Allotted lands and Fee lands, including Tribal Trust lands.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding water delivery issues or billing for the previously listed land types, please contact the BIA Irrigation Office at 970.563.9484
- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is responsible only for administering PRIIP billing to individuals with Tribal Land Assignments.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding your billing on your Tribal Land Assignment, please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources at 970.563.0125.

CULTURE UPDATE

DANCERS NEEDED

The Southern Ute Culture department is looking for Southern Ute tribal members or descendants to participate in the following events:

- **May 17:** Bear Smart event in Durango, CO. Bear Dance demonstration. Need (4) male, and (4) female.
- **June 9:** Ute Museum-Grand Opening in Montrose, CO. Bear Dancers needed.
- **June 14:** Indian Motorcycle Event at Sky Ute Casino Resort, Powwow dancers.
- **June 15:** Indian Motorcycle Event, Train Ride to Cascade. Bear Dance demonstration. Need (5) male, (5) female.
- **June 15:** Employee Appreciation Day at Three Springs. Need (10) Powwow dancers.
- **July 12 – 17:** Living Earth Festival in Washington, DC. Bear Dance demonstration. Need (4) male, (4) female, and (1) Catman

If you are interested to sign up for any of the above listed events contact Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil at 970-563-2985.

BEAR DANCE FEAST HEAD COOK

Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box is seeking a head cook for the Bear Dance Feast. Date needed, Monday, May 29, 2017. 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) and 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.



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May 5th 2017

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POTENTIAL GED STUDENTS!

If you have not received a high school diploma, but would like to, then you may consider working toward your High School Equivalency credentials.

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

"Anybody can succeed if they put their mind to it!"

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.

Abuse prevention assemblies

Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Executive Assistant of Tribal Services, Precious Collins and Division of Social Services Case Worker, Jeri Sindelar talked with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students about how to prevent and speak out against child abuse on Monday, April 24.

Students from Ignacio High School gathered in the school's auditorium on Monday April, 24 for a presentation on child abuse prevention.

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired household prescription and/or over-the-counter medication for disposal.
Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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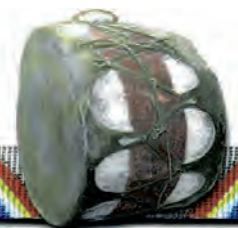
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EDUCATION

Kindergarten enrollment 2017-18 school year open

Staff report

IGNACIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ignacio School District is changing to on-line enrollment for all students, including incoming Kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year.

On-line enrollment will be available for parents to use in July. Ignacio School District web site is ignacioschools.org. There will be a computer set up at the

Administration Building for people who do not have access to internet at home.

We will send information home with all Southern Ute Head Start students and Southern Ute Academy students regarding enrollment for Kindergarten. If you would like your child to attend Ignacio Elementary, but did not attend either of the previously listed pre-kinder schools, please feel free to call the school

with any questions 970-563-0675.

Appointment only placement testing will be May 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and May 23, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Ignacio Elementary School for students enrolling in Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Please call the Ignacio Elementary School at 970-563-0675 to make an appointment for your child to be tested.

Rootbeer float party



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Chairman Frost congratulates the winners of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy box-top classroom contest. Tribal Council served Root Beer Floats to the Upper Elementary students on Friday, April 14. (Pictured l-r) Amire Cesspooch, Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud, Chairman Clement J. Frost, Surya Parker, Jaeden Godac, and Neeka Ryder

Mother knows best ...



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted a breakfast of cake and muffins for mothers and their kids in the school's lunchroom on Tuesday, April 18. Stephanie GoodTracks enjoys the morning in the company of her kids, Osias & Sakarii.

SUIMA to adopt a bear



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Upper Elementary students held their 6th Year Legacy Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, April 21. The \$647.86 raised from the bake sale will go towards sponsoring a bear from the Keenesburg, Colo. Wildlife Sanctuary. From January through April the SUIMA Upper Elementary students raised a total of \$987.86. To help raise money, the students hosted "Coffee Shop" events selling coffee and treats to staff and visitors as well as hosting their big money maker, the bake sale. Through their hard work, the students raised enough money to adopt a bear in The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colo. and to pay for their entrance fee into the sanctuary.

Earth Day in Ignacio



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

In honor of Earth Day, Ignacio High School with the help of the Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance, SUPD and Tribal Rangers picked up trash from HWY 172 to County Road 318 mile marker 4 on Friday, April 21. The group picked up a total of 2.5 tons (75 cubic yards) of trash on their outing.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students roamed around tribal campus on Friday, April 21 picking up trash. The students did the cleanup in honor of Earth Day on April 22.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center teamed up on the Recycled Art Show in honor of Earth Day. SUIMA students had their recycled art masterpieces displayed from April 11-April 21. Parents and family members gathered at the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center on Thursday, April 20 to view the recycled art.

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the election, being that it is a Special Election.

We know this because the ballot reads, “The decision of the electorate shall be final, PROVIDED, that not less than fifty percent of the registered voters vote in such referendum.”

The Drum took a look at voter turnout from past three years of Tribal General Elections (see graphs).

Just looking back at just the last three years, we can see voter turnout has fluctuated quite a bit sometimes exceeding 50 percent and other times falling short by more

2014 General Election	
911	registered voters
520	ballots cast
57	percent voter turnout
2015 Special Election	
912	registered voters
350	ballots cast
37	percent voter turnout
2016 General Election	
918	registered voters
428	ballots cast
46.6	percent voter turnout

than a few percentage points.

GOING FORWARD

From now until Election Day tribal members can walk into the Election Board to vote early via emergency absentee ballot. For more information you can contact the Election Board at 970-563-4789.

On Election Day Thursday, May 4 polls will be open at SunUte Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A certification of votes is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. in Tribal Council Chambers.

EDITORIAL

News literacy in the age of social media

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A hot topic at last week’s Colorado Press Association meeting was the rise of unreliable news sites, fake news and the inherent dangers of misinformation. This was the subject of editorial presentations, round table conversations – in addition to being highlighted by keynote speaker and American futurist Amy Webb in her dialogue about the future of news and information.

Fake news is perpetrated in part by the rise of social media sharing and the fact that as consumers of information we have become inundated with online content. Social sites like Facebook and Twitter are among the most common sites for sharing unreliable news stories, shares often perpetrated by sensational headlines.

“It’s not always easy. You have to have a willingness to compare stories, to fact check. And the frustrating thing about it is people often don’t have the time to do these things. They rely on their news sources to do it for them,” said Michael Kircher, Maryland based freelance photojournalist and social media advocate. “The responsibility of journalists in this social media driven age has never been greater.”

Education and awareness are the tools we can use to fight misinformation and debunk biased news sites. News literacy is the term that refers to the knowledge and skill sets we have to adopt going



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Member Stacey Oberly, a Ute language Guide for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy navigates the Internet in her classroom. Oberly’s background in academics has taught her that not all sources are reliable sources of information and often misleading, or biased. Misinformation applies to academic research and everyday news stories, having a firm understanding of news literacy is key to discerning accurate reporting from the spread of fake news on the Internet.

forward, if we are to become a culture equipped to discern the accuracy and validity of news and information being shared across current social media platforms.

While fake news is not new, the rate at which misinformation is being created, consumed has steadily in-

creased. The culture of sharing posts, articles and websites via social media is more pronounced than ever. In the age of smartphones, tablets and online media, a majority of Americans are getting their news from Facebook,

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Journalists convene in Denver

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (center) gives the keynote speech during the Governor’s Lunch at the 139th annual Colorado Press Association Conference at the Sheraton Denver West, Lakewood, Colo. The Southern Ute Drum claimed a first place award for Best Photo Slideshow or Gallery, and received first and second place awards for Best Sports Photograph going to Trennie Collins and Damon Toledo respectively.



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Domestic Violence



Presented by:
Ending Violence Against Women Project


Course Topics	Jun 29	Faculty
<ul style="list-style-type: none">InvestigationPredominant Aggressor AnalysisProtection OrdersStrangulationVictims with Disabilities	<p>What: FREE Training</p> <p>Where: Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center 77 County Road 517 Ignacio, CO 81137</p> <p>When: 8:30 am—12:30 pm</p> <p>This training is for prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates and allied professionals.</p>	<p>Sgt. (Ret.) Anthony Antuna Consultant</p> <p>Yvette Guthrie Senior Deputy DA, 17th JD</p> <p>Chip Meneley, CPCC SART & DV Community Response Coordinator Hilltop DV Services</p> <p>Darla Stuart, Executive Director, The ARC of Aurora</p>

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Stalking



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Course Topics	Jun 29	Faculty
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Use of technologyEvidence CollectionBuilding a Case	<p>What: FREE Training</p> <p>Where: Southern Ute Museum & Cultural Center 77 County Road 517 Ignacio, CO 81137</p> <p>When: 1:30 pm-5:00 pm</p> <p>This training is for prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates and allied professionals.</p>	<p>Sgt. (Ret.) Anthony Antuna Consultant</p> <p>Yvette Guthrie Senior Deputy DA, 17th JD</p> <p>Chip Meneley, CPCC SART & DV Community Response Coordinator Hilltop DV Services</p>

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Course Topics	Jun 30	Faculty
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alcohol/Drug Facilitated AssaultBuilding a CaseEvidence CollectionThe Consent DefenseTrauma Informed PracticesVictims with Disabilities	<p>What: FREE Training</p> <p>Where: Montezuma County Annex 107 N Chestnut Cortez, CO 81321</p> <p>When: 8:00 am—5:00 pm</p> <p>This training is for prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates and allied professionals.</p>	<p>Sgt. (Ret.) Anthony Antuna Consultant</p> <p>Yvette Guthrie Senior Deputy DA, 17th JD</p> <p>Chip Meneley, CPCC SART & DV Community Response Coordinator Hilltop DV Services</p> <p>Darla Stuart Executive Director, The ARC of Aurora</p>

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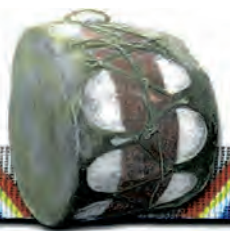
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COUNCIL CORNER

Council invites membership to educational meeting

By **Lindsay Box**
SU COUNCIL AFFAIRS

During an April 4 Special Meeting, the Southern Ute Election Board was directed to schedule an election for a Tribal Council sponsored referendum that asks membership to approve or disapprove a proposed resolution calling for the distribution of the entire remaining balance of the Sisseton Settlement Funds. The vote

will take place on Thursday, May 4.

Tribal Council will host an educational meeting for membership at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center on Monday, May 1 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. At this meeting an overview of the Sisseton Settlement will be provided (origins of the Lawsuit and justification of the Settlement), as well as a review of the Tribe's past lawsuits and how those awards have

been handled. Additionally, Council will detail its plans for the remaining Sisseton Settlement Funds if the referendum is unsuccessful and Chairman's priorities will be explained.

This is a special meeting, not a General Meeting, and as such there will be a narrow focus on select topics. It is open to tribal membership only. Accommodations will be made for elders and members who require assistance.

Educational Meeting for Membership

Monday, May 1st, 2017 from 1:30 – 4:30 PM
Sky Ute Casino Events Center

Tribal Council will be presenting its plans for the remaining Sisseton Settlement Funds, if the referendum does not pass.

Agenda

- I. Chairman's Priorities
- II. Sisseton Settlement
- III. Past Lawsuits & Awards

Members who cannot make the meeting can access via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member website. Check the website or the Tribe's Facebook page for registration information. For access to the website, please contact Lindsay Box.

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.



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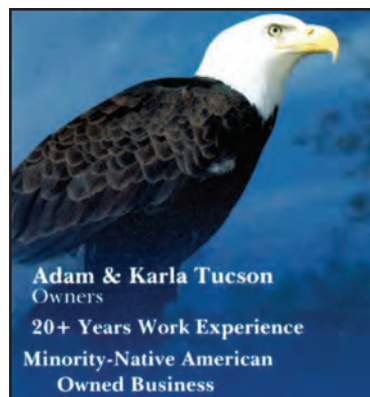
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Educational meeting to be streamed live

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. To Register: <https://sugf.webex.com/sugf/onstage/g.php?MTID=eca856381768c1e50b01a3b866e6acdcc>. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email which will include the link to access the Web-Ex Event on Monday, May 1 from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. Reminder emails will be sent on Friday, April 28 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.

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Color, health and awareness



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A grand finale of color and excitement filled the athletic field at Ignacio's Middle School as students tossed individual color packets into the air following the event countdown.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A young participant gets a heavy dose of orange powder from the Boys & Girls Club color station as he makes his way along the Color Run circuit.

The 2nd annual Ignacio Community Child Abuse Prevention Color Run drew 543 participants and over 62 volunteers, which made for a vibrant and energetic event. The run was open to all ages under the motto 'Color My World With Love'. Activities started and finished at the Ignacio Middle School athletic field on Wednesday, April 26 in Ignacio, Colo.



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LeNora Martinez and daughter, Julianna Barry walk hand in hand as participants in the community color run.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Volunteers Blenda Ortiz and daughter Sapphire, blast students with color during the color run.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Girls display multicolored hands and stylish sunglasses after completing the multiple color stations.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Middle students, Salisha Chavez and Alexis Ortiz are all smiles and colored with love after the color run.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Parents received Outstanding Parents Awards as each school nominated one parent that stood out and provided a safe and nurturing home for their child(ren). They were also awarded with a \$75 gift certificate to Seven Rivers Steakhouse and framed award certificate. Parents (l-r): SUIMA, Lynette Sage; Ignacio Middle School, JD and Melanie Brunson; Ignacio High School, Dawn Rock; and Ignacio Elementary School, Lucinda Cloud (not pictured).



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The neighborhoods surrounding Ignacio's Elementary School were filled with youth on Wednesday afternoon during the community Color Run that sported over a dozen color stations and raised awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month.



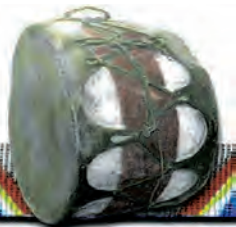
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Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud gives the welcome and invocation prior to the 2nd annual Ignacio Community Child Abuse Prevention Fun Color Run.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Tyson Thompson says 'thank you' to all the students, teachers, volunteers and organizers of the color run.



FLC hosts 53rd Hozhoni Days Powwow



Arena Director Randy Medicine Bear coordinates the Grand Entry ceremony at Fort Lewis College.



Southern Ute Elder Dr. James Jefferson gives the invocation for the Hozhoni Days Powwow. Jefferson emphasized the importance of passing knowledge down to future generations.

Fort Lewis College filled the Whalen Gymnasium once again with dancers and pageantry during the 53rd annual Hozhoni Days Powwow. The powwow was held from Friday, April 14 – Saturday April 15, 2017. Hosted each year by the Wanbli Ota Club of Fort Lewis College



Ignacio based drum group, Yellow Jacket during the 53rd annual Hozhoni Days Powwow.



Fancy Dancer Tommy Draper of Kirtland, NM makes his way to Durango each year for the annual powwow held at Fort Lewis College.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Dancers and veterans stand together during Friday night's Grand Entry ceremony in the Whalen Gymnasium. Honoring veterans of all conflicts, the motto championed by the 53rd annual Hozhoni Days Powwow held at Fort Lewis College.



Tiny Tots take to the floor, Malia Roubideaux of Ignacio, Colo. dances under the guidance of her mother, Heather Roubideaux.



Cyana Whiteskunk participated in the Hozhoni days powwow along side her family.

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Bear Dance Powwow: June 2 & 3, 2017

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

GRAND ENTRY
 - Friday, May 26 • 7 p.m.
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REGISTRATION
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POWOW CONTACTS
 - Corliss Taylor, Chairperson: 970-799-3149
 - Joyce Delaware, Vice Chairperson: 775-671-5426
 - Cindy Winder, Secretary: 970-563-2301

POWOW INFO
 - Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846
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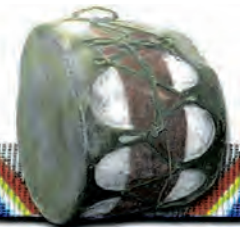
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Hippity Hoppity Easter



Dozens of kids flocked the baseball field at SunUte Park to hunt down over 2,000 eggs in their age category 5-8 year olds.

With over 6,000 eggs put out on the fields the Ignacio Community Easter Egg Hunt was held at SunUte Multi-Purpose fields on April 15. Hundreds of families came out on the beautiful sunny day to hunt eggs and enjoy all the fun and games. Kids hurdled over each other to find eggs, win raffle prizes and to enjoy the kids games hosted by the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.

Photos by Trennie Collins
The Southern Ute Drum



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Councilwoman Lorelei Cloud hands out tickets to children participating in the annual Ignacio Community Easter Egg Hunt. Children were given tickets for a chance to win additional prizes, which were donated by the community.



Cynthia Buckskin helps her granddaughter, Sibrya Larry look threw her eggs to see if she won an Easter prize.



The Easter Bunny was welcomed with open arms as lots of happy kids arrived at SunUte Park to kick off the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15.



Proud new parents Rylie Olguin and Aspen Baker hold their son Rex at the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 15. Rex was the proud new owner of a bike.

SUIMA Easter



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Friends and cousins, Cassidy Tahlo, Charles Alston and Sakarii GoodTracks smile after hunting eggs at SUIMA's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 14.



Destiny Valdez hunts Easter eggs at SUIMA's Easter Egg Hunt held on the infant/toddler playground on April 14.

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IHS BASEBALL

Seniors shine, Bobcats bash Bears 6-1

IHS finishes stamina-sapping week strong

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With a strikeout total matching his jersey number (12), Zach Weinreich had extra reason to smile as the fifth and last Bobcat senior introduced to fans present at IHS Field on Saturday, April 22, following a Senior Day conquest of 2A/1A San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores.

“You know, Dolores ... everyone knows that we don’t really like them too much, and it just felt good,” he said. “I mean, our class has been through a lot of ups and downs throughout our four years of playing baseball, so it was just good to kind of end it on a solid note here at home.”

“Zach pitched a great game,” said senior leftfielder Dalton Labarthe. “I’m glad he did, and I’m glad we got that win. It’s Dolores and they’re usually one of our biggest rivals.”

Usually.

But not so much against a surging Ignacio squad bent on closing out an unusually busy week with a third win – following a 9-2 triumph on the 18th over 3A Bayfield, and a 6-4 win over SJBL member Dove Creek on the 20th – in a four-game home stand.

Ready to make amends for a 19-6 loss the afternoon before to league-leading Nucla (7-8, 4-0 SJBL), the Cats struck first in the bottom of the first against DHS with junior Marcus Chapman leading off being hit by a Justin Purkat pitch, and later scoring on a one-out, fielder’s-choice grounder off classmate Kai Roubideaux’s bat. Roubideaux then scored three batters later when senior Juanito Medina singled to right.

IHS’ lead grew to 3-0 in the home half of the third, when Nate Herrera scored on a Weinreich sacrifice fly, three batters after singling up the middle, stealing second base, and advancing



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

As 3A Bayfield’s Hayden Farmer waits for the throw to arrive, Ignacio’s Kai Roubideaux (18) pops up after stealing third base during the Bobcats’ 9-2 win on Tuesday, April 18. Roubideaux also earned the win against the Wolverines in a starting role on the mound.

to third on an infield single by senior Timmy Plehinger-Williams.

The Bears (5-11, 1-3) managed their lone run in bizarre fashion in the top of the fourth when clean-up hitter Dakota Smith apparently flew out to Joe Herrera in right, but was awarded first base on a baffling catcher-interference call against Nate Herrera, who’d appeared to have kept his mitt out of Smith’s swing radius.

Smith then stole second, reached third on David Schmittel’s grounder to shortstop Trace Lovelace, and scored on a ground-rule double over Labarthe’s head by Beck Anderson.

But that would be it for

IHS TRACK

Tiger Invite a tough task for tracksters

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Beginning the season’s final month, the Ignacio Track & Field team traveled to Aztec, N.M., for the April 21-22, 2017, Tiger B&B Invitational and found goings there as difficult as expected of a two-day, interstate event.

Coming off a 20.5 team-point performance at Durango’s Ron Keller Invitational on the 18th, the Lady Bobcats managed just four inside Fred Cook Memorial Stadium – but did so in true team-first fashion.

With sprinting proving to be the squad’s strength this spring, it was somewhat odd that no points were earned individually. But when Azala Perez, Kiana Valdez, Rachel Cooper and Jaylynn Herrera combined to run the 4x200-meter relay on Day 2, the quartet hustled the baton around in one minute, 57.97 seconds to place fourth.

5A Farmington, N.M., won in 1:52.49, and 5A Bloomfield, N.M., tied 2A Dolores for second in 1:53.41.

Valdez just missed scoring at least one point in the high jumps – tying three others for eighth place with a 4’4” best – but that would be as close as the girls would get to improving their 13th-place total. 3A Bayfield won the meet with 70, with AHS (63) second and 4A Durango (58.5) third out of 15 scoring teams.

Out of a field of 87, Perez finished 11th in the 100-meter dash preliminaries on Day 1, clocking 13.65 seconds, and Valdez tied for 38th in 14.78. Herrera took tenth out of 70 in the 200 heats by running 29.15, with Perez close behind in 14th (29.64) and Valdez ending up 30th (30.85).

Sixteenth in the long jump (13’0”), Herrera was 17th in the 400 meters with a 1:07.83, and Cooper was 26th in the 100m hurdles (21.07). She fared slightly better in the less-contested 300m hurdles, however, taking 16th in 58.82. Briana Duran was 25th in the shot put (25’6”).

The IHS boys’ trip to the Tiger Invite was just as much a struggle, and after managing only five points at the RKI, the Bobcats logged just one – via Naton Cundiff’s sixth-place 125’11” discus throw – in Aztec. He’d taken fifth in the specialty at the Keller, scoring four of the gents’ five points there with a 126’7” maximum.

FHS captured the boys’ title in Aztec with 92 points, with the hosting 5A Tigers (79) finishing second and 5A Kirtland, N.M., Central (75) third. Ignacio finished 13th out of 13 teams registering at least a point.

Elco Garcia, Jr., came the closest to earning at least one more, placing ninth in the 3,200-meter run on Day 2 with a 10:50.12 effort. He also took 13th in the 1,600 as the last of 13 entrants finishing in less than five minutes with his 4:59.65.

Bryan Gram took 14th in the 200 prelims, clocking 24.56, but Esteban Romero was his next closest teammate, finishing 41st (25.60) out of 92 entrants. Cundiff was 18th in the shot put (38’10”) and Mitchell Neil was 31st (34’8”). Romero took 24th in the triple jump

IHS SOCCER

Lady Bobcats quest for victory continues

Del Norte, Center deny IHS in league play

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Eager to follow up on a quality outing three days earlier against Del Norte and finding themselves down just one goal at halftime, Ignacio again couldn’t find a second-half breakthrough Monday, April 24, and fell 3-0 to longtime 3A/2A Intermountain League nemesis Center.

“We’re going to try to win a game; every time we go out we’re going to try,” head coach Daniel Sanchez had declared after the Lady Bobcats’ 4-0 home loss to DNHS, anticipating the neutral-site rematch with CHS after seeing a pair of promising debuts from backup goalkeeper Bailey Wyatt and forward Leela Rosa.

Put at the front of IHS’ attack along with, most often, Chamisa Edd to provide another option for midfield distributors Ryley Webb and Tori Archuleta, Rosa battled not only the Lady Tigers but also a well-wrapped thigh/quad area and nearly managed to help generate at least two late scoring chances.

Standing in for regular Lanie Webb, held out due to concussion protocol, Wyatt withstood not one, but two Del Norte penalty kicks (the first hit off her right-side post in the 40th minute, and she directly saved the second in the 51st) and totaled a quality 16 saves out of 20 shots-on-goal.

“It was her first time in goal and ... I would say two or three of the goals weren’t even her fault,” said Sanchez. “I thought she did a great job considering she’d never played before. Real proud of her for that.”

“Leela ... it was her first game as a soccer player,” he continued. “She came from the basketball team, and did a tremendous job. So I think those two [Rosa and Edd] up front are pretty good; we’ll see if maybe we can get a goal – or a win – down the line.”

But despite a fourth consecutive match holding an opponent to four scores or fewer, the Lady Vikings (2-10, 2-9 against the combined IML) managed to deny Ignacio both inside Pagosa Springs’ Golden



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Leela Rosa concentrates on settling the ball – rather than the whereabouts of Del Norte’s Krista Trujillo (8) – with her knee during April 21 action at IHS Field.

Peaks Stadium.

Goalie Giselle Almeida was credited with a reported two saves, while supported by goals from Alexa Molinar, Lanie Dillon and Aaliyah Porres (assists were credited to Andrea Molina, Jade McBaer and Jasmine Rodriguez) in dropping IHS to 0-8, 0-8.

DNHS’ first-half goals came from Kendra Parra (2’) and Sophia McConnell (27’), with Parra (70’) and Ashley Rivera (81’) marking in the second in support of keeper Bailey Jones.

“Hopefully we’ll have some more

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IHS BASKETBALL

Valdez counted with SJBL's top cagers

League honors two other Bobcats



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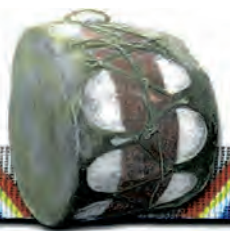
By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite battling through one of the more difficult – by the program’s standards – basketball seasons in recent memory, ended by one of the most resounding defeats suffered within the last decade, three Ignacio Bobcats were still saluted by the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s coaches when it came time to choose an All-League Team.

Tying Norwood senior center/forward Kade

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Honoring Dispatchers

The second week of April is designated as National 911 Telecommunications Week. The Southern Ute Police Department, Tribal Rangers, Division of Gaming, Detention, Los Pinos Fire and Ignacio Police Department all came together on Wednesday, April 12 to honor our SUPD dispatchers and their families.

All these different departments and divisions contributed food and gifts for the dispatchers.

SUPD dispatchers pictured above (l-r): TJ Herrera, Dolores Gallegos, Brenna Atcitty, Amber Albo, Faren Burch, Jonathan Chavarillo and Julie Smith. Not pic-



tured are Lucinda Tyler-Nez and Roxanne Shepard.

These men and women give up countless hours of their time with family and friends to ensure the dispatcher center runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are the first to receive that

call for help in the middle of the night. We couldn't do our jobs without them. We wanted to come together as a group, to honor them; and thank their families for their support.

*Thank You,
Lt. Chris Naranjo, SUPD*

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STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♈ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TAURUS PEOPLE! Let your winning personality shine this month. On the 3rd, little MERCURY turns direct in its motion, transforming dull days into more lively days. It gets even better when MERCURY enters your sign on the 15th and stimulates your Horoscope through the end of the month. Bright, inspired, ideas may occur on the 9th when MERCURY links with URANUS. But busy MERCURY isn't finished yet. It connects with SATURN on the 11th and sows the seeds of more serious productive thoughts. It's a win/win situation.

♊ GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)

MARS is currently stirring things up in your sign. As a result your focus may be scattered, and has you feeling like you're balancing on a tightrope. It's ok GEMINI your tiny sign ruler MERCURY turns direct on the 3rd, freeing you up to explore other options. The NEW MOON in your sign on the 25th may be the best time this month to tie up loose ends, then you'll be able to launch an attention-grabbing cycle that helps you to advance your personal hopes and wishes. This can be a good month for you.

♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Community, and social gatherings are certain to keep you occupied this spring. The SUN shines brightly in the friendship section of your MAY Horoscope. Not only will you be involved in family affairs, you might also be more sociable and attend events with friends, or groups. That usually means food, dancing, and good times. Additional monetary rewards may also be forthcoming after the 15th. MERCURY favorably connects with NEPTUNE on the 28th. A perfect day for inventive, creative, picnics.

♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

The SUN at the pinnacle of your chart denotes demanding expectations from family members. They may be assuming you are capable of doing much more. That might be true this month LIONS. The grand and glorious SUN illuminates an area of recognition. Meaning job related interests will have you shining like a star. But the bottom line is not to go charging in there like a BULL with a BEE STING. Be diplomatic. The 11th, 12th, 30th, and 31st, are all productive days for you LEO. Much can be achieved.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

The SUN and PLUTO combine their powerful energies on the 9th to strengthen your personal direction. This month the SUN will shine in the area of travel and far off places. Your thoughts might be chanting a song, "Explore, Explore, go see more." The FULL MOON in SCORPIO on the 10th is certain to increase your desire to create travel plans. At the very least it may endow you with bigger and better ideas to ponder. However, the 25th's NEW MOON in GEMINI could involve you in community affairs.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

The month of MAY'S planetary emphasis points directly to money and finances. A wise and savvy link between MERCURY and SATURN on the 11th supports your decisions and future plans. Because of SATURN'S no-nonsense influence, a grounding force sets in on a daily basis. It encourages smarter choices. Be inventive LIBRA. MERCURY, VENUS, and URANUS group together in your opposite sign of ARIES to improve relationships, and make them extra interesting. It's a more productive cycle.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

Both public relations, and close partnerships could be tested when the SUN in TAURUS takes an opposing stance. There are steps you can take to avoid disagreements. First step would be healthier communications, and the next would be to keep an open mind. That is not always an easy thing for a SCORPIO to do. You are a fixed sign. In Astrological language it means that once you've made up your mind, you don't change it easily. Be flexible this month, and see what develops.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

MERCURY'S retrograde ends on the 3rd and with it and end to stalled plans. Gradually your objectives will slowly come alive. Forward momentum is gained on the 20th when the SUN shifts into like minded GEMINI. Visions of travel may crowd your mind on the 28th, 30th, and 31st. There's a refreshing breeze that floats in on the 25th and clears the way for improvements in relationships. Additional solutions can be employed on the 11th when MERCURY and SATURN lend common sense to your decisions.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

Cancel the solemn thoughts CAPRICORN! This month is meant for PLAY. The FULL MOON on the 10th sets a range of options into motion. And the SUN takes command of your social activities. Be sure to include the younger ones in the family entertainment plans. They may need more of life's pleasures to consist of more fun, or more activities to enjoy. The 14th, 15th, 23rd, 24th, and 31st, are all friendly days to pursue amusing, and rewarding recreation. It might involve Art, Music, or Food, or all three interests.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

AQUARIUS people are the organizer's of the Zodiac. When it comes to taking care of business, procrastination is never one of your methods. Property matters might arise this month as the SUN in stubborn TAURUS could delay family discussions with the elders in your life. Mind what you say on the 10th. The intense FULL MOON in SCORPIO might prompt misunderstandings between you and other close kin. Conversations regarding money and financial interests could become confusing or vague.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

MAY'S planetary action has highs, lows, and with the SUN in TAURUS leading the pack until the 19th, also has financial activity. VENUS in the fire sign of ARIES all month charges up your desire to spend. Consequently incoming money might be spent quickly. Family matters require open and clear communications. MARS has taken up residence in the domestic section of your chart, and may at times have an edgy influence. The NEW MOON of the 25th breathes new life into old situations.

♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

You are HOT this month ARIES! VENUS in your sign is a money maker. Plus action driven MARS in a financial zone may have you feeling excited about doing something productive. MERCURY and URANUS add even more fuel to your fire. This month the SUN transits your financial 2nd house and amplifies your desire to earn more and add to your cash stash. Your energy level is high now Rams. Use it wisely. Concentrated direction is required, scattering your ideas in all directions will achieve nothing.

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OBITUARIES



KENT – Beulah Jane Kent was born September 27, 1951 in Durango, CO. She passed away on April 13, 2017.

She held many titles throughout her life from Rodeo Princess all the way to Carmelita of the Saint Ignatius Catholic Church.

She earned a high school diploma in 1969, visited Germany with the Southern Ute Cultural Dancers. After returning from Germany, she met Ronald Bison and with him they had four children. She later met Clement J. Frost and had one child.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bonnie and Essie Kent; and six siblings.

Beulah is survived by two siblings and her five children: Alberta L. Bison-Doyebi, Frances I. Bison, Charging Bear Bison, Agatha C. Bison, and Bobby Jo Frost; as well as 12 grandchildren: Gregory D. Bison, A-mya D. Bison, Breanna R. Pinnecoose, Randall V. Doyebi, Jr., Kristopher L. White, Cam'ron R. Doyebi, Shydon S. Pinnecoose, Julian T. White, Jasmyn N. Doyebi, Marcus T. White, Kaya R. Bison and Nuna B. Bison.

A public viewing was held at Hood Mortuary Wednesday, April 19, 2017. A Recitation of the Rosary was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. A Funeral Mass was held Thursday, April 20, 2017 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church.



ROCK – Priscilla Flores Rock passed away on April 17, 2017. Rock was 80 years old.

Mrs. Rock was born in Ignacio, Colorado on October 14, 1936 at the Taylor Hospital. She attended the Ute Vocational School, where she met her future husband, Donald and Priscilla would be together for 60 years.

She loved cracking jokes, spending time with her family and listening to country music. She enjoyed cooking and preparing for family events. She will be greatly loved and missed.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Rock; her 6 children: Tina (Roland) Norris, Carol Rock, Zach (Debra Browne) Rock, Ronald Rock, Irma Rock and Elmer (Dawn) Rock; 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, sister, Josephine Olguin, brother, Richard Garcia.

She is preceded in death by her father, Joe Flores; and 3 grandchildren.

A rosary was recited on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church and a mass, Monday, April 24, 2017, also at St. Ignatius.

VIGIL – Elroy A. Vigil, was born, Thursday, August 24, 1961 and passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017. Vigil was a Southern Ute tribal member and a veteran. Services were held Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio, CO. An obituary was not available.



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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2017-PR-0039
Neil Buck Cloud, 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 **May 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM.** 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 10th of April, 2017
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING

In The Interest Of;
Case No: 2017-PY-0004
Shoshoni Rain Blackwood, Child;
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

NOTICE OF HEARING

In The Matter Of;
Case No: 2017-GV-0017
Rena Richards

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for HEARING before the above named Court on **June 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM.**

Dated April 3, 2017
Paula Trujillo,
Southern Ute Tribal Court

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

FREDDIE ATENCIO, Plaintiff,
v. JULIYA VALDEZ, Defendant.

Case No.: 17-CV-019

THIS MATTER CAME BEFORE THE COURT for a hearing on April 17, 2017.

Plaintiff appeared, but service has not been made on the Defendant.

THE COURT FINDS AND ORDERS:

1. Plaintiff appeared and was present in court, but service has not been made on the Defendant, and Defendant did not appear.

2. The Court FINDS that reasonable efforts have been made to serve the Defendant, and personal service has not been possible.

3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS that Defendant Juliya Valdez shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") §2-1 103(2) (d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the summons and complaint, and notice of the next court hearing, to appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) publications within a period of 21 days, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date.

4. This matter is set for hearing on MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

DONE AND SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2017.

BY THE COURT:
Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SunUte Main Entrance Door Replacement Project

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe
SunUte Dept.
P.O. Box 737, 290 Mouache Circle
Ignacio, CO 81137
ATTN: Ian Thompson*

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

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KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seeking Southern Ute tribal member for 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.

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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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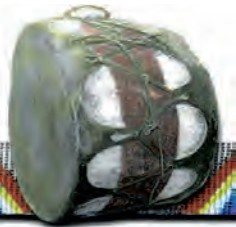
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Accountant – GF Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/3/17

Performs routine accounting and administrative duties within the Energy Accounting Division. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business; OR, an Associate's Degree in Accounting or related field and two years' experience in accounting/bookkeeping is required. Must have computer experience in MS Windows, including Word, Excel, and Access. Must have experience maintaining complex filing systems. Must possess strong organizational and analytical skills. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under the Growth Fund's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Production Accounting Technician I – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/3/17

Under the general direction of the Production Accounting Supervisor, provides basic support to assist with ensuring that timely, accurate production volumes for all operated and non-operated oil and gas properties are available in company operated software programs and databases. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business or related field; OR, an Associate Degree in Accounting, Business or related field and one year oil and gas experience in a relevant and appropriate data management position; OR, a High School diploma or equivalent and three years oil and gas experience in a relevant and appropriate data management position is required. Must have basic Microsoft Excel skills. Must have strong problem solving and troubleshooting skills. 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.

Office Manager – GF Properties (Durango, CO)

Closing date 5/5/17

Provides day-to-day office management and administrative support to real estate executives within the GF Properties Group. Responsible for balancing priorities and executing tasks ranging from administrative in nature to those that are more complex. Presents a positive and

professional image to GF Properties Group and Growth Fund employees, tenants and the public. Minimum qualifications include: A Bachelor's degree in Business, Communication, or a closely related field and three years' experience in a responsible senior level administrative position or a position supporting senior management; OR an Associate's Degree in business or related field plus 5 years' experience in a responsible senior level administrative position or a position supporting senior management; OR a high school diploma or equivalent and seven years' experience in a responsible senior level administration position or a position supporting senior management is required. Must be highly responsible and self-reliant. Must possess well-developed organizational skills and be able to handle multiple projects and processes. Must be detail oriented with clear and effective communication skills, and be able to work both as a member of a team or committee or independently with a minimum of supervision. Must have computer experience at an Intermediate level or higher in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook, and be able to navigate Internet Explorer for research purposes. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under GF Properties Group's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

EHS Internship – Red Willow (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/17/17

This internship is an opportunity to learn fundamentals within Red Willow Environmental, Health, & Safety (EHS) and provide assistance to the EHS staff in field activities and other related tasks in order to develop the appropriate knowledge base and skill set. Intern will provide a summary report in written and oral form at the end of the assignment. Minimum qualifications include: Must be 18 years of age. Must be enrolled in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program in one of the following fields of study: Earth Science, Life Science, Environmental Science, Physical Science or Occupational, Health & Safety. Must commit to regular and prompt attendance. Must have basic Microsoft Windows knowledge and experience. Must be willing to work in a positive team oriented environment and possess an eagerness to solve problems. Must pass a criminal history background check and a pre-employment drug test.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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.

Vice President IT Operations – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/12/17

Information systems operations and for software systems analysis and programming. Responsibilities also include database management, data security, telecommunications, desktop services, PeopleSoft system administration, wireless networks, email administration, local, wide area and storage area networks, Responsible for enterprise systems operations and coordination of customer support. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and ten years related experience in system operations support is required. Project Management Professional – PMP or similar certification. Must have ten years supervising systems operations personnel. Must have experience with enterprise network design and industry best practices. Must have knowledge of current trends in the specific field. Demonstrated experience with standard software applications, including MS Office, Windows, SQL Server is required. Must have knowledge of common Microsoft operating systems. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills. Must possess strong troubleshooting skills and ability to work independently. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must

pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Business Intelligence Developer I – SU Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/5/17

Under the general direction of the Application Development Manager, the Business Intelligence (BI) Developer I analyzes, develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Objects (BOBJ) and Budgeting, Planning and Consolidation (BPC) systems. The BI Developer I supports customers' business goals; assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed in BOBJ and BPC operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, Engineering, Business w/ Information Systems course work or related field is required. Must have knowledge of at least one major coding language including Java, C#, C++, Python or Ruby. Must have knowledge of data base structures and SQL programming. An understanding of Software Development Lifecycle is required. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable through the Company vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

SUCAP – Job announcements

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

Assistant Janitor

Closing date 5/12/17

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start in Ignacio is looking for someone responsible for ground maintenance & repair. High School Diploma/GED and 1-year experience preferred. Must be able to operate equipment and tools, able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Part-time. Must pass background checks.

Small Business Webinar Training

The Small Business Administration will be hosting webinar training opportunities between May 2 – 6. Please click on the link (<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSBA/bulletins/19543f3>) to register for one of the following webinars:

1. The U.S. Economic Outlook and Its Impact on Small Businesses
2. 5 Fabulous Habits of Local Business Champions
3. Grow Your Business Online
4. The Future of Small Business Innovation
5. How to Write Your Email Content in 15 Minutes or Less
6. Find the Hidden Money in America

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.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Dispatcher

Closing date 5/1/17

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

Active Kid Care Leader

Closing date 5/4/17

Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade 10; \$9.01/hour.

Range and Management Specialist

Closing date 5/4/17

Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Museum Collections Manager

Closing date 5/5/17

All aspects of care for the Southern Ute Museum loaned and accessioned collections, including storage and display of all artifacts to professional museum standards, and maintenance of a current collections database. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Museum Curator

Closing date 5/5/17

Designing in-house exhibits, managing travel exhibits, and working closely with departments and individuals to fabricate, install, and maintain long-term and short-term gallery exhibitions. Pay grade 18/\$18.96/hour.

Soil and Water Conservationist

Closing date 5/5/17

Assists in activities related to the conservation of Tribal soil and water resources and manages the noxious weed control program. Activities are conducted in a manner that promotes the wise use, development, and conservation of resources while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable Federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annually.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Closing date 5/8/17

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

Swimming Instructor

Closing date 5/9/17

Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual

swimming lessons and the American Red Cross.

Youth Employment Program (YEP) Summer Workers

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

Chief Medical Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled

Organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met. Provide the day-to-day oversight and coordination of all clinical providers and overall leadership of the clinical department to ensure compliance with all appropriate policies, regulations and accreditation standards. 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.

Electrician

Open until filled

Repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

Payroll Manager

Open until filled

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

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open until filled

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

Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open until filled

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

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.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time/Grave shift)

Closing date 4/28/17

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.

Line Cook-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 4/28/17

Preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Willows and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. The position requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training or presently attending school.

*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time, On-call)

Closing Date 4/28/17

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 audi-

tion demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

Busser – Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 5/1/17

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.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Closing date 5/1/17

Thoroughly cleaning (20) hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually in a fast paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. The duties 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.*

Social Work – Assistant Director (full-time, benefited) for University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work MSW program based in Durango. Provides coordination and administration of the activities of the educational programs; and development & supervision of field education sites & agencies. MSW & minimum of 3-5 years of administrative social work practice experience required. Knowledge of theories & practice of SW, ethics & values; ability to assist in classroom management, facilitation & technology; and knowledge of rural social work practice and the ability to engage with rural and tribal stakeholders are also required. LCSW or LISW preferred. Requires evening & weekend hours. Applications must be submitted at www.dujobs.org. The University of Denver is an EEO/AA Employer.

SENIORS SHINE, BOBCATS BASH • FROM PAGE 12

fifth and seventh innings and faced just 27 batters.

“I mean, I’ve gotten over a hundred pitches before and it doesn’t affect me,” said Weinreich. “It was just good to start something and finish it, get the ‘W.’”

“I put myself in a good position to get a lot of strikeouts,” he continued. “I just executed, stayed ahead in the count for...actually, the first time all year! I was starting ahead ... to where I wasn’t always trying to catch up.”

Roubideaux finished with three RBI and a run on 1-for-4 hitting, and Chapman was 2-3 with two runs and a rib-

bie. Medina went 3-3 with three singles and drove in a run, and Lovelace was 1-2 with a double, walk and run.

“It’s been a busy week; we’ve had four games in a row. And today’s game went a lot faster; I kind of liked that,” Labarthe (1-3, R) said. “I’m kind of sad it went by this fast – Senior Day – but I’m glad we ... made all the parents proud and all the fans proud.”

Purkat took the loss for DHS, giving up five hits and three earned runs in three innings while walking two, striking out two and plunking one before being lifted in favor of Ward (3 IP,

6 H, 3 ER, 0 BB, K). Smith, Anderson and leadoff man Brennan Hite each went 1-3 offensively.

The Bobcats improved to 7-8 overall, 4-2 in league with a 3 p.m. non-leaguer versus 3A Montezuma-Cortez up next on Thursday, April 27. Results were unavailable at press time.

“We’ve got to keep momentum going,” Weinreich said. “Just keep the intensity up, keep playing hard.”

“We’ve just got to play smart ... like, minus all the errors,” agreed Labarthe. “Get everything perfect if we want to have a good chance in districts.”

TIGER INVITE A TOUGH TASK • FROM PAGE 12

(33’5”), and Colten Smithson 40th in the long jump (15’3”) with Neil following in 44th (14’9.5”).

Gram did not run the 400, and Isaiah Jacket ended up the Bobcats’ top finisher by coming in 63rd (1:04.19).

Neil finished 64th in the 100 (13.47) with Smithson 72nd (14.01) out of 90 competitors.

Up next for IHS will be the 59th Annual Bloomfield Invitational on Saturday, April 29, starting at 9 a.m.

The team will then hit Pagosa Springs’ Terry Alley Invitational on Saturday, May 6 (also a 9 a.m. start). Results from the 4/25 San Juan Basin League Championships were unavailable at press time.

VALDEZ COUNTED WITH SJBL • FROM PAGE 12

Brantingham for third-most points (63) in the selection process, and thus earning a First Team All-SJBL nomination was junior guard Johnny Valdez.

Emerging onto the circuit’s scene in the 2016-17 campaign by filling one of the backcourt vacancies left by graduated ’15-16 seniors Wyatt Hayes, Anthony Manzanares and Tucker Ward, Valdez averaged over 13 points per game as IHS finished 15-7 after a loss to Del Norte in the 2A West Regional, Pod G championship in Gunnison.

He also averaged over five steals, three assists and two rebounds per outing, based on reported statistics.

Tops in the voting, receiving 72 points and thus not only First Team status but also Player-of-the-Year, was Telluride senior Andrew Denny, who helped the Miners finish 13-9 and also come within one win of reaching the 2A State Championships’ deciding ‘Great Eight’ phase.

Not surprisingly, THS’ Stefan Reiter and IHS’ Chris Valdez shared Coach-of-the-Year distinction.

Rounding out the First Team honorees were Ouray senior guard Ravi Inmon (69 voting points), Dolores sophomore forward Tristen Swagerty (46), and Mancos freshman center/forward Caden Showalter (43).

Garnering 30 points and receiving a Second Team All-League nod for Ignacio was junior guard Cole McCaw. Joining him were THS senior forward Rye Livermore (26 points), Ridgway junior guard Jimmy Saville (19), OHS senior guard Lincoln Sackman (18) and NHS senior guard Sayre Stropko (17).

Finally, Honorable Mention All-SJBL went to IHS senior guard/forward Joaquin King (nine points), who like McCaw averaged over six points per game as one of Ignacio’s three-point specialists. DHS sophomore forward Dakota ‘D.K.’ Smith (ten voting points) and MHS junior guard Caleb Yoder (three) were the other two choices.

The All-SJBL Girls’ Basketball Team will be detailed in the next issue of the Drum.

NEWS LITERACY IN SOCIAL MEDIA • FROM PAGE 6

Twitter and related sites rather than going directly to traditional news sources.

The good news is that these trends in false information have gained wide spread attention.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Alan Miller founded The News Literacy Project (NLP) in 2008 to educate students on the importance of accuracy in news and journalism. Miller saw education as the answer to advocating better news literacy.

News literacy skills have never been more urgently needed according to the NLP website.

“News today comes from many directions – often in packaging that is confusing, if not downright contradicto-

ry. Even the most sophisticated audiences find it increasingly difficult to distinguish between legitimate news – information gathered in a dispassionate search for truth – and materials that are created to persuade, sell, mislead or exploit,” according to a statement published by the NLP.

The NLP’s mission reiterates the importance of education in the following affirmation – “News literacy teaches that all information is not created equal. It helps young people use the aspirational standards of quality journalism to determine what they should trust, share and act on.”

“We all have our biases,” said Michael Kircher. “It’s a matter of how open we are to changing our way of thinking. If we’re presented with new evidence contradicting what we once believed, are we willing to accept it? To at least look at it with an open mind?”

“In spite of all this, we do live in the age of information. Everything you might like to know can be found out easily enough with that amazing tiny computer in your back pocket. It can be frustrating and time consuming, but ultimately people do have the ability to learn the truth,” said Kircher, “The question is do they have the will to learn the truth?”

NLP’s all-new #SeeAll-theAngles Campaign encourages readers of all ages to ‘Take the Time to Read and Think.’

Youth roll up the mats



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Timothy Paiz wins one of his two matches, earning a fourth place medal in the one of the last matches of the Ignacio Youth Wrestling Association. Wrestlers competed in the Rocky Mountain Invitational at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M. on Saturday, April 22. The Ignacio Wrestling Association held a potluck dinner in honor of the youth wrestlers, handing out certificates in recognition of a good season.



Getting last minute advice from Osias GoodTracks and Keyon Alston (Ignacio wrestling) – Kandin Johnson (Bayfield wrestling) prepares to hit the mat.



Earning an undefeated season, Keyon Alston is congratulated by his mom, Maria Rivera and aunt, Stephanie GoodTracks after receiving his championship medal.

LADY BOBCATS VICTORY QUEST • FROM PAGE 12

players next week and be able to compete,” said Sanchez, looking ahead to not only the Center match but also an April 26 visit from Bayfield and a trip to Del Norte on the 27th. Results were unavailable at press time, prior to hosting Alamosa on Saturday, 4/29, at 11 a.m.

“Bayfield here at home ... should be a good battle,” Sanchez said. “I’d like to hold them down.”

The Lady ‘Cats will then travel to Ridgway – a trip originally slated for April 22 – on Tuesday, May 2, for a 4 p.m. kickoff, and then journey to Telluride on the 5th for another 4 p.m. start.

Look for full Bobcat sports coverage, including box scores and additional photos, at the Southern Ute Drum’s website at www.sudrum.com. GO IGNACIO BOBCATS!



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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, April 28



48°F mostly sunny
20% chance of rain/snow

Saturday, April 29



47°F mostly cloudy
40% chance of rain/snow

Sunday, April 16



56°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



Ambient Monitoring:

Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Precipitation can be found on the Southern Ute’s Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at: www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring.

Air quality: As of 4/27

AQI – Ignacio: 40
AQI – Bondad: 41



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