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## HEALTH

# Baker honored for service to health



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder, Dewitte Baker was recognized for his 20-year contribution to Walking Together For Healthier Nations. As a veteran, Baker carries the Southern Ute tribal flag during the walk. Southern Ute Councilwoman Amy J. Barry (left) and former Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Director, Deanna Frost honor Baker with a Pendleton blanket.

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute veteran and elder, Dewitte Baker was recognized in Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 16 for his dedication to health and wellness.

For the past 20 years Baker has been representing the tribe by carrying the Southern Ute tribal flag during the annual Walking Together for Healthier Nations event. The Tribal Health Department and Tribal Council thanked Baker for participating in the annual walk,

which consists of participants walking from Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah and meeting at the Four Corners Monument in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles among all Native nations.

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## Bear Dance Corral prepped



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In a coordinated effort, Southern Ute departments work together to put the finishing touches on the Southern Ute Bear Dance corral Wednesday, May 24. Southern Ute Building Maintenance technician Travis Nanaeto (left) assists Southern Ute Construction Services Division Head, Danny Abeyta to secure the rope holding cedar brush on the exterior of the Bear Dance corral.

More Bear Dance information on page 12.

## Northern Ute Bear Dance



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Singers fill the corral with traditional music during the final day of the Northern Ute Bear Dance, held each spring in Fort Duchesne, Utah on the Uintah & Ouray Reservation. Singers from each of the Ute tribes make an effort to travel to each others dances to lend a hand with singing, each taking shifts throughout the weekend, before handing it back over to the local singers on Monday for the final songs of the year, closing that Bear Dance for another season. Pictured Left to Right; John Chavarillo, Tyson Thompson, Dustin Teague, Vincent Cuch Serawop, and Marvin Pinnecoose grace the Northern Ute Bear Dance, Monday, May 15.

More Bear Dance photos on page 11.

## IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

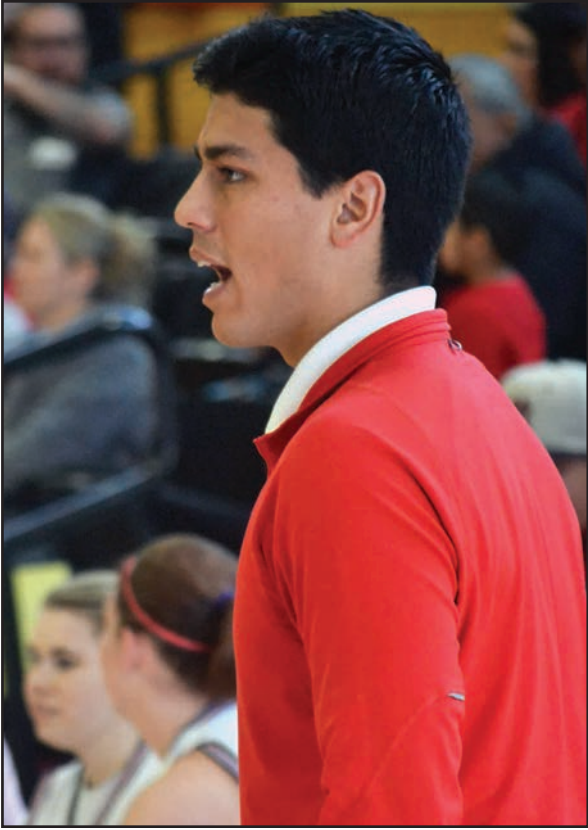
# Trae Seibel to guide girls' varsity this winter

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

One can't call this coaching change a 'shake-up.' Recent confirmation of speculations that IHS Girls' Basketball assistant coach Trae Seibel would succeed his father, head coach Shane Seibel, under excellent circumstances seemed more a fulfillment of a likelihood.

"He trained me since I was a kid," Trae said on Monday afternoon. "Him being a State Champion in basketball for Ignacio and just really knowing how to do it." Training me to be a point guard, and when it came to coaching he's the one who said, 'Trae, I want to ... give you all my expertise, everything that I have learned. Now you run with it.'

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Former Bobcat, Trae Seibel will be taking over the Ignacio girls' varsity head coaching position from his father, Shane Seibel in the 2017-18 season.

## SAFETY

# Tribe to implement active shooter training

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is in the process of implementing a series of active shooter training drills for their employees, entities.

"Tribal Council recognized the need to have a plan in place and have employees trained," said Kathi Gurule, Emergency & Risk manager for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. "In trying to make this happen, we have written policy as to how the buildings within the Tribe are secured as the situation escalates or deescalates."

"We want employees to have situational awareness," Gurule said. "These trainings will give people the skills to make those choices."

Homeland Security protocol says – Run, Hide, Fight.

The process of creating a plan and setting up training



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

drills first began in June of 2016.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has coordinated their efforts with the Ignacio School District to improve and insure clear communication. "The terminology that we will be using is the same as Ignacio School District," Gurule said. They have adopted the communication protocol set forth by the "I Love U Guys" foundation, who believes in critical communication in a crisis.

"We now say 'Lockout' when the buildings are locked, but employees will continue to operate. In the event of a 'Lockdown' – no one in, no one out, in this instance employees may be instructed to secure themselves," Gurule said.

The Leonard C. Burch building will have an intercom system to facilitate visitors during that time.

Additionally, the ALERTUS program will soon be

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## Academy transitions students



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Upper elementary students stand with Ute Language guide Shawna Steffler. L-R: Harmony Reynolds, Autumn Sage, Dominique Rael, Shawna Steffler, Ethan Rock at the Southern Ute Montessori Academy's Transition Ceremony held at SunUte on Thursday, May 25.

More Transition photos on page 8.



CULTURE

# Ute Indian Museum grand opening of new exhibits and renovated site on June 10

**Staff report**  
**UTE INDIAN MUSEUM**

After over three years of planning, construction, exhibit design and development, the Ute Indian Museum, Montrose, Colo. will be open to the public on Saturday, June 10. The expanded and renovated museum opening celebration sponsored by Alpine Bank will begin at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with free admission and a buffalo lunch. A pick-up and drop-off shuttle will be available at the Target parking lot, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The museum celebrates and honors the Ute Indians – the longest continuous residents of Colorado. In the exhibits, visitors take a journey to iconic places across Colorado to learn the story of Ute life, history and culture. Told in the voices of tribal members, the exhibits include contemporary views of Ute life, including cultural survival, political self-determination, economic opportunity and the celebration of the Bear Dance

With approximately 200 artifacts, the exhibits will feature artifacts that have never been on display including a velvet dress belonging to Chipeta and a painted hide. Objects that highlight contemporary Ute life including a beaded cell phone case, an oil rig drill bit, and a Bear Dance shawl will also be displayed. Many beloved artifacts will be returning to the museum especially belongings of Ute leaders Chief Ignacio, Chief Buckskin Charlie, Chief Ouray and Chipeta.

“We are excited to be able to celebrate with the community the opening of the museum and share the living culture and history of the Ute people,” stated museum Director CJ Brafford. “The Montrose community showed incredible support for the project and we are happy to share this beautiful new space, exhibits, programs and events with the three Ute tribes and the Montrose community.”

The museum will also include a new gift shop, patio with stunning views of the

San Juan Mountains, beautiful curved walls and vibrant colors that represent Ute tribal identity and expanded rental spaces and will continue to be available to the community as a regional gathering place.

The opening event will include presentations from representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe and the Ute Indian Tribe – Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Director CJ Brafford, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs Executive Director Ernest House, Jr., Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynne, Montrose County Commissioner Keith Caddy, City of Montrose Mayor Roy Anderson and Alpine Bank, Assistant Vice President Allison Nadel.

Ute Indian Museum is located at 17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose, CO 81403. Admission is free for kids (18 and under) all summer, \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors. The museum will be open daily, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact 970-249-3098.

### Attention tribal members

### Sisseton distribution information

Tribal Council has released the information regarding the Second Sisseton distribution. Tribal Member safety and confidentiality is Council's highest priority and to ensure the information is strictly given to the enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the letter explaining the distribution will only be accessible through the Tribal Member Website, telephone calls, and in-person. Tribal Members may call to request the information from any Tribal Council Member at 970-563-0100.

Please join us in celebrating the re-opening of the Ute Indian Museum





Please join us in celebrating the re-opening of the Ute Indian Museum  
Friday, June 9, 2017

Sunrise Ceremony 6:00 a.m.  
Tribal Welcome & Open House 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Including presentations from:  
Chairman Chapoose and Betsy Chapoose  
Chairman Cuthair and Terry Knight, Sr.  
Chairman Frost and Alden Naranjo  
CJ Brafford and Ernest House, Jr.

17253 Chipeta Road, Montrose, CO 81403, 970-249-3098

Friday, June 9th is reserved for tribal community members  
Saturday, June 10th all are welcome to the public dedication



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## 10 years ago

A photo for 10 years ago will appear in the June 9, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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## 20 years ago

These are some of the proud recipients of this years runner-up trophy from the Pee Wee Rez Tournament. (l-r) Andre Baker, Darren Watts, Kyra Barkley, Olin Goodtracks, Derrick Watts, Scott PraireChief and coach Rob Goodtracks.

This photo first appeared in the May 23, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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## 30 years ago

Have guns will travel: The participants of the recent Law Enforcement Pistol Match.

This photo first appeared in the May 29, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING • FROM PAGE 1

operational across all three tribal entities; Sky Ute Casino, Southern Ute Growth Fund, and the Tribe’s Permanent Fund. ALERTUS is a mass notification system designed to give alerts across one or more tribal facilities in the event of an emergency or closure. If a notice is posted, it will appear on computer screens and outdoor signs with instructions on what to do to protect yourself. Notices and alerts will also be available via the tribal member only website, the Tribe’s Facebook page, and KSUT.

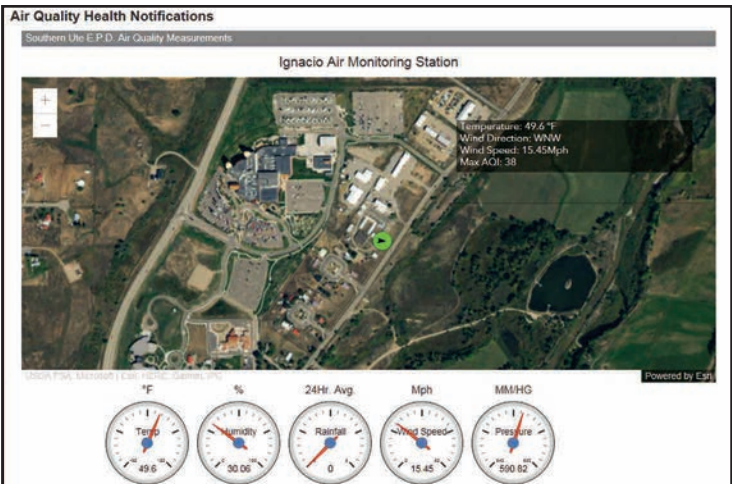
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has planned these drills together with the Growth Fund, Casino and Head Start.

“We realize that this may disrupt visitor and guest access to buildings, but feel it is an important training for employees,” Gurule said. “The more realistic scenario is going to enable people to think on their feet.”

Active Shooter Drills will be conducted with the Southern Ute Police Department and Southern Ute Tribal Rangers between the dates of June 12-23.

The Southern Ute Tribe is also preparing a large-scale drill to take place at the end of the summer; this action plan will involve community agencies throughout the Ignacio area, the Ignacio School District and the Town of Ignacio.

## Real-time weather, air quality



Southern Ute Air Quality Program launches an interactive air quality, weather-monitoring site online with real-time data. Pollution levels, wind speed, wind direction and temperature are updated every five minutes; rainfall data is also collected for the past 24 hours. Color-coded charts and active gauges make the weather site user friendly. The regional map feature is also integrated with Google Earth. The interactive website is mobile friendly, and can be found via the Southern Ute Tribe’s website, under Ambient Monitoring.





## SUIMA visits adopted bears



photos Tallas Cantsee/Special to the Drum

SUIMA students walk along a 40 ft. high bridge viewing the entirety of the animal sanctuary that is home to tigers, lions, foxes, wolves and bears. The students went to the Wildlife Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colo. The students also visited History Colorado while in Denver.



Skittles and Cupcake, are the names of the two female black bears the SUIMA students adopted. Both bears were saved from abusive owners and now reside in The Wildlife Animal Sanctuary in Kennesburg, Colo.

Earlier this month, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students took a field trip to visit the two black bears they fundraised to sponsor.

## 2017 CULTURE CAMP JUNE 19th-22nd

The Southern Ute Culture Department will be offering a FREE camp to Southern Ute Tribal Members and first descendants. There will be activities which will include many fun projects, field trips and presentations.

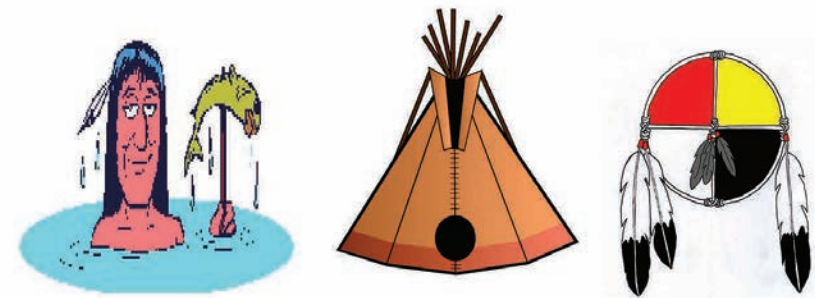
Day camp will be offered to ages 6-10 years, limited space is 15 kids. Camp will be June 19th to 22nd. Children will need to be dropped off at the Southern Ute Museum at 8:30AM and will be bused to the Culture Camp site then bused back to the Museum for pick up at 5PM by the legal guardian.

Over night campers will be offered to ages 11-17 years, limited space is 20 kids. Camp will be June 19th returning on June 22nd at 12PM. A luncheon will be served for the campers and parents.

The deadline to register will be Monday June 12th at 5PM. Registration Packets can be picked up at the Culture Department which is located on the 2nd floor in the Southern Ute Museum.

There will be a Parent/Participant meeting on Tuesday June 13th at 5pm. in the large classroom.

For more information please contact Tara Vigil or Darlene Frost at the Culture Department, 563-2985 or 563-2983.



## CULTURE UPDATE

### 97TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR THEME, LOGO CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2017 Logo and Theme Contest for the 97th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. This Contest is open to ALL UTE MEMBERS. All art media will be accepted until May 30, 2017 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 97th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. The winner will receive a \$750 monetary award plus Fair merchandise that will be purchased by the Southern Ute Culture Department with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview & picture with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2017 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern

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

### DANCERS NEEDED

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

- **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, (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.

## CULTURE

# Briggs joins NAGPRA team

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

Southern Ute tribal member Garrett W. Briggs stepped into the position of NAGPRA Apprentice for the Southern Ute Cultural Department in May of this year.

“My apprenticeship involves the use of cultural preservation resource laws, such as the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, to repatriate our ancestors remains from institutions that receive federal funding and assist in laying them to rest in a respectful and culturally appropriate manner,” Briggs said, “which align with our traditional values.”

He will be working alongside of NAGPRA Coordinator Cassandra Naranjo.

One of the key roles that Briggs will be taking on is that of the male counterpart, culturally there are many things that a woman cannot be directly involved with during the reinterment process.

“I think it’s important that he balances it out — it’s not just all man, or all woman,” Cassandra Naranjo said.

“The reason we have a male counterpart to the female, is because a female has certain responsibilities and they can’t be involved with remains, or the reinterment ... if we hear there is a sacred bundle, a woman can not touch that,” Southern Ute elder Alden Naranjo said.



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum**  
Garrett W. Briggs – NAGPRA Apprentice

“The female also has certain responsibilities, roles, which a man can not do.”

Briggs has a BA in Archaeology from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. and a MA in Archaeology from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ.

“I will be involved in projects that strive to retrieve sacred objects from federally funded institutions and return them to our tribe, as well as work with federal agencies to protect our sacred landscapes, ancestral sites and natural resources that are vital to our lifeways,” Briggs said.

“I am excited to be working with such high caliber and dedicated people in the cultural department, as well as serving my community,” Briggs said.

Southern Ute elder, Alden Naranjo will continue to serve as a mentor in his retirement, bringing cultural and institutional knowledge

to the NAGPRA program.

“Alden has established a great rapport with government agencies and the educational institutions,” Briggs said, “he is a great mentor and asset to have in the NAGPRA program.”

NAGPRA came to pass as a Federal law in 1990 under the Bush Administration.

“Above it all, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is a human rights legislation,” Briggs said. “The Act allows Federally recognized Indian Tribes to pursue the repatriation of our ancestors and sacred objects to their descendants from museum shelves and personal collections to their descendants so that they can be treated with the respect and the dignity they deserve.”

Garrett Briggs is the grandson of Anthony Cloud Burch and Ida Grant, and the son of Edgar Wayne Briggs and Reva Burch Briggs.

## STORYTELLING

# Mr. Turtle: A new spin on an old story

By **Ronald YellowBird**

### PART 2 OF 2

The two little birds that he tricked earlier were standing by the entrance to Cottonwood Circle, they were more concerned about Mr. Turtle’s safety, despite their anger. A group of the little birds came to his rescue and began to dust him off by using their wings. A couple of feathers broke off in doing so and of course Mr. Turtle noticed. They were all about to enter Cottonwood Circle when they saw security standing there. “Okay, let’s huddle and bird brain storm,” “how are we going to get by Jesus the great blue heron,” chattered all of the little birds.

“Yeah, Mr. Turtle is a reptile after all,” said one of the little birds. All the while the roar of the crows, the chattering of songbirds, and a spotlight in the center stage was where he belonged. I have to get in there and baffle them with scientific facts or dazzle them with my rendition of the Archie’s gang. I know my favorite subjects are politics and the law. “How to get in there, let me see,” he thought, “okay, I will need



**Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive**




a small donation from each of you,” and of course, they suspected that he was up to no good. “What do you what,” said the little birds.

“Not much maybe two feathers each,” said Mr. Turtle. The little birds agreed as long as he would be quite and they asked a passing snail to slime him good. Good thinking, an adhesive, now stick the feathers on. “How are you going to pass yourself as a bird,” asked one of little the birds. ““Nonsense, my superior intellect will dominate any resistance. After all, you birds are descended from reptiles,” replied Mr. Turtle. The poor little birds were confused and tipped their head to one side. “Hey, Mr. Intellect, birds walk on two

feet and good luck getting passed Jesus the Great.”

The great blue heron was an excellent fisherman and would not pass up a frog or little turtle as a snack. Either way you look at it, Mr. Turtle, was either the biggest fool or the bravest little turtle to meet his doom. However, the applause and roar of the audience was all he could stand. He had to be in the spotlight at center stage. Without any thought of being eaten, Mr. Turtle, began his final curtain call with destiny and fame. “Odale homes, you got a ticket,” said Jesus. “What ticket, why, I’m one of the entertainers and I believe I’m up next.” The great heron stood

**Mr. Turtle page 15**

<p><b>CULTURE DEPARTMENT</b> Calendar of Events</p>  <p>Ute Words For Spring Seasons</p> <p>Baby - niuruachi Flower - sigiri Bird - wichichi Puppy - sarirachi Kitten - mussarachi Thunder - tunupiriri Clouds - uwatipü Rain - uwarü</p>	<p><b>Southern Ute Bear Dance</b> May 26, 27, 28, 29, 2017</p>  <p><b>105 Ute Language Classes</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* April - 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25</li> <li>* May - 1, 8, 15, 16, 22, 23</li> <li>* June - 5, 12, 13, 19, 20</li> </ul> <p>Class is limited to the first 200 participants who sign up. Early sign up is recommended that we can plan for class materials (All Classes or Subject To Change)</p>	<p><b>Tribal Membership Classes</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* April - 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25</li> <li>* May - 1, 8, 15, 16, 22, 23</li> <li>* June - 5, 12, 13, 19, 20</li> </ul> <p>Class is limited to the first 200 participants who sign up. Early sign up is recommended that we can plan for class materials (All Classes or Subject To Change)</p>	<p><b>Tribal Elder Department Events</b> Contact Tribal Elder Service: (970) 563 0156</p> <p>For more information</p>  <p><b>Contact</b> Hanley Frost Sr. Cultural Education Coordinator Southern Ute Cultural Department (970) 563-0100 ext. 2306 (970) 563-2306 Info@southernute-nm.gov</p>
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## Walking for mental health



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilwoman Amy J. Barry encourages everyone to have an open mind and to be aware of mental illness in her opening remarks prior to the Mental Health Walk held Thursday, May 18.

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's upper elementary class joins in on Mental Health Awareness Month walk.

## BAKER HONORED FOR SERVICE • FROM PAGE 1

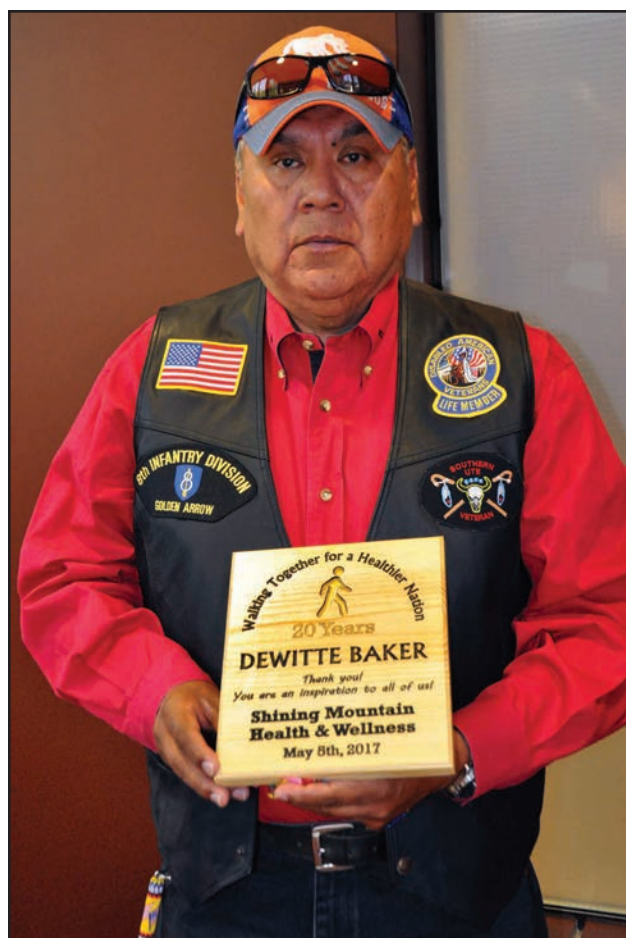
"We recognize Baker for giving his time to life, wellness and health," Chairman Clement J. Frost said acknowledging Baker's dedication.

Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud thanked Baker for being a role model and inspiration to the youth and to those who struggle with health issues.

"Your dedication and strength means a lot to us that have these ailments ... it gives us strength," he said. "You are an inspiration to the youth who look at you as a role model."

Former Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Director, Deanna Frost was also in attendance to thank Baker for his dedication and for making the grueling 19-mile walk each year.

Baker closed out the meeting thanking the tribe for the recognition. He said he hopes to complete his own challenge of walking across the entire length of the Southern Ute Reservation. Baker said he'll be training for that next, but isn't quite sure when he will make that a reality.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Dewitte Baker holds a plaque presented to him by the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Dept. for his many years of service to Walking Together For Healthier Nations.

"I want to thank Tribal membership for allowing me Council, the tribe and the to walk for them," he said.

## Domestic Violence

Presented by:  
Ending Violence Against Women Project



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

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To Register For This Training:

Register online: <http://tinyurl.com/DVIgnacio2017>

## Stalking

Presented by:  
Ending Violence Against Women Project



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

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To Register For This Training:

Preferred method : online: <http://tinyurl.com/StalkingIgnacio2017>

## Sexual Assault Response & Investigation

Presented by:  
Ending Violence Against Women Project



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

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Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Bella Smith dances the Tahitian Hula Dance during the 1st Annual Bobcats Talent Show held at the Ignacio High School Auditorium on Friday, May 12.

## EDUCATION

# Bobcats talent takes the stage

By Krista Richards  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The 1st Annual Bobcats Got Talent Show had more than 30 student acts performed in front of family, friends, teachers and fellow classmates. Students showcased their talents at the Ignacio High School's auditorium on Friday, May 12.

Tracy Strohl, Kindergarten teacher at Ignacio Elementary School, has been coordinating talent shows throughout her 20 years of teaching. She started her very first one back in Stockton, Calif. where she taught

for 12 years.

"It's all about the kids, about self motivation and their one night to shine and be a star," Strohl said.

From the beginning to the very end, the kids who showed off their talent, even the stage hands behind the curtains – they made the night possible as it was all student run.

A flag salute to the Star Spangled Banner started off the show for the 17 performing acts that followed. Emcee, Jerry Snodgrass didn't miss a beat as he introduced each act from gymnastics to singing, dancing, and flag work. The

show also included a variety of different songs and instruments.

Strohl thanked everyone from teachers who put in time to judge and work with the talent as well as the custodians, who clean up afterwards, to the students themselves.

"Talent shows bring the community together for a special night to show everyone what pure beauty and talent really is about," Strohl said. "Thank you Ignacio Elementary School for allowing me to show off your talented children for this first year performance."



## Bobcats of the month



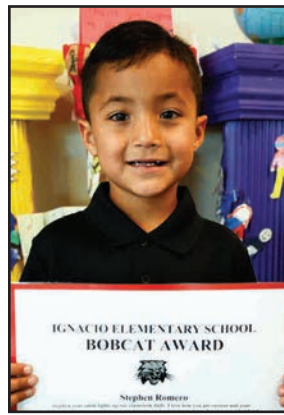
These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for demonstrating the six pillars of 'Character Counts' at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil' Cats!



Kindergarten  
**Natalie Howell**



Kindergarten  
**Babie Maloid**



Kindergarten  
**Stephen Romero**



Kindergarten  
**Ava Sage-Morgan**



First Grade  
**Riley Cesspooch**



First Grade  
**Malachi Coriz**



First Grade  
**Craig Hight Jr.**



First Grade  
**Kiera Trujillo**



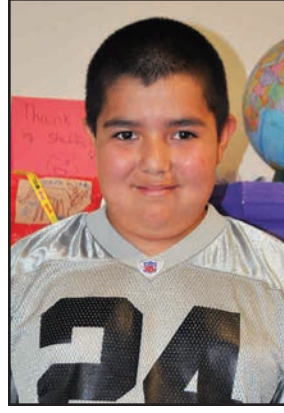
First Grade  
**Kieley White-Thunder**



Second Grade  
**Aubree Lucero**



Second Grade  
**Haiden Valdez**



Third Grade  
**Marcos Brown**



Third Grade  
**Erika Richards**



Third Grade  
**Henry Whiteskunk**



Fourth Grade  
**Brianna Silva**

## Ignacio students shine



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio High School's Cat Honors Awards were held Monday, May 15 in the school's auditorium. Over 100 students were recognized, over 20 of them being Native American students. Many of the students were recognized for their good characteristics or for their excellence in sports.



## Tri-Ute Youth Leadership Conference 2017



**Who:** All Ute Tribal Members, Descendants, Any youth living in Ute household ages 13-19

**When:** June 11th-14th

**Where:** Fort Lewis College

**Deadline to register:** June 2nd 2017 5pm

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## ENVIRONMENT

## Collecting bugs with ELKS

**Staff report**  
SU ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROGRAMS

ELKS stands for Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar. ELKS is a program developed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's (SUIT) Environmental Programs Division (EPD). Dedicated to creating a pathway to environmental awareness, ELKS educates Tribal Membership youth about environmental issues and processes through hands-on demonstrations and field trips.

ELKS empowers and educates young tribal com-

munity members so they understand the importance of the environment and how the SUIT's EPD protects the environment. ELKS' goal is to embrace science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) enabling youth to reflect on the work of a scientist or an engineer.

This year, ELKS will teach youth about the physics of pressurized water through a water bottle rocket demonstration. ELKS will take a field trip to a local river and demonstrate electrofishing while also collecting bugs (macroinvertebrates) for hands-on

classification.

Lastly, ELKS will take a peek at the air quality in the area. ELKS is excited to educate the youth on the importance of the environment.

"Treat the earth well; it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children. We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children." – American Indian Proverb

Check out the flyer and application at the ELKS website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/elks/>. See you there!

*Red Willow meets IHS students*

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students from Ignacio High School visited the Southern Ute Growth Fund building during an open house hosted by Red Willow Production Company on Wednesday, May 17. The visit included a set of technical presentations, tour of the facility, followed by an informal Q&A. The goal of the open house was to encourage future internship and employment opportunities for students looking to enter the energy sector. Joaquin King, Randy Herrera, Lucas Roderick and Jaylene Riepel of IHS network with Red Willow representatives following the presentations.

## Are you in need of FREE quality child care?

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start program in Ignacio is now accepting application for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Head Start serves children from 3 – 5 years of age and Early Head Start serves pre-natal women, as well as children from 6 weeks to 3 years of age. We encourage families of children with special needs and low-income families to apply. There is no charge to qualifying families, regardless of income. Our Service area for recruitment has expanded (Please read the following description carefully): The service area boundaries are within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the Ignacio School District, plus an area of the Bayfield School District South of Highway 160, west to CR 509 and east to CR 526/523. Low-income families outside of our services area will be considered. Please come in and visit with a Family Advocate to receive and fill out an application. Call 970-563-4566 for more information. Please help spread the word!

**GRADUATING SENIORS**

To the current Southern Ute Tribal Senior that will be graduating this May or June 2017 please contact the Southern Ute Education. So we can include you in our Annual Senior Banquet. Contact: Ellen S. Baker 970-563-0235 or email [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov)

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Website: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/elks/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/elks/)



Scholarships are available for the 2017-2018 academic year

## Southern Ute Scholarship Program

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Southern Ute Education Department  
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137



Michael Kirsch-Academic Advisor  
970-563-0237 ext. 2783  
E-mail: [mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov)



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**Ignacio Middle School**

Ignacio Middle School is serving as a role model for schools everywhere through their strong academics, involvement in the community, and their participation in statewide activities. Just this year, Ignacio Middle School has sent five students to the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair, one student to the State Spelling Bee, eleven students to Colorado History Day, and they are also implementing a test preparation class. The Colorado House of Representatives is pleased to commend the students, teachers, staff, and leadership team at Ignacio Middle School and wish them continued success.

On request of Representative Barbara McLachlan  
Given this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, State Capitol, Denver

*Crisanta Duran*

Crisanta Duran, Speaker of the House of Representatives

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# Graduating Class of 2017

*Congratulations  
Graduates!*

\*Southern Ute tribal members



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*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Keli Baker**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Serena Fournier\***

*Overland High School – Denver, CO*



**Hunter Frost\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Veronica Gonzales**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Gabriella GoodTracks\***

*Onate High School – Las Cruces, NM*



**Zachary James**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



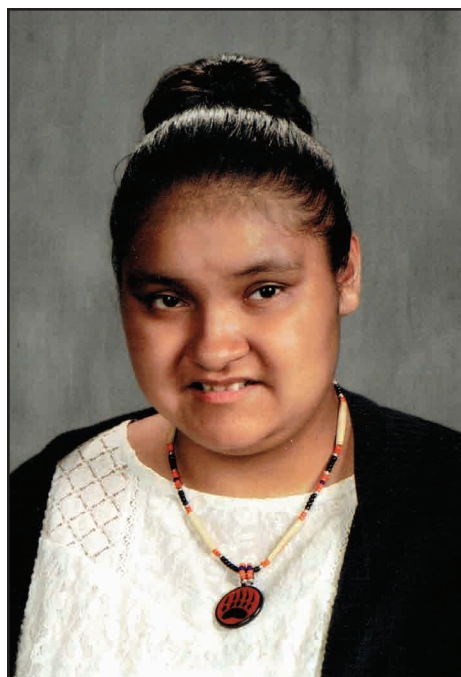
**Joaquin King**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Dathan Lovato**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Briana Olguin\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Arnulfo Pardo\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Lorenzo Pena\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Sharmaine Price**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



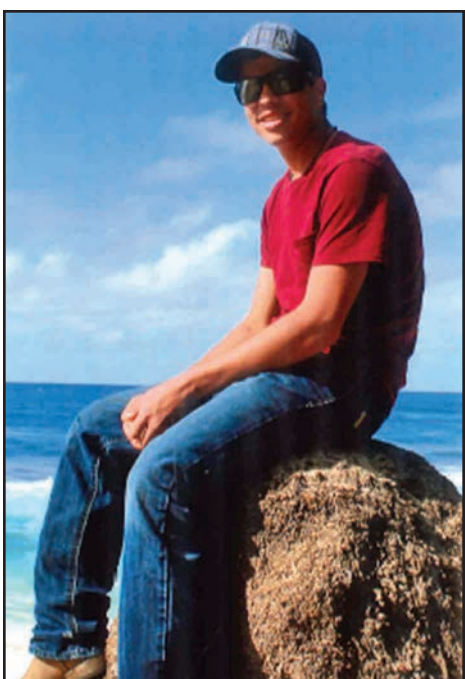
**Jade Richards**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Brett Ross\***

*Durango High School – Durango, CO*



**Richard Sanchez**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Josiah Tessler**

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Cameron Weaver\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



**Alana Watts\***

*Ignacio High School – Ignacio, CO*



## Kindergarten bound



The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start held a graduation for the students transitioning into Kindergarten, Wednesday, May 24 in the Head Start gym. The entrance of graduates was led with ‘La Marcha’ and the flags carried by Josh Ellis, Tyson Hartley, Jada Cloud, Alexis Sandman, Awwnikah Yazzio and Delimar Vasquez. Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud gave the invocation, reflecting on his own Head Start graduation when he carried the Southern Ute Flag, like his daughter Jada Cloud.



Saniyya Valdez compares moccasins with Miss Southern Ute Lorraine Watts after accepting her graduation certificate.



A special poem was recited by Bella Aguis, Jamie Martinez and Charley Melrose as part of the graduation performances.



Students, teachers and staff round dance as part of the closing ceremonies for the Head Start graduation, followed by a taco bar dinner.

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

## Students step forward



Hundreds of parents, family and students listen to the beat of the drum at the opening ceremony of the Southern Ute Montessori Academy’s Transition program held at SunUte on Thursday, May 25.



Sage Velasquez happily accepts her transitioning certificate as her grandpa, Jack Frost Jr., lifts her up.



Guest speaker and SUIMA alumni, Lakota TwoCrow encourages transitioning students to follow their heart, encouraging them to be leaders.



Miss Southern Ute, Lorraine Watts welcomes students, faculty and parents to SUIMA’s Transition Ceremony held at SunUte Community Center on Thursday, May 25.

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

## Hats off to first grade



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary School kindergartener students took the stage at Ignacio High School on Wednesday, May 17 for their graduation ceremony.



Elementary VicePrincipal, Will Machallister, offers words of encouragement to this year’s graduating class.

Amos O’John leads Mrs. Strohi’s class off the stage and onto first grade.

## Bobcats onto middle school



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The 5th grade continuation opened up to a full house. Parents and faculty gathered together in the Ignacio High School auditorium, the presentation opened up with a set of talent shows. The young girls show off their folklorico dance routine on stage.



Fifth graders, Willie Fuller and Elliot Hendren, beam with pride as they begin their transition ceremonies for the end of the school year. The Elementary school transition was held at the Ignacio High School auditorium on Tuesday, May 23.





# Field days abound!

## SUIMA makes a splash on field day



Ethan Rohde-O'Leary happily comes down the water slide at SUIMA's field day held at SunUte Park on May 12.



Orion Watts tries to hurry before he spills water from his cup while trying to fill up a bucket with his teammates.



Keyon Alston runs for cover as he hits the red target and dunks Avionne Gomez in the dunk tank, one of the many events held at this year's SUIMA field day.



Some of SUIMA's upper elementary students dive face first into whip cream, trying to be the first to finish their bowls.



John Oberly aims his paintball gun at a zombie poster. The paintball course was a fun new feature geared toward the older students at this year's SUIMA field day.



Students flock to the fire hose held by a Los Pinos Fire District staff at SUIMA's water packed field day held Monday, May 12.

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

## Elementary students have fun in the Sun



Aubree Lucero leaps with all her might, trying to get the longest jump in her class during the IES field day, held Monday, May 23 at Ignacio High School's athletic field.



Mami Ruth Burch takes off after receiving the baton as the anchor of her relay team.



Henry Whiteskunk tries to keep control of a big bouncy ball during a race to the finish line.



Dominic Watts rolls a tire to the next obstacle as part of the IES field day obstacle course.



Zoe Velasquez competes in the 400x100 relay at Ignacio Elementary School's field day events held Tuesday, May 23.

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# Honoring our men and women



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Inspection and opening ceremonies for Law Enforcement Appreciation Week took place in Ignacio, Colo. Members of the Southern Ute Executive Office and Tribal Council observed the official presentations.



Lindsay Box/SU Tribal Council Affairs

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost reads the proclamation for Law Enforcement Appreciation Week during opening ceremonies on Monday, May 15.

***Kicking off the week with an official inspection and opening ceremony, members of Southern Ute Tribe's law enforcement were recognized by a Tribal proclamation. Horseshoe tournaments, shooting competitions, lunches, bowling and pizza followed throughout the week of Monday, May 15 – Friday, May 19.***



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Dispatcher, Roxanne Sheppard sights in her rifle cross-hairs on a target 100-yards away, during the long range portion of the Three-gun Competition as Southern Ute Tribal Ranger Gary Maestas keeps score.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud signs and presents the Law Enforcement Appreciation Week proclamation alongside Justice & Regulatory Director Chris Mimmack, and members of the Justice and Regulatory Department on Wednesday, May 10.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

SUPD took a break from regular duties to best each other in a bowling tournament at Rolling Thunder Lanes on Friday, May 19.



courtesy Tom Johnson

Members of the Southern Ute Police Department joined local law enforcement agencies on Saturday, May 20 for the Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony held at the Durango Recreation Center – Durango, Colo.

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## A group of people, primarily women, are captured in a traditional Mexican folk dance performance. They are wearing vibrant ponchos in shades of red, blue, and white, some with intricate fringe details. Many are also wearing wide-brimmed sombreros, some adorned with feathers. The dancers are positioned in a line, moving across a dry, dusty ground. The background shows a clear blue sky and a few distant figures, suggesting an outdoor festival or community event.

A person is shown from the back, wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat with a single feather attached to the crown. The feather is white with a dark band and pink tips. They are also wearing a poncho with a bold geometric pattern in blue, red, and yellow. The person is looking out over a landscape under a cloudy sky. In the background, other people in traditional dress are visible.

A photograph of a night-time dance performance in a rural setting. In the foreground, a man in a black jacket and blue jeans is dancing with a woman in a purple dress and a large white feathered headdress. Other people are visible in the background, some wearing traditional clothing like a sombrero and a blue poncho.

**Mild spring weather graced this year's Northern Ute Bear Dance held in Fort Duchesne, Utah on the Uintah & Ouray Reservation Friday May 12 – Monday, May 15. Dancers of all ages from across Ute Country came together to sing, dance in this spring ceremony. The Bear Dance Chief works alongside his men to harvest materials and build the bear dance corral anew each spring, blessing the wood and brush that goes into its creation prior to the start of the Bear Dance.**

A group of men are seated behind a large, rectangular wooden drum. They are wearing cowboy hats and traditional Ute clothing, including vests with intricate patterns and colorful scarves. The man on the far left is wearing a light blue shirt and a black vest with floral patterns. The man next to him is wearing a white shirt and a patterned vest. The man in the center is wearing a patterned shirt and a black vest. The man on the far right is wearing a white shirt and a patterned vest. They are all holding wooden mallets and appear to be playing the drum. The drum has a blue and white zigzag pattern along its edge and the words "UTE BEARDANCE" written on it in large, bold letters. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

A group of people, including several men wearing large, ornate Native American feathered headdresses, are standing in a line on a dirt field. They are dressed in a mix of traditional and modern clothing. In the foreground, the backs of two women are visible; one is wearing a bright orange shawl and the other a dark red shawl with a fringed hem. The background shows a line of trees and a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds.

Members of the Northern Ute Veterans Association, Delbert Tavashutz, Jonas Grant, Benjie Murray and Leo Tapoof, present the American Flag to Raffel Kanip of the Uintah & Ouray Tribe during the last day of Bear Dance celebrations. The Ute Tribe raises the United States flag to honor a long-standing tradition, according to Tavashutz; historically the Utes were holding a peaceful gathering, similar in nature to the Bear Dance, and they chose to fly the flag above their ceremonial grounds. When members of the U.S. Calvary arrived they interpreted this as a friendly gesture and let the Ute people continue with their celebrations, ceremonies. To this day on the Uintah & Ouray Reservation, the flag is hoisted during the Bear Dance not so much as an act of a patriotism, but rather ... “to show that we are in good standing with the government,” Tavashutz said.

*The Southern Ute*  
**TAGU-WUNI ~ SUN DANCE**



**Ignacio, CO • July 7, 8, 9, 10, 2017**

Sun Dance Chief: Byron Frost  
Sub-Chief: Jerry Tapoof  
Sub-Chief: Douglas Wall  
*All drums are welcome!*

Because of the sacred nature and solemnity of the Sun Dance, the following rules of good manners and decorum should be observed by all:

1. The entrance of the Sun Dance lodge should have a passage at all times. Children should not be allowed to play around the Sun Dance lodge.
2. Women on their menstrual cycle should not be permitted near the medicine lodge, due to the sacredness of the Sun Dance.
3. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the Sun Dance grounds.
4. Cameras, tape-recorders, food and water are not allowed in the area of the medicine lodge.
5. No metal chairs allowed inside the medicine lodge.
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# Bear Dance time!

**36th**  
**Ute Mountain Ute**  
**Beardance Run**  
Louise Hammond Memorial  
**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 4**  
**2017**  
Half Marathon, 10k, 5k  
#BeardanceRun

**SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE**

**May 26-29, 2017**  
Bear Dance Chief • Matthew Box  
Bear Dance Corral Blessing • Fri., May 26 • 10:30 am  
Bear Dance Feast • Mon., May 29 • 12 pm  
Information/Vending • 970-563-2985  
Bear Dance grounds are located between Ute Road and HWY 521 in Ignacio, CO

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

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**2017**  
**128th Annual Ute Mountain Ute**  
**BearDance Celebration**  
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"Celebrating the Awakening of the Bear"

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**HONORARY CHIEFS**  
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**Friday, June 2nd**  
Beardance Celebrations will begin with the children of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Dancing - 10 am  
Powwow - Grand Entry - 7PM  
Gourd Dancing 5 pm  
Contact Information: Reggie Lopez 970-739-0737

**Saturday, June 3rd**  
Open CoEd Softball Tournaments  
16 Teams, Double Elimination, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place  
Entry fee: \$125.00 Deadline: June 1, 2017  
Start: 8AM  
Information: Johnathan Dinae 970-560-6932

**Parade**  
Line up: Recreation Center 9:00 AM  
Start: 10:00AM  
Information: Rita Wing 970-739-3036

**Powwow - Grand Entry - 1PM and 7PM**  
Gourd Dancing 11 am & 5 pm

**Handgames**  
Registration and 12:30PM - 1:30pm  
Hand Game Tent Entry Fee: \$150.00  
Information: Ruben Hammond 970-560-8769

**Royalty Pageant**  
May 18th 5 pm  
Ute Mountain Community Center

**Sunday, June 4th**  
Beardance All Day ...  
Softball Finals 8AM  
36th Annual Louise Hammond Memorial Bear Dance Run  
Online registration and information at: <http://www.facebook.com/Beardancerun>  
Registration Morning of race at the Recreation Center at 6 am  
Race time: 7 am

**Monday, June 5**  
Beardance All Day .....

**Feast day**

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**Tournament**

**PAYOUTS**  
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3rd place: \$1000  
4th place: TBA

**TIMES**  
Registration: 1-3 pm  
Games: 3:30 pm

**INFO**  
• Double elimination  
• 2-5 players  
• Entry fee \$100

Mike Santistevan  
970-563-0255

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**  
**BEAR DANCE**  
**POW WOW**  
**MAY 26 & 27, 2017**  
**SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS, IGNACIO, CO**

**POWOW HEAD STAFF**

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

Color Guard - Southern Ute Veterans Association  
Ignacio, CO

**GOURD DANCE**  
- Friday, May 26 • 5 p.m.  
- Saturday, May 27 • 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**MISC. INFO**  
- Admission is free  
- Camping is free  
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.  
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Designed by Late Emily Williams Taylor

**Memorial Day 2017**  
**Day of Remembrance**  
**Honoring All Who Served**

**Presented by**  
**The Southern Ute Veterans Association**

**Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park**  
**May 29, 2017 at 10am**  
**Ignacio, Co**





VETERANS

# A Memorial Day remembrance I'll never forget

By Judith A. Stone

Too many men from my family served in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq. I've been to countless Veteran's Memorial Day remembrances since childhood because of this. Some of my relatives never made it home. I learned about them through stories told about their lives while others who came back were transformed from war experiences, functioning with untreated PTSD, isolation, depression, and an array of physical and spiritual health problems.

Before my experience in 2012, at Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park in Ignacio on Memorial Day, I never contemplated these things; I was only a spectator. This beautiful ceremony open to veterans, families and anyone who wishes to show their respect, deeply touched my spirit to the point of being able to connect with my relatives, through the prayers and songs voiced, all possible because Southern Ute Veteran's 'Day of Remembrance,' gave an invitation to individuals present to be part of the ceremony. My relatives felt as palpable to my spirit as anything I've ever physically touched.

I was invited by Southern

Ute elder, Russell Box Sr, to experience the Bear Dance ceremony and annual powwow on the Southern Ute Reservation. Just beginning to write his biography, Russell Box Senior The Physical And Spiritual Journey Of A Southern Ute Elder, Mr. Box also wanted me to see places he had been talking about for the book.

According to the Southern Ute Tribe's website, the concept of a veterans organization began with three tribal veterans, Roger E. Price, Howard Richards Sr., and Randy Baker Sr., in 1986 to address the unique needs of tribal veterans. The Southern Ute Tribal Council donated a park in 1994 to the Veterans Association (known as Veterans Memorial Park). In 1995, Southern Ute Veteran's created bylaws and officially sought tribal recognition which they received. They've been known as the Southern Ute Veterans Association ever since with a mission to help procure benefits for veterans, remain active in community functions, and provide no-cost military services and Color Guard duties when asked.

My photographer husband Mark Niederquell, drifted away from me to take photos in Veterans Memorial Park, after seeking permission first

from Rod Grove, who was at that time Vice Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association.

Rock and Roll music reverberates from speakers set up by Eddie and Betty Box, who take care of the audio throughout the ceremony as people settle beneath majestic cottonwood trees.

Standing in front of the Ute Veterans Monument, the Southern Ute Chairman welcomes everyone to the ceremony. A Color Guard of Veterans carries and presents the flags, Ute Flag in the middle, which artist Russell Box Sr. and other veterans created together.

A widow of a deceased Vietnam Veteran offers a prayer in her native Ute Language. Although I can't understand Ute, the prayer flows through my heart like pure mountain water. She then switches over to English and speaks about the sacrifice tribal men have always made to protect their homes and families from enemies. Then, deceased veteran's family members are invited to talk about their loved one's lives. It is especially moving to me when generations of relatives stand together and speak, wrapped in Pendleton blankets.

Next, the Ute ceremony

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## SUIMA crafts Bear Dance mocs



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's upper elementary program; Grades 4, 5, and 6 spent the spring months working on a moccasin making project. Under the guidance of Southern Ute elder Willette Thompson, the students hand stitched the leather shoes and added ornamental beadwork to each set of moccasins. Students finished their crafts project just in time for spring Bear Dance.

## Bear Dance education



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box gave an informative presentation on the history and protocol for the Ute Bear Dance for Southern Ute tribal members and employees at the Sky Ute Casino on Friday, May 19.

## Bear Dance showcased in Dgo.



photos Kree Lopez/SU Drum

Southern Ute heritage dancers helped demonstrate the "dance" to a group of Durangoans at the Durango Public Library Wednesday, May 17. Southern Ute tribal elder, Eddie Box Jr. acts as the Cat Man breaking up the line of dancers into couples.

Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box (in purple) and a group of singers provided the songs for the Bear Dance presentation held at the Durango Public Library.



## Bear Dance Corral prepped



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Construction Services Division Head Danny Abeyta (left), BIA Forestry tech Cameron Standing, Southern Ute Building Maintenance Travis Nanaeto and BIA Forestry tech Desmond Wilson tighten the rope, securing the cedar brush on the Southern Ute bear dance corral, Wednesday, May 24.

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honors tribal veteran elders from the Korean Conflict by gifting each of them with a Pendleton blanket. Receiving one is a high honor with deep emotional meaning. I watch my usually stoic (then) seventy-nine-year-old friend and one of the elders honored, fight back tears.

Then the Color Guard, Veterans, families and participants are told to line up, in that order, for the walk to Ute Cemetery called the ‘Walk of the Warrior.’ Silence of the walkers, except for footfalls hitting against the pavement, offer me time to contemplate. Only children’s voices are heard. Though they cause me to move into another thought, nothing makes me leave my contemplative place, not even rhythmic sounds of Bear Dance singers heard from the nearby Bear Dance grounds.

I think about uncles, grandfathers, cousins and father-in-laws who served. My father-in-law’s PTSD flashbacks were triggered with a drop of blood, because he’d been an ambulance driver during the Korean Conflict.

An uncle’s screams in the night and cousin saying it was, “bad dreams from the war,” and being nine-years-old when my Aunt’s boyfriend drives into my

Grandmother’s driveway in his new Pontiac GTO, then watch her delight fade as he told her about enlisting in the Army to serve in Vietnam. She was very sad about it later. I don’t know if he came back home alive.

We stop walking in the middle of a bridge over the Los Pinos River for a wreath to be dropped in the water to remember those who died at sea. A red-tail hawk repeatedly gliding in long, low circles over the Ute Cemetery finally pulls me from my memories and I overhear a Ute man behind us tell his child, “that hawk is coming to take our prayers to the creator, who will give blessings back to the people.”

The gorgeous bird flies low over the gathering crowd with outstretched wings, patiently circling until us humans take our place at Ute Cemetery and ascends only when prayers are started in Ute by Vietnam Veteran Terry Knight. Curiously, the Yellow Southern Ute Veterans flag, nestled between the others, moves with a gentle breeze yet no wind is blowing and only that flag moves. I whisper this to my husband so he will notice and validate it for me later, when I might question if I really saw it happen. The hawk climbed higher, while

staying in the same circular pattern over the participants during the singing of honor songs, drumming and more prayers, yet spiraling upward until its red tail became a tiny red speck. I strained to see because the hawk was almost lost in a sea of turquoise blue sky.

The ceremony over, I walked back to Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park a changed person, one who made a connection to relatives who offered support from another realm giving me strength, and in awe of how the Southern Ute Nation remembers and honors its veterans.

This year’s Memorial Day of Remembrance event begins at 10 a.m. in Ignacio at Southern Ute Veterans Park.

*Judith A. Stone is a former journalist, writer, speaker, and author of ‘Billie the Buffalo,’ children’s books. Her latest release, Russell Box Senior The Physical And Spiritual Journey Of A Southern Ute Elder, a biography on elder Russell Box Senior, is available locally at Maria’s Book Shop, Sky Ute Casino Gift Shop and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum. Visit his online website at [www.russellboxsenior.com](http://www.russellboxsenior.com) for more information.*

Vets post colors for LPEA



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Eddie Box Jr. said the blessing and prayer prior to La Plata Electric Association’s annual meeting held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s Events Center on May 13, Ignacio, Colo.

Utes rep Armed Forces Day



Krista Richards/Special to the Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association attended the 11th Annual Armed Forces Day parade in Flagstaff, Ariz. Southern Ute Tribal veterans Howard Richards Sr., Commander, and Rudley Weaver, along with Gordon Hammond of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, carried the American, Southern Ute, and Southern Ute Veterans flag for Armed Forces Day on Saturday May 20.

Interested In Hunting The Brunot Area?

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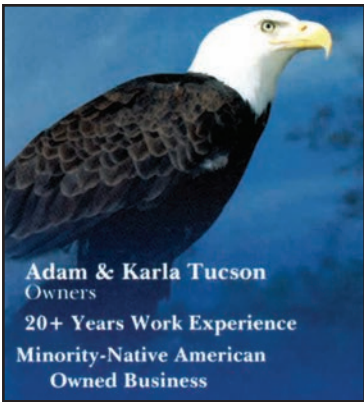
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## Return of the Fifth



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Local blues band Plead the Fifth, held a return concert Sunday, May 18 at Sidekick Lounge in Ignacio, Colo. Band members Jake Ryder (Vocals), Jon Chavarillo (Rhythm Guitar), Tyson Thompson (Drums), Calvin Richards (Lead Guitar) and Mark White (Bass) welcomed fans and friends to their Return of the Fifth performance, which consisted of older classic songs, along with new music.

## MR. TURTLE: A NEW SPIN • FROM PAGE 3

there, looking down at Mr. Turtle and said, “okay, okay mon, don’t get your feathers ruffled. Let me check the program, mmm, COMEDIAN, the great heron again looked suspiciously at the odd looking little bird and said “break a leg, mon.”

At last the golden opportunity and my road to the greatest achievement any turtle could have. Jesus opened the door and said, “professor, hey ese, some traveling music,”

The theater was dark and the spotlight was on Mr. Turtle. The volume pickup to the theme music of 2001: A Space Odyssey. The strangely feathered Mr. Turtle gathered his wits, cleared his throat and began by saying. “First of all let me congratulate your choice of entertainment, I wish to bestow upon you some cultural and highly amusing interpretation of the Rules and Policies of Ethical Procedures.”

All the birds in the great council were bewildered and according to the program, a comedy routine was to occur. What is going on here, the comedian was terrible and some were falling asleep, with hecklers in the mix. Mr. Turtle knew he was losing the crowd. One by one, and two by two, the great council of birds began to fly off. Soon, flocks of birds ascended into the clouds.

“Well, better luck next time,” said the same two little birds, “Where did they all fly off to” asked Mr. Turtle.

“Why, the great council of birds has reconvened in the clouds” “I must get there by all cost and peril, I require your assistance once again,” said Mr. Turtle. “Well, we shouldn’t help you, but after that performance, we think you deserve another chance,” said the little birds. “However, you are to heavy for us to carry, we will ask our foster kids to deliver you there” “Okay, okay as long as I get there and I shall bare all of my soul in this performance.” “These are your foster kids? They look different” said Mr. Turtle. “They are cuckoo birds, somehow they ended up in our nest and we raised them,” said the little birds. “Now boys would you carry this lost soul to the great council of birds, as they have moved their conference to the clouds.” “Okay papa but he looks funny,” said the cuckoo bird brother. “Looks aren’t everything, now be off with you all,”

said the little bird. “Let me give you a piece of advice Mr. Turtle, don’t look down and happy flying!”

Before you could say buckle your seat belt, Mr. Turtle found himself in the clouds. As usual Mr. Turtle was analyzing his future and fantasizing about what if. The cuckoo brothers placed Mr. Turtle gently on the stage, they told him to let his eyes get adjusted. After a few moments Mr. Turtle was quite surprised at the spectacular amphitheater in the clouds. His voice would carry every syllable in his oral repertoire. He tested audio levels by his rendition of a super bubble favorite, “Sugar, Sugar.” He was ready and he thought to himself, “I have finally reached the apex of my studies and will deliver a truly magnificent magical illusion.” The curtains were about to be opened, the cuckoo brothers said, “knock ‘em dead strange bird” “Hey, where are you guys going” said Mr. Turtle. “Papa didn’t say a round trip” and with that they flew like a BB.”

“That’s just great, abandoned at the scene but the show must go on,” Mr. Turtle told himself. A hush came over the audience as the curtain opened and it started with one clap, then a few, and then the whole place erupted. The great council of birds had never seen a new species of bird like this ever and this was significant. The spotlight was so intense and the slime with feathers began to slide off his shell. There stood Mr. Turtle in all his glory. He said to himself, “take a few deep breaths old man!”

Let me tell you my friends, when the confident Mr. Turtle starts to talk to himself, he’s in trouble. He felt naked to the world and exposed a fraudulent side of his inner self. Of all places, and in the greatest venue imaginable. The great council of birds reacted with utter disgust and shock, there stood the arrogant, boorish and self centered, Mr. Turtle. In a blink of an eye the entire place stamped and feathers were flying, it resembled a chicken house being raided. Soon, Mr. Turtle was alone, what was he to do and now more than ever, he realized that he had himself to blame. He didn’t have any friends to help him, and he was getting hungry. Walking to edge of the cloud he peered

over and could see the land below. What luck the wind had blew the cloud closer to the ground. As Mr. Turtle was pondering his fate and funeral, he saw Mrs. Turtle working in her garden.

“Hey June it’s me, June look up” yelled Mr. Turtle, Mrs. Turtle was startled beyond imagination. She looked around, she didn’t see her hubby, but could hear him. “June, I’m up here, in the clouds,” yelled Mr. Turtle.

Goodness, has my dear sweet husband entered the spirit world, thought Mrs. Turtle. Mr. Turtle yelled, “I know what you’re thinking, but June honey, I’m truly in the clouds.” Mrs. Turtle thought to herself, “June honey, he must be in a pickle.” She gazed upward and focused her glasses and sure enough she could see Mr. Turtle waving. “What in the world have you done this time, you come down here this instant,” scolded Mrs. Turtle. “Don’t be mad honey and can you gather all the pillows in the house?” Mrs. Turtle just shook her head as she went into the house to return with an arm full of dirty laundry. “Okay, can you pile them next to your garden,” he yelled.

As Mrs. Turtle began to look upward, a blur dropped from the cloud. Mr. Turtle miss calculated the drop and landed on his back in Mrs. Turtle’s lettuce patch. The lettuce patch was squashed and Mr. Turtle’s shell was shattered and lay in pieces around him. Oh no, Mr. Turtle’s backside was completely exposed and he was totally embarrassed. He forgot to change his underwear, as his mama would periodically remind him to do so, (you never know).

Mrs. Turtle went to her tool shed and found some piñon pine pitch in a small container. Heating the pitch would make it sticky and then she proceeded to glue Mr. Turtle’s shell back together. “Okay, my dear why don’t you tell me what happen?” asked Mrs. Turtle.

“June, honey it’s a long story,” said Mr. Turtle. His turtle shell would mend and from that time to present, all little turtles would have those cracks on their shells. He was one lucky little turtle.

As I grew older, we would go to Woolworth’s and I would go straight away and see the little birds, I could see that they were talking with the turtles next to them.

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## Hotchkiss inspires



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Noah Hotchkiss (right) passes the basketball to Jeremy Reynolds at SunUte Community Center on Tuesday, May 23. Hotchkiss was recognized as a member of the 2014-2015 Disabled Sports USA Alpine E-Team by the Adaptive Sport Association.



Noah Hotchkiss shows off his shooting skills to SUIMA's Upper Elementary class. Students were given words of encouragement from Hotchkiss, who is set to play basketball for the University of Illinois.

## IHS BOYS TRACK

# Bobcats earn five points at State track

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When you've gotta go, you've gotta go. And someone's got to go first. That honor, fell upon Ignacio's Elco Garcia, Jr., at the 2017 CHSAA Class 2A State Track & Field Championships on the wacky, weather-altered weekend of May 19-21.

Searching for as much 'get up' to pair with an 8:30 a.m. 'go,' the Bobcat competed Saturday, May 20, in the 3,200-meter run – the multi-classification spectacle's first boys' event after a two-day snow/rain delay which had athletes, coaches, officials and fans wondering if the meet would even commence.

Being a freshman, Garcia thankfully didn't have to ponder missing his own graduation in favor of contending for an individual or team title. And after finishing 12th in the long-distance jaunt, and third amongst its rookie entrants with his time of ten minutes, 38.55 seconds, Garcia need only ponder

the excitement of a Jeffco Stadium return in 2018.

By comparison, Oak Creek Soroco junior Ben Kelley won in 9:47.71. Ault Highland sophomore Levi Kilian was second in 9:51.33, and Westcliffe Custer County senior Jerald Taylor third in 9:54.33. Colorado Springs St. Mary's soph Adam Maal earned the last team point up for grabs with his ninth-place 10:30.40, and Peyton senior Joseph Enright at 10:34.16 rounded out the 18-runner event's top-ten.

Ignacio junior Natoni Cundiff finished 17th in the Saturday-session shot put, with his second try flying 119 feet, ten inches and ending up his best throw.

Marking on all attempts, Cundiff also threw 113'1", 113'4" and 102'7" against a group led by Ordway Crowley County sophomore Lane Walter, who won with a 154'0" maximum. Sedgwick County (Julesburg-Ovid Revere) senior Chad Mikelson climbed to second with a 148'3" best on his final attempt, dropping Paonia senior Blake

Benson's third-try 141'6" a notch after the Eagle fouled on his fourth bid.

Not wanting to end his IHS days with the team going scoreless, Bryan Gram ensured the 'Cats would leave Lakewood with something to show for a season often at Mother Nature's mercy.

Assigned a rare Sunday start time of 1:38 p.m., the senior clocked 51.20 seconds in his final prep-level 400-meter dash, placing fifth and gaining Ignacio five points – which held up for a share of 36th place (with Center and San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores) in the final team standings.

Due to a compressed competition schedule, no preliminary heat races – initially slated to go off at 6:58 p.m. Thursday, May 18 (the final was to be on the 20th at 11:33 a.m.). Officially determined a six- or eight-man 400 final, and in the revised finals-only format Gram's time came in the second flight, which ultimately featured the top five and seven of the nine

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## SEIBEL TO GUIDE GIRLS' VARSITY • FROM PAGE 1

"Being the point guard of a State Runner-up team," he continued, alluding to his 2009-10 senior season and being part of a talented backcourt including Pedro Vigil and Oakley Hayes, "and really just being ingrained on how to lead ... Physically, emotionally, mentally," Siebel said. "I've always wanted to be a coach, and what better place to do it than with Ignacio Basketball?"

"I feel real confident in leaving," the Shane Siebel said Monday in a separate phone conversation. "Trae has also asked me if I could still be a part of it, be committed to ... helping him and these girls. I think it's been four years now, and the girls have just gotten better and better as a program. So I'm really looking forward to next year, to see what these girls can accomplish."

Trae Siebel was quick to confirm that his inherited DNA isn't an abbreviation for 'Do Not Assist.'

"I'm planning on bringing him back – a 'dollar contract' – so he's going to be the main varsity assistant," he stated. "I still need his perspectives, and the philosophy he instilled within this program."

"It was a good conversation between he and I; he's professional, talented, and above all a champion. To have him there, as my dad – next to me, helping me with this read-and-react offense, it's going to be awesome."

In Shane Siebel's four years at the helm, the Lady Bobcat varsity compiled a strong 58-32 overall record. And after three regional-tournament semifinal setbacks (against Paonia in 2014, Meeker in '15, Westcliffe Custer County in '16), IHS at last qualified – even with a much younger roster – for the 2017 Class 2A State Championships, when the ride into the 'Great Eight' stopped against Simla in the consolation-round semis.

"You know, I told them at the end, 'The only team that can really beat you ladies is yourselves,'" Trae Siebel recalled. "Stay together, trust each other and put the time in, put the work in ... We're going to be competing for a top spot. As long as we stay humble and really worry about ourselves, we're going to make a good run."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen during the 2013-14 season, his first as IHS Girls' Basketball varsity head coach, Shane Siebel has handed the program's reins to son, Trae Siebel for the 2017-18 slate.

"He's young, kind of been-there-done-that, and ... it's exciting," said Shane Siebel. "The girls are really excited too – speaking of that, they're already getting summer ball going, and so I think he's going to do well."

In addition to having a loaded roster – led by senior guard Avionne Gomez and sophomore center/forward Morgan Herrera – this winter, minimal differences in the skippers' methods should help things proceed smoothly.

"The girls got to play the game, you know? They're the ones that have to put the ball in the hoop. And for a coach to get in the way, and to ultimately call every single play ... to us it's not good, fluid basketball," Trae Siebel said. "To take a step back in practices and allow ... mistakes ... To do that – let the girls play the game, give them tools, resources to be intelligent – that came from him."

"That was his philosophy really. And he's done such a great job; I honor everything he's done," Trae said.

"We believe in the motion-offense side of things, and defense ... wins championships. Learned that from Coach Chris Valdez and transferred it over to the girls, had some success with it," said Shane Siebel. "And he's really looking at ... car-

rying on that foundation and to just continue to build, add expertise, it's awesome.

Having cut his prep-level coaching teeth under Valdez with the younger Bobcat boys not long after his own graduation, then most recently having helped primarily with the Lady Bobcat C-team in addition to aiding Shane Siebel and JV leader Daniel Sanchez on the eager varsity staff – which also included former standouts A.J. Vigil and Maria Rivera – pride in being a local product could motivate Trae Siebel this winter more than anything else.

"Basketball IS Ignacio," he declared, stressing each syllable. "And for us to come back, give our time, it's awesome. I think Timmy [Velasquez, former Bobcat and current boys' JV boss] does a great job. I've hit up [former Bobcat and current overseas professional] Alex Herrera; he's ... been at the skills camps with us this early in the summer, really been helping us with our post play, dedicating some time and it's been awesome."

"It's been a blessing, you know? Being in the program ... and just gaining so much experience from the top two coaches at Ignacio. And to now finally be a leader of the program ... it's a blessing."

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**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO YOU GEMINI!** VENUS slips into TAURUS after the 6th and softly generates a a more gentle atmosphere. This might give you the perfect opportunity to accomplish some personal projects Gemini. But first and foremost this is your month to be true to yourself. MARS exits your sign on the 4th and floats into CANCER'S watery realm. Almost instantaneously your psychic sense takes over. Instinctively you know what to do, Where to go, and what to keep or not keep. Pay attention, write things down, and make lists.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22 – July 22)

Hey MOON KIDS ... you have come to the time of year when decisions and plans are made for your summer entertainment. Most likely family, and friends are a large part of those plans. MARS enters your sign on the 9th and propels you into action. Mark the 23rd as a launch date of sorts. Meanwhile just bide your time, and gather your thoughts until it's time to take action. You can call it, having patience. When you rush things mistakes are bound to happen. That is not the CANCER way.

### ♌ LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Before summer gets to the sizzling stage, you might want to consider how you would like to spend your favorite time of year. It should be fairly easy. The SUN and MERCURY are in your house of hopes and wishes, and will be there until the 20th of this month. Don't procrastinate LEO, it's time for action. Do what needs to be done and you will be all set, and ready to move forward. The 1st. 3rd, and 9th, are favorable Lion days. Friends will be calling, wanting to visit. They enjoy your company.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)

Leave it to you VIRGO ... your excellent work ethics may be show cased this month The SUN and MERCURY sit high in your Horoscope and shine like a beacon. It's your take charge attitude that always creates a successful winning strategy. VENUS enters your earthy trinity on the 6th as she glides into the sign of TAURUS. Her fun-loving nature tempts you with an ambitious desire to enhance your job, travel, or to step up your current lifestyle. Go for it, you won't be satisfied until you do.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)

Because you always like to know what you are doing from day to day, you are more inclined to plan ahead. In some cases, even years ahead. This June with the SUN shining in the area of future goals you'll probably be actively planning for some objective in the future. VENUS enters MERCURY on the 6th and influences your thinking. Seek out more harmonious methods to improve relations with those closest to your heart. Particularly if they live far away.

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)

The month of JUNE means its time to review your financial methods and your spending. A FULL MOON in the money area on the 9th cancels out the old ways, and supports more resourceful practices. You know how to do this SCORPIO. Yours is the resource sign. Put that talent to good use. A NEW MOON on the 23rd in CANCER might have you thinking of a move. But like most all other people in your sign, you would much rather stay put and just reorganize instead.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

The FULL MOON on the 9th takes place in your sign. That's OK Saggies, you can't shine any brighter than you do right now. Whether you have a project, or a specific plan in mind, friends or others are willing to join you. SATURN still has a commanding influence in your sign and will also help you to determine which cause you want to pursue. Pay attention to MARTIAN influence when it dives into CANCER'S watery realm on the 4th., and tempts you to splash your money around in a reckless manner.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)

It might be in your best interests to lend a helping hand to one who needs it. The SUN and MERCURY in the area of serving others may give you fresh perspective on how to do it. As an added benefit, positive progress can be made with health improvements as well. The SUN, and clever MERCURY promote creative ideas that might appeal to you. Give your imagination a chance to work. It comes directly from that store of inner knowledge that you have accumulated. It may surprise you CAPRICORN.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)

A very talkative atmosphere develops this month. For starters MERCURY enters GEMINI on the 6th and helps to promote many happy times spent with children, and loved ones. Your best days include the 3rd, 13th ,18th, and 20th. JUPITER'S forward momentum on the on the 9th lifts some of the delayed momentum. You can also count on MARS to provide opportunities to enjoy some healthy activities to explore. Be creative with your selections AQUARIUS people.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Much of JUNE'S planetary focus centers around home base, and within personal relationships. The MOON in exact opposition to NEPTUNE (your sign ruler) on the 1st may strain close connections, and confuse your conversations. Pay close attention to what you say after the 16th, NEPTUNE rotates into its long and slow retrograde period. Make your important decisions based on facts, and not fiction. A little diligence goes a long way LITTLE FISHES. Home and family issues come first.

### ♈ ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

VENUS finishes its yearly trip through your sign on the 6th. You'll have a chance to set a 'Spring Fling into motion. There's more good news, VENUS will be entering a money zone, and may give you a more secure sense of security. It will remain there through month's end. The SUN in the busy sign of GEMINI till the 19th amplifies your daily routine, and fills your days with more interest. You know how you are ARIES people, try not to overdo it. Just maintain your usual rhythm of things.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)

The urge to expand your income makes sense when VENUS returns to your sign on the 6th. Give her a warm welcome TAURUS. VENUS enjoys a harmonious, generous, and tranquil atmosphere. MARS also cooperates when it enters the family sign of CANCER on the 4th. You might enjoy a cooking class, or finding more clever ways to budget your money. JUPITER comes out of its retrograde slumber on the 9th and begins to add a positive influence to your income, and job related interests.

*Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net*

### ATTENTION....ATTENTION.....

### ALL FORMER UTE VOCATIONAL CLASSMATES

**WE ARE INVITING ALL FORMER CLASSMATES TO BRING A DISH AND A GIFT FOR THE WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE.**

**JUNE 10, 2017**

**MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING**

**11AM- 3PM**

**TUVUCH TOGHO-AQH**

### PUBLIC NOTICE, TO GENERAL PUBLIC Unauthorized grazing on Tribal lands

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Indian tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violators of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injunctive relief.

If you have livestock trespassing on Southern ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **JUNE 23, 2017** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Signed by Pearl E. Casias,  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe, June 9, 2011

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Sara Santistevan

**Job title:** Administrative Assistant

**Description of duties:** Assist the Chief Professional Officer and Program Director with administrative duties. Perform clerical duties.

**Hobbies:** Baking

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### Roshae B. Weaver

**Job title:** Dental Assistant-Intern

**Description of duties:** Assist the dental hygienist.

**Family:** Landon Ka'Yavawat Miles (son)

**Tribe:** Southern Ute Indian Tribe



### Cody Cloud

**Job title:** FLB-Summer Work Program

**Description of duties:** Assisting Air Quality Program in enhancing database functionality, assisting in collection and monitoring of chlorophyll a, macro invertebrates, and fish populations, participation in stream restoration projects.

**Hobbies:** Photography, woodworking and riding motorcycles.

### Melton Lee White

**Job title:** Detention Officer

**Description of duties:** Responsible of inmates, monitor, screen and secure all activities within detention center.

**Hobbies:** Working out and traveling. Spending time with family.

**Family:** Mother: Flora White, Father: Melvin White, Sisters: Twilight Smith, Florence Lee and Melanie White.

**Tribe:** Navajo

**Additional comments:** Recently Honorably Discharged from the United States Navy.



## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**May 21<sup>st</sup> & June 17th**

**At 9a-3p, Booth Set up is at 8a**

**Southern Ute Multipurpose Facility**

**256 Ute Road, Ignacio**

***Booth space is free!!!! Open to Ignacio Community***

Please Contact Multipurpose Facility at  
(970)563-4784 for More Information

**We Look Forward to Seeing You There**

## Drum Deadline

**Next issue:  
June 9  
Deadline:  
June 5**

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

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## REQUEST FOR BID SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION 2017 Water System Improvements Project

**Owner:**  
**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)**  
**Utilities Division**  
**PO Box 1137, 16360 Hwy 172**  
**Ignacio, CO 81137**  
**970-563-5500**

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION 2017 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 2 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, June 15, 2017. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder. Bid security: A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. Description of Work: Work includes installation of Owner furnished Water Dock Station, Pressure Reducing Station, Mast Meter Station and pipe replacement in the Water Treatment Plant Clearwell. Additional pipe, valves, connections, water dock staging area pad, minor storm drain and appurtenances are included. Electrical service is required for the Water Dock and PRV Stations. Revegetation of disturbed areas is required. Only contractors qualified in water utility infrastructure shall be allowed to bid on this project. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights

Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC.: 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colo. 81301, 970-247-1705. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500. A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to HUMgallegos@goffengineering.com UH or written request to the above address.

## REQUEST FOR BID SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Apartment Boiler Replacement Project

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the Apartment Boiler Replacement Project to remove and install 24 boilers located on Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO. A mandatory site visit for this project is scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. Bid deadline is May 24, 2017 at 4 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is May 25, 2017 at 9 a.m. at said office. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for LaPlata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

## REQUEST FOR BID SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Northridge Drive Renovation

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the House Renovation Project to renovate 1 – 3 bedroom, 1bath home located on Northridge Drive on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO. A mandatory site visit for this project is scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. Bid deadline is June 13, 2017 at 4 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is June 14, 2017 at 9 a.m. at said office. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for LaPlata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
**FREDDIE ATENCIO, Plaintiff, v. JULIYA VAL-DEZ, 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 a.m.  
Done and signed this 17th day of April, 2017.  
By the court: Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

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

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**  
**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2017-PR-0064**  
**Elroy Arvin Vigil, 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 June 27, 2017 at 9 a.m. 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 15th of May, 2017  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**  
**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2017-NC-0029**  
**Kayla Lynn Ward, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Kayla Lynn Ward filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kayla Lynn Wing. As of May 8, 2017 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kayla Lynn Ward name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kayla Lynn Wing.  
Dated this 8th day of May, 2017.  
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**Case No: 2017-CV-0044,**  
**Rent-A-Wheel vs.**  
**Lawrence Darin Cloud**

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Money Demand before the above named Court on July 17, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Date, May 22, 2017  
Lester Valenzuela,  
Southern Ute Tribal Court

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### ELHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ELHI Community Center is looking for a community minded individual to serve on the ELHI Board of Directors. Applications are available in the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays 1 – 5 p.m. or on our webpage at [www.elhicommunitycenter.org/meet-the-elhi-board](http://www.elhicommunitycenter.org/meet-the-elhi-board)

### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with knowledge and experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming and; A person with knowledge and experience in Tribal energy resource development to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Knowledge and Experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming; Knowledge and Experience in Tribal Energy Resource Development; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 8, 2017. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at (970) 563-0117 or (970) 563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

### ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. Three positions are open for 1 elder member and 2 former royalty members. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

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

### WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REVIEW TEAM

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

*Saturday Drawings*

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Grand Prize drawings on Saturdays from June 3-June 24, 2017 at 10PM. Rules apply. See Players' Club for details.





## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### Facilities Staff (Full-time) \*Sign on Bonus

Closing date 5/30/17

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

### \*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time, Grave shift)

Closing date 5/26/17

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-Rolling Thunder, Shining Mountain, Willows (Full-time) \*Sign on Bonus

Closing date 5/29/17

Preparation of the Al La Carte menu in the Café/Restaurants 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. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. (17 years old+ in Willows) Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training.

### \*Player Development Host

Closing date 5/30/17

Identifies, develops and creates relationships with Sky Ute Casino Resort gaming patrons. Facilitates VIP events that enhance the overall gaming experience. Fosters an environment that results in generating gaming related revenue measured by more trips and increased spending. Assists with all facets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort Bear Club and Player's Center as needed. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have High School Diploma/equivalency. College degree is preferred. Must have 2 years of experience in front of house casino operations; Gaming (slot/tables), Marketing, Player Development preferred, or at least four years related experience and/or training, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have excellent computer skills in MS Word, Excel and database skills preferred in marketing database systems.

### Room Attendant (Full-time) \*Sign on Bonus

Closing date 5/29/17

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.*

## SUCAP – Job announcements

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)  
Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

**Bus Driver** – Closing date 6/1/17, Part-time (16 hours per week) for SUCAP/Road Runner Stage Lines for Durango to Grand Jct. route. Experience preferred. Requires a Class “B” CDL with passenger endorsement, medical card, or ability to obtain, and a good driving record. Must submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application. Must be insurable by SUCAP. Must be able to pass drug/alcohol test and background check. Must have or be able to obtain CPR/1st Aid.

## TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information • 970-563-0117

All applicants must pass through a criminal history background check, fingerprint check, Colorado central registry and pre-employment drug test.

Job descriptions and applications available at TERO office, 151 CR 517, Ignacio, Colo.

**Hydro Excavation (temp)** – Must have a valid Class B CDL Driver's License with Tanker Endorsements.

**Property Maintenance (temp)** – Must be over 18 years of age, be dependable and will work in outdoor conditions.

**BIA Laborer** – Must be over 18 years of age and have a valid Driver's License for the state of residence. Must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Must pass an ATV safety course within 6 weeks of hire. Must be in good physical condition and able pass a pre-employment physical.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and applications: [www.ignacioschools.org/District/Jobs](http://www.ignacioschools.org/District/Jobs)

### Finance Director

Closing date 5/16/17

Applicant needs to have knowledge of school finance, business management, accounting and

two years of college. Begins October 2, 2017.

### District Mechanic

Closing date 5/26/17. Begins July 3, 2017.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

### AP/AR Clerk

Closing date 5/30/17

Vendor Setup and maintenance and filing of documents relating to vendor setup. Assists with processing accounts payable including vendor invoices, travel per diems, and check requests, including creating payment vouchers, matching to PO's and receivers, and generating checks. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

### Boys Girls Club Aide (Part-time)

Closing date 6/1/17

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

### Community Health Representative

Closing date 6/1/17

Providing assistance in the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally handicapped Tribal members. Provides transportation, health, and health related homemaking services. Performs community health representative duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

### Court Information Analyst

Closing date 5/30/17

Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and developing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/annually.

### Detention Officer

Closing date 6/7/17

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

### Forestry Crew Member

Closing date 6/2/17

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

### Home/Community Health Services Manager

Closing date 6/2/17

Management and administration of all community and home based health services, programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Department. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

### Lands Surveyor (Part-time)

Closing date 5/30/17

Conducts all administrative surveys and surveys as a licensed Professional Land Surveyor, needed to meet the needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Legal Assistant

Closing date 6/7/17

Supervised by the Southern Ute Tribal Prosecutor and assists in preparing criminal, traffic

and juvenile delinquency cases for hearings and trials. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

### Secretary

Closing date 6/2/17

Provides clerical support for the Health Services Division. Provides reception, secretarial and records management services to the Division. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

### Summer YEP Workers

Southern Ute tribal members only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. 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

Open until filled

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

### Clinic Nurse (Two positions)

Open until filled

Registered Nurse position, providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### 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)

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.

### TERO Boys & Girls Club Summer Program Aide (Temp)

Native American only. Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Temporary positions (76 days) are for members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

## MOVING! Beat the Bayfield Yard Sales!

**Music stuff:** (Peavey E-amp with FX switch (manuals included), 3 mics, 2 mic stands, 2 music stands, lots of cords for all) Make an offer for all or part! **Furniture stuff:** Beveled glass-top coffee/end tables, three shelves (one really nice one with swinging doors) one small table on rollers, two twin beds. All are in decent to excellent condition. Call Dave at 970-769-6433.



THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MISSION IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND SURFACE UTILIZATION OF LANDS OWNED BY THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE AND ITS MEMBERS. THE DEPARTMENT IS ENTRUSTED WITH PROMOTING THE BENEFICIAL USE, PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, AND DEVELOPMENTAL ENHANCEMENT OF THE TRIBE'S NATURAL RESOURCE BY USING SOUND ADMINISTRATIVE, ECOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, SOCIOECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL METHODS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.



## SUMMER 2017 INTERNSHIP WITH SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE'S DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS DIVISION

Two (2) Interns will work in our Tribal Land Division office during the summer of 2017. Interns should have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the surrounding communities and have interest in working in some aspect of tribal land management. The purpose of this program is to provide real-life experiences to students in land offices. This internship should extend over an 11-week period over the summer, with two students committing 400 hours over the period. During the internship, students are required to keep a brief daily log of their activities. At the end of the internship, students are required to submit a copy of their daily log and a two to five page report to the Indian Land Tenure Foundation detailing their activities and what was learned. This is a paid intern position.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD SUBMIT A 500 WORD ESSAY ABOUT THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE AND FOCUS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF PRINCIPLES OF REAL ESTATE. ESSAYS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON MAY 31, 2017 TO EITHER [GEWING@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:GEWING@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV) OR PO BOX 737, IGNACIO, CO 81301 ATTN GERMAINE EWING, LANDS DIVISION HEAD

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

GERMAINE EWING, LANDS DIVISION HEAD 970-563-0126

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PO BOX 737, IGNACIO CO 81301



Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Board of Directors is seeking a **Tribal Member** interested in serving as a member of the Board.

The Board Meets twice a month (one Board Meeting and one Sub Committee meeting). The Board Members are appointed by Tribal Council for a 3 year term.

**Tribal Member Youth are encouraged to apply!**

**Applications are available at [www.bgcso.org](http://www.bgcso.org)**

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694





## FLY-FISHING

# Spring has sprung, all the rivers will be fishable - maybe

**Don Oliver**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spring is here, run-off will soon be over, and all the streams will be fishable, in your dreams. We still have a bike race that has a history of giving us one last snowstorm. That's on top of a record snow year. Let's hope for the best, but mentally prepare for one more snowstorm. So, what's a dedicated fly fisher to do? If you have a boat or float tube, go find a body of water and fly fish. But what if one doesn't own something that floats on big bodies of water? Fear not, I have four suggestions for places to fish during the high runoff.

The first is the San Juan River. Even though the San Juan is beginning to experience a man-made high and fast runoff, there is good fly-fishing to be had. The release from the dam will slowly reach 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and will be sustained at that flow for a couple of weeks. That is too high, and way too dangerous, to wade. However, when the river is brought up to those levels it creates back channels that are fishable. As you drive along the road that parallels the river, County Road 511, pull over and see where the back channels and ponds are. Once you have their location set in your mind, it can be a fairly easy walk to get to them. Don't be discouraged; one of the biggest rainbows I ever caught was in a back channel during



a 5,000 cfs release.

Next, go north to two of my favorite early spring locations. Once the gate at Road 578 to Hermosa is opened, you have a great opportunity for early small stream fishing. The east fork of Hermosa River provides great spring fly-fishing. The area that flows behind chairlifts 3, 5 and 8 at Purgatory provides some of the earliest and best small stream fly-fishing I know. The gentle slope of the valley allows the water to flow at a wadable cfs rate, and the cutthroat trout are eager and hungry to eat dry flies. There are some deep corner pockets in this stream, so be careful.

Further north is Howardsville. For those of you not familiar with this little ghost town area, it's just north of Silverton on Colorado 110. I realize that most of you think the only thing north of Silverton is the Animas River and the mine that polluted the Animas. The area that I like to fish up there is the beaver ponds. I bet many of

my fellow fly fishers are not aware of these ponds. There are a series of ponds linked to each other, located on the west side of 110. The ponds are easy to get to, and they provide hours of fun dry fly fishing. The fish are small but real quick. This is also an ideal spot to take someone just getting into fly-fishing.

If none of these areas tickle your fancy, try Williams Creek. Williams Creek is a tailwater that comes out of Williams Reservoir. The creek and reservoir are located north of Pagosa Springs. Unlike the tailwaters coming out of Vallecito and Lemon lakes, Williams Creek flows through lots of public land and gives you many locations to fish. I've fished Williams Creek several times and have always found it productive and worth the drive. Before you go, be sure to check to see how much water is being released from the reservoir. You'd hate to drive that far only to find record amounts of water flowing out of the dam.

If these locations sound like too much work, or you only have a few hours to fly fish, Havilland Lake just north of town, east of Highway 550, and Pastorius east of town are fishable from the shore.

So don't despair, even with a projected high runoff, there are lots of options for fly-fishing. If you don't care for my suggestions, look at any map of the area and get creative on other spots to fish. Just let me know where they are. I won't tell anyone, I promise.

## BOBCATS EARN FIVE POINTS • FROM PAGE 16

point-earning sprints.

Fort Hays (Kan.) State University-bound Wiggins senior Shane Finegan topped first place in 50.17, followed by Rangely junior Patrick Scoggins (50.36), Cedaredge senior Brendon Klaseen (50.87) and Buena Vista sophomore Matthew Thompson (51.16).

From Flight 1, Meeker senior Cole Brown's 51.23 paced those trailing Gram, with WHS junior Teggan

Freau (51.47), Byers senior Gage Dean (51.48) and CCHS junior Jack Bowker (51.62) the last scoring runners.

Cedaredge's 97 points easily outdistanced Wiggins' 63 for the boys' team championship. Loveland Resurrection Christian came in third out of the 43 scoring crews with 45 points, with SCHS (42), Soroco (41) and Sanford (36) all very close behind.

## DID YOU KNOW

Finegan, who ended up winning an impressive four State titles in his final prep performance, lost the 400m final in 2016 by barely 0.02 of a second, with Cedaredge's since-graduated Bryce Klaseen following him across the finish line in third, Gram doing likewise in seventh and Brendon Klaseen ninth.

## Outlaws, shoot it out at FLC



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Durango Outlaws (in blue) competed in the Mercy Sports Medicine Shootout Soccer Tournament in Durango, Colo. at Fort Lewis College, May 12-14. Over 50 teams, from 8-16 years of age, competed in the three-day tournament.

Southern Ute tribal member, Keevin Reynolds of the Durango Outlaws attacks the ball against the Montrose Avalanche during tournament play Sunday, May 14 at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. The Outlaws lost to the Avalanche 3-6.



## BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management will be **ACCEPTING BRUNOT RARE GAME APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE MONTH OF MAY.**

Applications must be picked up and returned to the SUT Wildlife office by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 2017.** The drawing will be held in June.

### AVAILABLE PERMITS

**2 Bighorn Sheep**  
**2 Mountain Goat**  
**1 Moose**



PLEASE CONTACT SUT WILDLIFE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR STOP BY THE OFFICE TO APPLY (970)563-0130

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, May 26



74°F sunny

Saturday, May 27



70°F cloudy

Sunday, May 28



70°F sunny

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



### Ambient Monitoring:

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

### Air quality: As of 4/27

AQI – Ignacio: 27  
AQI – Bondad: 31



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