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## UTAH

# Monument designation remains uncertain for Bears Ears

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Time is running out for an official decision from the White House on the future of the Bears Ears National Monument. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke toured the Bears Ears in early May, 2017 as part of the review process. August 24 marks the deadline.

“Based on the Interim Report, we are anticipating that Secretary Zinke will be submitting a recommendation to downsize, or rescind the monument status all together,” said Leland Begay, Assoc. General Council for Dept. Of Justice, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. “We are preparing to litigate on behalf of the Native American Rights Fund.”

President Barack Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument in 2016 under The Antiquities Act. The Bears Ears is the only monument designated at the request of a coalition of Native American tribes: Navajo, Hopi, Zuni and Ute.

“We as Native people



courtesy Jeremy Wade Shockley

Ancestral Puebloan sites are prevalent throughout Cedar Mesa and the surrounding canyons. One of the best-preserved archeological sites being Moon House Ruin in McCloyd Canyon, a permit system is now in place to help regulate the number of daily visitors and protect the cliff dwellings for future generations.

need to stick together,” Southern Ute NAGPRAC coordinator Cassandra Naranjo said in an interview. Our elders passed down stories, and told us about things that are tied to the geography of that area. “I would like it to stay in a monument status and remain open to us. We have all seen instances where oil, gas and mining have [negatively] impacted

the landscape.”

“We have to keep something for our grandchildren, we have to think about those things that are important to us as a tribal people,” Naranjo said.

In accordance with the Bears Ears National Monument proclamation issued on December 28, 2016, the five sovereign Tribal Nations with ancestral ties to

Bears Ears, have formally named their representatives for the Bears Ears Commission. In their first action, The Commission issued a letter to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke extending an invitation to meet to discuss management priorities and remind him of his obligation to work with the

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Southern Ute tribal member, Billy Jack Baker was recently nominated as one of Today’s Super Heroes, a local initiative highlighting community members as role models. Baker has been an active role model for many years, pictured here with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s archery team during Tri-Ute games.

## EDITORIAL

# Everyday heroes

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

We all have that one person who has taught us something that made a significant difference in our lives. It’s refreshing when a local adult role model is acknowledged for having a positive impact on the youth. Southern Ute tribal members, Billy Jack Baker and Sherry Salazar were both nominated to be part of the Today’s Super Heroes initiative brought to you by Boys & Girls Club, San Juan Basin Health and the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health.

We tend to forget that there is always someone looking up to you no matter where life takes you. Giving a special thanks and acknowledgment is a great reminder for those who are making a difference in the community to continue to be a positive peer. Whether it’s a friend, mentor or family member we always have to remember, we have an influence on those around us. Billy Jack Baker and Sherry Salazar, both from Ignacio, have been around the community, serving as active role models for many years.

As adults, we have the ability to make an impact on youth whether we know it or not. The decisions we make, the way we treat people or the way we talk to our youth can shape and mold them. “It’s always good for

tribal youth to see other tribal members who have been through worse situations than what the youth have to deal with today,” Sunute Community Center Director, Ian Thompson said. If we surround them in a negative environment, they will learn from it and often become it, partially because it’s the only thing they know and the cycle continues. If we show love, compassion and respect to our youth, they will give the same back in return.

Today, technology has an incredible impact on what youth learn and give back to the people around them.

As adults we see what the youth idolize, often times they associate themselves with anti-role models.

Sherry Salazar has been a long time community member who shows love and respect to those around her. She has a great impact on her grandchildren and is a constant reminder of who they are and where they come from. She continues to educate her grandkids on the Ute traditions, language and values. Throughout their lives she has been selfless when it comes to being there when they need her and shows her endless love and encouragement, according to her granddaughter, Rowan Griffin, who nominated Salazar for the Today’s Native American Superhero.

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## WILDLIFE

# Bear Smart: Getting one step ahead

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

This summer bears have been raiding trash cans across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and throughout the region. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently hosted an informational presentation in conjunction with Bear Smart Durango, on Tuesday, August 8 to combat the problem. The presentation titled, Talking Trash: Human & Bear conflicts in the Southwest was led by Bear Smart Education Director, Karen Hickerson.

“We had an employee walk out of the Mouache-Capote Building and right into a bear,” said Don Brockus, Risk Coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. “We thought there was some need for education.”

“This year has definitely been one of the worst,” Hickerson said in regards to heightened bear activity in urban areas. The Bear Smart motto is, ‘Helping people and bears coexist.’ “We’re proactive to make sure the bears stay bears and do not become too habituated,” Hickerson said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Scattered dumpsters and tipped over trash cans have become a common sight this summer as bears search for food in urban areas. While dumpster diving is a learned behavior for bears, it is predominantly a lack of natural food sources that has intensified bear activity in towns and neighborhoods.

According to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division, the bear problem is not limited to Tribal Campus, or downtown Durango. It is prevalent anywhere bears can find sources of food outside of their natural habitat.

“Ninety-five percent of the calls

we get at Wildlife are ‘the bears are getting into the trash.’ What we really need people to do is remove the bear attractants, the food sources. That’s probably the biggest thing,”

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## SUPD

# SUPD issue theft alert

Staff Report  
SU POLICE DEPT.

Throughout La Plata County and the Southern Ute Reservation, thieves have been busy. Houses have been broken into, mailboxes violated, cars and trucks have gone missing and people’s privacy has been invaded. The Southern Ute Police Department has caught some of the people responsible. La Plata County Sheriffs have also been busy. We are sharing information and working together to help solve these crimes. However, more people are still out there and are actively stealing.

The Southern Ute Police Department needs your help

in apprehending the thieves. Alert people are the first line of defense against these criminals. You are our partner in knowing what goes on in your neighborhood. You are the ‘eyes and ears’ of the police department.

By keeping a closer watch over your own property and your neighborhood, thieves have a harder time stealing without getting caught. Keep notes with accurate descriptions of unfamiliar people and vehicles in your neighborhood. It will make reporting things much easier. Talk to our officers when you see them out on patrol. Talk to your neighbors about making your neighborhood safer.

We are asking people to watch for suspicious activ-

ity and to secure all their windows and doors. Do not leave keys in vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs and farm equipment. Pay extra attention if your animals are disturbed at night. Check and remove mail from your mailbox frequently. Lock gates and barns to prevent easy access. Be careful about what you post on social media about your plans and when you might be away. Don’t post any new possessions that might become a shopping list for a thief.

The Southern Ute Police Dept. wants you and your property to be safe and secure.

If you see suspicious activity please call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401 or 911.

## Strong 4 Life



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

SunUte trainer Abel Velasquez bends the bar during the King of Squat Challenge during the Strong Warrior Weight Lifting Competition hosted by the SunUte Community Center, on Saturday, Aug. 5.

See more Strong Warrior photos on page 12.





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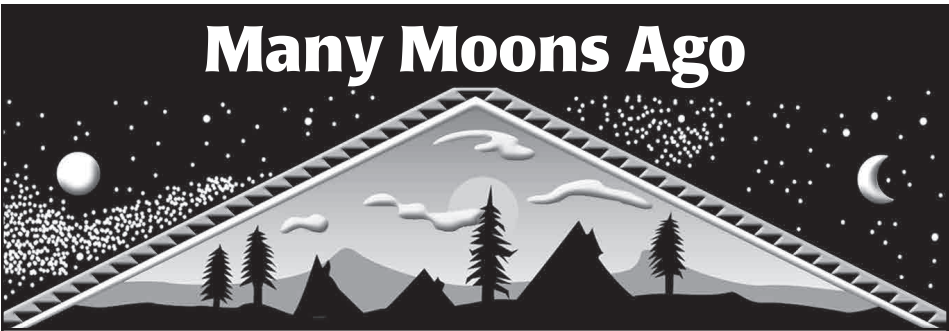
**Staff report**  
SU LEGAL DEPT.

On Aug. 2, 2017, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s newly enacted Expunge-ment Code became effective. The Expungement Code is a new Title to the Tribal Code.

The Code “provides the grounds and procedures to expunge Southern Ute criminal records where a petition is authorized under this Code. This Code’s purpose is to provide an opportunity for people who rehabilitate themselves, and who now live their lives in a manner consistent with our community’s standards, to have a second chance to live without the stigma and legal disabilities from a criminal record.” To that end, the Expungement Code provides a process that allows a person who meets strict eligibility requirements, and where the Tribal Court determines that granting the expunge-ment is not contrary to the interests of public safety, to have one’s record of arrest, investigation, detention, and conviction expunged.

The Code was developed by referring to other tribes’ similar codes and with participation by representatives from the Tribal Court, Department of Justice and Regulatory, and the Legal Department. For any questions, contact the Director of Justice & Regulatory, Chris Mimmack at 970-563-2801.

You can review the Expungement Code online [www.SUDRUM.com](http://www.SUDRUM.com), or visit the Tribal Member only website to download the code.



Many Moons Ago



R.C. Lucero/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Dancers and drummers from near and far showed up to enjoy the 44th annual Shoshone Bannock Festival Powwow. More than 900 registered dancers showed up to compete for cash prizes and enjoy the powwow. Buelah Kent showing her grandson Kristopher what Grand Entry is all about.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 17, 2007 edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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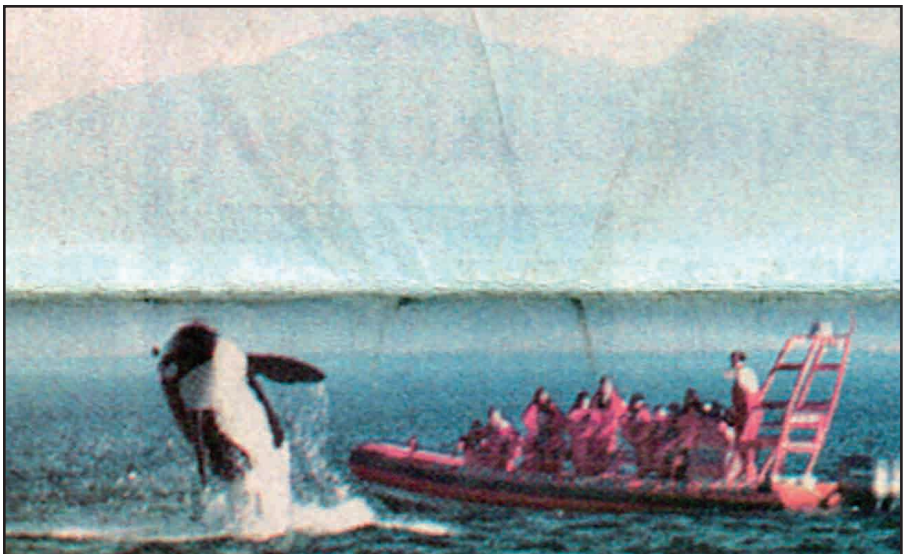
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Carl Geers/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Arguably the highlight of the NAIG Athletes’ trip to Canada was the whale watching voyage out in Victoria Harbor. Over the course of the day, nearly all of the Ute athletes traveled by high-speed boat to a nearby island where Orcas (killer Whales) were feeding on salmon. The kids saw pods of eight or nine whales, some of them breaching, as shown here.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 15, 1997, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Summer Science Camp participants, back row, (left-right) Jimmy Newton Jr., Norman Harlan Jr., Joaquin Goodtracks, Gordon Ashcroft, Mr. Lee Briggs, JoJenia Redd, Sarah Hudson, Rana Baker, Amy Barry, Alberta Bison. Front row, (left-right) Conrad Thompson, Adam Red, Brian Weaver, Marie Joy, Jessie Olguin, Trish Olguin and Sky Baker.

This photo first appeared in the Aug. 21, 1987, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

HR hosts 2nd annual BBQ



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Human Resources department held a ‘Meet & Greet’ luncheon for Permanent Fund employees on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Justice & Regulatory building. The 2nd annual event provided tribal employees with an opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and the Tribe’s HR staff.

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CornHole registration at Beer garden.  
Register for Green Chile Cook-Off at Farmers Fresh market.

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## BEAR SMART • FROM PAGE 1

said Southern Ute Wildlife Division Director Steve Whiteman. “As long as those food sources are made inaccessible, then the bears will move on.”

“If the bear is a direct threat to a person, or property, as a last resort, we will set a trap and relocate,” Whiteman said.

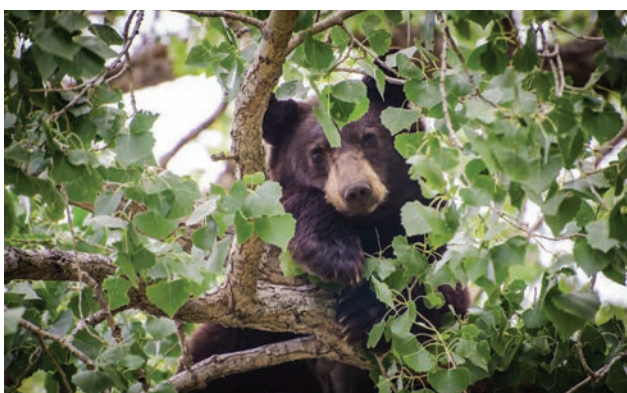
One bear on Tribal Campus was very recently captured and relocated to Archuleta Mesa. “We’ve trapped and relocated a number of bears this summer,” Whiteman said. The number of phone calls from tribal members, and the number of trapped bears is a result of their persistent activity, he added.

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe favors relocation over euthanization,” said Captain Charles Hamby of the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers. “They consider the bear a sacred animal. The Tribe is good about prevention, and they hold a lot of respect towards bears.”

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division, who explained that the ‘two strike’ rule doesn’t apply to bears on the reservation, also echoed this sentiment.

“Bears are very important to the tribal membership. We work in a culturally sensitive manner,” Whiteman said. “We work with the traditional cultural leaders, such as the Bear Dance Chief, and we get a blessing.” Trapped bears are blessed prior to relocation, if a bear is struck by a vehicle while crossing a road, the deceased bear is also blessed before being removed.

Bear conflicts on private land go to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, on Southern Ute land it comes to us



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

A young bear takes refuge in a tree on the Tribal Campus.

Steve Whiteman explained. “We work together well, whether it’s bear conflict or any other issue.”

Bears are voracious eaters in the fall, often consuming up to 20,000 calories per day in preparation for winter. That can equate to a bear eating approximately seven pounds of acorns each day in the wild. While bears are primarily vegetarians, they do eat meat, or insects on occasion.

“Bird feeders are a gateway drug for bears,” Hickerson said. The best approach is to remove feeders from April 1 — Dec. 1, when bears are most active. The bird feeders are generally the first type of unnatural food that bears find.

“How do we coexist with the bears?” Karen asked. The answer is in eliminating the things that attract them, finding a balance. Black bears, whose historic range covers most of North America, come in different colors ranging from black to brown, blond and even a shade of cinnamon.

If you find yourself face to face with a bear, the best rule of thumb is to give the bear an exit, give it a way out. A few tips for bear prevention are to invest in bear resistant trashcans, and to clean

out trashcans with bleach or ammonia from time to time. Setting up electric fencing helps, this can be particularly useful if you have fruit trees, bee hives or a chicken coop, which bears will see as an easy source of food. A BBQ grill that has been neglected, will attract unwanted bears, regular cleanings are advisable. Even dog food will attract bears.

Bears have an uncanny sense of smell, picking up odors from as far as two miles away, according to Bear Smart Durango. A bear’s sense of smell is 100 times that of a human. Try swapping out artificial bird feeders with natural flower boxes, hummingbirds will still make regular visits to harvest nectar from the flowers.

Bear’s have a very good memory, and often return to the same place they found food previously, but according to recent research conducted in the Durango area by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, bears will stay in their natural rangelands if it’s a good food year, if their foods are available naturally.

Due to an unusually late frost in the spring, natural food sources for bears are scarce. “This year, they are motivated,” Hickerson said.

## BEARS EARS UNCERTAINTY • FROM PAGE 1

Tribes. According to a press release shared by the Bear Ears Coalition.

“Bears Ears National Monument represents the recognition that some areas need to be preserved in their natural state. We are part of the land, and as Tribal Nations we bring a unique perspective to land management and the preservation of our heritage,” stated Alfred Lomahquahu, Co-chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and Bears Ears Commissioner for the Hopi Tribe. “We have an opportunity for the Tribes to work with federal land managers and the community to ensure that this monument benefits all of us,”

“Culture is not just language, it about knowing your traditional ways, the

Ute people who live in that area, they need to freely move around in those areas, those are ancestral and aboriginal lands,” Naranjo said. “White Mesa, they utilize that those mountains for traditional gathering.”

Conservationists say there are tens of thousands of similarly valuable sites in Bears Ears, containing pottery, drawings, dwellings and spiritual gathering places, according to a statement by The Washington Post.

Cassandra Naranjo explained that if the monument status is rescinded, or even downsized, there is a good chance that BLM will privatize the land, the impacts would be irreversible. Most likely leading to contamination of water sources, thus affecting plant life,

and animal migrations — everything is tied together, related.

“The Tribe is not happy with the boundary lines,” Begay said.

“Our main concern as the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, are developments for uranium [extraction],” Begay said. The White Mesa Mill is the last conventional uranium mill in the U.S. That mill is located three miles outside of the White Mesa community; it is also a waste disposal site, which could ultimately impact the Navajo Aquifer, a vital source of clean water for the region’s inhabitants, according to Begay. “There are a lot of areas of concern in regard to uranium,” he said. “The Tribes point of view is that this is their native homeland.”

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2017 GENERAL ELECTION

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN and TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2017 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

- General Election: Friday, Nov. 3, 2017 – 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.
- General Election Residency Deadline: Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017
- Statement of Intention Deadline: Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, by 5 P.M.
- Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017
- Notice of Election: Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017
- Voter Registration Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, by 5 P.M.
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, by 5 P.M.
- Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline: Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, by 5 P.M.

2017 GENERAL ELECTION VOTING WILL BE HELD AT SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305  
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Email is [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)

## EVERYDAY HEROES • FROM PAGE 1

“She always shows her love and constantly pushes me to be better,” Griffin said.

Billy Jack Baker was a physical education teacher at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) from 2011-2016 and was nominated by former SUIMA student, Avaleena Nanaeto. While working at SUIMA he was always surrounded by young tribal members and provided them with positive feedback no matter the situation. “He had a way of speaking to the kids, where they would stop, listen and take in all the information he had to offer. When he would see anyone struggling, he would go out of his way to help them in a positive manner,” said SUIMA educator Mari Jo Owens. He was an active role model for the kids and participated in all the physical activities and workouts to show the kids that no matter what, you can be active.

Take a moment to think about who your biggest role models were in life, and the characteristic those individuals had that you looked up to the most. If you have a child, niece, nephew or youth close to you — think about who they look up to and who they are around



courtesy Devon Davalos

Rowan and River Griffin embrace their grandmother Sherry Salazar showing their love for her. Rowan nominated Salazar for the Native American Today's Super Hero.

most. Do the people they idolize have qualities that will help them find positive inspiration or qualities that will help the children around them develop.

It’s important that we as adults lead by example and take the time to really listen to the youth. Reward the

youth with love and attention rather than possessions. Encourage them to do their best and let them fail, but not quit, failure is essential to building character and becoming successful in life. The future is in our youth and what they become is up to the peers around them.

# Southern Ute Royalty Pageant

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**  
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- Jr Miss Southern Ute: 10-15 years old
- Little Miss Southern Ute: 5-9 years old
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## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Shining Mountain educates mothers on breastfeeding

By Maria Rivera  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness is providing the information and support for mothers that breastfeed through monthly courses offered on Tribal Campus. The Breastfeeding Classes provide professional information and advice on topics such as: safety, vaccinations, oral health and nutrition.

The most recent breastfeeding class was held at the Southern Ute Health Center on Tuesday, Aug. 15 and provided oral health information from dental hygienist Kari Plante, who



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Mothers gather at the Southern Ute Health Center for breastfeeding and health information during the Shining Mountain Health & Wellness breastfeeding class on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

educated the mothers on the importance of preventative precautions regarding an infant's oral health. Michael

Tom also spoke on behalf of the Southern Ute Community Action Program (SUCAP), providing car safety information and how to get a safe car seat free of charge for families in need. Shining Mountain Health & Wellness provides all the information a mother needs to successfully breastfeed for as long as she wishes to feed naturally.

For mothers who are expecting a newborn or currently breastfeeding, Shining Mountain Health & Wellness provides free Medela breast pumps and a newborn birth kits. They also have an on-site dietician, Lisa Smith, who can speak with mothers who are interested in more information on healthy eating habits during or after pregnancy. SUCAP offers free new born and booster seats at a first come first serve basis.

For more information contact Shawmarie Tso, LPN, CLC at 970-563-2163



Maria Rivera/SU Drum

Certified lactation specialist and diabetes patient coordinator from Shining Mountain Health & Wellness, Shaw Marie Tso presents Sarah Cuch and River Rose Morgan with a free Medela breast pump.

## AIR QUALITY

# Health advisory for the 842 Fire

Staff report  
SAN JUAN NATIONAL  
FOREST SERVICE

Areas of smoke from the lightning caused wildfire near Bayfield will be more visible as fire crews are adding 300 more acres to produce a low intensity fire. This will prevent the wildfire from advancing while also reducing heavy fuel loads on the landscape. If smoke is thick or becomes noticeably thicker in your area you should remain indoors or if possible seek out locations where air is filtered. Unusually sensitive people throughout the HD Mountains and Chimney Rock National Monument should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. The public can expect to see moderate amounts of smoke in these areas along Colorado Highway 151 and U.S. Highway 160.

San Juan Basin Public Health advises that if visibility is less than five miles, smoke has reached levels that are unhealthy. This is especially true for those with heart disease, respiratory illnesses, the very young, and the elderly. Consider limiting outdoor activity when moderate to heavy smoke is

present. People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion; everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. Consider relocating temporarily if smoke is present indoors and is making you ill.

## OTHER TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Close windows and doors and stay inside. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it dangerously warm inside.
- Only if they are filtered, run the air conditioning, your evaporative cooler, or the fan feature on your home heating system (with the heat turned off). Keep the outdoor air intake closed and be sure the filter is clean. Filtered air typically has less smoke than the air outdoors. Running these appliances if they are not filtered can make indoor smoke worse.
- Use HEPA room air filtration units if you have them.
- Avoid smoking and/or secondhand smoke, vacuuming, candles,

and other sources of additional air pollution.

- Do not use paper dust masks; these do not filter out the particles and gasses in smoke.

As temperatures cool in the evening inversion conditions worsen and smoke in low lying areas may become thicker, especially if the outdoor air is still. It tends to be worst near dawn.

- Close bedroom windows at night.
- To prepare for nighttime smoke, consider airing out your home during the early or middle of the afternoon when smoke tends to be more diluted. Use your best judgment. If smoke is thick during the day, follow the tips above.

Please contact your primary health care provider if symptoms persist or become more severe.

Learn More: Updates for the 842 Fire can be found on the San Juan National Forest website. Smoky conditions serve as a reminder to prepare individual plans to stay safe from wildfire and to prepare emergency kits in case of a wildfire emergency. For information about getting prepared, visit [www.ready.gov/wildfires](http://www.ready.gov/wildfires).

## Southern Ute Health Center & Pharmacy hours

Mon. – Thur.: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. • Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Health Center will be closed the first Thursday of each month at 12 p.m. (noon) for staff meetings and trainings. Emergencies afterhours call 970-563-4581 or 877-215-9635.

SKY UTE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

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## IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

# School meal charge guidelines

**Staff report**

**IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### PURPOSE

The purpose of these guidelines is to establish consistent meal account procedures for Ignacio School District 11 JT, and alleviate the financial burden that unpaid meal charges place on the school district. These guidelines also serve to create a fair system to ensure students have access to school meals through charge guidelines.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances do arise which make it difficult to pay for school meals. Under these circumstances, please call the Food Service Director, Kim Cotta, at 970-563-0653 to make alternative arrangements.

### FREE/REDUCED MEAL

Free & Reduced Meal applications are available anytime during the school year. A new, current school year application per family must be completed each school year. Applications are available prior to the beginning of the school year during school registration, check in and meet your teacher events, at each school cafeteria, the school office, at the Ignacio Administration Office, and online at [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org) under Cafeteria Menu. Ignacio School District encourages family in need to complete

the application.

K-5 families with students on the reduced plan eat breakfast and lunch for free. 6-12 families with students on reduced plan eat breakfast at no charge and pay \$.40 per lunch. Please ensure that you receive confirmation that you are on the free or reduced meal program to avoid charging meals and incurring fees.

### GUIDELINES K-12

We know that a well-nourished child is a more engaged learner and performs better in school. To that end, we allow students to charge a limited amount of meals based on the following guidelines:

1. Prepayment of meals is required. You can establish a meal credit on your student's meal account through pre-payments. Each meal eaten will be deducted from this pre-paid account. It is your responsibility to ensure the account is funded and current.
2. When the student's meal account gets to a \$10 balance, the Food Service Department will call and/or send an email to the parent/guardian informing them of the status of their student's meal balance.
3. Should the meal balance go below \$0.00, the student may charge up to

three days of meals. The Food Service Department will continue contacting parent /guardian about the status of the account.

4. Once a student incurs three (3) days of charging a student may not receive a meal from the cafeteria line, but instead may receive a partial meal at a cost of \$.75 for breakfast and \$1.25 for lunch.
5. If payment or payment arrangements are not made, the Food Service Director or their designee will contact the household to make a plan to bring the account to a positive balance.
6. Should negative balances not be paid in full by the end of the school year, the school district reserves the right to send the account to collections.

### HOW TO PAY

Pay online through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account using a credit card or bank account. If you need assistance setting up your account, please call 970-563-0500 ext 301. Provide cash or check to school cafeteria or mail checks, money orders or certified checks to Food Service, P.O. Box 460 Ignacio, CO 81137. Please note the student(s) name on the check.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS

If you are interested in expanding your education by entering college but are not sure if your academic skills are up to college standards, the ACCUPLACER test provides you information about your Math, English, and Reading skills. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with your academic background, goals, and interests, are used by academic advisors to determine your course selection. It is an on-line exam and is an untimed test. So, take your time, but you can plan on about an hour and a half to complete! The ACCUPLACER is a great indicator for 2 and 4 year Institutions for College Readiness. You do not "pass" or "fail" the placement test, but it is very important that you do your best on these tests so that you will have an accurate measure of your academic skill and preparedness for college level courses. Southwest Colorado Community College is conducting the test through the Southern Ute Education Department in Ignacio. Call to RSVP or if you have any questions and need help, call Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at the Education Department 970-563-0237, ext. 2784.

**At the Education Dept. Building in the Computer Lab at 1 p.m., on Tues., Sept. 26, 2017. Cost is \$10 and free for High School students.**

## Back To School • First Days of School

- Ignacio School District K-12
- Southern Ute Montessori Indian Academy
- Durango School District
- Bayfield Middle/High Schools
- Bayfield Elementary School
- Southern Ute Head Start/Early Head Start

Mon., Aug. 21  
Mon., Aug. 21  
Mon., Aug. 21  
Tues., Aug. 22  
Mon., Aug. 28  
Fri. Sept. 1

Online School Supply Lists for Ignacio School District at [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)  
School calendars are posted on The Southern Ute Drum's website ([www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)).

## Summer ends for BGC



Boy and Girls Club members give Shannon Mestas a group hug on her last day working at BGC on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Ignacio Town Park.



BGC Board President, Jeff Ward and BGC Site Director, Augusta Burch recognizing Shannon Mestas for the years of hard work she put in at BGC.



photos courtesy Cassandra Sanchez/BGC

A cake was donated to the Boy and Girls Club of Ignacio by the SunUte Community Center for their end of the summer BBQ.

## Summer reading at ILC



photos Maria Rivera/SU Drum

The Ignacio Community Library (ICL) held a final party for youth who participated in the Summer Reading Program, Wednesday, August 2. The party included lunch, prize giveaways and root beer floats. Meghan Casey (above) from Rocky Mountain Puppets performs her puppet show for the end of ICL summer reading program at ELHI.

Facility Manager Dixie Cook served root beer floats to participants. The Boys and Girls Club of Ignacio joined the summer readers for the puppet show at ELHI Community Center.



# IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT 11JT

## 2017-2018 Calendar

Calendar is subject to change

July 2017						
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### July

4 Independence Day

January 2018						
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### January

1-2 Christmas Vacation  
11 End of Semester  
12 Staff In-Service- No School  
15 Martin Luther King Day- No School

August 2017						
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### August

15 New Staff Inservice  
16-18 Staff Inservice  
21 First Day for Students

February 2018						
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### February

12-15 Parent Teacher Conferences  
16 No School in Lieu of PT Conf  
19 President's Day  
23 End of 2nd Trimester

September 2017						
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### September

4 Labor Day- No School  
29 Staff In-Service- No School

March 2018						
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### March

16 End of Third Quarter  
26-30 Spring Break

October 2017						
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### October

19 End of First Quarter  
23-26 Parent Teacher Conferences  
27 No School in Lieu of PT Conf

April 2018						
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### April

27 No School  
30 Snow Day Exchange

November 2017						
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### November

9 End of 1st Trimester  
10 Veterans Day- No School  
20-24 Thanksgiving Vacation

May 2018						
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### May

23 Students Last Day  
24 Staff Last Day  
25 Snow Day Exchange  
26 Graduation

December 2017						
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### December

11 Leonard C. Burch Day- No School  
20-29 Christmas Vacation

June 2018						
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Student Days (S):	167
Teacher Days (T):	175
Aide Days	170
Oct 15 First Quarter	42
Jan 11 Second Quarter	42
Mar 16 Third Quarter	42
May 23 Fourth Quarter	41

New Staff
First/Last Day for Staff
First/Last Day for Students
Staff In-Service- No Students
NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
Parent Teacher Conferences
End of Semester
End of Trimester
Snow Day Makeup
Graduation

Nov 9	End of 1st Trimester	56
Feb 23	End of 2nd Trimester	55
May 23	End of Trimester	56

Adopted: 2/13/17

Wednesdays are early release 2:05 PM

# Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

## 2017-2018 School Calendar

Southern Ute Indian  
Montessori Academy

275 Mousache Circle, PO Box 737 ms 52  
970-563-0253 (Fax) 970-563-3695  
Ignacio, CO 81137

Aug 9: Guides return  
Aug 16: I/T Roundup  
Aug 17: Primary Roundup  
Aug 21: First Day of School  
Sep 4: Labor Day  
Sep 9: Tribal Fair Parade  
Sep 18: Back to School BBQ @ Multi-Purpose  
Sep 29: PDD No School for Students  
Oct 2-6: Mid-trimester Conferences  
Oct 27: PDD No School for Students  
Nov 9: End of First Trimester  
Nov 10: Veterans Day No School  
Nov 17: Progress Reports Go Home  
Nov 20-24: Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 11: LCB Day No School  
Dec 16: Tribal Christmas Program  
Dec 20-31: Christmas Break No School  
Jan 1-2: Christmas Break No School  
Jan 15: MLK Day No School  
Jan 16-19: Mid-trimester Conferences  
Feb 19: Presidents Day No School  
Feb 23: Last Day of Second Trimester  
Mar 2: Progress Reports Go Home  
Mar 22-23 PDD No School  
Mar 26-30: Spring Break  
Apr 26: Knowledge Noght  
Apr 27: PDD No School  
May 24: Transition Ceremony  
May 25 Last Day of School Half Day

Parents will be notified of any changes

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No School

PDD (no school for students)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Release

Transition Ceremony

First & Last Day of School





## southern Ute Fair Kick off Meal



**Friday, Sept. 8, 2017  
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**At the Multi-purpose facility field**  
Open to Southern Ute tribal members & family, And  
Southern Ute tribal Staff  
(growth fund, casino, and permanent fund)

**For more information contact: Tara Vigil  
(970)-563-2985**

**97th Annual  
Southern Ute Tribal  
Fair theme is:  
"Laughter Is Sacred"**



## 97th Southern Ute Fair Youth Games



**WHEN: FRIDAY 8, 4 P.M.**

**LOCATION: UTE PARK, MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD**

**CATEGORIES (BY AGE) 2-3 YEARS; 4-6 YEARS; 10-12 YEARS; 13-15 YEARS; 16-18 YEARS.**

**MALE AND FEMALE DIVISIONS.**

**OPEN TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND DIRECT DESCENDANTS!**

**PRIZES: 1<sup>ST</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE, CASH PRIZES.**

**CONTESTS: SNACK RUN; CRACKER EATING; WATERMELON EATING; SOFTBALL TOSS; EGG TOSS; FOOTRACE; AND THREE-LEGGED RACE.**

**For More Information Please Contact: McKean Walton  
(970)769-7745 or Sarah Russell (970)563-5280**

## JALAPENO Eating Contest

**Sat. Sept. 9, 2017 - 2 PM**  
**Open to everyone!**

Sign-up begins at 1 pm  
**Sky Ute Fairgrounds - Concert stage**

**MEN & WOMEN DIVISIONS**

**CASH PRIZES!**  
Grand Prize \$300  
1st-3rd cash prizes

**BE THE FIRST TO EAT 5 JALAPENOS!**

**JALAPENO EATING CONTEST**  
"Drummer's" Special  
\$500 winner take all  
Sun. Sept. 11,  
afternoon in the  
Powwow Arena

Info: Robert Ortiz  
970-563-2253

**Under 18 years must have parent/guardian signature!**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Sky Ute Fairgrounds and Southern Ute Culture Department are not liable for injuries, illnesses or public and gathering. Enter at your own risk. Must sign in before competing!

## Southern Ute Tribal Fair Youth Concert

**Sat., Sept. 9, 4 pm**

## REZ-olution 9

**Bands Scheduled**  
*Blind Dryve*  
*In My Distress*  
*I Don't Konform*  
*War Motor*  
*Assassinate A King*  
*Irv Wauneka*  
*Condemn the World*

**Free. All ages show!  
Alcohol/Drug free event!**

**Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
Ignacio, CO  
Info: Robert Ortiz  
970-563-2253**



## 97th Southern Ute Fair Horseshoe Tournament



**When: Saturday, Sept 9, 1 P.M.**

**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds**

**Categories: Men & women; singles & doubles.**

**Entry Fees: \$ 5.00 singles, \$10.00 doubles.**

**PRIZE:**

**All entry fees go toward jackpot, with \$300 added in each category. Payouts awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.**

**For more information please contact: McKean Walton  
at (970)769-7745 or Sarah Russell (970)563-5280.**

## Sam Burch Memorial Trophy

**Saturday, Sept. 9, 1 p.m.**

**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds, infield**

**Sponsored by the family descendants  
of Sam Burch**

**OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS ENROLLED OF A  
FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE.**

**Categories: Class I - Adult (18 years & older)**

**Class II - Youth (17 years & younger)**

**Memorial Trophy Payouts: Adult and youth prizes**

**Sam Burch Memorial Contest Rules:**

• **Competition:** This contest is a competition in the performance and characteristics of a sensible, well-mannered, free and easy-moving ranch horse which can get a person around on the usual ranch chores, in open country rides, an over obstacles.

• **Equipment:** Any western equipment of the exhibitor choices may be used the kind of equipment apparently necessary for the control of the animals, such as tie down, may be considered by the judge in making awards. Extra credit will not be given for expensive, fancy, or parade equipment of the animal or dress of the rider.

• **The Horse:** The horse will be judged on riding qualities of gaits (walk, trot and lope), movement, response to the rider, manner, disposition and intelligence. Confirmation will not be judged.

• **The Exhibitor:** The exhibitor will be judged on proper dress (Native or western) and will remain mounted throughout the exhibition except when asked to dismount and remount and ability to control and maneuver the horse.



**For more information please contact Judy Lansing 970-749-7116**

## 97th Southern Ute Tribal Fair

# CONTEST POWWOW

Sept 8 - 10, 2017

### Grand Entry

Friday: 7 p.m.  
Saturday: 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m.

### Women's Dance Contests

Women's Golden Age (50+)  
1st: \$1,000; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$600

Women (18-49)  
1st: \$1,000; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$600

- Fancy Shawl
- Jingle
- Southern Cloth & Buckskin
- Northern Cloth & Buckskin

Teen Girls (12-17)  
1st: \$500; 2nd: \$400; 3rd: \$300

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Southern Traditional
- Northern Traditional

Junior Girls (7-11)  
1st: \$300; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100

- Fancy
- Jingle
- Combined Traditional

### Information

Mike Santistevan  
970-563-0255, mike@ksut.org

Cindy Winder  
970-563-2301  
cwinder@southernute-nsn.gov

Joyce Delaware: 775-671-5426

W-9 tax form required for adult dance/drum contests

Free Admission, Parking, & Camping

Powwow registration  
Fri. 5 p.m. thru Sat. 2 p.m.

### Head Staff

Southern MC - RG Harris  
Northern MC - Isalah Stewart  
Host Southern Drum - Cozad  
Host Northern Drum - War Paint  
Host Gourd Drum - Sovo Drum Group  
Arena Director - Juquin Hamilton  
Drum Judge - Jay Dusty Bull  
Head Gourd Dancer - Billy Komahcheet  
Color Guard - So. Ute Veteran's Association

### Gourd Dance

Friday: 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m.

### Men's Dance Contests

Men's Golden Age (50+)  
1st: \$1,000; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$600

Men (18-49)  
1st: \$1,000; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$600

- Fancy
- Grass
- Chicken
- Southern Straight
- Northern Traditional

Teen Boys (12-17)  
1st: \$500; 2nd: \$400; 3rd: \$300

- Fancy
- Grass
- Southern Straight
- Northern Traditional

Junior Boys (7-11)  
1st: \$300; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100

- Fancy
- Grass
- Combined Traditional

### Tiny Tots

Paid Daily

### Vendors

Arts & Crafts (Inside)  
Ramada Cloud  
505-402-8846  
10'x10', \$50/day  
Bring your own setup

Food Concession (Outside)  
Kendra Alexander  
970-563-5541

**Drum Contest**

	Southern	Northern
1st:	\$10,000	\$10,000
2nd:	\$8,000	\$8,000
3rd:	\$5,000	\$5,000
4th:	\$3,000	\$3,000

### Special Contest

Drum Special - sponsored by Powwow Committee

No walk around vending / raffles!

**Sky Ute Fairgrounds - Ignacio, CO**

The Powwow Committee is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. Alcohol, drugs, and weapons prohibited.

## 97th Southern Ute Fair Open Co-Ed Tug-O-War



**When: Saturday, Sept. 9, 5 P.M.**

**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds**

**Categories: 6- member team, 18 and older.**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**PRIZE:**

**CASH AWARD, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**Tug-O-War Rules:**

1. Teams will consist of (6) members; 3 men and 3 women.
2. No hard cleats or spikes allowed (softball style turf shoes are acceptable)
3. First team to pull flag over marker line wins
4. Rope must be gripped with both hands and not locked in any way by twisting around arm or body (grip aiding compounds such as chalk or resin will be accepted)
5. The anchor position may wrap the rope around the body but must still maintain grip with hands only.
6. No sitting or leaning as to make contact with the ground with any part of the body except feet
7. Winner will be decided by winning two pulls per opponent.

**For More Information Please contact: Tara Vigil at (970)563-2985**





# Tribal Fair & Powwow



## Duck Race

**When: Sunday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m.**

**Location:** The ducks will be released from the Bear Dance Bridge and retrieved at the Highway 151 Bridge.

**Prize:** (TBA) The fastest ducks will receive payouts

**Category:** Open to general public.

**For more information Contact: Tara Vigil at (970)563-2985**

97th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

## CHILI & SALSA CONTESTS

**SUN., SEPT. 10, 2017**

**Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Exhibit Hall**  
**Entry turn-in: 10-11 a.m. • Judging: 11 a.m.**

**Chili: Red & Green Divisions**  
**Salsa: Open Division (any variety)**

**Cash Prizes: 1st – 3rd, in all divisions**  
**\$300 Grand Champion (chili division only)**

- Contest open to everyone!
- One entry per person.
- No cooking on premises, bring finished chili/salsa.
- Burners and electrical cords will be provided.
- Bring your own, labeled utensils.
- Ghost judging: No one allowed in Exhibit Hall
- Judges decisions final!

**Info: Robert Ortiz, 970-563-2253**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**When: Sept. 10, 8-11 A.M.**  
**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds**  
**Cost: \$5.00**

**Sponsored by: Ring of Champions Boxing Club, LLC**

**Menu:**

Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Coffee

Orange Juice

**For More Information Please Contact: Maria Archuleta**  
**(970)563-0519**



**97th Southern Ute Tribal Fair**




**OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS**  
**When:** Sunday Sept. 10, 12P.M.  
**Location:** Sky Ute Fairgrounds  
**Categories:** Girls and Boys  
**Age groups:** Infants: 0 to 6 months; Crawlers: 7 months to 1 Years; Toddlers: 2-3 years.  
**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners.  
**Judging:** Children will be judge in all categories  
**For more information contact: Angela Herrera (970)759-0617**

**Baby Contest**



## Powwow Drummer Jalapeño Eating Contest

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017**

Afternoon session (time to be announced at powwow)  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena

**Winner-take-all! First to eat 5 jalapeños wins \$500!**  
**One DRUMMER from each drum group MUST compete!**

**Info: Robert Ortiz, 970-563-2253**

## 97Th Annual Southern Ute fair FryBread contest

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.**

**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds**

**Single category: 15-17 years; 18 and older**

**2-team category: 14 years & younger.**

**Prize for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (TBD).**



### Frybread Contest rules:

- Open to all NATIVE AMERICANS
- Flour, salt, baking powder, shortening, and water will be provided.
- Must bring own utensils, bowls, potholders, etc.
- NO PRE-MADE DOUGH WILL BE ALLOWED!
- Each contestant will be provided with (3) matches to start fire
- No paper to be used to start fire, no outside help.
- 20-min. time limit:
- Build fire;
- Prepare dough;
- Fry two (2) frybreads to be judges, (swap two (2) of your best
- Within 20 min. if needed).
- Frybread will be judged on color, texture & taste.
- NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES!
- JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!

**For more information please contact Lisa Frost,**  
**970-799-2056**



**"All Native" Best Painted Horse**  
**Sunday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m.**  
**Categories: All Divisions**  
**Open To All Native Americans**  
**Location: Skyute Fairgrounds, Infield**  
**Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place**  
**All Decisions Are Final!!**  
**For more information please contact: Tara Vigil**  
**(970)-563-2985**

## 97th Southern Ute Tribal Grease Pole Climb

**When: Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 A.M.**  
**Location: Sky Ute Fairgrounds**

**Categories:** Individual: Adults: 13 years & older, Kids: 12 years & younger. Teams: Adults only 18 years & older.

### Greased pole guidelines

- ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER!
- 18 years and younger need a parent/ guardian signature.
- Team category will consist of 5-person teams, must include one female.
- Individual category, reach top for envelope.

**Prizes:**  
**Cash Prize**

**For More Information Please Contact: Sarah at (970)563-5280**

## ALL Native American Chicken Pull



**Sunday, Sept. 10, 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Sky ute Fairgrounds, Horse Track**  
**18 & Older**

**OPEN TO ALL NATIVE AMERICANS!**  
**CASH PRIZE: \$500.00 WINNER TAKES ALL**

### ALL Native American Chicken Pull Rules

**Enter at your own risk!!!**

**ALL PARTICIPATES MUST SIGN A WAIVER**  
**1. No teams/ Individual on horse only**

**2. All contestant will line up in a single line to take turns trying to pull the buried bag.**

**3. Each contestant will get one attempt until the buried bag is successfully pulled out of the ground.**

**4. After the bag has been successfully pulled out, all contestants may attempt to steal the bag from rider who has retrieved it. The contestants must be on the horse at all times, anything goes.**

**5. The contestant must then make one lap around the race track with the bag.**

**6. The contestant who has the bag at the finish line is the Winner.**

**For more information contact: Tara Vigil (970)-563-2985**



# Ignacio Bobcats fall sports preview



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen passing during warm-ups prior to last season’s opener at Ellicott, Junior Isiah Jacket (3), who served as the team’s backup last year, could again be in the Bobcats’ quarterback mix when Ignacio hosts EHS on August 26. Springing into action after a snap during last season’s opener at Ellicott, Senior receiver Kruz Pardo (6) could again offer Bobcat passers a field-stretching vertical option in 2017.

## IHS FOOTBALL

### Bobcats to open ’17 in Ignacio

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Joking Monday afternoon that he really hadn’t left Ignacio High School all year – meaning since the start of the previous scholastic calendar – it was clear ‘Ponch’ Garcia had enjoyed a successful, and for a third straight summer, winning weekend of softball at the annual Escalante Days Tournament in Dolores.

Set to officially begin his third season as Bobcat Football’s head coach just about three hours after speaking with the Drum, he certainly needed the two-day getaway before getting the gridiron grind underway – hopeful that a positive off-season will help with filling numerous positions vacated by last season’s large graduating class.

“We had the weight room open all summer and I was happy,” he said. “Expectations will be way different; we want to be more successful and hopefully we accept that challenge.”

“The coaching staff also has grown; we’re not ‘freshmen’ anymore, we’re not ‘sophomores’ anymore! We’re ‘juniors’ as coach-

es now, so expectations are really going to grow,” Garcia said. “Kids will be able to get more individual time, more one-on-one, and hopefully better direction.”

But as in 2016, the ‘Cats will have to be as quick as possible; the 2017 schedule kicks off at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, with a Zero Week visit from non-conference Ellicott. Last year’s venture into El Paso County was a tough go, as the Thunderhawks shook off a slow start at home to humble IHS 52-15 – setting in motion a 5-5 year ended by a 43-6 loss at Meeker in the CHSAA Class 1A State Playoffs.

In a win-big-lose-big campaign, the Cowboys – who finished 12-1 overall, and State Runner-up to Strasburg (13-0) – were EHS’ fifth foe scoring 30 points or more, and fourth piling up more than 40.

And though the ‘Hawks will need to replace graduated quarterback Matthew Davidson, running back Jaylen Hayes and several others, versatile now-senior Chiante Stewart should return and if so, will be a marked man by Ignacio’s retooled defense.

“Out there, you know ... we were looking for a game and ... they were a

very good squad,” Garcia said. “Ellicott is coached well, but our kids last year ... felt we should have done much better. During the game we were up and down [the field], but hopefully this year we’ll put it in the end zone!”

Who will step up and march the Bobcats up and down IHS Field, as well as other sites, this season is the first priority the boss and his staff will need to address. With graduated Zach Weinreich now a freshman on NCAA Division II Fort Lewis College’s roster, Garcia identified senior Marcus Chapman, junior Trace Lovelace and last season’s primary backup, junior Isiah Jacket, as the early candidates for the wide-open job.

“Quarterback position is going to be tough to fill,” admitted Garcia, noting Chapman’s primary role last year was as a wide receiver, and Lovelace a backup running back behind since-graduated regulars Ethan Appenzeller and Lorenzo Pena.

But when it does become filled, whoever’s pitching should have options eager to catch. senior Kruz Pardo

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Leaping for a spike at home versus Mancos last season, senior Avionne Gomez (10) should again be a weapon for the Volleyscats in 2017. Senior Allisianna Baker (above, center) could again be primed to see extensive varsity minutes as either a starter or reserve in 2017, as she also did in 2016. Attacking versus Dolores on the road last season, sophomore Makayla Howell (8) will likely be suiting up again for Ignacio’s varsity in 2017.

## IHS VOLLEYBALL

### With depth, V’cats could be vicious in ’17

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Head coach Thad Cano couldn’t help but beam at the preseason CHSAA Now. com Class 2A volleyball rankings when they were released Monday, August 14.

His Volleyscats landed just outside the top ten, which was pleasing enough, but one fortunate inclusion – sixth-ranked Kremmling West Grand – had already learned at a summer engagement in Pagosa Springs what the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League already knows: Ignacio’s not to be taken lightly.

Despite Spring Commencement collecting regulars, Kelly Campbell and Alex Forsythe, among others, and despite lacking several players able to return in 2017, IHS had little trouble mangling the Lady Mustangs – who reached the 2A State Championships and finished 21-6 overall last year – for this simple reason, “I’m going to have guns at every position,” Cano said on Tuesday, while en route to IHS Gymnasium and the second official day of intense practices/tryouts. “And I can tell you this, I’ve

never considered carrying twelve at the varsity level, but I’m actually considering it right now and just letting them battle for a starting position – let the cards fall as they may!”

Ignacio finished 7-14 overall in 2016 and unable to survive the District 3 Tournament, but successfully broke in sophomore talents Morgan Herrera and Makayla Howell into the primary varsity mix along with Forsythe, Campbell, and senior regular Avionne Gomez.

Senior Allisianna Baker, junior Kiana Valdez and junior Misty Egger, all of whom saw time either as varsity starters or reserves last fall, should all be back in the thick of the hunt to retain their roster spots, along with the setting duo of junior Heather Kerrigan and senior Shoshone Thompson.

“And not only that, we have some amazing, athletic young freshmen right now that are going through tryouts,” said Cano. “With the North American Indigenous Games in Canada, our summer participation was light. But we had a lot of young players that were able to play at a varsity level, and

so the learning that they had during this time was amazing ... a lot of great skills.”

Cano noted that initial participation numbers are impressive, with 37 in the building on day one – making for wide-open competition (he noted at least five potential middles, five potential outside hitters, and three setters) as well as a difficult selection process for not only the varsity, but also the JV and C squads.

“I’m not going to have to use a libero or defensive specialist because all their serve-receive, passing, defense is to where I don’t even need to look at a libero or DS ... So I’ve got tough problems, but these are all amazing problems to have,” he said.

“We’re looking at it like, ‘Holy moly!’ It’s anybody’s game, and it’s going to be the little things that determine how players get placed.”

As of Tuesday morning, IHS’ schedule shows the varsity opening on Saturday, August 26, at home versus Pagosa Springs, the preseason #10 in Class 3A. SJBL work then begins on Sept. 7

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## BAYFIELD & IGNACIO YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL



**August 25th**  
Registration Deadline

**Sept 9th - Oct 14th**  
League Games

**August 31st**  
Coaches Meeting

**Ages: PK - 5th grade**

**Registration Fees: \$35**

**SU Tribal Member Fees: \$20**

**All Forms must be turned in @ SunUte**

Registration Forms available @ SunUte Community Center Front Desk






(970)563-0214

## Bayfield & Ignacio Youth Fall Soccer

- Registration Deadline: August 25th
- Coaches Meeting: August 31st
- Ages: 3 year old - 8th grade

- Practice Begins: September 4th
- Games Begin: September 9th
- Registration fee: \$35 SU Tribal Member fee: \$20





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OBITUARY



**CLOUD** – Christopher Stewart Cloud, also known as Stew, was born on March 12, 1997, in Durango, CO to Christopher A. Cloud and Valerie C. Eustace.

Stew was a very kind-hearted young man who would help anyone no matter who they were. He never judged others for their faults because he knew we all had our ups and downs. Although, he never graduated high school he was still working to achieve his GED. Just because he didn't graduate, high school didn't mean that he wasn't intelligent because he was a very bright, smart young man who when faced with difficult times always knew how to overcome them.

Stew loved to do many things, but a few things that came to mind that he enjoyed were; hanging out with his friends, driving around in his car when he had the chance, played many video games that caught his attention, listening to music when he needed to clear his mind. Most of all he loved his space and being able just to relax and spend time with himself.

A lot of us knew the hard times he was facing before all of this, but he always kept a smile on his face no matter what, that's what was so great about him that no matter what was bothering him he was always smiling.

Stew passed away on August 3, 2017, in Cuba, New Mexico. He is welcomed in death by; Roger Cloud, Nelson Eustace, Theatis Williams, Nathan Cloud "Uncle Nate," Gemini Cloud and Chan Silvernail. At times, he may have felt alone but he was never alone, and he was loved by many. He will be greatly missed by all those who have had the privilege of knowing such a great young man.

He is survived by both parents, Stepfather Shawn Thompson, Grandparents; Sharon Cloud and Charlotte Pena. Sisters: Gracelynn Thompson, Angelica Cloud, Sierra Cuthair, Krislynn Thompson, Natelle Thompson and Aria Cloud-Palmer. Brothers: CJ Cloud, Kyle Thompson, Dante Cloud-Palmer and Vergil Cloud-Palmer. Aunts: Joyce Williams "Mama J," Nash Williams, D'Arcy Cunningham and Felicia Eustace. Uncles; Julius Eustace, Abraham Pena and Issac Pena, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Correction

In a photo of San Ignacio 2017 Royalty published in the Aug. 3 issue of the Drum, Director Marie Valdez was misidentified.



BLUE STONE

TRIBAL MEMBER MEETING  
TOPIC: UPDATE ON HR STATUS

August 28, 2017  
6:00-8:00 pm  
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For Additional Information Please  
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Executive Office, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

SUPD

Dive team training at Nighthorse

Staff report  
SU POLICE DEPT.

A hand rises from the silt, its fingers raised upwards towards the light. The water swirls around the lakebed and the view of the whole mannequin emerges. We push the mesh bag down to the lakebed and begin the task of recovering the "victim". As soon as we make contact with the bottom, our fins kick up the silt and it becomes as dark as night with no way to see your own hand in front of your face. The work quickly deteriorates into feeling the bag and the buckles to slide the mannequin into the bag and fastened it down for its trip upward. Soon the lift bags are attached and the "victim" rises towards the surface and we complete the recovery.

In August, the Four Corners Dive Team trained and practiced alongside the New Mexico State Police Dive Team. Trainings were held at the South end of Navajo

Lake and at Lake Nighthorse, Durango, Colo. This training included Southern Ute Police personnel working alongside Los Pinos Fire and La Plata County Sheriff personnel. The teams were joined for a single day by Southern Ute tribal member Raymond Baker for some technical training and planning. Baker has thirty years of experience in the Navy working in search and rescue across the world.

The technical training included reading the screen of the Lowrance sidescan sonar to understand the bottom of the lake and features. Teams practiced searching for the outline of a sunken houseboat in 150 feet of water in Lake Navajo. They spent time along the shorelines looking at the mannequin, trees, boulders and other items to see how to interpret each item correctly as the boat passed over them.

The dive team received permission to use Lake Nighthorse while it was



courtesy CRO Sergio Howe/SUPD

Loading a mannequin into the Zodiac during dive training on Lake Nighthorse (Right to Left), La Plata County Sheriff Sgt. Bobbie Fender, SUPD Community Resource Officer Don Folsom, Los Pinos Fire Chief Brad Egger.

closed to the public, during that time the water level was incredibly clear. As the dive teams passed over submerged forty foot tall pines, they could see all the branches even down to the trunk and lakebed fifty feet below. The water temperature was a comfortable 72 degrees at the surface but a frigid 40 degrees forty feet down. The intense cold brought new challenges in getting the work done be-

cause of near freezing water with less manual and mental dexterity.

The new dive team is coming together with boat operations and dive operations receiving training and equipment. Over twenty personnel from different agencies have expressed interest in becoming part of the team. More trainings are being planned so the team can be ready to serve when the need arises.

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By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
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## RANGE DIVISION Now accepting grazing permit applications

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for grazing permits for 2018-2022 on following range units: Coyote Gulch, Soda Springs, Picnic Flats, Pump Canyon, Archuleta Creek, Vega, Cat Creek, Trail Canyon, Beef Canyon, Kearns and Archuleta Mesa. Those applicants who currently possess a valid grazing permit shall be given preference for renewal. All requirements to obtain a grazing permit must be met, including possession of base property. If you would like to apply, please contact the Range Division at 563-4780 to obtain an application. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Sept. 18, 2017.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT County Road 517/State Highway 172 Road Re-construction Extended One-Way Traffic

La Plata County, Crossfire and the Tribe's Construction & Project Management team are preparing to move to the next phase of the CR 517 Road Re-construction, which will require an extended period of one-way only traffic on the southern portion of the project from SH 172 to roughly Ute Road. We anticipate that this portion of the project will require roughly 3 to 4 weeks of one way traffic to complete. Roads will be returned to two way status at the end of each day and over the weekends when work is not in progress. We strongly advise that CR 517 be avoided if possible. Contact C&PM at (970) 563-0138 for more information. See attached map for additional information on closures.



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## August Community Yard Sale

The Yard Sale is open to the Ignacio, Bayfield, Oxford, Allison, Arboles, area communities. Set up, indoors or outdoors. No Fees, No Admission, we will provide you with flyers to share.

**Where: Multi-Purpose Facility,  
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO**

**When: Saturday, August 26, 2017**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Doors open at 8:00 AM**

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT Construction Site Safety – Cedar Point

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has approved all of Phase 1 work for Cedar Point, including 23 new home lots, 25 new Town-Homes, two road extensions, a new Playground / Park and all required infrastructure to support these additions. The Cedar Point Housing Initiative (CPHI) would like to remind individuals that these are active construction sites and thus present many dangers that should not be overlooked. As the project continues to move forward, CPHI representatives will collaborate with other Tribal entities to present construction safety workshops for those interested in visiting the site. These safety trainings will be required to be completed before a visitor is allowed to the site. Dates on these workshops will be released as the training material is finalized. The Department of Construction and Project Management (C&PM) would also like to remind anyone who plans to visit the site contact our offices before they approach any active construction. C&PM can be reached at 970-563-0138. Thank you.



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.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)**

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

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

### CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for eligible Tribal Member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Credit Committee will submit approved applicant recommendation to Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

### ELECTION BOARD

Southern Ute Election Board is seeking One (1) full-time Board Member. The closing date is Friday, August 18, 2017. Qualifications 11-2-102; (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter; Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; Shall not have been convicted of a felony; and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee; IRS Guidelines. A Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee Benefits is offered. And, you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Submit Letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Election Board, P.O. Box 737, #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical location: 356 Ouray Drive / LCB 2nd Floor East Wing. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100, ext. 2303/2305 or via email at [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov).

### 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).

### KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT is accepting letters of interest to fill a "Native American at Large" seat. Applicants must be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe. 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.

### 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.

### WILDLIFE ADVISORY YOUTH BOARD

Youth Needed For Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute youth wishing to fill a special youth-only seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 1-year position may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18, and the position may be renewed annually, by request, until age 19 is reached. The Wildlife Advisory Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs, both on-reservation and within the Brunot treaty area. This special youth seat provides an outstanding opportunity for a young tribal member to learn about wildlife management, including traditional Ute and contemporary scientific perspectives. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. The participant is eligible to receive \$20/hour compensation for meeting attendance provided he or she is not already employed by the Tribe. Interested tribal member youth must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.

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#### Environmental Compliance Specialist II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 8/23/17

Completing a range of environmental tasks of moderate scope, including permit submittals, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing and field work. May work in a specific discipline or work across all disciplines with moderate or limited supervision. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, Biological Science, Physical Science or Engineering and five years' work experience performing environmental tasks, four years' of which must be performing environmental tasks in the oil and gas industry. Must be able to understand and interpret major regulatory programs and explain their purpose (i.e., Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, CERCLA, RCRA), to include impact on oil and gas operations. Must

have computer-based data management and analysis skills in order to assist in developing and establishing EHS database systems for tracking environmental data, compliance related permits, documents, monitoring reports, audits. Must have good organizational skills and be capable of maintaining data in hard files and digitally. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must have working knowledge of federal and state environmental rules and regulations. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Assess, PowerPoint and Project. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the RWPC vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

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#### Busser-Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 8/23/17

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

Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

#### \*Wait Staff-Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 8/23/17

Provide exceptional guest service by delivering exceptional service of food and/or beverage to include: taking the order and delivering food and/or beverage items, handled in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Minimum 1-year waitress/waiter experience. 1-year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

#### Front Desk Staff-Hotel (Full-time)

Closing date 8/21/17

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#### \*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 8/23/17

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma or GED preferred, Must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required and previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

#### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 8/21/17

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.

### Ignacio Community Library

**Library Assistant** – ICL is hiring, looking for a part-time library assistant. Required hours will include Wed and Thur., until 7 p.m. and alternating Saturdays. Applications are available online or at the library's service desk. Completed applications may be emailed to [mvinning@ignaciolibrary.org](mailto:mvinning@ignaciolibrary.org) or dropped off at the library service desk.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

Closing date 8/29/17

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

#### Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Closing date 8/29/17

Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

#### Nurse Practitioner

Closing date 8/25/17

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

#### After School Guide (Part-time)

Open until filled

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

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

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

#### Clinic Nurse

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

#### Community Health Representative

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.

#### Home Health Care Aide

Under general supervision of the Home and Community Health Services Manager, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. The HHC Aide provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in

the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

#### Human Resources Director

Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Dept., Employee Benefits Division, and the Health and Safety Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of the HR Dept. and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Dept. Oversees the operational, administrative and strategic management of Permanent Fund's Human Resource programs, policies, and procedures. Ensures recruitment and employment; compensation and benefits; automated and manual record-keeping systems; employee training; employee relations; policy formulation and implementation; and performance development and evaluation programs are maintained in accordance with established tribal and federal laws, regulations, policies, and procedures. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

#### Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, the Maintenance Worker will: greet guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions; clean, maintain, and repair grounds, facilities, and buildings; and assist with site development and improvements. Position is seasonal/full time, 8-month schedule. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

#### Public Health Nurse

Registered Nurse position providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### 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.

#### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

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

#### Ute Language Teacher (SUIMA)

Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system.

### 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

#### Intensive Residential Therapy Counselor

Closing date 8/25/17

Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP is currently hiring one Counselor, will work in a residential and outpatient setting for substance abuse clients. Required BA in behavioral health or related field.

Prefer a CACI or above license. Minimum two year's experience working in substance abuse, or related field. Must pass background check. Must have at least 2 years of continuous sobriety. Full benefits.

Ross and Benny G would like to tell everyone that  
Terry Gomez has joined the team.

We have a lifted Frontier and Titans.  
We also have up to \$22,500 rebates on Leafs.

970-259-3940

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Tyson Thompson competed in the king of bench.

Photos by Maria Rivera  
The Southern Ute Drum

# Bending bars, breaking PR's



Goldie Tom from Gallup, N.M. pushes her limits during the queen of squat challenge while guest judge Loren Anthony spots her.

**The Strong Warrior Society made their first appearance at the SunUte Community Center Saturday, Aug. 5, where some of the strongest competitors traveled to participate in the event. Events included king/queen of squat, bench and deadlift where the contestants pushed their limits in each category.**



Local competitor Charlie Price of Ignacio, Colo. challenges himself during the Strong Warrior Competition at SunUte Community Center.



King of squat and strongest overall king — Aaron Velasquez takes home the title during the Strong Warrior Weight Lifting Competition. Velasquez lifted 1,395 lbs. total in the three lifts.

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and junior Lawrence Valdez were two of the Southern Peaks Conference's swift-est afoot in '16, whether on special teams or offense, and will hopefully return along with seniors Cole McCaw and Nate Herrera, and sophomore Ocean Hunter.

Potentially led by senior Natoni Cundiff and junior Dustin Sanchez, amongst others, the interior lines could surprise as well, despite Spring Commencement claiming regulars Dalton La-

barthe and Dalton Mickey.

Overall, the most important pre-season aspect concerning Garcia is the crew's mental approach.

"We have, you know, that positive attitude," he stated, "and hopefully we can have the kids buy into what we're trying to teach. The main goal is to make the kids like what we're trying to do here, and hopefully that creates success and brings them together."

After hosting Ellicott,

IHS is slated to welcome 3A Crownpoint, N.M., on Sept. 1 (7 p.m. start) for a rematch of last season's contest dominated by the Bobcats. 2A Montezuma-Cortez then visits on Sept. 15, undoubtedly remembering Ignacio's romp inside Panther Stadium last fall, and after a trip to 2A Pagosa Springs on Sept. 22, the 'Cats (3-6 overall, 1-4 conference in 2016) begin SPC action at home on Sept. 29 versus Monte Vista.

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at home versus Dove Creek, with Norwood and Telluride visiting for a triangular two days later.

The home-heavy early goings also include a home tri against Ouray and Ridgway — like Ignacio, an 'Others Receiving Votes' team in the

2A poll — on Sept. 16, then a trip to Mancos on Sept. 21 before the 'Cats leave for the competitive Simla Invitational on Sept. 23.

"Like I tell the girls, it's going to be all about being a great teammate," Cano said. "It's going to

be about who's the loudest on the court, making the least amount of errors ... We're going to have a fantastic team — our serving is always there; we're known throughout the state for how tough we serve — and right now, sky's the limit!"

Look for Bobcat sports coverage, full box scores and additional photos, at the Southern Ute Drum's website at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Aug. 18



84°F sunny

Saturday, Aug. 19



84°F mostly sunny

Sunday, Aug. 20



82°F mostly sunny  
slight chance showers

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).

## 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-0082

Jerry Geronimo Romero, 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 **October 2, 2017 at 10 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 14th of August, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2017-NC-0049

Jerrika Alli Rarick Valenzuela, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Estelle Monte on behalf of Jerrika Alli Rarick Valenzuela filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jerrika Alli Rarick. As of July 31, 2017 at 9 AM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Jerrika Alli Rarick Valenzuela name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Jerrika Alli Rarick.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2017.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2017-PR-0071

Lizabeth Kent, 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 **SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 31st of July, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2017-NC-0084

Clifton Joseph Andres Greany, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Samantha Maez on behalf of Clifton Joseph Andres Greany has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Celestino Joseph Andres Maez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 at 5 PM**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2017.  
Kara Cuthair, Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2017-PR-0083

Tyrone Peabody, 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 **AUGUST 29, 2017 at 10 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 17th of July, 2017  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,

Case No.: 2017-PR-0074

Virginia Sage, 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 **AUGUST 21, 2017 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 5th of July, 2017  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk