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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is comprised of young tribal members who advocate for change in their communities through leadership.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Young tribal members advocate leadership

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) held an educational presentation for tribal members interested in taking part in the leadership program. The young council members gave an in-depth ac-

count of their role as ambassadors for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, but also an overview of their vision as youth with a strong voice in the community. The presentation dinner was held at the Southern Ute Education Department, Monday, Jan. 29.

"I hope our presentation encourages you to join the

Sunshine Youth Council," Larenz Wilborn said, addressing the Southern Ute youth in attendance.

Enrollment is open to tribal members who are between the ages of 11-17, and the current council members are encouraging more of their Southern Ute

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SUNUTE

SunUte aims for excellence

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The SunUte Community Center is a cornerstone of the Ignacio community, bringing tribal members, families and athletes together in the name of health and fitness.

Long time Sunute Fitness Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth recently took the reins as the Community Center's Director, overseeing the programs and departments that make SunUte a thriving community center.

"We run SunUte as a team," Duffy-Wirth said.

"SunUte has amazing managers, that are doing great things in this building and in the community — my job is to support them."

Robin served in her previous position as SunUte Fitness Director for over 14 years, coming on board soon after the facility first opened its doors in 2002. Prior to that, she owned and operated two fitness facilities of her own; one in Switzerland, and the other in neighboring Durango, Colo.

"My position is to empower tribal members to be able to take on these managerial positions, or director positions. My challenge to staff is the 'Status Quo' — how can we go beyond that; make it bigger, better for the membership — no limitations," Duffy-Wirth said.

"We are looking into Tri-Ute Games now," Virgil Morgan explained, who is the acting recreation manager. The games will be hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe this summer, with at the SunUte Community Center being the centerpiece for the big athletic event — which brings youth



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Introducing the management team for the SunUte Community Center: (left to right) Kelsey Frost, Recreation Specialist (manager in training), Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Community Center Director, Tim Velasquez, Life Guard (manager in training), Abel Velasquez, Fitness Director, Virgil Morgan, Acting Recreation Manager, RC Lucero, Facilities Operations Manager, Lisa Allen, Aquatics Manager, Elise Redd, MPF Operations Manager, and Sage Frane, Group Exercise Manager.

together from all three Ute Tribes.

"We listen to what the community would like in terms of improvements, or new ideas; fostering a strong collaboration between SunUte, the community and the tribal membership," Morgan said. "Robin is bringing a lot of energy and new ideas. Her years of experience is a key element to the position. She knows how everything functions, and is moving in a positive direction."

As a director, Robin sees

the benefits of a team approach. Collectively we make way better decisions, then any one person could on their own, she explained. "I'm more into empowering my staff — giving them the tools that they need to be great!" Duffy-Wirth said.

The facility has seen a renovation to the swimming pool, and is currently preparing to add a new finish to the wood floors in the gym ahead of the upcoming Tri-Ute Games. "Our

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WILDLIFE

Migration patterns shift due to unseasonably warm weather, lack of snow

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The fall and early winter of 2017-2018 has been a frustrating one for elk hunters, particularly those that like to harvest a late-season cow. Because of the unseasonably warm and dry weather pattern this region is experiencing, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division did not see elk migrate onto tribal land winter ranges like they normally do. "The majority of elk that hunters pursue on the reservation are migratory, spending their summers on lush high-country ranges 20 – 50 miles north of us. These elk only return to tribal lands if enough snow accumulates to push them down to us. If snow levels drop to 7,000 or 8,000 ft. in late November or early December, then that generally translates to seeing large herds of elk streaming down to the reservation," Southern Ute Wildlife Biologist Aran Johnson said. "During a year like this, where snow hasn't covered anything but the highest peaks, then elk only move as far as they have to. Most of the elk that we would expect to see on the reservation are still stalled out at 10,000 ft. or higher this winter."

"Our aerial game survey conducted in mid-January confirmed what we already knew from our field observations and hunter reports, that elk numbers were very low. During a typical year our survey will document 2,500 – 3,000 elk on the East Side of the reservation (from the HDs east to Archuleta Mesa). This year we recorded only 1,250 elk in that area," Johnson said. "It's important to note that the lack of elk on the reservation this winter doesn't signify a reduced herd overall, it's just that access to those animals on the reservation was impacted by



courtesy Aran Johnson/SU Wildlife

A record number of Southern Ute tribal members participated in this year's January Cow Elk Hunt, 40 in all. This is certainly related to the difficulty in finding scarce elk on the reservation during the regular tribal member seasons due to an unusually warm winter.

weather conditions."

Last winter's survey recorded nearly 4,000 elk on the East Side of the reservation, which was an all-time high. The elk are out there, they simply didn't have a reason to complete their full migration to tribal lands this fall.

"I can't yet definitively say how tribal member hunters fared on cow elk in 2017 because we don't have a mandatory validation for cow elk. I can say that the cow elk hunters I talked to this fall were pretty frustrated and that's understandable," Johnson said. "It's been a number of years since we've seen a 'normal' elk migration where animals arrive in late November or early December."

The 2018 January Cow Elk Hunt ran Jan. 6–14. While this management hunt is designed to give opportunity to tribal members from other federally recognized tribes, it is also open to interested Southern Ute tribal members. Typically, only a handful of Southern Ute hunters (less than 10) have picked up permits for this hunt in any given year, but in 2018 the Southern Ute Wildlife Division saw that number jump to about 40 individuals wanting to extend their opportunity to harvest a cow elk, because the hunting was so slow

during the regular season.

"Unfortunately, the overall harvest rate was extremely low — only 16.8% success. Over the history of this hunt we have averaged about 50% harvest success, so 2018 may be the lowest on record," Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head Steve Whiteman said in a statement to Tribal Council.

"As you can probably imagine, this is largely due to the extremely mild winter we are having, and elk remaining in the high country — off reservation," Whiteman said. "While there are definitely elk on the reservation now, they're not here in the numbers we normally see in January, making them very difficult for hunters to find."

"Unfortunately, we can't predict or change the weather, and weather is what ultimately impacts if elk will come down to the reservation each fall," Johnson said. "We hope 2018 will see a shift in the warm dry pattern, but only time will tell."

Interest in the hunt continues to be very strong, with 40 different nations represented and close to 300 applicants. The hunt generated just over \$23,000 in revenue for the Tribe, which helps offset administrative costs for the hunt.

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Romero places in ArenaCross



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum



Southern Ute tribal member and motocross racer, Stephen Romero, took home a fourth place win in the 50cc (4-6 year old) Main Class and 11th in 50cc (4-9 year old) Outlaw Class in the Farmington Kicker ArenaCross event, held at McGee Park, Saturday, Jan. 27.

See more ArenaCross photos on page 8.



SU MUSEUM

Riders of the West: Portraits of Indian Rodeo

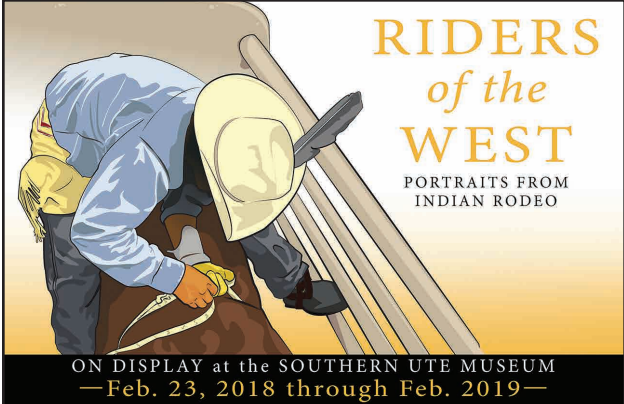
By Renee Morgan
THE SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Museum (SUM) is proud to announce the opening of the Riders of the West: Portraits of Indian Rodeo. This exhibit will be in the temporary gallery. This is the first time this exhibit has been displayed in its entirety, with new objects and artifacts loaned to the museum.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, Feb. 23 from 5-7 p.m. Admission is free. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Riders of the West features an intimate look into Indian Rodeo through the lens of photographer Linda MacCannell. The exhibit features 60 black and white photographs documenting Indian Rodeo from Arizona to New Mexico to Alberta, Canada. This exhibit is based on the book of the same title, written by Peter Iverson. The Southern Ute Museum is honored to bring this book to life with a one-year exhibit running from February 23, 2018 to February of 2019.

Cheyenne Caraway and



Jed Smith are the Exhibit Preparators at the SUM. From beginning to end, the installation took seven and half weeks to complete. This exhibit gives our visitors an in-depth look at Indian Rodeo, they explained. Adding that, the gallery space is perfect for this particular exhibit to create a dramatic experience. It's an accurate representation of early Indian Rodeo, which laid the foundation of what it has become today.

The Southern Ute Museum is operated by the Southern

Ute Indian Tribe. The SUM was established in 1971 to preserve and promote Ute culture, and continues its mission in a new modern facility.

The Southern Ute Museum honors and recognizes Colorado's longest continuous residents through symbolic architecture and seasonal relevance. From the outdoor arbor, to audio-visual presentations, and life-size replicas, a visit to the Southern Ute Museum offers an array of exhibits for the whole family. The museum is open seven days a week.

The Southern Ute Museum is looking for tribal members to tell a memorable story about Indian Rodeo. Templates are available at the front desk for any interested tribal members. Stop in or call, any of the museum staff can answer questions. The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16,



J. Frost/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute Veterans Association Members, Larry Tucker, Ronnie C. Baker and Howard Richards bring in the colors as 12 Gauge sand a Grand Entry song before the tip off of the Ignacio boys basketball game against Centauri.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 1, 2008, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Adam Red of Southern Ute Wildlife works with members of Shushwap band from British Columbia installing wire for an electric fence. The group was visiting to gain knowledge in starting their own wildlife management program.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 30, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Orion Box with daughter Lindsay Box.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 5, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Gesture of gratitude



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute elder and Vietnam Veteran, Rod Grove received a gift box from the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) during a recent visit to the VA Medical Clinic, Tuesday, Jan. 16. The gift set was dubbed as a 'big green box of cheer' and given to veterans of the armed forces as a token of appreciation by the LPEA.

RIDERS of the WEST

PORTRAITS FROM INDIAN RODEO

ON DISPLAY at the
SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM
Feb. 23, 2018 — Feb. 2019

Photographs by Linda MacCannell
Text by Peter Iverson







Exhibit courtesy of:





SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Quarterly report: Jr. Miss Southern Ute

by Autumn Sage
JR. MISS SOUTHERN UTE



joying my reign and learning a lot. I have met new people and seen new places. I am looking forward to future events.

Tog'oiak' (thank you)
Autumn Sage
Jr. Miss Southern Ute, 2017-2018

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peers to become active in leadership.

"I like the way they think outside the box – we want to encourage that," Southern Ute Councilman Adam Red said.

Council members have an important role in project development and initiatives, by way of the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Adam Red and Lorelei Cloud each gave opening remarks, and words of encouragement to the young leaders.

"You have to have the commitment, and you have shown that," Councilwoman Cloud said. "You've held yourself in high regard – these are the qualities we want in our future leaders."

One of the projects spearheaded by the SCSYAC is the proposed development of a skate park within the Ignacio community. The council's role has been to evaluate potential building sites, and visit other skate parks venues in order to make strong recommendations on design and implementation. "We see the skate park initiative as a way to combat drugs in our community," Elijah Weaver said. The council met with the Stronghold Society, a Colorado based non-profit organization, in order to get outside expertise on the project.

"It's been fun going to different communities," Christina Herrera said.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members, Allisianna Baker and Elijah Weaver cover last minute details before the formal SCSYAC presentation, Monday, Jan 29.

The young leaders felt that one of the strengths in their program is the ability to have new experiences, and then share those back home, with their peers in Ignacio. Each of the council members takes time to engage in community events, and regular board meetings to discuss ideas, and have their voices heard.

They often travel together as a council, on behalf of the Tribe; attending large scale conferences across the country as part of their council responsibilities. Upcoming trips include: 2018 National UNITY Conference in San Diego, Calif. and the National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI) in Denver, Colo.

"I've learned that all tribes are trying to figure out ways to help their com-

munities," Allisianna Baker said, adding, "we need to step up and be role models in our community."

SCSYAC Application

Any interested (enrolled) Southern Ute tribal members between the ages of 11-17 and attending school (or an accredited home school or striving to complete GED) would need to fill out a Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Leadership application packet, write a letter stating desire to join, and provide one (1) letter of recommendation.

Application deadline is Friday, Feb. 2, by 5p.m.

SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY

Quarterly report: Little Miss Southern Ute

by Myla GoodTracks
LITTLE MISS SOUTHERN UTE



Mique,

My name is Myla GoodTracks, and I am the current 2017-2018 Little Miss Southern Ute. I am the daughter of Olin & Stephanie GoodTracks. My paternal grandparents are Robb GoodTracks & Wilinda Price. My maternal grandparents are Steve Rivera & Jody Tahllo. Since I have started my reign back in September of 2017, it has been a busy, but fun time for me.

My reign started in September at the Southern Ute Fair Powwow where I was crowned Little Miss Southern Ute. From there I attended the Ignacio Community Library 10 year party and the Southern Ute Tribe's Annual 'back to school' family BBQ. I also went to Lawton, Okla., Sept. 22-24 for the 26th Annual Choctaw Powwow.

In October I was in the Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Parade, and myself along with the other royalty members had a Halloween booth for the Halloween Carnival that was held at the Sky Ute Casino. On Oct. 18, I was presented to the Tribal Council with my fellow royalty members.

For the month of November, I attended the opening day of the Youth Bull Riding Finals that was held at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. The Royalty members also put together a walk, and afterwards we visited with participants in the SunUte gym. For the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner, I met and shook hands with the families of the Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes. On November 23-25, I traveled with my family to Ft. Duchesne, Utah for their annual Thanksgiving Powwow.

In December I appeared at the End of Term Reception for Councilwoman Amy Barry and Chairman Clement Frost. I was

in attendance at the December Inauguration for the newly elected council members Cheryl Frost and Cedric Chavez, and Chairwoman Christine Sage. On Dec. 10, I went to the Leonard C. Burch Memorial walk. My last appearance for the month of December was our Tribal Christmas Dinner, where I again met and shook hands with the Ute tribes and their families, and our Tribal Christmas Program that I also participated in with my fellow royalty members.

As I said it has been a busy time, but I enjoy being Little Miss Southern Ute, representing my family and people, and will continue to do my best. I am looking forward to the upcoming months of appearances, powwows, and meeting new people everywhere I go.

Tog'oiak'
Myla GoodTracks
Little Miss Southern Ute, 2017-2018

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"This was our sixteenth year of hosting this hunt, which is carried out as a non-member management hunt in order to reduce elk pressure on our rangelands," Whiteman said. "It is conducted after the regular tribal member seasons ends, Dec. 31, so that we avoid competition with our

tribal member hunters." Never-the-less, tribal members still have the opportunity each year to hunt big game, including elk, in the high country by obtaining their Brunot Area hunting permits. "This treaty area includes the higher elevation lands where elk often remain in very mild winters, like our

current winter," Whiteman said. "However, this by no means makes the elk easy to get to. The animals can still be extremely difficult to reach when they remain in rugged wilderness areas."

It is important to keep in mind that the Brunot big game seasons end mid-November.

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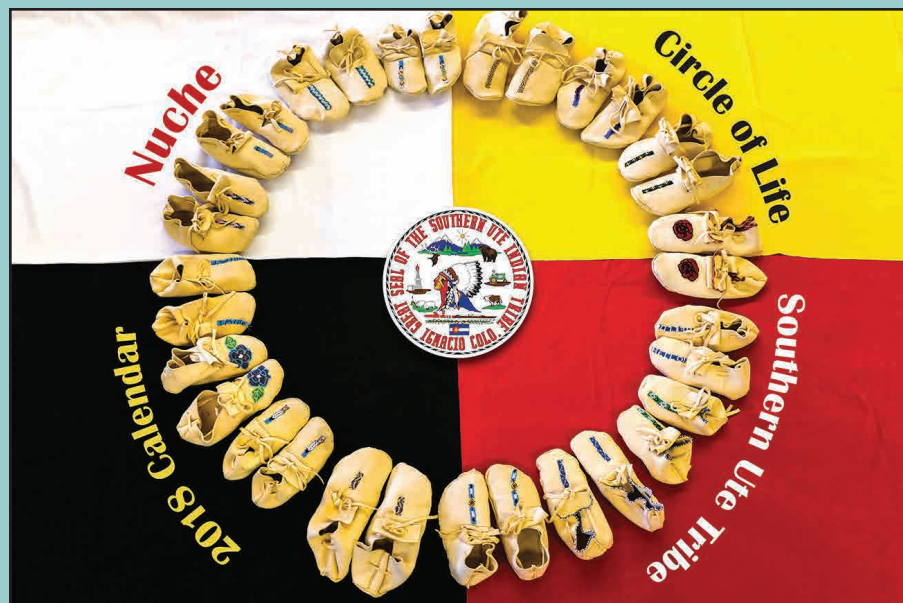
This training will offer a three day, state-of-the-art instructor training and certification program to help Native CDFIs, tribes and other Native organizations establish and sustain financial education programs in their communities.

This three day training will address:

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Upon completion of the training, participants will be prepared to successfully pass the Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families 5th Edition certification exam, becoming certified financial education trainers. Participants must attend and complete all days of training, participate in an oral presentation, and pass the exam to be certified as an instructor.

2018 Calendars are in!



The 2018 Southern Ute calendar is now available. Southern Ute tribal members who are "head-of-household" will receive one calendar, per household by mail. Individual calendars may be picked up in The Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch building. Limited quantities are available. If you did not receive a calendar please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Information Services office to verify your mailing address: 970-563-0100.

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Winter influenza update

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BCPS, CDE
SU HEALTH CENTER

The news has been reporting a terrible year for the flu, with comparisons to the 1918 influenza pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have been tracking the flu since the first of October, and here is what they are seeing. There have been over 16,000 cases nationally, and 2,366 cases in Colorado. The age groups most likely to be hospitalized with flu are children under the age of two, and adults over 50, with the very youngest and oldest most at-risk.

What we have seen so far, is that the flu hit hard in late December, and is still holding on, but trending down in the number of reported cases and hospitalizations. This appears to be an earlier flu season than last year, with more hospitalizations. Despite how bad it seems in the media, the rate of hospitalizations in Colorado has been far lower than what we saw in the 2014-2015 influenza season.

Influenza is a respiratory virus that usually has

symptoms that include:

- Fever (usually) or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

These symptoms usually come on fast. Severe cases can lead to pneumonia and can make chronic health problems like asthma and heart disease worse. There are medications that can help to shorten your time with the flu, but they have to be started right away. See your primary care provider as soon as possible after symptoms start. Urgent care centers are a good option for evening and weekend hours.

Flu can be prevented with influenza vaccine (flu shot). These are still available at your doctor's office or pharmacy. While this year's flu shot has been less effective than other year's (about 30 percent), it may make your symptoms easier to manage. Other ways to prevent the flu are:

Try to avoid close con-

tact with sick people.

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

Stay hydrated, get good nutrition, and stay active. These things support a healthy immune system.

Walk-in flu shots are available at the Southern Ute Health Center. Call 970-563-4581 with questions.

For more information about influenza visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

TRIBAL HEALTH

How to kick the sugar habit and get healthier

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH &
WELLNESS

Why is it so hard to give up sugar? Did you know that sugar is seven times more addictive than cocaine? We know how difficult it is to give up an addiction to drugs, now imagine giving up an addiction to food. We have to eat to live. We need food for our fuel, body functions, thinking, moving and breathing! Without it, we die. Therefore, kicking a habit that is part of our normal activity, such as eating, can be very difficult.

How can we break the cycle? When you eat, you stimulate your body to breakdown the food into its smallest parts. These nutrients are then carried throughout our body to where it is needed. High carbohydrate foods such as: soda, candy, chips and cookies — get broken down quickly. We then get hungry shortly after, craving us to eat more carbohydrates. When we consume greater amounts than we need, particularly of carbohydrates, our body repackages and stores them as fat. By eating less sugar, you can help your body burn fuel more efficiently, lose weight and

increase energy levels. It's a balance of nutrients, hormones, quality and quantity! Practice these healthy habits and watch the cravings go away, the pounds come off and you will truly feel good! Here are some tips to break the sugar cycle:

Don't drink your calories. Your body is efficient at taking sodas, energy drinks, fruit drinks and other sweetened beverages and not recognizing the number of calories taken in. You can then eat a normal sized meal and have consumed significant amounts of carbohydrates. These beverages also contain one of the worst sugars in the form of High Fructose Corn Syrup which loves to wreak havoc on the liver.

Eat real fruit instead of packaged desserts. Fruit is naturally sweet, has vitamins, minerals, phytonutrients and fiber. Packaged snacks/desserts have added sugar and other carbohydrates, unhealthy trans-fats, lots of calories and no fiber and are what we call "empty calories".

Say "Yes" to a variety of healthy snacks. When you get a craving, try these snacks instead of sweets/junk food. Nuts, celery with peanut butter, boiled eggs,

fresh veggies with dip, avocados, cheese, whole grain breads with almond butter, apples with cheese or plain Greek yogurt with berries.

Listen to your body. Are you hungry or thirsty? Sometimes we mistake thirst for hunger. So, before you eat, drink a glass of water. Want seconds? Wait 20 minutes before taking a second helping or getting dessert, as our brains need 20 minutes to register fullness.

Keep a food diary. Write down everything you eat and drink. Looking back or writing it down can be a deterrent for poor choices and a motivator for good ones.

Try dark chocolate. Dark chocolate has a lot of anti-oxidants and is lower in sugar than milk chocolate and most sweets. 1oz. is a serving and may help you get through the cravings.

Savor the flavor! Try 77% or greater and eat it slowly.

Take a walk. Go outside and get some sunshine, make Vitamin D and boost your mood! After all, the sweets we crave are often a way to make us feel better.

Don't go shopping hungry. Our cravings can take over when we shop hungry, so make sure you eat before you go.



Healing Spirits

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Complete 600 miles by the end of 2018 and be entered into a Grand Prize Package drawing. Includes:

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Healing Spirits Walks

Wednesday "Hungry for Health" Walks
SunUte Community Center @ 12pm

- January 31st
- February 7th, 14th, 21st
- March 7th, 14th, 21st

Sunday Walks

- February 4th, @ 12pm
 - Bayfield, Eagle Park
- February 18th, @ 12pm
 - Ignacio, SunUte Park
- March 4th, @ 12pm
 - Bayfield, Eagle Park
- March 18th, @ 12pm
 - Ignacio, SunUte Park



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SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS



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DATE: February 14, 2018	Shawmarie Tso, LPN, ALC
Time: 12 to 1pm	970-563-2163
Place: M/C building	Lisa Smith, RDN
Downstairs –lactation room	970-563-2344
Dress in your cutest outfit for some Valentine fun!	Tristian Benally, RN, CLC
R.S.V.P: February 13, 2018	970-563-2340
COME CHECK OUT OUR LACTATION ROOM!!	Jane Hensen, RN
	970-563-2347





IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second quarter Honor Roll

SIXTH GRADE

Ashley Zoey	4.0
Barnes Maci	4.0
Cundiff Diana	4.0
deKay Lauren	4.0
Gomez Corey	4.0
Jefferson Kaycee	4.0
Maez Rylan	4.0
McWhirter Teryn	4.0
Schulz Willow	4.0
Sindelar Wyatt	4.0
Williams Elizabeth	4.0
Dunbar-Burge Wade	3.8
Egger Allison	3.8
Lechuga Darlyn	3.8
Maez Marcus	3.8
Montoya Devante	3.8
Ranney Elle	3.8
Palmer Kimberlyn	3.5
Salazar Sierra	3.5
Espinosa Maya	3.6
Whiteskunk Christen	3.6
Cosio Solymar	3.7
Cox Gabriel	3.7
Brown Kacey	3.8

SEVENTH GRADE

Brunson Laci	4.0
Strohl Trinity	4.0
Herrera Makayla	3.8
Muniz Juan	3.8
Flores Mendez Ashley	3.7
Quintana Eppie	3.7
Roukema Teagan	3.7
Wells Chayton	3.7
White Julian	3.7
Whitey Keona	3.7
Gonzales Grace	3.5
Herrera Raiden	3.5
McCoy Keaton	3.5

EIGHTH GRADE

Tyler Barnes	4.0
Monika Lucero	4.0
James Mars	4.0
Avaleena Nanaeto	4.0
Alexis Pontine	4.0
Laura Witt	4.0
Carrillo Jackie	3.8
Gomez Alannah	3.8
Schurman Kourtney	3.7
Hudson Alric	3.5
Monroe Lee-Roy	3.5
Pratchett Eli	3.5
Stollsteimer Nathyn	3.5
Young Lexy	3.5



SUCAP

Communication is key to Head Start's future

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Community Action Program (SUCAP) has held two Head Start Facility Planning meetings, the first on Wednesday, Jan. 17 and the latest, Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, in Ignacio, Colo. The meetings were initiated by the Southern Ute Head Start (SUHS) parent policy committee.

The meetings were an opportunity for those in attendance to participate in four groups: Facility Planning, Fundraising, Communications and Cultural Education – to develop cultural education within the Head Start curriculum.

"It's wonderful to see the amount of community support in setting up the facility meetings," SUCAP Executive Director, Eileen Wasserbach said. "We had about 20 to 25 people attend each meeting and we raised over \$500 from donations from those two meetings."

Each respective group brainstormed ideas for what may be needed for the new facility and what the facility might look like.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm and interest from staff, and community members, who want to see a great Head Start," Wasserbach said.

Fundraising is a priority in planning for a new facility. The Head Start plans to launch a few fundraisers in the near future.

"Start looking for raffle tickets, as they will be coming soon," Southern Ute Head Start Director Char Shank said.

SUCAP has a vehicle donation program in place; 80 percent of the auction price for donated vehicles can go to SUCAP, further funding the Southern Ute Head Start Building.

Communication is key. SUHS will implement two social media accounts to aid the community in keeping



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Head Start shut its doors as of November 2017, and has since moved a portion of the classes to the Southern Ute Museum.

up to date with the progress of the new facility. A "Friends of Head Start" Facebook account and a Twitter account should be up and running soon.

Site identity is a clear priority, SUHS hired a project manager, Russell Planning and Engineering (RP&E) of Durango, who have been tasked to help identify the most suitable site options for the school's new facility.

RP&E is working with the Southern Ute Tribal Planning Department to see if a site can be located in Tribal Campus, or if a site on Ignacio School District property can be found.

"Site identification is first priority" Shank said. "Cost and infrastructure of the site, as well as the pros and cons of each site need to be identified for our new home."

The need to stay relatively close to current Tribal buildings is a necessity stated by Shank, "We work closely with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the SunUte Community Center."

Although not an ideal setting, currently Head Start is split between the two modular buildings, and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

The current Head Start has found a temporary home in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, with a one-year lease given to SUCAP by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All Head Start

programs have been operating since the move, Nov. 6, 2017.

Presently the two modular buildings, just east of the main building, are being used for all of the infants and toddlers; Head Start students ranging from 6-weeks to 3-year of age.

"Those modulares are almost 25 years old," Shank said. "We encourage people to come take a tour of the modulares, and the current space being used at the Museum."

"It has been difficult for staff, and an added burden for staff," Wasserbach said. "But for the kids, and families, it's now business as usual. We've adapted, but adapted with [a few] quirks in our routine."

As of October 10, 2017, the Southern Ute Head Start, which was shut down as directed by the Southern Ute Tribal Council to eliminate any exposure to asbestos in the building, which was built in the 1930's.

The Southern Ute Head Start serves, 44 percent Native American, 33 percent Anglo, 17 percent Hispanic, and 6 percent bi-racial children; serving 129 preschool, infant and toddler children.

If you want to tour the current modulares and the current classroom settings at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, contact the Southern Ute Head Start at 970-563-4566 to schedule a time to visit.

CODE CLUB

When:

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Positive Youth Development Training Ignacio

When:

Friday, February 23rd 2018
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Where:

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February 20, 2018

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KSUT

Joy Harjo and Poetic Justice to play Henry Strater Theater

With special guests *Tanaya Winder and Jon Chavarillo*

Staff report
KSUT

KSUT and the Henry Strater Theatre are excited to announce a special performance by Joy Harjo and Poetic Justice with opener Tanaya Winder and Jon Chavarillo at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and are on sale now at henrystratertheatre.com

Harjo was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is a member of the Muskogee Nation. She is a poet, musician, and playwright. She has 13 books of poetry and has released five award-winning albums, which include world, reggae and jazz influences. In 2009 Harjo won the Native American Music Award for



courtesy/KSUT

Tanaya Winder, of the Southern Ute, Duckwater Shoshone, and Pyramid Lake Paiute Nations, is a poet, vocalist, writer, educator, and motivational speaker.

best female artist. She began to play the saxophone at the age of 40. Harjo believes that when reading her poems, she can add music by playing the sax and reach the heart of the listener in a different way. She is an important figure in the second wave of the literary Native American Renaissance of the late 20th century. She studied at the Institute of American Indian Arts, completed her undergraduate degree at University of New Mexico in 1976, and earned an M.F.A. at the University of Iowa in its creative writing program.

When reading her poems, she speaks with a musical tone in her voice, creating a song in every poem. She will be performing with her band, Poetic Justice, which includes John Williams, Carlo John-

son, and Arnaldo Acosta.

Harjo's memoir *Crazy Brave* is the 2018 Fort Lewis College (FLC) Common Reading Experience. She will be speaking in various venues at FLC from Feb. 12-13, including a public talk on Monday, Feb. 12 in the Whalen Gymnasium.

Wednesday's show will be opened by Tanaya Winder, vocalist and Jon Chavarillo (JKC), guitarist. Tanaya is a poet, vocalist, writer, educator, and motivational speaker from the Southern Ute, Duckwater Shoshone, and Pyramid Lake Paiute Nations. She received her B.A. from Stanford University and her MFA in creative writing/poetry from The University of New Mexico. Her advocacy also includes working with Native youth and reservation communities as the Director of the CU Boulder Upward Bound program, which serves over 100 Native youth from across the country. She made the 2016 National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development "40 Under 40" list of emerging American Indian leaders. She founded Dream Warriors, an indigenous artist management company and collective.

Jon Chavarillo is a dedicated musician and a member of Plead The Fifth, known for

performing blues and rock music in the Ignacio area. In addition to being a dynamic guitarist, he is able to transition between bass guitar, drums and keyboards.

For more information www.joyharjo.com; www.tanayawinder.com

KSUT is a community-supported public broadcasting organization dedicated to serving the multicultural community of the Four Corners by providing eclectic entertainment, education, in-depth news and community and public information services promoting multicultural awareness and understanding through two signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio.

KSUT's FM signal can be heard at 90.1 and 89.3 in La Plata County, 88.1 in Farmington and Pagosa Springs, 106.3 in Cortez, Mancos and Montezuma County, and 91.5 in Silverton. Southern Ute Tribal Radio can be heard at 91.3 in Ignacio, Bayfield and Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache tribal lands, and at 89.7 in northwest New Mexico and Navajo tribal lands. Both stations stream live at www.ksut.org

KSUT's Music Blend features a variety of styles, including folk, rock, blues, jazz, bluegrass, world mu-



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Joy Harjo, a member of the Muskogee Nation, is a poet, musician, and playwright.

sic and Native American genres. Listeners have picked KSUT as the Durango Herald Reader's Choice Award winner for Best Radio Station each of the past five years.

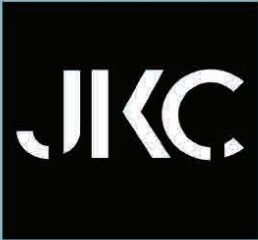
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Food Safety Training Required for Colorado Cottage Food Producers & Egg Producers

Classes to be held at La Plata County Extension Office in Durango, Colo. Trainings are sponsored by La Plata County Extension Office in cooperation with Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment for Food Safety. A one-day course required for certification for cottage food producers & egg producers that will cover the requirements for cottage food as a business including topics such as: food safety, safe food handling, cross contamination and cross contact of food allergens; temperature control for safe food preparation, storage, transport and sales, ingredient labeling and disclaimer requirements. The business specifics and current expectations for selling specific food items produced in your home kitchen and for the selling of backyard eggs.

The course is Thursday, Feb. 15, from 12-4 p.m., at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Durango. Preregister by Feb. 12.

- Each class costs \$30 per person.
- Attendees will receive a Food Certificate for display.
- Pre-registration is required and the class is limited to 30 people.

For more information and to pre-register contact: Wendy Rice, R.D. at 970-382-6461 or via email wendy.rice@co.laplata.co.us

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS Upcoming Events

Crossroads Rodeo
Saturday, Feb. 10 @ 6 p.m.

Entries please call 970-739-3851

Additional information on upcoming events at the Southern Ute Fair Grounds can be found online at: www.skyutefairgrounds.com





Hunter Education Course

One Day INTERNET-BASED



March 17, 2018

8am-3pm

Ignacio, Colorado (Sky Ute Casino Resort)

This One Day INTERNET-BASED Hunter Education Course, needed to qualify for a Colorado Hunter Education Certificate, will be offered March 17, 2018 (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Please call 970-563-0130 if you have any questions.

Course fee \$10 (payable to the instructor on the first day of class)
Class size is limited to 20 students.
Minimum age requirement is 12 or older. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend with their child.
Pre-registration is required. Register online at register-ed.com/events/view/118100

The major portion of this course uses the Internet to complete the mandatory homework. The online portion of the class must be completed before attending class on the March 17. The online course is \$24.50 and is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/>
Class time on Saturday is 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Students must complete the online course, attend the class, and pass a written test and pass a live fire shooting test. Do not bring any firearms or ammunition to class, all supplies will be provided.

FINANCES

Legally secure your financial future

Staff report
LA PLATA COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

Have you ever been confused about all the steps needed to protect your family's inheritance?

Colorado State University Extension is once again offering Legally Secure Your Financial Future, a program designed to help you evaluate and organize all your legal affairs related to life issues. This program consists of three sessions: the first session

will cover the important papers that you need and how long you should keep them, the second session will be presented by a physician to discuss advance directives and medical power of attorney, and the last session will be led by an attorney specializing in estate planning to help answer your questions about wills, trusts, etc.

To learn how you can pre-register, contact your local La Plata County Extension office at 970-382-6465. The series will take place

at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on Feb. 20, 27, & March 6 from 6 to 8 pm. The cost is \$70 for all three or \$35 per individual session.

Sessions are hands-on, packed full of valuable information, and are offered in a supportive, comfortable learning environment.

Make 2018 the year to get all your personal papers in order!

Contact Wendy Rice, CSU Family & Consumer Science Agent at the La Plata County Extension Office, 970-382-6465.

If you or someone you know is in crisis now...

If you are in a life threatening emergency call: 911

If you need to talk to someone right away:



Colorado Crisis Services:

- 1-844-493-8255 or text "TALK" to 38255
- www.coloradocrisiservices.org To access chat or find urgent mental health centers nearby. Help and hope are available 24/7/ 365 days a year.

In crisis?

- Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741741
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- <http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/talk-to-someone-now/>

If you need support for suicide grief or suicidal thoughts but are not in crisis:

- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: <https://afsp.org/find-support/>

Resources from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

- **Help yourself:** <http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/>
- **Help someone else:** <http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-someone-else/>

WHAT IS SPCC? The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Colorado (SPCC) was formed in 1999, when concerned citizens set out to create a statewide agency with the purpose of preventing suicide and creating a resource network for those who were working to prevent suicide around the state. Today, SPCC's membership of concerned agencies, organizations and individuals who are working in the areas of suicide prevention, intervention and postvention has statewide reach.



COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

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Session 2
11:00 AM– 12:30 PM
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4 participants /session

Multi-Purpose Facility

256 Ute Road Ignacio CO

Saturday February 17, 2018

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New this month, we will be having a Storytelling Contest. (1st,2nd,3rd Prizes)

Where: Multi-Purpose Facility

256 Ute Rd, Ignacio CO

When: February 23rd

11:30A-2:30P

Any Questions please call (970)-769-4330

Southern Ute Tribal Office closure

Monday, Feb, 19

In observance of President's Day

Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 20.




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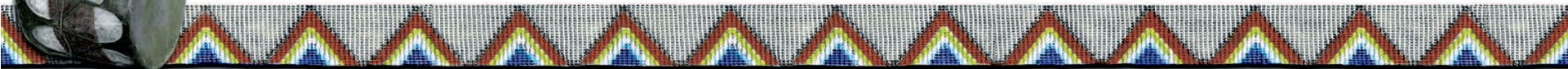
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A family that races together, stays together



Dawnette Naranjo, mother of Stephen Romero (127) and Jared Carel, father of Shyla Cloud (555), yell last minute word of encouragement to their children prior to the gates dropping.



The starts of the races are some of the most exciting, as this rider pops an uncontrolled wheelie and crashes at the start of the Women's race. Mandy Naranjo (325) won the race and Gracelin Naranjo (618) took third.

The arena fills with the roar of motorcycle engines as the crowd cheers on their favorite Pro and Amateur motocross racers. The Naranjo and Carel families competed in the Kicker ArenaCross races Saturday, Jan. 27 at McGee Park, in Farmington, N.M – the only “local” event on the ArenaCross circuit. Stephen Romero (127), Shayla Cloud (555), Zachariah Loudenberg (94), Nick Naranjo (325), Mandy Naranjo (325), and Gracelin Naranjo all competed in their respective classes. Romero placed fourth and 11th in his classes, Gracelin Naranjo (618) placed third and Mandy Naranjo took home first place in the Women's class. The next Kicker ArenaCross event will be in Denver, Feb. 3 at the National Western Events Center.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Shyla Cloud (555), Zachariah Loudenberg (94) and Stephen Romero (127), head for the first turn in the 50cc Outlaw Class race.



Southern Ute tribal member, Nick Naranjo heads into a turn in his 250F Beginner class race.



Shyla Cloud hits the throttle during her race in the 50cc (4-6 year old) class. She also raced in the 50cc Outlaw class.



Zachariah Loudenberg (94) squeezes past another rider in the 50cc (4-6 year old) class.



Mandy Naranjo, beams with pride with her first-place win in the Women's Class.



Gracelin Naranjo, smiles as she displays her third-place plaque in the Womens Class.



The Multi-Purpose Facility February Events

~~Senior Breakfast- Feb. 2nd 9:30a-11:30a~~ **Feb. 2, event cancelled**

~~Sewing/Quilt Class- Feb. 7th & 8th 10:00a-3:00p~~ **Feb. 7, event cancelled**

Valentines Dance- Feb. 9th 7:00p-10:00p




Community Yard Sale- Feb. 10th 9:00a-3:00p

Sip, Chat, Chew- Feb. 23rd 11:30a-2:30p

Basic Serger Class- Feb. 17th 9:00a-3:00p
Session 1- 9:00a-10:30a
Session 2- 11:00a-12:30p
Session 3- 1:30p-3:00p

For the Sewing/Quilt class & Community Yard sale please give us a call to sign up.
For the Serger Class, space is limited to FOUR people per session, there are Three Sessions, please call to sign up.

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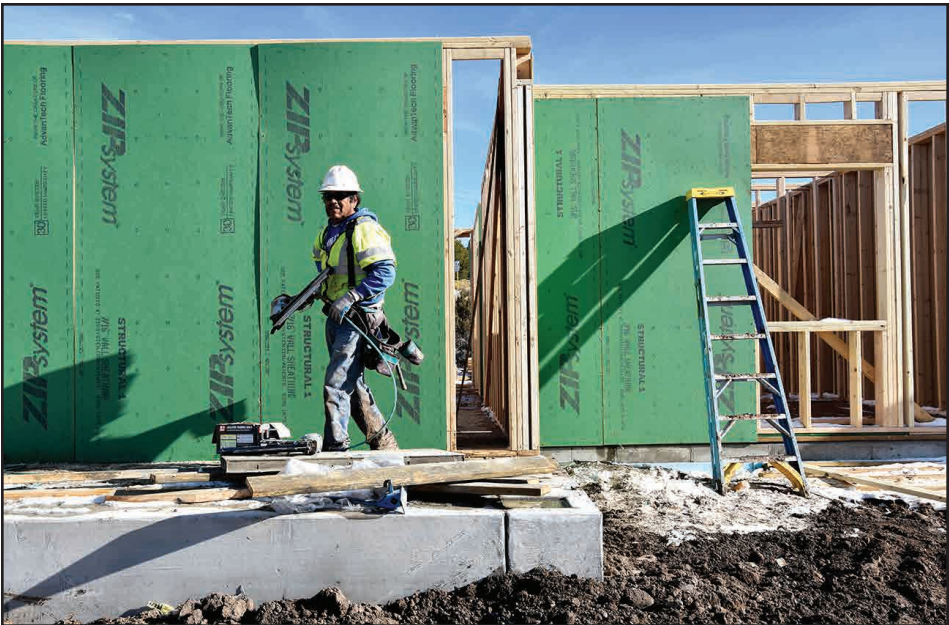
Located just south of Ignacio city limits, a new neighborhood will expand housing in the Cedar Point East community.

New townhomes take shape

Cedar Point townhomes enter the final stages of construction, with availability set for summer of 2018. The 25 townhomes will be made available to Southern Ute tribal members, offering an expansive view of the La Plata Mountains to the north. Mild weather conditions have aided in the construction efforts this winter, quickly shaping the project into a new neighborhood.



Mandy Brown, Project Administrator for the Southern Ute Tribal Housing Department (left), checks in with Bill MacGuffie, Southern Ute Water Plant Operator, during a tour of the Cedar Point Townhomes.



Workers finish framing in the new housing units south of Ignacio.



Workers apply varnish to the wooden doors and cabinets, as finish work begins inside the townhomes.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Open space for the neighborhood is set against a scenic backdrop.

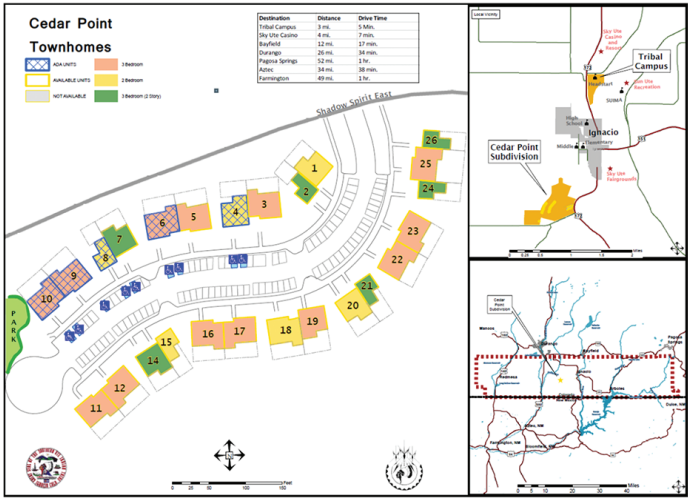
Southern Ute Tribal Housing Announcement:

Cedar Point Townhomes coming soon!

- For: Southern Ute Tribal Members
- When: Summer of 2018
- Where: Cedar Point East: 60 Shadow Spirit East
- What: 25 Townhomes:
 - 1312 sq. ft. unit (2) bedroom \$ 1,510.00/mo.
 - 1527 sq. ft. unit (3) bedroom \$ 1,760.00/mo.
 - 1692 sq. ft. unit two story (3) bedroom \$ 1,945.00/mo.

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 - Cook stove with oven
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Cedar point townhomes are available in single, or two story options, with covered porches.



SUNUTE AIMS FOR EXCELLENCE • FROM PAGE 1

big thing right now is Tri-Ute. We want the facility to look great, better than ever,” Recreation Specialist Kelsey Frost said. A new playground is on the horizon for SunUte, in addition to an updated HVAC system for the facility. We are incorporating

Southern Ute culture into SunUte, working in collaboration with Southern Ute Cultural Dept. Director, Edward Box III and The Southern Ute Drum to achieve that goal, Duffy-Wirth explained. “We want people to recognize SunUte as a tribal entity,” she said.

“Robin has a clear understanding of how we all work together and how to make SunUte great for the membership,” Aquatics Manager and longtime SunUte employee, Lisa Allen said. “She reminds us continually who we are here for – the membership.”

Multi-purpose hosts activities



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Shiann Wartman (left) and Karen Washington keep busy cooking and selling their baked goods at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility from Jan. 29-30. The proceeds from the bake sale will be used towards the Multi Purpose’s Valentines Dance to be held Friday, Feb. 9.

Elders gathered to eat home cooked food and share each other’s company at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facilities’ Sip, Chat and Chew luncheon, Friday, Jan. 19.



JOIN US FOR A

VALENTINES DANCE

Friday, February 9th, 2018

7:00PM–10:00PM

The Multi-Purpose Facility

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February Quilt Class

its all about "HEARTS"

Multi-Purpose Facility
256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
February 8, 2018
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Call 970-563-4784 to sign-up.

You will learn several ways to make a heart. Use your new skills to design a future project. Fat quarters and scraps are all you need for this class



February Crochet Class

Feb. 22nd, 2018

5:30p-8:30p

Taught by: Kathi Gurule

Come down to The Multi-Purpose Facility and learn how to crochet. Please call for supply list and to sign up.

Call us @ (970)563-4784
256 Ute Road, Ignacio
81137



Learn about Veterans Benefits

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO), Richard S Schleeter, will hold office hours for veterans to meet with him and learn more about their veterans' benefits. Office hours are from 9 am to 5 pm the first Wednesday of each month at the Ignacio Community Library, located at 470 Goddard Ave., in Ignacio. Appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome. The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits. The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer is looking forward to meeting with Ignacio area veterans monthly at this new outreach location.

Ignacio Community Library Upcoming Events

Virtual Legal Clinic

Virtual Legal Clinic with attorney Ric Morgan, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 in the ICL Multi-Purpose Room. Call the Library at 970-563-9287 to sign up.

Build or Update Your Resume

Whether you already have a resume or need to start from scratch, come learn how to use Microsoft Word to create a professional looking resume using basic and advanced formatting tools. Monday, Feb. 26, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the ICL Multi-Purpose Room.



Volunteers Needed to Help with Discover Goodwill's Retail Center Grand Opening!



Discover Goodwill is opening the doors to our new retail center in Durango, Colorado and we need high-energy, customer-focused volunteers to help make its launch a spectacular success.

Volunteers needed on: Saturday, February 17th from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM – shifts are available. Note: Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Business casual dress required.

Assist with Grand Opening activities to include:

- Balloon Inflators
- Volunteer Check-In Station
- Greeters
- Cart Runners
- Fitting Room Attendants
- Jewelry Counter Attendants
- Baggers
- Face Painters
- Portrait Drawings
- Food/Drink Tables Servers
- Furniture Attendants
- Giveaway Tables Attendants
- Trash Pick-up
- Parking Attendants
- Production/Donation Sorters

Store Address: Discover Goodwill Retail Center, is located at 1230 Escalante Drive (between Home Depot and Walmart).

Volunteer Process:

- Complete Volunteer application at: <http://www.discovermygoodwill.org/about-us/get-involved/volunteer>
- Contact Volunteer Services Manager at Discover Goodwill for assignment by Monday, February 5th! Grace Vigil at: (719) 785-9229 or gvigil@discovermygoodwill.org

Note: On-going volunteer opportunities will be available at Retail Center.

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY YARD SALE FEBRUARY 10, 2018

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No fee, no admission charge, open to Area Community

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SunUte Presents: **Snowtubing at High Country Tubing Park in Pagosa** Fill The Gap Program BCC/SunUte

When: Monday February 19th
Drop Off: 8:30 am
Departure Time: 9:00 am *Sharp
Return Time: 3:00 pm
Pickup Time: 5:00 pm in the gym.

Fees: \$10 per SU Tribal Member
\$15 per non-member
Lunch is provided!

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 14th
First come, first serve. Seats Limited

Ages 6-16 **Ages 6-16**

For more information call SunUte Recreation @ 970-563-2652

BP to conduct inspections utilizing drone technology

In February 2018, BP America Production Company ("BP") will begin conducting routine inspections of its pipelines and other facilities in the San Juan Basin by aerial drone. Currently, BP conducts these inspections annually by helicopter and on a regular basis by using foot patrols. Drone technology will allow BP to inspect its pipelines, well sites and other facilities for leak detection and right-of-way management.

Kid's Valentine's Crafts Workshop

We are hosting another kids craft workshop at the Education Department kitchen on Feb. 6 and 8 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

The facilitator also hosts scrapbooking and card making classes here at our center, and we were hoping to spread more awareness about her programming. Either day would be fine, 4:15 p.m. would be a great time to snap a picture of one of the students.

SunUte Community Center Pool

DIVE-IN-MOVIE



When: Friday February 9th
Time: 5:30pm-8pm
Where: Pool area
RATED PG-13

We will have fresh popcorn in a designated eating area.

\$3 entry fee

For everyone going to the movie

All proceeds go to the SunUte Nana-ma scholarship program.

For more information call:

Lisa Allen/ Aquatics Coordinator 970 563-0214



MARCH BOXING MADNESS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats score in 64-37 win

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

His own squad idle from competition, Ignacio boys' basketball skipper Chris Valdez joked inside SunUte Community Center that, in search of work, he'd been "promoted" to the junior varsity bench.

What wasn't nearly as funny, Friday evening, Jan. 26, was that he saw a sort of depth commonly associated with the Bobcat varsity for years – until this winter – devour Nucla's varsity with a flourish for which the as-yet winless Mustangs, as in years past, had no answer.

And after increasing a 10-4 lead after the first frame to 32-17 at halftime and 49-22 after three quarters – via sophomore guard Bird Red's buzzer-beating three-pointer from straight away – IHS saved their best for last.

NHS' Garrett Littlejohn drained a trey late in the fourth quarter, bringing the visitors back to 59-37, and celebrated his first varsity basket with a leap and high-step as teammates congratulated him. But meanwhile, the Bobcats had inbounded the ball and whipped it down to senior guard/long-range specialist Keegan Richmond.

Having already knocked down one triple in the second quarter, following up on sophomore guard Ty-Wren Bear Medicine's earlier three and putting Ignacio up 32-12 with 1:45 left, and then another with 2:52 left in the game (IHS' most recent points), Richmond quickly took aim on the wing in front of the locals' bench, fired up another signature two-handed try, and-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Bird Red (22) takes a hack from Nucla's Shelton Morgan while attempting a finger-roll during action inside SunUte Community Center Friday evening, Jan. 26. Helped by Red's team-high ten points, the Bobcat JV defeated the Mustang varsity 64-37, dropping NHS – at the time 0-5 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin – to 0-13 overall.

coldly swished it through with only 15 ticks left.

The 'Cats roared and rejoiced. They still were not satisfied; the very player first to arrive, by nearly half an hour before any teammate, inside the alternate venue – still had yet to score; but that would change.

After Ignacio regained possession at the defensive end, the ball went to forward Mitchell Neil. And not to be denied, the senior motored coast to coast and banked in a contested layup just before time expired – capping a 64-37 conquest.

Red finished with a team-high ten points, but was

bettered by Nucla center/forward Mike Bird's hard-earned 13, including a surprise second-quarter three and 4-of-4 free-throw accuracy. Also blessed with size to bang in the paint, Mustang Shelton Morgan managed six points – matching teammate Caleb Smith – and was 2-3 from the charity stripe. With seven points, Leo Zurich was the fourth Nucla player nearing double figures.

Richmond totaled nine points in the win, while freshman post Dylan Labarthe logged eight and soph-

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Bobcats down Nucla, up record to 11-0

Gomez and Herrera combine for 29 points

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Whether or not time heals all wounds won't be seen for quite a while. Some tempers, heated during a 2A/1A San Juan Basin League battle which, not surprisingly, became all the more chippy as it wore on, nearly boiled over as players and fans exited SunUte Community Center. Both the Nucla Lady Mustangs and Ignacio Lady Bobcats returned home at least knowing they won't square off for another basketball season.

With senior guard Avionne Gomez and sophomore center Morgan Herrera registering the Jan. 26 game's first nine points before freshman guard Ashley Steele got the guests going with two free throws and 5:11 left in the first quarter, IHS managed to build up a double-digit lead – at 14-2, via three Allisianna Baker FTs – before the midway mark, en route to a 21-8 lead after the eight minutes and ultimately a 61-22 victory.

"We've definitely improved, so we were just looking to try our hardest this time," said Steele, alluding to the crews' Dec. 9 engagement, won 58-15 by Ignacio, at Montezuma-Cortez's tournament. "We knew coming in here it was going to be tough, but we tried our best."

"We came out slow and sloppy," said IHS freshman Ebonee Gomez, who scored two points, "didn't think they were going to push that hard."

And it showed. Though



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kiana Valdez (2) is fouled by Nucla's Jacquelyn Terrell (12) while rebounding a missed free throw during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action, Jan. 26 inside SunUte Community Center.

unable to fully capitalize on the scoreboard, NHS (2-10, 2-4 SJB�) at least gave themselves a fighting chance as Herrera picked up her third personal foul with 5:25 left in the second quarter and Gomez hers with 4:09 still remaining – sending both to the bench until after halftime.

Lady Mustang junior Caitlyn Littlejohn went to the charity stripe ten times alone in the second quarter, but converted only four attempts as the then-#8 [CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 1/22] Lady 'Cats still

held a 34-15 lead at intermission.

But with all of Trae Seibel's regulars back on the floor beginning the second half, Ignacio ran away and outscored Nucla 22-1 in the third quarter, helped by six points courtesy sophomore Larissa Gallegos, five courtesy the elder Gomez and a three-pointer from junior Kiana Valdez.

And when Littlejohn picked up her fourth foul with 4:18 left [she would foul out with 6:55 left in the

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IHS WRESTLING

Grapplers host, grab 11th at Melton Memorial

Sanchez takes fourth at 152

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It was only proper that the 2018 Butch Melton Memorial's final match would feature an Ignacio Bobcat – heavyweight Randy Herrera, in this case – on the red, central mat. But, given the type of competition the tournament tends to attract each winter, Herrera found himself standing in against Cedaredge's Derek Sanchez, Class 2A's third-ranked heavy in the updated On The Mat poll – released the day before the Jan. 27 action commenced.

Unfortunately the 'Cat was unable to escape the Bruin; with spectators and athletes already heading for the exits after nearly ten hours of competition, Sanchez was able to notch a pin just 40 seconds into the first period and shut down the grand Saturday show.

And though Sanchez placed first in the division, his win wasn't enough to secure #2-ranked [2A] CHS the team championship; ranked fourth in Class 3A, Pagosa Springs left IHS Gymnasium having won five of the 14 weights and accumulated 212.5 points overall. Cedaredge piled up a second-place 187.5 score, and 5A Aztec, N.M., took third with 155.5.

PSHS' Intermountain

League rivals Bayfield and Montezuma-Cortez rounded out the standings' top five with 95, and 54.5 points respectively, while Ignacio finished 11th with 17 points.

"All the boys have been wrestling tough, and have demonstrated their ability to wrestle tough kids at a high level," head coach Jordan Larsen said. "Their work ethic and mindset over the next few weeks will be a huge piece of how well they will perform at regionals, which is our main focus."

Herrera finished in fourth place, having battled San Juan Basin League rival Bryan Escarcega of Dolores well for nearly two full periods (Escarcega managed a pin after an elapsed 3:34), and went the distance against 1A Montezuma Creek, Utah, Whitehorse's Vincent Saltclah but lost by a 6-0 count.

IHS sophomore Cesar Pedregon placed eighth at 182 pounds, after defaulting to 6A Farmington (N.M.) Piedra Vista JV freshman Shane McCoy – to whom he'd already lost an 18-12 shootout – and finishing an unlucky [Pedregon also lost 14-11 to highly-rated SJB� foe Cameron Fury of Mancos] 0-5. With one round-robin win, freshman Micah Westbrook finished eighth at 160 after defaulting to PSHS junior third with 155.5.

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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

DEAR EDITOR

Saturday Jan. 16th was the Telluride Institute's first Ute Youth Ski Day at the Telluride Ski Resort. The community hosted high school-, middle school- and elementary school-ers from Towaoc, along with their chaperones, for a day of skiing and snowboarding instruction on the mountain.

We are planning a second opportunity on Saturday March 3rd and are working with Virgil Morgan of Sun-Ute Recreation to bring 20 or so Southern Ute youth to Telluride, along with an equal number of Ute Mountain Ute youth, for a similar day.

It's part of an on-going effort by the Institute's Ute Reconciliation program to

foster healing between Native-Americans and Euro-Americans by providing cultural and educational exchanges between the Ute tribes in the region and San Miguel County, which was part of the original homelands unjustly taken away from the Nuche.

*Sincerely,
Art Goodtimes*

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Terrance Barry

Job title: Patrol Officer trainee

Description of duties: To become certified as patrol officer.

Hobbies: Die hard Steelers Fan

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Daisy Lynn BlueStar

Job title: Ute Language Guide

Description of duties: Responsible for assisting the coordinator of the Ute Curriculum and Design in teaching students, staff and parents of SUIMA.

Hobbies: Beading, sewing, writing and community projects.

Family: The Cloud family.

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Just a Reminder for On-Call Policy & Procedures

The On-Call Program was developed to respond to after-hours emergencies only!

Definition of On-Call-Policy:

The unexpected and unavoidable occurrence that requires immediate action, because of threatening health & safety issues. Examples:

- No Heat
- Power failure
- No water
- Sewer back-up

Construction Services will provide Southern Ute Police Dept. at 970-563-4401 dispatch with updated on-call personnel list with phone numbers when an emergency is phoned in.

Responsibilities of On-Call personnel:

Scheduled on-call personnel must provide SUPD with contact phone number. Hey will respond to emergency within 30 minutes from the time call received by SUDP dispatch. On-call

personnel must telephone the client informing them they are on their way. Clients must be any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member within the exterior boundaries of Southern Ute Indian Reservation that are home owners.

Clause: Construction Services on-call personnel may deem the residence unsafe and may decline service if client or other member in residence is belligerent or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Examples Non Emergencies:

- Changing light bulbs
- Small leak on faucet
- Needs faucet replaced
- Hook gas line to stove

Non Emergencies can be scheduled during normal business hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Allisianna Baker 18th birthday February 1

I want to wish my beautiful daughter Allisianna (AKA) Alli-B a wonder 18th birthday. I'm so proud of all you have accomplished and im excited to see what the future has in store for you as you continue to fight for better.

*Love you,
Mom*



Landyn Cody Bravo Happy 6th Birthday!

You have grown into such a smart, loving and determined young boy! You have the funniest things to say. You're a caring big brother and cousin! Here's wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always watch over you and lead you to new exciting things to explore! We all love you very much!

*Always,
Grandma Cookie, auntie Natalie, auntie Mavis, Brandon and your little cousins, Cassidy, Romeo and Sammy*



Happy Birthday to our sister Lena!

Here's wishing you a blessed day! Thanks for all the fun times we've shared together. The times we laughed, talked and joked with each other were great times, may they continue on. Take care of yourself and your family. Remember to take one day at a time ... We are proud of you and your accomplishments that you've studied so hard for! Congratulations! May the Creator watch over you all the days of your life. We all love you very much. Have a fabulous birthday!

*Love always your sisters,
Cookie, Leona, Lisa, Leora, Laurena, and Lynnette*

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2017-PR-0118
Corina Ann Tobias, 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 **FEBRUARY 26, 2018 at 3:00 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 24th of January, 2018
Kayla Wing, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2018-PR-0028
Sammy Everett Pinnecoose, 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 **MARCH 5, 2018 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in

support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 30th of January, 2018
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2018-PR-0011
James Lloyd Box Jr, 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 **FEBRUARY 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 10th of January, 2018
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2017-NC-0162
Brett Manuel Martinez, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Brett Manuel Martinez has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brett Santistevan. 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 **FEBRUARY 19, 2018.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2018.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Feb. 16
Deadline:
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Lawn Maintenance Program Guidelines

This program is to assist the Southern Ute Tribal Elders/handicap who reside on or within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and at their primary residence. The program assists with Spring/Fall Clean up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, small tree/shrub trimmings, raking, assisting with heavy lifting/removal of furniture and appliances and tilling of garden plots.

This program service is not available for secondary homes: ONLY for the primary home.

Lawn Maintenance: [April-mid Oct.]

- ❖ Mowing and trimming of lawns up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting of weeds up to a distance of 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Cutting weeds around zircons, propane tanks, wood sheds, garages and other stationary buildings up to 50 feet, making a 15 feet wide path to the home.
- ❖ Leaf rake, bagging and disposing of leaves within the 80-100 feet from the home.
- ❖ Minor small tree/shrub trimming and pruning and disposing. **We do not cut down trees or remove trees, need to call a professional tree removal company.**
- ❖ Wood Chipping – Call Forestry for assistance 970-563-2910 (Marcella Gomez-Forestry Admin. Asst.) and/or 970-563-2911 (Brian Gideon-Forestry Division Head).

Garden Plot: [April-Sept.]

- ❖ Tilling of garden plots are 50x50 feet.
- ❖ If assistance is needed to place a barrier around, we can assist.
- ❖ We will not seed or cover seeds placed or weeding, raking and watering.

Snow Removal: [Nov.-Feb.]

- ❖ Shovel sidewalks and make walk ways to the propane tank, wood shed, garages and/or other buildings needing to get to 15-20 feet wide and garage entrance areas.
- ❖ The lawn service scheduled listing will be used daily for service.
- ❖ Roof raking will be provided as a safety precaution.
- ❖ Snow will be shoveled 15-20 feet from home after falling from the roof, as a safety precaution to the primary homeowner (elder/handicap). This safety precaution is so the snow don't pile up and accumulate icy walk ways or porch areas.
- ❖ Ice melt will be placed down after shoveling.

Other Services: [As Requested]

- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of furniture(s).
- ❖ Assist with heavy moving of outside fixtures.
- ❖ Assist with Fall/Spring cleanup. [Fall-Oct; Spring-April]
- ❖ With approval from TERO Supervisor on other requests, i.e. mowing empty dog pens; trash removal to dump; etc. on a case-by-case request and approval.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Design Review and Commissioning Services for SunUte Community Center Office HVAC Replacement

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Design Review and Commissioning Services for the SunUte Community Center Office HVAC System Replacement project. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on February 15, 2018. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Pine River Indian Irrigation (PRIIP) Engineering Services

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform an engineering evaluation of selected structures and channels that are part of the PRIIP. This project includes the review of approximately 109 structures and 4.1 miles of channel, located within 10 miles of Ignacio, CO. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Purchasing Office: Attn: Steve Govreau, Purchasing Manager, PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 sgovreau@southernute-nsn.gov. Proposals will be received through February 26, 2018. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

Published: February 2, 2018

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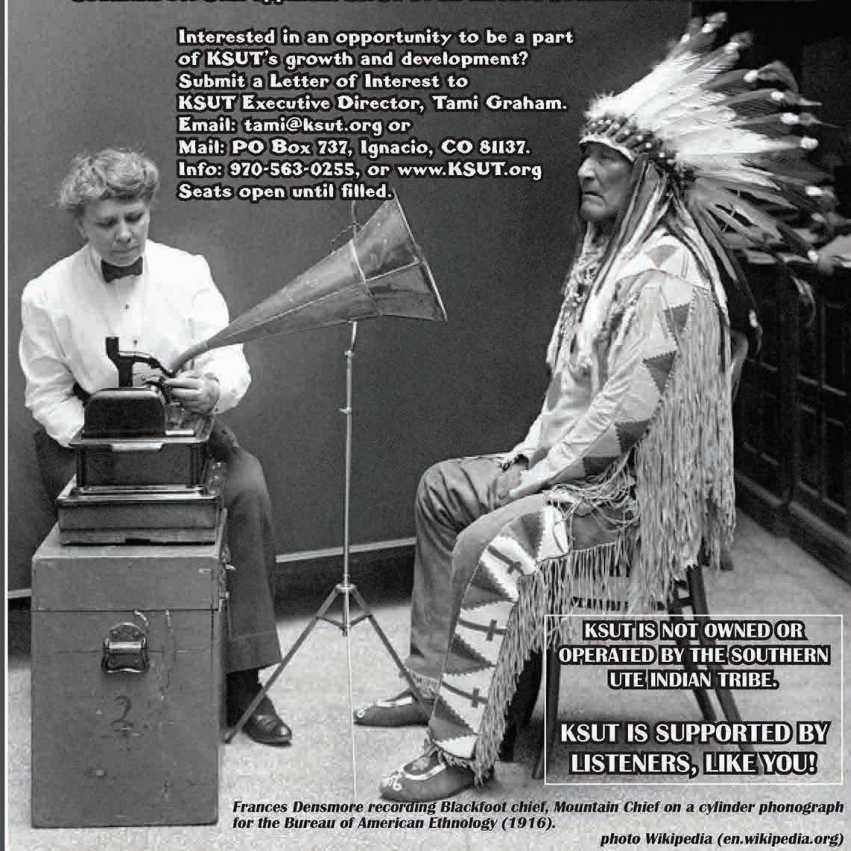
Per the Protective Covenants: Parking. No automobile shall be parked on a lot or within the HOME Grant housing Project except in a driveway or designated parking areas. No automobile shall be parked along the street during periods of snow removal. Please park in designated areas within your assignment boundaries. Parking in the streets and the sidewalks is not allowed. In addition, no abandoned vehicles or vehicles that are not in operating condition and/or that are not registered within the vicinity of the Home Grant housing project shall be stored on lot for more than fifteen (15) days. If an abandoned or inoperable vehicle is kept upon a lot the Tribe or association may tow, store or sell following notice. The Homeowner shall be assessed all charges related the removal of the vehicle.

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The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) full-time Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5 p.m. 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 dishonestly 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 are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your 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: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OPEN UNTIL FILLED – Seeking Southern Ute tribal members. KSUT is accepting letters of interest to fill three (3) Southern Ute Tribal Member seats. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. KSUT is not owned or operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, KSUT is funded by it's listeners.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

OPEN UNTIL FILLED – Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/ Fair and Rodeo Queens to serve on the Royalty Committee. Two positions are open for two 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.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with knowledge and experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming and; A person with knowledge and experience in Tribal energy resource development to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Knowledge and Experience in the regulation of Tribal Gaming; Knowledge and Experience in Tribal Energy Resource Development; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and Confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 3 p.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

WILDLIFE ADVISORY YOUTH BOARD

OPEN UNTIL FILLED – 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.

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

Air Quality Technician

Closing date 2/14/18 – Operation and maintenance of all air quality monitoring equipment, assuring quality control objectives are successfully met on a weekly, monthly, and quarterly basis. Weekly precision measurements, monthly calibrations, and quarterly audits. Quality control objectives. Database management will include the following responsibilities: data reduction, production reports, and maintaining auxiliary instrument programs. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Boys and Girls Club Aide (Full-time)

Closing date 2/7/18 – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Site Director

Closing date 2/13/18 – Plans, implements, supervises, and evaluates activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program and assists with grant reporting requirements. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annually.

Building Maintenance Worker

Closing date 2/6/18 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, installation, preventative maintenance and repairs, including correcting safety hazards, in the Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Construction Crew Leader

Closing date 2/9/18 – Supervises assigned construction repairmen and provides repairs to eligible clients’ homes. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/ hour.

Fitness Trainer

Closing date 2/13/18 – Fitness evaluation, exercise prescription, personal training and fitness activities related to the Fitness component of the Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Gaming Investigator I

Closing date 2/8/18 – Entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Grant Writer

Closing date 2/14/18 – Planning, writing, editing, and preparing grant applications; conducting prospect/foundation/federal agency research, working closely with Tribal staff members on grant application matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations including financial and budget reporting. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Human Resources Director

Closing date 2/9/18 – 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. Will have responsibility for the day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

Lake Capote Maintenance Worker

Closing date 2/6/18 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under general supervision of the Lake Capote Resident Manager, 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.

Nurse Case Manager

Closing date 2/6/18 – Under general supervision of the Director of Nursing, facilitating the patient’s overall healthcare needs. Coordinates with physicians, nurses, social workers, other health team members, contract healthcare providers and facilities to expedite medically appropriate and cost-effective care for patients on and off the reservation. Functions as an advisor to Tribal Health clinical leadership team and participates in multi-disciplinary committees to improve clinical quality management and overall patient care coordination of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe membership. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

Patrol Officer

Closing date 2/6/18 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Report/Photographer

Closing date 2/15/18 – Under general supervision of the Media Manager, reports on, writes about, and captures through multimedia means (photo, video and audio) issues and topics important to the Southern Ute tribal membership for The Southern Ute Drum and its website. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Safety Officer

Closing date 2/8/18 – Under the direction of the Risk and Emergency Manager, manages and oversees the planning, design and development of an occupational safety program in order to provide a safe and healthy workplace for employees and to reduce work-related injuries and accidents. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Tribal Planner

Closing date 2/7/18 – Direct, oversee and coordinate planning activities and transportation related to the development of the So. Ute Indian reservation, the tribal community, and the tribal government. Supports intergovernmental liaison with various local and regional planning entities to establish effective communication. Provides support to the Executive Office in coordination of transportation, planning-related and development activities and works with the Tribal Council and other Tribal departments and committees to achieve planning goals and objectives. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/annually.

Alcohol Counselor

Open until filled – Professional position, acting as the primary alcohol/substance abuse counselor and evaluator for court involved youth and adults. Provides mental health guardian ad litem services when assigned by supervisor. Full-time position and is contingent on grant funds being available. Pay grade 19; \$44,347/annually.

Home Health Care Aide

Open until filled – Under 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. 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.

Lifeguard (Part-time)

Open until filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Physical Therapist

Open until filled – Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/annually.

Speech/Language Therapist (Part-time/Benefits)

Open until filled – Professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online

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

Barista – Willows (Full-time)

Open until filled – Greets and provides exceptional guest service to all guests. Preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. Baristas take and prepare orders. In addition to strong guest service skills, baristas need to be able to listen carefully to guest orders and prepare drinks correctly. Accountable for accurately totaling food and beverage purchases, collecting payment. Must have high school diploma or equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Previous food and beverage and/or barista experience preferred. Must have at least six 6 months experience in customer service, food and beverage industry or related experience. Must have basic math skills and the ability to make change. and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service.

Café Cashier (Full-time)

Open until filled – Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving any and all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Café Cashier will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 16 years old. Must be able to count money and make change. Cash register experience preferred. Food service/preparation experience preferred. Must be able to work at a fast pace and multi-task in a fast paced environment.

*Cage Manager (Full-time)

Open until filled – Smooth and efficient operation of money handling transactions within the Casino. Managing the cage staff, overseeing money handling, Table Games transactions, Slot transactions, Bingo transactions as well as all outlet revenue transactions. Ensures compliance with the Casino’s policies and procedures and applicable Gaming regulations. Maintains a high standard of guest service within the Cage department and actively promotes positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 5 years of Casino cage experience AND Manager/Supervisor experience in Cage required. Ability to analyze cash flow and cash needs of the Casino operations. Must be able to supervise, train and counsel employees.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Open until filled – Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. The deep cleaning staff will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to take and provide written and oral direction in English. Must be available to work all shifts including nights, holidays and weekends.

*Facilities Technician

Open until filled – Electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to insure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building; by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems including; boilers, AHU’s, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers. Reports to the Facilities Manager. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at

least 21 years old. Must have at least 4 years of documented HVAC troubleshooting, repair, refrigeration and maintenance experience. Must have a working knowledge of maintenance and repair procedures for HVAC Building Automated Systems with programmable logic controls, as well as a working knowledge of pressure vessels, boilers, hot water heaters, heat recovery units, VFD’s, Pumps, Motors and radiant systems. Must have an extensive knowledge of facilities structures and finishes. Must have experience reading and interpreting blueprints and schematics. Must pass a written HVAC & Electrical Exam with a (70% or a higher score).

*Hotel Housekeeping Supervisor

Open until filled – Will direct employees and help them to complete their tasks and goals defined by the Housekeeping Manager. Training hotel housekeeping employees and ensuring all employees abide by all Casino policies and procedures. Responsible for office structure, budgetary administration and employee relations as assigned by the housekeeping manager. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 2 years prior Housekeeping experience. Must have 1 year prior Supervising experience.

*Housekeeping Staff (Full-time/Graves)

Open until filled – Duties consist of cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices and employee break rooms. High School Diploma/ equivalency preferred; must be at least 21 years old. Previous experience in hospitality or retail field required. Previous cleaning or motel/hotel housekeeping experience preferred.

Line Cook (Full-time)

Open until filled – Preparation of the A La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trust worthy. High School diploma/ equivalency preferred. Must be at least 17 years old. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 4 months In House training or presently attending school. Must demonstrate cooperation, support skills and willingness to learn. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

*Multi-Games Dealer – Table Games (Full-time)

Open until filled – Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Open until filled – Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. The first identifiable representatives of the Casino whose conduct and customer service skills must be of the highest quality. Must present themselves professionally assisting and helping customers with their problems and concerns. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have two years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be 21 years old*

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Wastewater Plant Operator III – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 2/12/18 – Assists with the day-to-day operations of the Southern Ute Tribal Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System under the direct supervision of the Wastewater Plant Lead Operator and the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor.

Water Plant Operator III – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 2/12/18 – Assists with the day-to-day operations of Southern Ute Tribal Water

Treatment Plant and Distribution System under the direct supervision of the Water Plant Lead Operator and general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor.

Investment Associate – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 2/14/18 – Supporting investment analysis and investment sourcing tasks.

Investment Analyst – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Close date 2/21/18 – Supporting investment analysis and investment sourcing tasks.

SUCAP – Job announcements

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

Head Cook

Closing date 2/16/18 – SUCAP Senior Center in Ignacio. Directing all phases of meal preparation. Weekdays, Meals on Wheels and onsite meals for elderly nutrition program. Must have a current health certificate and food handlers’ card; experience developing menus. Six months experience as a supervisor and one-year experience commercial cooking. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid CO driver’s license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

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Southern Ute Tribal Members!

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FLYFISHING

Uneducated fish on the San Juan River

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

I had another column outlined and ready to write when I received “The Email.” A friend emailed me and told me a friend of his had emailed him to say, “17,000 uneducated trout had been released into the quality waters of the San Juan River.” I had to see for myself, hence different column today. So, on a Saturday (if you can believe that) a friend and I headed to the San Juan. We found two things. There was no crowd, more on that later, and there were, in fact, lots of uneducated trout. An uneducated trout is one that is small, around than 12 inches, and will eat anything.

We parked at the Muñoz parking area, sat in the truck until the temperature reached my minimum to boot and suit (30 degrees), then headed to the river with freshly lit cigars to help keep our hands and lips warm. We waded into the main channel, saw one other fisherman, and wondered what was going on. There was no wind, no clouds, and the river was as smooth as glass. It was still cold but warming up. My friend tied on a Woolly Bugger, and I tied on a dry fly. Nothing was rising, but I had to try. It didn’t take long for me to switch to my favorite creation, a green Woolly Bugger that resembles wilted lettuce. I have good success with this fly.



Even though it was still cold, about 40 degrees, we begin to catch some of these uneducated youngsters. They hit the bugger more often when the fly drifted past me and headed downstream, with a little slack in the line. If they missed that drift they would eat it as I slowly stripped the fly back. My friend, and fellow fisherman, was having the same experience. I did catch one large fish that sipped the fly like a catfish would. I think this educated fish knew it was too cold to expend lots of energy. The youngsters just whacked it.

After fishing in this area for a couple of hours, my friend and I decided to head to the back channel where we had first entered the river. On the way there I visited with the one other fly fisherman we had seen. He told me he had been using a leech, a red annelid, and an egg pattern. He went on to say it didn’t seem to matter, the youngsters would eat anything. As my friend and I were catching fish on

green Woolly Buggers, his theory seemed to be correct. We worked our way upstream, in the back channel, to some big rocks and ripples. Again, casting to a big rock, then a downstream drift with slack in the line, and a slow strip back to me, produced lots of fish. At one point it reminded me of fishing for perch holding over tree stumps. There were just lots fish.

As I mentioned earlier, even though the weather was beautiful, and there were lots of fish, there just weren’t many people. That’s very unusual for the San Juan, especially on a Saturday. So, as I was cogitating this, I began to read the big orange signs in the river, and later in the parking lot. It turns out the river downstream from Muñoz to Crusher Hole is closed to boat traffic until March 1, 2018. Wadding is still allowed from Muñoz to Simon Canyon. This area is undergoing rehabilitation work similar to the area above the Kiddie Pool done several years ago.

If the people doing the rehab work do as good a job on this section of river as they did around and above the Kiddie Pool, we are going to have some great fly fishing. So, do the construction crews a favor. Do what the signs say, stay off the water where they have asked you to. Then, unlike Lake Nighthorse, this part of the river will be opened in a timely manner.

GRAPPLERS GRAB 11TH • FROM PAGE 12

Ethan Evans.

Posting a 3-2 record, junior Dustin Sanchez placed fourth at 152 after Cedaredge senior Colton Hoerr pinned him with four seconds left in the third-place test’s first period. Winning the weight was PSHS’ Trevor Bryant, via a third-period pin of Aztec senior Austin Littlefield—who’d stopped Sanchez previously by 16-0 technical fall—which was the Tiger standout’s first loss of the 2017-18 season.

And at 138, Bobcat junior Skieler Grooms finished a fifth-place 2-2, having lost initially to M-CHS’ #4-ranked [3A] Matthew Broughton, the eventual champ, and ultimately to Cedaredge’s David Schipmann, but posting victories in between over PVHS’ Kobie Greenhaus and 4A Durango’s Ben Finneseth—the first win via pin after 2:38 elapsed, and the second via 15-0 tech.

“Wrestling’s an extremely mental sport, along with its extremely physical nature, and we are gaining

ground continuously in that area,” Larsen stated. “I’m extremely proud of how far these boys have come, and will continue to go the rest of the season.”

The ‘Cats were to compete next at the SJB� Duals, hosted this year by Dolores, on Thursday, Feb. 1, but results were unavailable at press time. Following the league meet, IHS will prepare for the 2A-Region I

Championships, to be held Feb. 9-10 in Delta.

“All of our boys are... looking forward to getting after it in the next two weeks,” said Larsen. “As a young team, getting a few boys up to the Pepsi Center this year would be invaluable experience to bring to the table next year. With a little luck and a lot of focus, we just might be able to punch a few boys through!”

2018 Butch Melton Memorial Standings		
1.	Pagosa Springs	212.5
2.	Cedaredge	187.5
3.	Aztec (N.M.)	155.5
4.	Bayfield	95
5.	Montezuma-Cortez	54.5
6.	Durango	47.5
7.	Dolores	35
8.	Mancos	25.5
9.	Montezuma Creek (UT) Whitehorse	20
10.	Dove Creek	19
11.	IGNACIO	17
12.	Farmington (N.M.) Piedra Vista JV/Rangely	14
13.	Aztec ‘B’	10
14.	Newcomb (N.M.)	6
15.	Shiprock (N.M.)	2

BOCATS SCORE WIN • FROM PAGE 12

omore Keegan Schurman, freshman Joe Garcia and freshman Adam House each chipped in seven.

Re-ranked tenth in the 1/29 CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, Ignacio’s varsity (8-3, 6-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin League; Nucla remained 0-5 in league while dropping to 0-13 overall) was to return to action Thursday, Feb. 1, at home versus SJB� foe Dolores, but results were unavailable at press time.

The ‘Cats are next scheduled to host Norwood – whom they’d beaten 54-36 away back on Jan. 20 – on Feb. 3, then challenge 4A Durango inside Durango-based Fort Lewis College’s Whalen Gymnasium three nights later.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Nakai Lovato (23) splits Nucla’s Mike Bird (20) and Shelton Morgan for a steal during action inside SunUte Community Center Friday evening, Jan. 26. The Bobcat JV defeated the Mustang varsity 64-37, dropping NHS – at the time 0-5 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin – to 0-13 overall.



CHSAANow.com Class 2A Boys’ Basketball Rankings
(Updated 1/29)

1. Ordway Crowley County
2. Julesburg-Ovid Revere Sedgwick County
3. Del Norte
4. Byers
5. Yuma
6. Limon
7. Ault Highland
8. Haxtun
9. Meeker
- 10.IGNACIO

Others receiving votes: Edwards Vail Christian, Calhan, Simla, Evergreen Clear Creek, Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian, Westcliffe Custer County, Fowler, Sanford, Paonia, Rangely, Lafayette Alexander Dawson.

LADY CATS DOWN NUCLA • FROM PAGE 12

fourth quarter], IHS could breathe a little easier knowing the visitors had just two substitutes available.

“It was a longer court, so we got out of breath faster,” said the younger Gomez, alluding to the alternate site used, with IHS Gymnasium being arranged for the next day’s wrestling tournament. “So we need to run more and work as a team more.”

Avionne Gomez’s 15 points led all players, and Herrera was right behind with 14. Gallegos also reached double figures with her ten, and freshman post Shelcie Gosney was close with seven as nine different Lady ‘Cats scored at least one.

Having scored six first-quarter points, Steele totaled an NHS-best ten and was 4-of-5 from the foul line. Littlejohn finished with her four points, sophomore Cheyenne Joseph was 3-of-4 for her three, sophomores Jacquelyn Terrell

and Hailey Hibbert each netted a two-pointer, and junior Chyenne Barrett hit one of two FTs.

Having improved to 7-0 against the league and 11-0 overall, Ignacio was to next host Dolores on Thursday, Feb. 1, but results were unavailable at press time. The Lady ‘Cats will then host Norwood – whom they’d trounced 68-29 back on Jan. 20 – on Feb. 3, in preparation for a 2/6 rumble with 4A Durango on the neutral floor of Durango-based Fort Lewis College.

CHSAANow.com Class 2A Girls’ Basketball Rankings
(Updated 1/29)

1. Yuma
2. Wray
3. Swink
4. Del Norte
5. Limon
6. Holyoke
7. Paonia
8. Haxtun
9. Simla
- 10.IGNACIO

Others receiving votes: Denver Christian, Lyons, Oak Creek Soroco, Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian, Ault Highland, Akron, Meeker, Evergreen Clear Creek, Ellicott, Sanford, Burlington, Center.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

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Sunday, Feb. 4

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