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## TRIBAL COUNCIL CORNER

# New Legal Director brings years of dedication to Indian Country

By Lindsay Box  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has appointed Mr. David C. Smith as the new Legal Department Director. Smith joined the Tribe on May 2, after serving as a Partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, where he was a member of the firm's Native American Practice Group. He represented tribes and individual Indians in matters concerning trust mismanagement, treaty rights, sovereign immunity, intellectual property, management of natural resources, property rights, and protection of sacred sites.

Smith stated, "I have long admired the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. It has long served as a leader in Indian Country through its effective tribal government and the management of its natural resources. It is an honor to serve as the Tribe's Legal Director and work with an exceptional group of lawyers." Smith brings more than 30 years' experience representing federally recognized tribes in litigation involving the mismanagement of trust responsibilities, gaming, and



David C. Smith  
Legal Department Director

energy development. While serving as the Class Counsel in the class action lawsuit, Cobell v. Jewell, he represented more than 500,000 Native Americans (including enrolled Southern Ute tribal members) in a case centered on the mismanagement of the individual Indian Trust. He also served as the lead counsel in the case of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority - successfully defending the Poarch Band of Creek Indians from efforts by the state to subject its gaming activity to state law. Smith also has experience serving as legal counsel for cases arguing against the unauthorized use of tribal lands by a natural gas

company, Davilla v. Enable Midstream Partners.

After graduating cum laude from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Smith continued his education at Wake Forest University graduating cum laude with his Juris Doctorate in Law. Smith has received numerous awards for his achievements and pro bono work. Over the years he represented over 30 children as guardian ad litem through the Children's Law Centers in Washington, D.C. and North Carolina, pro bono. This, along with his pro bono work representing individual Indians and tribes in land disputes in Oklahoma, led to his receipt of the 2017 Laura N. Rinaldi Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award from the D.C. Bar.

"I would like to welcome Mr. David Smith as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's new Legal Department Director. As Chairman I am looking forward to working and communicating with Mr. Smith," Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage expressed. "I encourage the tribal membership to visit and introduce yourself to Mr. Smith."

## IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Prevention, response key to safety

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

"Be prepared for the unexpected," John-Michael Keyes emphasized during his presentation on school safety responses during crisis on Friday, April 27, which was held at Ignacio High School in the auditorium.

John-Michael Keyes, is a father to Emily Keyes who was one of the hostages killed in one of Colorado's most notorious high school shootings. Since that fatal shooting, John-Michael and his wife Ellen have started the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. The foundation is committed to helping, with a focus on kids, schools and communities.

Through years of research and collaborations with experts in education, law enforcement, emergency management teams and psychologists — the foundation has been helping to advance student and school safety nationwide.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Creator of the "I Love U Guys" Foundation, John-Michael Keyes gave a school safety procedures presentation at Ignacio High School on Friday, April 27.

During his presentation, Keyes introduced "The Standard Response Protocol" (SRP) which included all of the concepts and history of the SRP and showed how to implement the program into an educational environment.

The Standard Response Protocol includes four core actions, that demands specific vocabulary but allows flexibility for every individual scenario. The first core action is "Lockout", a lockout means get inside and lock all doors to the

outside. The second is a "Lockdown" which means get inside, lock all doors, turn off all lights and get out of sight. The third is "Evacuate" if it is safe, leave the crisis and go to the pre-designated location. And the last is "Shelter" which includes addressing the crisis and or hazard and creating a strategy for keeping safe.

The eight-hour, on-site training left many participants with the ability to perform classroom train-

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## SUCAP

# Head Start launches funding campaign

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Community Action Programs (SUCAP), who oversees funding and implementation of the Southern Ute Head Start school program announced their plans for a capital campaign, Wednesday, May 2 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The drive will be spearheaded by campaign coordinator Beth Lamberson Warren, who recently joined the Head Start fundraising team. Warren discussed 'The House That We Built' campaign theme, the building blocks toward reaching their \$8 million goal, and the potential for achieving their fundraising objective.

The Southern Ute Head Start was relocated across Tribal Campus last year due to health and safety concerns surrounding the school's central building — which dates back the 1930's. While some classes remain in the modular classrooms, others were relocated to the Southern Ute Cultural Center under a temporary use agreement, along with the school's administrative staff.

SUCAP brought board members and the community together last week at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility as part of a fundraiser, dinner was served in exchange for donations. SUCAP Director Eileen Wasserbach opened with some background regarding their current efforts, highlighting the



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Head Start teacher Brittney Benavidez, sits together with students, Rodger Tenorio and Paisley Moore during the SUCAP fundraiser held at Southern Ute Multi-Purpose facility on Wednesday, May 3.

Friends of Ignacio Head Start and the fundraising progress they have made to this point.

Some of the key talking points surrounding the proposed school went beyond funding. Locating a suitable building site is still a primary concern, with the majority of staff favoring a location on or near Southern Ute Tribal Campus. The building will be about 25,000 sq. feet. And will include a multipurpose room that can be used for activities, dinners, and graduations.

SUCAP is also hoping to negotiate an extension to their lease with the Tribe in order to continue using the Southern Ute Cultural Department for their classrooms and administration needs until the Head Start can open the doors to a new facility — a process which realistically will take a number of years to complete.

"How do we achieve buy-in from the community?" asked

Warren. The school hopes to tell their story and emphasize the importance of Southern Ute Head Start within the community at large. The programs provide more than education. As a provider of early childcare, Head Start gives parents an opportunity to pursue careers. Head Start is also a local employer of teachers and faculty.

SUCAP intends to reinforce their fundraising efforts though heightened marketing and outreach. The school is hoping to achieve strong regional communication through The Southern Ute Drum newspaper, social media and local radio programs such as KSUT.

Contact Info: Campaign Coordinator Beth Lamberson, 970-749-1877 Lamberson.beth@gmail.com Friends of Ignacio Head Start Facebook page — "Like" and follow for updates.

## SCSYAC welcome members



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The new Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council was sworn in Monday, April 30, in Southern Ute Tribal Council Chambers. The new members include (back row L-R) Jace Carmenoros, Elijah Weaver, Lexy Young, (front row L-R) Jazmin Carmenoros, Nate Hendren, Elliot Hendren and Sarafina Chackee.

## Gathering of tribes



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Gathering of Nations Powwow returned to Tingly Coliseum for this year's cultural celebration, Thursday, April 26 — Saturday, April 28, Albuquerque, N.M. Delegates of the Southern Ute Royalty stand together for a portrait following the Grand Entry, Little Miss Southern Ute Myla Goodtracks (left) and Miss Southern Ute Lorraine Watts.

More Gathering of Nations photos on page 9.



ENVIRONMENT

# Environmental Commission looks forward

By *Jeremy Wade Shockley*  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission came together to discuss regulations, compliance and a cleaner future for resident of Southwest Colorado, Wednesday, April 11 – Ignacio, Colo.

The key point of discussion brought forth for consideration by the commission involved the minor source program and how it is implemented. This is a program currently operated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the responsibility could be assumed by the commission if they were to proceed to adopt the program.

“We really are exploring the pro’s and con’s,” stated Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division Head Mark Hutson. Hutson went on to explain that if the EPA gave the program over to the Tribe, the cost of operation would be a non-issue, principally due to grant money available for the program. The Tribe has a role in providing data to the EPA, and the minor source program works well as a



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division Head, Mark Hutson meets with members of regional committee – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission to discuss environmental policy.

FIP, or Federal Implementation Plan – if the Tribe assumed the program, it could be tailored to better meet the regional needs.

The commission will meet again later in the year to evaluate those needs and weigh the benefits. “The program could become more protective of the environment then the current program, while also becoming more user friendly for industry,” explained Southern Ute Air Quality Program Manager Danny Powers. The Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP) could use a more scientifically based approach for tracking

minor source pollutants, where oil and gas operators take credit for actual emissions, rather than having those emission based on estimates.

Environmental Commission Chairman, Karen Spray announced her retirement after years of service as a member of the commission and an employee of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Peter Butler was appointed as the new chairman for the commission. The commission will reconvene in Ignacio, August 8, to further discuss the minor source program and give updates.

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ings and implement the program with their peers.

Since 2009, the Standard Response Protocol has been proven to enhance school safety planning and has been adopted by schools across the United States and Canada.

“What we plan is based on what we know,” Keyes stated while talking about the outreach program the foundation started to show institutions and first responders that the SRP works. Millions of students now know the same language and have the same expectations during a crisis as teachers and first responders.

At no cost, any school, agency or organization can use the materials needed to implement the SRP. Because the foundation provides many materials free of charge, they rely on funding



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Community Resource Officer, Sergio Howe smiles for the camera inside the Ignacio High School auditorium on Friday, April 27 during the “I Love U Guys” foundation presentation on school safety procedures.

from private sectors, therefore they need to know who is using the programs. They track how effective the programs are and if the schools and communities have any feedback to help improve future implantation.

“Without the support of

Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool, we wouldn’t have been able to put this on,” Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto said. The presentation was open to students, faculty, and community members.



## BEAR DANCE KICK-OFF

**May 25, 2018**

**12:00 PM- 1:00 PM**

**Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center**

### Menu:

**SALAD**

**FRUIT SALAD**

**BAKED POTATO BAR**

**CORN ON THE COBB**

**CHIPS**

**BBQ PORK RIBS**

**BBQ SAUSAGE**

**HOT DOGS**

**COOKIES**

**Open to Southern Ute Tribal Families, & Tribal Staff  
(Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, & Sky Ute Casino)**

**For more information, contact: Event Coordinator Tara Vigil at  
(970)-563-2985**

## Many Moons Ago



Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Ronnie Baker, Commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, and Rod Grove, Veterans Service Officer, present a check to Bill Morris, Commander of Durango Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4031, for the donation of a flag pole from the Southern Ute Veterans Association and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The donation came in response to an article in the Durango Herald, asking for donations to the Durango Veterans’ Memorial. A formal dedication of the memorial will take place on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17, 2008 beginning at 11 AM at the Greenmount Cemetery in Durango, Colorado, followed by an Open House at the Durango VFW.

This photo first appeared in the May 9, 2008, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Southern Ute Fish Biologist Steve Whiteman nets fish after they are electro-shocked at Lake Capote.

This photo first appeared in the May 8, 1998, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Southern Ute Ignacio High School students (l-r) Leah Weaver, Duane Richards, Laurena Burch, Shoni Baker, Gerard Burch, Becky Rael and Jeff Jefferson on their educational trip to Denver.

This photo first appeared in the May 13, 1988, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Leonard Burch, Chairman (left) and Chris Baker, Vice Chairman, award a high school diploma to Victoria Harris. Harris received her degree from Excelsior High School in Denver.

This photo first appeared in the May 12, 1978, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.





## Museum hosts 'Open House'



photos Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

The faculty for the Southern Ute Museum stand together during their open house event, which welcomed the membership and community to a night of free admission and a behind the scenes tour of the museum. Standing (L to R) Museum Curator Delana 'Joy' Farley, Collection Manager Cheyenne Caraway, Museum Preparator Jed Smith, Southern Ute Museum Director, Linda Baker, and Business Manager/Event Coordinator Renee Morgan.

Visitors to the Southern Ute Museum discuss the exhibits with the Museum's exhibit curator Delana 'Joy' Farley, Thursday, April 26 — Ignacio, Colo.



## Bear Dance season begins



courtesy Tyson Thompson

Welcoming the spring season in Randlett, Utah — the first Bear Dance of the season took place from Saturday, May 5 — Monday, May 7. The younger dancers take an opportunity to break into pairs during the final days of the spring celebration.

## Celebrating elders



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute Vice Chairman, Cheryl Frost thanks everyone who attended the Elder Celebration Luncheon on Monday, May 7, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The luncheon was sponsored by Southern Ute Elders Services, Food Distribution, Culture Department, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness, SunUte Community Center and catered by Rez Girls Catering owned and operated by Southern Ute tribal member Estelle Monte.

### 2018 SOUTHERN UTE CULTURE CAMP

Culture Camp will be open to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members & Descendants.

#### Ages 6yrs – 10yrs – June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Day Camp 9am – 3pm SUCCM  
SUCCM Garden & Fry Bread Making  
Paint Shields, Rock Art & Make Tipis  
Pagosa Hot Springs Field Trip



#### Ages 11yrs – 17yrs – June 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

2 Day Overnight Field Trip  
Grand Junction – Ute Learning Garden  
Delta – Rock Art Site  
Montrose - Ute Indian Museum Activities  
Ouray – Hot Springs & Box Canyon



Applications may be picked up at the Culture Preservation Department.  
Deadline to submit applications will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

For questions please call Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil @ 970-563-2985

### COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

LISTEN TO COUNCIL CONNECT ON KSUT TRIBAL RADIO FROM 02:30-03:00 PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

SHOWS WILL COVER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, COUNCIL BUSINESS TRIP UPDATES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

APRIL 9 & 23 MAY 7 & 14 JUNE 11 & 25

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG



## Southern Ute Bear Dance POWWOW



Registration  
Friday, May 25th at 5 p.m.  
Opens: Friday, May 25th at 5 p.m.  
Closes: Saturday May 26th at 1 p.m.  
Grand Entry  
Friday, May 25th at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 26th at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.

May 25 & 26, 2018  
Sky Ute Fairgrounds - Ignacio, CO

#### Powwow Head Staff

MC: Erny Zah – Farmington, NM  
Arena Director: Jakey Skye – Albuquerque, NM  
Head Man: Wayne Longhorn – Farmington, NM  
Head Lady: Joe Vigil – Dulce, NM  
Drum Judge: Paige Burgess – Durango, CO  
Head Gourd Dancer: Darwin Whiteman, Jr. – Towaoc, CO  
Host Northern Drum: Hail Creek – Taos, NM  
Host Southern/Gourd Drum: Colorado Rocklee – Towaoc, CO

#### Powwow Contest Categories

Golden Age: Men & Women 55 & older  
Men: 18 – 54 | Fancy Grass, Northern & Southern Traditional  
Women: 18 – 54 | Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern & Southern Traditional  
Teen Boys: 13 – 17 & Jr. Boys: 7 – 12 | Fancy Grass, Combined Traditional  
Teen Girls: 13 – 17 & Jr. Girls: 7 – 12 | Fancy Jingle, Combined Traditional  
Tiny Tots: 6 & younger | Exhibition each session  
Drum Contest: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places | Combined, Northern & Southern Drums

#### Powwow Vendor Information

Arts & Crafts Vendors (Inside) – Ramada Cloud: 505-402-8846  
Food Vendors (Outside) – Kendra Alexander: 970-543-5541  
\$50 each day inside booth (10'x10') rates for Arts & Crafts  
All vendors bring your own setup



Free Admission. Free Camping. The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. No drugs or alcohol allowed.

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE



The strength of our Community, the Power of Creation through life, and those we hold dear and put first. The Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Aunties, Grandmas, and Women of the community: we honor your precious beings in our life.



The Protector of Partners in Life, those who will stand in the way of harm and danger. The Man's purpose is recognized and Blessed, when he endures and honors his path to stay on the Red Road in Life.

Bear Dance Chief - Matthew Box

Bear Dance Corral Blessing  
10:30 am Friday, May 25, 2018

Bear Dance Feast  
12:00 pm Monday, May 28, 2018  
Bear Dance Grounds

Bear Dance Grounds are located between  
Ute Road and HWY 521 in Ignacio, CO

• No Short Dresses or Baggy Pants while dancing • Photography, Video & Audio recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes. • The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. • The Pine River is **RESTRICTED**. For information / vending, contact (970)-563-2985

Design: Kree Lopez



TRIBAL HEALTH

# Do you focus on fitness #4Mind4Body?

**Staff report**  
**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH**

Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. So much of what we do physically impacts us mentally, our body is connected to our mind. It is important to pay attention to both your physical health and your mental health, which can help you achieve overall wellness and set you on a path to recovery.

This May is Mental Health Month, Southern Ute Health Center is raising awareness about the connection between physical health and mental health, through the theme Fitness #4Mind4Body. The campaign is meant to educate and inform individuals about how eating healthy foods, gut health, manag-

ing stress, exercising, and getting enough sleep can go a long way in making you healthy all around.

A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset or worsening of mental health conditions like depression and anxiety, as well as heart disease, diabetes, obesity and other chronic health problems. It can also play a big role in helping people recover from these conditions. Taking good care of your body is part of a before Stage Four approach to mental health.

Getting the appropriate amount of exercise can help control weight, improve mental health, and help you live longer and healthier. Recent research is also connecting your nutrition and gut health with your mental health. Sleep also plays a critical role in all aspects of our life and overall health. Getting a

good night’s sleep is important to having enough physical and mental energy to take on daily responsibilities. And we all know that stress can have a huge impact on all aspects of our health, so it’s important to take time to focus on stress-reducing activities like meditation or yoga.

The Southern Ute Health Center wants everyone to know that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is always the goal. Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy, but by looking at your overall health every day – both physically and mentally – you can go a long way in ensuring that you focus on your Fitness #4Mind4Body.

For more information, call Mary Trujillo Young or Jennifer GoodTracks at 970-563-4581, or visit [www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may).

VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Grand Junction vets center provides readjustment services

**Richard Schleeter**  
**LA PLATA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES**

The Vet Center program was established by Congress in 1979 out of recognition that a significant number of Vietnam Era veterans were experiencing readjustment problems after returning to civilian life. Vet Centers are community based and are part of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Congress later extended this service to those who served during any war period, from WWII to our current conflicts.

The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. The Vet Center staff respects the privacy of all veterans and holds in strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. Family members of combat veterans have been eligible for Vet Center readjustment counseling services for military-related issues since 1979.

What is readjustment counseling? Readjustment counseling is a wide range of services provided to combat veterans in an effort to assist them in making a satisfying

transition from military to civilian life. Services include individual counseling, group counseling, marital and family counseling, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, employment counseling and guidance, medical referrals, alcohol and drug assessments, assistance in applying for VA Benefits, information and referral to community resources, outreach, and community education.

Military sexual trauma counseling may include individual or group counseling, marital and family counseling, referral for benefits assistance, liaison with community agencies, and/or substance abuse information and referral to help veterans deal with the emotions of military sexual trauma and to regain confidence in their everyday life.

Vet Center Mobile Van from the Grand Junction Vet Center, located at 2472 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, Colo., will be at the Durango VA Clinic to do some outreach there on Monday, May 7, and part of Tuesday, May 8. Please come by and visit with them and check out the services they offer.

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 La Plata County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. There is a wide range of benefits available for our nation’s veterans. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits. Your CVSO can assist you in any matter pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs. These services are free of charge. Please visit the La Plata County web site at <http://www.co.lapla-ta.co.us/> for more information about what the La Plata County Veterans Service Office can do for you.


The La Plata County Veterans Service Office is co-located with the Durango VA Clinic at 1970 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Durango, CO. 81301. For clinic appointments, call 970-247-2214. The Veterans Service Office phone number is 970-759-0117. Office hours are 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5 pm, Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call (970) 382-6150 to schedule an appointment with the Veterans Service Office.

# TAKE CHARGE!

Please join Shining Mountain Health and Wellness for our Spring Take Charge! Classes. Interactive sessions on **Nutrition for Health and Wellness** with an emphasis on diabetes prevention and management, weight control, and overall health.

**Ignacio Senior Center**  
15345 Highway 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone (970) 563-4561

**Tuesdays:**  
May 1, 8, 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12pm-12:30pm



**Contacts:**  
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Registered Dietician  
(970)-563-2344

Morgann Box  
Program Coordinator  
(970)-563-2349

Shawmarie Tso  
Patient Coordinator  
(970)-563-2163

**All are welcome!**

## DURANGO ELKS TO GIVE AWAY CAR

The Durango Elks Lodge Veterans Committee, Bo Deans Towing and Durango Muffler has a 2 door, front wheel-drive car to be given away to a needy veteran. The application can be picked up from the Durango Elks Lodge, Bo Deans Towing and Durango Muffler. All applications must be returned to the Durango Elks Lodge by Friday, June 1. The giveaway will take place on Sat., June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Durango Elks Lodge. We will be serving a fish dinner, and is open to the public. This event is free to veterans, \$10 for non-veterans, \$5 for kids, 12 and under. All proceeds will go to the Elks Veterans Committee.


# Alive At 25

Defensive Driving Course

Saving Lives Through Education

**5/13/18 Sunday**  
**Time: 12:30 to 5:00**

Ignacio Library Community Room



**Enroll Online**  
**www.aliveat25.us**  
**Call 866-605-3900**

Instructor: Don Folsom  
Phone: 970-563-0246  
Cell: 970-769-9431

**Automobile Crashes are the leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds.**  
**The life you save may be your own.**

Sign up now for this defensive driving educational course and become a better driver. You may use this course for getting your learner’s permit under the graduated licensing law. You can satisfy a court ordered advanced driving course requirement. You may ask your insurance company for a discount after completing this course. You learn how to take control when driving.

## Food Handlers Training Courses



### Online Food Handlers Training

Computers will be provided for individuals to use to take the **online** food handlers training course. The course is approximately 2 hours. Please register with Precious Collins at 970-563-4728. Only 9 computers available for training, so sign up fast!

**Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**  
Time: 2:00pm  
Southern Ute Higher Education Bldg. – Computer Lab  
330 Burns Ave.  
Ignacio, CO 81137

### In-Person Food Handlers Training


Sallye Biles, Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health, will provide an interactive training on food safety followed by a written test. Please register with Precious Collins at 970-563-4728.

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
Time: 2:00-4:00pm  
Southern Ute Community Center  
390 Mouache Circle  
Ignacio, CO 81137

**Need your certificate? Don’t wait, REGISTER TODAY!**

Need to replace a lost card or certificate?  
Contact Sallye Biles: [sallye.biles@ihs.gov](mailto:sallye.biles@ihs.gov) or 505-946-9571.





## 3<sup>rd</sup> Biannual Summer Health Careers Institute at CU Anschutz Medical Center

**June 3- 8, 2018**


Southern Ute Tribal members between the ages of 16 (by 6/3/2018) and 20, who are interested in a Health Care or STEM related career are asked to please join us on this year’s trip to Aurora, Colorado.

During this program on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, students will explore a cadaver lab, make lotion with a pharmacist, learn about nutrition and health while preparing a nutritious meal. You will also tour healthcare education facilities, discuss career options with professors and health practitioners, and shadow a health professional.

**For more information and an application form, please contact:**  
**Deb Pace**, Southern Ute Education Department High School Teacher  
[dpace@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpace@southernute-nsn.gov), (970) 563-0237 x2795

**Important Notes**

- There are 10 spaces available for the Institute – First Come First Served!
- In order to participate, you must have a current CPR/First Aid Certification. Please plan to attend a course on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- **Registration is due on Tuesday, May 21.**







## Head Start field day



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Harley Joy Jr. takes a turn jumping up and down in the bounce house at the Head Start Field Day.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Head Start student, Zalexi Bartley stays hydrated during the Head Start Field Day at the SunUte Field on Wednesday, May 9.

Head Start students gave a good tug at the Head Start Field Day on Wednesday, May 9, at SunUte Field.

## Science & Discovery



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Sixth grade Ignacio Middle School student, Adi Tallbird splits and bends light while wearing a pair of paper diffraction glasses that the University of Colorado Boulder brought to the middle school for the Science Discovery STEM workshop, Wednesday, May 9 to help students explore light, energy and imaging.

## Career Fair draws interest



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Ute Language Design Coordinator, Shawna Steffler talks with two students on Wednesday, May 2 at the 17th Annual Career Fair which was held at Ignacio High School.

Christina Herrera plays a game of PLINKO at the Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation booth at the 17th Annual Career Fair, Wednesday, May 2, with Vocational Rehabilitation Director Bobbie Rosa.



## Teachers appreciated



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Four of Ignacio's Middle School teachers were recognized for their transition retirements and traditional retirements on Tuesday, May 8 at an after school potluck where tacos and cake were served to faculty. Pictured (l-r) Marcia Christensen, Deb Meunier, Tamis Bryson and Marie Horn.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe



### Southern Ute Education Department Scholarship Program

**Scholarship Orientations May 16th & 30th**  
**Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate**

- Wednesday May 16th & 30th 5:30pm @ the Education Center
- Snacks provided
- Scholarship and application questions answered

Michael Kirsch-Academic Advisor  
970-563-2783  
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Education Center: 330 Burns Ave Ignacio, CO 81137



## FREE BOOK EVENT!

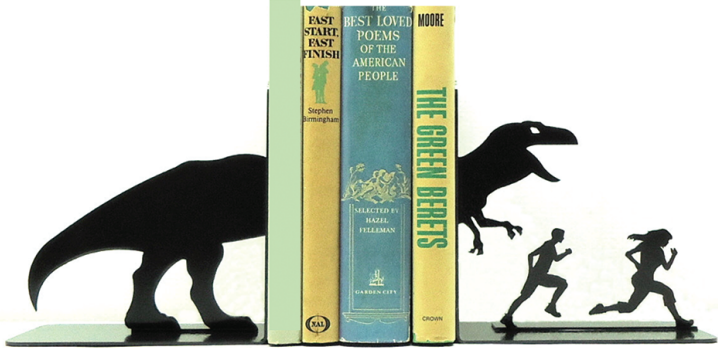
*celebrate family togetherness by sharing a book!*

**WHEN: Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

**WHERE: Multi-Purpose Facility**

**TIME: 5:30PM-7:00PM**

Open to Southern Ute Families and the children in their home in grades K-8



Every child that attends gets **ONE** free book!

### Out of the Area?

Contact Heather White Thunder at (970) 563- 2780

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## Nominations now being accepted for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

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

1. A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2. Deserving
3. A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
4. Interested in continuing his or her education
5. Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
6. Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. **Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 5 pm on Thursday, May 24, 2018 and shall state the basis for the nomination.** Or email the letter to esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov for more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute student.





Riding ‘round the rodeo



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy learn all about bike safety from the Southern Ute Police Department resource officers, Friday, May 4



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gathered on Friday, May 4 to learn about bike safety from the Southern Ute Police Department.

Mia Lopez (left) carefully goes through the bike rodeo course on Friday, May 4 in the old casino parking lot with SUPD close by to teach everyone the importance of bike safety.

Knowledge reigns supreme



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Lower elementary student, Sinaav Larry points to a project for Kinder guide, Cheryl Ongtawasruk to see at the Southern Ute Indian Academy’s Knowledge Night on Thursday, April 26.

Lower elementary students, Uriyah Casey and Demarre Ketchum take a look at one of the many projects on display at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s Knowledge Night, Thursday, April 26.



EDUCATION UPDATES

KARS FOR KIDS

A car that that has lost its worth, still has value to early education in Ignacio. Any model and age car can be donated to make a lasting gift to Kars for Kids, a program to fundraise for The Friends of Ignacio Head Start in Ignacio, Colorado. The donation supports building a new facility for the families in the tri-ethnic community. Donating is easy and your vehicle will be picked up, free title services will be provided, and a receipt will be mailed for tax purposes. Donate your car now by calling 1-866-628 -2277. Find more information about Kars for Kids at [www.dot.SUCAP.dot.ORG](http://www.dot.SUCAP.dot.ORG).

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If you are Southern Ute Tribal member student living off the reservation and currently a 2018 senior will be graduating from High School in May or early June please contact the Southern Ute Education Department. Person to contact Ellen S. Baker 970-563-0235 or email the information to [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Invitations will be going out soon for the Annual Senior Banquet in June 2018.

IGNACIO DRAMA DEPT. TO PERFORM FINAL PLAYS

The Ignacio Drama Department has worked hard this season to put together some quality programs! They are very excited to present two upcoming shows for you that will stretch the students’ abilities to new heights. First on the agenda, the middle school will be performing their play, “Blackboot’s Lost Loot” on Thursday, May 17 from 1:20 - 2:20 p.m. and 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. This pirate play has something for everyone, from humor to adventure. The high school will be performing their final play, “Aladdin” on Saturday May 19 at 5 p.m. and Monday, May 21 at 6 p.m. This Disney adaptation not only offers the classic story elements, but also incorporates humor and introduces our students to musical theater where acting is combined with singing and dancing. Come out and support the arts and enjoy some local theater!

SUIMA



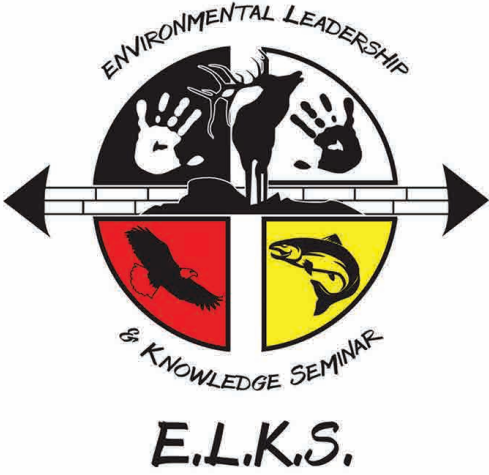
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SUIMA’s transition breakfast was held on Monday, May 7, in the Buckskin Charlie Room. Parents and staff celebrated the transitioning of their students on to the seventh grade. Pictured: Lynnette Sage, Roger Sage Jr., Derek Sage, Walter Reynolds, Kean Cantsee, Tallias Cantsee, Amber Box, Terena Hight, Terreance Hight, Jaela Velasco, Shelenia Porambo.

Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Lorelei Cloud and proud parent, Tallas Cantsee share a laugh while sitting together during the transition breakfast for Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students on Monday, May 7 in the Buckskin Charlie Room.



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# Academy takes on triathlon



Right out of the gate SUIMA's lower elementary students run the first part of the triathlon on the Bear Trail located south of SunUte Field.



Keyon Alston runs toward SunUte so he can complete the last challenge of the triathlon — swimming.



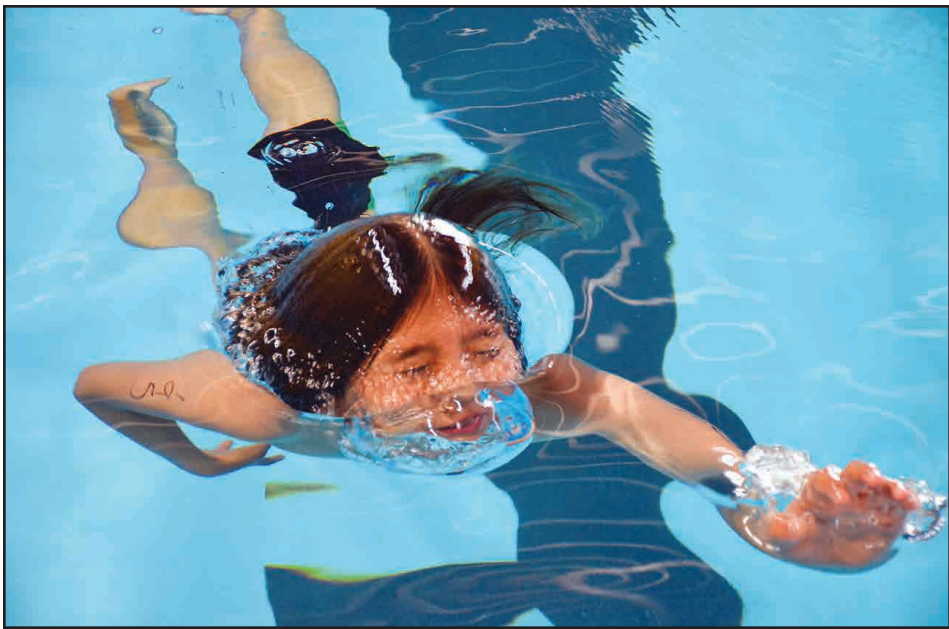
Aeden Richards and buddy Max Veneno get ready to start their second leg of the SUIMA Triathlon.



Sinaav Larry puts it into high gear as she makes her last lap around SunUte Field.



Jaela Velasco on her bike, is ready to hit the pavement and do her biking part of the triathlon.



Tallias Cantsee comes up for air in his final laps of the swimming portion of SUIMA's triathlon.



Jeremy Reynolds gets a ride from lifeguard Cynde Travis as he starts his final leg of the triathlon.

**The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Annual Triathlon was held on Wednesday, May 9, on the Bear Trail, SunUte Field and SunUte Community Center pool. The students ran, biked and swam their little hearts out while younger students cheered them on from the sidelines.**

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



Walter Reynolds swims right past his classmates at SUIMA's annual triathlon.





WILDLIFE

Avoiding black bear encounters

Staff report  
WILDLIFE RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT

As many will recall, 2017 was a very active year for black bear sightings and conflicts in and around Ignacio. While we hope 2018 will not be a repeat of this, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division urges people to be aware of the potential for bears to be attracted to their properties if food attractants are available to them. While black bears tend to be most active in their foraging in the fall, they also come out of hibernation in the spring hungry, which may bring them into contact with people.

Unfortunately, human food sources can often become an easy meal for black bears during this time. Although it may seem humane to provide food to hungry bears, it is truly a disservice to both the bear and the community. Black bears that habitually receive food from human sources often become used to close contact with people and begin to lose their natural fear of people. Black bears will often return to the area where food was previously available. If food is unavailable on their return, they can become destructive or even aggressive in their search for additional food. It is important to remember that black bears have the ability to withstand years of natural food shortages without human intervention.

The most effective method to avoid black bear en-

counters and to reduce the incidence of bears visiting residential areas is to remove any potential food or attractant available to them. Store trash until the morning of scheduled pick-up in a secure container, preferably inside a garage or shed. Tribal members may contact the Tribal Utilities Division to upgrade their trash cans to bear-proof models for a small additional monthly expense. If used properly, these upgraded cans are nearly 100% effective at keeping all wildlife out of the trash. Additionally, we ask people to store pet food indoors and pick up any uneaten food remaining in pet dishes in the evening. Remove bird feeders each evening. Also, store barbecue grills indoors and clean up any spilled grease. Pick ripe fruit from fruit-bearing trees and pick up any fruit that falls to the ground.

It is important to remove any potential source of black bear food from residential areas. In the absence of human food sources, black bears will almost al-

ways look elsewhere for food, hopefully utilizing natural sources.

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management believes in removing attractants (e.g., trash, pet food, bird feeders, and grills) prior to taking steps to remove a bear. If attractants aren't removed then another bear or other wildlife will likely continue to take advantage of the source. The Southern Ute Wildlife Division does have the ability to trap and relocate nuisance bears, but this is treated as a last-resort option and only if all prevention measures have been tried.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130.

To report black bear encounters contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130; the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers at 970-563-0133; or Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.

If you encounter a bear

- If people see a black bear from a distance, it is important that they not approach it. If a close encounter occurs, some general guidelines to follow are:
1. Stay Calm.
  2. Stop and back away slowly while facing the bear.
  3. Avoid direct eye contact. Direct eye contact may be perceived as threatening by a black bear.
  4. Speak softly to identify yourself as a human and to show that you are not a threat to the bear.
  5. Fight back if the bear attacks.

Beaver Creek rehab



Roughly two-thirds of the trees that were previously introduced in 2014 survived being planted in the Bear Creek area, South of Lake Capote on County Road 524, April 25. The trees are intended to support environmental diversity and reduce erosion along the creek.

Photos by Krista Richards  
Special to The Southern Ute Drum



Fisheries Biologist Ben Zimmerman, and Air Quality Technician Naomi Begay were one of a few dozen tribal employees from the Environmental Programs Division, TERO and Wildlife Resources Division, who chipped in to help EPD Senior Water Quality Specialist, Tim Funk plant new trees in the Bear Creek area,



Youngling trees sat beside cages, intended to protected them once planted, so that each of the small trees will have a chance to survive the wildlife that live in the area. Most of the trees being replanted were Cottonwood, Golden Current, Chokecherry, Silver Buffalo Berry, Skunk Wood Sumac, and Dog Wood.

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The following acts are prohibited for the general public on reservation lands:

1. OPEN BURNING.

Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.

2. AGRICULTURAL BURNING.

Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.

3. CAMP FIRES.

Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbeques or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.

4. FIREWORKS.

Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling 970-563-4571 Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code. The Restrictions will become effective at 6 a.m., May 1, 2018 and will remain until conditions improve.

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Head Dancers stand together for the Victory Song as the Gathering of Nations powwow comes to a close on Saturday night, April 28 — Albuquerque, N.M.



A young dancer steps out on his own for the tiny tots dance, held for boys and girls as part of the cultural celebration.



Deshava Apachee, and his son Noah Yoyokie Apachee share a moment together between dances, this year's powwow is Noah's first.

# Tribes come together to honor traditions



Taylor Susan (center) was crowned the 35th Miss Indian World. A member of the White Mountain Apache/Walker River Paiute tribes, Susan was one of 30 contestants vying for the prestigious title.

**The Miss Indian World Pageant takes place annually at the Gathering of Nations, in Albuquerque, N.M. The inaugural Miss Indian World pageant was held in 1984 and since its inception, young Native American women ages 18-25 have traveled from all regions of the continent to represent their tribes and compete for the coveted crown. The Gathering returned to EXPO New Mexico for the second time this year, and continues to host cultural dances, live music performances and is regarded as one of North America's largest indigenous gatherings.**

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum



Jr. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage stands with tribal royalty during an introduction of royalty.



Aztec dancers, Gabriel and Cassandra Gomez, perform throughout the weekend at EXPO New Mexico as part of the annual indigenous gathering, drawing dancers from across North America.



Northern Traditional Dancer, Tony Wahweotten makes his way into Grand Entry at the Gathering of Nations powwow.





## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION (1) COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2018 Special Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

Special Election - Friday, June 15, 2018 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Residency Deadline- Saturday, March 17, 2018

Statement of Intention Deadline - Friday, May 4, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline - Friday, May 11, 2018

Notice of Election - Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Voter Registration Deadline - Wednesday, June 6, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline - Wednesday, June 6, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline - Thursday, June 14, 2018, by 5:00 P.M.

THE 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER  
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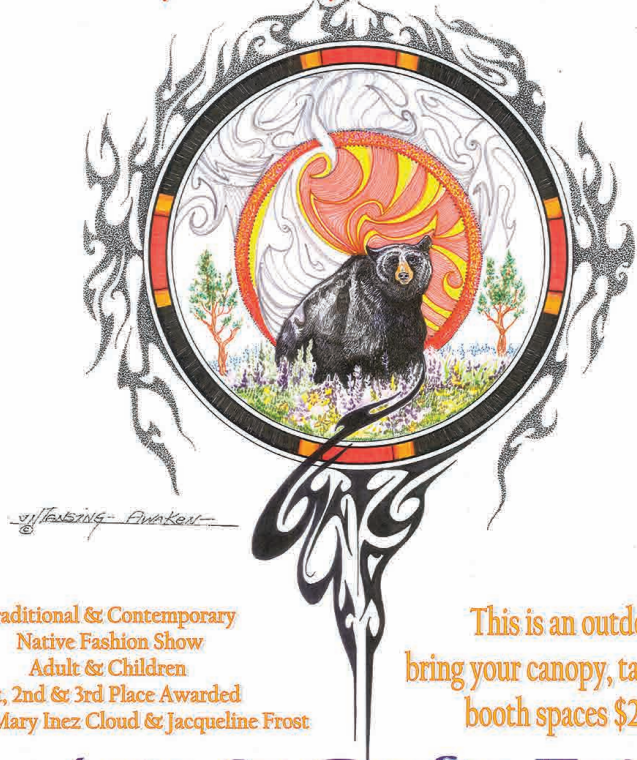
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## Public Announcement

### Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP) Water Supply

The 2017-18 winter snowpack was far below average across Southwestern Colorado and has currently pushed the region into severe drought conditions. Vallecito Reservoir is not forecasted to fill to full capacity this year.

However, most irrigators on the PRIIP will have a full supply of water for the 2018 irrigation season. A small number of PRIIP irrigators that rely on non-BIA ditches/private ditches for delivery of PRIIP water may have difficulty receiving water if that specific ditch exhausts their storage water allotment. A majority of the ditches on the PRIIP are now on and water is available for irrigation purposes by PRIIP irrigators.

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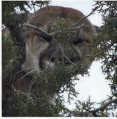
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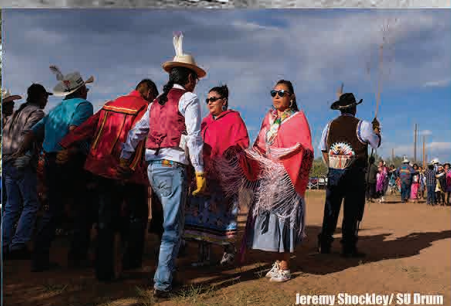
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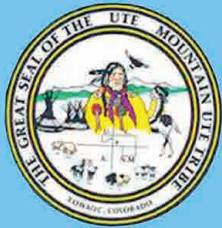
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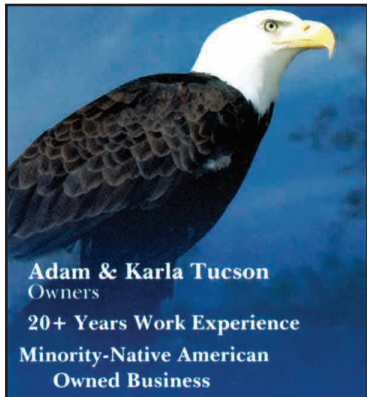
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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior guard John Valdez was recognized Wednesday, May 2, outside IHS Auditorium for his decision to continue his student-athlete days at Salem, Oregon-based Willamette University (NCAA Division III). Present for the occasion were: Standing—uncle/IHS Boys' Basketball head coach Chris Valdez, IHS Dean of Students Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia; Sitting—father/IHS Boys' Basketball assistant coach Johnny Valdez, sister Elizabeth Valdez, mother Wendy Valdez.

## IHS ATHLETICS

# Bobcat to BearCat: Valdez chooses Willamette

*Academics as important as hoops to Ignacio guard*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Making his final year at Ignacio even more memorable, senior guard John Valdez recently revealed he'll be prolonging his basketball career at the NCAA Division III level, and his scholastic career at the oldest university in the Western U.S.

Prior to the Bobcats' end-of-season banquet dinner, Wednesday, May 2 at IHS, Valdez stood with family and coaches outside the school's auditorium, proudly sporting a Willamette University [founded 1842] Bearcats shirt – the result of four years of hard work on the court, harder studying off of it, and one fortunate coincidence.

"It was pretty interesting," he grinned. "I applied there early on in the year – probably in November – when I was looking at a bunch of schools for business and economics...just great academics. So I applied there and towards the end of the year, in April, we reached out to the coach like, 'Could I get a tryout?'"

"He said he had one commit waiting to decide," Valdez continued. "They decided to go elsewhere, so he called me up and the next week I was in Salem, Oregon, to try out for the team!"

Impressing WU head coach Kip Ioane, Valdez said he basically just did what he does best. "Defensively, I made my presence known," he recalled. "It was a little intimidating, but then I got into the game, got physical, and that was what was important for me: Get physical right away, not back down and be scared of contact ... any of that stuff. I think I did really well."

"They really liked the way I handled myself, the

way I could speak about the game – I've been talking about the game every day of my life!" Valdez added. "Up there, he was like, 'That's the kind of player that we want here at Willamette.' It was easy to talk to them and let my thoughts be known. The coaches are great there and I'm really excited to play for them," he said.

"To get ... a tryout, and for the coach saying 'Is there anything that wouldn't make you commit right now?' That was really nice," said IHS head coach Chris Valdez. "He (John) made the decision. It wasn't his dad's decision or anybody else's; he said, 'This is where I want to go. It's got a great economics program, and I have a chance to play right now.'"

"All the kids on the team wanted him, asked the coach like, 'I think we could use this guy.'"

Willamette finished the 2017-18 campaign standing 11-14 overall, and tied for fifth place in the Northwest Conference with a 6-10 mark after a season-ending 76-60 loss in Spokane, Wash., at Whitworth University. One of six seniors on the squad was reserve post Dylan Critchfield, originally from Broomfield, Colo., and a 5A Westminster Standley Lake grad who logged six points and seven rebounds against the fourth-ranked [D3hoops.com Men's Top 25 poll, 2/20] Pirates.

"I really feel like at Willamette I can make an impact right away, which is great," John Valdez said. "And it might not be by playing; it might be, you know, getting the team better in any way I can, and that's what's important to me."

"I'll start off at the point," he continued, discussing where the Bearcats may envision using him, "so I

definitely have a lot of work to do with ball-handling and all that, because here at Ignacio our team didn't need that. We had plenty of ball-handlers; I was kind of more a 'three-and-D' kind of player and a slasher. So, it's going to be a bit of an adjustment right away, but ... when I went there I played some point and didn't turn the ball over as much as I thought I would."

"He can shoot, and you can't really teach him that anymore. At that level, they'll find him places to shoot, put him in positions to score," Chris Valdez said. "I think his offense is going to be fine."

"The place he's going to have to improve is his ball-handling. And he's not bad, but they're probably actually going to put him close to a point-guard position at times, so they're really going to drill him on that. I already know they're talking to him about that ... his handles have to improve."

"He's quick on his feet, strong and physical ... so I'm not worried about his defense one-on-one. What I'm worried about is, maybe, his help defense against big kids – he's not as big – and guarding bigger guards," the skipper continued. "He's strong but he's going to have to build on that, get his legs bigger to hold bigger kids out of the lane if they try to post him up."

"Playing with Wyatt Hayes and those guys ... toughened me up and made me want to be better," John Valdez said, recalling his early varsity days as a sophomore reserve. "That was big for me. Then as a junior and a senior, just building on that and getting in the weight room – I added twenty pounds over the summer,

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## IHS SOCCER

# Three-goal effort away ends IHS' season

*Girls go for broke, finish strong at Del Norte*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Playing the final 20 minutes of their season Friday, May 4, at Del Norte in the same aggressive manner as they'd played the last 20 minutes the previous afternoon at Montezuma-Cortez would likely have been pleasing enough to Ignacio head coach Alisha Gullion.

The fact that senior Chamisa Edd's 67th-minute rush at DNHS goalie Alex Golding resulted in a shutout-snapping goal by freshman Abbi Barthel – who knocked in the ball, panic-free, after Golding couldn't fully grip Edd's initial shot – would most definitely have been.

"I was really hoping she would get one of her own, but I think she was just happy to help her team out," said Gullion. "Chamisa's always been a wonderful player. She's one of those players where I can



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Chamisa Edd (3) stretches to control the ball before Del Norte's Sophia McConnell can think of doing the same during the teams' May 4 match at DNHS.

put her anywhere on the field and she's going to do a wonderful job."

And it only motivated each Lady Bobcat to do hers even better – ultimately resulting in a collective effort the program, already energized by having scored in a third consecutive contest, had not seen in years.

Barthel struck again just five minutes later, and junior

Lauren Gram followed with a third unanswered goal in the 76th (she'd also scored in the 76th at M-CHS) for her team-leading third goal this spring.

"That was my first-ever goals," said Barthel, "and to have two is just amazing. When I'm inside those lines, nothing matters ...

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## IHS TRACK & FIELD

# Boys' Track fourth, girls sixth in Pagosa

*Garcia scores distance double for IHS*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Led by sophomore distance runner Elco Garcia, Jr., the Ignacio boys' track & field team placed fourth out of 13 scoring squads Saturday, May 5, at the 2018 Terry Alley Invitational in Pagosa Springs.

Able to win the 1,600-meter run in 4 minutes, 52.30 seconds – 6.51 seconds ahead of Dolores' Phillip Huffman – Garcia also won the 3,200 in 11:14.34, or 1 minute, 33.34 seconds ahead of Ridgway's Cade Norwood, competing for Ouray. IHS' Jonas Nanaeto also scored well in the 1,600 with his third-place 5:08.07, and scored second in the 400m dash in 54.34 seconds—trailing only the 53.51 of PSHS' Isaac Munoz.

The hosting Pirates won the boys' team title at the meet with 127 points, followed by Mancos' 82, Monte Vista's 78, and Ignacio's

64. Pagosa also earned the girls' championship with 102 – well ahead of MVHS' 56 and DHS' 53. Telluride and Dove Creek tied for fourth place with 48 points, and IHS followed with 45.

As has become the norm, sophomore thrower Aliyana White won the shot put with a best heave of 36 feet, three inches – four feet, one inch farther than DCHS' Cassie Gatlin and 6'9" farther than Creede's Olivia Madrid – and also placed highly in the discus with her third-place 96'0.5". PSHS standout Keena Murphy won the specialty easily with a 128'0.5" maximum, while Madrid placed second by half an inch over White.

The Lady' Cats also got third-place points in the 1,600 from freshman Charlyze Valdez, who clocked 6:22.24. She also finished sixth in the 800 with a time of 2:48.29, and Vanessa Gonzales did likewise in the 100 (14.55). Fifth in both the

high (4'3") and long (14'5") jumps, junior Kiana Valdez was a team-best eighth in the 200 (30.77), and Emily Cundiff earned fourth in the 400 (1:12.61) with Gonzales sixth (1:15.66).

Jason Foutz won the boys' pole vault competition by clearing 8'6", and Natoni Cundiff won the discus with a peak throw of 135'11". He also placed third in the shot (39'10.75"), with fellow senior Mitchell Neil fifth (36'3").

Foutz also took tenth in the 800 (2:37.23) and 12th in the 1,600 (5:56.33), while Neil was 11th in the long jump (14'1") and 13th in the 100 (13.27). Johnathon Paulsrud placed 13th in the long jump (13'7.5").

Up next for Ignacio will be the May 10-11 Tiger Invitational in Grand Junction, hosted by GJHS at Stocker Stadium, with the Class 2A State Championships following May 17-19 in Lake-wood for the fortunate few.

## True to the game



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Saturday afternoon, May 5, Ignacio Baseball's two active-duty seniors were recognized after their final game at IHS Field. With father Steve Chapman and grandmother Norma Conley to his right, Marcus Chapman – pressed into playing shortstop rather than his regular first base due to absences – was the only Bobcat to score in a 14-1 loss to 3A Montezuma-Cortez. He reached base in the bottom of the third inning via an error on Panther leftfielder Kolby Waltman, then scored on an error charged to shortstop Ty Blackmer off Ian Weinreich's bat. With mother Mikki Naranjo, grandmother Dixie Naranjo and cousin Tauri Raines all to his left, Kai Roubideaux struck out seven M-CHS hitters, but took the loss on the mound after pitching 3-1/3 innings and allowing nine runs. Testing their knowledge, the duo then served as base coaches during the junior varsity's subsequent 21-9 loss.

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## TERO Department

PO Box 737  
71 Mike Frost Way  
Ignacio, Co. 81137

Office: 970-563-0117 fax: 970-563-4824

## 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 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.

### 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.

Effective 9/1/17

# LEGAL NOTICES

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2018-PR-0093  
Arabella Williams, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing

before the Tribal Court at the above address on May 14, 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 13th of April, 2018  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### In The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court, On The Southern Ute Indian Reservation Priority Sales & Rental, Case No.: 18-CV-004

**Plaintiff, Order For Service By V. Publication Spencer Olguin, Defendant**

THIS MATTER CAME BEFORE THE COURT for a hearing on April 9, 2018. Plaintiff appeared, but service has not been made on the Defendant. THE COURT FINDS AND ORDERS: 1. Plaintiff appeared and was present in court, but service has not been made on the Defendant Spencer Olguin, who did not appear. 2. The Court FINDS that reasonable efforts have been made to serve the Defendant, and personal service has not been possible. 3. Therefore, the Court hereby ORDERS that Defendant Spencer Olguin shall be served by publication pursuant to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code ("SUITC") §2-1-103(2)(d). Plaintiff shall cause notice of the summons and complaint, and notice of the next court hearing, to appear in the Southern Ute Drum, a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the Defendant's last known address for three (3) consecutive publications, and shall return proof of such publication on or before the next hearing date. 4. This matter is set for hearing on MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Paul W. Whistler, Tribal Court Judge

### LEGAL NOTICE TO CHRIS CARMENOROS:

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a *First Amended Verified Petition in Dependency and Neglect, or in the Alternative Regarding A.B.H., Petition for Child in Need of Supervision*, naming you as a respondent, in the case of *In the Interest of A.B.H. and C.C.*, 17 DN 158 (SUIT Tribal Court). You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **June 4, 2018, at 9:30 A.M.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0240, for the purpose of advising you of your legal rights, which you are expected to attend. Termination of the parent-child relationship is possible if the allegations of the petition are proven. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2018.

Peg Rogers, Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-0100

### LEGAL NOTICE TO ELLIOT WOODY:

Take notice that pursuant to the Children's Code, § 6-8-101 *et seq.*, the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a *Petition for Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights of Elliot Woody to I.T.*, in the case of *In the Interest of I.T.*, 17 DN 94 (SUIT Tribal Court). You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **June 4, 2018, at 9:30 A.M.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 563-0240, for the purpose of advising you of your legal rights. You are expected to appear in court at that time. You have the right to defend against the claims of the petition. You have the right to be represented by counsel at your own expense. Termination of the parent-child relationship and your right to raise your child is possible if the allegations of the petition are proven. The Division of Social Services has the burden of proving the allegations of the petition by clear and convincing evidence. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2018.

Peg Rogers, Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services: P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 970-563-0100

# EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

## STAY WOKE, STAY INFORMED

Mique Nuuciu,

My name is Amy J. Barry and I am seeking election for the remaining six-month term recently vacated by Councilman Cloud. I have served my tribal government for the last 20 years as a tribal youth worker, tribal member employee, executive officer and most recently as your leader for a three-year term.

My focus has not changed since 2011 when tasked to do more for the tribal membership and to look beyond today for new opportunities that will carry our future leaders into tomorrow. As a young tribal member growing up, I worked under the late Chairmen - Baker and Burch administrations and believe we can bring back some of the traditional leadership within our government.

We must unify and determine how we can do more with less while still staying the course for the Southern Ute people to live into perpetuity. It is time to act on initiatives our young leadership have recommended based on interaction with their peers and families. The SCSYAC have communicated the needs, they have shared ideas and have been committed to fulfilling what

their leaders have tasked them with to make their dreams a reality.

It is time to take action with a unified Tribal Council who believes in their people and sustaining our cultural identity and language. Our tribal government is not broken, we as a people must stay informed and continue to ask questions.

Tribal employment is a simple fix of the administration simply instructing Human Resources to make all entry level and "trainable" positions tribal member only advertisements. There is no need to change policy and the Executive staff already have the authority delegated to make that happen. I believe the Tribal Council would also support simple changes such as these to promote tribal member employment and involvement.

Education is key today and I believe as leaders, we must strategize to create more opportunity for our young membership to understand our heritage and enrich their lives by partnering with them and instilling our values within them relating to our land, our resources and our ways of life as a unified people. We can accomplish so much more as a People then we can as

a divided entity treading through the ways of business in Indian Country today. Oil and gas seems to be on a mend, but we need to remain on course as a business to reduce debt and establish additional resources to invest through our revenue generating mechanism at the Growth Fund.

In closing, I am not making any promises to change anything in six months. I am running to provide some continuity, provide clarity on why decisions have been made by previous Tribal Councils for the betterment of our people 40 years ago or 4 years ago, we all must understand why things have taken place so we can make objective decision for the many and not just the few. Our elders are our foundation and we need to do a better job of creating and fostering relationships with them as mentors of our young people.

STAY WOKE and strive to become a contributor to our tribal community! Cast your vote on June 15 and vote for consistent leadership who will never stand down when we have an idea, concern and voice that needs to be heard!

*Vote Amy J. Barry,  
tavuci togoiak!*

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## Transparent Teamwork By Leadership Must Occur to Make Change

## Always Promote Consistent Leadership & Decision Making

## Youth Have Listened, Youth Have Spoken, Time For Action

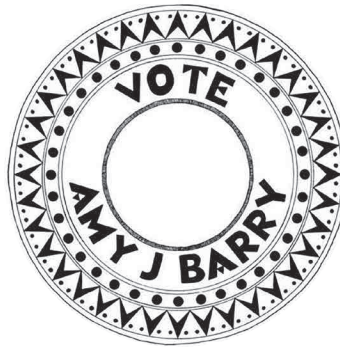
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Boards, Committees and Commission Vacancies

GAMING COMMISSION

Closing 5/18/18 – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute tribal members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5 p.m., Friday, May 18. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

Closing 5/15/18 by 3 p.m. – ATTENTION: Tribal Members and other Natives. The Powwow Committee is seeking two (2) interested person to serve on the Powwow Committee. Purpose of the Committee is to nurture and promote a positive impression of the Southern Ute Tribe through songs, dances and other activities to preserve the culture. The Committee is a non-paid committee and meets bi-monthly. Interested Tribal members can submit a letter of intent by May 15, 2018 at 3 p.m.; to the Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16, Ignacio CO 81137, or hand deliver to Hilda Burch at the TERO Dept. or email to hburch@southernute-nsn.gov.

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; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large 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; 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. **Tribal member At-large:** Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; 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 3:00 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 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 Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Credit Committee is looking for eligible Tribal Member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Credit Committee will submit approved applicant recommendation to Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. The duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Committee Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding

Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

SUIT Tribal Members Needed For Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancies. The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Please submit letters 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. Letters of interest will be accepted through Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS YOUTH

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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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

Separate sealed BIDS for the provision of inspection services for of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION 2018 SANITARY SEWER INSPECTION SERVICES project will be received by the SUIT Utilities Division (also referred to herein as "OWNER") at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division (address above), until 2 p.m. (M.D.T.), Thursday, May 31, 2018 (the "Due Date"). The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

**Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bond as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

**Description of Work:** Work includes CCTV camera inspection services for the existing sanitary sewer system. The system is comprised of approximately 331 manholes and 80,626 lineal feet of sewer mains 8 inch to 18 inch in size. Lines smaller than 8-inch are not included. Only contractors qualified in sanitary sewer inspection services shall be allowed to bid on this project.

**TERO – Contracting Preference Applied:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the Due Date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC.: 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, CO 81301, 970-247-1705. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Utilities Division: 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500. A \$50 (fifty dollar), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to mgallegos@goffengineering.com or written request to the above address.

45-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Carol Olguin has submitted an Application for Assignment of Tribal lands for the land described below:

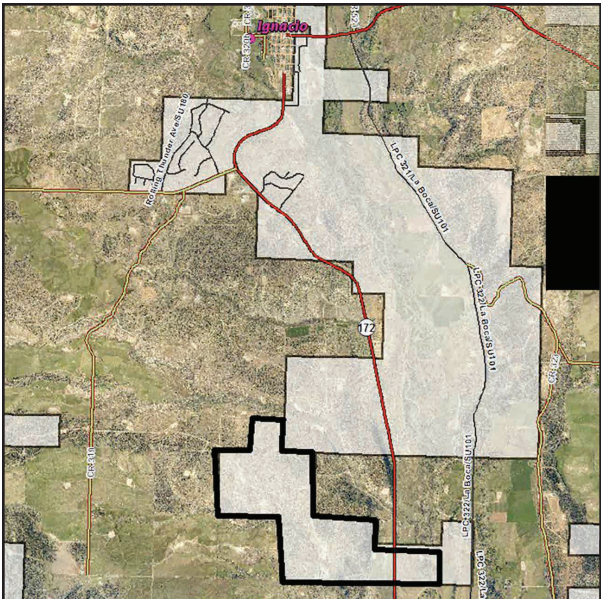
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**Sec. 29: SE1/4SW1/4; Sec. 32: W1/2E1/2, NW1/4, E1/2SE1/4**

**Sec. 33: W1/2SW1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4 containing 600 acres, more or less**

Per the Land Assignment Code, only enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal members eighteen (18) years of age or older, unless judicially determined to be incompetent are eligible to obtain a Tribal Land Assignment. Land available for assignment as a result of relinquishment shall be processed in accordance with the procedures contained in the code, including the public notice and objections procedures, except that, in cases where a relinquishment is conditioned upon the approval of an assignment application from an immediate family member of the person seeking the relinquishment, public notice of the availability of the land is not required.

Tribal members wishing to submit comments or an objection over this assignment may do so by mail or by contacting the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at 970-563-0126 or PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 within the next 45-days.



**Expiration Date: June 11, 2018 – Posting Date: April 27, 2018**

Seeking bids  
for Catering  
for Bear Dance  
Powwow

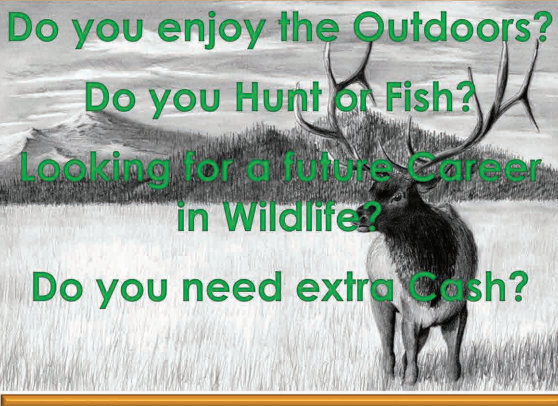
Southern Ute Powwow Committee is seeking catering bids for the Bear Dance Powwow, May 25 and 26, 2018.

There is a menu already planned out for both days, contact Hilda Burch for menu.

**Bids are due by May 15, 2018, 4 p.m. to Hilda Burch at TERO 970-563-0117**

SUIT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD  
YOUTH BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

Don't miss out on this opportunity!



- Enrolled Tribal Member 14-18 yrs. old.
- Must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137.
- Youth Board member is eligible to receive \$20/hour for meeting attendance.
- For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. This vacancy will remain open until filled.



Quichas Apartment for Rent

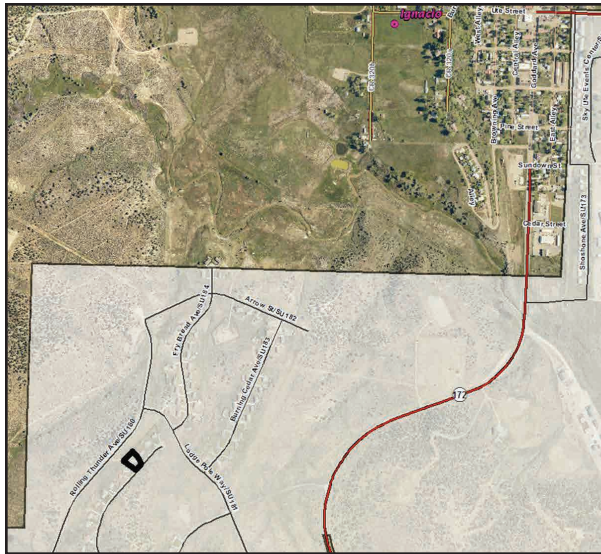
2BR/2.5 BA. \$730/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at tzink@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick them up in person at the GF Properties Group office, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO, 81301 during working hours – Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m.m Thursday, May 24, 2018. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

45-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fredrick Cotton has submitted an Application for Assignment of Tribal lands for the land described below:

**Lot 19B Cedar Point Home Grant Housing Project (AKA 228 Sagebrush Ave)**

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**Expiration Date: June 18, 2018 – Posting Date: May 4, 2018**





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE 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

### Administrative Assistant – Tribal Planning

Closing date 5/17/18 – Performs administrative, secretarial, and clerical support to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Planning Department. Assists the Planning Director with monitoring and compiling the planning, transportation and project budgets, statistics and reports. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Chief Probation Officer

Closes 5/17/18 – Providing probation supervision to court litigants in a positive and professional manner. Assisting in the administration of any grant program that involves the probation department. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annually.

### Construction Services Repairman

Closing date 5/17/18 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

### Detention Transport Officer

Closing date 5/21/18 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

### Family Practice Physician

Closing date 5/21/18 – Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### Front Desk Attendant (full-time)

Closing date 5/16/18 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Front Desk Attendant (part-time)

Closing date 5/18/18 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Heavy Equipment Operator Trainee

Closing date 5/14/18 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Trainee position developed for Southern Ute Tribal members interested in a career as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Will train to provide routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. The length of this program is designed to last two (2) years but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Heavy Equipment Operator position. Pay will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 17 and be subject to quarterly evaluations.

### Natural Resources Summer Intern (Temp.)

Closing date 5/18/18 – Under general supervision of the Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head and assigned tribal or federal field man-

agers, participates in various resource management activities in support of programs at the Southern Ute Wildlife Division and San Juan National Forest. Position is part of a cooperative effort between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to promote Native American employment and development in natural resources management. The 10-week program will be split evenly between work assignments at the SUIT and USFS. Should have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career or higher education in a Natural Resources related field, such as wildlife and fisheries management, forestry, outdoor recreation, natural resource law enforcement, or similar field. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Senior Detention Officer

Closing date 5/21/18 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (part-time – Summer Program)

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

### Director of Tribal Planning

Open until filled – Direct, oversee and coordinate planning activities and transportation related to the development of the Southern 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.

### 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.

### Summer Youth Employment Workers

Open until filled – Southern Ute tribal members only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2018, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

### Swimming Instructor (part-time)

Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Preparation of class, instruction of individuals, breakdown of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

All Applicants Welcome • TERO-Native American Preference

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 (Full-time)

Greets and provides exceptional guest service to all guests. Responsible for preparing specialty coffee drinks, beverages and menu service in a Bistro and coffee operation. 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 and making change while ensuring that each guest receives superior guest service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Previous food and beverage and/or barista experience preferred. Must have at least 6 months experience in customer service, food and beverage industry or related experience.

### \*Bingo Staff (Part-time, No Benefits)

Performs paper and pulltab sales at the Bingo Hall entrance and Bingo Floor. Announces bingo games, includes assisting customers with any questions regarding operations of the bingo games. Responsible for verifying winning bingo cards and makes payouts accordingly. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have good cash handling skills, previous experience with cash transactions required. Must have strong basic math skills. Must be able to work any shift including weekends and holidays.

### Café Cashier (Full-time)

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 Café kitchen. Prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. 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.

### \*Cocktail Server (Full-time)

Maintains the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Six months prior customer service experience and/or cocktail service preferred. TIPS certified preferred.

### Event Staff (Full-time/On-call)

Primary responsibilities include assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up and re-set of events in all banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Requirement to achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service, as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions and teamwork. High School diploma or equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old. 21 years of age or older preferred in order to serve alcohol. Must have a valid driver's license and must be driver insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have food handling experience. Prefer work experience in all areas of Banquet events and catering; setting up events, food lines, beverage set-up, service procedures.

### Facilities Staff (Full-time)

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

### Fine Dining Host/ess (Full-time)

Provides an exceptional fine dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greet-

ing and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. 1 year of Host/Cashier and food service experience in a luxury hotel, resort or fine dining restaurant.

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

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)

Responsible for the 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 (Full-time)

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. This position reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have six (6) months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise delegated. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

### Property Analytics Manager (Full-time)

Under the supervision and direction of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), responsible for enhancing the quality of business analytics and financial models with a solid understanding of the technical drivers and constraints within our plans, as well as strengthens the overall business and operational acumen of the team through knowledge sharing and cross training. Will provide financial consulting and strategic support to Senior Management including preparing financial presentations, capital expenditure analysis, industry/peer group comparisons, marketing and financial analysis and other projects or reports as requested. Will act as the analytical engine of the company to provide insights, support and optimal business decision making. Must have a Bachelor Degree in Computer Sciences, Statistics, Economics or Mathematics or closely related field, AND 3 years of experience in a Casino environment. Must have at least 1-year supervisory experience. Must be able to demonstrate success in statistics, analytics, and computer technical skills with multiple database programs. Must have experience and skills in the use of software programs such as the current version of MS Office and automated accounting and reporting systems. Oracle PeopleSoft experience preferred.

*\*Must be 21 years old.*

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

### General Accountant – Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/17/18 – Recording transactions related to private equity investments, processing daily funds flows, maintaining investment documentation, preparing appropriate reports and analyses using PeopleSoft and business intelligence applications, and assisting with the monthly and annual close process.

### Measurement III – AKA (Maljamar, NM)

Closing date 5/16/18 – Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement equipment and facilities.

### Measurement II – AKA (Maljamar, NM)

Closing date 5/16/18 – Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement

equipment and facilities.

### Measurement Tech I – AKA (Maljamar, NM)

Closing date 5/16/18 – Completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks. Performs work related to operation and maintenance of measurement equipment at plant and field facilities, including processing plants, compressors, compressor stations, and dehydration equipment. Maintains and calibrates measurement equipment and facilities.

### Assistant Controller – Red Willow (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 5/16/18 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions; to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department.



## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



## Board of Directors Vacancies



Applications due May 30, 2018

Our Board of Directors is seeking to fill four vacancies - 2 must be Tribal Members

The Board Members meet 2 times a month (Regular Board meeting and subcommittee meeting)

Applications available at:

<http://www.bgcsu.org>

For more information, contact Bruce LeClaire, CEO  
970.563.2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov)



BOBCAT TO BEARCAT • FROM PAGE 12

had my own motivations to do that – was a lot of my confidence this year, to win Play-er-of-the-Year and produce every night consistently.”

“I had all the tools around me, a great family and ev-erybody pushing me,” he stated, particularly saluting father/IHS assistant John-ny Valdez and cousin/Fort Lewis College (NCAA Div. II) volleyball player Chrys-tianne Valdez for inspiring him, “and I used that to the best of my ability.”

“And this summer, Wy-att and I are going to try to be doing a lot of workouts together – trying to get him playing on Fort Lewis and trying to get me playing next year already!”

Though D-III schools do not award athletic scholar-ships, Valdez’s 4.4+ grade-point average was just as

attractive and promising to Willamette as his hoop game proved to be.

“For academics, yeah, I’m pretty well set – I guess that’s what I’ll say,” he said. “And that’s been my goal: Not to burden my family in any way, or even myself in any way. So if ... I can keep my game together, maintain my grades and play a high level of basketball, then I should be fine.”

“I’ll probably major in Economics – thinking about minoring in Psychol-ogy – and then I’m in their Master’s of Business Ad-ministration accelerated pro-gram,” Valdez noted. “It’s three-plus-two; I’ll be doing three years of undergraduate and then two years of mas-ter’s, basically. That was a huge reason of me really, re-ally wanting to go there, and

it was just great that every-thing worked out.”

“Him and his dad really worked hard early, getting his name out there. And he got a lot of calls from coaches, got several offers but they weren’t offers that were going to financial-ly make him go, ‘Let’s do this,’” said Chris Valdez.

“To get to coach a kid with the academics he has, is awesome. But his ded-ication and his hard work ... It wasn’t like, ‘Oh that’s my uncle, so I don’t have to work hard,’” he continued. “It was never like that. Him and Kai Roubideaux were the hardest workers on the floor, and when your best players are your hardest workers you know you’re going to go places! I’m proud of their effort, and John’s is just fantastic.”

THREE-GOAL EFFORT • FROM PAGE 12

leave all emotions on the sideline. I just thought about the ball, where it was at, and it ... just kind of happened. It clicked – I mean, I don’t think we’ve scored three goals in a game, back-to-back-to-back!”

A fourth nearly material-ized in the closing minutes, as Ignacio worked for four consecutive Andrea Loya corner kicks before time mercifully expired, allow-ing the Lady Tigers to hang onto an 8-3 Senior Day win.

Sophomore standout Ken-dra Parra scored four first-half goals as DNHS over-came a relatively slow start, partially pressed upon them by their enthusiastic visitors, to the match and went into intermission – when starting goalie Rachel Gallegos then donned a field player’s shirt – leading 7-nil.

“I saw things on the field that we have been practic-ing all season,” beamed Gullion. “The first fifteen minutes of the game ... they showed me that they have been learning, that they have built a foundation.”

“I am so incredibly proud of them,” she continued. “They did such an awesome job and ... next year we’re just going to capitalize on that. It’s sad to see our se-niors go, of course – they definitely have been leaders of our team – but we have such an amazing group of girls and I’m so excited to do this again next year.”

“We’re putting our heart and soul out,” Barthel said. “We want to win, and to prove to Ignacio that we’re getting there. We’ve got the foundation now, but it’s the end of the season, so next

year we’re going to start a little earlier, get that foun-dation earlier to get here ... hopefully achieve a win!”

Factoring in an 8-1 loss at Montezuma-Cortez, Ig-nacio finished 0-15 overall in 2018, 0-15 against all 3A/2A Southwestern (a.k.a. Intermountain) League op-position, and 0-10 versus its 2A members.

Having improved their re-spective marks to 11-4, 7-3, and 5-2, Del Norte quali-fied for the CHSAA Class 2A State Tournament as the bracket’s #6 seed, and was to host #11 Colorado Springs School (4-9-1 overall) Tues-day, May 8, at 5:00 p.m. Results were unavailable at press time, with the winner advancing to face 3-seed Colorado Springs Fountain Valley (12-3 overall) in the quarterfinals on May 11.

FLY FISHING

Still in Tennessee

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As mentioned in my last column, She Who Must Be Obeyed and I have been spending time in Tennes-see. This trip was designed to get us out of Durango’s mud season. Well, it’s been beautiful in Durango, and until yesterday, Tennessee has shown us six weeks of rainy cold weather. There has been so much rain in Tennessee that I was begin-ning to think this is where Noah actually floated his boat. So, with all the riv-ers blown out and the lakes full, deep, and chocolate brown, what is a dedicated fly fisher to do? I poured a scotch, lit a cigar, and cre-ated a new game plan. I decided to fish every pond and small lake, in every subdivision, I could find.

In my new quest to fish subdivision ponds, I dis-covered several really cool things. First, the grass around ponds is so deep, lush, and soft, that going barefooted is a require-ment. Next, since I didn’t have to travel long distanc-es to find ponds, breakfast at restaurants became com-mon place. Here I found waitresses could use y’all, sweetie, honey, and darlin in the same sentence. With the grass, sweet-talking waitresses, and great pond fishing, what’s not to like about Tennessee?

When I started fly fish-ing the ponds, in earnest, I found the fish in them ate



the same things they do in Durango. The pan fish would eat anything that floated. I even saw some youngsters throw potato chips in a pond and then watched the pan fish just push them around.

I have to admit that was fun to watch. The bass were a bit more particular. They would occasionally take poppers and Woolly Buggers. I did fish a river, with a guide, and found a species of bass that I hadn’t caught in a long time; I was reintroduced to white bass. They loved streamers slow-ly stripped back to the boat. They would hit the fly like a ton of bricks and pretty much set the hook them-selves. The ponds were also home to carp. For carp a heavier rod, 6- weight, was needed. They liked my green bugger, tied to look like a piece wilted lettuce. Here again, a local young-ster explained to me that carp really like a small bite of hot dog on a bare hook. I didn’t try that. I do have my standards.

When casting to carp I found if I placed my fly about a foot in front of their noses they would slowly glide over to it and softly eat it. They also took a small tan foam fly. Ponds are also home to lots of turtles. They liked the tan foam bug as well. I didn’t find any trout in the ponds; those I found in the swollen streams. As the streams were off color, a white streamer with some flash tied to it worked just fine. I suggest you use a 4- or 5-weight for the bass and pan fish. For carp step up to a 6-weight. Floating lines work just fine, and flies of the same size, col-or, and material used in Colorado are great. Lead-ers and tippets should be 8- or 9-feet.

Since the Wild Bunch now live in Tennessee, I will get to come back on a regular basis. When I get back I hope it will be when the rivers and lakes are at normal levels, and I’ll target the bass. In Ten-nessee you will find large and small mouth bass, plus stripers and white bass. If it’s rainy and cold I’ll re-peat the experience above.

Just as in the other states I have fly fished, I found the people of Tennessee to be welcoming and won-derful. Also, a state where grits automatically come with breakfast and can be made into gourmet entrees with dinner, has to be high on the list of anyone who enjoys Southern cuisine.

Phone and Internet Discounts  
Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 15 Mbps download or 2 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-888-833-9522 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.





**Drawing**

**May 18, 2018**  
at  
**4:00 PM at SUCAP - 285 Lakin St.**



Purchase a ticket or a book of 6 tickets



**prizes!**

- 1st - \$250 CASH
- 2nd - \$150 CASH
- 3rd - Wild Game Processing
- 4th - Spiderman Pendleton Blanket
- 5th - Night at Sky Ute Casino w/ \$100 Dinner at Seven Rivers
- 6th - \$50 (Farmers Fresh Market)
- 7th - \$35 (Ignacio Floral)
- 8th - \$25 (Waci ci Trading Co.)

- For more information, contact -

*Nita Emerson or Beth Lamberson at 970-563-4517*

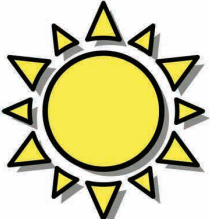
LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER  
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, May 11



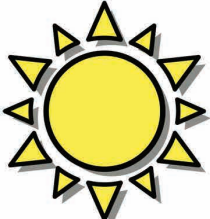
79°F partly cloudy  
Winds gust as high as 35 mph

Saturday, May 12



76°F mostly sunny  
Wind gusts up to 30 mph in afternoon

Sunday, May 13



74°F sunny

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

